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President's Message

by Joy St. Germain

Konnichi wa! The cool autumn air brings a sense of change, as students return to school and summer clothing is folded away.

As a volunteer organization, the JACL has remained strong, season after season. However, there is a need to attract new leaders and members as we continue implementing the JACL "Program for Action" and as we pursue new directions. We invite you to put in your name as a candidate for the 1993 Board of Directors or Executive Officer and joining JACL in our work. In 1993, Kip Tokuda will be President of our chapter, and I will serve as Board delegate. All other positions are open. There are 21 Directors on the board and nine Executive Officer positions.

We have reviewed our committees and foresee many new activities in 1993, from reviving the Youth Committee (JAYS) and networking our young members with the National Youth Council, to organizing an eight-week seminar targeted for late winter/early spring 1993, which will highlight the issues identified in the JACL Program for Action (see Special Report).

Please complete the Nomination Form on page 3 of this newsletter and mail it to us, drop it off to one of the Officers or Board members, or give one of us a call. We welcome all new and longtime members to join us. Please consider dedicating a year to work with us. If you do not want to take a Board position but would like to get involved with JACL, there are many active committees that you may wish to join or serve on as chairperson. In late October, a ballot will be mailed to your home — please take time to send in your vote.

I enjoyed the 2nd Annual JACL Picnic in August, largely attended by members of Doshi Kai, a committee of young members who get together every month over dinner. There is a sense that JACL is changing, with a new National JACL Board and within our Seattle chapter. It is an important time to take the challenge to build and implement what our organization should and can be. We need and welcome you to attend all Board meetings and to join us in 1993. Please see page 2 for the September 16 agenda.

50th Anniversary Minidoka Conference

The College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls, Idaho, is sponsoring a conference October 2 and 3 commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Minidoka Relocation Center at Hunt, Idaho. The conference will include lectures, panel discussions, a banquet and guided tour of the camp site.

Speakers and panelists include: Cressy Nakagawa, former National JACL president, who will be the keynote speaker for the Friday evening banquet; visual artist Roger Shimomura, Professor of Arts at the University of Kansas; Lonny Kaneko, creative writing teacher at Highline College; Raymond S. Uno, former 3rd District and 5th Circuit Court judge for the state of Utah; Bill Hosokawa, retired journalist and author;

Dr. David Adler, Associate Professor of Political Science at Idaho State University specializing in Constitutional Law; and Dr. Robert Sims, Dean, College of Social Science and Public Affairs at Boise State University, and author of numerous works on the Japanese American experience in Idaho.

Registration for the conference is \$15; reservations are required for the banquet, at \$10 each. Checks payable to College of Southern Idaho; mail to Hunt Conference, Dora Jones, P.O. Box 1238, College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301. For information, registration forms contact Karen Yoshitomi at PNW District JACL office, 671 S. Jackson St., Seattle 98104, 623-5088.

Chapter Focus

Legacy Fund

Sincere appreciation to donors to the National JACL Legacy Fund in the month of August — \$1,000+: Mae Miyake in memory of Mr./Mrs. Matsuta Miyake and \$500+: Mr./Mrs. Hal Ise.

Newsletter Mailout — thanks!

Thank you to volunteers who came to help with the August newsletter mailout: Rose Ogino, Haruo Fujino, Sam Shoji, Mits Katayama, Kazzie Katayama, May Namba, Kiyoshi G. Fukano, and Carol Kamiyama. Please join us every second Wednesday of the month at the Japanese Language School at 1414 S. Weller St. for the newsletter mailouts. Thanks!

Nisei Aging Project

In 1980-82, the Nisei Aging Project, begun by Dr. Minoru Masuda and continued by Dr. Donna Leonetti, collected data on aging from 222 Nisei men and women 50 to 75 years of age. In 1992-92, a follow-up study of those same individuals has been started by Dr. Leonetti, who has requested \$8,500 from the Min Masuda Memorial Fund to finance this project. A report of the results will be distributed to community organizations and churches and to individuals by request.

The Min Masuda Memorial Fund Committee unanimously endorses Dr. Leonetti's follow-up study and strongly urges community support. The data gained through this study should prove invaluable to us all. Monetary contributions toward this project may be

made payable to the Min Masuda Memorial Fund, c/o Mako Nakagawa, Chairperson, 4347-13th Ave. S., Seattle, WA 98108.

Seattle JACL Board Meeting AGENDA

September 16, 7:00pm, 1414 S. Weller St.

