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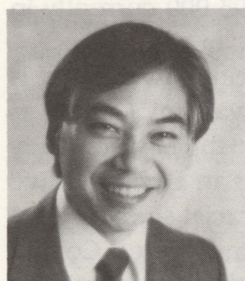
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President's Report

by Kip Tokuda



A couple weeks ago, I received a call from Charley James, Director of the Organization of Afro-American Unity. He was direct and to-the-point. "What are you going to do in response to the shooting death

of Yoshihiro Hattori in Baton Rouge?"

Hattori was a Japanese exchange student who was shot last fall in Louisiana when he mistakenly knocked on the wrong door. Rodney Peairs, the householder who killed Hattori, was cleared of all charges.

James said that his organization was committed to keeping the issue alive, and that he would like JACL to participate in this effort. I was impressed with his challenge to us to keep this case, which has implica-

tions of being a racially motivated hate crime, in the public eye. I was also encouraged that he was willing to contact JACL, across "racial boundaries," to speak out on an issue that ultimately affects us all.

I encourage all of you, as individuals and as members of JACL, to write to U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno to express your concern and recommendation that the Department of Justice further investigate the Hattori case. The Attorney General's address is: Constitution Avenue & 10th Street NW, Washington D.C. 20530.

I am gratified at how Seattle JACL members have become involved in a variety of issues, cultural and educational activities, civic activities, and the basic nuts-and-bolts activities necessary to keep an organization of our size moving forward. Keep the faith!

Hiroshima-Nagasaki Commemoration and Lantern Floating Ceremony

A small fleet of candle-lit Japanese lanterns will drift through the peaceful evening waters of Green Lake in memory of the victims of the nuclear bombings of Hiroshima-Nagasaki and other victims of war and violence throughout the world. The annual commemoration will be held on the anniversary of the bombing, Friday, August 6, from 5:30 p.m. until dark, in Green Lake park just south of the Bathhouse Theatre (west side of the lake). This year's theme, "Ethnic Peace: Repairing the World" will inform a variety of children's and adult activities.

At 5:30 p.m., calligraphers from Beikoku Shodu Kenkyukai will begin to prepare the individualized lanterns. The children's program will start off at 6:30 p.m. with music by the Righteous Rainbow Children's Choir and storytelling by Greg Temple and Helen Minz. The adult program will begin at 8:00 p.m. and

include music, poetry, and guest speakers.

The keynote speaker will be Darrel Edmonds, a professional mediator from the Dispute Resolution Center in Seattle. Edmonds has worked as a peacemaker among many ethnic groups, from former Yugoslavians to the diverse groups of Tacoma's Hilltop neighborhood. The evening will conclude at dusk with the Toro Nagashi (lantern floating) ceremony led by Nichiren Buddhist priest Genichi Oikawa.

Everyone is welcome to attend the commemoration. The planning committee also welcomes any volunteers who are willing to help set up before the event and clean up afterwards. Contact Mike Kimura at 527-6726 for more information.



Chapter Focus

Search for new newsletter editor

We are seeking a new JACL Newsletter editor since Holly Yasui will be leaving this year. The writing and production of the newsletter requires approximately 10 hours per issue (monthly). It is produced in Aldus PageMaker on the Macintosh, but files can be transferred to an IBM-compatible computer. If you know of anyone interested in the position, please contact Kip Tokuda (464-6151) or Arlene Oki (684-0106).

June Board Meeting summary

Building update: Two sites, the Moses building, in Pioneer Square, and the New Central Offices, in the International District, were discussed. JACL would share the Pioneer Square space with the International Drum and Bugle Corps and the Japanese American Chamber of Commerce, but the building requires \$15,000 for renovations. Rent on two rooms in the New Central Offices would be \$650/month or lower. The Pacific NW District is considering sharing space with us. The Board created a committee to examine both options and make recommendations.

Thurston County JACL: The Olympia-based chapter is celebrating their 10th anniversary this year, and asked the Seattle Chapter to purchase an advertisement in their program. A \$50 quarter-page ad was approved by the board.

Endowment Fund: On the advice of Lloyd Hara and the Endowment Committee, the Endowment Fund is being invested in the Skutter Mutual Fund Family. There is approximately \$93,000 currently in the Endowment Fund.

