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President's Report

by Kip Tokuda

For those of you who think Marge Schott is unique in her "taking my racism public" attitude, events of this past week should make you ponder.

Two Spokane Democratic Party officials recently made racial slurs directed at members of the Asian/Pacific Islander community, creating a rift among party officials. Marge Davis referred to owners of the Davenport Hotel as "Chinks" at a Democratic Party committee meeting. Christopher Marr, a member of the Spokane Chapter JACL, filed a grievance with the local party, only to be further insulted by Betty Drumheller, who "bowed" to him after he refused to shake her hand.

I am not surprised at these events, I have been around too long for that, but I am frustrated and disillusioned at the ignorance and insensitivity of these two "civic leaders."

These two individuals must be held accountable for their actions. They must formally apologize to those

whom the comments directly offended: the Asian Pacific Islander community. My understanding is that a reprimand would include their taking leave of their positions for a designated period of time.

The ultimate issue for me is how we can use this incident to leverage a longer-range objective: education provided in schools, to party members, and to everyone in the Spokane and larger state and regional community, so that all might come to a better understanding of racism and its destructive nature.

We support the Spokane Chapter and must take action that reflects our concern and supports their efforts. On behalf of the Seattle Chapter, I have contacted the Commission on Asian American Affairs, Charles Rolland, chair of the state Democratic Central Committee, and the Governor's Office to voice our support for the Spokane Chapter. I encourage individual members to contact their state legislators and legislative district offices to make your opinions heard.

Making a difference in a Multicultural Society

by Joy St. Germain

The JACL Pacific Southwest District Council is hosting a Tri-District Conference entitled "Making a Difference in a Multicultural Society" on April 2-4, at the Westin South Coast Plaza Hotel in Costa Mesa, California (Orange County). This weekend conference will explore the ways in which we as Asian Pacific Islanders and JACLers can have an impact in the areas of civil rights, education, employment discrimination, and politics, as well as develop personal skills and relationships.

White House Deputy Director of Public Liaison, Doris Matsui, will be the featured guest speaker for the Saturday dinner program. For more information and a registration form, please contact the PSW District

Office at (213) 626-4471. The conference package is \$90.00 before March 17 and \$110 after March 17. This fee includes a Friday reception, Saturday and Sunday Continental Breakfast, Saturday lunch and dinner, and all conference workshops.

NOTICE

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Chapter Focus

Legacy Fund report

For the 1992 distribution of Legacy Fund earnings, the Seattle Chapter once again topped the nation with an earnings return of \$1,651.00, announced Gail Ideno, National Director of Fund Development. Based on 1992 annual earnings of \$120,311.70, a solid increase over earnings in 1991, the breakdown of earnings will be as follows: 20% to Chapters (\$24,062.34), 10% for Grants (\$12,031.17), 5% for Growth (\$6,015.59) and 65% for National Programs (\$78,202.60).

As of January 20, 1993, the National Legacy Fund has gone over the \$4 million mark, with a total of \$4,049,906.30 in gross contributions and pledges. However, out of its national membership of approximately 25,000, Ideno reports that "only 20% of JACL members have donated to the Legacy Fund."

Deepest appreciation to the following donors for the months of December and January, or whose names have not been previously acknowledged:

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Chapter dues increase

The Board of Directors has voted to increase the annual dues for those who are members of the Seattle Chapter JACL only. The category, "Booster Club Regular" will now be \$20, up from \$15.00. The dues for the Booster Club Senior category remains at \$15.00. The increase for the regular membership is necessary to cover the cost of printing and mailing the newsletters.

JACL Scholarships

The scholarship committee is soliciting applicants for local and national JACL scholarships. Applicants must be of Japanese ancestry or a member of JACL. Scholarships are available for graduating high school seniors, undergraduates, graduate students, law students and students of the arts.

To obtain an application, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Jeffrey Hattori, 12408 SE 210th Place, Kent, WA 98031 (phone: 630-4854). Please indicate whether you are interested in a national or local scholarship and if you are a high school senior, undergraduate or graduate student, law student, or student of the arts. Deadline applications is March 31, 1993.

