
Civil Liberties Public Education Fund announces \$2.7 million in grants

by Janice Yee

The Civil Liberties Public Education Fund (CLPEF) announced its initial 100 recipients of its grants program March 5. The Board allocated \$2.7 million for these 100 projects.

In addition to these initial 100 grants, the Board is planning to sponsor a CLPEF Curriculum Project Initiative encompassing teacher training, curriculum guides and other educational resources. The allocation of funds for this initiative will be developed by this spring. Board members Elsa Kudo of Honolulu, Hawaii, and Peggy Nagae of Eugene, Oregon, will co-chair the Curriculum Project.

Seattle Chapter applied for three grants from the CLPEF. Of Seattle chapter's three proposals, two were partially funded and the decision on the third was postponed.

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- \$30,000 was awarded to Seattle Chapter Redress Committee to document the role of the Seattle Chapter in the struggle for redress.

- \$5,000 was awarded to consortium composed of the Seattle JACL, Pike Place Market, and Seattle Arts Commission and the Wing Luke Asian Museum to commission a public artwork commemorating the Japanese American farmers in the Market and educate people about the internment. The original grant application requested \$54,000, so the committee will be meeting soon to discuss other funding alternatives for this project.

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Day of Remembrance

State House recognizes achievements of JA internees

by Cherry Kinoshita

In a rare show of unanimous, bi-partisan support, the Washington State House of Representatives approved H.R. 4614, recognizing the state's Japanese American internees on February 19, the 55th anniversary of Executive Order 9066 and the 21 anniversary of the rescission of that order by President Gerald Ford in 1976.

The resolution, introduced by Rep. Kip Tokuda (D, 37th District) and joined by 19 co-sponsors, honored the "patience, heroism, sacrifice and loyalty" of those who were interned, paid tribute to the valor of the veterans of the Military Intelligence Service and the 442nd Regimental

Combat Team, and cited the patriotism of those who challenged the constitutionality of the internment.

Reflecting the effective ability of Rep. Tokuda to garner support from both sides of the House, three Republicans (Mark Schoesler, Mike Wensman and James Buck), and three Democrats (Velma Veloria, Dow Constantine and Dawn Mason) spoke in support of H.R. 4614.

Also attending were more than 50 Nikkei supporters and community representatives who watched from the south gallery.

Still time to apply for national and local JACL scholarships

by Christine Shigaki, 1997 Scholarship Chair

There is still time to apply for National and Local Scholarship Awards. Applications are available for JACL National and Seattle Scholarship Awards. To obtain applications, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Seattle JACL Scholarship Committee, PO Box 18558, Seattle, WA 98118.

The National JACL will be awarding scholarships for Undergraduate, Graduate, Law, Creative Arts, Performing

Arts, and Hagiwara Student Aid (for students with economic hardship). Applications must be mailed to the National Chapter by April 1, 1997.

The Seattle JACL will be awarding local scholarships as well. Applications must be submitted to the Seattle Chapter by April 15, 1997.

Scholarships are available to those with JACL Membership (by the applicant or his/her parents). All qualified persons are encouraged to apply!

President's report

by Jeffrey Hattori

A Month to Remember...

February has proven to be another exciting month for your Seattle Chapter JACL. On the heels of the energizing 75th Anniversary Banquet, the board has been working hard, both internally and externally, to address civil rights issues and youth leadership development. I'll share this with you in just a moment. However, I would like to highlight an interesting incident and a very meaningful event.

What is the real issue?

On Tuesday, February 18, 1997, I walked into my office to find a message from a local television reporter asking what the JACL's position on the capture of the Orca whales was. Specifically, what were the implications of this action for the Japanese American community? It occurred to me and others I spoke with that this was not an issue that the JACL would be involved with, as it is an environmental issue dealing with another nation, not a civil rights issue.

