

# SEATTLE JACL CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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## Chapter board approves 'downsizing' of newsletter

by Arlene Oki, Second Vice President

Effective immediately, the Seattle JACL Chapter will publish an abbreviated version of its monthly newsletter. This action has become necessary because the organization cannot continue to subsidize the newsletter at current levels. Approximately \$7,000 of the Chapter's general fund has been used to pay for costs associated with the production and mailing of the newsletter each year for the past several years. Because of this, Seattle Chapter Board members last month approved a proposal to downsize the publication.

It is unfortunate that ad sales have not produced enough revenues to allow the newsletter to be financially self sufficient. We will try to increase revenues through this venue in the coming months, but even then expect to spend approximately \$3,500 each year.

In addition to a greatly shortened newsletter, members will receive 10 copies a year, instead of 12. To achieve this, newsletters will not be produced during two of the summer months. The comprehensive calendar of events will be radically reduced to include only JACL-related activities to allow more space for Chapter news.

Please be assured that we care deeply about communicating effectively with our general membership and that we will continue to keep your interests in mind as the newsletter is produced. We also know that you want our organization to remain financially viable so that we can fulfill the important mission of the national and local JACL chapter. A progressive idea in the right direction — to install information about our mission and program on the World Wide Web — will be implemented by one of our bright, young members, Hugh Matsubayashi.

We welcome your comments on these changes and suggestions you might have on ways we can improve communications within our community. Phone numbers of members of the Executive Committee are listed in the newsletter. Thanks very much for your understanding and continuing support.

## Candidates forum scheduled for summer

The Anti-Discrimination/Political Action Committee will be sponsoring a candidates forum for the Governor's race this summer. Republican and Democratic candidates for Governor will present their views on issues relevant to the Asian/Pacific Islander Community. Forum co-sponsors so far include Organization for Chinese Americans, National Asian Pacific Center on Aging and Asian Pacific American Young Democrats of Washington. The forum is scheduled for Wednesday, July 17, 1996, 6-9 p.m. at the Northwest Asian American Theater/Theater Off Jackson, 409 7th Avenue S. For information, please call Sharon Klostermann at 639-1682 or Janice Yee at 624-1221.

May 14 — St. Peter's Episcopal Church

## Civil Liberties Education Fund meeting scheduled

A community forum on the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 7 - 8:30 p.m., at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 1610 South King Street.

Peggy Nagae, a member of the fund board will be present to provide information with regard to the current status and recent activities of the board, and to solicit input from community members regarding the criteria which will be utilized in disbursing money from the Fund as set forth in the Civil Liberties Act of 1988.

The primary purpose of the fund is to sponsor research and public educational activities so that the events surrounding the evacuation, relocation, and internment of the United States citizens and permanent resident aliens of Japanese ancestry will be remembered, and so that the causes and circumstances of this and similar events may be illuminated and understood. In addition, some of the money from the fund will be utilized to publish and distribute the hearings, findings and recommendations of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians.

The Public Education Fund was established with the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988. Originally, \$50 million was allocated but because of the expansion of the pool of claimants for redress payments, \$45 million was allocated for such payments. The remaining \$5 million, however, is secure in the Treasury.

The forum is not only an opportunity for those who may be seeking funding for a specific project, but also for those who would like to have an opportunity to express their views with regard to the scope, breadth and nature of the projects which may be funded.

For more information, please call Karen Yoshitomi at (206) 623-5088.

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## Further information about the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund

The Civil Liberties Public Education Fund met in Washington, D.C. on April 1, 1996 to begin the process of establishing a program of grants and public education about the relocation and internment of Japanese Americans during World War II. During the meeting, it became apparent that many questions about the Fund existed in our respective communities. The following is an attempt by the Fund to answer some of those questions.

**Why has it taken so long for the Board to begin work?**

The Fund (and Board) were established by the Civil Liberties Act of 1988. The Board members received White House clearance as early as 1994 but their appointments required Senate confirmation. The nominations languished in committee until December 1995 when, through the encouragement of some key individuals, President Clinton made "recess appointments" to the Fund Board. This allowed the board to function as a duly constituted Presidential appointed body.

**What is a recess appointment?**

A recess appointment is made when Congress is not in session. It does



# Many individuals volunteer services in fundraising efforts

by Elaine Akagi

Of late, our chapter has been focusing on fund raising to meet our annual operating expenses. Our treasurer has brought to our attention that our operations in the past year ran in the red. We have streamlined our expenses as well as we could. Our board has exciting and innovative ideas for programming, which can happen only if we raise the money.

Over the weekend of April 26-28, our chapter participated in the 21st annual Cherry Blossom Festival at the Seattle Center. A group of women, mostly from the Kisarage Kai (February Club), arose before the sun to gather at St.

Peter's Episcopal Church, and made pounds of sushi and mochi/manju. Headed by our energetic Shea Aoki, these women worked many hours on the three days of the festival. Meanwhile, another group of women from the Kisarage Kai and men and women from the JACL sold sushi and manju at the festival. The financial report isn't in yet, but through everyone's hard work, we've made some headway in our fund raising.

This past May 4, our chapter sponsored a fashion show by designer Anne Namba. The luncheon fashion show was well attended by

about 300 people. Namba, a designer from Hawaii, has designed for such notables as Hillary Clinton, Kristi Yamaguchi, Pat Morita and members of the band, Hiroshima. Her fashions were well received by the Seattle crowd. Namba donated 10% of her sales to our chapter. Again, we have no final figures, but it looks like we'll have some money for our coffers.

There were many individuals involved in the success of the two events. As in any event, there are hours of planning and details that few are aware of. Our deepest appreciation goes to all who worked hard on the two events. If names are inadvertently omitted, please forgive me.

