



## 80th Installation Banquet set for January 26, 2002

by Suzanne Hamada and Shigeru Nishiwaki

Please mark your calendars for our 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Installation Banquet to be held on Saturday, January 26, 2002, at the Doubletree Hotel in Sea-Tac. The theme for the banquet is, "Honoring our Past, Forging a New Future." Our keynote speaker will be Byron Kunisawa. He is the founder of *Cultural Solutions*, a nationally recognized consultant, speaker and trainer for a variety of public and private entities including corporations, educational groups and government agencies. His primary area of focus revolves around diversity, organizational management, and systemic change.

Also, donations are being accepted for a raffle to be held at the banquet. We are looking for all types of items, including goods, services, gift certificates and vouchers. All items will be raffled the night of the banquet. If you would like to make a donation or receive more information, please contact Shig Nishiwaki at (206) 683-8894 or Suzanne Hamada at (206) 985-2697.

## Chapter to start new youth council

by Edwin Hamada

The Asian and Pacific Islander Community Leadership Foundation's (ACLIF) program participants have undertaken a project to help our chapter start a youth council. Named *The Kaizen Group*, the purpose of this council is to unite young professional Asian and Pacific Islanders and provide a forum for positive community change through political and social activities.

The name of the group is based on the book, *KAIZEN, the Key to Japan's Competitive Success*, by Masaaki Imai. According to Imai, "KAIZEN means improvement. Moreover, KAIZEN means continuing improvement in personal life, home life, social life, and working life."

Members of the Kaizen Group will be encouraged to improve their ethical leadership skills through community empowerment, embrace positive change, and to give voice to new and innovative ideas that foster the civil and human rights of all people. They will seek to build coalitions with other organizations through continually recruiting and retaining a diverse group of young members.

For further information, please contact Edwin Hamada at (206) 985-2697 or <toshio@u.washington.edu>.

## Chapter seeking nominations for 2002 Officers and Board

by Vicki Toyohara

The Seattle Chapter JACL Nominations Committee is accepting nominations of persons for its officer and board positions for the year 2002. Persons who are interested in serving as an officer or board member or who wish to submit the name of someone to serve, must submit your name or those of others who have given their consent to:

Nominations Committee chairperson, Vicki J. Toyohara, who can be reached at (206) 464-6771 (Mon.-Wed. day time) or (425) 865-0272 (Thurs. and Fri., evenings and weekends).

The Board will accept additional names at its October board meeting, which will take place on Wednesday, October 17, 2001, at 6:00 PM., at the Seattle JACL office located at 316 Maynard Avenue South, Room 111, Seattle, Washington. No additional nominations for officer or board positions will be accepted after the closing of nominations at the October 17, 2001, board meeting.

Serving on the Seattle JACL Board provides members with a meaningful opportunity to be involved in our Nikkei community. If you have any questions or require information, please contact committee chairperson Vicki Toyohara.

## New 'unity map' redistricting proposal needs support at hearings

by Diane Narasaki, APIC Chair

Please participate in the redistricting hearings scheduled around our state in order to defend the "unity map" which members of our community and other communities of color have developed, with great support by the state Commission on APAAffairs (CAPAA) and other community organizations. The unity map will be on the CAPAA's website. The proposed unity map is historic: it is the first time people from communities of color in our state have come together to propose their own redistricting map, rather than operating separately and responding to maps proposed by the Redistricting Commission.

The unity map is a powerful, nonpartisan tool developed by API Coalition members (who also wear other organizational hats), and leaders in other communities of color, that takes into account all the criteria required to create "communities of interest" voting districts. These cannot be defined by race, but may take race and other social factors into account, and must also take into account geographic and man-made natural boundaries, etc. This unity map proposes new legislative districts which will give our people more equal access to political representation by people from our communities of interest. This is vitally important, since the legislative district boundaries will be in place for the next 10 years. Whatever they decide can have the effect of better empowering, or disempowering, our communities for the next decade.

We must mobilize our communities to attend key Redistricting Commission meetings and hearings to defend the map. Please attend these meetings.

For information and schedules, contact CAPAA at (206) 464-5820 or <capaa@capaa.wa.gov>.

## It is imperative to uphold our civil rights

The following is a letter I sent last week to the editors of the *Seattle Times*, *Seattle Post Intelligencer*, *International Examiner*, *Northwest Nikkei*, and *Northwest Asian Weekly*. It echoes the message sent by National JACL in their media release and the candlelight vigil they held in Washington, D.C.



As Americans, the Seattle Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League is deeply saddened and concerned about the terrorist attacks against our country. We want to express our deepest sympathy for the victims and their families and friends and will actively support any relief efforts from the Seattle area.

We are relieved that the government and the media have been very careful to not inflame and create mass hysteria against the Arab American community. The media has been careful to explain the complexities and difficulty of identifying the groups of terrorists who might be responsible for the attacks. Inclusion of Protestant, Catholic, Islamic and Jewish leaders in the National Service for the Day of Mourning by President Bush was especially important in showing the American principle of religious freedom and our unity as a nation.

