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Office of Redress Administration workshop set for September

All persons with questions about a case currently being reviewed by the Office of Redress Administration, or a case that will be processed in the future, are encouraged to attend the redress workshop to receive one-on-one assistance by a team of ORA staff, led by Robert K. Bratt, ORA Administrator. The workshop is scheduled for Saturday, September 14, 10:00 am until 2:00 pm at the downstairs clubroom of the Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King Street.

ORA representatives Joanne Chiedi, verifications supervisor, and Phyllis Holmberg, verification team leader will be assisting in the workshop to provide consultation on individual case status and required documentation.

As of May 31, 1991, the first group of 25,000 eligible individuals born before July 1, 1920 have received redress payments. Those who were missed in this age group will be among the first paid in fiscal year 1991, beginning October 1, 1991. Any of these individuals who have not been cleared for payment are urged to attend this workshop to check on their case status.

As of the end of June, 22,812 letters of potential eligibility (pink) were mailed by the ORA to those born between July 1, 1920 and December 31, 1927. There were 16,411 "ready-to-go" letters (green) indicating verification, according to Paul Suddes, Deputy ORA Administrator. This second payment group or their heirs who have questions about their status are encouraged to attend this workshop with necessary documentation as "we may be able to provide on-the-spot verification," said Bratt.

Individuals in this age group should bring a birth certificate and a recent bank statement, utility bill, or other papers which reflect their name and current address. All previous correspondence received from ORA or other documents pertaining to a redress claim should be brought to the workshop for review.

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Questions about redress eligibility or the workshop may be directed to JACL/PNW Regional Director Karen Yoshitomi, 671 S. Jackson, Suite 206, Seattle, WA 98104. The telephone number is (206) 623-5088.

Days of Waiting and JACL Redress video to be screened

submitted by Cherry Kinoshita

Some Japanese Americans choose to bury the past — the memories of the World War II incarceration are too painful. For others, a reminder of that dark period in history will serve to make the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Bill of Rights this year especially meaningful.

Dedicated to the Bill of Rights as a living document, a program of two documentaries, each approximately a half-hour in length, will be presented on Saturday, September 14, at 2:00 p.m. at the Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King Street.

Steven Okazaki's award-winning documentary, *Days of Waiting*, recounts the World War II intern-

ment experience of artist Estelle Ishigo, one of the few Caucasians to be imprisoned along with all Americans of Japanese ancestry residing on the West Coast. Ishigo accompanied her nisei husband to the Pomona Assembly Center and the Heart Mountain Relocation Center where she spent four years behind barbed wires. Following her husband's death and a poverty-stricken life after the internment, she was discovered in a Los Angeles convalescent home in 1988 by filmmaker Okazaki. She died at age 90 on February 25, 1990.

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Chapter Focus

Legacy Fund Update

The National JAACL Legacy Fund balance has reached \$1,830,542.37 from 2,795 contributions as of the period ending June 30, 1991. Although Seattle Chapter area donations have shifted to low gear for the last month, Seattle still ranks No. 1 in the nation with \$125,100 in contributions as of June 30.

Additional names of donors to whom grateful thanks are extended:

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Other—Suma Yagi (in memory of husband Takeo Yagi), Kiyoko Kobata, Chuitsu Fukura.

The National Legacy Fund Committee is considering a deferred giving program as part of the second year campaign. A deferred gift can be a gift of cash, real estate, life insurance, or securities by way of a

will or trust, and can be made by simply adding JAACL to an existing will. The donation of securities continues to grow in popularity as the donor can take a charitable deduction from the federal income tax while at the same time avoiding capital gains tax (securities must be owned for more than one year). To date, six donors have made stock contributions to the Legacy Fund ranging from \$1,100 to \$8,875.

August meeting cancelled

The Seattle Chapter Board meeting for August has been cancelled so that board members can take a well-deserved summer break. The next meeting will be on September 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the Japanese Language School, 1414 S. Weller Street.



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1991 Greater Seattle & Vicinity Japanese Community Directory

Thank you to the directory committee members and board members who helped with the name research. Thanks to you, much of the name research for the directory project has been completed. The committee will now focus on the data entry and ad sales for the business listing section.

Volunteers needed!

