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President's Report

by Ray Ishii

The results of last month's elections and the post-election rhetoric is disturbing, to say the least. The passage of Proposition 187 in California with its racist overtones is frightening, and worse, there is support to introduce similar legislation around the country. I think most people agree that illegal immigration is a problem that we need to address. However, excluding and isolating people is not the answer, especially when it is children who will be the ultimate losers. With Proposition 187, children will suffer most by not receiving proper health care, education and other vital services.

As with most of the recent reform efforts, economics is a main reason for this immigration reform effort. However, in this case, denying services to children and families may well end up costing taxpayers more. The children will still receive health care, but instead of receiving preventative care in clinics they will receive emergency care in hospitals. Instead of receiving an education and becoming productive members of society, they will end up marginalized and always need public assistance. Instead of receiving cost effective services today, these children will need expensive, intensive services later in their life. Through the years, we have taken great pride in saying that our children, at least economically, "will have it better than we did." It makes one wonder if our society is becoming so selfish that we are more concerned with our own comfort than with the future of our children.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as President during the past 12 months. During the year, I have gained a deeper appreciation of the history and importance of the JACL, and especially the Seattle Chapter. Serving as President has only strengthened my commitment to the mission of JACL. A special thank you to the committed Board members and volunteers who participated in the many activities this year. The success of JACL and the Seattle Chapter results from your hard work and dedication.

Happy Holidays!

Mr. Sulu comes to town

Actor/writer George Takei, best known for his role as Mr. Sulu of the Enterprise in the television and movie series, "Star Trek," will keynote the Seattle Chapter JACL's 73rd Annual Installation Banquet on Saturday, January 28, 1995, at the Doubletree Suites Hotel in Tukwila.

Takei has been a strong supporter of the JACL and the redress movement. His recently published autobiography describes his life in an Arkansas internment camp as a youngster and follows his rise to stardom. Takei has also been active in local Los Angeles politics.

The banquet, titled "Reaching for the Stars," will include the installation of the 1995 board by National JACL President Denny Yasuhara. It is expected that local dignitaries will be in attendance to help the chapter launch its 73rd year of activity.

A social hour will begin at 6 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$40 (\$20 for students). For ticket information or reservations, please contact Ayako Hurd (206) 527-1464 or Takako Yoda (206) 722-6547.

This event promises to be "heavenly" as we Reach for the Stars. — Elaine Akagi, banquet chairperson

The 1995 Seattle JACL Chapter Board

Newly-elected Seattle Chapter JACL officers and board members who will be installed January 28, 1995.

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All officers with the exception of Iris Miyahira are continuing members. Iris is returning. Other returning board members are Chuck Kato and Rose Ogino.

New members of the board are: Randy Aoyama, Tony Ishisaka, Sid Kuboi, Michelle Kumata, Hugh Matsubayashi, Jonathan Matsui, Chizuko Norton, and Grant Yamaguchi. Continuing members include: Jeff Hatori, Kazzie Katayama, Elaine Kato, Cherry Kinoshita, Ken Nakano, May Namba, Joby Shimomura, Sam Shoji, Kip Tokuda, Vicki Toyohara-Mukai, and Janice Yee.

Chapter Focus

Chapter donates Pacific Citizen microfiche to Seattle Public Library

Want to read past issues of Pacific Citizen (PC), the national JACL newspaper? Well, you could, at the Seattle Public's Downtown Library which has housed bound volumes of the PC. One problem, however. PC pages have turned yellow and brittle.

In order to correct this problem, Seattle Chapter donated a set of PC microfiche covering 1931-1993 to the Seattle Public Library.

The donation was made at a ceremony November 2 in the board room of the Seattle Public Library. Representing Seattle JACL were Kip Tokuda (past chapter president), Cherry Kinoshita (Pacific Citizen Board Chair) and Ken Nakano (chapter International Relations Committee chair). Ms. Yvonne Chen, advocate reference services, and Betty Tonglao, Pacific Rim coordinator, represented the library.

This donation was made possible by the Motoda Foundation, a local foundation set up to remember Kiyoko Motoda, an evangelist and philanthropist.

Chapter office needs equipment

Seattle Chapter has moved back into the International District, but the office is in need of new or serviceable equipment. Equipment needed include: an office desk with chair, a copy machine, coffee maker (12 cups and 36 cups), upright vacuum cleaner, book cases, etc. These items are not covered in our budget, so we must rely on the generosity of our members and friends of JACL.

If you can obtain the necessary office equipment, please contact the office manager, Sam Shoji, 2359 16th Ave. So., Seattle, WA 98144, telephone: (206) 324-9049. Monetary contributions can be sent to JACL, Seattle Chapter, P.O. Box 18558, Seattle,

WA 98118. (Please designate for office equipment fund.) Donations are tax deductible. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

Come see us at 316 Maynard Ave. So., Suite #111. Our monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday each month, except for the month of January 1995, when our Installation Dinner will be held (January 28 at the Double Tree Suites in Tukwila, WA).

