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Incoming President's Report*by Kip Tokuda*

I hope that you all have had a happy and healthy holiday season and, as you reflect over the past year, are thinking about what is ahead. This year, I am doing just that, and not without pain as I experience the loss of my mother-in-law who was what I think of as a quiet hero, one of those individuals who without fanfare goes about helping people and causes. I think of many "heroes" from our community, literally hundreds, who have given themselves for the "greater good" of all people.

But as most things, my criteria for hero status has changed. Frank Fujii, for example, was a hero to me in 1950 because of his Globetrotter-like basketball skills. He is a hero to me today due to his skills as an artist and his community work. And, just as people, organizations experience change as they grow.

History, for better or worse, has a way of shaping us in profound ways. Our response must be constructive. Redress, the murder of Vincent Chin and the Rodney King beating reinforced for me two very basic

lessons. The first is that hatred and prejudice can and do affect us in real and ugly ways. The second is that social change will not happen in a vacuum, that traditional boundaries must be crossed, that in order to bring about progressive change, we must work collectively with others who share our goals. These are old themes and ones that most of us espouse. But my hope is that we continue to practice this simple concept of working together, crossing traditional boundaries and showing tangible results in 1993. I look forward to working, and playing, with many of you during the year.

*Kampai!***Outgoing President's Report***by Joy St. Germain*

I am thankful to have had the opportunity this past year to serve as the president of the Seattle Chapter JACL. It has been a rewarding and inspirational experience. I am confident that the JACL will enjoy continued successes under the leadership of incoming President Kip Tokuda. I look forward to the new year as Board Delegate, where I can further work with JACL to reach our many goals. As the year begins, I'd like to share a quotation that encourages me. The quote is from (John) Calvin Coolidge, the 30th president of the United States (1923-'29):

"Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan "press on" has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race."

*Dozo ganbatte kudasai!***Reminder****Installation Banquet - January 16**

Governor Mike Lowry (who is to be inaugurated Jan. 13) will keynote the 71st Annual Installation Banquet for the Seattle Chapter JACL, Saturday, January 16, 1993 at the Doubletree Suites Hotel, 16500 Southcenter Parkway in Tukwila. Artists George Tsutakawa and Paul Horiuchi will be honored. Ron Chew and the Wing Luke Asian Museum will receive a special recognition award. Social hour will start at 5:30 pm, followed by dinner at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$35 per person and \$20 for students. Call Ayako Hurd (527-1464) or Takako Yoda (722-6547) for information.

Chapter Focus

\$8,500 Awarded Nisei Project

by Mako Nakagawa

The Min Masuda Memorial Committee (MMMC) of Seattle Chapter JACL recently awarded \$8,500 to the Nisei Aging and Retirement Project (NARP), a comprehensive study initiated by Dr. Masuda, of Nisei attitudes and values, social and community activities, family relationships and socio-economic resources. In 1983, a condensation and summary of the study was published in a booklet. NARP has continued studying Nisei mental, emotional and physical health factors unique to the Nisei. The \$8,500 will be used to analyze all the data collected and record the study and conclusions in book form before it is officially turned over to the JACL. The final document is scheduled to be distributed to the community around the time of the 1994 JACL Installation Banquet.

This award by the MMMC reactivated the memory of the friend who meant so much to many of us old timers in the JACL. We will again take on projects to honor Min Masuda, who left an indelible legacy to the Seattle JACL.

It is an integral part of our Japanese heritage to recognize and acknowledge the gifts awarded us from those who pioneered new grounds and made inroads into the mainstream society so that more of us can live with dignity and pride. Such a trailblazer was Min Masuda.

It is also part of our Japanese legacy to long remember those who we owe. If we cannot in our turn give back to those to whom we directly owe, we try to give back to the community in his/her name. It is in this spirit that the Min Masuda Memorial Fund was created with donations from many, many friends who knew they benefited from the love of Min. It is in this spirit that the members of the MMMC try to carry on the torch lit by Min himself.

Meanwhile it is the goal of the committee to replenish the funds taken out of the MMMC account so that more good work in the name of Min Masuda

can be carried on and/or encouraged. Thanks to Hana Masuda, Tina Liang, Donna Leonetti and yours truly, the committee is off to a good start in the money recovery campaign. Two thousand dollars have been received with another \$2,000 pledged. If you are interested in helping the committee, please write your check to JACL—Seattle Chapter Min Masuda Memorial Committee. Ten more people donating \$500 each will put us back to our original level of operation. Any amount will help to keep the MMM Committee active.

