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President's Message

by Gail Tanaka

What's happening with today's youth? Last month JACL was involved in two events which counter many of the alarming statistics about dropouts, teen pregnancy, substance abuse, and other high-risk behaviors associated with youth across the country. The two events were the JACL Annual Scholarship presentations and the Japanese Community Queen Scholarship Pageant. These two events featured very impressive young women and men, whom I am confident will not only continue but exceed the contributions that Nikkei make to our community.

JACL was able to recognize four outstanding high school seniors with scholarships provided through the generosity of Mr. Tamesa, the Tazuma family, the Japanese Baptist Church, and the Valedas Club. The four recipients excelled not only scholastically, but also in community involvement and their goals. Thank you, Scholarship Committee for selecting the recipients and planning the dinner.

The Japanese Community Queen Scholarship Pageant featured five contestant who were exemplary in their scholarship, community involvement, talent, and poise. JACL Board Member Kip Tokuda had the difficult task of being one of the five judges for the contest. Congratulations to Queen Carla Kitsuki-Chan who will be our community representative in the Seafair Scholarship Pageant. Teri Tsuchiya was crowned First Princess and also received the JACL Tomodachi Scholarship. Thank you Terry Nakano for another great Pageant.

On a more somber note, I had the privilege of representing JACL at the funeral of Frank Hattori, past 1000 Club President and very active member of our community. Our condolences to his family. We will all miss him very much. I was also honored to place a wreath from JACL at the Nisei Vets Memorial Service on Monday, May 25, in memory of the brave men and women who have served this country so well.

JACL Annual Picnic at Pine Lake Park

by Ann Fujii

Remember the great family picnics you used to go to at the park and the swimming pool where, as a youngster you used to try to swim, and all the great Japanese American food, like nigiri, fried chicken, teriyaki chicken, potato salad and macaroni salad?

Well, Doshi Kai, the Seattle Chapter Sansei Group, is bringing back the good old days with a the "2nd Annual" (we're not sure!) JACL picnic at Pine Lake Park in Issaquah, Saturday, Aug. 10. We've reserved the big cabana at the lake, where we can barbeque, and there's the lake for swimming and cooling off in the hot August weather (we hope)!

Doshi Kai, coordinators of the picnic, wants all local chapters—Seattle, Lake Washington and White River—to come and finally meet one another, if only this one time. Its a time to relax, have fun, eat lots of

food and participate in the "Nisei—Sansei Volleyball Challenge." No meeting, no agenda, just a time to meet new members and renew old acquaintances.

We hope this event that will continue in the future. We feel that a picnic is one of those old-time events that we used to do for fun and renewal of friendships, but now we tend to get "too busy." Now is the time and chance to eat, meet and compete!

So, get away from the stress of the city, your job and spend some quality time with your family, friends and new and old JACLers. We will be producing a flyer for the July newsletter which will include the time, directions, what people should bring to the potluck, and other details. For more information, call Ann M. Fujii, or Wayne Kimura, §

Chapter Focus

Help! We need volunteers!

The Seattle Chapter desperately needs someone to serve as Treasurer for the remainder of the year. We were not able to fill this position earlier and Ray Ishii, the past year's treasurer cannot continue because of his other responsibilities as Vice President and chair of the Anti-Asian Violence committee. Please call Gail Tanaka at if you are interested in the Treasurer position. The Chapter also needs volunteers for the directory project and for newsletter mailout. We will accept all offers, regardless of abilities or time limits: we need you! Call the office at 322-3589 and leave a message with your name and number.

JACL scholarship Awards

On May 15, 1991 the Annual JACL Local Scholarship Banquet was held at the Kawabe House. This year's banquet featured a very informative guest speaker Riad Kayali, an Arab American human rights activist. He spoke about the treatment that Arab Americans receive in this country and the stereotypes they face.