- 7:00 Call to Order
- 7:05 Minutes of July 15 meeting
- 7:10 Nomination Committee (Belle Nishioka, Tom Nakao, Jerome Roaché, Joy St. Germain, Kip Tokuda)
- 7:30 Budget update (Carol Kamiyama)
- 7:45 Committee reports
 - 1st VP (Mike Kimura): Aging; Cherry Blossom; Mailout; Min Masuda; Nikkei Concerns; Queen Contest
 - 2nd VP (Arlene Oki): Doshi Kai; Fundraising; Newsletter; Pacific Citizen; Public Relations; Speakers Bureau
 - 3rd VP (Janice Yee): Budget & Grants; Endowment Fund; Installation Banquet; Insurance; International Relations; Membership; Nominations; Office Management; 1000 Club; Recognition
 - 4th VP (Ray Ishii): Anti-discrimination; Education; Legal/legislative; political education; Puyallup Monument; Redress; Committee to Reverse WWII Internment cases
- 8:20 Legacy Fund project
- 8:35 Announcements and other business
- 9:00 Adjournment

Chapter Elections

It's time to recruit and establish our slate of candidates for the fall election of the Seattle Chapter JACL officers and Board of Directors. Please consider running for office or recruiting and nominating people for these important positions. Below is a short description of the roles and responsibilities of the officers and Board Members, and a list of committees that carry out the work of the Seattle Chapter JACL.

Term of office: 1 year (January 1–December 31)

Meetings: Third Wednesday of the month at the JACL Office, from 7pm–9pm. Officers and board members shall be subject to removal after three unexcused absences.

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Board Delegate	President-Elect		
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Recording Secretary			
Treasurer			
Historian			
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Mailout	Newsletter	Installation Banq.	Legal/legislative
Min Masuda	Pacific Citizen	Insurance	Political education
Nikkei Concerns	Public Relations	Nominations	Puyallup monument
Queen Contest	Speakers Bureau	International Relations	Committee to reverse WWII internment cases
JAYS/Youth		Recognition	Redress
Scholarships		Office Manager	
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Board Member duties

- Attendance at regular Chapter meetings;
- Chair, co-chair or active participation in at least one committee;
- Working knowledge of Seattle Chapter;
- Promoting the Chapter's mission and programs in the community:
 - making possible the growth of the membership
 - determining and carrying out policies and programs of the chapter
 - controlling operating funds and capital assets for the use and benefit of the Chapter
 - approving all contracts and leases

Officer duties

President: presides at all meetings of the Board, all general meetings, and Executive meetings. S/he shall appoint annually chairpersons of all committees, and

in consultation with the chairpersons and s/he shall appoint members of the committees. S/he shall, with the Treasurer, sign leases and contracts approved by the Board. S/he shall be an ex-officio member of all committees and the Advisory Board and cultivate leadership among members of the board. S/he shall attend community meetings on behalf of JACL and shall be spokesperson at such meetings. S/he shall assure that the annual report is filed and minutes and other records maintained.

President-elect: shall use this year to learn the duties of the Presidency as outlined above, and shall serve as President the following year.

Vice presidents: shall assist committees to achieve their objectives; meet with committee chairs to develop work plans; monitor activities; coordinate

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Chapter Elections *continued*

inter-committee activities; act as liaison between committees and Executive Board.

First Vice-President: shall preside at Board meetings in the President's absence, attend District Council meetings in the President's absence, and monitor activities of assigned committees.

Second Vice-President: shall serve as coordinator of the JACL newsletter and monitor activities of assigned committees.

Third Vice-President: shall serve as Budget Committee chairperson and monitor activities of assigned committees.

Fourth Vice-President: shall serve as coordinator of the Membership Committee chairperson and monitor activities of assigned committees.

Recording Secretary: shall keep full minutes of all Executive and Board meetings, including the record of attendance.

Corresponding Secretary: shall see that notices are sent for all regular and special meetings; shall notify officers and committee members of their election or appointments; shall conduct correspondence as directed by the Board of directors.

Treasurer: shall have charge of the funds of the Chapter, including all deposits and payments; shall present to the Board at each regular meeting a statement of receipts, expenditures, and outstanding bills; shall establish and maintain appropriate accounting procedures; and shall, with the President, sign leases and other contracts of the Chapter.

Historian: shall maintain a record of Chapter activities and the Chapter library.

Seattle JACL Nomination Form

Please return this form to: JACL NOMINATIONS
PO BOX 18558
SEATTLE, WA 98118-0558

Deadline: This form must be received by the October Board Meeting (Wed. October 10, 1992)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: (day) _____ (eves/wknds) _____

Position of interest

- Board member President elect
 1st Vice President 2nd Vice President 3rd Vice President 4th Vice President
 Treasurer Recording Secretary Corresponding Secretary Historian

Statement of interest

In three sentences maximum, please explain why you would like to be a JACL officer or board member.

