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President's Report

by Ray Ishii Incoming president

appy New Year! It is with both excitement and opti mism that I begin this year as your President. During the past year under the guidance and leadership of Kip Tokuda, the Chapter has started on an exciting course that we will continue this year.

In 1957, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. opened a speech by saying, "Those of us who live in the 20th century are privileged to live in one of the most momentous periods of human history. It is an exciting age filled with hope. It is an age in which a new social order is being born. We stand today between two worlds — the dying old and the emerging new."

Though he said this 30 years ago, Dr. King could very well have spoken these words today. In our own community we see the signs of a new world. With great excitement and satisfaction this month we had the inauguration of the first Asian-American King County Executive, who was elected based on his merits and skills rather than his ethnicity! How many communities can boast of an Asian American County Executive and an African American Mayor?

But unfortunately we also see the remnants of the old world as well. During the last year, we saw the bombing of the NAACP offices in Tacoma, the bombing of the Sacramento JACL Chapter offices, the alarming increase in "gay bashing" in Seattle, the killing of a Japanese exchange student in Louisiana and the subsequent acquittal of his killer, and the proliferation of Asian gang violence in our own community. As you can see, there is still plenty of work for the JACL and the Seattle Chapter.

As we celebrate the life of accomplishments of Dr. King this month, I hope that we will all renew our commitment to Dr. King's dream, freedom and human rights for all people. To this end, I hope that all of you will make the time to participate in at least one JACL activity this year. The Chapter's success depends on the members' support and involvement. With the strong leadership of the Board you can look forward to an active and exciting year!

P.S. Don't forget the Installation Dinner January 22!

Shinnen Omedeto Gozaimasu!

New Year's Traditions

by Bob Shimabukuro

ast year ended with a bang. Or maybe two or three. Extremely loud ones. I was visiting my brother and his family in Keaau, Hawaii, on the Big Island. Firecrackers are still available in drug stores, supermarkets and convenience stores there, and I just couldn't resist. I had to buy some strings of 10,000 and set them off.

When we were kids, we used to unstring them all so that it would last longer. I always wanted to do like all the well-off folks did and just blow the whole wad.

Today, in Keaau and Hilo, a string costs between \$6 and \$18. A string lasts roughly one minute. For those counting, that's about \$360 an hour for the cheaper brands if you're setting them off consecutively. And judging by the sounds that night, many did. For three or four hours.

I couldn't resist. Just two strings. One I set off early (10:30 pm) and the other at midnight. Can't explain it. It was extremely satisfying, a perfect complement to the pig's feet soup we had had a little earlier in the evening. (An Okinawan tradition, pig's feet soup on New Year's Eve. "If you don't have it," my mom would warn, "you'll be stuck in the same year.") Reminded me of being a kid. Reminded me of my brother Sam. Reminded me that I will be participating in a workshop on AIDS the first weekend in February, at a JACL National Youth Council conference, "People Envisioning Tomorrow." (See page 2)

It's always a little disconcerting at first when I get a call from National JACL. My immediate reaction is still, "Oh, oh. What do they want now?," a reaction conditioned after working two years at the Pacific Citizen (PC).

But this call turned out to be from Jeanelle Sasaki who asked if I could be on an Asians and AIDS panel. I agreed. So on New Year's Eve I was reflecting about Sam (who died of AIDS five years ago) and what I was going to say.

I then also started thinking about my mom, and how I felt my childhood disappearing last February as mom's ashes were placed next to my dad's in their pre-paid vault in Honolulu.

So with the PC, National JACL, AIDS, Sam, mom and Okinawan traditions on my mind, it was fun to just blow away some mind clutter. Two minutes worth. \$12. Worth every penny.

And what immediately popped into my mind was that perhaps next New Year's Eve, I'll invite the National JACL and the Pacific Citizen Boards to settle their differences over some firecrackers (to clear their mind clutter) and for some pig's feet soup. They've been stuck in the same year for too long.

