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President's Report

by Ray Ishii

We must find an alternative to violence. The eye-for-an-eye philosophy leaves everyone blind.

—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Once again this month, tragedy has touched our community. The senseless drive-by shooting of the Ballard High School student and the car-jacking/murder of two Japanese students in Los Angeles are the most recent incidents reminding us how violent our society has become. Everyone is affected by the violence that is so prevalent in our country. No one is immune.

We must find an alternative to violence. As we work to protect our families and loved ones, we cannot succumb to the temptation to use violence ourselves. More than ever, we need to show our youth that there are other, more constructive ways of resolving our differences. Our children are too important to leave this teaching to others. Too much is at stake to simply hope that our children will learn peaceful ways of conflict resolution from someone other than ourselves.

It is our personal responsibility as parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, to show them through our own actions, that hate and violence is not the answer. We must be the role models that they can emulate and learn from. Mahatma Gandhi said, "Only one individual is necessary

JACL National Convention Slated for Salt Lake City

The JACL National Convention will be held August 2-8 at the Salt Lake City Marriott Hotel. Features of the convention this year will be:

- Exhibit of *View From Within*, exhibition of artwork from W.W.II relocation camps, curated by the Japanese American National Historical Museum and UCLA.
- Workshops on arts, media, lobbying, US/Japan relations, hate crimes, gay/lesbian issues, personal finances and other issues.

Redress Action Alert

President Clinton's proposed 1995 federal budget includes a \$5 million request for the Civil Liberties Public Education fund that would implement the final phase of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988. This fund would provide education about the Japanese American experience, and specifically, to publish the testimonies of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians.

The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, State and Justice will be acting on this appropriation as part of the 1995 Department of Justice budget in the next few weeks. It is urgent that we write to our Washington State congressional members who are on the House and Senate full Appropriations Committees to ask for their support for this measure.

Letters should be sent to:

- Rep. Norm Dicks, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington D.C., 20515, or
- Sen. Slade Gorton, U.S. Senate, Washington D.C. 20510.

to spread the leavening influence of *ahimsa* [non-violence] in an office, school, institution or country."

We must also continue the work to abolish the underlying causes of youth violence: poverty, racism, child abuse, unemployment, substance/alcohol abuse, broken homes. In the Asian community, the Asian-Pacific Task Force on Youth is a coalition of individuals and organizations working to address these issues. Through parenting education sessions, employment and training opportunities, early intervention and prevention programs, and child and family counseling, the coalition is working to break the cycle of violence. This is a group that deserves our support!

As Dr. King said, "The choice is no longer between violence and nonviolence. It is between nonviolence and nonexistence."

- Pilgrimage to Topaz Relocation Camp in Delta, Utah.
 - National Youth Council luncheon with a special speaker.
 - Social Activities: A Grande Western Barbecue and Hoedown, featuring Western food and dancing, golf tournament and tennis tournament.
 - Related Booster Activities including tours to Grand Canyon, Yellowstone and Grand Teton Parks.
- Register before June 25 and receive a lower conference rate. Contact the JACL national or chapter office.

Chapter Focus

Warashibe Kai Benefit

JACL Seattle Chapter, as a member of "Warashibe Kai: A Coalition of Nikkei Organizations," is invited to take part in a golf tournament to raise funds for a planning study for a Japanese American community center.

The tournament will be held May 13, beginning at 1:30 P.M. at Echo Falls Country Club. A reception and mini-auction will be held after the tournament. Fee is \$100 per person (carts included). Contact: Cal Takagi at [redacted].

JACL Scholarships

Remember to mark May 18 on your calendar for the 1994 Seattle Chapter JACL Scholarship Awards ceremony and potluck. The event will be held beginning at 5:30 P.M. at the Kawabe House, 221-18th Ave. So. The scholarship ceremony will be from 6:30 to 7 P.M.

Your help and support for this important annual event will be greatly appreciated. This is a great opportunity to show support for the youth of our community.

Please sign up to bring a main dish, salad or side dish for the dinner by calling Ann Fujii-Lindwall at [redacted].

Seattle JACL/1000 Club Golf Tournament

The annual Seattle JACL/1000 Club Golf Tournament will be held Sunday, July 17 at 1:30 P.M. at the Jefferson Park Golf Course. Tee-off times will be limited to the first 40 golfers.

