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 com-I ing 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 gen-

	erosity, you
Seattle Chapter	have helped
Diamond Anniversary Celebration	preserve and share with oth-
Seattle Sheraton	ers our history
Saturday, January 25, 1997.	and culture and
Reception, 5:30 p.m.	provide much
Dinner, 6:30 p.m. Tickets: \$50	needed oppor- tunities for our
******	youth to be-

come our leaders of tomorrow.

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, lease 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!



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 of the year's activities:

Asian representatives to confer the Asian vote. with members of the American Jewish Committee (AJC).

Council (PNWDC) meeting in

cans. (OCA)

Seattle chapter has been active with the Japanese Service Com- Nisei Vet's Memorial Day service, and visible this year. We've spon- mittee, Wing Luke Asian Mu- and the Washington Asian Lead- tional Japanese American Mesored and participated in many seum (WLAM), Trans-Pacific 2, ership Conference. Hosted the morial Foundation reception. community events, and spoken and the AJC during the month, PNWDC meeting. Involved in Delegates attended the National on behalf of the organization on working jointly on projects. Our the first Puget Sound Area Presi- JACL convention in San Jose, many occasions. A brief overview education committee presented dents meeting. at the Washington Education As- JUNE: Attended a dinner Area chapter presidents group. JANUARY: About 400 sociation, Diversity Workshop. sponsored by the AJC, a forum SEPTEMBER: Attended people attended our Installation The political action committee, presented by the Nisei Vets, a dinners of the Chinatown Banquet to hear keynote speaker working with the OCA, began a Women Empowered luncheon, Chamber of Commerce and the Bruce Yamashita. Joined other voter registration drive to get out and a community meeting at the Asian Counseling and Referral

APRIL: Attended the LEAP

Organization of Chinese Ameri- ner at Blaine Memorial Method- tival. Our outgoing national ist Church. Participated in a pro- president, Denny Yasuhara, MARCH: Attended meetings gram of El Centro de la Raza, the ited with our board.

WLAM.

Roundtable; participated in the Candidates Forum at the visited the local chapters. FEBRUARY: Participated in Seattle Cherry Blossom Festival; Nippon Kan, which was at- OCTOBER: Met the mother the Pacific Northwest District helped with voter registration. tended by over 150 people. More of Yoshi Hattori, a young Japa-MAY: Sponsored the Anne voter registration activities at the nese student killed in Louisiana. Olympia. Also attended annual Namba Fashion Show. Held our swearing in ceremony at Seattle Attended a dinner sponsored by dinner of the Seattle Chapter of chapter's annual Scholarship din- Center and at the ID Street Fes- the OCA and the Nordstrom

AUGUST: Attended the Na-CA. Work continued with the

Service (ACRS). Our national JULY: Sponsored a Governors president, Helen Kawagoe,

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tative, Unigard Insurance

May Namba, retired librarian,

Chizuko Norton, social worker.

Danny Okada, UW law student.

Representative Kip Tokuda,

Washington State Representa-

rector, Washington State Mi-

nority and Justice Commis-

Grant Yamaguchi, apartment

Miyuki Yoshida, law student, Se-

We look forward to a product

Seattle Chapter president.

year with Jeffrey Hattori a

Michelle Ota, teacher, SPS.

Christine Shigaki, dentist.

tive, 37th District.

sion and an attorney.

attle University.

Ken Nakano, retired.

SPS

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 Recording Secretary: Victoria Social Work, University of Washington (UW).

specialist with the City of Se- Chapter in 1997: attle.

- 3rd Vice President: Jonathan Matsui, a UW research tech- Jill Beppu, art instructor, nologist.
- Katayama, a community outreach coordinator with King Ayako Hurd, retired County.
- Board Delegate: Elaine Akagi (our 1996 chapter president), a special education teacher Jean Joichi, graduate student, Vicki Toyohara, Executive Diwith the Seattle Public Schools (SPS) and our 1996 Chuck Kato, retired. 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.
- Yuki, a data manager at NAPCA.

2nd Vice President: Arlene Oki, The following persons will serve Iris Miyahira, Claims Represenplanning and development as board members for the Seattle

Randy Aoyama, UW law student.

Bellevue Community College 4th Vice President: Kazzie Dave Hoekendorf, Seattle attor-

ney

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

UW.

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.

President's report, continued

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

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

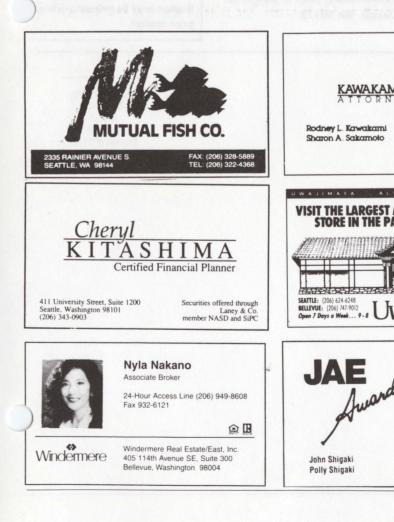
As you can see we've done a lot this year. ter, say thank you, because they are the ones

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.

commitment!

New	National	District
\$50	\$43	\$4
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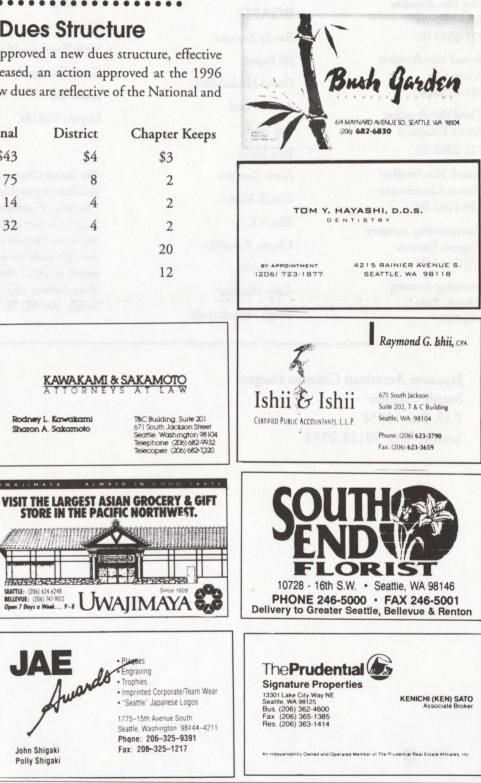
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The commitment of the board members has been extraordinary. Some have been to monthly executive board meetings, board meetings, and mailouts plus many committee meetings throughout the year. That is

When you see board members whose names are listed on the back of the newslet-

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.



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