

# SEATTLE JACL CHAPTER

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## President's Report

by Cal Takagi

It is true that any new year always brings with it a change in the officers and Board membership of our JACL chapter. If each incoming board had to start anew on an annual basis, such a situation would undoubtedly lead to organizational chaos. Fortunately, the fact that approximately two-thirds of the Board membership traditionally carries over from one year to the next assures a good deal of continuity and stability in program, activities, and basic philosophy.

At the same time, the one-third that is new offers the possibility for different and creative ideas that will lead to our further growth and development. As the new president who is still trying to get a sense of what the job is, I feel grateful to my predecessor, Ray Ishii, not only for the great leadership he demonstrated last year but also for leaving the Chapter in a fundamentally sound condition. It seems to me that he deserves our special thanks for the major contributions he has made.

This year, we have nine members who are new to the Board, four who are returning after having served earlier, and twenty-one who are continuing. It promises to be an outstanding group, and I look forward to working with them.

I have long been a card-carrying member of JACL but except for a couple of brief stints of service on the Board or on committees have never become very involved or active. Only after retiring from my job two years ago did I decide that it was time to make some kind of contribution to the community, and in one sense, that is my reason for taking on the office.

In recent weeks, I have had occasion to read about some of the early history of both the JACL nationally and of the Seattle Chapter, and I have come away impressed by the accomplishments of both. The organization has taken on some difficult tasks and won such important victories as the rights to U.S. citizenship for our immigrant parents, the striking down of such discriminatory legislation as alien land laws, and, of course, redress for our unjustified internment during World War II. We have a lot to live up to. The issues we are facing are different, but no less important. The organization is currently dealing with some problems on the national level, but locally, we are quite well, thank you. But check with me in a few months.

## Reaching for the Stars

The JACL 73rd Annual Installation Dinner, "Reaching for the Stars," will be held January 28, 1995, at the Doubletree Suites, 16500 Southcenter Parkway, in Tukwila. Actor, writer, journalist George Takei will deliver the keynote address.

Takei, who has written an autobiography "To the Stars" chronicling his earliest memories from an Arkansas internment camp to his rise to stardom as "Mr.

Sulu" in the "Star Trek" television and movie series, has a long history of supporting Asian American community organizations.

Thirty-two board members will be sworn in at the dinner.

Tickets are \$40 per person (\$20 for students). Reservations should be made by January 12, 1995.



George Takei

## Tulelake Reunion Committee seeks registrants

by Ed Suguro

Approximately 4,000 Washington state Nikkei were original settlers of the Tule Lake Relocation Center in Northern California near the Oregon border, and it contained the second largest number of the state's Nikkei after Minidoka. On May 19 and 20 of this year, there will be fifth reunion of the Tuleans in Sacramento at the newly remodeled Red Lion Hotel and Resort.

Although previously held during the Memorial Day weekend, it will be held a week earlier this time to avoid a conflict with a jazz festival. Aside from the usual mixer and Sayonara Banquet, there will be a trip to Reno, shopping trips to discount malls and a golf tournament. Also new this year will be a symposium, "Past is Prologue: The Japanese American Legacy," which will explore the passing of the torch to future generations of Nikkei. Registration packets will be mailed sometime after the middle of January to those who attended previous reunions. If you would like to attend the reunion and need a registration packet, call Ed Suguro at 708-442-1111 or write to the Tulelake\* Reunion Committee, P.O. Box 22877, Sacramento, CA 95822-0877.

\*Note: The Sacramento Nikkei community is now spelling Tule Lake as one word, not to be confused with the town Tulelake which is in a separate county but near the camp.

# Community Focus.....

## JAYS schedule homophobia panel

The JAYS and the Japanese Student Association (JSA) are co-sponsoring a panel of speakers from Asian Pacific Islander Homosexuality/Homophobia Education Project, on Thursday, February 2, 3:30 P.M., at the JSA meeting room in the University of Washington Hub, room 200 A. For directions and parking information, call the HUB at 543-1447. For information about the panel discussion, call JAYS president Carolyn Sawa ( or Judy Chen

## Benefit bookreading and booksigning by Takei

Asian Pacific AIDS Council presents actor/writer George Takei at a benefit bookreading/booksigning January 29 at the Seattle Asian Art Museum, 12:30 - 2:30 pm. Tickets


are \$25 and can be purchased at Red & Black Books or by calling APAC at 467-0884.