However, history has repeatedly informed us that situations like this tend to get clouded with other issues, usually unrelated, and confuse or even redirect the core issue. Thus, we are often put "on guard" with the possibility of Japan "bashing" that could eventually lead to evoking misguided perceptions of Japanese Americans and other Asian groups. What eventually made it to the "air" was the sentence you just read. Later that evening, I received a call from the organizer of a protest in front of the Consul General of Japan's office with assurances that Japan "bashing" will be discouraged and not tolerated. I was encouraged with the organizer's responsiveness but, in a broader context, discouraged that this would be an issue to begin with.

A "Day to Remember"

On the following day, Wednesday, February 19, 1997, I along with over 50 others went down to Olympia to recog-

nize and support House Resolution No. 97-4614, developed and introduced by our past Chapter President (and current Board Member), State Representative Kip Tokuda. The resolution's intent was twofold: 1) to remind our state legislators of a decision and act, Executive Order 9066, that forced thousands of individuals, many of whom were American Citizens, to be placed into internment camps. More importantly, this act, developed and signed by our elected officials based on "race prejudice, war hysteria...", most seriously challenged the basic tenets of our constitution and the fundamental beliefs and lives of those interned. 2) this resolution was also intended to celebrate the achievements of these very same individuals for their "patience, heroism, sacrifice, and patriotic loyalty", and that we all "remember the lessons and blessings of liberty and justice for all".

It was a significant day for all of us in attendance and for what it represented for those who were interned and "rose above" this sad chapter in our country's history. I, for one, not only admired the work and passionate speech by Representative Tokuda, but was equally impressed and humbled by all in attendance including internees and representatives from the Nisei Veterans Committee, Military Intelligence Service - NW Association, and local JACLers.

This event this day, reaffirmed the need for organizations like JACL to continue our involvement in informing and educating the broader community. Along these lines, the Chapter has been in contact with organizers of the "Defining the Asia-Pacific Century: Nurturing Roots" National Conference of the Association for Asian American Studies to be held April 16-19, 1997 at the University of Washington. The intent is to provide educators and attendees with a variety of curriculum materials on the internment experience and to facilitate a discussion on how to integrate this into K-12 curricula.

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Chapter will update its JA Community Directory

by Vicky Yuki

Due to the overwhelming demand for an updated version of the December 1991 Japanese American Community Directory, the Seattle Chapter has established a committee to respond to this request.

The Directory is a free compilation of the Seattle/King County area Japanese American community and businesses. There will be two sections to the Directory. The first section will include private residences in alphabetical order, and the second will list businesses by services of-

fered. There will be an opportunity to place advertisements for your businesses in the second section. The cost of the advertisements has not been determined as of yet.

The Directory met with a lot of success the last time around, due to the hard work of the committee at that time. I am looking for volunteers who are interested in being a part of a fulfilling, hard-working team dedicated to providing a very needed service for our community. If you are interested in volunteering in this project, please contact Vicky Yuki at 624-1221.

UW Nikkei to hold reunion

The University Students Club and the UW Department of American Ethnic Studies will co-sponsor a reunion on August 16-18, 1997, for all Nikkei current and former students who have attended the University of Washington. This event will commemorate the 75th anniversary of the University Students Club. A banquet and dance will be

held on Saturday, August 16, 1997 at the Husky Union Building (HUB) on the UW campus.

In conjunction with this reunion, the 1997-1998 University Students Club scholarship recipients will be hon-

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Other Important Notes

• On Wednesday, February 26, 1997, "API Legislative Day" approximately 2,000 API (including JACLers) from across the state joined in Olympia to share with our elected officials the needs and issues of our community. Arlene Oki, VP of Civil Rights/Coalition Building, led the effort to ensure JACL's support and participation in this historic and critical event.

• The University of Washington Libraries is sponsoring a traveling exhibit: "A More Perfect Union: Japanese Americans and the US Constitution" by the Smithsonian Institution.

• The PNW District Chapters, including Seattle, are co-sponsoring a panel discussion, facilitated by Professor Tets Kashima, on the Crystal City (Texas) internment experience. One of the panelists includes our own Kazzie Katayama, VP-Public Relations/Fund Development. Thanks to Ken Nakano for his work on this project. Please plan to join us!

