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President's Report

by Joy St. Germain

Konnichi wa. It's July and the 32nd biennial National Convention is less than one month away. One of the important tasks to complete is the review of the recommendations regarding national JACL's governing and operating structures. We need to put together our Chapter's comments or amendments to the National JACL Committee on Organization and Structure this month.

If you are interested in reviewing the National JACL documents, please contact me or one of the board members. An overview of the current organizational structure is printed on page 4. Comments and suggestions need to be received by July 20.

The Seattle Chapter Officers and Board members are quietly working behind the scenes on a variety of

committees. One important committee, the Nominations & Election Committee, will be meeting in the near future to prepare the slate of nominees for the Fall election. Please contact us if you would like to nominate a person, including yourself, for a position as an Officer or Board of Directors for 1993.

Summer is a busy but enjoyable season. I look forward to the Bon Odori festivals, when we celebrates our richtradition as a community. This is also a time to reflect on the significance of July 4th, when the signers of the Declaration of Independence proclaimed as "self evident, that all [persons] are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Redress Update

Budget issues continue to be the key roadblock to moving the redress bill through Congress. Legislation is pending in both houses of Congress to

authorize an additional \$320 million to cover the approximately 14,000 individuals who will not be compensated under the original redress entitlement this fiscal year, and to fund the Education Fund.

The Senate version, S. 2553, was scheduled twice for a vote in the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, but has not yet been brought up. These delays indicate that the bill is in jeopardy if the budget issues cannot be resolved. However, two powerful senators, Stevens (R-AK) and Rudman (R-NH), have agreed to co-sponsor S. 2553.

The House version, HR 4551, has

Personal letters, which are the most effective means of communicating your support for S. 2553, should be sent to Senator Gorton.

Senator Slade Gorton United States Senate Washington DC, 20510

Calls may also be made Gorton's toll-free issue line: 1-800-282-8095, or to his Seattle office, 553-0350. Senator Gorton will be in his Seasttle office on Friday, July 10, and will return to Washington D.C. on Monday, July 13.

still not been scheduled for a vote in the House Judiciary Committee. House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt (D-MO), House Minority Leader Newt

Gringrich (R-GA) and Congressmen Matsui and Mineta, among others, have contacted the Bush Administration budget office to discuss the entitlement issue.

JACL Washington DC representative Karen Narasaki has issued an urgent call for redress supporters in Washington State to write immediately and in volume to Senator Slade Gorton, requesting him to support S. 2553. S. 2553 is awaiting mark-up in the Governmental Affairs Committee chaired by Senator John Glenn (D-OH). The companion bill in the House, HR 4551, has been approved out of the House Judiciary subcom-

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mittee chaired by long-time redress advocate Rep. Barney Frank, but has yet to be voted out of the full Judiciary Committee chaired by Rep Jack Brooks (D-TX).

PNW Redress chair Cherry Kinoshita suggests that personal letters to Senator Gorton are more effective, but calls may also be made Gorton's toll-free issue line: 1-800-282-8095, or to his Seattle office, 553-0350, during the Senate recess in July and August. JACL members may also wish to send letters of thanks to Senator Brock Adams for his already committed support for HR 4551 and his long history of redress advocacy.

As of June 17, the Office of Redress Administration has 21,9000 eligible individuals ready to pay redress compensation for FY 1992, according to Paul Suddes, Acting Administrator. The balance of the \$250 million of the original entitlement will cover 12,500 of these cases covering individuals born through 1934.

In two previous disbursements in FY 1991 and 1992, 50,000 eligible individuals or their heirs have received the presidential apology along with a \$20,000 check. In addition to the 44,252 WRA camp internees, this figure includes the following categories: military servicemen–1,923; "voluntary" evacuees–2,919; Hawaiian relocatees/internee –265; Immigration cases–102; Peruvians–54; and Other–213.

Chapter Focus

Legacy Fund

Seattle area supporters of the National JACL Legacy Fund have contributed over a quarter of a million dollars from September 1990 to May 15, 1992, leading the nation in their display of generosity. An average of \$807 was contributed by a total of 310 donors, with one-third or 104 of those donors contributing \$1,000. Six individuals or couples donated

over \$5,000; 28 donated over \$2,000; and 85 donated \$500.

