

# J A C L NEWSLETTER

## SEATTLE CHAPTER

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### MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IS ON!

The Seattle Chapter JACL is now in high gear to boost its membership to 1000. Chapter members are busily recruiting through phones, homes and on the street until November 20.

The Chapter Board has divided into four teams that are racing against each other for the highest enlistment of new members. Leading teams are Wayne Kimura, Sam Shoji, Ellen Miyasato and Roger Shimizu/Mako Nakagawa (co-captains). Prizes will be awarded to the team and individual that recruit the most new members.

If you would like to participate on a team, know people who are not yet JACL members and would like to be, or need additional information, contact one of the team leaders listed above or: Kazzie Katayama at 722-2266 (evenings); Jerry Shigaki at 723-3667 (evenings); or use the convenient coupon on page 5.

### Special Reports

#### FUTURE CHAPTER BOARD AND OFFICERS TO BE NOMINATED

The Nominations Committee presented the slate of nominees for the 1986 Chapter Board and officers at the September Board meeting. The nominees will be formally nominated during the October 16 Board meeting. Individuals may be nominated in one of two ways: 1) a petition nominating a person with signatures of ten regular members of the Seattle Chapter and a written note of consent submitted by the nominee, or 2) nomination from the floor at the October meeting, with a written or verbal consent from the nominee present at the meeting. Ballots will be mailed out shortly after the October Board meeting.

Presently, the nominations for officers are:

|                         |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| President               | Robert Sato      |
| President Elect         | May Sasaki       |
| 1st Vice President      | Wayne Kimura     |
| 2nd Vice President      | Sharon Harada    |
| 3rd Vice President      | David Hoekendorf |
| 4th Vice President      | Vicki Toyohara   |
| Corresponding Secretary | Ayako Hurd       |
| Recording Secretary     | Bev Kashino      |
| Treasurer               | Gail Tanaka      |
| Historian               | Diana Kato       |
| Board Delegate          | David Okimoto    |

Nominations for Board members include:

#### Group I (several years of activity in the Chapter)

|                  |             |
|------------------|-------------|
| Shea Aoki        | Hana Masuda |
| Chuck Kato       | Ken Nakano  |
| Cherry Kinoshita | Arlene Oki  |

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Jan Kumasaka

Sam Shoji

Aki Kurose

Massie Tomita

Group II (active in the Chapter a short to medium length of time)

Joanne Asaba

Ruthann Kurose

James Hattori

Rod Matsuno

Rod Kaseguma

Ken Nakatsu

Ken Katayama

Ed Suguro

Alan Kurimura

Gene Uno

Group III (fairly new to the Chapter)

Elaine Ko

Lori Nomiya

Linda Kodama

Naomi Iwata Sanchez

Art Kuniyuki

Kara Tokita

Marianne Kushi

Dale Watanabe

Gary Matsudaira

Wendy Watanabe

The Nominations Committee also proposed amending Article V, Section 6 of the By-Laws, which currently reads: "No member is eligible to hold more than one elective office." The proposed amendment would add, "and no member is eligible to hold an elective office for more than three full consecutive terms." The committee's recommendation will be voted on at the October 16 Board meeting. Any discussion regarding this addition should be voiced at that time.

The members of the Nominations Committee are: Chairman Don Kazama, Diana Kato, Alan Kurimura, Janice Nishimori, Arlene Oki, Bob Sato, Ed Suguro, Massie Tomita, Vicki Toyohara and Shigeo Uno.

## Chapter Focus

### BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Seattle Chapter JACL has raised \$6,000 in cash and pledges toward the Legislative Education Committee (LEC) goal of \$10,000. President Dave Okimoto again encouraged total Board support of LEC through donations and fundraising.

Wayne Kimura summarized a Redress Committee meeting with Congressman Mike Lowry on September 7, 1985. The committee and Congressman Lowry met at length to discuss the progress of redress bills currently being acted on in the U. S. Congress. Later, the committee also met with Tim Gojio, JACL Washington D. C. Representative. Both Congressman Lowry and Tim Gojio expressed optimism about the bills being passed through House and Senate subcommittees. Representative Dan Glickman of Kansas, chairman of the House Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations, is receptive to redress. However, Senator William Roth of Delaware, chairman of the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, is not favorable toward redress legislation.

Congressman Lowry and Tim Gojio emphasized the urgency to locate constituents in Kansas and Delaware who can write to Congressman Glickman and Senator Roth to urge them to support the redress bills. If anyone knows of people who live in those states, whether they be relatives or friends, please call Cherry Kinoshita at 721-0717, or Wayne Kimura at 725-7298.

The Anti-Discrimination Committee, chaired by Theresa Fujiwara, reported on the progress of activities on the movie, "Year of the Dragon." National JACL issued a statement condemning the portrayal of Asian Americans in the film. After nationwide protests by numerous Asian American organizations, MGM/UA, distributors of "Year of the Dragon," issued a disclaimer to be attached to the film, stating that the movie is not meant to be reflective of the entire Asian American community.

Bob Sato reported on the Education Committee's activities regarding statements

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made by Seattle School Board member Ellen Roe. They are in contact with the black community, and JACL will support them if they were to pursue recall.

To encourage a settlement of the Seattle School District teacher's strike, The Board approved the writing of a letter asking for a negotiated end to the strike.

Ken Nakano of the International Relations Committee reported on a proposed second meeting with the Seattle Japanese Consulate General. Ken is also working with U. S. Congressman Mike Lowry to make "Jpn." the official abbreviation of Japanese/Japan.

