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President's Report

by Ray Ishii

Again the Seattle Chapter has been busy and productive, especially in pivotal roles during the JACL National Convention. Thanks to many individuals—here is a sampling of their accomplishments.

Arlene Oki played a key role in Denny Yasuhara's election as National President. Arlene used her vacation time to attend the National Convention and manage Yasuhara's campaign. Arlene was the main strategist for Yasuhara, making sure that key delegates were contacted, publicity was appropriately produced and displayed, and arrangements made for the candidate's receptions. A job well done Arlene!

Ayako Hurd won an award for being one of the longest standing members of JACL nationally. Ayako has been a member since 1930 and is still one of the most active members in the Seattle Chapter, this year serving as Corresponding Secretary and as a member of the Installation Banquet Committee. Ayako is definitely building an imposing legacy that will be hard for anyone to match!

Elaine Akagi did yeoman work serving on the Nominations Committee at the National Convention. The committee worked long hours to insure that the nominations and election process for the national offices went smoothly. Elaine has also been busy at the chapter level, serving as Recording Secretary, Chair of the Installation Banquet Committee, and recently co-chairing the Kanojo fund raising event. Thanks Elaine for your dedication and hard work!

Owen Kikuta, chairperson of the Seattle Chapter JAYS, won the National Oratorical Contest at the National Convention. There was stiff competition from around the country so the victory speaks highly of Owen's hard work and talent. Congratulations Owen!

Cherry Kinoshita provided a wealth of information about the proposed Constitution and Bylaw amendments. Both before and during the Convention, Cherry helped steer the PNW District through this process. Cherry has also been busy helping the Seattle Chapter find new offices by co-chairing the ad-hoc search committee. Thanks Cherry!

Ken Nakano authored two resolutions that passed at the Con-



Fumi Hayashida and daughter Natalie forced to leave Bainbridge Island in 1942. This photo is one of many featuring Japanese American women in "Strength and Diversity: Japanese American Women 1885-1990" at the Burke Museum, September 21– December 4. See page 3, and Calendar, page 7 for more details.

vention, one offering support to the Hanford Downwinders and the other recognizing Ranald MacDonald as one of the first Americans to contribute to U.S.-Japan relations way back in the 1800's. Great job Ken!

Karen Yoshitomi, PNW Regional Director, was a tremendous help to the Chapter and District during the convention. For the past several years, Karen has done a great job representing JACL here in the PNW region. Most recently, Karen was one of the featured speakers at the Justice for Ward's Cove Workers rally held at the Federal Courthouse. Karen has also been a tireless worker on the grievance against the state Democratic Party. Thanks for all your work Karen!

Mike Kimura has quietly been one of the hardest working board members this year. Serving as Treasurer, Mike has improved the Chapter's finance and accounting systems, computerizing the accounting records and providing timely and accurate financial statements. Mike also serves on the Installation Banquet Committee and the Endowment Fund Committee. Mike has also been

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National Convention Roundup

by Owen Kikuta

The national convention held last month in Salt Lake City was a tiring, but at the same time rejuvenating, experience. Being with the over 800 registered attendees from all over the U.S. and Japan, and learning about all the activities that the Chapters are initiating around the country, I got a true sense of being a part of a national organization. JACL moved into Alaska when Anchorage became the 115th JACL chapter. Working and meeting with members from the PNW district and other chapters was both insightful and energizing. There is a tremendous amount of activity by all the chapters that together contributes to the success of JACL!

Hearing how the Honolulu Chapter skillfully played such a pivotal role in the Bruce Yamashita case, the commitment of the Houston Chapter to rename "Jap Road" and the work of Karen Narasaki and the Washington D.C. staff gave me a deeper understanding of the importance of JACL being a national organization. As Doris Matsui said in her keynote address, JACL has become a well respected and well known organization in the civil rights field. While being a national organization gives us visibility and in many cases credibility, it is still the local chapters and the committed members in each chapter that makes the JACL successful. Seattle has been fortunate to have a succession of skilled and dedicated members that have helped to make Seattle one of the most active and successful chapters in the organization!

