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Advancement '90: the JACL Leadership Conference

Asian American professionals from around the country came to hear and meet over twenty top executives at the October 25-26 JACL National Leadership conference.

Included in the roster of speakers and presenters were: Phyllis Campbell, executive vice president of U.S. Bank of Washington, one of the nation's top-ranking Asian American bank executives who now oversees all 140 of the bank's branches in Washington; Ken ("Dr. Fad") Hakuta, entrepreneur, author, and host of "The Dr. Fad Show," which showcases original inventions by students; Byron Kunisawa, director of operations, Minority Training Resource Center; and William (Mo) Marumoto, chairman of the board for The Interface Group, Ltd., a nationally-known "headhunter" and former special assistant to President Nixon.

Local participants included Alan Denn Ando of Ando Seguel and Taylor, Inc. consultants; Lawrence

Imamura of Officemporium; Kent Kawaguchi of Mutual Travel; Wah Lui of Yen Lui Photography; Yosh Nakagawa of Osborn & Ulland Sporting Goods; and Assunta Ng of The Seattle Chinese Post.

Topics discussed and issues raised included the Japanese American "style" of collectivity and modesty as opposed to individuality and aggressiveness; self-marketing; risk-taking and decision-making; transcultural perspectives; combatting stereotypes; starting one's own business; and the "glass ceiling" of limited promotional opportunities for Asian Americans.

Cosponsors of the conference were Adolf Coors Company, Allstate Insurance, the Asian Business Management Association, Boeing Commercial Airplanes, First Interstate Bank, IBM Corporation, Microsoft Corporation, Seafirst Bank, U.S. Bank of Washington, US West Communications, the University of Washington, and Uwajimaya, Inc.

Seattle JACLe Cherry Kinoshita receives ACLU Award

Longtime JACL activist Cherry Kinoshita was honored by the American Civil Liberties Union of Washington on November 3 at the ACLU's annual Bill of Rights dinner. She was the recipient of the ACLU-Washington's highest honor, the William O. Douglas Award, in recognition of her leadership in the campaign to obtain redress for Japanese Americans interned during World War II.

Kinoshita grew up in the Greenlake district of Seattle. She was evacuated first to the Puyallup Assembly Center and then to the Minidoka Relocation center. At Minidoka she worked on the staff of the camp newspaper, *the Irrigator*.

In August of 1944, Kinoshita left Minidoka for Minnesota. She returned to the Pacific Northwest in 1947,

and in 1950 she moved back to Seattle.

In 1983, Kinoshita successfully lobbied for passage of local redress bills for state and school employees dismissed from their jobs during World War II. Throughout the 1980s, she was active in strategizing, building coalitions, raising money, meeting with members of Congress, and developing grass-roots support for redress.

In 1980, Kinoshita co-founded the Washington Coalition for Redress. In building the broad base of support for redress, she was instrumental in helping to educate the public about redress as a civil liberties issue, making clear that the injustice done to the Japanese Americans was an injustice to the rights of all Americans.

Chapter Focus

National JAACL Legacy Fund

By now, all chapter members should have received the Legacy Fund campaign packet, direct from National JAACL headquarters. The goal is a \$10 million permanent endowment fund with the interested earned distributed as follows:

- 10% to chapters, in proportion to their total contribution
- 10% to chapters, for programs that best meet goals and objectives in the Program for Action adopted at the 1990 National Convention
- 5% returned to the fund for growth
- 65% to National Headquarters, for operating expenses.

The campaign packet explains the purposes for which the fund will be applied: human and civil rights and preservation of our cultural heritage. The priority goals for this biennium are to reduce the occurrence of anti-Asian violence and to ensure that U.S. history books accurately reflect the experiences of Japanese Americans and other Asian Americans.

—submitted by Bob Sato

Christmas dinner party

The Seattle Chapter's annual Christmas dinner party will be held on Wednesday, December 12 at 7:30pm at the Bush Garden restaurant. All chapter members and friends of JAACL are invited. The cost of the dinner is \$16 per person, payable on the evening of the dinner, but *reservations are required* and must be made no later than Monday, December 10. To make your reservations, please call Vicki Toyohara-Mukai at 723-2105 (eves; messages). If you leave a message

be sure to specify the name(s) of those attending and your phone number.

We hope that you will join us in your holiday celebration!

JAACL Scholarships

Attention high school seniors and college students — it's time to start thinking about JAACL scholarships. All students of Japanese ancestry are eligible. Applications will be available December 15, 1990. Scholarships are available on both the national and local level. The requirements for the scholarships vary.

The Seattle chapter generally awards four \$500 scholarships. National JAACL also awards a number of scholarships including freshman and general undergraduate scholarships, Graduate, Law, Performing Arts, Creative Arts, and Financial Aid scholarships. Each scholarship requires a separate application, which is to be submitted directly to the local chapter. Applications for both local and national scholarships can be requested through the Seattle Chapter. For more information, contact Jerome Roaché at the Chapter Office, 1414 S. Weller St.