Entry fee will include an award dinner at South China Restaurant immediately following the tournament. Interested golfers please call Rae Tsubota, [redacted] or Mas Kinoshita at [redacted].

Kanojo, an Asian American Fashion Show

Kanojo, a collection of fashions to fit the Asian feminine figure and featuring fine Japanese fabrics, will present 1994 collection June 25 at Seattle Buddhist Church. The event will benefit both Seattle Chapter JACL and Seattle Adult Buddhist Association.

Kanojo co-founder Eileen Tabata Fitzpatrick will provide commentary for the fashion show. Tickets are \$3. For information call 784-3824 or 772-4104.


Disclaimer Notice


Recently, an invitation to a financial seminar, hosted by Edward D. Jones & Co., was mailed to many in the Nikkei community, using the community directory to obtain names and addresses. The invitation to the seminar included the heading, "A Special Invitation to Members of the JACL."

The Seattle Chapter JACL was not informed of this seminar, nor was the Chapter asked to sponsor or endorse this seminar. It is up to each individual to decide whether this seminar is appropriate for them. The JACL has not endorsed Edward D. Jones & Co., any of its representatives, nor any of its products. **The JACL is not in any way connected with this seminar nor with Edward D. Jones & Co.** JACL did not provide the Edward D. Jones & Co. a list of membership or any other type of mailing list.

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Community notices

First Hill Lions Club Scholarships

Applications are being accepted from Seattle high school seniors for the First Hill Lions Club Scholarships. Five college scholarships of \$1,000 each will be awarded to Asian American students entering college next fall. One of the five awards is the Juro Yoshioka Memorial Scholarship, for a Japanese American student.

Criteria for the awards will be financial need, grade point average and community activities. Emphasis will be on students attending schools within the First Hill Lions area, for example, Franklin, Cleveland, Rainier Beach or Garfield High Schools.

For an application, please call Bea Kiyohara at [redacted] (daytime). Completed applications may be sent to Bea Kiyohara, c/o 1503-14th Ave. S., Seattle WA 98144.

NWAAT Receives Governor's Arts Award

Governor and Mrs. Mike Lowry presented the Northwest Asian American Theatre with one of three annual Governor's Arts Awards this past February at a ceremony in Olympia. The Theatre was nominated for the award by Annie Kaneko, chairman of the Washington State Arts Commission, for its 20 years of contributing to the diversity of theatre arts in this state.

Past artistic director Bea Kiyohara and current artistic director Judith Nihei received the commemorative medalion and plaque awards. Also on hand in Olympia for the ceremony held on Arts Day in Olympia were NWAAT board members Eileen Kato, Ann Kawasaki, Katie Kiyonaga, Roger Tang and Deborah Todd and administrative associate Manuel Cawaling. The other 1994 award recipients were Corporate Council for the Arts and Guemes Island sculptor Phillip McCracken.

Kame Project Still Enrolling

The University of Washington invites Nikkei residents of King County who will be 65 years or older by May 4, 1994, to participate in the Kame Project, a study of aging and memory. The study involves interviews, screening tests, and followup exams administered free of charge.

Since 1992, more than 1,600 individuals have participated in the Kame Project. However, enrollment in the study's first phase will end in early May. Participants will be contributing to research seeking information and treatment for disorders related to aging.

For more information please call Greta Hoshibata at [redacted].

Tomo No Kai Ready to Help the Widowed

Tomo No Kai, a friendly club for the widowed, is ready, willing and able to assist the newly and not-so-recently widowed persons in our community. Many JACL members are enjoying participation in social and educational activities of Tomo No Kai, which can help cushion the shock of becoming a widow or widower at any age.

The group has had speakers on wills, insurance and health matters. Social events are equally as important. Local touring, monthly birthday parties, dancing, walking are just some of the activities. For more information, call Mike Murakami at [redacted].

State Representatives honor Tomio Moriguchi

The Washington State House of Representatives this past session adopted a resolution to honor Seattle community leader Tomio Moriguchi, who recently was appointed to the Board of Directors for the Seattle Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

The House resolution praises Moriguchi for his long-time civic and political involvement in the Japanese American community. The resolution was jointly sponsored by Reps. Cal Anderson and Pat Thibaudeau, both Democrats from Seattle.