## CCA holds 15th Annual Dinner

The Center for Career Alternatives (CCA) cordially invites you to attend its Fifteenth Annual Dinner to celebrate 15 years of community service. The dinner will be held at the Sheraton Hotel and Towers, 1400 Sixth Avenue, Friday, February 3, 1995. Silent auction 5 P.M., program and dinner 6:30 P.M. For more info or tickets, call 322-9080.

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# Calendar of Events

Compiled by Ed Suguro

## MEETINGS

**Doshi Kai meeting**, Feb. 1, 7 P.M. Call Wayne Kimura for location.

## COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL EVENTS

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

**Weekly ballroom dance class**, every Wed., 1-3 P.M., Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King St.

## ARTS AND CULTURAL EVENTS

**Northwest Asian American Theatre** presents "Winterfest '95," a series of different offerings beginning with Nikkei choreographer **A.C. Petersen and her dancers** in "Tea Party," "Golden section" and "Chado" on Jan. 12 - 15, **Denise Uyehara** in "Headless Turtleneck Relatives" on Jan. 19 - 22, and **Nobuko Miyamoto** in "A Grain of Sand" on Jan. 26 - 29. All performances are at the Theatre Off Jackson, 409 7th Ave. S. Admission: \$12 general, \$9 students/seniors/physically challenged (\$6 Thursdays), \$6 children/performers. Tickets and info: 340-1049.

**Oshogatsu, Japanese New Year.** Presented by the Nippon Kan Heritage Association and the Hyogo Cultural Center, Jan. 28, 5 P.M., Nippon Kan Theatre, 628 S. Washington St. Admission: \$15 general (\$12 groups), \$10 seniors/stu-

dents (\$8 groups), free for 75 and over. For program and ticket info: Midori, 633-2017 or Hyogo Cultural Center, 728-0610. Tickets available at Uwajimaya, House of Ric Elliott Bay Book Company, Hyogo Cultural Center and at the door.

Group Pinhole Show features **works by Irene Kuniyuki, Kiyo Marsh and others**, through Jan. 29, Fuel Gallery, 318 2nd Ave., Tues.-Sat. 11 A.M. to 5 P.M., Sun. 1 to 5 P.M. Info: 625-0890.

**New Watercolors by Linda Okazaki**, through Jan. 29, Linda Hodges Gallery, 410 Occidental Ave. S., Tues. - Sat., 11 A.M. to 5 P.M., Sun. 1 to 5 P.M. Info: 624-3034.

**Tea Ceremony Demonstrations** are given at the downtown Seattle Art Museum in the Teahouse in the Japanese Art Gallery on the third floor. The Urasenke Foundation, the Urasenke School and the Yabunouchi School give the demonstrations on a rotating basis. Feb. 2, 6 P.M., Urasenke Foundation, Seattle branch; Feb. 26, 2:30 P.M., Urasenke School, Seattle chapter. Tickets: \$4 members, \$10 non-members. Info: 654-3121.

**Season of the Heart: The Films of Yasujiro Ozu**, a series of four films by the renowned Japanese director Yasujiro Ozu. "Passing Fancy," Feb. 5; "Tokyo Story," Feb. 12; "Early Spring," Feb. 19; "late Autumn," Feb. 26. All are with Japanese dialogue and English subtitles. At the Seattle Asian

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Art Museum auditorium, 1:30 P.M.. Tickets: \$17 for series members, \$19 nonmembers, single tickets if available. Info: 654-3121.

**"Learning from Japan," a lecture by Bagley Wright**, who will tell of his experience in learning about Japanese aesthetics while constructing textiles and ceramics, Feb. 23, 6 P.M., Seattle Asian Art Museum auditorium. Info: 654-3121.

**Asian New Year's Traditions**, Wing Luke Asian Museum features the New Year's celebrations of China, Japan, Korea, South Asia and Vietnam in its gallery, through Apr. 9, Wing Luke Asian Museum, 407 7th Ave. S., Tuesday through Friday 11 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Sat. - Sun., noon to 4 P.M. Admission: \$2.50 adults, \$1.50 seniors/students, \$.75 children 5 - 12. Info: 623-5124.

**At Hyogo Cultural Center, 2001 6th Ave., suite 1101 (Info: 728-0610):**

• **Oshogatsu (New Year's) for Japanese Language Students**, includes explanation of the holiday, hands-on activities and *mochi*-making and tasting, Jan. 26, 4:30 to 6 P.M. Registration deadline Jan. 23. Free.

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