• Board Member Jill Beppu participated in a diversity roundtable for residents of Ballard at Loyal Heights Elementary School. The discussion included representatives from other ethnic/racial and human rights groups to create

better understanding of one another and develop "bridges" to further relationships.

Youth Leadership Development

We are pleased to announce that the Chapter has sponsored Vicki Yuki, Recording Secretary and Co-VP/Youth Leadership Development, to attend the National JACL/OCA Leadership Conference in Washington DC.

Jon Matsui/Co-VP Youth Leadership Development, is involved with the JACL National Youth/Student Council's "Leading into the Future" conference. This conference will be held in June at the University of California, Irvine in which we plan to sponsor individuals to attend. Jon Matsui is also busy planning a local youth leadership conference to be conducted at the Bi-District meeting in July. Please be on the lookout for more information!

It is through the generous support of all of you that has provided us with the resources to fund and plan for these activities. Thank you!

PNW District Meeting

The next PNW District Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 19, 1997. The meeting will be held in Spokane, hosted by the Spokane Chapter. For more information, please call me at 630-4854 or Karen Yoshitomi, PNW District Office at 623-5088.

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• Shorai project, submitted in partnership with Seattle JACL, Washington Education Association, Seattle University to train teachers on how to teach about the internment was tabled due to the number and diversity of teacher training projects submitted to CLPEF. Dale Shimasaki,

Executive Director of the CLPEF stated that teacher training is a priority for the fund and the board felt they needed more time to consider the teacher training projects together.

Please stay tuned for more information on the progress of the CLPEF projects.

Washington Awardees		
The Japanese American Experience	Tacoma Community College Foundation	\$10,000
Learning Through the Art of Roger Shimomura	Bellevue Art Museum, Beverly Silver	\$5,000
Public Art in Pike Place Market	Jill Beppu and Janice Yee (Seattle JACL)	\$5,000
EO 9066: 50 Years Before and 50 Years After	Wing Luke Asian Museum, Ron Chew	\$75,000
Conscience and the Constitution	Frank Abe	\$100,000
Stage adaptation of "Snow Falling on Cedars"	Seattle Repertory Theatre	\$20,000
Violet Kazue de Cristoforo, An American Life	Chizuko Omori	\$15,000
20 Years of the Redress Movement in WA	Charles Kato, Cherry Kinoshita (Seattle JACL)	\$30,000
Comparative study of interned Japanese, German and Italian nationals and American citizens in the WWII Department of Justice camps	Tetsu Kashima, Univ. Washington	\$10,000
DENSHO Project	JACC, Thomas Ikeda	\$20,000
Iwao Matsushita, Internee of War	University of Washington Press, Naomi Pascal	\$5,000

Chapter considers advocating increased funding for CLPEF

At its March 19 board meeting, the Seattle Chapter will consider a resolution to advocate for increased funding for the CLPEF. The fund received over 200 applications, 100 of which were funded, most only partially. Many worthy applications were submitted that would have increased the general public's knowledge and awareness of the internment. Some of the projects proposed included a video production depicting the internment, a national conference of Japanese Americans, art curriculum materials for school children, etc.

The CLPEF received a one time allocation from Congress to sponsor a national day of remembrance, disseminate findings and recommendations of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, and to

fund research and public education activities to educate people about the internment. All activities of the CLPEF must be completed by June 30, 1998. It is up to our lawmakers to decide if funding for the CLPEF should continue beyond this date.

The CLPEF has been assigned to the Judiciary committee in the House and the Government Affairs committee in the Senate. Henry Hyde, R-IL and John Conyers, D-MI are the Chair and ranking member, respectively of the House Committee.

Fred Thompson, R-TN and John Glenn, D-OH are Chair and Ranking member, respectively, of the Senate Committee.

For further information, please call Ken Sato (206) 363-1414, Elsie Taniguchi (206) 824-2402 or Bob Sato, golf chair, (206) 742-0784.

Remember the next newsletter mailout date!
 We need your help preparing the newsletter for mailout. Join us every second Thursday of the month. Next one occurs April 10, 6 p.m., in the chapter office, 316 Maynard Ave. S. (corner of Jackson and Maynard), Room 111.

