

# J A C L NEWSLETTER

## SEATTLE CHAPTER

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**AUGUST 14 FORUM FEATURES LOCAL CANDIDATES:** Candidates for major King County public offices will be featured in a free public forum on Wednesday, August 14 at 6:30 p.m., at Seattle University's Lemieux Library Auditorium, Broadway and Madison. The structured forum is co-sponsored by the Seattle Chapter JACL.

Participating in the forum will be candidates for the offices of King County Executive, King County Council, Mayor of Seattle, Seattle City Council, Seattle School Board and the Seattle Port Commission.

"This forum will give members of our community the opportunity not only to meet these candidates, but also to hear first hand where they stand on issues that affect Asians and Pacific Islanders," said Martha Choe, president of Asian Americans for Political Action, a not-for-profit, non-partisan organization and the primary sponsor of the forum.

Other co-sponsors include the International Examiner, the Asian Pacific Women's Caucus, Filipino American Political Action Group of Washington, the Filipino American Chronicle, Washington Association of Asian Pacific American Educators, and the Asian Pacific Democratic Caucus of Washington.

KING-TV Reporter James Hattori will serve as moderator. A candidates' reception will precede the forum at 5:30 p.m. in the foyer immediately adjacent to the Lemieux Library Auditorium.

### Special Reports

**CLOSING ARGUMENTS SUBMITTED BY HIRABAYASHI LEGAL TEAM:** On July 31 Gordon Hirabayashi's legal team submitted its written closing arguments to Judge Donald Voorhees. The document details the suppression, alteration and destruction of evidence, and the use of false information by the government in its presentation of Hirabayashi's case to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Edward Ennis's testimony from the witness chair in the June hearing is referenced, where Ennis indicated the court was urged by the government lawyers to recognize that as a group, Japanese Americans were predisposed to disloyalty; that the loyal couldn't be separated from the disloyal; that "military necessity" for the evacuation was based on threat of immediate attack; and that an organized fifth column existed among second generation Japanese Americans.

All these and other misrepresentations indicate such governmental misconduct that neither Hirabayashi nor anyone else could have received fair and just treatment, argues the legal team.

The U.S. Attorney will present the government's closing arguments in the first week of October and the judge will then consider all of the materials for his decision.

**LEC NEEDS DONATIONS NOW:** There has been a great deal of behind the scene redress activity recently. The redress bills are now in Congress: House Bill HR 442 currently has 109 co-sponsors, and Senate Bill 1053 has 26 co-sponsors. To get the bills passed will require intense lobbying.

National JACL has formed the Legislative Education Committee (LEC) which will act as the primary lobbying arm for our organization. This lobbying effort includes things such as sending JACL representatives to talk to Congressmen and Senators, and distributing redress education packets. It will require a dedicated staff and money to pay for all the expenses.

Most of the staff for the LEC have been selected, but to complete the hiring of the staff and to pay for the expenses, the LEC urgently needs donations now. The Seattle Chapter needs to raise \$10,000 in the next couple of months to help pay our share of the LEC expenses. Cherry Kinoshita, Tomio Moriguchi, Lloyd Hara, and Robert Sato have volunteered to be prime solicitors for our Chapter. They will be asking individuals, non-Nikkei organizations and companies to donate; however, they realize it will be very difficult to raise the entire \$10,000 by themselves. They need your help. If you would like to donate or know of other potential donors, please call Cherry Kinoshita at 721-0717 or Wayne Kimura at 725-7298. Since the main purpose of the LEC is lobbying, donations to it are not tax-exempt.

- - by Wayne Kimura



## PROFILES OF THE SEATTLE CHAPTER OFFICERS

FOURTH VICE PRESIDENT ELLEN MIYASATO: Wahiawa, Hawaii may not be a place most mainland Nikkei can pinpoint, but it has a special significance to Ellen Miyasato because it is her birthplace. A Yonsei on her mother's side, Ellen first came to the mainland to attend Wesleyan University in Connecticut. She then attended Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C.

"I consider myself a 'Kotonk' (mainland Japanese) now," she says, although she admits that it took a little getting used to when she first came to the mainland. Aside from the colder weather and cultural differences, she went to college in a community where there were practically no Asians. As a Hawaiian she says that she can lapse into pidgin English if she wants to.

With her law degree Ellen first worked in the nation's capitol, but in late 1981 she transferred to Seattle to work as an attorney for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The move here was an auspicious one because she got a little bit closer to Hawaii while being able to live in the Pacific Northwest, which she considers her first choice as a place to live on the mainland. In addition, she was introduced to JACL for the first time.

While working at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, she met Kathryn Bannai, who was also working there and is a past Chapter president. Kathryn got Ellen involved in JACL. Ellen first served on the board and is currently fourth vice president. She is also a member of the legal/affirmative action committee. She enjoys working on this committee because it makes use of her law background.

Outside of JACL she is a member of the District of Columbia and Washington State Bar Associations and is on the YWCA nominating committee. For relaxation she likes to read historical novels and biographies and do gardening. She is also a baseball fan.