Hoping the new year will bring you health, hope and happiness.

Vice Presidential Awards

At the Executive Board meeting in December, the four Vice Presidents gave President Joy Misako St. Germain names of individuals they wanted to recognize for their work on committees or on behalf of the Chapter. The following awards were not publicly distributed, due to the snowstorm and the cancelled board meeting in December. We'd like to recognize them here. Congratulations to the recipients! Thanks for your hard work.

- 1st Vice President, Michael Kimura to: **Sam Shoji** (for all you do!)
- 2nd Vice President, Janice Yee to: 1993 Annual Installation Banquet Committee Members (**Kazzie Katayama, Darrell Mihara, David Hoekendorf, May Namba, Ayako Hurd, Takako Yoda, Arlene Oki, Mike Kimura, Sam Shoji and Shigeko Uno**).
- 3rd Vice President, Arlene Oki to: **Holly Yasui**, JACL Newsletter
- 4th Vice President, Ray Ishii to: **Barbara Burdick**, Political Action Committee

There will be no January Board of Directors meeting, due to the Annual Installation Banquet on January 16th, and a Board retreat.

Community Notes

Paul Isaki joins Seattle Mariners

Paul Isaki, who served as director of Washington's Trade and Economic Development under Gov. Booth Gardner, begins his new position this month as vice president of business development for the Seattle Mariners. Isaki is responsible for increasing revenues and seeking new business opportunities for the baseball team.

Mayumi Tsutakawa resigns as King County arts manager

Mayumi Tsutakawa resigned as Manager of the Cultural Resources Division of the King County Parks, Planning and Resources Department, effective February 1. Tsutakawa has been with the Department since May 1984, when she was hired as Community Arts Coordinator for the K.C. Arts Commission. She was chosen as manager of the Division in November 1990 following a nationwide search involving much of the K.C. and Seattle arts community. She was responsible for administering King County's arts and landmarks preservation programs with a budget of nearly \$3 million, more than half of which comes from Washington hotel/motel tax revenues.

Tsutakawa based her decision to resign on "a personal need to have time to work on independent writing and cultural projects involving artists of color and community-based organizations. My position as division manager, while fascinating and challenging, leaves no room for these independent pursuits."

Lois Schwennesen, Director of K.C. Parks, Planning and Resources Department, regretfully accepted Tsutakawa's resignation, saying that Tsutakawa had been "a tremendous asset to King County and her influence will be felt for many years."

Robert Murase to design Portland Issei traveling exhibit

Award-winning landscape architect Robert Murase, of Murase and Associates with offices in Seattle and Portland, has been chosen to manage the design and fabrication team for the 1993 traveling exhibit, "The Issei Pioneers in Oregon," organized by the Japanese American National Museum (JANM) in Los Angeles. The exhibit is scheduled to open at the Oregon Historical Society in August 1993. Artifacts and information relating to contributions of Japanese pioneers in Oregon are being sought. Dr. Akemi Kikumura of JANM is the project director. Portland coordinator of the project is George Katagiri. Anyone interested in supporting the project should contact Katagiri at (503) 227-7079.

Host Families for Students Sought

Global Partners Institute (GPI), a non-profit cultural exchange and educational organization headquartered in Seattle, is currently looking for Bellevue area families to host Japanese High School students January 30 - March 19. Host families will be given a \$15 per day stipend. All students are fully insured and will pay for personal expenses.

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GPI provides homestay programs for international high school and university students who spend their holidays or take time out from their traditional schooling to experience living in the Pacific Northwest first hand while attending English and American culture classes and going on field trips.

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Sugiyama elected School Board president

Seattle School Board member Al Sugiyama was elected Board president by its members. Sugiyama faced opposition in his election as president from board newcomer Scott Barnhart.

NWAAT Third Annual Playwright Contest

The Northwest Asian American Theatre is accepting submissions for its Third Annual 1993 Playwright's Contest. Original scripts dealing with issues facing today's Asian American youth (6-16 years of age) are sought. Plays must be original scripts that have never had a full production. The winner, chosen by a panel of theater artists, will receive \$300 cash, a full workshop production of the script, a round trip ticket to Seattle and lodging. Playwrights should submit a cover letter, two copies of the manuscript (double spaced), and two self-addressed, stamped envelopes (one for reply and one for the return of scripts). The winner will be chosen by June 30, 1993. Desired theatrical elements include minimal set, six actors or less and an Asian American theme. Send scripts, postmarked by March 15, 1993, to: Playwright's Contest, Northwest Asian American Theatre, 409-7th Ave. S., Seattle, WA 98104.

