

# J A C L NEWSLETTER

## SEATTLE CHAPTER

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### President's Report

by Joy Misako St. Germain

Konnichi wa. I am writing this report at the 32nd biennial National JACL Convention, sponsored by the Mile-Hi chapter in Denver, Colorado. The experience for me has been inspirational and one that I will remember for the rest of my life. I am proud to represent the Seattle Chapter, Pacific Northwest District with fellow delegates Gail Tanaka (Seattle), Ken Nakano (Lake Washington), Dorothy Brooks (Olympia), June Arima Schumann (Portland), Jeff Hiroo (Puyallup), Bob Mizukami (Puyallup), Michiko Maebori (White River Valley), DeeAn Nakagawa (PNW District Youth) and alternates Hisami Yoshida (PNW District Governor, Olympia), Cherry Kinoshita (Seattle), Ayako Hurd (Seattle), May Namba (Seattle), and Bob Sato (Seattle). Also attending the Convention from our chapter were Carol Kamiyama, Shea Aoki, Lucy Sato, Takako Yoda, and Tom Nakao (outgoing National JACL Secretary-Treasurer).

The history of JACL since 1929 is impressive. But

### Redress update

As of January 1992, \$1 billion was disbursed from the original \$1.25 billion redress fund. Based on current estimates, the remaining \$250 million will provide payments during FY 1993 to individuals born on or before March 31, 1935. Bills providing for the remaining redress payments (to those born after March 1935) are pending in Congress: in the Senate, S. 2553 and in the House, HR 4551.

With an all-out letter writing effort by JACLers and others to persuade Senator Slade Gorton to support S. 2553, the way was paved for a meeting with Senator Gorton on July 10 by JACLers Tomio Moriguchi, Chuck Kato, and Cherry Kinoshita. Without long persuasion, the Senator agreed not only to support S. 2553 but also to sign on to Senator Daniel Inouye's bill as a cosponsor, joining Senators Daniel Akaka, Warren Rudman, and Ted Stevens. Senator

what has been most significant for me are the leaders and members of this organization. As the Convention progressed, it became more and more apparent that our PNW District and Seattle Chapter are strong. I encourage all JACL members to attend a National Convention when the opportunity arises every two years.

The 1994 Convention will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah. Please see the Convention Highlights in this newsletter to get a glimpse of what events made this convention a special and memorable time. For more information will follow in the September newsletter as time and space does not permit full coverage of the National Convention.

I hope you will come to our 2nd Annual JACL picnic on August 22nd at Pine Lake in Issaquah. For more information or to RSVP, please call Louise Kato [redacted] or Ann Fujii-Lindwall [redacted]. I look forward to seeing you there.

Brock Adams, a longtime redress supporter, had agreed early on to support the bill.

In the House, Reps. Jim McDermott and Jolene Unsoeld cosponsored HR 4551 when it was introduced. Four other Representatives from Washington state later joined them. Letter-writing dynamo Carol Kamiyama was among the first to receive replies from Reps. Sid Morrison and Al Swift, pledging support and sponsorship of HR 4551. Rep. John Miller is also a cosponsor, and Rep. Norm Dick's office confirms his commitment to vote for the bill when it reaches the floor.

On August 5, the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee passed S. 2553. The vote on the Senate floor is scheduled for Tuesday, August 11. The House Judiciary Committee is also scheduled to meet on August 11 to consider H.R. 4551.

## Chapter Focus

### Newsletter mailout — Thanks!

Domo arigato gozaimasu! We couldn't do it without you. A warm and sincere thank you to the wonderful volunteers who came out to help with the newsletter mailout for the months of May, June, and July: Mari Mariyama, Rose Ogino, Haruo Fujino, Sam Shoji, Mits Katayama, Kazzie Katayama, Bruce Echigoshima, May Namba, Ray Ishii, Shea Aoki, Shigeko Uno, Lee Hurd, Ayako Hurd, Sharon Miyake, Aki Kurose, Hiroshi G. Fukano, Max Chan, May Sasaki, Mako Nakagawa, Ruth Kurose, Chuck Kato, Cherry Kinoshita, Janet Matsumoto, Michael Kimura, Lillian Kato, Junko Imai, Lynn Uyehara, Louise Kato, Steve Harada, Wayne Kimura, Yuka Kimura, Ann Fujii, Connie Sugihara, Steve Chin, and Jerome Roaché. A special thank you to Sam Shoji, Kazzie Katayama, Jerome Roaché, May Sasaki, and Mako Nakagawa for organizing the mailout sessions and making the post office runs. Please join us every second Wednesday of the month at the Japanese Language School at 1414 S. Weller St. for the newsletter mailouts. Thank you!