Spokane Democrats: The Pacific NW District is retaining three attorneys, Rod Kawakami, Gary Iwamoto, and Roger Shimizu to advise the District. They feel there are grounds for filing for an administrative hearing regarding the anti-Asian racial slurs by Spokane Democrats. King County and Pierce County Democrats unanimously support this effort, and the Commission on Asian American Affairs publicly condemned the Spokane Democrats for not responding more quickly and definitively. The District voted to spend up to \$2,000 for mailing and administrative costs. Chapters are also invited to donate.

Newsletter mailout

Thanks to the volunteers who helped with the June newsletter mailout: Iris Miyahira, Elaine Akagi, Ann Fujii-Lindwall, Joby Shimomura, Rose Ogino, Haruo Fujino, Mits Katayama, Mike Kimura, Eileen Kato, Sam Shoji, Mako Nakagawa, Ayako Hurd, Lee Hurd. The next mailout will be Wednesday, August 11, at 6 p.m. at the Japanese Language School, 1414 S. Weller Street. If you have some free time, please stop by to lend a hand.

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Community Notes

Hyogo - Washington Sister State 30th Anniversary events in Seattle

July 1993 is the 30th anniversary of the sister-state relationship between Washington state and the Japanese prefecture of Hyogo. Three Japanese arts from Hyogo are currently on display at the Washington State Convention & Trade Center, through August 1: *oshi-e*, *chigiri-e*, and farmer dolls. *Oshi-e* are raised-silk pictures created by cutting and gluing cloth onto thin boards. *Chigiri-e* are hand-torn rice paper pictures made with collage techniques. Hyogo farmer dolls depict traditional peasant life, and are made with common materials such as clay and old clothes.

The three leading proponents of these art forms, Ms. Mutsuko Yoshida, chair of the Hyogo Oshi-e Artist Association, Ms. Haru Nakano, who invented *chigiri*, and Ms. Ume Watanabe, founder of the farmers' doll-making style, will be in Washington for a series of demonstrations and workshops. On Friday, July 30, the Convention Center is hosting a question-and-answer session with the Japanese artists over the lunch hour and that evening, the Hyogo Cultural Center is sponsoring a hands-on workshop. A second workshop with the artists will be held at the Seattle Art Museum on Sunday, August 1.

A Hyogo Food and Culture exhibit will be set up at Uwajimaya in the International District from July 30 through August 8, from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Mouthwatering specialties from Hyogo will be on sale, and photos and exhibits of traditional Hyogo arts

and crafts will be displayed. The Hyogo booth will move to the Seattle Center from August 13 through 15 for the U.S.-Japan fair in Seattle.

For more information about these events, contact the Hyogo Cultural Center, 728-0610.

Wing Luke Museum seeks new docents

The Wing Luke Asian Museum is seeking enthusiastic, dedicated, community-minded persons to serve as docent volunteers (tour guides) at the Museum. Docents conduct one-hour tours for students ranging from pre-schoolers to high-schoolers. No prior docent experience is necessary, but a one-year commitment is required. The deadline for applications for training is July 30. The training sessions begin August 16. Contact Charlene Mano at 623-5124 for an application or more information.

Irene Kuniyuki exhibit

The King County Arts Commission presents "Parallax," an exhibit of photographic and photocopy imagery by contemporary artist Irene Kuniyuki in the Arts Commission Gallery through August 2. The title of the show refers to objects "as seen from two different points not on a straight line with the object," and includes unusual juxtapositions which the artist describes as "re-invented ideas on paper and film." The materials include images of urban street life in New York, Los Angeles, and Seattle, and snippets of Japanese American life and culture.

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Calendar of events

compiled by Ed Suguro

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

Wing Luke Museum presents One Song, Many Voices — an exhibit chronicling the history of Asian Americans in Washington state. Wing Luke Asian Museum, 407 Seventh Ave. S., Tues-Fri 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sat-Sun noon-4 p.m., open till 7 p.m. on Thurs during the summer. Admission: \$2.50 adults, \$1.50 seniors/students, 75¢ children under 12. For information: 632-5124.