If you are nominating someone other than yourself, please fill out the information below:

NAME: _____

PHONE: (day) _____ (eves/wknds) _____

The person above has accepted the nomination: YES ___ NO ___

Questions? Call Belle Nishioka 767-8070

Thank you very much for your participation in the Seattle Chapter JACL

JACL Forum

The Seattle Chapter JACL would like to open the lines of communication between members and the board, and among members. We are starting a new JACL FORUM column for your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions. Letters should be 250 words or less, or they will be edited for brevity. They will be published at the discretion of the JACL Board.

To kick off the column, consider the following:

The Seattle Chapter JACL Constitution states our purpose: "... to foster American democracy, promote active participation in civic and national life, and secure justice an equal opportunities for all persons regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, or sex."

Does the Chapter Constitution reflect your concerns? Do you think that the board is accomplishing the goals stated? Any suggestions about how we could be doing a better job? For example, what stand, if any, should JACL have taken in regard to the LA riots? What is your opinion about the causes and solutions? What stand, if any, should Seattle Chapter JACL take with regard to the "Weed and Seed" program? Are there other programs that Seattle Chapter JACL should advocate or support?

Letters for the JACL Forum must be received by the 25th of the preceding month in order to be considered for publication. Please address your letters to JACL FORUM, P.O. Box 18558, Seattle, WA 98118.

JACL Credit Union

Did you know that JACL has a credit union? The National JACL Credit Union is a cooperative, nonprofit organization, established in Salt Lake City in 1943 by the JACL. Its purpose is to provide low-cost credit to its members.

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Special Report

JACL Program for Action Seminar

by Joy St. Germain

As you read in the August newsletter and in the *Pacific Citizen*, the Seattle Chapter has received a \$750 grant from National JACL's Legacy Fund Grant Program. The Executive Committee is now organizing a seminar series that is planned for next spring.

The project will be an eight-week seminar series, held on consecutive Friday evenings, 7-9pm, for

JACL members and the community at large. There will be an opening and closing session, and each of the six sessions will cover a different topic related to one of the goals in the JACL "Program for Action" document. The series will provide an opportunity for participants to get together to learn and informally discuss a variety of issues.

Opening session

Introduction to the seminar series; purpose and format to be determined (e.g., participants can choose to attend one of all of the sessions; workshop or lecture format)

The sessions outlined below are not necessarily in the order of presentation, nor confirmed. If you would like to help plan a session, contact the person listed as the organizer.

Personal Finance Planning

Developing a realistic plan; ways to increase income and decrease expenses; projecting financial needs into later years. (organized by Ray Ishii)

Unity Amidst Diversity

"The Concept of Cooperative Pluralism, from Me to We — Beyond Tacos on Tuesday and Fried Rice on Fridays" Speaker: Mako Nakagawa (organized by Joy St. Germain)

Topic to be announced

Speaker: Dr. Calvin Takagi, Professor of Social Work, University of Washington. Dr. Takagi's work includes research in the Asian American experience; mental health in minority populations; and issues of minority families. (organized by Janice Yee)

Political Action

The political role JACL should take has been a topic of discussion by the Board of Directors. This session will consider how to enhance JACL's involvement in this area. (organized by Arlene Oki)

Education

In order to provide employment and leadership opportunities for Japanese Americans and other persons of color in the public and private sectors, more discussion and networking needs to take place between professionals and youth, and among community organizations such as JACL and businesses. (organized by Gail Tanaka)


Media Stereotyping


JACL needs to continue to speak out about media stereotyping, anti-Asian sentiment, hate crimes, Japan-bashing, and other anti-Asian movements such as the "Buy American" campaigns. This session will address the role that JACL and all individuals can play in responding to anti-Asian incidents, statements, and depictions. (organized by Kip Tokuda)

Closing session

Wrap-up and summary of seminar sessions; evaluation of the program; community forum discussion; social event.


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Community Notes

Redress Update

As many of you know, there are two bills under consideration now in Congress, S 2553 and HR 4551 (The Civil Liberties Act Amendments of 1992) which will authorize funds to pay the remaining estimated 80,000 former internees eligible for redress payment. Our entire Washington state delegation has now put forth a united front in this effort. On September 5, Congressman Rod Chandler signed onto the bill, which will be coming to the floor of the House during the second or third week of September.

— submitted by Wayne Kimura

New Wing Luke Museum exhibit

The work of artist Frank Fujii will be featured at the Wing Luke Museum through December 13. His exhibit will consist of 35 pieces: a variety of silk screen prints, acrylic paintings, four-sided box paintings and multi-media work. For more information see Calendar of Events.

