

# J A C L NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message

by Joy St. Germain

*Konnichi wa!* At the Pacific Northwest District meeting in Portland, your District Council voted to pass a resolution on the state of Oregon's Measure No. 9. This proposal would have amended the state constitution requiring all governments discourage homosexuality, other listed "behaviors." Our resolution:

WHEREAS the passage of Ballot Measure 9 in the November 1992 general election would amend the Oregon constitution to remove civil rights for gay and lesbian residents of Oregon;

WHEREAS no other state in the United States has singled out a group of citizens and declared the group to be undeserving of civil rights protections in its state Constitution in recent history;

WHEREAS Japanese Americans are well aware of the dangers of government discrimination in violation of a people's civil rights under the Constitution, through the shameful legacy of forced internment in the United States during World War II;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pacific Northwest District Council of the Japanese American Citizens League strongly opposes passage of the Oregon Ballot Measure No. 9 in the November, 1992

general election, and takes active steps to make its position known to all its chapter members and the general public.

It is important that groups such as the JACL continue to take a leadership role on civil rights issues, which includes voicing concerns and opinions on current events in our local communities, Washington State, the United States and the international community. The JACL is an effective organization, and we truly can help make changes happen.

*PostScript* (11/9/92) There's a sense of a new beginning, with U.S. President-elect Bill Clinton and Washington Governor-elect Mike Lowry. Clinton met with representatives of the Asian American community during his recent trip to Seattle and he also made a personal phone call to JACL at the National Convention. Lowry is a longtime supporter of JACL and redress. The Oregon Measure #9 did not pass, but about 45% did vote for it, and we must address that fact. There's much work to be done in JACL. Let us be inspired by our new leaders. Join your Seattle chapter JACL and participate in our activities. Your input makes a difference.

## Legacy Fund benefits Seattle Chapter

Since the kick-off of the JACL Legacy fund in the fall of 1990 to the end of September 1992, contributions credited to the Seattle Chapter total \$256,065. Nationally, the Fund balance as of mid-September is \$3,506,239 or 35% of its final goal of \$410 million.

Proceeds from the first year's revenue allocated to a grants program have been awarded to nine chapters, including Seattle, in amounts ranging from \$500 to \$1500 for programs that will promote the goals of JACL. Projects range from an anti-Asian violence seminar, a tiny tots cultural awareness program, educational videos, to a teacher's training program. Details of the Seattle Chapter program, which will be a series of seminars open to the public, will be issued soon.

Under the revenue-sharing feature of the Legacy

Fund, the Seattle Chapter also received \$1080.65 from the first year's income, an amount which should continue each year if contributions keep up to the proportionate level of the first two years. The benefits of contributing to the Legacy Fund can thus be realized at both the local and national levels. Donations may be made payable to JACL Legacy Fund and mailed to the JACL/PNW, 671 S. Jackson St., room 206, Seattle, WA 98104.

### October Legacy Fund donors

Deepest appreciation to the following generous donors for the month of October: \$1,000+: Mitsue Matsui (in memory of Michio & Fusayo Kono); \$500+: Carol Kamiyama (in memory of George Mitsuo Kaneko).

## Chapter Focus

### Installation Banquet

The 71st annual Installation Banquet for the Seattle Chapter JACL will be held Saturday, January 15, 1993 at Doubletree Suites Hotel, 16500 Southcenter Pkwy in Seattle. We will be honoring and recognizing two artists in our community, George Tsutakawa and Paul Horiuchi. Social hour will start at 5:30pm, followed by dinner at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$35 per person and \$20 for students. Ticket applications will be mailed to all current Seattle Chapter members. For more information, please contact Ayako Hurd (527-1464) or Takako Yoda (722-6547). All Chapter members, friends, and families are invited to attend.

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### Seattle JACL Board Meeting AGENDA

OPEN MEETING: EVERYONE WELCOME!  
November 18, 1414 S. Weller St.