## Cherry Blossom Festival Volunteers

Linda Akiyama	Kazuko Fink	Fusako Kusumi	Mitsuko Perry
Chiya Anamo	Tsuchino Forrester	Teruko Livingston	Michiko Pumpian
Yoko Andersen	Marie Fujii	Eddie Mah	Wakako Sabic
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## Fashion Show Volunteers

A.C. Arai	Cari Murotani
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Rose Kataoka	Elsie Tokita
Eileen Kato	Shigeo Uno
Ham Kawamura	Nikkie Wilson
Tama Murotani	Miyuki Yoshida

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not require confirmation by the Senate and thus avoids the confirmation hearings which can be delayed or devolve into controversy. However, Board members' terms are effective no longer than a year or until the appointee is replaced. If the terms end and no replacements are appointed (or current members are not confirmed) there may not be any allocations from the Fund and the Fund may cease operations.

Where do administrative expenses come from? All administrative expenses are taken from the \$5 million fund. This means that the monies available for grants are reduced by whatever we spend for administrative costs. ... We will try to keep costs at a minimum through videoteleconferencing, use of e-mail and faxes at the same time avoiding compromising the quality of the program just to save a few dollars. Where will the office be located?

We have not made a firm decision although both Washington, D.C. and San Francisco have been considered. An office in D.C. will provide access to Congress and the Administration, contacts with other national organizations for publicity and outreach purposes and a symbolic presence as a national organization, among other advantages. Still, cost considerations, choice of Executive Director and other factors may impel us to locate elsewhere.

What are the criteria for grants and when will the applications be ready?

We are meeting on May 4, 1996 to work on criteria and applications. We hope to have an application form by June 1.

What is the Life of the Board?

We are authorized to function until August 10, 1998. Some members, however, are suggesting that we either extend the life off the Fund through legislation or attempt to create a pri-

vate alternative. This is up for discussion.

After we meet on May 4, we will have a much clearer vision of the road ahead. In the meantime, all Fund board members are available to answer questions, accept input, discuss problems or criticisms. Contact Dale Minami's office at 415-788-9000 for addresses and phone numbers of Fund board members.

## Redress Notice

The proposed rules have been published in the Federal Register of April 22, 1996, Vol. 61, No. 78, for public comment concerning the proposed changes in redress regulations to make eligible those persons who were born prior to Jan. 3, 1945; who were born to parents who "voluntarily" evacuated from the prohibited military zones and those persons born outside the military zones after their parents were released from internment camps. Comments may be mailed to the ORA, P.O. Box 66260, Washington, D.C. 20035-6260.

## Calendar

compiled by Ed Suguro

### MEETINGS

**Ono No Kai meeting**, May 13, 7 p.m., Keiro Nursing Home, 1601 E. Yesler Way, speaker: Irene Broomell, topic: general health.

**Seattle Chapter Board Meeting**, Potluck and Scholarship Awards, May 15, 6 p.m., Blaine Memorial Methodist Church, 3001 24th Ave. S. Bring your favorite food and meet the scholarship winners.

**Doshi Kai meeting**, June 5, 7 p.m. Call Wayne Kimura for location, 827-0460 day, 869-5174 evening and weekend.

### COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL EVENTS

**Ayame Kai Rummage Sale**, May 18, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Seattle Buddhist Church, 1427 S. Main St. Drop-off dates: May 14-17, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., at the Buddhist Church. Info: 323-7100

**Nisei Veterans Committee's Memorial Day Service**, May 27, 10 a.m., Lake View Cemetery, 1554 15th Ave. E., Capitol Hill, speaker: Kaun Onodera, NVC's first chaplain and the person instrumental in starting the Memorial Day service.

**Nikkei Concerns, the Kame Project and the Nikkei Long Term Care Study Project** present

"Understanding Legal and Financial Issues," June 1, 9 a.m.-12 noon, Blaine Memorial Methodist Church, 3001 24th Ave. S., speakers: Sharon Crawford, Senior Health Insurance Benefits Advisor, on "The Ins and Outs of Medicare/Medicaid" and "Paying for Long Term Care"; Kenyon Luce, JD, on "Getting Your Affairs in Order." Free admission. There will be information booths, free blood pressure checks, handouts and refreshment. Info: Greta Hoshibata, 326-2409 or Darlene Suyematsu, 323-7100.

**Nisei Veterans Committee's 50th Anniversary Reunion**, June 22, Red Lion Hotel/Sea-Tac Airport, 7 p.m. dinner/program, 9:30 p.m. dancing to the music of Dennis and Eddy, RSVP \$40 per person to Paul Minato, 4723 S. Juneau St., Seattle, WA 98118. Info: Paul, 722-1046 or Tosh Tokunaga, 722-3456.

**Tule Lake Pilgrimage**, July 4-7. Buses will leave from Sacramento, San Francisco, Oak land, San Jose and possibly Seattle if there is sufficient interest. Fee is \$185 if registered before May 17, \$225 thereafter, \$95 for low income, \$75 for those 6-17, and under 6 free. Dining and lodging will be at the Oregon Institute of Technology in Klamath Falls. Info: Stan, 725-1676.

### ARTS AND CULTURAL EVENTS

**"Beyond the Rock Garden: Craft Forms for a New World,"** three dimensional objects using different materials by West Coast Asian American and Asian Canadian artists, opens May 25, Wing Luke Asian Museum, 407 7th Ave. S., Tuesday-Friday 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Saturday-Sunday noon-4 p.m., \$2.50 adults, \$1.50 seniors/students, 75¢ children 5-12. Info: 623-5124.



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