

# NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message

by Gail Tanaka

The future of JACL is up to you, the membership. As we begin to prepare a slate for the 1992 Board and Officers, I feel my term is drawing to a close. Being president of the Seattle Chapter has been both rewarding and frustrating, making me both hopeful and apprehensive about the future of JACL.

Hopeful because of the willingness of many old and new volunteers to head up and assist with our numerous Chapter activities, but apprehensive because of the continued difficulty in finding enough volunteers to do all the work we need done. I am also hopeful because of the generosity of countless donors who supported the Chapter's Endowment Fund, and made our Chapter one of the leading contributors to the National Legacy Fund, as well as

donors who support our ongoing activities. But we need your continued support as we try to increase the size of the Chapter's Endowment Fund and the National Legacy Fund to a point where they provide us with an ongoing stable source of income and support.

You can help us by 1) volunteering for Board and Officer positions for 1992; 2) volunteering to help with committees and projects such as the newsletter mail out, membership, banquet committee, etc.; 3) renewing your membership (your expiration date is given on your Pacific Citizen mailing label, the last four digits on the top line); and 4) contributing financial support.

The future of JACL depends on you.

## Kame Project: Aging and the Nikkei population

Health changes that occur with aging in the Japanese American population of Seattle-King County is the focus of a new study being conducted by the University of Washington. Funded by the National Institute on Aging, the Kame project is named after the Japanese symbol of longevity, the turtle. The study will look closely at the elements of aging that affect the quality of life of older Nikkei.

Researchers hope to identify potential risk factors — heredity, environment, etc. — associated with disabling memory and thinking losses, and in doing so, provide new insights into the prevention of disease in future generations.

Annually, for a period of ten years, the study will track the health status of Nikkei over the age of 65. All candidates for the study will be interviewed and given free tests of vision, hearing, neurological well-being, and reaction time. Subgroups of randomly selected eligible participants will be offered more

detailed clinical and neurological examinations at no cost. The results of these examinations will be sent to participants' primary care physicians.

One of the goals of the Kame Project is to serve as a community resource for those interested in the issues of aging. The study will potentially offer seminars on such topics as successful aging, Alzheimer's Disease, caregiving, and the legal and financial aspects of aging. There will also be a newsletter to keep the public informed of the latest developments in aging research and health education for seniors.

The project will begin with a brief survey questionnaire that will be sent in the fall to all Nikkei households listed in public directories in Seattle-King County. This confidential survey will be used to identify and locate persons over 65 or who will turn 65 during the course of the study.

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## Chapter Focus

### Nomura exhibit reception

In recognition of the Seattle Chapter JACL's support of the Wing Luke Asian Museum's exhibition, "Kenjiro Nomura: An Artist's View of the Japanese American Internment," there will be a special reception for all chapter members. The reception will take place on Thursday, September 19, at 5:30 pm at the Wing Luke Asian Museum.

### JACL-1000 Club Golf Tourney

The annual JACL-1000 Club Golf Tournament, chaired by Charles and Mary Furuta, was held at the West Seattle and Jefferson Golf Courses on Sunday, August 4. The winners were: Men's 1st flight—Jim

Murakami and Ed Zumato tied at net 69; Men's 2nd flight—Vic Kawasaki, Kunio Otani, and Keiji Sato tied at net 67; Women's 1st flight—Reiko Tsubota with a net 67; Women's 2nd flight—Reiko Strauch with a net 64; Men's 1000 Club trophy—Bob Mizukami; Women's 1000 Club trophy—Reiko Tsubota. Congratulations to the winners and we look forward to all participants entering next year's JACL-1000 Club golf tournament.

### Thank you

The Chapter gratefully acknowledges the following donations which were received in the month of August: Fumi Yamasaki and Waldron Pomery Smith and Akira for donations for the directory; and Mrs. Tami Fukuda for a donation in memory of her husband, Dr. Gerald Fukuda.

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## Community Notes

### Art against Racism

King County's 1% for Art program is seeking proposals from artists to create new public artworks related to the theme "Art against Racism." Projects include postcards, posters, bus signs, billboards, community heritage markers, murals, and others. The project can be temporary or permanent, but it must occur in publicly accessible areas of be highly visible in some other way.

Budgets can range between \$1,000 and \$4,000. Proposals are due Tuesday, October 1, 1991 for projects starting in January, 1992. An informational meeting will take place on Thursday, September 12, 7:00pm at the Rainier Beach Library, 9125 Rainier Ave. S. For information or applications, call Holly Perkins or Glenn Weiss at the King County Arts Commission, 296-7580.