As victims of hate and hysteria in 1941 that caused the indiscriminate incarceration of 120,000 men, women and children of Japanese ancestry, we caution our fellow citizens to uphold our nation's basic civil rights and liberties as we face the dangers of this new war against terrorism. If we allow our fears to erode the hallmarks of our democracy, the terrorists have won.

The Seattle Japanese American Citizens League deplores the three reported hate crimes against Muslim communities this last week in Seattle. While our government leaders and the press are able to discriminate between terrorists and the Arab American community at large, individual citizens have not. We are glad these individuals have been arrested and charged with hate crimes.

It is imperative that we uphold our civil rights and not condemn people merely because of their ethnic heritage, religious beliefs, nor color of their skin. The terrorist network committed an international hate crime against Americans merely because they were Americans. We must be vigilant that we are not guilty of the same dichotomous thinking.

Bless America and the precious freedoms that created our nation.

Sincerely,  
Akemi Matsumoto, President  
Seattle Chapter JACL

On another note... Congratulations to the entire Moriguchi Family who were honored by the King County Council on August 27th for the success of Uwajimaya Village and their numerous and varied contributions to the community.

And still another... We received generous gold level donations through the United Way of King County Program from American Express Financial and Ms. Lynn L. Takaki. I was not able to thank them personally for their support because I do not have addresses. We also received a gold level donation from Hiram and Helen Aki. We do appreciate these gifts. Thank you for your generosity.

## By Laws Additions

(text in italics are additions)

Article XII – Misconduct, Section II: A written, signed and dated complaint by any member in good standing shall be filed with any officer who shall present the same at the next meeting of the Board or to the Executive Committee, which ever occurs within 21 days of receipt of complaint. If the Board or Executive Committee decides to take action on the complaint, the President shall appoint an ad-hoc committee to conduct a fact-finding investigation of the complaint. The fact-finding investigation will include, at a minimum, interviewing the complainant, accused and witnesses (as appropriate) and present their findings at the next meeting of the Board. The ad-hoc committee will be given no less than two weeks and no more than four weeks to complete an investigation, unless the Executive Committee or Board of Directors approves an extension in the interest of ensuring a fair and complete investigation.

Seattle Chapter JACL Officer Responsibilities  
President (addition of two responsibilities)

S/he shall serve as liaison to the Pacific Northwest District Council and is a voting member of the District Council. S/he will also attend the National JACL Convention as a voting delegate for the Chapter.

(The following are additions)

Board Delegate (to follow after President-Elect)

The Board Delegate is the immediate past president of the Chapter and shall serve on the Board and Executive Board. S/he shall serve as liaison to both the Pacific Northwest District Council and is a voting member of the council. S/he shall also attend the National JACL Convention as a voting

delegate for the Chapter.

Executive Committee (to follow after Historian)

The Executive Committee is comprised of the following officers: President, President-Elect, Board Delegate, all Vice Presidents, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Historian. Duties of the Executive Committee are to meet monthly to establish the agenda for the next full Board of Directors meeting, to advise the President on current committee activities and to prepare motions for approval at the full Board meeting, to set the contents of the monthly newsletter. The Executive Committee can authorize emergency expenditures not in the annual budget of up to \$200.

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## Special days at the Aki Kurose Middle School Academy

### Jeffrey Hattori

What started as an overcast day, ended with rays of sunshine and a more beautiful landscape, and a school that was devoid of an acknowledgement of whom it is named after, will forever have a symbol for the students, staff and community to share.

On September 22, over 50 individuals of all ages and backgrounds came together with the common goal and bond to beautify the grounds of the Aki Kurose Middle School Academy. Through much sweat equity and fun, the front entrance (which covers an entire block, a long one at that!) was weeded, edged, pruned and cleared of debris. Thank you to all who participated (see box at right). If we missed anyone, please accept our apologies.

On September 26, a dedication ceremony was held to unveil the new reader board for the Aki Kurose Middle School Academy. The idea first germinated at the first annual "beautification" held last year. The reader board is 4' x 6' and includes a crane with "Heiwa" (peace) written in kanji and sits prominently along Graham Street. The school will now be able to proudly share its events and major announcements with their community and announce to all for whom the school is named.

The reader board required raising over \$10,000 and going through a lengthy approval process. This effort was led by the JACL/Aki Kurose Memorial Committee (individuals listed above with an asterisk plus Alan Sugiyama) and through the generosity of many companies, organizations and individuals. The idea became a reality. We would like to extend our deepest appreciation to those who gave so generously (see Reader Board donor list at right).

### Gift cards available

The five-card set of reprints of award-winning artist Aki Sogabe's seven-panel public art mural commemorating the influence of Nikkei farmers in the development of Pike Place Market is available for purchase and can be ordered by using the order form below. The set is priced at \$15. All proceeds benefit the Seattle Chapter JACL.



## Japanese Farmers at the Pike Place Market

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## Chapter co-hosts book reading on Japanese American draft resisters

Eric Muller, a Professor of Law at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, will be reading from his new book titled *Free to Die for their Country: The Story of the Japanese American Draft Resisters in World War 11*.

The event will take place on November 16, 7 PM at Densho, 1416 S. Jackson Street. Phone (206) 320-0095. Densho will be co-hosting this reading with the Seattle Chapter JACL and the PNW District JACL.

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