Moriguchi is chief executive officer of Uwajimaya Inc. He was instrumental in the Japanese American redress hearings here, and the development of the Seattle Keiro Nursing Home. Last year, he helped to organize the Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation conference in Seattle and participated in the White House briefings on the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Kokoro Kai Volunteers Needed

Kokoro Kai, an adult day social center serving Japanese elderly, is looking for patient, caring volunteers to work with elderly participants, particularly for Mondays. Wednesday and Friday volunteers are also welcome. No previous experience necessary, but volunteers must be willing to learn. Japanese language skills not required. If interested, please call Celia Brown at [redacted].

Alice Ito To Be Honored

The Women's Funding Alliance will be honoring Alice Ito as a Woman of Achievement at their 4th Annual Dorothy Bullitt Woman of Achievement Award reception, April 22, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m., in the Dome Room of the Arctic Building, 710 3rd Ave. Ito will be honored for her work as an advocate for non-profit community-based organizations and the Asian community. For information, call 467-6733.

More support needed for Asians in education

by Mayumi Tsutakawa, co-editor

There are experts in our Asian/Pacific American community who know about youth violence and gangs. They are dedicated, selfless people who work with Asian youth on a daily basis, people like Al Sugiyama, Guy Kurose, John Ragudos, Timoteo Cordova, Fidy Kuo, Cheryl Chow.

But the problems of youth in our community are a responsibility for all of us, not just a few experts, to share.

I am the mother of an Asian American boy who is about to enter high school in Seattle. I hear things about youth violence from parents with children in Seattle high schools and I see things in the community newspapers and mass media.

People say that causes of Asian gangs are that the youth are poor or disaffected; that they are teens who cannot communicate with their parents, or who have no model for anger management; or that they come from neighborhoods where ownership of guns and weapons is not the exception but the rule.

But what I see is that many of the Asian youth in our public schools are first generation immigrants or the children of first generation immigrants. And that the Asian nations that many of these youths or their parents came from have weak economies bolstered only by service industries, entertainment jobs or black market networks forced into being by the U.S. military presence there over the past thirty years. And that if immigrant parents can't get training or jobs here, an acute lack of self esteem results. And that the hours these young people spend unsupervised are many, because their parents work long days. And that the rapid changes in American consumer culture and high technology mean non-English speaking parents are not always able to understand what their teens are interested in or what they are saying.

I hear that in some high schools it's harder for Asian boys than girls. That they are pressured to join gangs or to act gang-like. That stealing, using drugs, fighting, having guns are commonplace in schools like Franklin High School where the concentration of students of color is high—one-third of the student population is Asian, one-third African American.

But if there were a fair number of Asian students at Franklin (my *alma mater*) and the other schools where I attended parent orientations (Garfield High School, The Northwest School, Seattle Academy of Arts and Sciences), then why were there no Asian/Pacific Islander American administrators, teachers or student leaders or tour guides among the dozens I met and saw at the programs I attended at all of these four schools?

I was amazed at the lack of Asian representation or voice or perspective I encountered. I thought that at least the public schools I visited would offer some Asian American perspective.

Are there proportionately fewer Asian American school teachers and administrators these days, while the number of Asian students rises? If so, I think it's because many of the talented, intelligent young people in our communities are choosing to enter fields other than education. They are probably drawn to high tech industry, mass media or business careers instead of school teaching.

Most of us who are old enough to have children in middle school or high school can't conceive of the level of violence presently, compared to the time when we attended public schools. Some of us feel that moving to the suburbs will take our children out of the jeopardy of the public schools with their troubling numbers of criminal incidents. Or we may sacrifice some nicer things in our lives to send our children to private or parochial schools.

We need to support Asian American faculty and staff that are working in the public school system now, like Charles Chinn, principal of Ballard High School. And we need to urge universities and colleges to figure out ways to communicate with, and encourage, potential minority teachers to get their teaching certificates. Private corporate funding could provide more and better scholarships for minority college students preparing to become teachers.

But what is most important for me is to sacrifice my ego and the spare time I might spend to read another magazine or watch another movie video and use this time

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Community Notices

Cherry Blossom Festival is April 22-24

The highlight of this year's Cherry Blossom and Japanese Cultural Festival, April 22 to 24, will be a bilingual performance of *rakugo*, traditional Japanese comedy storytelling. The festival will feature master storyteller Shijaku Katsura, who has been performing *rakugo* for 30 years, the past ten years in English and Japanese. Two performances by Master Katsura will be held at the Nippon Kan Theatre, 2:30 and 7 pm Saturday, April 23.

