

The season and reason for giving

by Jeffrey Hattori

The Season. "It's that time of year again!!!" Many of us (I know I am!) are frantically looking for the address book to send holiday cards, making out the gift list and hitting the stores, buying and decorating our trees and homes, and preparing to invite family and friends for a wonderful day of great food and fun. This is certainly the time of year that we think of those we care for and how fortunate we are to be able to give and receive.

For many of us, this is also the time of year that we think of organizations that we care about. By giving, we help ensure that for another year these organizations can devote their time and energy on serving and enhancing our community. I hope you will think about your Seattle Chapter JACL.

The Reason. As you know, the Seattle Chapter JACL is coming up on our 75th anniversary! We have reached this milestone, as a volunteer organization, because of...you! Through your commitment and generosity, you have helped our community overcome the many challenges and injustices which faced our parents, family members and friends. Through your commitment and gener-

osity, you have helped preserve and share with others our history and culture and provide much needed opportunities for our youth to be-

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**Seattle Chapter
Diamond Anniversary Celebration**

Seattle Sheraton

Saturday, January 25, 1997.

Reception, 5:30 p.m.

Dinner, 6:30 p.m. Tickets: \$50

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A Gift that Gives Back. The goals and values that created our chapter 75 years ago are just as important today. We must continue our efforts on civil rights, education on internment, and the sharing of our culture. Next year, our efforts will include a heavy emphasis on investing in our future...our youth. We are planning a local youth leadership conference that will address career development, leadership skills, volunteerism and networking. We would also like to send as many of our youth as possible to the National Leadership Conference in March 1997, and increase the funds available for scholarships and for attending workshops and events.

We need your help to make this possible. Any gift will be deeply appreciated and put to good use. If you would like to send a gift, please mail it to:

Seattle Chapter JACL, PO Box 18558, Seattle, WA 98118

The Seattle Chapter JACL would like to thank each and every one of you for your on-going support and we wish you and your family the very happiest of holidays!

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Dale Minami at 75th Anniversary Celebration

Lively, thought-provoking attorney to keynote dinner

by Arlene Oki

Dale Minami, a pioneer in the Asian Pacific American (APA) civil rights movement and important contributor in the successful campaign for Japanese American redress, will highlight the Seattle Chapter's 75th Anniversary Celebration and Installation Dinner, January 25, 1997.

Minami has for years been a strong organizer of initiatives which promote justice and opportunity for APAs. He was instrumental in starting Asian Law Caucus (the first APA legal service organization in the country), the Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area, the Asian/Pacific Bar of California, and the Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans, a political action committee that raises money to help candidates who support APA issues.

He is best known to JACL members for his lead role on the legal team that successfully overturned the landmark decision in the U.S. v. Korematsu case, and for his leadership in the national campaign for redress. Now, as chairman of the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund, he is responsible for managing a \$5 million fund to be spent on educational programs related to the JA internment experience.

A co-managing partner of the San Francisco law firm, *Minami, Lew, & Tamaki*, Minami specializes in personal injury, entertainment law, and civil litigation. Among his celebrity clients are Olympic gold medalist figure skater Kristi Yamaguchi and filmmaker Wayne Wang.

A new venture for Minami is his collaboration with playwright Phillip Gotanda in forming a commercial movie production company, Joe Ozu Films, Inc. A major goal of the partnership is to present a more accurate portrayal of Asian Americans and their experiences in films.

With his extensive background in civil rights and such multifaceted interests, Minami's keynote speech should be lively, interesting and thought-provoking.

Please join the Seattle Chapter in welcoming this great Japanese American leader at our 75th anniversary celebration and dinner.

1996 President's Report: It's been a busy year!

by Elaine Akagi

What a year it's been! Your Seattle chapter has been active and visible this year. We've sponsored and participated in many community events, and spoken on behalf of the organization on many occasions. A brief overview of the year's activities:

JANUARY: About 400 people attended our Installation Banquet to hear keynote speaker Bruce Yamashita. Joined other Asian representatives to confer with members of the American Jewish Committee (AJC).

FEBRUARY: Participated in the Pacific Northwest District Council (PNWDC) meeting in Olympia. Also attended annual dinner of the Seattle Chapter of

Organization of Chinese Americans. (OCA)

MARCH: Attended meetings with the Japanese Service Committee, Wing Luke Asian Museum (WLAM), Trans-Pacific 2, and the AJC during the month, working jointly on projects. Our education committee presented at the Washington Education Association, Diversity Workshop. The political action committee, working with the OCA, began a voter registration drive to get out the Asian vote.

APRIL: Attended the LEAP Roundtable; participated in the Seattle Cherry Blossom Festival; helped with voter registration.

MAY: Sponsored the Anne Namba Fashion Show. Held our chapter's annual Scholarship din-

ner at Blaine Memorial Methodist Church. Participated in a program of El Centro de la Raza, the Nisei Vet's Memorial Day service, and the Washington Asian Leadership Conference. Hosted the PNWDC meeting. Involved in the first Puget Sound Area Presidents meeting.

