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Seattle chapter JACL honored by the Seattle-King County Bar Association

by Vicki Toyohara-Mukai

The Seattle JACL has been selected to receive the "Outstanding Contribution by a Non-lawyer" award by the Seattle–King County Bar Association (SKCBA). The Seattle chapter of the JACL is being recognized for its distinguished and meritorious service to the public and legal profession in the area of redress.

Of import is the fact that this will be the first time that an organization, rather than an individual, has been selected by the SKCBA for this award. The SKCBA noted that Seattle JACL's local and national leadership in the redress educational and legislative campaign have been exemplary.

Chapter President Vicki Toyohara-Mukai, an attorney, will attend the SKCBA Awards Banquet to receive the award on behalf of the chapter. The banquet will take place on June 21, 1990. The keynote speaker will be actor Richard Dysart of the television series, *L.A. Law*.

There will be a special table at the banquet for the Seattle JACL. For reservations and further information, contact Vicki Toyohara-Mukai at 723-8323 (evenings). All members are welcome and encouraged to attend; it is you who are being honored by the SKCBA.

Chapter resolutions submitted to National JACL Convention

reported by Holly Yasui

Three resolutions have been submitted by the Seattle Chapter for consideration at the National JACL Convention in June.

The first resolution proposes that the JACL create a Recommendation Committee for the Civil Liberties Public Education (Redress Trust) Fund. This fund was established when the redress bill was passed in 1988, and it is to be governed by a board of directors appointed by the President of the United States. The Redress Trust Fund board has not yet been appointed, but the Seattle Chapter board feels it is important to have recommendations ready when it is formed. The Recommendation Committee would consist of one representative from each of the eight JACL districts, appointed by the Governor of each district. The Committee would responsible for submitting a list of recommendations to the 1992 National JACL Convention for approval by JACL chapters, and then to the board of the Redress Trust Fund.

The second resolution proposes that the JACL actively encourage state departments of education to develop and promote a model peace curriculum in the public schools, to be made available to teachers at all grade levels. This would include lesson plans, references, and resources for integrated coursework about creative and peaceful conflict resolution and problem-solving. The purpose of this curriculum would be to help students to gain an understanding of how attitudes are formed, how decisions are made, and how disputes arise between individuals, between cultures, and between nations.

The third resolution proposes that "the JACL recognize that Japanese American draft resisters of World War II, who declared their loyalty to their county, but who were also dedicated to the principle of defending their civil rights, were willing to make significant sacrifices to uphold their beliefs of patriotism in a

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different form from those who sacrificed their lives on the battlefields; and that they, too, deserve a place of honor and respect..."

The resolution goes on to state that "JACL regrets any pain or bitterness caused by its failure to recognize this group of patriotic Americans and further resolves to educate our own community and the public that loyalty is not necessarily demonstrated in any singular form, but can be manifested in other praiseworthy and admirable acts, and that by this recognition the JACL strives to promote and nurture the healing process [for] an issue that has divided our community." The last paragraph notes that "...we were all victims of a shameful racist policy perpetrated by the U.S. government—a government which nearly 50 years later has acknowledged its grievous error and has pledged to make amends for the injustices which it caused."

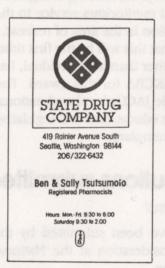
This resolution, based on research by an informal committee studying the issue, replaces the so-called "No-No Boys" resolution that was tabled at the 1988 National JACL Convention. The motion to substitute this resolution was passed unanimously by the board, after consideration of two alternative versions, and discussion about procedural issues regarding the composition, responsibility, and purview of official and unofficial committees consisting of JACL members.

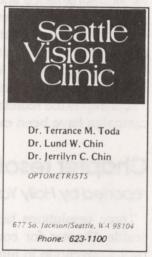
URGENT NOTICE!!

The 1978 Day of Remembrance scrapbook (about 24" x 30") and file folder of clippings is missing from the Seattle JACL Chapter office. If anyone has seen these items recently, or knows where they are now, please call Cherry Kinoshita at 623-5088 or 721-0717.

