
President's Report

by Ray Ishii

This is the *Program for Action* adopted at the national convention this past August. The Program for Action outlines the issues and areas of activity that the JACL will concentrate on during the 1994-1996 biennium.

Program for Action 1994-1996

As we celebrate the 65th year of the Japanese American Citizens League, we are aware of the changing demographics of the Asian Pacific American population where, in 1970, Japanese Americans were the largest of the Asian Pacific American groups and where, by the end of the century, our population may be eclipsed by nearly all the other major Asian Pacific American groups. We are aware that approximately 60% of the Asian Pacific American population are the first-generation immigrants.

We are aware of the impact this demographic change has on our organization where policy issues within the realm of civil and human rights will encompass a broader, more common agenda representing the larger Asian Pacific American community. While some of these issues will have a direct bearing on the Japanese American community, other issues may have a broader application to communities where language is a barrier to opportunity. The JACL, with its history, its influence and its national structure will continue to play an important advocacy role, and, the JACL will continue to recognize and work toward the fulfillment of the needs of all its membership.

Our vision is to eradicate bigotry and prejudice. We encourage and promote the values of cultural pluralism, coalition building and ethnic and racial harmony. It is our mission to secure and uphold the human and civil rights of Americans of Japanese ancestry and others and to promote and preserve the cultural heritage and values of Japanese Americans. The members of the JACL adopt the following priorities for the 1994-1996 biennium:

1. To develop an aggressive campaign to increase our membership, especially among youth, students and young adults by establishing programs of leadership development and cultural preservation;
2. To ensure that the experience of Japanese Americans will be accurately incorporated into the educational systems of our nation through implementation of the JACL

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curriculum project and the funding of the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund;

3. To promote affordable, accessible health care for all people;

4. To develop and implement programs of prejudice reduction and to actively respond to incidents of anti-Asian sentiment and hate crimes;

5. To promote the active participation of Asian Americans in all sectors of leadership including participation in the political process by voting and by organizing voter education and registration projects and by advocating appointments to positions of influence;

6. To assure that federal and state enforcement agencies aggressively enforce anti-discrimination provisions related to labor issues and, to aggressively pursue a program, with proper monitoring, for increasing job opportunities and advancement for Asian Americans within the public and private sectors;

7. To promote awareness and pride in, and to celebrate, the unique culture and history of Americans of Japanese ancestry, and to support our members, particularly those in multi-ethnic families, as they pass this culture and history to their children;

8. To improve the governance and administration of the JACL to assure openness, responsiveness and accountability within the organization;

9. To provide programs to meet the social, economic and health needs of our aging, retiring and retired members;

10. To encourage Japanese American involvement in and enhance awareness of U.S. - Japan relations.

- Adopted by National Council, August, 1994

Chapter Focus

JACL Office returns to the International District

by Sam Shoji

The Seattle Chapter has moved back into the International District after being away for more than three years. The new office at 316 Maynard Ave. So., #111, is only a couple doors away from its former location. It was moved temporarily to the Seattle Japanese Language School. Telephone number is (206) 622-4098 (monitored by voice mail).

After months of searching, a lease agreement was reached with the owners of the C & T Building, Dr. Terry Toda and Dr. Lund W. Chinn. Their generosity has allowed JACL to have a newly refurbished office at a reasonable rate.

The Space Committee was co-chaired by Cherry Kinoshita and Cal Takagi. Several members of the chapter worked hard to make arrangements for the move to the new site and after months of planning completed the move in mid-October. We have the U.S. flag that flew over the White House when the redress Bill was signed by President Reagan on August 10, 1988 and given to JACL by the former U.S. Rep. and now Governor Mike Lowry. The beautiful oak meeting table donated by the Japanese Consul General is now in place. There is open space for meetings, new carpeting, and air conditioning. It's great to be

back in the I.D.

Thanks to JACL members including Ray Ishii, Kip Tokuda, Cal Takagi, Arlene Oki, May Namba, Aya Hurd, Lee Hurd, Mike Kimura, Kazzie Katayama, Mits Katayama, Shea Aoki, Y.K. Kuniyuki, Mako Nakagawa and Sam Shoji, for their work in getting a big job done. JACL now has a "home" we can be proud of. Future plans for the office space are to have meetings, workshops, community gathering, etc. A "wish-list" for equipment needed in the office will be forthcoming. We need the support from all members to keep this office a center for JACL activities.