ACRS Recognition Dinner

The Asian Counseling and Referral Service will present a Community Service Award to Dr. Ruby Inouye at their third annual Recognition Dinner on September 29. Dr. Inouye started her practice in Seattle in 1949 and has been active with Keiro, Nikkei Concerns, Ayame Kai, and the Japanese Baptist Church. The Recognition Dinner is ACRS' major fundraiser, which will help to support comprehensive bilingual, bicultural mental health and social services for King County Asian/Pacific Islanders. For more information see Calendar of Events.

Minoru Yasui research project at Denver Auraria Library Archives


In 1984, Min Yasui donated his extensive collection of papers to the Auraria Library Archives in Denver. Barbara Upp, a PhD candidate at the University of Oregon is researching this collection, focusing how Yasui formulated strategy and oratory in his 1942 case, in the 1983 *coram nobis* case, and in the redress campaign. The Auraria Library Archives requests that you consider donating any materials, especially recordings of speeches, that you may have about or by Min Yasui. Because he spoke extemporaneously, he left no manuscripts or notes of speeches in the collection, with the exception of his 1942 presentencing speech. For information about donating materials to the collection, contact Rutherford W. Witthus, Auraria Library Archives, Lawrence at 11th Street, Denver, CO 80204, phone: (303) 556-8373.


International District Weekend Market

The Seattle Chinatown-International District Preservation and Development Authority (SCIDPDA) is conducting a pilot project to test a weekend retail market at the Metro Station Plaza through September 27. The purpose of the market is to improve the livability of the International District community; to promote the Asian and Pacific Islander cultural and economic qualities of the International District; to encourage street level, pedestrian-oriented retail activities; and to allow local merchants and artisans to sell their products directly to the consumer. If the 5-week pilot project is successful, it may be extended until December.


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Calendar of events

compiled by Ed Suguro

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

Reflection/Refraction: Alternative Visions — works by Asian/Pacific women artists including Nora Mukaihata, Haruko Okano, and Patti Warashina, through Sept. 18, Cunningham Gallery, University of Washington, Mon-Wed-Fri 1–5pm, Thurs 5–9pm. For information: 685-1090.

Take Hama: Visual Impressions — solo show by Seattle artist, through Oct. 4, Frye Art Museum, 704 Terry St., Mon–Sat 10am–5pm, Sun noon–5pm. For information: 622-9250.

Frank Fujii: Tradition and Change — through Dec. 13, Wing Luke Asian Museum, 407 7th Ave. S., Tues–Fri 11am – 4:30pm. Admission: \$2.50 adults, \$1.50 seniors/students, 75¢ children 5–12, free on Thursday. For information: 623-5124. For more detail, see Community Notes.

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

Novelist Cynthia Kadohata reads from *In the Heart of the Valley of Love* — Thurs, Sept. 17, 7:30pm, Elliott Bay Books, 101 S. Main St. Free. For information: 624-6600.

An evening of taiko — Olympia JACL presents Katari Taiko and Namukai Taiko, Sat Sept. 19, 7:30pm, The Washington Center, 512 Washington St., Olympia. Tickets: \$20 or \$15 adults, \$17 or \$12 seniors/students, \$10 balcony, \$25 for Special Patrons includes reception. Information: 206-753-8586.

Nichiren Buddhist Fujinkai Chow Mein Dinner — Sun, Sept. 27, 11am–4pm. Tickets: \$3.75 for chow mein only. Teriyaki chicken, imogashi and baked goods also on sale separately. For information: 323-2252.

ACRS Recognition dinner — Tues, Sept. 29, Westin Hotel, 5:30pm reception, 7:00 dinner, 8:00 program. Honoring Dr. Ruby Inouye. Tickets: \$50 per person. For reservations/information: 720-5324 or 720-5347. For more detail, see Community Notes.

Nikkei Horizons day tour: Leavenworth Fall Festival — Thurs, Oct. 1, 8am. Cost: \$40 includes transportation, box lunch and snacks. For information: 323-7100.

Hunt Conference: Commemorating Minidoka Relocation Center — Fri-Sat, Oct 2-3, College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls, ID. \$15 registration, \$10 banquet. For brochure/registration forms call Karen Yoshitomi at PNW District office, 623-5088. For details, see page 1 story.

Doshi Kai meeting — Tues, Oct. 6, 7pm. Call Wayne Kimura for name and address of restaurant, 827-0460 (days) or 869-5174 (eves/wknds).

Tomo no kai dineout — Fri, Oct. 9, Yankee Diner, 5300 24th Ave NW, 6pm cocktails, 6:30 dinner. Cost \$20. Send check to Hana Kato, 1700 12th Ave S., Seattle 98144. For information, Pauline, 723-8376.

Nikkei Community Dance — Sat, Oct 10, 8–11:30pm, Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King St. BYOL, live band. Admission: \$3 per person. For information: 772-1160.

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