At the convention, many diverse and challenging issues were presented to the delegates and participants. Listening to the special presentations, hearing delegates debate the issues on the floor, and discussing the issues informally in the hotel lobby reinforced to me the complexity of the issues that JACL is dealing with today. Some of the issues have a long and emotional history within our community, such as the role of JACL during World War II and how some members of our community were treated in the aftermath of the internment. Issues such as the



From left: Doris Matsui, Representative Robert Matsui and Cherry Kinoshita take time out from JACL National Convention activities in Salt Lake City —Karen Yoshitomi photo

function and independence of the Pacific Citizen and the national budget are making us re-evaluate our internal operations. The "same sex marriage" resolution challenges each of us to individually examine our definition of and commitment to civil rights for all people. The workshop on hate crimes pointed out the proliferation of hate crimes around the country. (The inconsistent and in many cases lukewarm response of law enforcement officials around the country to hate crimes was appalling.) For all these topics I could report that the National Council successfully solved all of the problems and came up with the definitive answer for all the questions. Unfortunately, there are no easy answers or solutions to the problems that face us today.

I encourage all members who have not attended a national convention to do so. (San Jose in 1996 and Philadelphia in 1998 are the next two conventions scheduled.) It is a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends, learn more about the issues and to experience JACL in a whole new way!

Three Asian American Exhibits Enrich the Northwest

Three outstanding Asian American exhibits are on view in the Seattle/Tacoma area this fall.

"Asian/America: Identities in Contemporary Asian American Art," works by 20 foreign-born Asian American artists from 11 countries reflecting their bicultural identities and multilayered experiences as Asians in America, is on view through November 27 at Tacoma Art Museum, 12th St. and Pacific Avenue in Tacoma. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday open until 7 p.m., Sunday open noon to 5 p.m. Admission: \$3, \$2 seniors/students, \$1 children 6 to 12. Tacoma Art Museum and Wing Luke Asian Museum members enter for free and everyone gets free admissions on Tuesdays. For info call (206) 272-4258.

"Strength and Diversity: Japanese American Women 1885-1990," an exhibit originally created by the National Japanese American Historical Society and the Oakland Museum is being presented in Seattle with an added Northwest component, September 21- December 4. It is at the Burke Museum at the University of Washington, 17th Ave. N.E. and N.E. 45th St. Hours are daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$3, \$2 for seniors and students, \$1.50 for ages 6 to 18, under 6 free. Burke Museum and Wing Luke Asian Museum members are free. For info 543-5590.

"They Painted From Their Hearts: Pioneer Asian American Artists," a groundbreaking exhibit of pioneer Washington State Asian American artists, with works from 1900 to 1960, is on view at Wing Luke Asian Museum through January 15. The works of 18 outstanding photographers and painters are included in the exhibit at the Museum, 407-7th Ave. S. Nikkei artists included in the exhibit are early painters Tokita, Nomura, Miyazaki, T. Fujii and Arima; photographers Matsura, Koike, Kunishige, and Takayoshi, and abstractionist painters Matsudaira, Horiuchi and Tsutakawa.

Hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. Admission is \$2.50 for adults,



"Sea of Clouds," ca. 1920s black and white photograph by Dr. Kyo Koike, one of the photographs exhibited at "They Painted From Their Hearts: Pioneer Asian American artists," at Wing Luke Asian Museum.

\$1.50 seniors/students, \$.75 children 5 to 12. Info: 623-5124.

See calendar listings for educational classes to be held for each exhibit.

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Installation Banquet Being Planned

The Banquet committee has announced that the 73rd Annual Installation Banquet will be held on January 28, 1995, at the Doubletree Suites in Tukwila. The keynote speaker will be George Takei, Sulu of the original "Star Trek" series. Save this date on your calendar for an exciting and fun-filled evening.