Funding for three \$1000 scholarships is provided by the Tamesa family in memory of Minoru Tamesa, the Tazuma family in memory of Bunshiro Tazuma and the Japanese Baptist Church in memory of the Reverend Emery Andrews.

JACL Basketball Night

The Seattle Supersonics welcome JACL for their game against the Atlanta Hawks on Saturday, April 3 at 7:00pm at the Seattle Center Coliseum. Great seats are available to JACLers at discount prices: regular \$30 seats go for \$24 and regular \$22 seats go for \$15. For more information or to order by telephone, call Dana Myers at 281-5800, extension 117 and identify yourself as a member of Seattle JACL.

Newsletter mailout

Thank you to the following volunteers who helped at the mailout on February 10: Cal Takagi, Kip Tokuda, Barbara Burdick, Arlene Oki, Rose Ogino, Haruo Fujino, K.G. Fukano, Shea Aoki, Janice Yee, and Sam Shoji. More volunteers are needed! Please sign up for 6pm, the second Wednesday of each month. The next mail out is Wednesday, April 14, at the Japanese Language School, 1414 S. Weller.

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March 4, 1993 6-8 pm

Your questions will be answered by professionals! John Epping, owner of Taxation Counseling PS, will be giving a presentation on personal tax planning. Greg Lew from Kidder Peabody will be giving a presentation on the basics of personal financial planning. Co-sponsored by Asian MBA. For more information, call Ray Ishii at 720-5346.

MEDIA STEREOTYPING

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

March 11, 1993 6-8 pm

A panel of experts examines the profound effects 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 6-8 pm

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 6-8 pm

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. 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 6-8 pm

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 6-8 pm

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! For more information, call Gail Tanaka at 624-2907.

All workshops are Thursdays, 6-8 pm.

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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Please send to:

Seattle Chapter JACL Workshop Series
P.O. Box 18558
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or call the name at the bottom of the workshop description to reserve your slot

Funding for this workshop series was provided by a grant from the JACL Legacy Fund.

Special Reports

Redress Update

For fiscal year 1994, 3,974 potential redress recipients have been identified as of the end of February, according to Paul Suddes, Administrator, Office of Redress Administration. Of this total, 3,276 have been approved as eligible and are ready to receive checks this October, with 698 cases still awaiting completion of documentation.

Under special provisions added to the original redress legislation, approximately 40 non-Japanese spouses were paid early this month, as well as Peruvians of Japanese ancestry, who were ruled eligible, reported Suddes.

In 1992, there were 348 appeal cases, 113 of which have been denied, with only one case reversed as being eligible. Of the 234 cases still pending, 192 are still awaiting further information to be provided by

the claimants. In 1993, 290 appeal cases were sent to the appellate division of the Department of Justice. Of these, only 7 cases have been denied, with the remainder of 283 cases still open. Thus, for the two previous years, a total of 517 cases are still pending on appeal, according to Suddes.

If no further cases appear, a not counting the appeal cases pending, there will be a grand total of 78,974 cases compensated by October of this year, or approximately \$1.58 billion disbursed of the total \$1.65 billion authorized for individual payments. The issue still remains unresolved as to where monies will be found to finance the Education Fund.

Anyone who has not yet sent back to ORA any requested documentation or information should do so promptly, as the ORA would like to have all cases ready this spring for payment in October.

Seattle Chapter JACL Political Education Committee

Change, political change, is foremost in our lives. How do we support and/or voice concern about these changes? Herein lies the challenge.

JACL offers you a means to that end, through participation in the Political Education Committee. This committee provides you, as a JACL member, with the opportunity to bring key issues germane to our city, county, and state to light—through public forums (such as the May 1992 economic town meeting), through joint ventures with other organizations such as the Taiwanese American Citizens League and the newly formed Asian Pacific Islander Political Education Coalition (APIPEC).

Consider the second challenge: membership in APIPEC. This broad-based coalition offers you a

greater voice by working with diverse local Asian Pacific Islander organizations toward a common goal.

That goal? To promote awareness of Asian American issues, within our community and among our elected officials.