### Wing Luke Museum seeks new docents

The Wing Luke Asian Museum is seeking volunteers to serve as docents, or tour guides, at the Museum. Docents are responsible for conducting hour-long tours for student visitors, ranging from preschoolers to high school students. "Being a docent is a great way to meet interesting people and expand one's knowledge of the history and culture of Asian Americans," says Charlene Mano, Museum education coordinator. No prior docent experience is required. Training for new docents will begin September 16. For more information, call Olivia Taguinod or Charlene Mano at

### Japan Week events at Bellevue Square

September 21st through 29th is Japan Week at Bellevue Square. This annual event features exhibits, demonstrations, performances, and hands-on workshops and games for children. As part of this year's events, Japan-America Society is presenting an evening of dinner, wine-tasting, and music on Monday, September 23, and a 5-hour seminar on housing in Japan on Tuesday, September 24.

The dinner event, entitled "Otsukini: Celebrating the Harvest Moon" includes an obento dinner, wine-tasting, and a concert of traditional Japanese music at the Snoquality Winery. Bus transportation will be provided from Bellevue at 5:30pm. For ticket information see **Calendar of Events**.

The seminar, entitled "Housing in Japan: Opportunities and Challenges for American Firms" will be held at the Bellevue Concourse, will run from 11:30am until 6:00pm, and includes a luncheon, two workshops and a reception. Keynote speaker for the luncheon will be Paul Isaki, Director of the Washington State Department of Trade and Economic Development, who will discuss state policies on housing export promotion. The first workshop session is entitled "Japanese Housing Design, Construction, and Regulations." The second session is entitled "Opening the Door to the Japanese Housing Market." For ticket information see **Calendar of Events**.

For more information or reservations, call Japan-America Society, 623-7900.

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### National Asian Pacific American Bar Association Convention

National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) is holding its third annual national convention in Seattle on November 1-2 at the Stouffer Madison Hotel. The theme for the 1991 convention is "Beyond the Barriers," and will feature an immigration law seminar as well as workshops on increasing employment opportunities, overcoming Asian stereotypes, perspectives on changing roles of Asian women, anti-Asian violence, and effective lobbying.

A reception honoring Washington State Asian American attorneys in public office will be held on Friday evening, November 1, recognizing State Representatives Art Wang and Gary Locke, and Seattle City Councilperson Delores Sibonga. Featured speakers: Dean Wallace Loh, University of Washington; Mari Matsuda, professor of law, University of Hawaii; the honorable Patsy Mink, congressperson from Hawaii; Sichan Siv, Deputy Assistant to the President of the United States for Public Liaison.

For more information call Sharon Sakamoto, [redacted] or Mimi Castillo, [redacted]

### Nikkei Farmer Poster

This year's Pike Place Market poster commemorates the fifty year history of Japanese American farmers. Like the past annual posters, this is a real treasure. It is available for \$12 from most poster shops in the Seattle area.

### Hyogo Cultural Center Chado course

The Hyogo Cultural Center is offering a 4-week course on Chado, entitled "Autumn Moon in a Bowl," starting October 10. The course covers the philosophy of Japanese aesthetics along with Chado techniques. The registration fee is \$10. For more information or registration, call 728-0610.

### Asian Pacific Americans: Political Leadership in the Nineties

A conference for and about Asian Pacific American political leadership will take place on Saturday, September 21 at the University of Washington Kane Hall in Seattle and on Saturday, October 5 at the Tacoma Community House, 1314 South L Street in Tacoma.

The themes of the conferences include creating positive social change, influencing the political process, and developing awareness and involvement. The keynote speaker for the Seattle conference is former Seattlite and activist Michael Woo, the first Asian American to serve on the Los Angeles City Council. The keynote speaker for the Tacoma conference is Gary Locke, State Representative.

The conference is supported by the Asian Elected Officials, Asian Bar Association, Asian Pacific Student Association, Commission on Asian American Affairs, South Asian Council, Asian Forum, and Evergreen State College. Registration for the Seattle conference is requested by September 13; for the Tacoma conference by September 27. Admission, including lunch, is \$10 for students, \$20 for the general public. For more information or registration, call Velma Veloria, [redacted]

## Seattle JACL — Join us today!

The JACL is the only national Japanese American nonprofit civil rights organization. Our most recent success was the 18-year effort to win redress for Nikkei who were evacuated from their homes and relocated into concentration camps during World War II. We are also involved in cultural events, providing scholarships, and dealing with issues of concern in many areas, including education, affirmative action, leadership training, and more.