JUNE: Attended a dinner sponsored by the AJC, a forum presented by the Nisei Vets, a Women Empowered luncheon, and a community meeting at the WLAM.

JULY: Sponsored a Governors Candidates Forum at the Nippon Kan, which was attended by over 150 people. More voter registration activities at the swearing in ceremony at Seattle Center and at the ID Street Fest-

tival. Our outgoing national president, Denny Yasuhara, retired with our board.

AUGUST: Attended the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation reception. Delegates attended the National JACL convention in San Jose, CA. Work continued with the Area chapter presidents group.

SEPTEMBER: Attended dinners of the Chinatown Chamber of Commerce and the Asian Counseling and Referral Service (ACRS). Our national president, Helen Kawagoe, visited the local chapters.

OCTOBER: Met the mother of Yoshi Hattori, a young Japanese student killed in Louisiana. Attended a dinner sponsored by the OCA and the Nordstrom

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Congratulations to the 1997 Seattle Chapter Board & Officers

by Vicki Toyohara

Congratulations to the 1997 Seattle JACL Officers and Board Members who were recently elected by the Seattle JACL membership or appointed by the incoming president. The 1997 officers and board members represent the diversity and strength of our Chapter.

Jeffrey Hattori is the Seattle Chapter president for 1997. He is a planner with the Seattle-King County Private Industry Council and serves on the Nikkei Concerns Board.

Other officers (and affiliations): President-elect: **Janice Yee**, regional coordinator for the National Asian Pacific Center on Aging (NAPCA).

1st Vice President: **Cal Takagi**, a retired professor, School of Social Work, University of Washington (UW).

2nd Vice President: **Arlene Oki**, planning and development specialist with the City of Seattle.

3rd Vice President: **Jonathan Matsui**, a UW research technologist.

4th Vice President: **Kazzie Katayama**, a community outreach coordinator with King County.

Board Delegate: **Elaine Akagi** (our 1996 chapter president), a special education teacher with the Seattle Public Schools (SPS) and our 1996 chapter president.

Historian: **Shea Aoki**, a retired business woman.

Corresponding Secretary: **Sam Shoji**, a retired social worker who volunteers at the Seattle Keiro Nursing home.

Recording Secretary: **Victoria Yuki**, a data manager at NAPCA.

The following persons will serve as board members for the Seattle Chapter in 1997:

Randy Aoyama, UW law student.

Jill Beppu, art instructor, Bellevue Community College

Dave Hoekendorf, Seattle attorney

Ayako Hurd, retired

Ray Ishii, certified public accountant, Ishii and Ishii CPAs, L.L.P.

Jean Joichi, graduate student, UW.

Chuck Kato, retired.

Eileen Kato, judge, King County District Court, Seattle Division.

Sid Kuboi, Civil Engineer, United States Navy.

Frank Kiuchi, Finance Officer, Center for Career Alternatives.

Hugh Matsubayashi, UW law student.

Iris Miyahira, Claims Representative, Unigard Insurance

Ken Nakano, retired.

May Namba, retired librarian, SPS.

Chizuko Norton, social worker.

Danny Okada, UW law student.

Michelle Ota, teacher, SPS.

Christine Shigaki, dentist.

Representative Kip Tokuda, Washington State Representative, 37th District.

Vicki Toyohara, Executive Director, Washington State Minority and Justice Commission and an attorney.

Grant Yamaguchi, apartment owner.

Miyuki Yoshida, law student, Seattle University.

We look forward to a productive year with Jeffrey Hattori as Seattle Chapter president.

President's report, continued

Salute to Diversity reception. Reacted, in consort with others, in response to a Seattle Post Intelligencer opinion page piece by Richard Estrada.

NOVEMBER: Held our chapter elections. We have several new members on our board.

As you can see we've done a lot this year.

The commitment of the board members has been extraordinary. Some have been to monthly executive board meetings, board meetings, and mailouts plus many committee meetings throughout the year. That is commitment!

When you see board members whose names are listed on the back of the newsletter, say thank you, because they are the ones

who've given time and energy to this organization. To my board and officers, thank you. Without your support and encouragement, I would have thrown in the towel a long time ago.

Also, to chapter members, thank you for giving me the opportunity to work with the number one chapter in the organization. It's been a pleasure and an honor.

1997 Membership Dues Structure

At its November board meeting, the board approved a new dues structure, effective January 1, 1997. The National dues were increased, an action approved at the 1996 National JACL Convention in San Jose. Our new dues are reflective of the National and District dues increases.

Category	New	National	District	Chapter Keeps
Regular	\$50	\$43	\$4	\$3
Couple/Family	85	75	8	2
Student/Youth	20	14	4	2
Spouse 1000 Club/Century	40	32	4	2
Booster	20			20
Sr. booster	12			12



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