

# SEATTLE JACL CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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## President's Report

by Ray Ishii

*We dedicate this day to all the heroes and heroines in this country and the rest of the world who sacrificed in many ways and surrendered their lives so that we could be free.*

*Their dreams have become reality. Freedom is their reward.*

—Nelson Mandela (Inauguration speech, May 13, 1994)

Last month I was reminded of how fortunate we are to have individuals committed to the freedom and welfare of our community. As President Mandela talked about the heroes and heroines who helped free his country from apartheid, I was reminded of our own heroes and heroines who sacrificed for our freedom. Members of our community have consistently surrendered themselves to work for the greater good of our country and community. They have shown incredible spirit and perseverance to overcome the bigotry and intolerance to establish the rights of Japanese Americans and all people.

At the Nisei Veterans Memorial Day service, I was reminded of the Japanese-American community's long and distinguished history of men and women serving in the armed forces. Men who during World War II served with honor and courage in the most difficult of circumstances. Their service and bravery helped reduce the rampant and virulent prejudice against the Japanese American community. Recently Captain Bruce Yamashita showed remarkable courage standing up to the U.S. Marine Corps, pointing out their discriminatory practices.

Our community has had many individuals willing to challenge the government and fight for our rights as citizens. Some showed special courage by following their conscience, answering "No" and "No" to questions on the loyalty oath and thus telling the government that we are all American citizens, entitled to all of our constitutional guarantees and that Americans of Japanese descent must be treated fairly and equally.

Occasionally I need to be reminded of the sacrifices that my parents and others have made so I can enjoy the rights and privileges that I currently enjoy. Today as people's rights are threatened under the guise of "welfare reform" and "a return to family values" we too must make a commitment to continue the struggle for the liberty and rights of all people. We must continue to work and sacrifice, enabling all people to be valued and treated with the respect and dignity that they deserve.



## Remember the Festival of Fashion

There is still time to plan to attend the Kanojo Festival of Fashion which will be held June 25 at Seattle Buddhist Church. Doors open at 12:15 P.M. and the show starts at 1 P.M. Admission is \$3.00 for this fabulous show and sale of clothing fitted to the Asian figure — men and women!

Guest models include public figures Gary Locke, Martha Choe, Velma Veloria and Kip Tokuda. Let's show our support and have a great time at this unique JACL and Seattle Adult Buddhist Association benefit event! (Info: 784-3824, 772-4845, 227-0931)

## Voice your support for redress education fund

Please call members of your Congressional delegation as soon as possible to ask them to support the \$5 million request for the Redress Education Fund (REF) within President Clinton's budget. The REF, legislatively mandated by the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 to sponsor research and educational efforts about the internment experience, is included in the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund which the House Appropriation Subcommittee on Commerce, State and Justice will be acting on this month.

It also would be helpful to contact Rep. Norm Dicks who is on the Full House Appropriations Committee or Sen. Slade Gorton, who is on the Full Senate Appropriations Committee. The House Appropriations Committee is expected to vote on the bill before its August recess.

Addresses: U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515; U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510.



## Chapter Focus

### JACL Scholarships Awarded

The Seattle Chapter of JACL awarded three 1994 scholarships at its dinner on May 18, held at Seattle Kawabe House. The recipients each received \$650 toward their college tuition. They are:

Erin Fukiko Kimura (Minoru Tamesa Scholarship winner), who is graduating from Garfield High School and will attend Santa Clara University in California. Erin is a member of the Seattle Buddhist Church taiko group, is a volunteer at Keiro Home and has had her writing published in NW Nikkei. She spent her junior year in Japan.

Kimberly Takako Caluza (Tazuma Family Scholarship in Memory of Bunshiro Tazuma) will be attending California School of Professional Psychology. She has been coordinator for the late night recreation program for Rainier Beach Community Center, teen parent program coordinator for Camp Fire Boys and Girls and an instructor for Center for Career Alternatives. She has served on many volunteer boards in the human service area.

Owen Seiji Kikuta (Rev. Emery Andrews Scholarship, Japanese Baptist Church) is attending the University of Washington majoring in civil engineering. He organized the Japanese American Youth Group at the UW. He has served as tutor in the Van Asselt Elementary Volunteer Project.

### Get Your Golf Clubs Ready

Reserve your spot now! The Seattle JACL/100 Club Golf Tournament will be held July 24 at Jefferson Park Golf Course. Entry fee is \$25, and a delicious dinner at South China Restaurant is \$15. For information or reservations, call 282-8978 or 721-0717 by July 1. A great way to benefit the programs of JACL.

