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Chapter thanks members with free day at the Wing Luke Asian Museum

by Ann Fujii Lindwall

"Family Day," a free event thanking JACL members and their families for all their support, will be held Saturday, October 23, at the Wing Luke Asian Museum from 1-2:30 PM. There will be light refreshments, and many activities for children, including origami and calligraphy.

Adults will be able to tour the museum and the Densho Project, a collection of oral histories of Japanese Americans recorded on CD-ROM. Visitors will be able to browse the Densho stations at the museum.

Also available for viewing is the museum's current exhibition, *A Different Battle: Stories of Asian Pacific American Veterans*.

For more information about "Family Day," call Ray Ishii at 527-3479. For information about WLAM, call the museum at 206-623-5124.



Ma Murotani, Kazzie Katayama, and May Namba help at the Anne Namba fashion show benefit for the Pacific Northwest District JACL.



Anne Namba displays her wares at the PNW JACL fashion show. (See President's Message on page 2)

State Civil Liberties Public Education Act planning meeting set for October 27

by Reiko Callner

Olympia Chapter JACL President.

State Representative Kip Tokuda (D-37th District) is planning to re-submit the Washington State Civil Liberties Public Education Act during the year 2000 legislative session. As many of you know, the primary purpose of the bill is to educate students and the public about the gross civil rights violation that occurred with the incarceration of 120,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry during WWII.

The bill creates a state grant program that will provide resources for educational materials such as videos, plays, speakers bureaus, and exhibitions for students from kindergarten through college. This is a goal worth supporting, and Kip could use our assistance. We in the capitol area might be particularly able to help with some of the heavy lifting.

I'm coordinating a meeting with Kip's legislative assistant, Anndi Kamimura. We are meeting October 27, at 6 PM, in the little meeting room at Apollo's Pizza and Pasta on the west side of Olympia, on Division St. next to Rainy Day Records. Please let me know if you're interested and can attend, or if you're interested and can't attend, or if you're interested and need directions. Also please let others who might want to be involved know about this and have them get in touch with me at reiko@olywa.net or at 402-0810 or at PO Box 851, 98507, so I can tell Anndi and the restaurant. Thanks!



Have a safe, fun-filled Halloween!

Women of Substance

by David Yamaguchi

Among many Japanese-American women who make a difference in our community and chapter, several were "out front" this past month. One is **Anne Namba**, the Honolulu designer whose collection was at the center of our September fashion-show fund-raiser for the JACL Pacific NW District. Namba has been making her mark on American fashion by recycling kimono fabric as understated, western dress for Asian women. While I wouldn't



know a bias cut if I saw one, the rapt attention her designs drew from more knowledgeable attendees suggests that Namba is a person worth watching in the years ahead. If you missed her show, glimpses can be caught at www.annenamba.com.

Shigeko Uno has also been in the news, specifically in the *Northwest Asian Weekly*, who honored her as one of nine Living Asian-American Pioneers at their annual September dinner. It was noted in the *Weekly* and at the dinner that Uno was the first woman president of our chapter, in 1947. More recently, she has been involved in many worthy projects in the International District including the NW Asian American Theater, the Wing Luke Asian Museum, and Nikkei Concerns.

Perusal of the chronology of past Seattle JACL presidents helps place Shigeko's chapter contribution in perspective. A nearly complete set of pictures of 61 of them, dating from 1921, haunts one wall of our chapter office. The series documents her serving in 1947 as co-president with **Toru Sakahara** and the late **Kengo**

Nogaki. Some thirty years then elapsed before other women began to occasionally fill Shigeko's *numero "uno"* shoes. Those in this succession have included **Cherry Kinoshita**, **Kathryn Bannai**, **Mako Nakagawa**, **May Sasaki**, **Vicki Toyohara-Mukai**, **Gail Tanaka**, **Elaine Akagi**, **Janice Yee**, and next year, **Sharon Sobie-Seymour**.

If you haven't been lost at Stampede Pass, you have probably heard that **Lori Matsukawa** has been bumped from anchoring the KING-5 TV evening news to "expand the market" in Tacoma on KONG. Background on this topic is available in several recent articles, perhaps the most in-depth of which were in the *Post-Intelligencer* on September 25 and 28 (www.seattle-pi.com). The short version is that Lori got a raw deal.



From left: Emcee Lori Matsukawa, with Living Pioneer award-recipient Shigeko Uno, Uno's daughter Debbie, and Dr. Ruby Inouye at the recent *NW Asian Weekly* banquet.

While Lori's job-change is not strict "JACL news," in broad sense it touches

everything we are striving for—fair treatment and fostering diverse talent in all fields. Lori is always there for us—as a frequent emcee at community dinners, as a volunteer at Blaine Church, and as a role model for a new generation of Asian-American journalists. Please join me in helping Lori know that we stand with her in whatever way works for you: by writing KING-5 TV general manager Dennis Williamson or news director Dave Lougee; by following her to KONG with your remote; or by thanking her in person for carrying the torch of JAs in journalism for the rest of us.

Community Calendar

[contact person in brackets]

Oct.-Feb. 13, 2000, **Nihonga from the Way Collection** [paintings change to a second set in mid-November], Seattle Asian Art Museum.

Jan. 29, 2000, **Seattle JACL installation banquet**, Doubletree Suites, Tukwila.

Mid-Feb. 2000, **Kodo Taiko concert**, Meany Hall, University Washington (*the performance troupe from Sado Island, in the Japan Sea*, www.kodo.com; tickets tend to sell out).

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Our primary means of carrying out our mission is a monthly meeting, held at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at the chapter office (316 Maynard Ave. S., Seattle) except August. All are welcome. (Those wishing to make presentations or be added to the meeting agenda should contact David Yamaguchi.)

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