National Youth Council plans conference

The JACL National Youth Council is sponsoring a National Youth Conference, "People Envisioning Tomorrow," February 4-5, 1994 at the Miyako Hotel in San Francisco. The purpose of the conference is to develop the leadership skills of young Asian Americans and educate them about issues related to the mission of the JACL.

Workshops: "Building and Maintaining an Ethnic Studies Program," "Anti-Asian Sentiment from a Campus Perspective," "Asians and AIDS," "Political Empowerment," "Intra-Asian Racism," and "Promoting Positive Images of Asian Pacific Islanders in the Media." Keynote speaker will be soon-to-be Captain Bruce Yamashita, whose five-year battle against the U.S. Marine Corps Officer Candidate School for racial discrimination was recently settled in his favor.

For information, call Janelle Sasaki at JACL National Headquarters at (415) 921-5225 or conference coordinator Kimi Yoshino at

Chapter Focus

JACL Installation Banquet

The 1994 Seattle JACL Installation Banquet will be held Jan. 22, at the SeaTac Red Lion Hotel. National JACL President Lillian Kimura will be keynote speaker. Theresa Fujiwara will emcee.

Newsletter News

Thanks to December JACL Newsletter mailout volunteers: Eileen Kato, Rose Ogino, Kiyoshi Fukano, Jeffrey Hattori, Mike Kimura, Haruo Fujino, Karen Androvic, Sam Shoji and Janice Yee. Next newsletter mailout: Wednesday February 9, 6 p.m. at the Japanese Language School.

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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

Meetings

Seattle IACL Chapter Board Retreat, Jan. 29, 9 am to 12 noon, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 1610 S. King St. Info: Ray Ishii, 461-3606.

Doshi Kai Meeting, Feb. 2, 7 pm. Call Wayne Kimura for location,

Readings

Jessica Hagedorn, Alex Kuo, Laureen Mar and Shawn Wong, from "Charlie Chan is Dead: An Anthology of Asian American Fiction," Jan. 21, 7:30 pm, Elliott Bay Books, 101 S. Main St. Info: 624-6600.

Japanese Canadian writer Joy Kogawa, from her novels "Itsuka" and "Obasan," Jan. 23, 4 pm, Elliott Bay Books, 101 S. Main St. Info: 624-6600.

Community Cultural and Social Events

"Oshogatsu: Japanese New Year Concert and Festival," a presentation by the Nippon Kan Heritage Association and Hyogo Cultural Center, Jan. 23, 5:30 pm, Nippon Kan Theatre, 628 S. Washington St., \$10/general, \$7/seniors and students, over 75 years old free. Tickets available at Uwajimaya, House of Rice, Elliott Bay Books or at the door. 633-2017 or 728-0610.

Wing Luke Asian Museum Art Auction, Jan. 29, Westin Hotel 1900 5th Ave. No-host cocktails and auction preview - 5:30 pm; dinner, program and auction – 6:30 pm. \$55/person, \$550/table, \$100/patron, \$200/benefactor, deadline Jan. 20. Reservations and info: Satomi,

Safety Issues for Asian/Pacific Women, a panel discussion on personal safety with Maxine Chan, diversity trainter at Western Washington University, Joann Hayashi Fruge of the Seattle Law Dept., June Meyers of New Beginnings and Denise Tung Sharify of Seattle Rape Relief, Feb. 3, 5:30 to 8 pm, Johnson Hall, room 123, University of Washington campus. Info: Women's Center, 685-1090.

Center for Career Alternatives 14th Annual Dinner, Feb. 11, Sheraton Hotel and Towers, 1400 - 6th Ave., 5:30 pm cocktails and reception, 6:30 pm dinner and program, \$40/ person, \$1,000/corporate table, deadline Jan. 24. Reservations and info: lean,

Nikkei Community Dance, Feb. 12, 8 pm to 11:30 pm, Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King St., BYOB, live band, \$3/person. Info: 772-1160.