### Thanks to Cherry Blossom, Festival Volunteers!

The success of the JACL sponsored food booth at the Seattle Cherry Blossom Festival last month, cochaired by Shea Aoki & Fujie Yamasaki, was due to the volunteer work of many individuals. Many thanks and appreciation are extended to the following:

Dee Goto, Mitsie Kunitsugu, Bill Kunitsugu, Amy Koba, Miyo Shintaku, Dorothy Nishimura, Elaine Akagi, Arlene Oki, May Namba, Marie Fujii, Sam Shoji, JoAnn & Stacey Asato, Jeff Hattori, Marie Nakata, Rose Ogino, Anne Uemura, Josephine Tanabe, Connie Tagami, Nobu Otsuji, Katherine Okamura, Sue Kitasaki, Bessie Okada, Kimi Nakanishi, Chickie Sumimoto, Yoshi Kanemori, Eva Chikusa, Setsuko Ikeda, Flo Teshima, Tama Murotani, Massie Tomita, Joan Seko, Stanley Watanabe, Shuko Hara, Frances Ogino, Pat Terao, Ray Ishii, Mike Kimura & Cal Takagi.

Members of the Kisaragi-kai who assisted during the 3-day event were: Mihoko Casada, Mitsuko Eguchi, Harue Farrington, Tsuchino Forrester, Setsuko Ikeda, Masako Kubo, Sadako Matsumoto, Yuri Matsuzawa, Mary Nishida, Mitsuko Perry, Sumie Seaman, Nami Tanaka, Miyoko Thompson, Fukuyo Yee, and Nancy Yee.

Volunteers from the JAY's were: Tomomi Kano, Owen Kikuta, Randy Kanai, Jason Suzaka, Tania Heikkinen, Kari Hiraoka, Andre King and Kurt Yanagimachi.

Donations for the food booth were contributed by the following: Shea Aoki - rice, shiitake, kampyo, nori, shrimp oboro; Fujie Yamasaki - rice, nori, dashi; Rose Ogino - rice, nori; Masako Kubo - rice; Sadako Matsumoto - rice; JoAnn Asato - rice; Marie Nakata - mochi; Nami Tanaka - mochigashi; John Nakashima - cookies; Setsuko Ikeda - goma, nori; and Mutual Fish Co. - 2 large coolers, kamaboko.

## Community Notes

### Chapter sponsors API Lesbian/Gay speakers bureau

Local Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have formed a new group to organize community education on homosexuality. Asian & Pacific Islander Homosexuality/Homophobia Education Project (APIHHEP) was formed out of concern over the anti-gay initiatives, increasing anti-immigrant attitudes and other "right wing" activities in the Northwest. "We need to talk with our own communities about the realities of our lives," explained Sano Talaro, a founding member. APIHHEP's first step is to show Asian and Pacific Islander (API) communities that homosexuality "is not a 'white disease'," says Talaro. "We are and always have been part of the community."

APIHHEP is organizing a speakers bureau of API lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and transgendered people to talk with API community organizations about their concerns and to foster leadership and mutual support among the speakers.

APIHHEP is currently seeking volunteers interested in training for the speakers bureau, and other volunteers for fundraising and organizing. The group is also looking for Asian and/or Pacific Islander organizations that want to learn more about Asian and Pacific Islander sexual minorities. The group has received seed money from the Pride Foundation and A Territory Resource. APIHHEP has received community support from groups as diverse as Asian Pacific AIDS Council, International District Community Health Center, Gay Asian Pacific Islander Men of Seattle, the Washington State Commission on Asian American Affairs, and Seattle Chapter JACL, which acts as the group's fiscal sponsor for its two grants.

For more information, please call APIHHEP at 442-9311, or write: P.O. Box 3161, Seattle, WA 98144.

### CREDITS

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### NWAAT presents *Letters to a Student Revolutionary*

In commemoration of the fifth anniversary of the massacre at Tiananmen Square, the Northwest Asian American Theatre presents a new play by Elizabeth Wong, *Letters to a Student Revolutionary*.

The *Seattle Times* featured an in-depth interview with the playwright in its Sunday edition, June 5. The play tells the story of two young women, a Chinese American and a resident of Beijing, who correspond over a ten-year period, recording and discussing the changes in the world around them.

The play is directed by Manuel Cawaling and choreographed by A.C. Peterson. Featured are actors Anthony Colinares, Kathy Hsieh, Gigi Jhong, Lisa Nakamura, Dylan Okimoto, Tiffany Saito and Chris San Nicolas.

Support NWAAT and these fine young actors. See the play. (*Letters to a Student Revolutionary* by Elizabeth Wong, runs through June 26, Theatre Off Jackson, 409 7th Ave. S., 8 P.M. Thursday through Saturday, 4 P.M. Sunday. Tickets \$6-\$12. Reservations and info: 340-1049.)

### Japan-America Society special events

The Japan-America Society of the State of Washington invites JACL members to several special events this summer.

- Ondekoza, world famous taiko group, will perform June 16 to 18 at Nippon Kan Theatre. Admission is \$18. Cosponsored by Japan-American Society and Cherry Blossom and Japanese Cultural Festival Committee.


- Fifth Annual Japan-America Society picnic, June 19, 11:30 A.M. to 4 P.M., Vasa Park, 3560 W. Lake Sammamish Road SE. Food will be provided but bring dessert or side dish. Cost: \$6 adults, \$2 children 6-14, under 6 free.

- The Sumitomo Corporation of America will host the "5:31 Club" at its offices in Two Union Square, 601 Union St. on June 23 from 5:31 to 7 P.M. Donation is \$5.

