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President's Message

by Joy St. Germain

Konnichi wa!

As a young Nisei (in my 30s) who grew up on the east coast, I never had the opportunity to be exposed to a Japanese American community, nor the incredible history and stories of Japanese Americans. Last month, the Japanese American Citizens League praised the most recent Congressional passage of the redress bill. The significance of this action was difficult for me to fully appreciate without a better understanding of American history. Thus, I have been reading — *They Call Me Moses Masaoka*, by Mike Masaoka with Bill Hosokawa; *JACL in Quest of Justice, History of the Japanese American Citizens League*, by Bill Hosokawa; *Personal Justice Denied*, the Report of the

Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians; and *The Bamboo People: The Law and Japanese Americans*, by Frank F. Chuman. These books are helping me to raise my awareness of this important event in American history. I would recommend these books, (and I am sure there are others), for any members who are interested in the history of JACL and of Japanese Americans in the United States. JACL activities were crucial to the passage of redress; let's steer JACL so as to continue contributing and working to make this world a better place.

Wishing you all a wonderful Autumn season. *O genki de!*

Hate Crimes: definitions, response, and prevention

In Washington State, a hate crime is called "malicious harassment," which is defined as "the intent to intimidate or harass another person because of that person's race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, or mental, physical, or sensory handicap." The City of Seattle law broadens that definition to include intimidation and harassment based on sexual orientation, gender, marital status, political ideology, age, and parental status.

In 1991, the Seattle Police Department received over 175 reports of hate crimes committed against persons because of their race, religion, ethnic origin, or political beliefs. If you are a victim of a hate crime or witness a hate crime, call the police and/or a victim advocacy agency such as the Northwest Coalition Against Malicious Harassment (NWCAMH) at 233-9136 or the Washington State Office of Crime Victims Advocacy at 1-800-822-1067.

If you have questions about your rights or wish to know more about hate crimes, a number of agencies also provide educational and referral services: the

King County Office of Civil Rights at 296-7592, and the City of Seattle Hate Crimes Information and Referral Line at 233-1080. For a brochure listing these and other numbers and information, call Elaine Ko at 684-0390.

The NWACMH is holding its 1992 Annual Conference in Eugene, Oregon on October 23-25. NWACMH works to determine the dimensions of the problem and threat of harassment; to monitor activities of groups that advocate racial supremacy; to assist local communities to develop strategies to combat hate crimes; to provide education on the broad topics of prejudice and bias; to encourage the reporting of hate crimes; and to facilitate the response of law enforcement agencies to hate crimes. Registration for the conference is \$45 per person (\$30 for students), which covers two days of workshops (8-12 concurrent workshops in six sessions), four keynote speeches, entertainment, and Continental breakfasts. Single-day attendance is \$30 per person. For registration, call (503) 687-4488 by October 16.


Chapter Focus

October Board Meeting date change

The date for the October Board Meeting will be held on October 28 (the fourth Wednesday of the month rather than the usual third Wednesday). There's still time for anyone who is interested in running for Board Member or Officer to get their names on the ballot. Please give any of us a call.

Chapter Elections

All JAACL members will soon receive a ballot with a slate of candidates for the 1993 Seattle Chapter Officers and Board of Directors. Please take the time to cast your votes and mail back the ballot. There are 21 Board member and 9 Executive Officer positions open. These are people who represent you — your vote will make a difference.



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Seattle Chapter JAACL Board Meeting AGENDA

October 28, 7:00pm, 1414 S. Weller St.


- 7:00 Call to Order
- 7:05 Minutes of September 16 meeting
- 7:10 Nominations (Belle Nishioka, Tom Nakao, Jerome Roaché, Joy St. Germain, Sam Shoji, Kip Tokuda, Janice Yee)
- 7:30 Budget update (Carol Kamiyama)
- 7:40 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; Puyallup Monument; Redress; Committee to Reverse WWII Internment cases
- 8:00 Legacy Fund project
- 8:10 New office update and proposal.
- 8:35 Announcements and other business
- 9:00 Adjournment



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Community Notes

Seattle Japan Language School 90th Anniversary

Mi-mi, ba-na ... these were the words with which many Nisei started their studies at the Seattle Japanese Language School. Founded in 1902, it is the oldest such school in the continental United States. To commemorate this landmark date, the School is holding a 90th birthday party at the Seattle Buddhist Church, 1427 S. Main on November 7. Doors will open at 3 pm for a photo exhibit covering the history of the school, followed by a social hour at 4 pm and dinner at 5 pm. Tickets, which are \$15, are available from any of the School Board members or by calling 323-0250. All Japanese Language School alumni are urged to attend this event, and to help identify many people pictured in the exhibit.

University Students Club scholarships

The University Students Club awarded its 1992-93 scholarships to the following students: Russell Aoki, a 1992 graduate of Kent-Meridian H.S.; Christina Hirayama, a 1989 graduate of Thomas Jefferson H.S., Auburn; Shelly Ann Kumasaka, a 1992 graduate of Bothell H.S.; Natalie Tsurusaki, a 1992 graduate of Liberty H.S., Issaquah; Bryan Urakawa, a 1989 graduate of Kent-Meridian H.S.; and Elizabeth Wong, a 1992 graduate of Shorewood H.S. Each recipient will receive \$1,000 for the 92-93 school year at the University of Washington. Applications are being accepted for the 1993-94 school year. Nikkei students who plan to attend the UW full-time are eligible.