The festival also will feature food and craft booths, a Japanese garden, calligraphy and origami demonstrations in the Flag Pavilion at Seattle Center. In the Center House there will be traditional Japanese dance, music and martial arts performances and a *go* tournament. Admission to the festival is free.

JACL will sponsor a food booth this year, as a benefit for the chapter. Sushi, yakisoba and mochi will be featured along with cooking demonstrations of Japanese foods. Fujiye Yamasaki, Dee Goto, May Namba, Marie Fujii, Massie Tomita, Tama Murotani and Pat Terao are JACLers helping out the Cherry Blossom Festival this year. JACL members serving on the Festival board are Shea Aoki, Dave Bekendorf and Kimi Nakanishi.


For information about the JACL booth, call Shea Aoki at [redacted]

More Asians in education needed

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to talk with my children. Not just my almost-fourteen-year-old son, but my eight-year-old daughter as well.

I feel it's important to ask for their opinions, to listen to their points of view. Sometimes I ask what they think we should do about neighborhood shootings or what makes a young man turn into a gang member. Sometimes I just allow myself to look very foolish trying to play video games or skate with Rollerblades in the course of showing the kids that I am interested in and respect what is important to them.



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JA Women's Exhibit at Burke Museum

An upcoming exhibit at the Burke Museum, *Strength and Diversity: Japanese American Women 1885-1990*, will be on display from September 21 to December 4, 1994. A working group of Japanese American women who will make this exhibit unique to the Puget Sound area is now being formed.


The exhibit is the result of a collaboration between the National Japanese American Historical Society and the Oakland Museum, where it opened in 1990 to great acclaim. The Smithsonian Institution is now touring the exhibit to a dozen cities. The exhibit presents historic and contemporary photographs, artifacts, literary works, art forms and oral history.

The Burke Museum show will add items that represent the experience of Japanese American women of our local community.

Michelle Kumata, exhibit coordinator, says "*Strength and Diversity* tells a story that connects generations of Japanese American women, weaving the threads of common values into the American scene."

A working group for the Seattle showing of the exhibit is meeting monthly. If you're interested in helping to make this exhibit unique to our area, please attend. For information, contact Michelle Kumata at [redacted] or Alice Ito at [redacted].

I am no trained expert on any of these things. But I will be "in their faces" as my children grow up. I once had young rebellious thoughts, too. My parents still spoke to me as if what I said meant something to them. The least I can do to return the favor today is to talk with young people as if their lives mean something to me.



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Calendar of Events

Compiled by Ed Suguro

Meetings

Seattle JACL Board meeting, everyone invited, April 20, 7 P.M., Japanese Language School, 1414 S. Weller St.

Doshi Kai meeting, May 4, 7 P.M. Call Wayne Kimura for location.

Tomo no Kai meeting, May 9, 7 P.M., Keiro Nursing Home, 1601 E. Yesler Way. Lisa Lindow from the Red Cross will speak on disaster education. Info: Kim, [redacted]

Community and Social Events

Northwest Asian American Theatre Benefit Auction, April 16, Mt. Baker Community Club, 2811 Mt. Rainier Dr. S. (near McClellan St.), 5 P.M. preview and no host bar, 7 P.M. dinner, 8 P.M. live auction, \$30 per person. Reservations: 340-1445.

White River Buddhist Church Sukiyaki Dinner, April

17, 11 A.M. to 6 P.M. 3625 Auburn Way N., \$6.50 for either sukiyaki or chicken teriyaki dinner, espresso and pastries available, bonsai and ikebana will be displayed. Info: 833-1442.

Nichiren Buddhist Church Bazaar, April 24, 11 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. 1042 S. Weller St., Chow mein, sushi, imogashi, udon, curry rice, teriyaki chicken and baked goods will be available. Info: 323-2252.

Greater Seattle Japanese Queen Committee, Inc. Rummage Sale, April 30, 9 A.M. to 3 P.M., Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King St.

Japanese Baptist Church Sukiyaki Dinner, April 30, 11:30 A.M. to 2 P.M., 4 P.M. to 7 P.M., 160 Broadway, cultural program at 7 P.M. Tickets: \$6.50 adults, \$4 children 12 and under. Info: 622-7351.

St. Peter's Episcopal Parish Sukiyaki Dinner, May 7, 4:30 to 7:30 P.M., 1610 S. King St. Tickets: \$6, \$4 children
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der 10. Info: 323-5250.