On hand to present this years awards were Pastor Joseph Sakakibara of the Japanese Baptist Church who presented the Rev. Andrews Memorial Scholarship, and Ms. Mabel Shigaya, who presented the

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1991 JACL and 1000 Club Golf Tournament

Sponsored by Seattle Chapter JACL and 1000 Club Open to all JACLers and Friends

Date: Sunday, August 4, 1991

Place: West Seattle Golf Course — Men at 12 noon

Jefferson Park Golf Course — Women at 12 noon

Golf entry Fee including dinner at South China: \$25 (pay own green fee)

Golf only: \$15.00 Dinner only: \$13.00

Tee-off times are limited to 40 men and 40 women, so get your entry form with entry fee in early.

Men and Women's flights: Handicap or Calloway for those without handicaps.

Entry deadline: July 13, 1991, but to aid in our planning, please return your entry form by July 1st.

Dinner immediately following the tournament

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award on behalf of the Valedas Memorial Scholarship. This year's recipients were five outstanding students from the local area. They are Kenji Beppu, Christine Shigaki, Kenji Yamamoto-Torres, Ann Katahira, Megumi Okumura. We wish them lots of luck in their endeavors and once again congratulations. The Scholarship committee wishes to thank all those members who attended the banquet and helped to make it a success.

Newsletter mailout help wanted

Once again the mailout committee is in desperate need of help. We need people willing to assist with newsletter mailout. Mailouts are the second Wednesday of every month and only take about an hour and a half. We especially need help for the months of August, October, November and December. Unless we are able to obtain help in the very near future we may be forced to discontinue the newsletter.

Any time that you are willing to give toward this project is greatly appreciated. We encourage all JACL members to participate. We would like to thank those volunteers who have shown in the past especially Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fujino and Akio Hoshino. If you have any questions please call Jerome Roaché at

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Seattle Chapter JACL pre-retirement workshop a success

The Seattle Chapter JACL's Aging and Retirement Committee conducted a six-week pre-retirement workshop for the Nikkei community at Sand Point Education Center in Seattle. The workshop included expert guest speakers, exercises and discussion, and detailed workbooks prepared by the American Association of Retired Persons.

The first session, "Meaningful Use of Time" featured Mary Jo Stroh, Registered Nurse from Group Health Cooperative, who spoke about the rewards of time well spent and the importance of testing lifestyle options before retirement. The second session, "Housing and Lifestyle" evaluated alternative housing and locations based on one's desired lifestyle. The speaker, Pat Ness, from the State Department of Social and Health Services, also discussed issues such as safety and the importance of one's family and friends. "Dynamic Fitness" was the subject of the third session, with a presentation by Anne Ledell-Hong from the University of Washington School of Nursing, discussing a wellness approach to health. She discussed the importance of preventing illness through good nutrition and exercise.

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Dennis Sakamoto





JACL Pre-retirement workshop

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Ray Larsen, from Group Services of Washington and Alaska, covered "Financial Security: Sources of Income, Social Security and Medicare." He also discussed insurance needs that should be considered before retirement. In the session "Financial Security: Personal Financial Planning, "Cheryl Kitashima, a certified financial planner, reviewed reasons why people fail financially and talked about increasing income, decreasing expenses, and investing money before retirement. Alma Misako Kimura, Attorney at Law, presented the last session, "Legal Affairs and Estate Planning" in which she discussed wills, probate, power of attorney, living trusts, and how to take maximum advantage of the tax laws.

People interested in joining the Aging and Retirement Committee are welcome and should contact Joy Misako St. Germain, c/o Seattle Chapter JACL.

National JACL Legacy Fund

As of April 26, the JACL Legacy Fund has received \$1,684,453.37 in contributions and pledges nationally. Continuing to rank first among all 113 chapters, Seattle has raised \$123,400 followed by Chicago with \$71,120 and San Francisco with \$65,005.

To date the following additional donors are gratefully acknowledged with many thanks for helping to ensure the future of the national organization and the Seattle Chapter:

- \$2,000+: Lincoln & Teru Beppu; Dr. Terrance M. Toda
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- \$500+: Cyrus & Shinako Noritake; Hanae Matsuda.
- Other: Masaji Roy Hada (in memory of Stanley T. Hada); Kazuko M. Tanigawa (in memory of Dennis & David Miyauchi); Anne Fisher (in memory of Shuzo Terazawa); Masakazu Ozaki; Mr. and Mrs. Shigemi Tani.

