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Redress Update

by Cherry Kinoshita

Redress becomes a tangible reality to some in the form of a \$20,000 check; to others, the letter of apology signed by the President of the United States means more (see boxed story below on new letter format). This week redress checks for 22,800 persons born before January 1, 1928 were paid during the first week of October, accompanied by a "more authentic" letter of apology, as reported by Bob Bratt, ORA Administrator.

Since more than one check could be issued in the case of heirs of an deceased individuals, over 23,000 checks were stuffed by hand and mailed out in roughly equal numbers on October 2, 3, and 4. Out of 2,200 cases left in the allotment for the 1991 redress payments and letters, approximately 1,900 cases are awaiting return of documentation from potential recipients. Funds for 300 cases within the

pre-1928 group are being held back for those who have not yet contacted ORA.

The Help Line, 1-800-395-4672, or (TDD) 1-800-727-1886, will be open from 9:00am until 9:00pm EST to receive reports about lost or stolen checks. Persons who have received a green verification letter but who have not received their checks by October 21 are asked to contact ORA on the Help Line immediately. Persons born before January 1, 1928 who have not received the pink letter of Potential Eligibility, or who have returned their documentation but have not yet received the green Verification Letter should also call the Help Line immediately to ascertain their case status.

The number of redress payments and letters in the FY 1991 disbursement total 1,697 recipients in Washington state, and 529 recipients in Oregon.

The New Redress Letter of Apology

The official presidential seal imprinted in gold will now appear on the letter of apology which will accompany redress checks to be distributed this year, and hereafter, according to Bob Bratt, ORA Administrator.

Identified more clearly with the printed words, "George Bush, President of the United States" and the date of October 1990 added to the bottom of the page, the letter has been enlarged to an 8-1/2" by 11" page printed on a heavier paper that is suitable for framing.

Although the ORA was unable to effect any of the changes that the JACL-LEC recommended, Bob Bratt said "I believe the new format enhances the appearance and authenticity of the apology letter, and most importantly, I hope it will be more meaningful to redress recipients ..."

The ORA will not automatically mail new letters to 1990 redress recipients (the first group of persons 70 years and older). If you received the older letter and wish to receive the new letter, write to ORA at the following address:

U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division Office of Redress Administration P.O. Box 66260 Department L Washington, D. C. 20035-6260

Chapter Focus

Leadership Conference.

Janice Yee and Ray Ishii attended the National JACL Leadership seminar in Washington D.C. from September 28 – October 3 as representatives of the Pacific Northwest District. They met with members of Congress Sen. Daniel Inouye, Rep. Patsy Mink, Rep. Norm Mineta, and Rep. Bob Matsui. They learned first-hand about the legislative and lobbying process, focusing on how JACL and others played a role in the passage of redress, and they visited the Office of Redress Administration for a close-up look at the process of redress disbursement. The Pacific Northwest District Council and Seattle Chapter co-sponsored the two participants with matching \$500 grants.

Redress Workshop

A lower than anticipated turnout of approximately 60 individuals sought assistance at the Office of Redress Administration workshop help at the Nisei Vets Hall last month. This low attendance was attributed to the fact that the ORA had already sent out green Verification Letters to approximately 22,700 of the 25,000 eligible individuals scheduled for payment for Fiscal

Year 1992. The largest corporate donation in the Pacific Northwest was made at this workshop to the JACL Legacy Fund: \$3,000 from the Allstate Foundation. Lisa Chinn, of Allstate, made the arrangements for this generous contribution.

Legacy Fund

An unofficial tally of the total donations to the JACL Legacy Fund credited to the Seattle Chapter for revenue sharing has now reached over \$130,000. Grateful thanks and appreciation are extended to the following whose donations were received during August and September, or whose names were inadvertently omitted in the previous newsletter:

\$2,000+ — Lily Ota \$500+ — May Kinomoto Other — Kimi Nakanishi, Ruthann Kurose, Dorothy Umino, M/M George Funai.

Tax-deductible contributions may be made payable to JACL Legacy Fund and mailed to National JACL Headquarters or to the JACL/Pacific Northwest District office, 671 S. Jackson St., room #206, Seattle, WA 98104.

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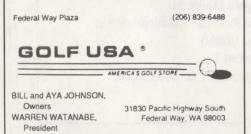


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Community Notes

Grants by the University Students Club

The board of directors of the University Students Club awarded its 1991-92 scholarships to the following students: Douglas Kanai from Bellevue, Benjamin Motonaga from Tacoma, Margaret Nakayama from Seattle, Lennon Shank from Federal Way, and Diane Shimizu from Seattle. Each student will receive \$1,000 for the coming school year at the University of Washington. The board also contributed \$1,000 toward the planning and construction of a Japanese Cultural Center in Seattle. If you are interested in learning more about the Cultural Center project, please contact Ken Sato, 363-1414.

