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Redress Information Update: PAYMENT ALERT

by Wayne Kimura

All 80 and older recipients should have received eligibility letters. The Office of Redress Administration (ORA) is currently determining the eligibility of 69-79 year old redress recipients. This means all recipients 80 and older should have received by now a Determination of Eligibility letter notifying them that they will be receiving their redress payment as soon as funds are available this October. If you falls into this category but have not received such a letter, there may be a problem and you should contact the ORA at their toll-free number: 1-800-395-4672.

Problems may arise if you have deviated from the procedures set up by the ORA. Here is a summary of the process:

- 1) Send to ORA the Voluntary Information Form (VIF). Copies of this form can be obtained from the JACL District Office.
- 2) Receive from ORA a letter confirming receipt of VIF.
- 3) Receive from ORA a Verification of Eligibility package, which includes declaration

statements and other documents.

- 4) Send back to ORA all required documents requested in the Verification of Eligibility package.
- 5) Receive from ORA a Determination of Eligibility letter, confirming eligibility.

If you miss any of these steps or if you incorrectly filled out any forms (some people have forgotten to include their birthdate!), this may stall the process.

Those recipients younger than 69 should have completed steps 1 and 2; the ORA will be processing these forms later. Also, all military personnel who think they may qualify should send in a VIF and note that they served in the military. The ORA is quite broad-minded in their determination of eligibility for military personnel, so even if you are unsure, please send in a VIF.

Again, if you are 80 or older and have not received a Determination of Eligibility Letter, call the ORA; for any other questions regarding redress, please call the JACL District Office at 623-5088 rather than the ORA.

Seattle JACL Chapter Anti-Asian Violence Committee

by Ray Ishii

The Anti-Asian Violence Committee met this summer to discuss various ways in which the Seattle Chapter can address the growing problem of hate-related incidents against Asians. The number and severity of cases of hate-crimes has been increasing alarmingly, as witnessed by incidents in North Carolina where a Chinese man was murdered, and in Wisconsin, where a Japanese student was mistaken for a Hmong and severely beaten. An important function of the committee is to increase the awareness within our Chapter of the growing problems.

Committee members felt that it is important that the chapter work closely with other groups addressing this problem so that we do not duplicate efforts and be more effective in reaching the general public. We are planning to organize a workshop this fall.

There were many ideas on how the Chapter can become involved in combatting anti-Asian violence. Some ideas were to sponsor a conference to disseminate information to Asian American community leaders; to develop a model policy for handling

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Anti-Asian violence committee

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violence on campuses; to work with the Justice Department to provide training to security personnel; and to support and lobby for the Hate Crimes bill that will be reintroduced in the state legislature this coming session.

We encourage all interested to join our committee and help the Seattle JACL chapter address this serious problem. If you are interested, please contact Ray Ishii at

1000 Club / Seattle JACL Golf Tournament

Seventy-nine golfers enjoyed a beautiful day on Sunday, July 29. At Jefferson Park, 32 women and at the West Seattle Golf Course, 47 men played. Participants came from as far as Bellingham and South Bend. Joined by spouses and friends, the group enjoyed a family-style dinner at the Bush Garden where prizes were distributed. The 1000 Club win-

ners and caretakers of the perpetual Men and Women's trophies, Mary Furuta (66) and Chuck Furuta (64), will chair next year's tournament.

Co-chairs this year were Kiyo Sakahara and Bob Sato; and committee members were Kimi Nakanishi, Lucy Sato, Shig Tanagi, Shig Tada, Tyomi Tanino, Richard Sato, and Hiro Nagasawa.

Cherry Kinoshita receives ACLU award

The American Civil Liberties Union of Washington has voted to present the organization's highest honor, the William O. Douglas Award, to Cherry Kinoshita, Seattle JACL Chapter member, National JACL officer, and former Chapter President.

"For fourteen years, she has dedicated herself to... gaining redress for one of the worst injustices in our country's history. Her leadership has helped make the redress movement a force to be reckoned with," said Paul Lawrence, president of the Washington state ACLU.

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Officer Profiles

by Ann Fujii

AKI KUROSE

Aki Kurose, board member, was born in Seattle and has lived here all her life, raising her five children with her husband Jun. They are also the proud grandparents of 5 grandchildren, and also can boast about Aki's mother, 92 years old, who has 28 grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Aki has worked for the Seattle School District for 20 years as an elementary school teacher. She has taught for 12 years as a first grade teacher at Laurelhurst Elementary School, where she is also the sponsor of the Science Club. Suring her career as an educator, she has also taught at Martin Luther King and Stevens.

Aki has been involved in JACL for 10-12 years but she is best known for her work in the peace movement. She is on the National Board of the American Friends Service Committee, Educators for Social Responsibility, Fellowship of Reconciliation, and is currently involved in Conflict Dispute Resolution Curriculum for Washington State schools, to name a few. And not surprisingly, Aki's mission in life is to "emphasize that learning is fun and learning never ends."

DAVID OKIMOTO

David Okimoto, board member and former Chapter president, was born in Auburn, Washington, and raised in Kent. He is the oldest of three and the father of three. He is currently involved in many community-related projects, including chapter work for the Pacific Northwest District Council, chair of the National Asian-Pacific American Families Against Substance Abuse, and he is on the board of the United Way and Leadership Tomorrow program. In previous positions, he was the director of the Asian Counseling and Referral Service, and most recently, was director of the Department of Human Resources for the City of Seattle. Dave has been involved in JACL for about 10 years, and has also been a board member and first vice-president.