If you would like to help us with data entry, please contact Janice Yee at 587-4223 (work). Volunteers can input data at Janice's office located at 315 22nd Avenue S. (corner of Jackson and 22nd) on weekdays. We also need sales people to sell ads for the business listing section and someone who has pasteup skills. Completion of the directory is targeted for October 1991.

Deadline extended!

It's not too late to send in your listing. If you have an unlisted telephone number or if you want to be

absolutely sure you are listed in the directory, send the coupon located below today. We will accept listings until August 31.

Attention business owners!

You can support this project and get publicity at the same time by placing an advertisement in the directory. This directory will be mailed to the homes of each individual listed in the directory. That means 10,000 potential customers! Compare that to other advertising media that read only hundreds of readers. Unlike newspapers, the directory doesn't get thrown away. People still use the last directory published in 1982-83!

If you would like to buy an ad, send in the coupon located below, or if you would like more information, please call Ken Sato at 363-1414 or Janice Yee at 723-3852.

The Seattle Chapter JAACL is working on the long-awaited Greater Seattle and Vicinity Japanese Community Directory. The directory will be published in late October, 1991, and will include listings from Seattle, Bellevue, Bainbridge Island, Vashon Island, Everett, Tacoma, and other areas surrounding Seattle. It will be distributed to over 10,000 homes and businesses.

We need your help to make this directory as accurate and

complete as possible. To ensure that you're included in the directory, please complete the form below and send it to Janice Yee (individuals) or Ken Sato (businesses). Listings are free of charge.

Business card sized or larger sized advertisements can also be ordered. Please fill out the form and send with your business card or camera-ready ad and payment. Tell your friends and family about the directory and send in your listing by August 31, 1991.

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Ken Sato,
Directory co-chair
10530 Alton Ave. NE
Seattle, WA 98125

Community Notes

Days and JACL Redress video

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"Estelle's story is truly an American tragedy," says Okazaki. "But she was a fighter to the end, an extraordinary woman who would not accept injustice and refused to give in to defeat or bitterness."

A companion documentary, *Redress: The JACL Campaign for Justice*, details the 20-year struggle by Americans of Japanese ancestry and the role of JACL in this grassroots movement and legislative effort for redress. It presents viewers with a fitting sequence to the internment story that took almost a half-century, to regain the lost dignity, to remedy the injustices, and to set the record straight with the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988.

Viewers will be moved by the touching segment the late Senator Spark Matsunaga overcome with emotion while pleading for passage of the bill before the Senate; impressed with the candor with which Senator Daniel Inouye explains how the entitlement for funding for redress was assured; and intrigued by the inside story of how President Reagan was convinced to sign the redress bill.

The video program follows a redress workshop (see story above), and will be introduced by a redress update by ORA Administrator Robert K. Bratt. The public is invited to attend the admission-free screening co-sponsored by the Seattle JACL Redress and Legacy Fund committees, the Washington Coalition on Redress and the Nisei Veterans Committee.

Keiro Benefit Bowling Day at Imperial Lanes


On Sunday, August 18, from 9 AM until midnight, Imperial Bowling Lanes, 2101 - 22nd Avenue S., will be sponsoring its Sixteenth Annual Bowling Benefit Day for Seattle Keiro Nursing Home. Open bowling will be available all day for those amateurs and "pros" who want to practice before league begins. All bowling proceeds on this day will be donated to Seattle Keiro. Special tickets are available at Imperial Lanes and Seattle Keiro. For further information or tickets, please call Seattle Keiro at 323-7100.

City Council Debate

Several community organizations, including the Seattle Chapter JACL and the Seattle Chinese Post are sponsoring a debate among the three candidates who are running for City Council position 2, which is being vacated by Delores Sibonga. The candidates are Martha Choe, Betty Patu, and Maria Ambalada. The debate will be held on Thursday, August 29 at the Four Seas restaurant at 7th and King Street. There will be a no-host social hour starting at 6:00 PM with the program starting at 7:00 PM. We encourage you to learn about these candidates as well as all others, and to exercise your voting privileges.