442nd 50th Anniversary Reunion

The 442nd Regimental Combat Team will hold its 50th anniversary reunion at a five-day gathering in Honolulu March 24-28. Events planned include a parade, banquets, golf tournament, fashion show and a memorial service at Punchbowl Cemetery. Call Shiro Kashino (725-5802) for more information.

International Examiner seeks nominees for 1993 Community Voice Awards

The International Examiner is seeking nominations for its 1993 Community Voice Awards. This year's award winners will be honored at the Examiner's annual dinner, May 26 at the Union Station.

Criteria:

- Contributions to the Asian and Pacific Islander community;
- Leadership in the community;
- History of service to the community;
- Service to the International District;
- Unsung and unpublicized nature of their contributions;
- Influence and inspiration as a role model; and
- Ability to build bridges between different communities and cultures.

Other factors that will be considered: ethnic/cultural balance, gender balance, age balance.

Submit nominations, along with a brief (one-page summary of why the nominee deserves recognition, by Friday, January 15, 1993 to the International Examiner, 622 S. Washington, Seattle, WA 98104.

George Nakauye, Maxine Chan honored

George Nakauye, Seattle Police Department Reserve Officer, was honored at a Community Appreciation Toast December 12 for his work in counseling and tutoring Asian youth. Nakauye worked with SPD on anti-gang programs in Seattle Public Schools. The luncheon, which also honored SPD Crime Prevention liaison Maxine Chan, was held as a benefit for Asian Plaza Youth Foundation (which was started by Nakauye), an organization with programs aimed at offering Asian youth alternatives to joining gangs.

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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Calendar of events

compiled by Ed Suguro

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

"Brilliant News," multi-media installation by Susan Sagawa — through January 22, Art Center Gallery, Seattle Pacific University, 3 W. Cremona St., Mon-Fri 8 am-4 pm, Sat 9-11 am. For information: 281-2079.

Prints by Akio Takamori — through January 31, MIA Gallery, 536 1st Ave. S., Tues-Sat 11 am-5:30 pm, Sun 1-5 pm. For information: 467-8283.

Exhibit on Asian New Year traditions and Dean Wong's International District photos — through April 4, Wing Luke Asian Museum, 407 - 7th Ave. S., Tues-Fri 11 am-4:30 pm, Sat-Sun noon-4 pm, open till 7 pm on first Thursday of the month. Admission: \$2.50 adults, \$1.50 seniors/students, 75¢ children 5 to 12. Thursdays free. For information: 623-5124.

"My Name is Kaneko," abstract sumi paintings by Japanese artist Kaneko Johkoh — through February 28 at Ming's Asian Gallery, International

Antique and Art Importers, Inc., 10240 Main Street, Old Bellevue, Mon-Sat 10 am-6 pm, Sun noon-5 pm. For information: 462-4008.

Nikkei Horizons day tour: post office — Tues, January 19, 10 am. Find out what happens when you mail a letter by touring the Seattle Postal Terminal. Cost: \$10; lunch extra. Meet at Keiro. For information: 323-7100.

"Transformations and Ghosts," a mixed media glass sculpture exhibit by Norie Sato — opens January 21 at the Linda Ferris Gallery. For information: 623-1110.

Northwest Asian American Theatre (NWAAT) presents Amy Hill in "Beside Myself" and "Mrs. Hill and Mudd" — "Beside Myself" will be performed Wed through Sun, January 20-24, 8 pm except Sun at 4 pm, Theatre Off Jackson, 409 - 7th Ave. S. Tickets: \$12 adults, \$9 seniors/students/disabled, \$6 children/actors. "Mrs. Hill and Mudd,"

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which also features Anne Etue, will play Fri, January 22, 10 pm, Theatre Off Jackson. Tickets: \$5. Reservations: 340-1049.

Japanese Oshogatsu New Year Program by the Nippon Kan heritage Association — presented on January 23, 7:30 pm. Noh dances, classical Japanese dance and music and a lively lion dance will be included in the program. For information: 633-2017.