For fun, Dave enjoys both water skiing and snow skiing, golf and basketball. In keeping with his community involvement, Dave hopes to find a position that will enable him to help make a "difference in the condition of the disadvantaged, and to make the community a better place to live."

JOY SAKAMOTO BARKER

Joy Sakamoto Barker, board member, was born and raised in Seattle. She attended Immaculate grade school/high school, and Holy Names in Spokane for college, where she received her bachelor's degree in sociology and psychology. Joy grew up in a family of five children, and has three of her own.

Joy has worked at Renton Vocational-Technical College for three years in administrative studies and basic community service. Previous to that position, she worked for 12 years for the Seattle Public Schools, coordinating career/city campus programs in vocational education.

Joy enjoys reading mysteries and fiction, walks for exercise and she likes to play golf, when she can. She says that she enjoys her job and would like to remain in the social service/education area ... "I like that mix," she says.

DALE WATANABE

Dale Watanabe, 1st vice president, was born and raised in Seattle as a "Beacon Hill" kid, the youngest of five children, all whom still live in Washington. He graduated from Cleveland High School, and is currently finishing his studies at the University of Washington, studying political science and international relations. He is currently working for the summer at Washington Natural Gas, and most recently worked for 5 years as the administrative assistant for the Pacific Northwest District Office.

Dale got involved in JACL through the JAYS, and has been involved in the the organization for about 4 years. In his spare time, Dale likes to get together with his friends and go to movies, see his three nephews, and participate in activities at his church, Blaine Memorial, which he has attended since 1983. And in keeping with his interest in international relations, he is a volunteer for the Goodwill Games as a bus coordinator.

When he finishes school, Dale would like to work in a job related to international relations, an interest he developed from working in the JACL District office, he says. "Being a minority, I'm interested in other people's lives and cultures. I feel like I can be a bridge to understanding...I like interacting with people."

Community Notes

Article on Harry Kawabe in *Alaska History*

The spring 1990 issue of *Alaska History* included an article by Ronald K. Inouye of the University of Alaska-Fairbanks library on Harry Kawabe. The article focuses on Kawabe's life in Alaska prior to internment, and his resettlement in Seattle. For copies of the issue, send a check for \$5 to Circulation Manager, *Alaska History*, Alaska Historical Society, P.O. Box 100299, Anchorage, AK 99510-0299.

Unvanquished: a play about Minoru Yasui

A new play, *Unvanquished*, based on the story of Min Yasui's challenge of the Relocation, will be per-

formed on August 27 & 28 and September 4 & 5 at Annex Theatre, 1916 Fourth Ave., at 7:00pm; tickets are \$5. The play was written by Holly Yasui and directed by Kathy Hsieh. For reservations or information, call Annex Theatre, 728-0933.

Japanese Language School

The new home of the Seattle Chapter JAACL office, the Japanese Language School, will be starting its fall term on September 8, 1990. Courses include a new class for beginners (age 7 and older) and conversation classes. For more information, call Mrs. Maeshiro, Principal at

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Calendar of events

compiled by Ed Suguro

Weekly Ballroom Dance — every Wed, 1-3pm, Nisei Vets Hall. Info: Mike, 772-1160.

"Over there/Out There" a multimedia Window Installation by Irene Kuniyuki and Yong Soon Min — though Aug. 19, Windhorse Gallery, 1335 Third Ave. Info: 682-6552.

Japanese Wedding Kimono — through Aug. 25, sale and exhibit, Honeychurch Antiques, 1008 James St., Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm. Info: 622-1225.

Watercolors by Hajime Kondo — through Aug. 20, Gallery Mack, 2001 Western Ave., Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun, noon-5pm. Info: 448-1616.

Sculptural works by Gerard Tsutakawa — through Aug. 26, Wing Luke Museum, 407 Seventh Ave. S., Tues-Fri, 11am-4:30pm, Sat and Sun, noon-4pm. Info: 623-5124.

Bainbridge Island Japanese American Community Reunion Picnic — Sun, Aug. 12, 11am-4pm, Strawberry Hill Park, Bainbridge Island. Historical photo exhibit, *Kodomo no tame ni*, at the Bainbridge Island Historical Society Museum adjacent to the park. For info: Dr. Frank Kitamoto, or Lucille Galbraith,

Chapter Board Meeting — Wed, Aug. 15, 7pm, Japanese Language School, 1414 S. Weller St. Everyone welcome.

Unvanquished, a play based on the story of Minoru Yasui's constitutional challenge of the Relocation —

Annex Theatre, 1916 Fourth Ave., Tues & Wed, Aug. 28 & 29 and Sept. 5 & 6. Tickets: \$5.00. Reservations and info: 728-0933.

Bowling Benefit Day for Seattle Keiro — Sun, Aug 26, 9am-midnight; Children's Bowling Fun Time, 12 noon-1:30pm, Imperial Lanes, 2101 22nd Ave. South.

Doshi Kai meeting — Tues, Sept. 4, 7pm. Call Wayne Kimura, (days), (eves & wknds) for name and address of restaurant.

Doshi Kai retreat, "Ethnicity and Negotiation" — Fri-Sun, Sept. 14-16, Pilgrim Firs Camp and Conference Center in Port Orchard, featuring J.D. Hokoyama. Cost: \$50. Info: Wayne Kimura,


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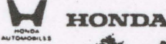
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For more information about the retreat or Doshi Kai:

Wayne Kimura: [REDACTED]
or Ann Fujii, [REDACTED] (message...I'll get back to you).

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