—Gail Tanaka

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International District exhibit at Sea-Tac

Photos of the International District by Dean Wong, longtime Asian community photographer, are featured in a new exhibit at Sea-Tac Airport. Entitled *The International District: A Community Reborn*, the exhibit is produced by the Wing Luke Asian Museum and sponsored by the Port of Seattle. It will continue at the airport's Main Terminal Central Plaza for one year. The photos include portraits of residents, children, festivals, and community businesses — the "living history of the area, which needs to be documented so that the stories don't disappear, too," says Wong. Accompanying the photos are artifacts from the Wing Luke Museum, the Sun May Company, and personal collections.

Japanese/American collaboration: A Labor of Love

Rice farmers in Cajun Louisiana and rural Japan have served as the inspiration for an international venture by One Reel of Seattle and Furusato Caravan, a Japanese theatrical troupe. The musical play, entitled *Labor of Love: a Rice Farmers Musical*, makes its U.S. premiere at Bumbershoot.

Labor of Love is written and sung in both Japanese and English. According to the press information, the play "deals with the cultural differences between nations but focuses on the shared values ... despite the recent controversial trade issues between Japan and the U.S., the farmers of both countries are united in their love of the land, love of family, and a fondness for good home cooking." For performance information, see the **Calendar** in this issue.




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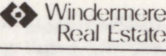
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Calendar of events

compiled by Ed Suguro

Weekly ballroom dance — every Wed, 1-3 pm, Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King Street.

Japanese bronzes of the Meiji Period — through Aug. 25, Honeychurch Antiques, 1008 James Street, Mon-Sat 10 am - 6 pm. For information: 622-1225.

16th Annual Seattle Keiro Benefit Bowling Day — Sun, Aug. 18, 9 am - midnight, Imperial Lanes, 2101 22nd Ave. S. Tickets at Keiro or Imperial Lanes. For information: 323-7100 or 325-2525.

Minidoka Camp art by Kenjiro Nojima — an exhibit of paintings and drawings, Thurs, Aug. 22 - Sun October 20, Wing Luke Asian Museum, 407 Seventh Ave. S., Tues-Fri 11 am-4 pm, Sat-Sun noon - 4 pm. Opening day reception: Thurs Aug. 22, 5:30-7:30 pm. Admission: \$2.50 adults, \$1 seniors/students, \$.50 children under 12. For information: 623-5124.

Candidate's debate by Asian/Pacific city council candidates — Thurs, Aug. 29, 6 pm, Four Seas Restaurant, 714 S. King Street. Community forum with Maria Ambalada, Martha Choe, and Betty Patu.

Special Japan-America Society benefit performance of Labor of Love: a Rice Farmers Musical — Thurs, Aug. 29, Bagley Wright Theatre, Seattle Center, 6 pm hosted reception, 7:30 performance. Tickets: \$50 (patron — reserved seating), \$25 (festival seating), 10 patron tickets for \$350. Deadline: Fri Aug. 23, 5 pm. Proceeds to Japan-America Society's culture and education programs. For information:

623-7900. See **Community Notes** for more information on the play.

One Reel's production of Labor of Love at Bumpershoot — Fri - Sun, Aug. 30 - Sept. 1, 4:30 pm, Bagley Wright Theatre, Seattle Center. Bumpershoot tickets: \$6 at Pay'n'Save, \$7 at the gate, \$1 seniors/children, free for seniors/children on Fri, Aug. 30. For information: One Reel, 622-5123. See **Community Notes** for more information on the play.

Doshi Kai meeting — Tues, Sept. 3, 6:30 pm. Call Wayne Kimura for name and address of restaurant, 827-0460 (days) or 869-5174 (eves/weekends).

Seattle First Hill Lions Club sukiyaki dinner — Sat, Sept. 7, 4-7:30 pm, Blaine Memorial Methodist Church, 3001 24th Ave. S. Tickets: \$7 adults, \$5 seniors and children 10 and under. Proceeds to the scholarship fund.


Tomo no kai meeting — Mon, Sept. 9, 7 pm, Keiro Nursing Home, 1601 E. Yesler Way. Guest speaker: Shobo Fujii on art appreciation. For information: Seiji, 824-0683 or Tama, 448-1931.

Asian Counseling and Referral Service Community Service Awards dinner — Thurs, Sept. 12, Westin Hotel, 1900 Fifth Ave., 5:30 pm reception, 7 pm dinner, 8 pm program. Keynote speaker: Scott Oki, Senior Vice-President, Microsoft. Tickets: \$50. For information and reservations: Joyce, 461-3651.

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