NWAAT also presents "Miss Minidoka, 1943" — a musical spoof by Gary Iwamoto brought back by popular demand to commemorate NWAAT's 20th anniversary, January 27-31, Wed-Sat 8 pm, Sun 4 pm, Theatre Off Jackson, 407 - Seventh Ave. S. Tickets: \$12 adults, \$9 seniors/students/disabled, \$6 children/actors. Reservations: 340-1049.

Doshi Kai meeting — Tues, February 2, 7 pm. Call Wayne Kimura for name and address of restaurant, 827-0460 (days) or 869-5174 (eves/wknds).

Center for Career Alternatives' 13th Annual Dinner — Fri, February 5, Sheraton Hotel and Towers, 1400 - 6th Ave., 5:30 pm cocktails, 6 pm dinner. Cost: \$40, \$400 for table of 10, \$1,000 for cosponsor. For information: 723-2286.

Tomo No Kai installation luncheon — Sun, February 7, noon, Triples Restaurant, 1200 Westlake Ave. N. Cost: \$18.50. Send checks payable to Tomo No Kai to: Kachi Ikeda, 2010 - 16th Ave. S., Seattle 98144. Early reservations requested so size of room can be determined. For information: 325-1510.

Wing Luke Asian Museum's annual art auction — Sat, February 13, Westin Hotel, 1900-5th Ave., no-host cocktails and auction preview 5 pm, dinner/program 6:30 pm, followed by auction. Special lifetime achievement award to George Tsutakawa. Tickets: \$50 individuals, \$100 patrons, \$200 benefactors, \$500 per table. For information: Diane Narasaki, 623-5124.

Nikkei community dance — Sat, February 13, 8-11:30 pm, Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King St., BYOL, ice provided, live band. Admission: \$3 per person. For information: 772-1160.

Nikkei Horizons day tour: North American Post Publishing — Tues, Feb. 16, 10 am. Join Northwest Nikkei editor Sandee Taniguchi and see how that paper and the North American Post are published. Meet at Keiro. Cost: \$10. For information: 323-7100.

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MEDIA STEREOTYPING

Location: Theatre Off Jackson, 409 7th Avenue S. (7th & Jackson)

March 11, 1993 6-8pm

A panel of experts examine the profound affects of negative media stereotyping, ranging from childhood developmental delays to mass violence. Panelists confirmed to date are: Peggy Nagae Lum, Attorney; Dr. William Womack, Child Psychiatrist; Don Williamson, Seattle Times Journalist; and Deni Yamauchi, Community and Human Rights Activist. For more information, call Kip Tokuda at 464-6151

INTERRACIAL FAMILIES

March 18, 1993 6-8pm

Calvin Takagi, retired Professor of Social Work will lead a lively discussion on the issue of interracial families. Meet a panel of Japanese Americans who have outmarried and find out how they deal with the issues of raising children, acceptance by others and cultural differences. For more information, call Janice Yee at 587-4223

COOPERATIVE PLURALISM

March 25, 1993 6-8pm

Cooperative Pluralism is Mako Nakagawa's approach to multicultural education. "We need to work effectively across people made barriers." Multicultural and diversity training is for everybody. Every socially significant position will require people who can deal with diversity. Come join us for an inspirational session with Mako Nakagawa! For more information, call Joy St Germain at 459-6994

POLITICAL ACTION: OUR RIGHT, OUR RESPONSIBILITY

April 1, 1993 6-8pm

Where do Japanese Americans fit into the spectrum of mainstream vs minority based politics. Is there a political life after redress? Why should we participate in politics? Discuss these and other issues with a panel of politicians and political insiders. For more information, call Arlene Oki at 684-0106.

YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT...

April 8, 1993 6-8pm

JACL Board members will present a humorous, nostalgic and savory look at the foods of our culture. Learn about sushi, natto, takuan, sembei, manju, and more! Preparation of some foods will be demonstrated and samples will be available for tasting. For more information, call Gail Tanaka at 624-2907

All workshops are Thursdays, 6-8pm

All workshops except Media Stereotyping will be held at

Asian Counseling and Referral Service Cafeteria, corner of 12th Avenue S. & S. Jackson (1032 S. Jackson St.)

Media Stereotyping will be held at the Theatre Off Jackson, corner of 7th Avenue S. & S. Jackson (409 7th Avenue S.)

SIGN ME UP!

- All 6 Workshops
- March 4 Financial Planning
- March 11 Media Stereotyping
- March 18 Interracial Marriages
- March 25 Cooperative Pluralism
- April 1 Political Action
- April 8 You are what you eat

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