Applications are available at all local high schools and the UW Financial Aid Office. For more information, call Ken Sato, 363-1414.

Workshop on Health, Healing, and Death

A workshop entitled *Creative Living: A Holistic Approach to Health, Healing, Death, and Dying*, conducted by Dr. Mitsuo Aoki, will be held at the St. Peter's Episcopal Parish, 1610 S. King St. on Saturday, November 7. The fee for the one-day workshop is \$5 before Oct. 24, and \$10 thereafter. Dr. Aoki taught Asian Religions for 30 years at the University of Hawaii, made frequent trips to Asia, lived in monasteries and reserached the Asian arts of healing and meditation. In the past 20 years he has worked intensively with cancer patients and hospice. For registration/information write to Y. Yoda, 4562 S. Barton St., Seattle, WA 98118.

Taiko Workshop

Seattle Kokon Taiko is offering two one-day workshops in the art of Japanese drumming on consecutive Sundays, Oct. 18 and Oct. 25, from 1-5 pm at the Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King St. Both workshops are geared toward beginners and taught by senior performing members of Seattle Kokon Taiko, all with ten or more years of experience. Participants must be at least 18 years old and capable of fairly strenuous activity. Enrollment is limited and pre-registration is required. The fee is \$20. Call Bill Blauvelt at 285-2567 for registration information.

Calendar of events

compiled by Ed Suguro

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

Northwest Asian American Theatre presents *The Dance and the Railroad* — through November 1, Theatre Off Jackson, 409 7th Ave. S., Thurs-Sat, 8pm, Sun 4pm. Admission: \$12 adults, \$9 seniors/students/disables, \$6 actors/children, group discounts for 10 or more. For information: 340-1049.

Bronze and wood sculpture by Gerard Tsutakawa — through November 29, Foster/White Gallery, 311 1/2 Occidental Ave. S., Mon-Sat 10am-5:30pm, Sun noon-5pm. For information: 622-2833.

Frank Fujii: Tradition and Change — display of 30 pieces by Frank Fujii, also paintings by Laihong Tran, through December 13, Wing Luke Asian Museum, 407 7th Ave. S., Tues-Fri 11am-4:30pm, first Thurs of the month till 7pm, Sat-Sun noon-4pm. Admission: \$2.50 adults, \$1.50 seniors/students, 75¢ children 5-12, free on Thurs. For information: 623-5124.

JACL PNW District meeting — Sun, October 18, 10:30-3:30pm, Holiday Inn, downtown Portland. For info, call Seattle PNW District office at 623-5088.

White River Fall Bazaar — Sun, October 18, 11am-6pm, White River Buddhist Church, 3625 Auburn Way N. For information: 833-1442.

Community: An evening with Dean Wong — slideshow and discussion of International District by Dean Wong to benefit *International Examiner*, Mon, October 19, reception 6:30-7:30pm, Wing Luke Asian Museum, 407 7th Ave. S., slideshow and discussion 7:30-9 pm, Theatre Off Jackson, 408 7th Ave. S. Suggested donation: \$10. For information: 624-3925.

Nikkei Horizons Day Tour — Uwajimaya/SEASIA — Thurs, October 22, 10am. Fee: \$10. For information: 323-7100.

Chapter Board Meeting — Wed, October 28, 7pm, Japanese Language School, 1414 S. Weller St. Everyone welcome.

Asian American Journalists Association Scholarship Fundraiser — Fri, October 30, 6pm, Seattle Space Needle. Guest speaker: George Takei of *Star Trek* fame, mistress of ceremonies: KING-TV's Laurie

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Matsukawa. Tickets: \$40 general, \$30 students. For information: 443-6761.

Doshi Kai meeting — Tues, November 3, 7pm. Call Wayne Kimura for name and address of restaurant, 827-0460 (days) or 869-5174 (eves/wknds).

Seattle Japanese Language School Reunion Dinner — Sat., November 7, Seattle Buddhist Church, 1427 S. Main St., 3pm photo exhibit viewing, 4pm social hour, 5pm dinner. Tickets \$15. See story in *Community Notes*. For information: 323-0250.

Nisei Vets Committee's Annual Bazaar — Sun, November 8, 11am - 7pm, Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King St. For information: 322-1122.

Tomo no kai meeting — Mon, November 9, 7pm, Keiro Nursing Home, 1601 E. Yesler Way. Guest Speaker: Leah DeRoulet, social work supervisor, Swedish Hospital Tumor Institute, on *Grief and Bereavement: Living with Cancer*. For information call Pauline, 723-8376.

University Students Club Scholarship reception — Sat, November 14, 7:30pm. Kawabe Memorial House, 221 18th Ave. S. For more information, see story in *Community Notes*.

Nikkei Community Dance — Sat, November 14, 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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