Community Focus

Museum seeks artifacts for Nihonmachi exhibit

The Wing Luke Asian Museum is seeking photos and artifacts for a historical exhibit on Seattle's Nihonmachi or Japantown. The exhibit will be housed in the lobby of the N.P. Hotel in March 1995.

The Museum needs historical photos and artifacts from the hotel and the surrounding area.

For more information, call Michelle Kumata at 623-5124.

Newsletter notes

Mayumi Tsutakawa is leaving the Seattle JACL Newsletter to pursue other writing and editing opportunities. Thank you for all your help these past 12 months, Mayumi!

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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

Compiled by Ed Suguro

Meetings

Doshi Kai meeting, Jan. 4, 7 P.M. Call Wayne Kimura for location. 827-0460 day, 869-5174, eve./weekend.

Community and Social Events

Tomo No Kai potluck dinner, Dec. 18, 4 to 8 P.M., Nisei Vets hall. 1212 S. King St. Bring donation of food item for Northwest Harvest. Info: 324-0862.

Bainbridge Island Mochitsuki and Potluck, cosponsored by the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Community and the Bainbridge Island Parks and Recreation Dept., Dec. 26, noon, Island Center Hall, Bainbridge Island. Bring food to share at potluck. For directions and info: Lucille, 842-5914.

Nisei Vets New Year's Eve Dance, Dec. 31, 9:30 P.M. to 1:30 A.M., Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King Street, BYOB, music by Bob Charles. Admission: Member couples \$15, nonmember couples \$20, all singles \$10. Table reservations for 8 to 10 people are being accepted by Ben Sugawara, 772-4261.

Nikkei Community Dance, Jan. 14, 8 to 11:30 P.M., Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King Street, BYOB, live band, \$3 per person. Info:

772-1160.

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

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

Arts and Cultural Events

ReAct presents "Prelude to a Kiss," a play by Craig Lucas featuring a multicultural cast, Dec. 14 through 31, Theater Off Jackson, 409 7th Ave. S., Wed through Sat 8 P.M., Sun, Dec. 18 7 P.M. Reservations and info: 364-3283.

Japanese Works on Paper, through Dec. 24, Honeychurch Antiques, 1008 James St., Mon through Sat 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. Info: 622-1225.

Paintings by Michi Osaka, through Dec. 31, Stillwater Gallery, 1900 N. Northlake Way, Sun through Wed, noon to 6 P.M., Thurs through Sat, noon to 9 P.M. Info: 634-1900.

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Poetics of Time, sumi and color on rice paper by Louise Kikuchi, through Jan. 8, Foster/White Gallery, 126 Central Way, Kirkland, Mon through Fri 11 A.M. to 9 P.M., Sat 10 A.M. to 9 P.M., Sun 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. Info: 822-2305.

Sashiko Embroidery Workshop, learn Japanese embroidery taught by Kimi Ota, Jan. 8, 15, 22, and 29, 1 to 4 P.M. Seattle Asian Art Museum, Volunteer Park. Info: 654-3100.

Northwest Asian American Theater presents "Winterfest '95," a series of different offerings including A.C. Petersen and her dancers and Denise Uyehara in "Headless Turtleneck Relations," Jan. 12 - 29. Call theater for tickets and info: 340-1049.

Discover Japanese Arts, another of Seattle Art Museum's family programs with hands-on learning, Jan. 14, 11 A.M. to 1 P.M., Seattle Art Museum Third Floor Educational Resource Room, 100 University St. Info: 654-3100.

"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 Jan. 15, 407-7th Ave. S. Info: 623-5124.

Asian New Year Traditions, South Asian, Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Vietnamese celebrations will be featured this year at

the Wing Luke Asian Museum, opens Jan. 24 and will run through April 9. Info: 623-5124.

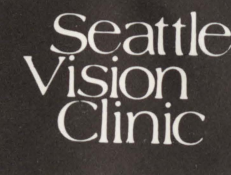
Nippon Kan Heritage Association and the Hyogo Cultural Center presents **Oshogatsu, Japanese New Year**, Jan. 28, 5 to 7 p.m., Nippon Kan Theater, 628 S. Washington St. Enjoy a program of Japanese music and dance, calligraphy, martial arts and mochitsuki as well as hands-on activities. Admission: \$15 general (\$12 for groups), \$10 seniors/students (\$8 for groups). info: Midori, 633-2017 or Hyogo Cultural Center, 728-0610.



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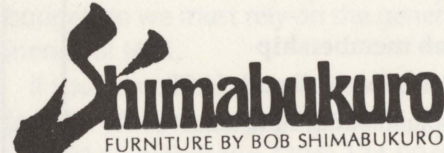
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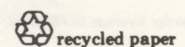
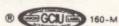
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