JACL chapter scholarships

The Seattle JACL scholarships will be awarded at a potluck dinner at the Kawabe House, 221 18th Ave. S., on May 16, 1990. The dinner will begin at 6pm, and will precede the regular board meeting. The recipients of the JACL chapter scholarships are: Grace Nakagawa, Joy Shigaki, Stacey Mizokawa, and Malia Kawaizuka. Congratulations to the scholarship winners, and good luck in your academic endeavors!

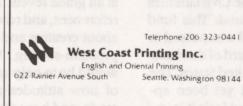


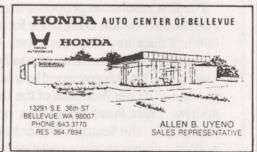


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Calendar of events

compiled by Ed Suguro

Free weekly ballroom dance sessions—every Wednesday, 1–3pm, Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King St. Info: Mike, 772-1160.

Tomo no kai meeting — Monday, May 14, 7pm, Seattle Keiro. Guest speakers will be Sharon Sakamoto, attorney, who will speak on "Testamentary Documents—Power of Attorney" and Joi Murotani, medical social worker, whose topic will be "Directive to the Physician—Decision-making for treatment at the end of life."

Scholarship Awards and Chapter Board Meeting — Wednesday, May 16, 6pm, Kawabe House, 221 18th Avenue S. Everyone welcome.

Senke School of Japanese Flower Arrangement Exhibit — Saturday and Sunday, May 19 and 20, St. Peter's Episcopal Parish Hall, 1610 S. King St. 1pm–6pm on Saturday, noon–5pm on Sunday. No charge.

Ayame Kai Rummage Sale — Saturday, May 19, 10am—4pm, Seattle Buddhist Church, 1427 S. Main St. Drop-off dates: May 16, 17, 18, 10am—9pm, Seattle

Buddhist Church. Benefit for Seattle Keiro Home. Info: 882-6284.

Nippon Kan Heritage Association's Ch Spring Festival — Saturday, May 19, 7:30p pon Kan Theatre, 628 S. Washington St. Tic adults, 2 for \$15, \$5 seniors/students, half p groups of 8 or more, free for age 75 and over. at Uwajimaya, or at the door. Info: 624-880

Japanese Community Queen Coronal Scholarship Pageant — Saturday, May 26, Red Lion Inn, Evergreen Ballroom, 300 11 SE. Cocktails 5:30pm, dinner 6pm, coronation dance 10:30pm. Tickets: \$35 for Dinner and tion, \$10 for coronation only with bid, \$12 bid. Tickets/reservations: Terry at 325-7888 at 624-1114 (days) or 722-2375 (evening ends).

Camp Minidoka Historical Site Dec Ceremony — Saturday, May 26, 11am. Cobus will leave Seattle Buddhist Church, 1427. St. on Friday, May 25, 6am. Fare: \$60. Reserved to the continued on



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Gary Maehara, 525-8164 (Seattle) or Del Tanabe 922-5524 (Puyallup).

Doshi Kai dinner meeting — Wednesday, June 6, 6:30pm. Call Wayne Kimura, 869-5174 for name and address of restaurant.

Nikkei Community Monthly Ballroom Dance—Saturday, June 9, 8–11:30pm, Nisei Vets Memorial Hall, 1212 S. King St. Bring refreshments, ice provided. Cost: \$2 per person. For more information call Mike, 722-1160.

Executive Board Meeting — Monday, June 11, 6pm, chapter office.

Newsletter mailout — Wednesday, June 13, 6pm, chapter office.

Grand Kabuki Theatre of Japan — Thursday through Saturday, July 12–14, 8pm, Seattle Center Opera House. Presented in Japanese with headset translation available. Tickets: \$15–\$60 available at Ticketmaster Northwest, 628-0888.

Tomo no kai Cruise, "Spirit of Puget Sound" — Thursday, July 26, 11:30am, Pier 70, 2819 Elliott Ave. A 2-hour cruise on Elliott Bay with lunch included. Cost: \$16.90 (tax and tip included). Send checks by June 23 to: Mel Sato, 5321 24th Ave. S., Seattle 98108 or Pauline Asaba, 11226 57th Ave. S., Seattle 98178.

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