- The Pelican Club Tennis Tournament sponsored by Nippon Express USA Inc. will be held July 10 at the University of Washington tennis center. Mixed doubles: \$50/pr.

- The Japan-America Society Golf Tournament will be held August 29 at Bear Creek Country Club in Woodinville.

Further information, call the Society office at 623-7900.




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## Calendar of Events

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### Meetings

**Seattle JAACL Board meeting**, June 15, 7 P.M., Japanese Language School, 1414 S. Weller St., everyone welcome.

**Doshi Kai meeting**, July 6, 7 P.M. Call Wayne Kimura for location.

### Community and Social Events

**Nikkei Community Dance**, July 9, 8 to 11:30 P.M., Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King St., BYOB, live band, \$3 per person. Info: 772-1160.

**Chinatown/International District Summer Festival**, July 9-10, Hing Hay Park and surrounding vicinity. Info: 634-3220.

**Nikkei Horizons Day Trips**: Tour of Chateau Ste. Michelle, June 21, 9:30 A.M., cost: \$10, lunch additional. La Conner/Burlington Outlet, June 28, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M., cost: \$10, lunch additional. U-pick Cherries, July 5, 8 A.M., cost: \$25, lunch and cherries extra. Blueberry Picking, July 26, 10 A.M., cost: \$10 includes transportation and bento lunch, berries extra. Mt. Rainier Picnic, August 2, 9 A.M., cost: \$25 includes transportation and bento lunch. U-Pick Peaches, August 16, 8 A.M., cost: \$25, lunch

and peaches extra. Registration deadline: June 17. Info: 327-7100.

**Annual Seattle JAACL/1000 Club Golf Tournament**, July 24, 1:30 P.M., Jefferson Park Golf Course. Tee-off times limited to first 40 golfers. Info: Rae Tsubota, [redacted] or Mas Kinoshita, [redacted]

**Weekly Ballroom Dance Class**, every Wednesday from 1 to 3 P.M., Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King St.

### Arts and Cultural Events

**Benefit Reading for Hands Off Washington** by Lydia Minatoya and others, June 12, 7:30 P.M. Red & Black Books, 432 15th Ave. E., \$5. Info: 524-8365.

**Poetry Reading from her works by Sharon Hashimoto**, June 16, 7 P.M., Multilingual Books & Tapes, 4512 University Way NE, 2nd level, \$2. Info: 632-3177.

**Ondekoza: Demon Drummers of Japan**, June 16-18, 7 P.M., Nippon Kan Theatre, 628 S. Washington St. Admission: \$18, no reserved seats. Tickets available at Uwajimaya.

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**Hyogo Cultural Center's Video Orientation Nights**, Session I: *Japanese Manners and Etiquette*, June 17, 5:30 to 7 P.M., Hyogo Cultural Center, 2001 6th Ave., Suite 1101. Registration deadline: June 15. Session II: *Traveling to Japan*, June 24, same time and place. Registration deadline: June 22. Both events free. Info: 728-0610.

**Benefit Reading for Hands Off Washington by Mayumi Tsutakawa and others**, June 18, 7:30 P.M., Elliott Bay Book Company, 101 S. Main St., \$5. Info: 524-8365.

**SEARCH Symposium for Seniors: Treasures from Asia**, classes and lectures on the arts and culture of the Far East. Program includes *Tai Chi Chuan, Spirits and Gods and Ancient Ways, The Music of China, Silence and Eloquence: Korean Playwright Choi In-Hoon and his World of Drama, Art and Mythology of the Orient and Japanese Theatre: Paradox between the New and the Old*, June 20-24, 8:30 A.M. to 3:50 P.M., Bellevue Community College, Main Campus, C254, 3000 Landerholm Circle SE, Bellevue. Cost: \$105. Registration deadline: June 13. Info: 641-2263.

**Northwest Martial Arts Expo**, June 25, 7 P.M., Nippon Kan Theatre, 628 S. Washington St., donation \$10. Ten different martial arts schools will perform and demonstrate their skills. Tickets available at Sun Ya and the Chop House. Info: 271-9498, message 102.

**Bando Mitsuhiro Kai First Annual Performance**, June 26, 2 P.M. Pacific Lutheran University, donation \$15. Tickets available at Uwajimaya or at the door.

**Katazome and Tsutsugaki class**, instructor John Marshall, noted katazome dyer, offers a course in the art of Japanese paste resist dyeing, August 7-12, 10 A.M. to 4 P.M., McFarland Creek Ranch, Methow, WA. Tuition: \$440 (\$400 if paid by July 6) plus \$120 materials fee. Room and board (optional): \$225. Send check to McFarland Creek Ranch, P.O. Box 568, Methow, WA 98834-0568. Info: Cheryl Lawrence,

**100 Gates**, an exhibition of the works of Keiko Hara, through August 14, Tacoma Art Museum, 12th St. and Pacific Ave., 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. Tuesday through Saturday, Thursday until 7 P.M., Sunday noon to 5 P.M. Admission: \$3, \$2 seniors/students, \$1 children 6-12, free on Tuesday. Info: 272-4258.

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
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