This formidable task has been begun through the formation of a Ratings Committee, which published results for three key races in the last election: Governor, U.S. Senate, and Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Your active participation in the JACL Political Education Committee or the Asian Pacific Islander Political Education Coalition is an investment in change. Be a part of that voice. Contact Arlene Oki at 721-3036 or Barbara Burdick at 453-3865 for further information.

Contact your legislator

by Joy Misako St. Germain

You can make a difference by contacting your legislators regarding issue of concern to you and JACL. Here's the tools you need:

The Legislative Hotline is a toll-free number. You can call to leave messages for legislators to find out the status of a specific piece of legislation. Call 1-800-562-6000.

The Legislative Bill Room can provide you with copies of bills, rosters with contact information for legislators, and committee membership lists. The address is: Legislative Building, Olympia, WA 98504, phone: (206) 786-7573.

Letters to Legislators should be addressed to "The Honorable..." State Representative or Senator, Legislative Building, Olympia, WA 98504.

The Legislative Meeting Schedule will keep you informed about public hearings and meetings of legislative committees. For a year subscription, send a written request and make your check for \$10 payable to "Washington State Treasurer," and mail to: Senate Word Processing, B3 Cherberg Bldg, P.O. Box 40482, Olympia, WA 98504-0482.

Community Notes

Correction: Kame Project

In last month's issue of the JACL Newsletter, the phone number for the Kame Project was mistakenly misprinted. The correct number is 326-4154.

Media Access Workshop

The Asian American Journalists Association (AAJA), as part of Northwest Journalists of Color, is sponsoring a Media Access workshop on Saturday, March 27 at the Seattle Times Auditorium (Fairview Ave. N. and John Street), from 9:00am until 12:30pm.

Media professionals will show how you can get your group exposed in print and broadcast media; share success stories of community groups that have "made it" on radio, TV, and print; teach you what's newsworthy, whom to contact and how, when and how to hold a press conference, and how to give an effective interview. Participants will also receive a comprehensive listing of news outlets in Seattle, including names, telephone numbers, addresses, deadlines, and circulation/distribution information. The fee for the workshop is \$7. For more information, call Lori Matsukawa at 448-3853.

Presidential Scholars Finalist

Grace Emiko Ohgi, daughter of George and Nobuko Ohgi and graduating senior at Mercer Island High School, has been named one of approximately 2,500 semifinalists in the 1993 Presidential Scholars Program. The semifinalists were selected from more than 2.5 million students nationwide, based on SAT or ACT

tests, the students' essays, self-assessment, description of activities, school recommendations, and school transcripts. A panel of educators will review these submissions, and choose 500 Finalists in April. In May, the White House will announce the selection of 141 Presidential Scholars.

International Special Review District

The International Special Review District has elected Cliff Louie as Chair and Ken Kubota as Vice-Chair for 1993. Kubota, principal in the firm of Architects Kubota/Kato, has over 17 years of architectural design experience including programming for the 8th & Dearborn ID Village Square project, improvements to Uwajimaya, Nikkei Concerns Intergenerational Child Care Project, Nikkei Concerns Assisted Housing project, Seattle Keiro, Bush Hotel renovation, and the expansion of the ID Community Health Clinic. The International Special Review District was created by the City of Seattle in 1973 to protect, preserve, and promote the unique Asian character, mixture of housing types and historic buildings in the district.

Cherry Blossom Festival

The 18th Annual Seattle Cherry Blossom and Japanese Cultural Festival will be held at the Seattle Center on Friday April 23 through Sunday April 25. Hours are noon-9pm on Friday, 10am-9pm on Saturday, and 10am-6pm on Sunday. JACL is a co-sponsor of this event, which is free to the public. Watch for more information in upcoming JACL newsletters.



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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.

Chapter Board meeting — Wed, March 17, 7pm, Japanese Language School, 1414 S. Weller St. Everyone welcome.

Japan-America Society presents Trends in Japanese Corporate Philosophy — Thurs, March 18, noon-1:30pm, Stouffer Madison Hotel, 515 Madison St. Guest speaker: Tadashi Yamamoto, President of Japan Center for International Exchange, Inc. Cost: \$20 members, \$25 nonmembers, media representatives free but without meal. For information and reservations: Marie Sauter, Japan-America Society, 623-7900.