### 1000 Club Golf Tournament

The 100 Club Annual JACL Golf Tournament was held on Sunday, July 26 at the Allenmore Golf Club in Tacoma. Winners of the 1000 Club trophies were Mas Kinoshita (men's) and Kiyo Sakahara (women's). Other winners were: **Men** —Harry Kadoshima, Bob Ohashi, Jiro Yoshitake, Jim Murakami, Jim Matsuoka, Joe Sasaki. **KP Winners** —Bob Ohashi, Joe Sasaki,

Jiro Yoshitake, Ry Tanino. **Women** —Mary Shinbo, Ayako Hill, Reiko Strauch, Shoko Tanaka, Hazel Calhoun, Rieko Tsubota. **KP Winners** —Ayako Hill (2 holes), Reiko Strauch.

Reiko Tsubota and Bob Mizukami, last year's winners, were co-chairs of the successful and enjoyable tournament, assisted by Kiyo Sakahara, Kimi Nakanishi and Mas Kinoshita. Awards and prizes were presented after dinner at the Poodle Dog restaurant in Fife. The tournament was made possible by support from the Seattle Chapter, Puyallup Valley Chapter, Jerry Iwasa of Seafirst Bank, Puget Sound Bank of Tacoma, Tsubota Industrial Supply Company, Bob Mizukami and Reiko Tsubota.

### Legacy Fund

Seattle Chapter Board member Bruce Echigoshima not only works for a good employer, Safeco Insurance; Safeco also values Bruce as a good employee, recognizing his contributions to community service by donating \$100 to his organization. The JACL Legacy Fund acknowledges with great appreciation the current donation as well as a previous matching donation from Safeco on Bruce's behalf. The JACL Legacy Fund committee and the Seattle JACL Endowment Fund committee reminds others who work for companies that have matching fund programs to consider taking advantage of these benefits.

Additional donors to the Legacy Fund as of August 2, 1992 are: (\$500+) Mr. & Mrs. Tatemasa Oki, and Miyeko Ishihara.

## Chapter Elections

It's time to recruit and establish our slate of candidates for the fall election of the Seattle Chapter JACL officers and Board of Directors. Please consider running for office or recruiting and nominating people for these important positions. Below is a short description of the roles and responsibilities of the officers and Board Members, and a list of committees that carry out the work of the Seattle Chapter JACL.

**Term of office:** 1 year (January 1–December 31)

**Meetings:** Third Wednesday of the month at the JACL Office, from 7pm–9pm. Officers and board members shall be subject to removal after three unexcused absences.

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### Board Member duties

- Attendance at regular Chapter meetings;
- Chair, co-chair or active participation in at least one committee;
- Working knowledge of Seattle Chapter;
- Promoting the Chapter's mission and programs in the community:
  - making possible the growth of the membership
  - determining and carrying out policies and programs of the chapter
  - controlling operating funds and capital assets for the use and benefit of the Chapter
  - approving all contracts and leases

### Officer duties

**President:** presides at all meetings of the Board, all general meetings, and Executive meetings. S/he shall appoint annually chairpersons of all committees, and

in consultation with the chairpersons and s/he shall appoint members of the committees. S/he shall, with the Treasurer, sign leases and contracts approved by the Board. S/he shall be an ex-officio member of all committees and the Advisory Board and cultivate leadership among members of the board. S/he shall attend community meetings on behalf of JACL and shall be spokesperson at such meetings. S/he shall assure that the annual report is filed and minutes and other records maintained.

**President-elect:** shall use this year to learn the duties of the Presidency as outlined above, and shall serve as President the following year.

**Vice presidents:** shall assist committees to achieve their objectives; meet with committee chairs to de-

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velop work plans; monitor activities; coordinate inter-committee activities; act as liaison between committees and Executive Board.

**First Vice-President:** shall preside at Board meetings in the President's absence, attend District Council meetings in the President's absence, and monitor activities of assigned committees.

**Second Vice-President:** shall serve as coordinator of the JACL newsletter and monitor activities of assigned committees.

**Third Vice-President:** shall serve as Budget Committee chairperson and monitor activities of assigned committees.

**Fourth Vice-President:** shall serve as coordinator of the Membership Committee chairperson and monitor activities of assigned committees.

**Recording Secretary:** shall keep full minutes of all Executive and Board meetings, including the record of attendance.

**Corresponding Secretary:** shall see that notices are sent for all regular and special meetings; shall notify officers and committee members of their election or appointments; shall conduct correspondence as directed by the Board of directors.