Alert! Chapter Moves Office

The Seattle chapter JACL office is now in the C & T Building, 316 Maynard Ave. S., Room 111. Please note that on September 21, Seattle chapter board will meet at this location at 7 p.m.

University Students Club Awards Scholarships

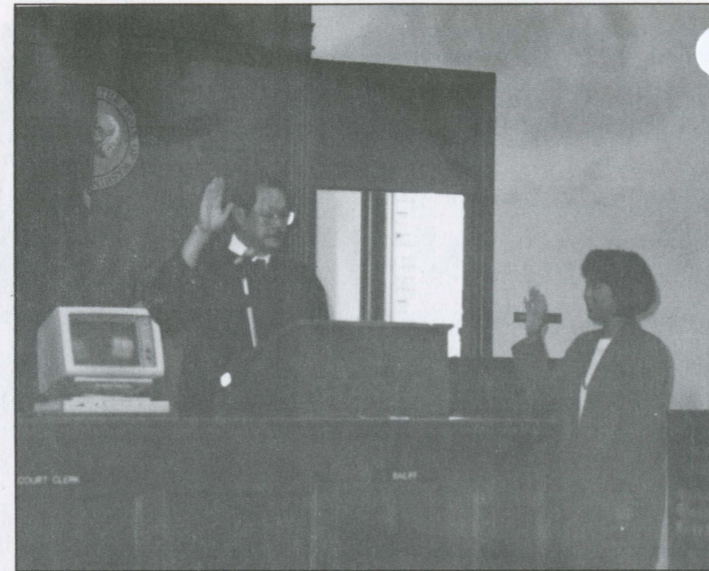
The University Students Club awarded its 1994-95 scholarships to the following 1994 graduates:

- Marc Hirai, Renton High School
- Dana Hoshide, Garfield High School
- Karen Kajitani, Mercer Island High School
- Takeshi Ouchi, Cascade High School in Everett
- Susan Shinoda, Lake Washington High School

A reception will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday November 5 in Kawabe House, 221-8th Ave. S., to honor scholarship recipients.

Applications are being accepted for the 1995-96 school year. Nikkei students who plan to attend the University of Washington on a full time basis are eligible. Scholarship applications are available at all local high schools and at the U.W. Financial Aid office. For additional information call Ken Sato,

Here Comes the Judge!



Retired Superior Court Judge Warren Chan swears in District Court Judge Eileen Kato at her swearing in ceremony August 24. A small reception followed. — Sam Shoji photo

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a tireless worker helping at most of the Chapter activities this year, including helping at our booth at the Cherry Blossom Festival, assisting at the fashion show fund raiser and helping organize the relocation of the Chapter's offices. Mike also was our representative to the annual Hiroshima/Nagasaki remembrance. Mike has become an invaluable member of the board. Thanks Mike!

And—Remember to vote September 20!

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 JACL Board meeting, everyone invited, September 21, 7 P.M., 316 Maynard Ave. S., Room 111 (note change in meeting site).

Doshi Kai meeting, October 5, 7 P.M. Call Wayne Kimura for location. 827-0460 day, 869-5174, eve./weekend.

Community and Social Events

Nichiren Church Chow Mein Sale, September 25, 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., 1042 S. Weller St. Tickets: \$4 available from church members. Info 323-2252.

Japanese Congregational Church Mini-bazaar, features bento boxes, baked goods, crafts and games, September 25, noon to 3:30 p.m., 305 17th Ave.S. Info: 325-4566.

Blaine Memorial Methodist Church Annual Bazaar, features teriyaki salmon, barbecued chicken, udon, curried rice, manju, sushi, baked goods and crafts, October 1, 11a.m. to 7 p.m., 3001 - 24th Ave.S. Info 723-1536.

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

Whitney United Methodist Church (Tacoma) Asian Food Bazaar, a variety of Asian foods will be available for take-out or dine in, October 9, noon to 5 p.m., 1901 S. Fawcett Ave., Tacoma. Info: (206) 627-0727.