- 7:00 Call to Order
- 7:05 Minutes of October 28 meeting
- 7:10 JACL election results & discussion
- 7:30 Budget update (Carol Kamiyama)
- 7:40 Committee reports

1st VP (Mike Kimura): Aging; Cherry Blossom; Mailout; Min Masuda; Nikkei Concerns; Queen Contest; JAYS - Japanese American Youth

2nd VP (Arlene Okii): 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 update
- 8:10 New office update and proposal
- 8:35 Announcements and other business
- 9:00 Adjournment

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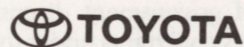
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## Community Notes

### Nikkei Memorial in Washington D.C.

Legislation to honor the patriotism of Japanese Americans during World War II has been passed in Congress and was signed by the President on October 24. The bill was unanimously passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate prior to the adjournment of the 102nd Congress. "This memorial will be a reminder to all of us that Americans are not defined by their race or national origin," said Congressman Norm Mineta, sponsor of the bill. "We are defined by our shared commitment to the principles of equality and justice ... Fifty years ago, this nation forgot that truth in the rush of wartime hysteria. Our hope is that this memorial will serve to remind all Americans of the price that was paid, and the need for eternal vigilance

in safeguarding the rights of all Americans," concluded Mineta.

### Japanese American National Museum

The JANM, located in the historic Little Tokyo district of Los Angeles, is raising funds for its Phase II Pavilion, a 65,000 square foot expansion that will triple the size of the museum. The JANM is the largest repository of Japanese American materials in the world, including an Issei Pioneer exhibit, an interactive learning environment for all generations, and numerous artifacts, documents, and photographic/moving images. For more information, contact the Japanese American National Museum, 369 East First Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012, phone: (213) 625-0414.

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## Seattle JACL — Join us today!

The JACL is the only national Japanese American nonprofit civil rights organization. Our most recent success was the 18-year effort to win redress for Nikkei who were evacuated from their homes and relocated into concentration camps during World War II. We are also involved in cultural events, providing scholarships, and dealing with issues of concern in many areas, including education, affirmative action, leadership training, and more.

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Your membership allows you to attend any or all JACL meetings at your option.

To join JACL, complete the form below and return to:

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**Thank you for your support!**

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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.

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

**Frank Fujii: Tradition and Change** — through December 13, Wing Luke Asian Museum, 407 Seventh Ave. S., Tues-Fri 11am-4:30pm, Sat-Sun noon-4pm. \$2.50 adults, \$1.50 seniors/students, 75¢ children 5-12. For information: 623-5124.

**Chapter Board Meeting** — Wed, November 18, 7pm Japanese Language School, 1414 S. Weller St. Everyone welcome.

**Asian Pacific Director's Coalition Legislative Reception** — meet local legislators to discuss needs and concerns of our communities, Thurs, Nov. 19, 5-7pm, Bush Garden Restaurant, 614 Maynard Ave. S. For information: Tony, 296-4325.

**Ayame Kai 11th Annual Holiday Craft Fair** — Sat., November 21, 10am-4pm, Seattle Buddhist Church, 1427 S. Main St. For information: 323-7100.

**First Hill Lions Club Las Vegas Night** — Wed, November 25, 5pm-1am, Bush Gardens Restaurant, 614 Maynard Ave. S. Blackjack, craps, wheel games and pull tabs. Proceeds to benefit community projects. For information: Gary, 325-6555.

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**Doshi Kai Meeting** — Tues, Dec. 1, 7pm. Call Wayne Kimura for name and address of restaurant, 827-0460 (days) or 869-5174 (eves/wknds).

**Seattle JACL International Relations Committee dinner** — with Consul General of Japan, Honorable Masaki Saito, Sat December 5, Kawabe Memorial House, 6pm. For information call Ken Nakano, 822-2701.

**Seattle Japanese Gardeners Association New Horizon X Dance** — Sat, December 5, 8pm—midnite, Seattle

Buddhist Church, 1427 S. Main St., music by Arlin and Gail, BYOL, mixers and ice available. Donation: \$10.

**Tomo no Kai meeting** — potluck, Sat December 12, Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King St., for information: Pauline, 723-8376.

**Seattle Sansei's Children's Christmas Party** — Sun, Dec. 13, 1–3pm, Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King St., Santa Claus, refreshments and entertainment. Bring a gift under \$5 marked for boy or girl. For information: 772-2163.

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