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## Calendar of events

compiled by Ed Suguro

**Weekly ballroom dance** — every Wed, 1-3pm, Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King St.

**Minidoka Camp Art by Kenjiro Nomura**—through Sun, Oct. 20, Wing Luke Museum, 407 7th Ave. S., Tues-Fri 11am-4pm, Sat-Sun noon-4pm. Admission: \$2.50 adults, \$1 seniors/students, \$.50 children under 12. For information: 623-5124.

**Nikkei Concerns 15th Anniversary program** — Sun, Sept. 15, 2:00pm, Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King St. Special recognition will be given to volunteers who have contributed many hours to Seattle Keiro, Kokoro Kai, and Nikkei Horizons.

**ORA workshop and videos** — Sat, Sept. 14, workshop 10am-2pm, videos 2:00pm, Nisei Veterans Hall, 1212 S. King. The videos are Steve Okazaki's *Days of Waiting*, about artist Estelle Ishigo, and JACL's *Redress: The JACL Campaign for Justice*, about the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988. Former congressman Mike Lowry and ORA Administrator Bob Bratt will speak at the video presentations.

**Chapter board meeting** — Wed, Sept. 18, 7pm Japanese Language School, 1414 S. Weller St. Everyone welcome.

**Japan Week at Bellevue Square** — Sat, Sept. 21-Sun, Sept. 29, Bellevue Square, Mon-Sat 9:30am-9:30pm, Sun 11am-6pm. For information, Jennifer Minnich, [redacted].

**Otsukini — Celebrating the Harvest Moon** — Mon, Sept. 23, Snoqualmie Winery, 1000 Winery Road. Tickets: \$30 members, \$35 non-members (price includes bustransportation). For reservations, Japan-America Society, 632-7900. See **Community Notes** for more details.

**Housing in Japan: Opportunities and Challenges for American Firms** — Tues, Sept. 24, Bellevue Concourse, 505 106th Ave. NE, Bellevue. Cost: luncheon only, \$17 for members or \$20 for non-members; full program, \$35 for members and \$50 for non-members. For reservations, Japan-America Society, 632-7900. See **Community Notes** for more details.

**Hyogo Cultural Center "Evening of Chado (Tea Ceremony)"** — Tues, Sept. 24, Westin Building, 11th Floor, 2001 Sixth Ave. Fee: \$5. See also **Community Notes** for information on Chado course.

**Nichiren Buddhist Church Fujinkai chow mein dinner** — Sun, Sept. 29, 11am-4 pm, Nichiren Buddhist Church, 1042 S. Weller Street. Tickets: \$3.50 available from church members.

**Doshi Kai meeting** — Tues, Oct. 1, 6:30pm. Call Wayne Kimura for name and address of restaurant, [redacted].

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## Calendar, *continued from page 6*

**Northwest Asian American Theatre presents *Song for a Nisei Fisherman*** — opens Wed, Oct. 2, Theatre Off Jackson, 409 7th Ave. S. For information/tickets: 340-1445.

**International District Community Health Center Annual Dinner** — Fri, Oct. 4, Seattle Trade Center, 2601 Elliott Ave., 5:30pm cocktails, 6:30pm dinner. Guest Speaker: Le Ly Hayslip. Tickets: \$45. For information and reservations, Jodi, [redacted] IDCHC office, 461-3617.

**Blaine Memorial Methodist Church Bazaar** — Sat, Oct. 5, 11am-7pm, Blaine Memorial Methodist Church, 3001 24th Ave. S. Tickets available from church members or at the church office. For information: 723-1536.

**Tomo no kai outing** — Sun, Oct. 6, brunch at Airport Hilton, 17620 Pacific Highway S., 11am. Cost: \$15. For reservations/information: Mary, [redacted].

**Japanese Language School Magic/Dance Charity Show** — a troupe of 34 performers from Nagoya, Mon, Oct. 7, 7pm, Seattle Buddhist Church, 1427 S. Main St. Tickets: \$10, children under 12 free. For information: 323-0250.

**Nikkei community dance** — Sat, Oct. 12, 8-11:30pm, Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King St. Tickets: \$2. For information: 722-1160.

**National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) convention**—Fri-Sat, Nov. 1-2, Stouffer Madison Hotel, 515 Madison St. Registration fees received by Sept. 20 are \$195 for NAPABA members and \$225 for non-NAPABA members; after Sept. 20, for \$225 for NAPABA members and \$250 for non-NAPABA members. For information: Sharon Sakamoto, [redacted] or Mimi Castillo, [redacted] See story in **Community notes**.