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ored, as will the UW Nisei students who gave their lives in defense of their country during World War II. Plans are also being made to hold a city/campus tour, Sunday, August 17, and a golf tournament followed by a dinner on Monday, August 18, at the Mill Creek Country Club.

Due to limited seating at the HUB, registration will be on a first-come first-served basis. Invitations and registration forms will be distributed in the near future. For fur-

Asian American Studies conference returns to Seattle

The Association for Asian American Studies is an organization dedicated to furthering the scholarly research on Asian and Pacific Islander Americans. This year, the conference is returning to Seattle after a 16-year absence. The conference will run from April 17-19 at the Cavanaugh's Inn and the Washington Athletic Club. The theme of the conference is "Defining the Asian Pacific Century: Nurturing Roots."

Typically, there are 400-650 participants at each conference. About 80 percent of the attendees are faculty and students from outside the sponsoring community. Another 10-15 percent are scholars and students from the local area. The remaining 5-10 percent are schoolteachers and others in the community-at-large.

Insurance Alert

As of January 1, 1997, the JACL Blue Shield Trust program will not be available to new members outside of California for at least one year. Current enrollees will not lose their benefit, but the insurance premiums may change.

According to John Yasumoto, chairman of the board of the JACL Blue Shield Group Health Trust, the decision was made by the Board of Trustees after reviewing upcoming federal and state legislation regarding the administration of group health care coverage.

The JACL Blue Shield insurance program for JACL members is offered through Blue Shield of California, and Yasumoto noted that it has become increasingly difficult for a California-based insurer to underwrite and coordinate administration of a truly uniform, national JACL health plan. Suspending new out of state enrollment in 1997 would give the board of trustees an opportunity to review the viability of continuing out of state coverage, Yamamoto said.

The Blue Shield staff is now studying the experience of approved group health plans in Arizona, Illinois and New York. If reasonable premium rates can be developed within the scope of the experience within those states, the program will be reinstated in those areas. It is doubtful, however, that the JACL Blue Shield Trust will be immediately available in any other states.

The Pacific NW District will be participating in a panel discussing the Crystal City, Texas, internment experience.

This year, there are over 400 panelists speaking on a variety of topics including: Asian Pacific transnationalism; Japanese Americans and Alzheimer's disease; Asian Pacific Americans in the South; the aftermath of the Rodney King riots on African American/Asian American relations; to name a few. We are also offering a special K-12 day at the University of Washington to focus on the particular concerns of school teachers teaching Asian Pacific American history or working with Asian Pacific American students.

Cherry Blossom Festival set for April 25-26

The 22nd Annual Seattle Cherry Blossom & Cherry Blossom Festival will be held April 25 & 26 (10 am to 9 pm), and April 27 (10 am to 6 pm) at the Seattle Center. This year's theme, "Trans-Pacific Century 2," commemorates the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the Miike Maru, the first steamship to sail from Japan to Seattle.

This year's celebration will feature photo exhibits of Japanese American communities in western Washington during the past 100 years. A photo exhibit and contest featuring the Trans-Pacific Century 2 theme will be sponsored by JEN. Local textile artists will demonstrate and exhibit their creations influenced by Japanese methods.

As part of the theme, we will be featuring Japanese American organizations and local groups who have a history in Washington State. Interested? Please contact Yutaka Sasaki at 723-2003, ext. 2. Each group will have a 4' x 4' panel for a collage arrangement. Space is limited.

We are also going after the Guinness Book of Records for the largest sushi roll (100 ft.) ever made in the U.S. There will be 16 teams made up of four people each. If your organization would like to participate please contact us soon. There will be a practice run before the event. The event will be held on Saturday, April 26 at 2 pm in the Center House.

Local artists and exhibitors will demonstrate traditional calligraphy, poetry, tea ceremony, Ikebana and other activities. Performers will demonstrate traditional folk dancing, music and martial arts.

For information, call 723-2003, ext. 2.

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