The National JACL Legacy Fund has reached \$3,423,529 as of mid-May, or 34% of its \$10 million its ten-year goal. In the Pacific Northwest, totals as of mid-May and percentage of the chapters' goals based on membership count are as follows:

Chapter	Contributions/ Pledges	1990 Memb	Chapter Goal	% of Goal Raised
Seattle	\$250,415	448	\$200,640	124.8%
Puyallup Valley	\$28,705	155	\$\$69,418	41.6%
Mid Columbia	\$23,225	121	\$54,191	42.9%
Portland	\$29,620	252	\$112,860	26.2%
Gresham/Troutdale	\$25,600	150	\$67,179	38.1%
Spokane	\$3,600	266	\$119,130	3.0%
White River Valley	\$9,450	66	\$29,559	31.9%
Lake Washington	\$14,800	71	\$31,798	46.5%
Olympia	\$3,000	34	\$15,227	19.7%
DISTRICT TOTALS	\$415,735	1,563	\$700,000	59.4%

Deepest appreciation is extended to the following donors whose contributions to the National JACL Legacy Fund have been received locally during the months of May and June:

\$1,000+:Tosh/ToshikoOkamoto,BuddFukei,Masaye Takada,YoshieMikami(inmemoryofourmother, Naka Fukei)

\$500+: Kiku Yano (in memory of Arthur H. Yano).

Seattle Chapter new address

Just a reminder about the Seattle Chapter's new address: P.O. Box 18558, Seattle, WA 98118-0558. Please note this change in your address book, and please do not use the old Maynard Street address or the Weller Street address, or your mail may be delayed.

JACL Forum

The Seattle Chapter JACL would like to open the lines of communication between members and the board, and among members. We are starting a new JACL FORUM column for your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions. Letters should be 250 words or less, or they will be edited for brevity. They will be published at the discretion of the JACL Board.

To kick off the column, consider the following:

The Seattle Chapter JACL Constitution states our purpose: "... to foster American democracy, promote active participation in civic and national life, and secure justice an dequal opportunities for all persons regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, or sex."

Does the Chapter Constitution reflect your concerns? Do you think that the board is accomplishing the goals stated? Any suggestions about how we could be doing a better job? For example, what stand, if any, should JACL have taken in regard to the LA riots? What is your opinion about the causes and solutions? What stand, if any, should Seattle Chapter JACL take with regard to the "Weed and Seed" program? Are there other programs that Seattle Chapter JACL should advocate or support?

Letters for the JACL Forum must be received by the 25th of the preceding month in order to be considered for publication. Please address your letters to JACL FORUM, P.O. Box 18558, Seattle, WA 98118.

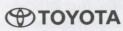
Community Notes

Hyogo Cultural Center Chorus

The Hyogo Cultural Center is offering an 11-week course to learn modern Japanese songs. Meetings run from July 23 through October 1, from 5:30 through 7pm; the class is free of charge. No experience in Japanese language is necessary, since English translations of the songs are provided, but ability to read music and some chorus singing experience is required. Register by July 21 by calling 728-0610 or write to Hyogo Cultural Center, 2001 Sixth Ave, Suite 1101, Seattle, WA 98121.

Keiro Benefit Dinner

South China Restaurant is sponsoring the twelfth annual benefit dinner for Seattle Keiro/Nikkei Concerns, Monday July 13 between 4pm and 9pm at the South China on 2714 Beacon Avenue South. Each year the Ko family generously sponsors this dinner as a major fund-raising event for the nursing home. The proceeds benefit the residents. Tickets are available at Seattle Keiro, 1601 E. Yesler Way, or at the South China Restaurant.



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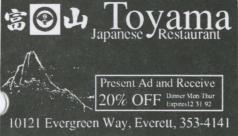
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Special Report

by Joy St. Germain

In preparation for the upcoming National JACL Convention, I would like to provide members with an overview of national JACL's current organizational structure

About 115 local **chapters** are linked through the national organization. The chapters are grouped into six geographical **District Councils** — ours is the Pacific Northwest District, and our Governor is Hisami Yoshida, and our Regional Director is Karen Yoshitomi, who works in the Seattle-based District Office.