**Treasurer:** shall have charge of the funds of the Chapter, including all deposits and payments; shall present to the Board at each regular meeting a statement of receipts, expenditures, and outstanding bills; shall establish and maintain appropriate accounting procedures; and shall, with the President, sign leases and other contracts of the Chapter.

**Historian:** shall maintain a record of Chapter activities and the Chapter library.

## Seattle JACL Nomination Form

Please return this form to: JACL NOMINATIONS  
PO BOX 18558  
SEATTLE, WA 98118-0558

**Deadline:** This form must be received by the September Board Meeting (Wed. September 16, 1992)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (eves/wknds) \_\_\_\_\_

### Position of interest

- Board member    President elect  
 1st Vice President    2nd Vice President    3rd Vice President    4th Vice President  
 Treasurer    Recording Secretary    Corresponding Secretary    Historian

### Statement of interest

In three sentences maximum, please explain why you would like to be a JACL officer or board member.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If you are nominating someone other than yourself, please fill out the information below:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (eves/wknds) \_\_\_\_\_

The person above has accepted the nomination: YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

*Thank you very much for your participation in the Seattle Chapter JACL*

## Special Report

### NATIONAL JACL CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

#### 1993-94 National JACL Elections

The newly elected officers for National JACL are: President-Lillian Kimura; Youth Council-Kerry Kaneichi; Youth Chair-Kim C. Nakahara; Secretary-Treasurer-Jonathan Kaji; VP for Operation-Neal Taniguchi; VP for Planning & Development-Trisha Murakawa; VP for Public Affairs-William Kaneko; 1000 Club Membership & Services-Alan Nishi

Let us support the new National Board by assisting JACL to implement its mission.

#### National JACL Award Banquet

Seattle Chapter Board Member Cherry Kinoshita received the prestigious JACL Ruby Pin Award, presented JACLers and others who have made unique and exceptional contributions to JACL entailing great personal sacrifice. Also from the Pacific Northwest District, Bob Sato (Seattle) and Bob Mizukami (Puyallup) were recognized for their winning performance at the Golf Tournament.

#### Resolutions and Amendments

Fifteen resolutions were passed by the convention. Our Interracial Understanding resolution was withdrawn since another resolution on the Los Angeles riots addressed the same issues (and was passed). Our waste reduction and recycling resolution was passed. Eight amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws were passed. For more information, see the *Pacific Citizen* convention coverage.

#### Youth Oratorical Contest

DeeAn Nakagawa, Pacific Northwest Youth Representative participated in the Minoru Yasui Oratorical contest and gave a very personal and heartfelt speech on "The Yonsei Dilemma: Maintaining a Cultural Identity in American Society."

#### Legacy Fund Award and Grant

The National JACL Legacy Fund reached \$3,403,929 as of April 1992. The Seattle Chapter was one of six chapters surpassing 100% of its goal. For this accomplishment, we received a framed calligraphy plaque. Special thanks to Cherry Kinoshita for her past and continuing fundraising efforts.

The Seattle Chapter was awarded a \$750 grant for a project that implements the "JACL Program for Action." Our project will be an eight-week seminar, implemented by the Executive Board of the Chapter in the Spring of 1993.

#### Sayonara Banquet

Among the numerous distinguished guests and speakers at the banquet was Tomio Moriguchi, who along with Kristi Yamaguchi, was awarded the Japanese American of the Biennium. In his acceptance speech, Tomio spoke of his work as a businessman and entrepreneur. Governor Bill Clinton called the convention and addressed the banquet over the telephone, and a telegram from President Bush's office was read.

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## Community Notes

### Japanese Language School

Registration for the fall term will take place at the Japanese Language School on Saturday, August 29, 10am-2:30pm. Classes begin on September 12. The classes include the new kindergarten class, for children 4-6 years old, Beginner, Intermediate, to Advanced classes. The curriculum covers not only Japanese conversation, reading, writing, grammar and translation but also Japanese history, geography, customs and culture. The registration fee is \$25, the quarterly tuition is \$75.

The Seattle Japanese Language School opened in 1902. In 1913, the Japanese American community raised \$10,000 to build the school on Weller Street.

In 1917 and 1920, new buildings were added. During World War II, the school was closed and not reopened until 1956. This year, 1992, marks the 90th anniversary of the school, and over 75 years of service to the Japanese American community.