Nikkei Concern Health Forum

Nikkei Concerns is sponsoring a community forum on Aging, Memory Impairment and Alzheimer's disease on Saturday, October 19, 8:30am until noon at the Blaine Memorial Methodist Church. The speakers will be Jay M. Uomoto, PhD, Director of Brain Injury Clinic, University of Washington; EricB. Larson, MD, MPH, Medical Director, University of Washington Medical Center; Beverly C. Ricker, Education Coordinator, Alzheimer's Association; and Nina M. Chinn, RN, Kame Project Coordinator, University of Washington.

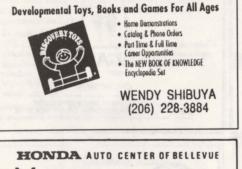
Kame Project survey

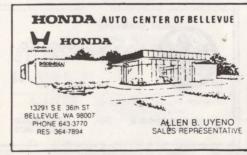
The KAME PROJECT, a University of Washington study on aging in the Japanese American community of Seattle-King County, will be surveying all Nikkei

households in order to compile a directory of persons over 55 years of age. The study will focus on the elements of aging that affect the quality of life. The researchers have requested that all persons who receive the survey complete and return it, regardless of age. If you have an unlisted number or if your surname is not Japanese and would like to participate in this study, please contact Nina Chinn at 326-4154, or Greta Hoshibata at 326-2409. More information on the Kame Project will be presented at the Nikkei Concerns community forum (see above).

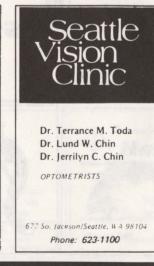
EO 9066 Exhibit at Wing Luke Museum

Local Japanese Americans are searching their basements and attics, and sifting through collections of old photos and artifacts for the major historic exhibit at the Wing Luke Museum, "Executive Order 9066: Fifty Years Before and Fifty Years After." A recreation of a typical pre-war Japanese American storefront and of a barracks room at Minidoka Internment Camp will be highlights of the exhibit, which opens on February 19, 1992. Educational programs, guest speakers and tours for students are planned in conjunction with the exhibit. A curriculum kit containing textbooks, lesson plans, and teaching aids will also be available. Security Pacific Bank recently indicated that it will be one of the major sponsors of the exhibit and has committed \$10,000 to the project. Exhibit organizers hope to raise \$150,000 in corporate and community contributions. Tax-deductible donations may be sent to: EO 9066 Exhibit, Wing Luke Asian Museum, 4077th Ave. S., Seattle, WA 98104. Persons wishing to volunteer can call the Wing Luke Museum at 623-5124.











Calendar of events

complied by Ed Suguro

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

Minidoka Campart by Kenjiro Nomura—through Sun., Oct. 20, Wing Luke Museum, 407 7th Ave. S., Tues. - Fri. 11am - 4pm; Sat. - Sun. noon - 4pm. Admission: \$2.50 adults, \$1 seniors/students, 50¢ children under 12. For information: 623-5124.

Northwest Asian American Theatre presents Song for a Nisei Fisherman — through Sun., Oct. 27, Theatre Off Jackson, 4097th Ave. S., Thurs. - Sat. 8pm, Sun. 2 pm. Admission: \$12 adults, \$9 seniors/ students. \$6 children. For information and tickets: 340-1049.

Patti Warashina: Ceramic Sculpture 1962-1991 —through Nov. 3, Bellevue Art Museum, 301 Bellevue Square, Mon. - Tues. 10am - 8pm, Wed. - Sat. 10am -6pm, Sun. 11am - 5pm. For information: 454-6021.

Exhibit of recent works by Norie Sato — through Sun., Dec. 1. State Capitol Museum, 211 W. 21st Ave.,

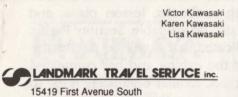
Olympia, Tues. - Fri. 10am - 4pm, Sat. - Sun. noon

Chapter Board meeting — Wed., Oct. 16, 7pm, Japanese Language School, 1414 S. Weller St. Everyone welcome.

Nikkei Concerns presents the Aging, Memory Impairment and Alzheimer's Disease — a community forum, Sat. Oct. 19, 8:30am - noon, Blaine Memorial Methodist Church, 3001 24th Ave. S. See Community Notes for list of speakers. For more information call Seattle Keiro: 323-7100.

White River Buddhist Church bazaar—Sun., Oct. 20, 11am—6pm, White River Buddhist Church, 3625 Auburn Way N., Auburn. Sale of produce, baked goods, sushi, handicrafts. For information: 833-1442.

National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) convention — Fri. – Sat., Nov. 1 – 2, Stouffer Madison Hotel, 515 Madison St. Registration continued on next page



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fee: \$225 for NAPABA members and \$250 for non-NAPABA members. For information: Sharon Sakamoto, 682-9932 or Mimi Castillo, 624-1913.

University Students Club scholarship reception - Sat., Nov. 2, 7:30pm, Kawabe Memorial House, 221 18th Ave. S. See story in Community Notes. For information, call Ken Sato, 363-1414.