January 1, 1990 is the deadline for a renewable scholarship for students interested in a liberal arts education at Carleton College, an outstanding college in Northfield, Minnesota. Brochures are available through National JAACL. For more information or an application, contact Althea Benton, Asst. Dean of Admission, Carleton College, at 1-800-533-0466.

—Submitted by Jerome Roaché

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Installation Banquet

If you missed last month's announcement, don't worry, you haven't missed anything ... yet. The 69th Annual JAACL Installation Banquet will be held at the SeaTac Marriot Hotel on Saturday, January 26, 1991. Congressman Robert Matsui will be our keynote speaker. The social hour will commence at 5:00 pm with dinner served at 6:00 pm. Tickets will be \$30.00 per person. We encourage all JAACL members to attend and we look forward to your support. Personal invitations to this special evening will be arriving in the next month or so. For more information, contact Darren Nakagawa, Banquet Committee chair, at 762-7824 (evenings) or 562-2642 (days). Watch for banquet updates in upcoming newsletters.

— submitted by Stuart Teramoto

Doshi Kai retreat

What are the differences between Asian American and Anglo American values and how do they make it difficult for Asian Americans to succeed? Given our Asian American cultural values, is it possible to get ourselves to take risks when necessary? Why is principled negotiation better than positional negotiation? These are just some of the questions that were answered by J.D. Hokoyama at the Doshi Kai annual retreat held at Pilgrim Firs Conference Center in September. It was a intense but fun learning experience for everyone. The weather cooperated beautifully, and we had a chance to make new friends and get to know old friends better.

NWAAT-JAACL benefit a success

A full house of JAACL supporters enjoyed a heart-warming night at the Northwest Asian American Theatre's special performance of *The Wash* on Thursday, November 1. This fundraising event netted over \$700, which will be used to support chapter activities. Another \$100 came from the sale of mochi, which was made by Shea Aoki, Pauline Asaba, Rose Ogino, Chickie Sumimoto, and Yosh Kanemori. A very warm thank you also goes to Arlene Oki and Vicki Asakura for their help with the ticket sales and refreshments.

—submitted by Gail Tanaka

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Board/Officer profiles

by Ann Fujii

ROSE OGINO

ROSE OGINO, board member, was born in Kapowsin, Washington, south of Orting and she graduated from high school there. After World War II, she moved to St. Louis, Missouri. In 1956, she started a chapter of JACL in St. Louis, and also became the president of that chapter. In 1964 she returned to Seattle because she liked the climate and wanted to be close to her family, most of whom live in the Tacoma area.

Rose is a retired accountant/bookkeeper, and now spends her time doing volunteer work. She is particularly active with the Women's Traffic and Transportation Club. She loves sports of all kinds, she says, as well as listening to classical music. She was also Recording Secretary for the Seattle chapter. In her spare time, Rose likes to garden, both flowers and vegetables. "It keeps me busy," she says. "I don't know where all the time goes."

SCOTT HASHIMOTO

SCOTT HASHIMOTO, board member, was born and raised in Seattle, graduating from Ingraham High School and then from the University of Washington with a degree in Occupational Therapy. He has two older brothers and one older sister. His father is the owner of RS Auto on King Street, where he's been in business for about twelve years. This week (November 5) is Scott's last week working at St. Cabrini Hospital, where he's worked for 2-1/2 years as an occupational therapist. He is then headed for Fairbanks, Alaska, where he'll work for six weeks at the Fairbanks Memorial Hospital.

Scott has been involved in JACL through the JAYS for about 5 years, he says. For fun, he loves to ski, and has been a teacher for Ski Co at Ski Acres, going on his 12th year. He also likes to water ski in the summer, as he has a boat; he plays volleyball two to three times a week; and he bowls at Imperial Lanes in the Merchants League from the fall to spring. Careerwise, Scott would like to pursue Occupational Therapy up to the management level. He says "I enjoy the hands-on work with people because you help them to get well," he said.

STEVE TANAKA

DR. STEVE TANAKA, board member, is a native of Cleveland, Ohio, and recently moved to Seattle in

September of 1989 from Colorado, where he was a family practitioner. Steve received his undergraduate degree from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, then moved to University of Michigan for his residential work, before moving to Colorado. Steve says he's always wanted to live here in the Northwest, as his wife is from Baker, Oregon. He has two brothers and is the father of two daughters.

Steve got involved in JACL while in school in Michigan, and when he returned to Cleveland after medical school. In 1985, when he lived and worked in Colorado, he became involved in the Arkansas River Chapter. He says that his father had an influence on his interest in JACL and learning about his Japanese American heritage. Steve is now more involved in the White River Chapter, which is closer to where he lives and works, in the Auburn area. Through his work with JACL, he attended JACL National Conventions in Seattle and in Chicago. He's currently in a partnership with 13 other physicians in Auburn, covering the areas of family practice, internal medicine and general surgery. In his spare time, he and his wife enjoy downhill skiing, and Steve likes softball, volleyball and tennis. Professionally, Steve says he'll continue to do what he's doing now, a family practice doctor, as long as he enjoys it.