-- by Ed Suguro

RECORDING SECRETARY VICKI TOYOHARA: The idea of changing careers might seem frightening to some of us, especially when it means having to start from scratch, but that is exactly what Vicki Toyohara did -- and with great success.

Vicki received her Western Washington State College bachelor's degree and University of Washington master's degree in education. It wasn't very long ago that she was teaching English at Cleveland High School.

Now, however, Vicki is an attorney working for the City of Seattle, after two-and-a-half years working in criminal law. For the past seven months she has been working on the land use law for the city. "I enjoy dealing with the public and being involved with the legal sector at the same time," she says.

In spite of her busy career, Vicki manages to serve the public and help the community outside of her job. Much of her free time is spent as a member or volunteer of various organizations such as at the Asian Counseling and Referral Service, and helping with the Career Awareness Program for the Boy Scouts of America. She also serves on a large number of committees.

For hobbies Vicki lists shopping, driving her sportscar, eating at her boyfriend Hugo Louie's restaurant, the House of Hong, and says she is an avid matsutake hunter.

-- by Kara Tokita

## Chapter Focus

JULY BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: Wayne Kimura reported on the Chapter's fundraising strategy to raise \$10,000 for the Legislative Education Committee in the next month or so. With a list of past donors to redress, each board member will be assigned to contact five people to ask for a pledge. Again, the donation is not tax deductible and is also meant to be a three-year pledge. Bob Sato commented that the June 7 Pacific Citizen has a timetable and further information on LEC. LEC is a sub-organization of National JACL and is responsible for the lobbying efforts for redress. Redress has advanced to another phase where bills are now in Congress, and lobbying has become the next important step.

Chuck Kato reported on a meeting in San Francisco of Non-JACL redress groups who were invited by JACL. Most of the groups agreed with the Commission findings. They asked that redress be tax-free and written bilingual for the Issei. San Francisco will do further checking on the tax-free issue--that point may already be implied in the word "restitution."

Roger Shimizu of the Committee to Reverse the Japanese American Wartime Cases felt that November would be the earliest date for Judge Voorhees' decision on the Gordon Hirabayashi case. No matter which side wins the decision there will probably be an appeal to the Ninth Circuit Court here in Seattle (the next highest court level). There are three fundraisers taking place on the East Coast in anticipation of the appeal.

Continued



Board meeting highlights, continued

Ken Nakano reported on the June 29 and 30 Hibakusha medical exams here in Seattle. There were 32 participants including nine new people. National JACL gave \$250 to help toward the cost of the exams as a special Minority Health Fair. Certificates of appreciation were given by the Chapter to Mary Fujita, Hiroaki Yamada, and Dr. Chikako Ito for their outstanding service to U.S. Hibakusha. The certificates were given at an appreciation dinner on June 29.

A motion was passed to co-sponsor the "Hiroshima/Nagasaki 40th Anniversary Commemorative Program" on Tuesday, August 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Japanese Baptist Church.

Jerry Shigaki reported on a membership campaign contest from September 30 to the third week of November. There will be a kick-off potluck at the September board meeting and champagne at the November meeting to celebrate 1,000 new members. Each vice president will head a team. Look for more information in the next newsletter.

A motion, presented by Wayne Kimura, was passed to amend the endowment document: (1) to change the number of committee members from four to seven and to include the current year's treasurer as one of the seven; and (2) to audit the fund at least every two years. The following were appointed to the Endowment Committee to manage the funds: Lloyd Hara, Shigeko Uno, Terry Toda, Terry Yoshikawa, Cherry Kinoshita, Wayne Kimura, and Treasurer Gail Tanaka.

Dale Watanabe reported on JAY's activities: (1) they had 30 participants at the June 22 student workshop; (2) 27 JAYs met with 25 Japanese Canadian Youth Group members to develop a relationship with the organization; (3) they had a fairly successful booth at the International District Summer Festival.

The Pacific Northwest District was saddened by the loss of Columbia Basin (Moses Lake) Chapter President Ed Yamamoto. Services were held on July 29 for Yamamoto, who passed away the previous week.

The July mailout crew were: Sam Shoji, Ayako Hurd, Lee Hurd, Alan Kurimura, and JAYS members Dale Watanabe, Scott Terada, Lori Nomiyama, Daren Nakagawa, and Damon Mar. Thanks to one and all who helped.

Our thanks also go to this month's typist, Sue Nishi.

RESULTS OF THE 14TH ANNUAL 1000 CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT

MENS		LADIES	
First	Aubrey Funai	First	Mary Furuta
Second	Ed Shimomura	Second	Aya Shimomura
Third	Ben Nakagawa	Third	Amy Matsuoka
Fourth (tie)	Tom Tsubota	Fourth	Kimi Nakanishi
Fourth (tie)	Charles Furita	Fifth (tie)	Kiyo Sakahara
Sixth	Bob Mizukami	Fifth (tie)	Helen Akita
Seventh	Dick Yamasaki	Fifth (tie)	Kimi Tsubota
Eighth (tie)	Mas Kinoshita		
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**HELP WANTED**

A volunteer is needed to serve as understudy to the Chapter corresponding secretary. Duties will be to send notices for all regular and special meetings, conduct correspondence as directed and attend Executive Committee meetings.