Tomo no Kai Installation Luncheon, Feb. 13, 12 noon, Triples



Calendar, continued from page 4 Retrospective Exhibit of Artwork by George Tsutakawa. Restaurant, 1200 Westlake N., \$20. Send check to: Kachi Sculptures, paintings, drawings and photographs of foun-Ikeda, 2010 16th Ave. S., Seattle 98144, and indicate on the tain installations, Foster/White Gallery in two locations - Piocorner of check choice of prawns or pork chops. Info: Kim, neer Square: continues through Jan. 30, 311 1/2 Occidental Ave. S., Mon. – Sat. 10 am to 5:30 pm, Sun. noon to 5 pm (622-2833); and Kirkland: continues through Feb. 6, 126 First Hill Lions Club Pancake Breakfast, Feb. 13, 7:30 am to Central Way, Mon. - Fri. 11 am to 9 pm, Sat. 10 am to 9 pm, 1 pm, Kawabe House, 221 - 18th Ave. S., \$5.50/person, Sun. 10 am to 6 pm (822-2305). \$3.50/seniors, to benefit Kawabe House and Keiro Nursing Home, Info: Ted. Wing Luke Asian Museum's "Asian New Year Traditions" continues through March 6. Recently opened permanent **Exhibitions** exhibit "International District: Portrait of a Community" Paintings by Frank Okada, continues through Jan. 30, Greg complements "One Song, Many Voices." All three at 407 -Kucera Gallery, 608 2nd Ave., Tues.-Sat., 10:30 am to 5:30 7th Ave. S., Tues. - Fri. 11 am to 4:30 pm, Sat. - Sun. noon to pm. Info: 624-0770. 4 pm, \$2.50/adults, \$1.50/seniors and students, 75¢ children 5-12 years old. Thurs. free. Info: 623-5124. "Hiroshige's Tokaido: The Sea Coast Route," a woodblock series published by Tsutaya Kichizo circa 1848-54, continues Northwest Asian American Theatre's "Winterfest" through Jan. 31, Carolyn Staley Fine Prints, 313 - 1st Ave. S., daily 10:30 am to 5 pm. "Cha Do" with A.C. Petersen and "Sleeplan. 20-23 ing with Beasts and Other Stories" with Michele Kelly and Tiffany Saito Seattle lan. 26 "Dancefest: An Evening of Asian Ameri-1000 × can Choreographers Jan 27-29 "NWAAT Presents" Info: 340-1049 STATE DRUG COMPANY 419 Roinier Avenue South Dr. Terrance M. Toda Seattle, Washington 98144 206/322-6432 Dr. Lund W. Chin Dr. Jerrilyn C. Chin INTERNATIONAL REALTY CO. Ben & Sally Tsutsumoio **OPTOMETRISTS** James Matsuoka, Broker Willy Liang, Associate John Chinn, Associate Stephen Lock, Associate Nancy Fong, Associate lamie Matsuoka, Associate Mon - Frl. 9 30 to 8 00 Selunday 9:30 to 2:00 Stephen Goon, Associate TEL: (206) 623-2303 FAX: (206) 623-2305 Timothy Lam, Associate 677 S. iackson/Seattle, WA 98104 **526 SOUTH JACKSON** King Lee, Associate SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98104 Phone: 623-1100 GAITÁN & CUSACK Telephone 206 323-0441 **Asian Counseling & Referral Service** West Coast Printing Inc. ROBERT T. MIMBU English and Oriental Printing ATTORNEY AT LAW 622 Rainier Avenue South Seattle, Washington 98144 Multi-lingual, multi-cultural mental health, elderly and other social services to Asian and Pacific TWO UNION SQUARE, SLITE 3000, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 9810 Island families TELEPHONE: (206) 521-3000 · FACSIMILE: (206) 386-525 HORK HOSHIMOTO'S AUTO REE Ens CHRISTINE SUZUKI FLORIS (206) 526-7915 10728 - 16th S.W. · Seattle, WA 98146 1265 SOUTH KING STREET SERTTLE, LUR, 98144 4709 37th Ave. NF. Seattle WA 98105 PHONE 246-5000 · FAX 246-5001 323-3112 Professional space planning and interior design



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