Concert by pianist Jon Kimura Parker — three Beethoven pieces as part of the University of Washington's World Series, Thurs, March 18, 8pm, Meany Theater, NE 41st Street and 15th Ave NE. Cost: \$22. For information and tickets: 543-4880.

Bainbridge Island Japanese Community teriyaki dinner — Sun, March 21, two seatings, 4pm and 6pm,

Commodore Bainbridge Middle School. Take-out and sushi bar available. Photo exhibit, slide show and performance by Seattle and Kokon Taiko to be featured. Tickets: \$7 adults, \$5.50 seniors/students. For information: Lucille Galbraith, 842-5914.

Japanese Cinema Night — animated family movie "My Neighbor Totoro," Wed and Fri, March 24 and 26, 5:45-8pm, Hyogo Cultural Center, 2001 Sixth Ave, Suite 1101. Brown bag dinners welcome. Free. Reservations: 728-0610, deadline March 19.

The Clinton Administration and U.S.-Japan Relations: A View from Tokyo — Japan-America Society and Seattle JACL present Glenn S. Fukushima, Director of Public Policy and Market Development, AT&T Japan Ltd., as guest speaker, Fri, March 26, 8-9am, Columbia Seafirst Center, 75th floor, 701 Fifth Ave. Cost: \$12 members, \$17 nonmembers. For information and reservations: Marie Sauter, 623-7900.

Seattle Betsuin spring bazaar — Sun, March 28, 11am-4pm, Buddhist Church gymnasium, 1427 S. Main St. For information: 329-0800.

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Seattle Philharmonic concert featuring guest soloist Kay Hashimoto — Sun, March 28, 3pm, Meany Hall, NE 41st St. and 15th Ave NE. Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 seniors/students. For information and tickets: 623-7983.

Japan-America Society presents Stressed Out in Japan and the U.S. — Wed, March 31, noon-1:45pm, Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza, 1113 Sixth Ave. Speakers: Tsukasa Namekata, Director, Nikkei Diseases Prevention Center; Juliet Schor, Senior Lecturer on Economics, Harvard University; Shuichi Hatano, Department of Social Welfare, Shukutoku University. Cost: \$17.50 members, \$21.50 nonmembers. For information and reservations, Marie Sauter: 623-7900.

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

Seattle Japanese Community Queen and Court's Children's Talent Show — Sat, April 10, 2pm, Seattle Buddhist Church, 1427 S. Main St. Proceeds to Denise Louie Early Childhood Education Center. For information: Jane, 722-2375.

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

Tomo no Kai dineout — Tues, April 13, 5pm, Blue Max Restaurant, 7299 Perimeter Rd. S., choice of prime rib or salmon, \$20. For information: 935-8488.

White River Buddhist Church Sukiyaki Dinner — Sun, April 18, 11am-6pm, 3625 Auburn Way N., \$6.50 for sukiyaki or teriyaki dinner. For information: 833-1442.

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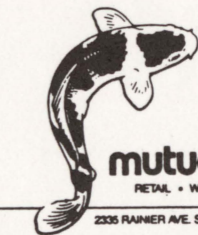
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Mr. Fukushima is Vice President and a member of the Board of Governors of the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ), Programs Committee Chair of the Executive Committee of the American Electronics Association (AEA) in Japan, and Government Relations Chair of the US Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA) in Japan. Among his publications is *Nichi-Bei Keizai Masatsu no Seijigaku (The Politics of US-Japan Economic Friction)* (Tokyo: Asahi Shimbunsha, 1992.)

Mr. Fukushima received his undergraduate education at Stanford University and his graduate education at Harvard University Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, Harvard Business School, and Harvard Law School. While at Harvard, he was a Teaching Fellow for Professors David Riesman and Ezra Vogel and former Ambassador Edwin Reischauer.

This program is presented in cooperation with Bellevue Chamber of Commerce and Trade Development Alliance of Greater Seattle.

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