Newsletter Committee Chair Sharon Harada thanked Sumi Hayashi for her contributions as past editor of the newsletter. Ken Mochizuki was introduced as the new editor.

The Recognitions Committee will be meeting soon to nominate individuals to be recognized at the Installation Banquet in January. Contact Bob Sato at 325-9243 if you would like to nominate someone, and include your reasons for the nomination.

Attorney Roger Shimizu reported that although Gordon Hirabayashi's trial concluded on June 27, the legal team is still working on final arguments due October 4.

Dave Okimoto announced the nominees for the Pacific Northwest District officers for the '86-'87 biennium. The election of officers will be conducted at the October district meeting in Jackpot, Nevada. The nominees are:

- |                              |                                   |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| GOVERNOR                     | Denny Yasuhara<br>Spokane Chapter |
| VICE GOVERNOR FOR WASHINGTON | Ted Matsumoto<br>Olympia Chapter  |
| VICE GOVERNOR FOR OREGON     | Terry Yamada<br>Portland Chapter  |
| SECRETARY                    | Sam Nakagawa<br>Spokane Chapter   |
| TREASURER                    | Ben Nakagawa<br>Seattle Chapter   |

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Dr. James Watanabe  
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Michi Maebori  
White River Chapter

Ben Nakagawa brought the Board up to date on the 1988 National Convention plans to be held in Seattle. He and Tomio Moriguchi are co-chairs and are presently seeking additional clarification and approval of the convention format.

**SEPTEMBER DONATIONS**

Arigato: Donations were received from Tom Matsumoto, Ruth Masudaira, May Nakasone and Reiko Nakagawa in memory of their mother, Awako Matsumoto; from Dick, Tomi, Dan and Mike Takano and George Shinbo in memory of Sakayeko Shinbo; and from Hideko Terada for the directory.

Also, thanks to the September mailout volunteers: Lee and Ayako Hurd, Janice Nishimori, Sam Shoji, Akio Hoshino, Hana Masuda, Ted Taniguchi, Roger Shimizu and Mako Nakagawa.

**HELP WANTED**

The Chapter is looking for people to assist with gathering personal and business ads for the Pacific Citizen Holiday Issue.

The Newsletter also needs someone to assist with its ads and layout. Contact Sharon Harada at 226-1881. Both functions generate income for the Chapter.

**Community Notes**

**UNIVERSITY STUDENTS CLUB WILL AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Board of Trustees of the University Students Club, Inc., is presenting 1985-86 scholarship awards to the following 1985 high school graduates who are currently enrolled in their first year at the University of Washington:

| <u>Name</u>   | <u>Goal</u>           | <u>High School</u> | <u>Award</u> |
|---------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Yoko Fujita   | International Studies | Foster             | \$800        |
| Delores Green | Medicine/Biology      | Henry Foss         | \$800        |

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The JACL Newsletter is published each month by the Seattle Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League. Send items for inclusion by the first of the month to JACL, 316 Maynard Ave. So. (Rm. 108), Seattle, WA 98104. To advertise send \$40 (for 12 issues) and a camera-ready ad the size of a business card or smaller. -- Editor Ken Mochizuki

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| Tami Nishi        | Computer Engineering | Wapato    | \$1,600 |
| Stephanie Tashiro | Medicine/Biology     | Interlake | \$800   |
| Victor Tashiro    | Engineering          | Cleveland | \$800   |
| Alex Umino        | Business/Engineering | Franklin  | \$800   |

A reception will be held on the night of October 19, 1985, at the Kawabe Memorial House, 221 18th Avenue South, Seattle, to honor the scholarship recipients. The University Students Club, Inc. will also present a \$500 contribution to the Seattle Chapter JACL for the Dr. Minoru Masuda Memorial Fund. Food will be served, and the program will start at 7:30 p.m.

### Calendar of Events

**ART EXHIBIT BY NISEI PAINTER TAKE HAMA**-- Through October 20, Frye Museum, 704 Terry Ave. Emphasis on still life and scenery.

**FIRST ANNUAL MINORITY AND WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS' CONFERENCE**-- Saturday, October 12, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Rainier community Center, 3701 S. Oregon St. Cost: \$10. For women and minorities who own a business or want to start one. For information call Nancy Truitt Pierce at 764-5398.

**SEATTLE BUDDHIST CHURCH DRUM & BUGLE CORPS & COLOR GUARDS SUKIYAKI DINNER**-- Sunday, October 13, 11:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Seattle Buddhist Church, 1427 S. Main St. Donation: Adults--\$5.50, Children--\$3.50. A teriyaki chicken dinner will also be served.

**SEATTLE CHAPTER BOARD MEETING**-- Wednesday, October 16, 7:30 p.m., Chapter Office. Everyone welcome.

**UNIVERSITY STUDENTS CLUB, INC. SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**-- Thursday, October 19, 7:30 p.m., Kawabe House. Seven scholarships to be awarded for the 1985-86 season as well as a \$500 contribution to the JACL Min Masuda Memorial Fund.

**NISEI VETS' BAZAAR**-- Sunday, November 3, 11 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Nisei Vets' Hall, 1212 S. King St. Featuring Japanese foods, baked goods, craft items, game booths and their famous steak dinner.

-- 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?

( ) Upcoming events -- please include this event in the JACL calendar/newsletter:  
(Event, sponsoring organization, date/time, contact person)

( ) 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.  
(Name, day/evening phone, committees or areas of interest)

( ) I would like to see more information in the newsletter on:

INFORMATION AND OTHER COMMENTS:

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