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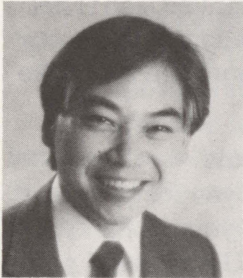
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President's Report

by Kip Tokuda



I know that it sounds schmaltzy, but the coming of December conjures up emotions for me as I reflect over the year just passed. This year is not different.

First and foremost, I am grateful to the entire Seattle Chapter JACL Board for its collective hard work, commitment and time. We have, as an organization, accomplished much of what we set out to do this year and all the credit goes to our Board members.

Did we make a difference? My opinion is "yes." We took positions to support "Hands Off Washington" and to oppose State Initiatives 601/602. We worked with 'non-traditional' partners in our missions to accomplish social justice. Our Board's Social Policy Committee responded effectively throughout the year by making public statements about events with racist implications, such as the screening of the film *Rising Sun*, the shooting death of Japanese student

Yoshihiro Hattori and the (un)response by the Spokane and State Democratic Party organizations to their members making racist remarks to Asian Americans. Our public forums were well attended and addressed relevant topics such as interracial marriage, media stereotypes, cultural diversity and financial planning. I thank the Board and Committee members for their tireless efforts in these programs.

There remain many goals for us. We need a permanent home, we need to increase both our membership and our partnerships with other organizations. We should increase our emphasis on cultural events. The road to social justice seems to lengthen. If this sounds like a report card, O.K., but my intent here is more to point out challenges for the new year and encourage you to get involved.

Thank you for the privilege of being your president this past year. I look forward to working with you all next year — and I wish each one of you a warm and safe holiday season.

Kampai!

Community Notes

Kame Project Counts Nikkei Seniors

Have you been counted? The Kame Project, a University of Washington study on aging in the Nikkei population of King County, is conducting a census of all persons of Japanese ancestry over the age of 65. So far, more than 2,600 persons have been accounted for, but the study is missing information on yet another estimated 800 individuals.

If you think that you, or anyone you know who is over 65, may not have been included in this survey, please let Kame Project know. It is essential that all Nikkei residents of King County over the age of 65 be counted, regardless of their participation or nonparticipation in the study, so that researchers can arrive at an accurate total that will help determine the

rates of disease or well-being in the older Japanese community.

To date, the Kame Project has seen more than 2,300 individuals in hopes of obtaining information about the causes and prevention of the disorders commonly associated with aging, such as Alzheimer's disease. As more and more people participate in the interview and examinations, significantly more will be learned about what can be done to ward off disease and promote health and longevity.

If you have questions about the Kame Project census or need more information about the study, please call Greta Hoshibata at 326-2409.

Chapter Focus

1994 Officers

The election for 1994 Seattle Chapter JACL officers has been completed with the following results:

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Newsletter Mailout

Thanks to the November JACL Newsletter mailout crew! Volunteers last month were: Sam Shoji, Elaine Akagi, Haruo Fujino, Aileen Kato, Ray Ishii, Mike Kimura, Kiyoshi Fukano, Lee and Ayako Hurd, Rose Ogino, Shea Aoki and Janice Yee. Next mailout will be January 12, 1994.

Remember the Banquet!

Join us for the 1994 Seattle JACL Installation Banquet, coming up on January 22 at the SeaTac Red Lion Hotel. National JACL president Lillian Kimura will be our notable keynote speaker. For information call Mike Kimura at 544-4909.

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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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Calendar of events

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Meetings

Seattle Chapter JAFL Board Meeting and Dinner, everyone invited, Dec. 15, 7 pm at Bush Garden Restaurant, 614 Maynard Ave. S. Reservations: call Kip 725-3204 (h) or 464-6151(w).

Doshi Kai Meeting: Jan. 5, 7 pm. Call Wayne Kimura for location, 827-0460 day, 869-5174 eve/wkend.

Tomo no Kai Meeting, Jan. 10, 7 pm, Keiro Nursing Home, 1601 E. Yesler Wy. Guest speaker David Watanabe will speak on insurance matters. Info: Kim at 324-0862.

Cultural and Social Events:

Bainbridge Island 5th Annual Mochi Making Party, Bainbridge Island Park and Recreation District and Bainbridge Island Japanese Community are co-sponsoring a

mochitsuki and potluck. Dec. 26, 12-4 pm, Island Center Hall, 8395 Fletcher Bay Rd, Bainbridge. Info and directions: 842-5914 or 842-4772.

Nisei Vets New Years Eve Dance, Dec. 31, 9:30 pm to 1:30 am, Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King St. Bob Charles Band, BYOB, refreshments provided. Admission \$20/couple members, \$25/couple nonmembers, \$10 single members, \$15 single nonmembers. Reservations for tables of 10: George Yano, 723-6616.

Nikkei Community Dance, Jan. 8, 8 -11:30 pm, Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King St., BYOB, live band. \$3/person. Info: 772-1160.

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Exhibits

"Wounded Forest and Beyond," sumi and watercolor paintings by Fumiko Kimura, Jan. 3-14, Seattle University Women's Center, Broadway and Madison, Mon.-Fri., 10 am to 4 pm. Info: 296-2524.

Retrospective Exhibit of Artwork by George Tsutakawa. Sculptures, paintings, drawings and photo-

graphs of fountain installations, Jan. 6-30, Foster/White Gallery in two locations — Pioneer Square: 311 1/2 Occidental Ave. S., Mon.-Sat. 10 am to 5:30 pm, Sun. noon-5 pm (622-2833); and Kirkland: 126 Central Way, Mon.-Fri. 11 am to 9 pm, Sat. 10 am to 9 pm, Sun. 10 am -6 pm (822-2305).

"In this Great Land of Freedom: Japanese Pioneers in Oregon," continues through Jan. 16, Oregon Historical Society, 1200 SW Park Ave., Portland. Tues.-Sat. 10am to 5pm, Sun. 12-5 pm, closed Mon. Admission, \$4.50 for adults, \$1.50 students, children under 5 free. Thurs. free for seniors 60 and older. Info: (503) 222-1741.

Northwest Asian American Theatre's "Winterfest '94" Schedule

Jan 6-9 G.A.P. Theatre's two multicultural plays
Jan 13, 14, 16 "Uncle Bob's Neighborhood" with Bob Santos
Jan 15-16 Amy Hill's third show of her trilogy "Reunion"
Jan 15 Late night performance of Amy Hill's "Mrs. Hill and Mudd"
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