Note: In memoriam acknowledgements are included when information is available. Apologies for the typographical error in donor's name in April issue: Yoshiye Hoshino.



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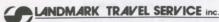


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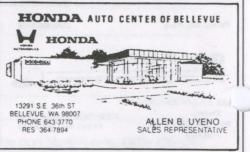
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Redress Update

The District office of the JACL has received many questions in regard to the tax treatment of redress payments and the effect on public assistance programs. We would like to share with you information we feel may be of assistance to you.

For those who have already received a confirmation notice from the ORA, the reverse side of the letter included a Taxes, Benefits, and Redress Payments information sheet. This information sheet lists federally assisted benefits not affected by redress payments. It also states that all redress payments are exempt from federal taxation. However, income earned on the principal \$20,000 (such as bank interest) is taxable unless you place the check in a tax-free investment. State taxation is determined on a state-by-state basis.

In Washington state, on May 31, 1989, Governor Gardner signed into law a bill that exempts "restitution payments" and all income and resources derived from such payments for purposes of determining eligibility for public assistance. This information can be found in the Engrossed Senate Bill No. 6152. Section 816 subsection (13):

(13) For purposes of determining eligibility for public assistance and participation levels in the cost. of medical care, the department shall exempt restitution payments made of people of Japanese and Aleut ancestry pursuant to the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 and Aleutian Pribilof Island Restitution Act passed by Congress, P.L. 100-383, including all income and resources derived therefrom.

According to Title 74 of RCW, public assistance is defined as follows:

(1) "Public assistance" or "assistance" — Public aid to persons in need thereof for any cause including services, medical care, assistance grants, disbursing orders, work relief, general assistance and federalaid assistance.

Washington does not have a personal state income tax, therefore the redress payments along with interest earned are non-reportable, non-taxable.

If you have any questions regarding Washington State's treatment of redress payments or the effect of redress payments on state public assistance programs, contact the JACL Pacific Northwest District office at 623-5088.



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Community Notes

Wing Luke Museum exhibit: Fifty years before and fifty years after

The Wing Luke Asian Museum, which recently received a \$16,000 federal grant for general operating expenses, is preparing an exhibit entitled *Executive Order 9066: 50 Years Before and 50 Years After.* This exhibit will cover one hundred years of Japanese American history in Washington state.

Executive Order 9066 will open on February 19, 1992, on the 50th anniversary of the signing of Executive Order 9066. The planning committee members are currently looking for photos, camp items, diaries, drawings, letters, poems, documents, programs, souvenirs, and anything else related to the Japanese American community that might be used in the exhibit.

Volunteers are also needed to help with research, publicity and fundraising. If anyone has items to loan or can volunteer time, please call Sally Yamasaki at or the museum at 623-5124. The next scheduled meeting for the exhibit planning is Wednesday, June 19, 5:30 pm at the Wing Luke

2nd Annual Northwest Wellness Conference for Seniors

Museum.

Last year Pauline Asaba, Ayako Hurd, and Sally Kozoma were part of the 1990 JACL/Tomo-no-kai/ Nikkei Concerns team at the Northwest Wellness Conference for Seniors. This year the Conference will be held at Ocean Shores, October 27 – November 1, 1991 and will be entited "Walk on the Well Side ... One Step at a Time." The Conference will include speakers, informative interactive workshops, team planning, time for recreation and relaxation, and numerous opportunities to become healthier. The registration deadline for this year is past, but persons who are interested in next year's conference should plan to register next spring.

NW Asian American Theatre: Twinkle

The Northwest Asian American Theatre is running a world-premiere of Gary Iwamoto's most recent comedy, *Twinkle*, through June 30. The energetic comedy follows Susie Wong, a spunky Chinese All-American girl from Bellevue, Washington as she follows her dreams to Hollywood to become a star.