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

Arts and Cultural Events

Repertory Actors Workshop presents "Laundry and Bourbo and "Lone Star," two comedies by James McClure directed by David Hsieh and featuring an all-Asian American cast; through September 25. Theatre Off Jackson, 409-7th Ave.S., Thursday through Saturday 8 p.m., Sunday 4 p.m. Admission: \$10, \$8 seniors/students/military/disabled, \$6 children/actors. Discount tickets available at Elliott Bay Book Co. and Play's the Thing Bookstore. Bring canned food donation for Northwest Harvest and receive \$1 off admission. Tickets, reservations: 364-3283.

"Remarkable People: Making a Difference in the Northwest—George Tsutakawa," a half hour documentary on the life of this renowned painter, sculptor and teacher, September 26, 7:30 p.m. KCTS Channel 9.

"Required Reading and Other Dangerous Subjects," a lecture on multicultural issues by Amy Tan sponsored by Wing Luke Asian Museum and Elliott Bay Book Co., October 2, 7 p.m. First United Methodist Church, 5th & Marion. Tickets: \$10 available at Wing Luke Asian Museum (623-5124) or Elliott Bay Book Co (624-6600).

Ogawa Ryusho Minyo Show, in conjunction with Japan Week in Bellevue, October 8, 2 to 4:30 p.m. Meydenbauer Theatre 11100 NE 6th St., Bellevue. Tickets: \$15 available at Bellevue Chamber of Commerce, 454-2464.

Phillip Kan Gotanda's "Fish Head Soup" presented in a collaboration of Northwest Asian American Theatre, Seattle Group Theatre and A Contemporary Theatre, through October 9, ACT Theatre, 100 W. Roy St., Tues. through Thurs. 7:30 p.m., Fri and

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Sat. 8 p.m. Sunday 7 p.m. matinees on Sept. 18, 21, 25 and Oct. 1, 8. Info 285-5110.

"Across Generations: Women Tell Their Stories," in conjunction with the exhibit "Strength and Diversity: Japanese American Women 1885-1990," a panel consisting of four generations of Nikkei women tell their experiences growing up Japanese American, Oct.9, 2 p.m. Burke Room, Burke Museum, University of Washington, 17th Ave.N.E. and N.E. 45th St. Info: 543-9762.

"Early Asian American Artists of Washington State," a four session course with instructor Mayumi Tsutakawa and guest speakers offered in conjunction with the Pioneer Asian American artists exhibit at Wing Luke Asian Museum. Cosponsored by Seattle Central Community College, Tuesdays, October 18 through November 8, 7 to 9 p.m. Wing Luke Asian Museum, 407-7th Ave.S. Fee \$45 for general public, \$35 for museum members, fee includes classroom materials. To register, call Seattle Central Community College Edventure Program at 587-5448. Fee will be collected at time of registration. Deadline to register is September 30. Individual lectures may be attended for \$7 for the general public and \$5 for museum members, plus \$10 for class materials, no registration required, fee collected at

door. Info: Charlene, _____

"Hidden History: Japanese American Women's Perspective on World War II Internment and the Redress Movement," in conjunction with the "Strength and Diversity: Japanese American Women" exhibit, a panel of Nikkei women, including Cherry Kinoshita, will tell of their camp experiences and their drive for redress, Oct. 23 2 p.m. Burke Room, Burke Museum, University of Washington, 17th Ave. NE and NE 45th St. Info: 543-9762.

Sumi Tonooka/Kenny Endo Taiko Jazz Trio, a concert presented by Earshot Jazz and the Seattle Asian Art Museum featuring Sumi Tonooka on the piano, Kenny Endo on the taiko and Kiyoshi Kitagawa on the bass, October 27, 7:30 p.m. Seattle Asian Art Museum Auditorium, 15th Ave.E. and E. Prospect St. Tickets: \$10.50 for SAM/Earshot members, \$13.50 for nonmembers available at Ticketmaster (628-0888) or Earshot Jazz (547-6763).

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