### Patti Warashina receives King Co. Award

Sculptor Patti Warashina has received the prestigious 1992 King County Arts Commission Honors Award, a \$20,000 commission to create a new public artwork in King County. This award annually recognizes a visual artist of exceptional talent and dedication who has demonstrated lifelong achievement and creativity.

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## Calendar of events

compiled by Ed Suguro

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

**New works from Japan by Takatomo Usui** — through Aug. 26, Gibson Gallery, 119 S. Jackson St., 2nd floor, Tues-Sat 10:30am-5:30pm. For information: 587-4033.

**Executive Order 9066: 50 years before and 50 years after** — through August 30, Wing Luke Asian Museum, 407 Seventh Ave. S., Tues-Fri 11am-4:30pm, Thurs till 7pm, Sat-Sun noon-4pm. Admission: \$2.50 adults, \$1.50 seniors/students, 75¢ children under 12. For information: 623-5124.

Northwest Asian American Theatre presents **The Skin of Our Teeth** — through Aug. 30, Theatre Off Jackson, 409 Seventh Ave. S., Thurs-Sat 8pm, Sun 4pm. Admission: general \$12, seniors/students \$9 (\$6 on Thursdays), children/actors \$6. Group rates available. For information: 340-1049.

**Reflection/Refraction: Alternative Visions** — works by Asian/Pacific women artists including Nora Mukaihata, Haruko Okano and Patti Warashina, through Sept. 18, Cunningham Gallery, University of Washington, Mon-Wed-Fri 1-5pm, Thurs 5-9pm. For information: 685-~~9250~~ 1090.

**Visual Impressions through oils, gouache and acrylic** — solo show by Seattle artist Take Hama, Sept. 9-Oct. 4, Frye Art Museum, 704 Terry St., Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun noon-5pm. For information: 622-9250.

**Chapter Board Meeting** — Wed, Aug. 19, 7pm, Japanese Language School, 1414 S. Weller St. Everyone welcome.

**Sharon Hashimoto** reads from her book of poetry, **Reparations**—Fri, Aug. 21, 7:30pm, Elliott Bay Books, 101 S. Main St. Free. For information: 624-6600.

**Japanese Culture and Society through Public Advertisements** — a lecture by Professor Norio Uejo of Kansai University, Tues, Aug. 25, 5:30pm, Hyogo Cultural Center, 2001 6th Ave., Suite 1101. Cost \$5. Registration: 728-0610 by Aug. 21.

**Nikkei Horizons open house** — Sat, Aug. 29, 10am-1pm, Seattle Buddhist Church gym, 1427 S. Main St. Learn about the program and meet teachers and students. For information: 323-7100.

**Doshi Kai meeting** — Tues, Sept. 1, 7pm. Call Wayne Kimura for name and address of restaurant.

**Seattle and Kokon Taiko** perform at Bumbershoot — Sat, Sept. 5, 2-2:45pm, Seattle Center World Music Stadium. For information: 329-9494 or 285-2567.

**Nikkei community dance** — Sat, Sept. 12, 8-11:30pm, Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King. BYOL, live band. \$3 per person. For information: 772-1160.

**Tomo no kai meeting** — Mon, Sept. 14, 7pm Keiro Nursing Home, 1601 E. Yesler Way. Guest speaker will talk about assisted living. For information: Pauline,

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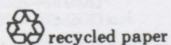
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to Sept. 4th*

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- LOCATION:** Japanese American Citizens League (JACL)  
Pacific Northwest (PNW) District Office  
Seattle, Washington: International District
- RESPONSIBILITIES:**
- Draft and prepare outgoing memos, letters and general correspondence.
  - Research and develop background information on issues, as requested.
  - Respond to general questions about the JACL or issues pertaining to the organization in person and/or by phone.
  - Answer the phone and staff the office in the Directors absence.
  - May be asked to attend meetings, take minutes and/or represent the PNW District Office of the JACL.
  - Other duties as assigned.
- QUALIFICATIONS:** Type 40+ WPM accurately; Excellent grammar and communications skills; Good phone skills, High school graduate or equivalent; Office experience is helpful; Computer skills preferred; Some knowledge of the Japanese American community required.
- APPLICATION PROCEDURE:** All interested and qualified applicants should submit a cover letter and resume to:
- JACL PNW District Office  
671 South Jackson St., Suite 206  
Seattle, WA 98104
- DEADLINE:** Application materials must be received by **August 14, 1992**

The JACL is the oldest and largest Asian American civil rights organization in the country. The Pacific Northwest District is an extension of the National organization, which is headquartered in San Francisco, California. The position will be under the direct supervision of the Regional Director, part-time, 12 hours a week to start, with hours and days flexible.