The Repertory Actors Workshop presents The Curious Savage — a comedy by John Patrick featuring actors from the Northwest Asian American Theatre, such as Tama Tokuda and Lisa Nakamura. Through Sun, July 25, Theatre Off Jackson, 409 Seventh Ave. S., Thurs-Sat, 8 p.m., Sun 4 p.m. For tickets and reservations: 364-3283.

Hyogo Art Exhibit — sponsored by the Hyogo Cultural Center, in honor of the 30th anniversary of the Hyogo-Washington sister state relationship,

through July 31. See **Community Notes**, Hyogo-Washington 30th Anniversary Events.

Seattle Betsuin Bon Odori — Sat-Sun, July 17-18, Sat 5-10 p.m., Sun 4-9 p.m., Seattle Buddhist Temple, 1427 S. Main St. For information: 329-0800.

Chapter board meeting — Wed, July 21, 7 p.m., Japanese Language School, 1414 S. Weller St. Everyone welcome.

Hunt High School Reunion — activities will include reception-dinner, dinner-dance, and cruise-brunch. Fri-Sun, July 23-25. For reservations and information: Hunt High School Reunion, c/o Kimiye Kusunose, 11329 82nd Ave. S., Seattle, WA 98178, phone: 772-4876.

White River Buddhist Church Bon Odori — Sat, July 24, 5 p.m., 3625 Auburn Way N. American and Japanese foods, ikebana and bonsai exhibits, local farmer's market. Free. For information: June Nakano, 833-1442.

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Seattle JACL and 1000 Club Golf Tournament — Sun, July 25, 1:30 p.m., Jefferson Golf Course. Entry fee: \$25 includes dinner at South China Restaurant, dinner-only: \$25. For information, Kiyo Sakahara, 526-5009 or Mas Kinoshita, 721-0717.

Seattle Chinatown Parade — celebrate the Year of the Rooster! Parade starts at 10th Avenue and proceeds west on Jackson, south on 6th and east on King to 8th. Sun., July 25, 7 p.m. For information: 728-0123.

Hyogo Food and Culture fair — Fri, July 30 through Sun, Aug 8, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m., International District Uwajimaya store. See **Community Notes**, Hyogo-Washington 30th Anniversary Events.

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

Hiroshima-Nagasaki commemoration — Fri, Aug. 6, 5:30 p.m., Green Lake park. Children's and adult's programs. See second lead story on front page.

Tomo no Kai picnic — Wed, Aug. 11, 3-3 p.m. games, 3 p.m. potluck lunch, at the home of Ann and

Jiro Takizaki, 16212 SE 24th, Bellevue. For information, Kim: 324-0862.

U.S.-Japan Fair in Seattle — Fri, Aug 13-Sun, Aug. 15, Fri noon-8 p.m., Sat 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sun 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Seattle Center Exhibition Hall. See **Community Notes**, Hyogo-Washington 30th Anniversary Events.

Nikkei community dance — Sat. Aug. 14, 8-11:30 p.m., Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King St., BYOB, ice provided, live band. Admission: \$3 per person. For information: 772-1160.

Beyond the Mask of Denial, an Asian/Pacific substance abuse conference — Thurs-Fri, Sept. 16-17, Seattle Central Community College, 1701 Broadway. Early registration deadline: July 15; late registration by Aug 15. Keynote speakers: Dr. Daryl Inaba, Pharm.D., Director, Haight Ashbury Free Medical Clinic Drug Programs, San Francisco; Peter Jamero, Lead Specialist, Seattle Schools South Pacific Islanders Dropout Prevention Program; Dr. Ford Kuramoto, Ph.D., National Director, National Asian Pacific American Families against Substance Abuse, Los Angeles. For information: 587-4901.

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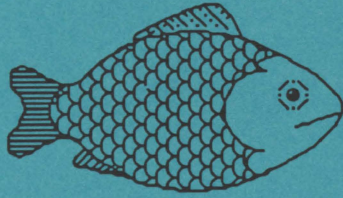
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To our picnic site: Go to the small parking lot and follow signs to the beach. We'll have a banner by our site, #4.

Picnic questions? Ann Fujii-Lindwall 367-8749 or Louise Kato 725-0546.
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