## Kame project, *continued from page 1*

If you are an ethnic Japanese who is unlisted, or who has a non-Japanese surname, and would like to be included in the study's mailing list, please call Nina Chinn, project coordinator, [redacted], or Greta Hoshibata, project information specialist, [redacted]. All directory information for the study will be kept confidential and used only for the purposes of the

Kame Project.

The Kame Project is honored to receive the endorsement of the Nikkei Concerns Board of Directors; and the support of Ann Arakaki-Lock, Akio Hoshino. Dr. Ruby Inouye, Matsuo Kohler, Akiko Kusunose, Dr. Kenneth Mayeda, Tosh Okamoto, the Reverend Dennis Skinseki, Sam Shoji, Yukiko Tanaka, Masako Tomita, and Hide Yada, who comprise its community advisory board.

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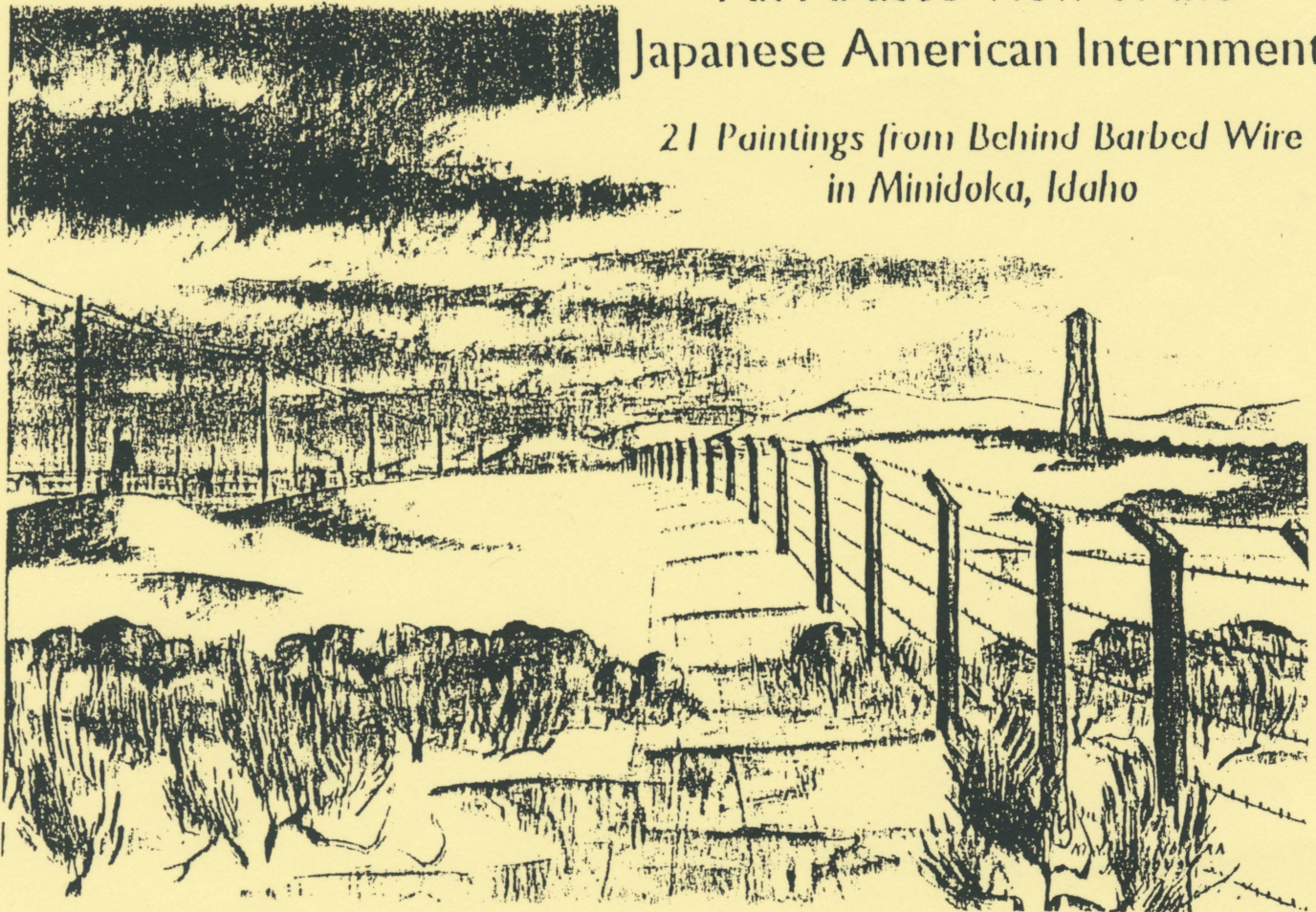
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