JACL board meetings, open to all members, are held on the third Wednesday of each month, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Come join us and participate in our programs.

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Community Focus

\$6.4 million bond issued for Seattle Keiro Nursing home

The Washington State Housing Finance Commission has successfully completed a \$6.4 million tax-exempt bond issued on behalf of Nikkei Concerns, the non-profit organization which operates Seattle Keiro Nursing Home. The proceeds of the bonds will be used to refinance, and renovate Seattle Keiro and develop an intergenerational day care center. The project is located at 1601 East Yesler Way in Seattle.

"The tax-exempt financing allows Seattle Keiro to significantly reduce its interest rate costs, allowing us to provide better programs for our clients and to begin work on the day care center," said Russ Akiyama, Executive Director of Nikkei Concerns. "The intergenerational program is important to the Japanese-American community because it will allow our elders to pass on their culture and tradi-

tions to the next generation."

The bonds were sold publicly and backed with an A-rated letter of credit by U.S. Bank of Washington. "We were very impressed by Nikkei Concerns and the quality of the services it provides. Our involvement in this transaction will not only be good for the bank, but for the community as a whole," said Mark Dean, Vice President and Manager for Public Finance at U.S. Bank.

The Washington State Housing Finance Commission provides below-market financing to buy, build or preserve affordable housing and nonprofit cultural and social services facilities. The Commission builds partnerships with the private sector to raise capital needed to further these social and economic objectives at no cost to taxpayers of Washington State.

Bush Garden holds *obento* benefit for assisted living project

Nikkei Concerns has been working on the development of an assisted living project on 6th Ave. S. and Dearborn St. in Seattle's International District. This project will be designed to foster a more independent, home-like situation for our elders, many of whom may require assistance with daily living.

Bush Garden owners and operators Roy and Joan Seko

and Bob and Amy Seko are sponsoring an *obento* luncheon fundraiser at Bush Garden Restaurant, 614 Maynard Avenue S. Seattle, from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 13, 1994.

Tickets are available at Seattle Keiro, 1601 East Yesler Way, at Bush Garden Restaurant, or from any Board member. Cost is \$10.00.

Correction — We apologize! University Students Club Awards

In the September JACL Newsletter, the name of Stacey Nakagawa was inadvertently omitted as a University Students Club 1994-95 scholarship winner. Also, Karen Kajitani's school was incorrectly named. The following is the correct list of names. All are 1994 graduates:

- Marc Hirai, Renton High School
- Dana Hoshide, Garfield High School
- Karen Kajitani, Ingraham High School

- Stacey Nakagawa, Mercer Island High School
- Takeshi Ouchi, Cascade High School in Everett
- Susan Shinoda, Lake Washington High School

A reception was held on November 5 at Kawabe House to honor the recipients. Applications are being accepted for the 1995-96 school year. Nikkei students who plan to attend the University of Washington are eligible. For scholarship information call Ken Sato, (206) 363-1414.