**ALSO STILL NEEDED:** The Membership Committee needs additional members for recruitment as well as talent in the area of brochure production and artwork. Contact Kazzie Katayama at 325-5531 (days) to volunteer.

The Newsletter Committee needs a typist once a month, a graphics/layout person, and writing talent. Contact Sharon Harada at 226-1881 if you'd like to help.

**Community Notes**

The Consulate-General of Japan has announced that the Japanese government is offering scholarships to students who wish to study at a Japanese university. The purpose of the Monbusho Scholarship Program is to give opportunities to American students wishing to continue their studies and to give necessary assistance in pursuing these studies.

The applicants must be university or college graduates under 35 years old and willing to receive instruction in the Japanese language. Field of study while in Japan can be almost any area from the Humanities and Social Sciences to Natural Science, as long as it is the same or a related field as the applicant's major.

The deadline for application is Monday, September 9. A Japanese language test and interview will be held on September 14. For further information contact the Consulate-General of Japan at: 3110 Rainier Tower, Seattle, WA 98101, or by calling 682-9107.

**SPECIAL BACK-TO-SCHOOL CLOTHING DRIVE ON THIS MONTH:** KING-TV is sponsoring the second annual "Children Helping Children" clothing drive through the end of August. Co-sponsors of the month-long program are Children's World and Operation Emergency Center.

Both kids and parents are urged to bring outgrown children's and adult's clothing to any Children's World child care center in the Puget Sound area. Clothing can also be dropped off at KING-TV in Seattle, 333 Dexter Ave. No. Collection baskets will be placed inside the entrance at each location. Children can directly help less fortunate children through this special back-to-school clothing drive.

Operation Emergency Center, a human service agency which operates a clothing bank and other programs serving Seattle area families, will collect, sort and display the clothing. The clothing will be provided free to those in need.

KING-TV and Steinberg Brothers plan to donate approximately 500 T-shirts for the clothing drive.

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## Calendar of Events

"MADE IN AMERICA" -- August 8, 9, 10, and 11 at 8:15 p.m. at the Seattle Centerhouse Theater. Written by Nikki Louis, author of "Breaking the Silence: Japanese Voices in America," presented earlier this year to benefit the Hirabayashi case. "Made in America" traces the history of Issei immigration and settlement between 1906 and 1941.

"THE WAY IT WAS: NORTHWEST ISSEI AND NISEI BEFORE 1942" -- Every Thursday from noon to 4 p.m. during August, Nippon Kan Theatre. Approximately 400 photographs culled from private collections showing life among Northwest Issei and Nisei before the evacuation. Private appointments for families and groups may be made by calling Hideo Hoshida at 725-6906 or Tama Tokuda at 722-6211.

"EXECUTIVE ORDER 9066": WWII INTERMENT PHOTO EXHIBIT -- August 8 - October 12, Wing Luke Museum. Some 80 photographs mostly taken by Dorothea Lange for the War Relocation Authority. Museum hours are 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Tuesday - Friday (till 8 p.m. first Thursday of each month); on Saturdays and Sundays in August from noon to 4 p.m. Tours can be arranged by calling 623-5124.

LAKE WASHINGTON CHAPTER FAMILY DAY -- Wednesday, August 14, 7 p.m., Rainbow Lodge near Mt. Si, country dinner at \$7 per person. Call Yo Yasuda, 747-2589, or Susie Aoyama, 885-9654, for reservations.

LAKE WASHINGTON CHAPTER WHITE ELEPHANT AND BAKE SALE -- August 14-18, at Bellevue Uwajimaya. Contact any LW chapter member for contributions or information.

JAYS PICNIC -- Sunday, August 18 at Pine Lake in Issaquah. Call JACL office for more information.

SEATTLE CHAPTER BOARD MEETING -- Wednesday, August 21, 7:30 p.m. at the JACL office. Everyone welcome.

HEART MOUNTAIN REUNION -- August 30 - September 1, San Jose Red Lion Inn. Call Yuri Suzuki, 747-6573, or Yosh Iwamoto, 722-8051, for more information.

SECOND NATIONAL JACL SINGLES' CONVENTION -- August 30 - September 1, Hyatt San Jose, Contact the JACL Office for information or registration forms.

TOMONOKAI -- Monday, September 9, 7 p.m., Kawabe House hobby room, CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) demonstration by Medic 2.

-- Compiled by Ed Suguro

### WE'RE LOOKING FOR YOUR INPUT. . .

Will you take a few minutes to jot down some ideas for our newsletter or chapter activities?

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( ) Please send a newsletter and membership application to:  
(Name, address, zip code)

( ) I would like to do more for JACL or volunteer for a committee. Please contact me.  
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