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SEATTLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



## An event for our members

The Seattle chapter education committee is pleased to announce a one day workshop for our members on Japanese American history, the internment, and JACL's role since 9/11. It has come to our attention that we've been out in the education community, training teachers to include this important topic in their curricula, but there are some younger members in our own community that we should also be sharing our information with.

On February 12 we invite members, especially the board, who wish to learn more about our history and JACL, to attend this interesting and informative session. We will be meeting at the Seattle chapter office, 316 Maynard Ave. S, room 111 in Seattle's International District.

Included in the day's schedule will be a panel of former internees, another panel of youth who've been affected by the events of 9/11, videos, and a tour of the Panama Hotel, where many Japanese American families left their possessions in storage when they were sent to internment camps. There will be no charge for this informative event and lunch will be included.

Please contact Elaine Akagi, (206) 772-7192 or ReikoA@comcast.net for more information or to reserve a place in the session.

## Valentines, etc.

*Paper Folding & Rubber Stamping Class*

Create valentine, Chinese New Year, Black History Month and St. Patrick's Day cards using rubber stamps and paper folding/origami techniques. For all skill levels, including first-time stampers.

Materials, refreshments and door prizes are all included with the \$10 fee. Pre-registration is required by January 31 to ensure adequate project materials and refreshments.

The class will be held on Saturday, February 5, 2005, Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S King St. (International District) from 9:30 AM to noon. Leave a message for Kiku Hayashi at the JACL office if you have any questions, (206) 622-4098.



## Civil Rights Committee in 2005

The Civil Rights Committee is seeking inspired and energetic individuals to help develop our agenda, goals, and workplan for 2005! We welcome anyone interested in joining our efforts at any level of participation.

Our annual planning retreat will be at the home of Doug Honma, beginning with a potluck lunch from 12 to 1 PM on Sunday, January 30 and will continue with committee business until 4 PM.

To RSVP and get directions or for more information, please contact Doug Honma at (206) 409-7892 or <doug\_honma@yahoo.com>.

## 2005 Seattle JACL Board

Thank you to everyone out there who voted in the recent election for your 2005 Seattle JACL Board. We received 17% or 99 of 599 ballots sent out and are now pleased to present the board members to be installed at our banquet on January 22nd:

### Officers

President Joy Shigaki  
 President-elect Doug Honma  
 1st Vice-President Jeffrey Hattori  
 2nd Vice-President Tatsuo Nakata  
 3rd Vice-President Elaine Akagi  
 4th Vice-President Kazzie Katayama  
 Treasurer Ken Kurata  
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 Historian Arlene Oki

### Board Members

Shea Aoki	Binah Palmer
Sara Cardinelli	Akiko Sakurai
Kyle Funakoshi	Sharon Tomiko Santos
Kiku Hayashi	Mariko Sata
Ruthann Kurose	Anna Tamura
Howard Martin	Elsie Taniguchi
Kenji McCullough	Bill Tashima
Tadd Mitsui	Alan Yabui
Dwight Mizoguchi	

Incoming president Joy Shigaki also announced four appointments to the 2005 Board, all of whom were unanimously approved at the December 15 Board meeting: Devon Abdallah, Jan Kumasaka, Mori Kurose, and Kristi Woo Matsuda.

*Congratulations to our 2005 Board!*

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## President's Message

by Joy Shigaki, President

### Happy New Year!

2005 has arrived with new beginnings and new opportunities! First of all, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve as President of Seattle JACL. It's an honor and a privilege to take the helm, following in the footsteps of the many talented men and women who have brought JACL to where it is today. I look forward to working with all of you!

### Many thanks to Bill Tashima

I would like to take the time to thank and acknowledge Bill Tashima for his outstanding leadership as JACL President this past year. (Bill, you left big shoes to fill!) He has gone above and beyond the call of duty for our organization and we are truly grateful for his service. Do enjoy your well-deserved break!

### Personal reflection

My family, the local Japanese American community in Seattle, as well as activists and mentors both locally and abroad have been key in helping to shape and nurture my values and passion for community, social/ racial justice, equality, and activism. These values have been central to me throughout my personal and professional life. I feel a true sense of responsibility to give back to the community that has given me so much and to carry the torch of those who have come before me.

Over the years, I have been deeply inspired by individuals both locally and internationally who made sacrifices for the betterment of civil society: the early members of JACL fighting against the anti-Asian land laws; Martin Luther King, Jr and members of the Montgomery Improvement Association; Cherry Kinoshita, Chuck Kato, and Henry Miyatake who pushed for the redress movement; international freedom fighters like Nelson Mandela, Rigoberta Menchu, Frank Chikane; and local activists Larry Gossett, Ruthann Kurose, and Bob Santos. These everyday heroes and heroines remind me that the fight for equity, justice, and civil society are ones we all must be vigilant about fighting for and upholding. This is the legacy of JACL.