District Councils have jurisdiction over their member chapters; participate and direct the national program within their district; sponsor activities that best serve the interests of the district; act on all business matters referred to them by the National Board, National Council and officers; and coordinate the activities of the chapters within the district and within the national JACL.

The **National Board** carries on the business of the organization between national conventions, which take place every other year. The elected National Officers are the President, four Vice Presidents (for General Operations, for Public Affairs, for Planning and Development, and for 1000 Club, Membership and Services), and the Secretary/Treasurer.

The main tasks of the Board are to implement the decisions made at the national convention, and to lead the organization to fulfill the "Program for Action." The National Board is composed of elected national officers, the National Youth Council chairperson, and the District Governors. The national Legal Council and chairperson of the Pacific Citizen board serve on the National Board as non-voting members. The National Board meets every three months.

The **National Council**, made up of official chapter delegates, is the legislative body of the organization. The National Council is composed of two official delegates from each of the chapters and the District

Youth Representative for each District Council. Our chapter's delegates are:

Joy St. Germain, President Gail Tanaka, Board Delegate Ayako Hurd, Alternate May Namba, Alternate Bob Sato, Alternate Cherry Kinoshita, Alternate

The National Council meets once every two years. The most important tasks of the National Council are to approve the JACL Program for Action, elect national officers, act on approved changes to the JACL Constitution and Bylaws, act on resolutions passed at the National Convention, and approve the national budget.

The National Youth Council is composed of a chairperson, the National Youth Representative, and eight District Youth Representatives who are the links between the National Youth Council and youth in local JACL chapters and college campuses.

The National Staff implements the policies and decisions of the organization as directed by the National Board. The National staff is composed of the National Director, Associate Directors, Business Manager (all of whom work at the San Francisco National JACL Headquarters), Washington Representatives, Regional Directors, and support staff. All these positions are salaried positions.

The Pacific Citizen (PC) is the official publication of the national organization. The PC has the responsibility to disseminate information about JACL's issues, positions, and activities as well as to print news of interest to the general Asian American population. The PC is governed by a Board of Directors which has business and editorial responsibilities. The chairperson is appointed by the JACL President and serves as an ex officio member of the National Board. The Editor-in-Chief manages the daily operation of the newspaper.



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Calendar of events

complied by Ed Suguro

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

Reflection/Refraction: Alternative Visions — features Asian Pacific women artists Andrea Yim, Patti Warashina, Gloria Pacis, Haruko Okano, Nora Mukaihata, Esther Foerderer, and Ana Chang, Cunningham Gallery on the University of Washington campus. For information: 685-1090.

Half Third Fourth: Mixed Media Installation features artists Nancy Meyers, Irene Kuniyuki and Nora Mukaihata, through July 28, 911 Media Arts Center, 117 Yale Ave. N., viewable 24 hours a day. For information: 682-6552.

New and Old Prints by Irene Kuniyuki and Masami Teraoka-through Aug. 1, Fuel Gallery, 318 Second Ave. S., Tues-Sat 11:30am-5pm, Sun 1-5pm. For information: 625-0890.

Yellow No Same: Paintings and Prints by Roger Shimomura — through Sun, Aug 2, Greg Kucera Gallery, 608 Second Ave., Tues - Sat 10:30am-5:30pm, Sun 1-5pm. For information: 624-0770.

Executive Order 9066: Fifty Years Before and Fifty Years After – a history of Japanese Americans in Washington State, through Aug 30, Wing Luke Asian Museum, 407 7th Ave. S., Tues-Fri 11am-

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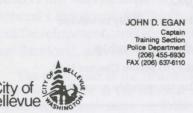


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4:30pm, Sat-Sunnoon-4pm. Admission: \$2.50 adults, \$1.50 seniors/students, 75¢ children under 12. For information: 623-5124.

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

Nikkei Horizons Day Trip: Point Defiance Park and Zoo-Thurs, July 16, meet at Keiro at 10am. Cost: \$20 includes transportation and box lunch. For information: 323-7100.