Nikkei Community Dance, May 14, 8 to 11:30 P.M., Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King St., BYOB, live band, \$3 per person. Info: 772-1160.

Ayame Kai Rummage Sale, May 21, 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Seattle Buddhist Church gymnasium, 1427 S. Main St. Drop-off dates: May 17-20, Japanese antiques, clothing, kitchenware, furniture, small appliances, jewelry, toys, books and new items are desired as donations. Info: Faye, [redacted] or Nina, [redacted]

Weekly Ballroom dance class, every Wednesday from 1 to 3 P.M., Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King St.

Arts and Cultural Events

Works by Kinuko Y. Craft and others included in The New York Society of Illustrators 1994 Traveling Exhibition, through April 15, School of Visual Concepts, 500 Aurora Ave. N. Mon.-Thurs. 10 A.M. to 6 P.M., Fri, 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. Info: 623-1560.

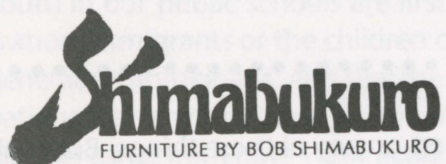
Hanayagi Yosono Classical Dance School recital, April 16, 7 P.M., Highline Performing Arts Center, 401 S. 152nd St. Burien, donation \$10. Info: 747-2330.

New Works by Takatomo Usui and others, through April 16, G. Gibson Gallery, 122 S. Jackson St. #200, Wed.-Sat. 11 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. Info: 587-4033.

Emotions, Abstracts by Kaneko Johkoh, through April 17, Ming's Asian Gallery, 10217 Main St., Bellevue, Mon.-Sat. 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. Info: 462-4008.


Spring Florals by Hajime Kondo, through April 30, Gallery Mack, 2001 Western Ave. Mon. -Sat. 10 A.M. to 6 P.M., Sun. noon to 5 P.M. Info: 448-1616.

Asian American Film Festival Through Our Own Eyes, May 6-9, Seattle Art Museum auditorium, 100 University St. Tickets available at Uwajimaya, Elliott Bay Books, Red and Black Books and Cinema Books. Tickets and schedule info: 251-1181.



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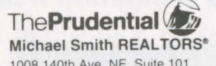
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THE 1ST ANNUAL KAI BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT/MINI-AUCTION ECHO FALLS COUNTRY CLUB - MAY 13, 1994

A TEE CEREMONY

The Warashibe Kai: A Coalition Of Nikkei Organizations is proud to announce a stroke for the Japanese community. The First Annual Kai Benefit Golf Tournament and mini-auction. An event in which all proceeds will go to the creation of a Japanese community center. The tournament will feature fun events like "Beat-The-Pro," and "Closest-To-The-Pin," Plus, the soon to be popular "Bet-Your-Money-But-Can't-Lose" holes. Look out for onigiris and other goodies on the course, too. Of course, you'll be doing more than just playing a round. You'll also partake in a scrumptious barbeque dinner. As well as, a bountiful mini-auction, full of everything from original works of art to travel packages. So, help drive the Nikkei Community. Participate in a uniquely different tee ceremony.

Where: Echo Falls Country Club, 20414 - 121st Ave. SE, Snohomish, WA. 98290.

Time: 1:30 pm Shot-gun, reception and mini-auction immediately following.

Format: *Team bragging rights* - best 2-balls in the foursome; full USGA handicaps.
Individual bragging rights - low gross/men and women, low net/men and women.

Fee: Tournament (Carts provided) - \$100/person
Dinner/Auction - \$10/person

For questions or further information, please contact:
Lillian Hayashi: _____, Woodinville, WA. 98072
w: 3. _____

Yes! I want to spend the day chasing a little ball around a big lawn.
Please complete this entry form and mail it along with your entry fee to:
Lillian Hayashi, 24314 - 80th Ave. SE, Woodinville, WA. 98072

Name/Handicap _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

of Additional Dinners _____ Total Amount Enclosed _____

\$100/person includes tournament and reception. \$10/person additional dinner reservations. Make checks payable to "Kai". Please return entries by April 20, 1994.

I wish to include the following players with this entry form:

1. Name/Handicap _____

Address _____

Phone _____

2. Name/Handicap _____

Address _____

Phone _____

3. Name/Handicap _____

Address _____

Phone _____