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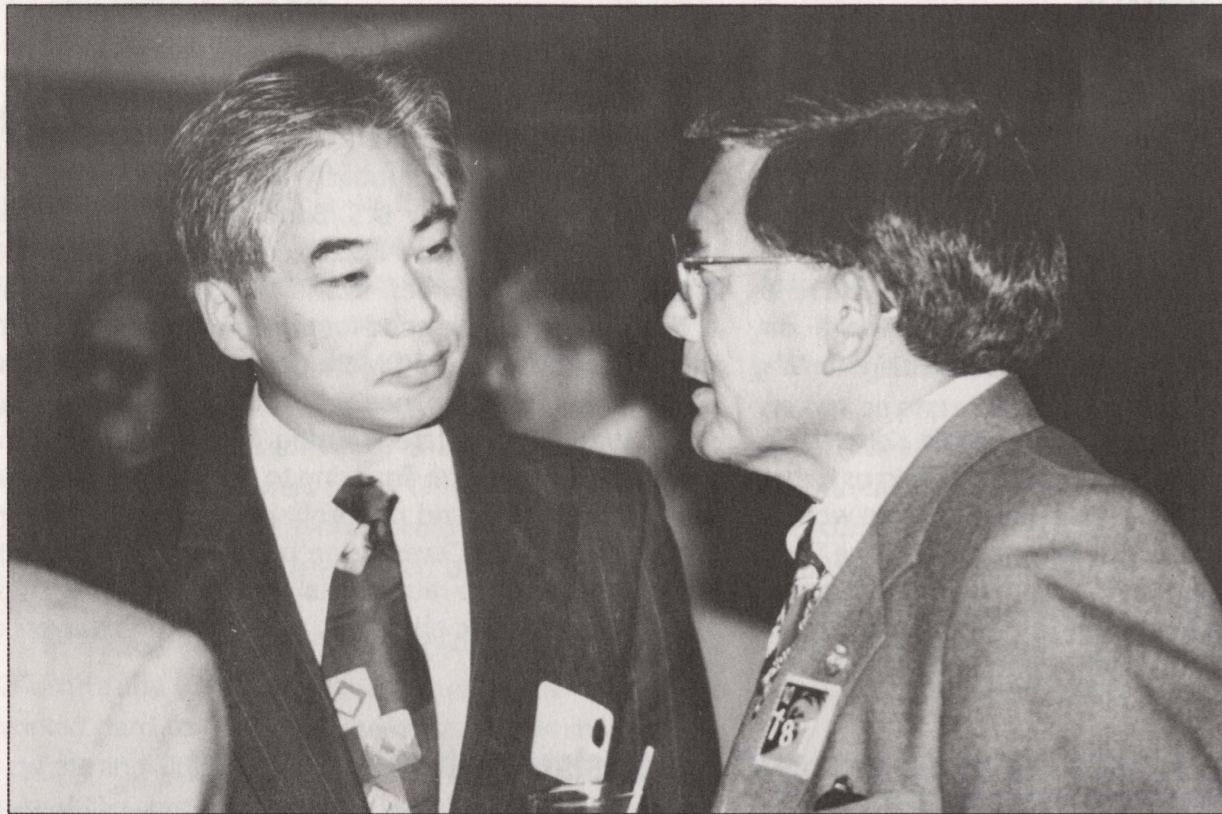
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Newly-elected 37th District State Representative Kip Tokuda receives tips from U.S. Rep. Norman Mineta at a Halloween reception held in Mineta's honor at the Bush Garden Restaurant.

—photo by I.H. Kuniyuki

Community anti-homophobia posters now available

The "Unite Against Homophobia" community poster can be yours by calling the Asian Pacific AIDS Council (APAC) at 467-0884. The poster was produced by APAC and Asian Pacific Islander Homosexuality/Homophobia Education Project and features a community photo of homosexual and heterosexual Asians supporting civil rights for all.

Translations of the theme in Thai, Cambodian, Tagalog, Chinese, Japanese, Hindi, Laotian, Vietnamese, Korean and Samoan border the poster.

Posters may be picked up at no charge at the APAC office, 675 S. Lane, Suite 303. To request the poster by mail, call 467-0884. Five dollars for handling and shipping will be charged for one poster. Additional posters in each shipment will cost \$1.

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Thank you for your support!

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Calendar of Events

Compiled by Ed Suguro

Meetings

Seattle JACL Board Meeting, everyone invited, November 16, 7 P.M., 316 Maynard Ave. S., Room 111.

Doshi Kai meeting, December 7, 7 P.M. Call Wayne Kimura for location. 827-0460 day, 869-5174, eve./weekend.

Community and Social Events

Tomo No Kai Tour of Seattle Keiro Nursing Home, November 14, 1:30 P.M. Info: 324-0862.

Dedication and Opening of the NP Hotel, Inter*Im Community Development Association and Inter*Im/NP Community Housing Limited Partnership invite you to the re-opening of the historic Nihonmachi (Japantown) hotel, November 17, 4 P.M., N.P. Hotel, 306 6th Ave. S. Info: Leslie, ICDA, 624-1802.

Ayame Kai 13th Annual Holiday Craft Fair, November 19, 10 A.M. to 4 P.M., Seattle Buddhist Church, 1427 S. Main St. Select from over 60 premiere Asian craft designers. Bakery and Asian food items available in downstairs dining room.

First Hill Lions Club Casino Night, November 23, 5 P.M. to 1 A.M., Bush Garden Restaurant, 614 Maynard Ave. S.