ANN FUJII

ANN FUJII, board member, was born and raised in Seattle, moved to Mercer Island when she was in third grade, and graduated from Mercer Island High School. She then attended the University of Washington for a degree in Editorial Journalism. She is the daughter of Frank and Mich Fujii, and has one sister. Ann currently works at *The Seattle Times* as a classified ad representative, and has been with the company for over six years, most of those in the City Desk and Business News departments of the newsroom. She's been involved in JACL off and on for about five years, and is also involved in the Sansei group of JACL, Doshi Kai. Ann has been involved in the Asian American community for many years. She wrote and worked for the *Asian Family Affair* while in high school and college, and continues writing and working with the *International Examiner*, for whom she has volunteered for since 1978. "The community has always been important to me, and I owe a lot of

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Community Notes

Redress ceremony

Five centenarian issei received redress checks and letters of apology at a ceremony at the Nisei Vets Hall on October 14 attended by almost 300 people. The recipients were Kichisaburo Ishimitsu, Shoichiro Katsuno, Harry Nakagawa, Uta Wakamatsu, and Frank Yatsu. The program was sponsored by Nikkei Concerns, the Washington Coalition on Redress and JACL. Plaques were also presented to eight individuals who were instrumental in the redress movement: Chuck Kato, Ken Nakano, Massie Tomita, Chizu Omori, Bob Sato, Wayne Kimura, Sam Shoji, and Cherry Kinoshita.


State legislation against hate crimes

On October 19, Governor Gardner proposed establishment of a system for identifying and monitoring hate crimes in Washington state. Denouncing the recent rash of hate crimes, he announced that he will ask the 1990 legislature to establish a central repository for collecting information on crimes motivated

by bigotry based on race, sexual orientation, religious affiliation, or disability. He also noted that the 1980s saw the beginning of a backlash to the civil rights crusade of the 1960s, and he called on community leaders to speak out against malicious harassment and bigotry.

Japanese Language School calendar


The Japanese Language School is now selling their 1991 calendar for \$10 each, plus \$2 for handling. The calendar features drawings done by Japanese Language School students and Japanese American community events including festivals and holidays. To purchase a calendar, send a check to Japanese Language School, attention Calendar Sales, 1414 S. Weller St., Seattle 98144.



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Ann Fujii

that to my parents' involvement in JACL and the community. They are truly my role models," she says. Ann also plans to get married next September, and says she looks forward to being a wife and eventually a mother.



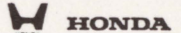
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Calendar of events

compiled by Ed Suguro

Weekly ballroom dance — every Wed, 1-3 pm, Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King St. Info: Mike, 772-1160.

Collagraphs by four artists, including Michi Osaka — through Nov. 22, Seattle Central Community Art Gallery, 1701 Broadway, Mon-Fri, 9 am - 2 pm, Tues-Wed 6 - 8 pm. For information: 344-4379.

Living the Turn of the Century — through Nov 25, Sunday only, 2pm, Museum of History and Industry, 2700 24th Ave. E. Nikki Nojima Louis' play about Seattle during the Klondike Gold Rush with a multi-cultural perspective. Admission: \$3 adults, \$1.50 seniors/children, under 6 free. For info: 324-1126.

Sale and show of woodblock prints by Kawase Hasui — through Dec 29, Honeychurch Antiques, 1008 James St., Mon-Sat 10 am - 6 pm. For information: 622-1225.

Tengu Blackmouth Salmon fun derby — Sundays through Dec 30. Cost: \$1 per week. For information: 932-1050.

Chapter board meeting — Wed Nov 21, 7 pm, Japanese Language School, 1414 S. Weller St. Everyone welcome.

Sankai Juku Butoh dancers present Unetsu, the Egg Stands Out of Curiosity — Fri - Sat, Nov 23 - 24, 8 pm; Sun Nov 25, 2 pm. University of Washington Meany Hall. Tickets: \$16 and \$23. For tickets or information, 543-4880 or Ticketmaster, 628-0888.

Doshi Kai meeting — Tues Dec 5, 6:30 pm. Call Wayne Kimura, 927-0460 (days) or 869-5174 (eves/weekends) for name and address of restaurant.

Nikkei community dance — Sat Dec 8, 8 - 11:30 pm, Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King St. BYOB and refreshments, ice provided. Cost: \$2. For information: Mike 772-1160.

Seattle Chapter Christmas party — Wed Dec. 12, 7:30 pm. Bush Garden Restaurant. Cost: \$16, payable at the dinner. Reservations required by Mon, Dec 10. Call Vicki Toyohara-Mukai, 723-2105 (messages).

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