Today, there is still much work for us to do. Issues of racial profiling, racial disproportionality in public education and the criminal justice system, the Patriot Act, denial of the WWII incarceration of Japanese Americans, inaccessible health care, political attacks on immigrants and refugees, workers rights, and political disenfranchisement all demand our attention and collective action.

This year I look forward to being active on pressing civil rights issues as well as providing to the public critical educational opportunities on the internment years. The balance of both is important in moving our vision forward. Plus, we look to host meaningful intergenerational social opportunities for our members to share our history and their stories.

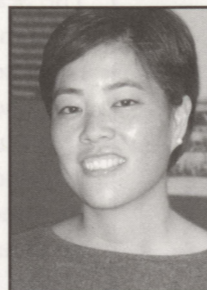
### 2005 Board Members: Thank You!

I would like to acknowledge the incoming board for their leadership, commitment, and dedication to JACL. I am very grateful to all of you for giving your time and talents. Also, I would like to thank the Executive Committee Members who have graciously agreed to co-lead with me this year. Furthermore, I want to welcome our new board members who are also respected friends and colleagues: Devon Abdallah, Kyle Funakoshi, Jan Kumasaka, Mori Kurose, Ruthann Kurose, Kristi Woo Matsuda, Dwight Mizoguchi, Binah Palmer, and Akiko Sakurai.

### Join us!

I invite you to continue being a part of this organization--in whatever way you are able. Join one of our committees to help educate the public about the injustices of internment, organize civil rights events and be a voice on public policy issues, be part of our strategic planning process, or volunteer to work on a special project from home.

*Best wishes and all good things to you this New Year!*



## Announcements

### Events Calendar 2005

**Ongoing through Sept. 4** – Asian & Pacific Islander Adoptees: A Journey through Identity, exhibit of history, personal testimony, and art; Wing Luke Asian Museum, 407 – 7 Ave. S, Seattle; Contact: (206) 623-5124.

**Jan. 22** – Seattle JACL Installation Banquet with keynote Peggy Nagae; Seattle Waterfront Marriott, 2100 Alaskan Way, Seattle, \$60 before January 14 and \$70

thereafter, 5:30 PM with a cocktail reception and raffle ticket sales, followed by dinner at 6:30 PM; Contact: May Namba, (206) 784-3824, maynamba@comcast.net or Ann Fujii Lindwall, (206) 367-8749, fujiiindwall@comcast.net.

**Jan. 29** – Anniversary & Golden Circle Awards Dinner of the Organization of Chinese Americans - Greater Seattle Chapter; Asian Resource Center, 1025 S King St., Seattle; Contact: (206) 682-0665, dinner@ocaseattle.org, www.ocaseattle.org.

**Feb. 5** – Paper folding and rubber stamping class; Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S King St., Seattle, 9:30 AM to noon, \$10 fee, pre-register by Jan. 31; Contact: Kiku Hayashi, (206) 622-4098.

**Feb. 12** – Japanese American history workshop for members; Seattle Chapter office, 316 Maynard Ave. S, room 111, Seattle; Contact: Elaine Akagi, (206) 772-7192, reikoa@comcast.net.

## Fundraiser Success for Seattle JACL

Recently the Seattle JACL Board mailed out a fundraising appeal to request help with our operational and program financial obligations. In the letter, we also asked individuals to renew their lapsed membership and for all individuals to consider "gifting" JACL membership to friends and family.

We are pleased to report that the fundraising appeal was an overwhelming success! Thanks to you, our members, as of December 16 we have raised \$7,828 in funds. Additionally, we have received 35 memberships from lapsed renewal, new, "gifting", and booster. We are grateful for the level of support that you have demonstrated in the Seattle JACL. The Board will strive to provide quality programs and activities to justify the level of confidence that our members have placed in the chapter.

*Domo Arigato Gozai Masu!*

### Here is a listing of the donors, thus far:

#### \$1000 and up

John Sato  
Sally Yamada

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**Mission Statement:** The Seattle Chapter JACL is a non-profit, grassroots civil rights organization dedicated to empowering our local community through high-quality programs and strategic partnerships focusing on activism, education, and youth leadership development. As a chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League, we strive to be a leading Asian American advocacy group for civil and human rights while promoting and preserving the values and cultural heritage of Japanese Americans.

**Chapter Board Meeting:** Our primary means of carrying out our mission is a monthly meeting, held at 6 PM on the third Wednesday of each month, except August, at the chapter office, 316 Maynard Ave. S, Seattle. Those wishing to make presentations or be added to the meeting agenda should contact President Joy Shigaki prior to the meeting.

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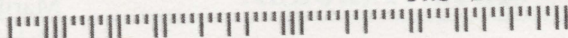
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