Seattle Buddhist Church Bon Odori - Sat-Sun, July 18-19, Seattle Buddhist Church, 1427 S. Main St., Sat 5-10pm, Sun 4-9pm. For information: 329-0800.

Reading by poet/essayist David Mura - from his book Turning Japanese: Memoirs of a Sansei, Thurs, July 23, Elliott Bay Books, 101 S. Main St., 7:30pm. Free. For information: 624-6600.

White River Bon Odori - Saturday, July 25, 5 pm-10pm White River Buddhist Temple, 3625 Auburn Way North. Japanese and American foods bonsai and ikebana will be displayed, and fresh valley-grown produce and flowers will be on sale. Free of charge.

Seafair Chinatown Parade - Sun, July 26, 7pm. Starts at 10th Ave S. and S. Jackson Street and travels west on Jackson to 6th Ave S. to S. King St, east on S. King to 8th Ave. S. For information: 722-0661.

Doshi Kai meeting – Tues, Aug 4, 7pm. Call Wayne Kimura for name and address of restaurant.

Nikkei Community Dance-Sat, Aug 8, 8-11:30pm, Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King St., BYOL, live band. Admission: \$3 perperson. For information: 722-1160.

Second annual JACL picnic – Sat, Aug 22, Pine Lake Park in Issaquah, starting at 11am. For more information, call Wayne Kimura (or Ann Fujii



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I-M----Salad

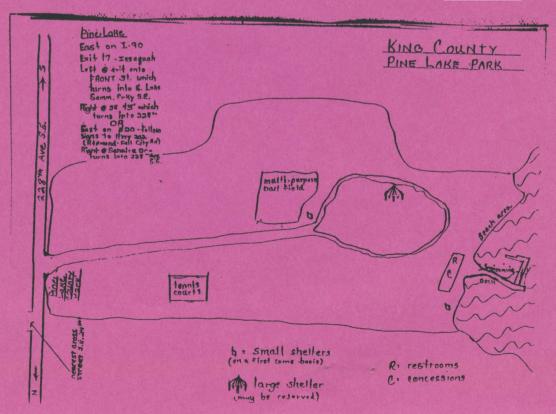
N-S----Main Dish

T-Z---Side Dish

PLEASE RSVP by Sat., Aug. 7 by calling: (So we bring enough cups & plates and other stuff)

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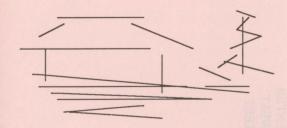
committee is a non-profit organization in the state of Washington with a 501c3 Internal Revenue status. This enables individuals and organizations to make tax free contributions.

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- To provide a center for sustaining the heritage of Japanese culture in the Pacific Northwest so that it can most effectively contribute to the cultural richness and diversity of the region.
- To provide educational and informational services that enhance community, cultural, and business relations in the region.
- To promote goodwill between the people of the Pacific Northwest and the people of Japan.

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- Recruiting sufficient financial and fellowship support for the CULTURAL CENTER to assure its longevity and vitality as a contributor to the culture of the Pacific Northwest.
- Constructing and maintaining a new multi-use facility for the CULTURAL CENTER
- Supporting and complementing the programs and activities of the diverse social and cultural heritage in the Northwest.
- Promoting the CULTURAL CENTER and the programs of its affiliated groups in the Pacific Northwest, in the United States, and in Japan.



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TSUTAKAWA PRINTS

George Tsutakawa, internationally renowned Seattle artist, has initiated the fund raising with the donation of two sumi art paintings made into 18"x 24" quality prints. These pieces of art, suitable for framing and representative of his famous sumi art, are to be given for donations of \$1000 or more.

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DARUMA LOGO

The legendary goal setting symbol, was chosen for this initial phase of the project by the Project Committee, representing various organizations in the Northwest Nikkei community. One eye has been drawn in to symbolize the dream of establishing a community supported

Japanese Cultural Center in Seattle.

Plans for the development of the Cultural Center are underway. The current projects include the completion of all feasibility studies; the hiring of a program coordinator; and a fund raising campaign, launched with the 1992 Cherry Blossom Festival.

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