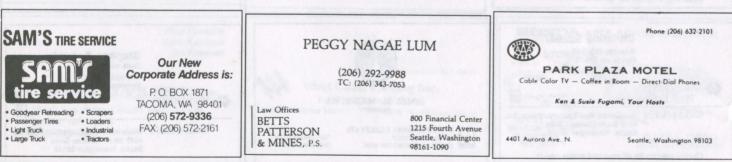
Gary Iwamoto also authored NWAAT's most successful show to date, *Miss Minidoka 1943*, and the hit comedy mystery-spoof, *Who Killed the Dragon Lady*. Iwamoto wrote *Twinkle* to explore the difficulties and stereotyping that ethnic performers constantly face. *Twinkle* is sponsored in part by the Motoda Foundation, the Seattle Arts Commission, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

The shows run Thursday through Saturdays at 8 pm with Sunday matinees at 2 pm at NWAAT, 409 Seventh Avenue S. Tickets are \$12 for adults; \$9 for students and seniors; \$6 for children under 13; and \$8 for groups of 15 persons or more. Tickets and information may be obtained by calling 340-1049.

Labor of Love: A Rice Farmer's Musical to be performed at Bumbershoot

Labor of Love is an original bilingual musical comedy about two rice farming families from rural Japan and southern Louisiana, and will be premiered in the U.S. at Seattle's Bumbershoot Arts Festival. Cowritten, co-directed, co-produced and performed in both Japanese and English by a mixed cast of Japanese and American actors, Labor of Love is a first-of-a-kind multicultural collaborative effort. The 2-act play features country Cajun and Japanese music and dance by top Japanese and American performers.

Labor of Love begins its international tour in Japan on June 29. The U.S. tour will begin in Seattle on August 30 through September 2, followed by performances in eastern Washington, Portland, San Francisco, Iowa, Arkansas, Houston, and Louisiana.



Calendar of events

complied by Ed Suguro

Weekly ballroom dance — every Wednesday, 1 – 3 pm, Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King St.

Exhibit of Japanese screens and scroll paintings — through June 29, Honeychurch Antiques, 1008 James St., Monday — Saturday 10 am — 6 pm. For information: 622-1225.

NWAAT's production of *Twinkle* by Gary Iwamoto — through June 30, Theatre off Jackson, 409 Seventh Ave. S., Thursday — Saturday 8 pm, Sunday matinee at 2 pm. Admission: \$12 adults; \$9 seniors/students; \$6 children under 13; \$8 groups of 15 or more. For tickets and information: 340-1049. See story under *Community Notes*.

New work in stone and bronze by Gerard Tsutakawa — through June 30, Foster/White Gallery, 311-1/2 Occidental Ave. S., Monday — Saturday 10 am — 5:30 pm, Sunday noon — 5 pm. For information: 622-2833.

International Examiner Community Voice Awards — Thursday, June 20, Four Seas Restaurant, 714 S. King St., cocktails 5:30 pm, dinner 7 pm. To honor four Asian Americans for their contributions and advocacy of Asian American issues. Tickets: \$40 per person. For information: 624-3925.

Doshi Kai meeting—Tuesday, July 2, 6:30 pm. Call Wayne Kimura for name and address of restaurant.

Nikkei community dance — Saturday, July 13, 8 – 11:30 pm, Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King St. Admission: \$2. For information: 772-1160.

International District Summer Festival — Sunday, July 14, Hing Hay Park, Maynard and King Streets, 11 am – 6 pm. Foods, crafts, exhibits, entertainment. For information: 624-2151.

Seattle Buddhist Church Bon Odori — Saturday – Sunday, July 20–21, Seattle Buddhist Church, 1427 S. Main St., Saturday 6 – 11 pm, Sunday 5 - 9 pm. For information: 742-8215.

JACL Annual Golf Tournament — Sunday, Aug. 4, West Seattle Golf Course (men) and Jefferson Park Golf Course (women), 12 noon. See entry form on page 2 of this newsletter.

JACL Annual Picnic sponsored by Doshi Kai — Sunday, Aug. 10, Pine Lake Park, Issaquah. Watch for more information in upcoming newsletters.

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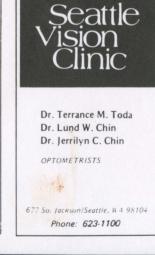
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