Blackjack, craps, over and under and wheel games will be available. Info: Gary, 325-6555

Kanojo's Holiday Fashion Festival & Boutique sponsored by the Seattle Cherry Blossom & Japanese Cultural Festival Committee, November 26 and 27, 1 to 5 P.M., Bellevue Red Lion Hotel Fairweather Ballroom, 300 112th Ave. S.E. Tickets \$3 available at Bush Garden or call restaurant, 682-6830. Info: Seattle Cherry Blossom hotline, 993-3999.

"New Horizon XII," Seattle Keiro benefit dance sponsored by the Seattle Japanese Gardeners Association, December 3, 8 P.M. to midnight, Seattle Buddhist Church gym, 1427 S. Main St., BYOL, mixers and ice available, music by Dennis and Eddy, \$10 donation.

Wing Luke Asian Museum Annual Art Auction, reservations available for gala affair honoring the lifetime achievements of artist Paul Horiuchi, February 11, Westin Hotel. Tickets, \$65 guest, \$100 patron, \$200 benefactor, \$650 table of 10. Credit card payments accepted. Deadline January 11. Info: 623-5124.

Weekly ballroom dance class, every Wednesday from 1 to 3 P.M., Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King St.

Arts and Cultural Events

Taiko workshops offered by Seattle Kokon Taiko, Novem-

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ber 13 (children) 5 to 9 year olds noon to 1:30 P.M., 10 to 15 year olds 2 to 4 P.M. November 27, adult program (16 and older) 1 to 5 P.M., Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King St. Cost \$15 children, \$30 adults. Registration and info: 725-1676.

Tattoo Girl, Seattle premiere of Naomi Iizuka play based on Richard Bartheleme's short story *Perpetual* about two young women on the road to self-discovery along the postmodern American highway, through November 19, Annex Theater, 1916 4th Ave., Thursday through Saturday 8 P.M., Sunday 7 P.M. Admission: \$7-9. Info: 728-8081, ext. 1.

Toko Shinoda: Origami Sumi Paintings and Lithograph Prints, through November 22, Azuma Gallery, 530 1st Ave. S., Tuesday through Saturday 11 A.M. to 6 P.M. Info: 622-5599.

Form, Space Movement, Spirit, bronze sculptures by Gerard Tsutakawa, through November 27, Foster/White Gallery, 311 1/2 Occidental Ave. S. Monday through Saturday 10 A.M. to 5 P.M., Sunday noon to 5 P.M. Info: 622-2833.

Pulp Paintings and Prints by Taiko Suzuki, through December 1, TestaRossa Stuffed Pizza Restaurant, 210 Broadway E. Sunday through Thursday 9 A.M. to 10 P.M., Friday and Saturday till 11 P.M. Info: 328-0878.

Museum Programs

Asia/America: Identities in Contemporary Asian American Art, works by 20 foreign-born Asian American artists from 11 countries reflecting their bicultural identities and multi-layered experiences as Asians in America, is on view through November 27 at Tacoma Art Museum, 12th St. and Pacific Avenue in Tacoma. Hours Tues. through Sat. 10 A.M. to 5 P.M., Thurs. until 7 P.M., Sun. noon to 5 P.M.

Admission: \$3, \$2 seniors/students, \$1 children 6 to 12. Tacoma Art Museum, Wing Luke Asian Museum and Burke Museum members free, and everyone free admission on Tuesdays. Info: (206) 272-4258.

Strength and Diversity: Japanese American Women 1885-1990, an exhibit originally created by the National Japanese American Historical Society and the Oakland Museum, with an added Northwest component, through December 4. Burke Museum at the Univ. of Wash., 17th Ave. N.E. and N.E. 45th St. Hours daily 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. Admission \$3, \$2 for seniors and students, \$1.50 for ages 6 to 18, under 6 free. Burke Museum, Tacoma Art Museum and Wing Luke Asian Museum members free. Info: 543-5590.

They Painted From their Hearts: Pioneer Asian American Artists, a groundbreaking exhibit of pioneer Washington State Asian American artists, with works from 1900 to 1960, on view at Wing Luke Asian Museum through January 15, 407-7th Ave. S. Hours Tues. through Fri. 11 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Sat. and Sun. noon to 4 p.m. Admission \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 seniors/students, \$.75 children 5 to 12. Free for Wing Luke Museum, Burke Museum and Tacoma Art Museum members. Info: 623-5124.

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