Nisei Vets bazaar — Sun., Nov. 3, 11am – 7pm, Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King St. Sushi, steak dinner, baked goods, games for children. For information: 322-

Doshi Kai meeting — Tues., Nov. 5, 6:30 pm. Call

Wayne Kimura for name and address of restaurant. 827-0460 (days) or 869-5174 (eves/weekends).

Nikkei community dance — Sat., Nov. 9, 8 -11:30pm, Nisei Vets Hall, 1212S. King St. Cost: \$2. For information: 772-1160.

Avame Kai annual craft fair — Sat., Nov. 16, 10am - 4pm, Seattle Buddhist Church, 1427 S. Main St. Proceeds to Keiro Nursing Home. For information: 323-7100.

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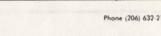
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Japanese American Citizens League

Seattle Chapter October 1991

Dear Friend:

The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) is the oldest and largest organization in this country that protects the rights and interests of persons of Asian and Japanese ancestry. Our national organization is comprised of approximately 25,000 members who reflect the social, educational and professional diversity of our community. Our members are from all walks of life, yet they all share a common belief that the JACL is an organization that represents their needs and common concerns.

Whether it is fighting for social or economic justice, impacting civil rights issues, combating hate crimes, opposing negative stereotypes, countering Japan-bashing, encouraging youth programs or providing scholarships, the National JACL is there. Melding a network of 112 local chapters all across the nation, the national organization, through its lobbying arm, can be a powerful influence in achieving national legislation such as the recently successful redress program, and it is by such a national scope that the JACL, through its Washington D.C. office and its five regional offices, can retain its effectiveness.

The <u>Seattle JACL</u> is one of the most active chapters in the country. We have a structure of more than 26 committees that address virtually any issue that could arise. This extensive infrastructure allows volunteers opportunities to become actively involved in areas of personal interest. What it really means is that the Seattle Chapter JACL is always working on topics that are important to you: Redress, anti-Asian violence, U.S.-Japan relations, leadership development, education, and more.

Through these chapters local issues are often given national attention, and national issues are made accessible to local people. It is a symbiotic relationship that works out for the benefit of our entire community.

HOW CAN YOU HELP SUPPORT JACL?

The Seattle Chapter, through its ENDOWMENT FUND; and the National JACL, through its LEGACY FUND; have both kicked off fundraising campaigns that urgently need your support.

Each dollar contributed to the ENDOWMENT FUND remains with the local Seattle Chapter.

All monies contributed to the JACL LEGACY FUND will have a revenue sharing aspect, with a major portion to sustain the national organization and its field offices, and a generous percentage of its earnings returned annually to the chapters, directly and by way of grants supporting local programs.

We encourage you to strengthen the JACL by expressing your support in various ways. Attached is a donation form which enables you to designate your donation to the National or local level, or both. If you have already contributed to the JACL LEGACY FUND or to the SEATTLE ENDOWMENT FUND, please pass this letter on to a friend or relative. If you have not yet had an opportunity to express your support to either the National JACL or Seattle JACL (or both), we would appreciate your filling out the attached form and mailing it as directed.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at the phone numbers listed below. We look forward to your support.

With warmest regards,

dati Tanaka

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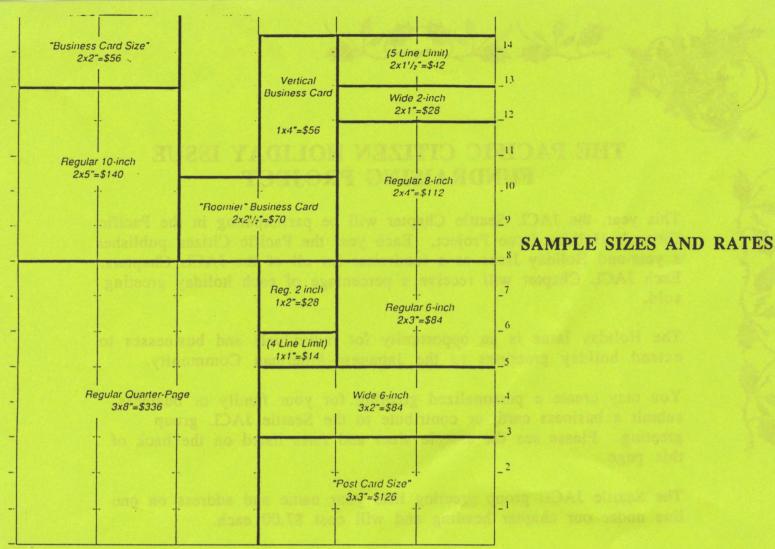
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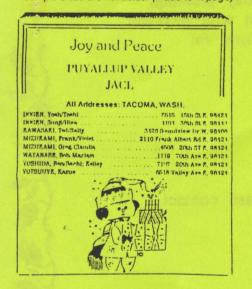
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