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## Cherry Kinoshita receives award from Emperor of Japan

Former JACL national vice president, PNW District vice governor and Seattle chapter president Cherry Kinoshita received the Order of the Precious Crown, Apricot, from the Emperor of Japan April 29. Kinoshita received the award in recognition of her life-long contributions to the promotion of friendly relations between the United States and Japan, and the promotion of the status and the welfare of Japanese Americans.

## Chapter receives gift; administers fund to perpetuate Japanese culture

The Seattle Chapter JACL has received funds from the estate of the late Marsha Masako Inouye. Her will designates that the Seattle Chapter administer a fund to be set up in memory of her parents, Tosuke and Hisa Inouye. The funds are to be used to "perpetuate Japanese culture, including, but not limited to, odori, music, drama, art, language, history, etc."

One time grants of up to \$1,000 will be offered. If you or your organization has a project that will benefit the Japanese American community, the greater Nikkei community, the Asian community or other communities, you are invited to apply. Questions or requests for applications should be directed to the Seattle Chapter JACL office at (206) 622-4098.

### Kobe/Osaka Earthquake Relief Fund Report

The amount of money raised in the Seattle Chapter's appeal for help for the victims of the Kobe earthquake totals \$8765. Since our last publication, contributions were received from Fusako Yonemura and Takeo Yoshihara. The total number of donations is now 118.

## President's Report

by Cal Takagi

## Oklahoma City bombing: more compassion, less anger needed

In the aftermath of the Oklahoma City bombing, we learned of the existence of large numbers of paramilitary organizations, many of which are purported to be so opposed to the federal government as to be preparing for armed conflict against it. While there have always been fringe groups on both the right and left that have protested the status quo and used a variety of means, including violence, to make their point, what makes the current situation different is that the technology now exists for a few people to build weapons of mass destruction and to use them, seemingly without regard for human life. The militia and other disaffected groups are of concern partly for the extent of their anger and alienation but, more importantly, for the destructive potential that now exists and their apparent willingness to use it. In certain respects, these groups serve as foot soldiers ready to carry out in literal action the heated rhetoric of anti-government commentators.

The commentators, of course, are disclaiming responsibility for the Oklahoma bombing. When they say they believe there is too much government, they tell us they don't really mean that someone should blow up governmental employees and buildings. But if some person, deranged or not, should take their words seriously, then they need to take responsibility for helping to create the climate which leads to the behavior. It is not enough to assert that the perpetrators are operating strictly on their own.

Counterpoint to these matters, thankfully, is the response made by ordinary citizens to the Oklahoma tragedy. The help given by rescue teams, the donations of goods and services by many people including children, and the messages of goodwill and support from all over the country denote an entirely different kind of perspective — one that we prefer to think characterizes people generally. We saw the same kind of response to the Kobe earthquake. Our membership can be proud of its generous response to the need for help in that situation. Would that the world had in it less of the commentators' anger and more of the ordinary citizens' compassion.



## Chapter Focus

From Anne Uemura, First Vice President

### Scholarship Banquet

The JACL Seattle Chapter's Scholarship Banquet will be held May 17th at 6:00pm at the Kawabe Memorial House, 221 18th Ave. S. We will have a potluck and an awards presentation for this year's recipients. Come help us congratulate our winners! For directions to the Kawabe House, please call 322-4550.

### Newsletter Thanks

A note of thanks to everyone who has helped with the JACL newsletter mailout this year. The following are those who helped for April's mailout: George Fukuda, Sam Shoji, Mike Kimura, Rose Ogino, Eileen Kato, Calvin Takagi, Arlene Oki, Michelle Kumata, Chuck Kato and Anne Uemura. We are always looking for more volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please call Anne Uemura at [redacted]. We'd love for you to join us!

### Cherry Blossom Festival Thanks

Thank you to all of the JACL members who came out to support our efforts at this year's Cherry Blossom Festival held April 21-23 at the Seattle Center. The Festival was a huge success due to the following volunteers that helped: Eva Chikusa, Emi Hirai, Amy Koba, Dee Goto, Alice Yasutake, Eiko Yoshida, Marie Nakata, May Namba, Suma Yagi, Connie Tagami, Hana Kato, Joan Seko, Terrie Akada, Arlene Oki, Yoshie Mori, Miyo Shintaku, Kimi Nakanishi, Shuko Hara, Mas Kinoshita, Frances Ogino, Rose Ogino,

Sue Kitasaka, Calvin Takagi, Pat Terao, Margaret Go, Yasumi Nagai, Charles and Lillian Kato, Carolyn Sawada, Kathy Estep, Jen Roden, Gensho Yukawa, Kurt Yanagimachi, Geoff Guebel, Makoto Mochizuki, Andy Wang, Randy Kanai, Jay Sakamoto, Stacy Taketa, Jo Ann Asato, Stacey Asato, Melvin Asato, Tak and Mitz Matsui, Fumi Kasegumi, Sam Shoji, Hugh Matsubayashi, Randy Aoyama, Michelle Kumata, Elaine Akagi, Anne Uemura, Tris Miyahara, Tony Ishisaka, May Namba, Lynne Sato, Sid Kuboi, Gary Maehara, Ray Ishii, Virginia Thomas, Tom and Sharon Klostermann, Chiz Norton and Mike Kimura. We apologize for any names left out inadvertently.

We'd also like to thank those who made donations to JACL through the Cherry Blossom Festival. They are: Takuyo Imori, Rose Ogino, Shea Aoki, Mitsui Kunitsugu, Connie Tagami, Miyo Shintaku, Fujie Yamasaki, Masako Kubo, Mitsu Matsui, John Nakashima, Melissa Akai and Mutual Fish.

A special thanks goes out to the members of the Kisaragi-Kai. We really appreciate your willingness to donate your time to the JACL. They are: Sadako Matsumoto, Fujie Yamasaki, Akiko Yamanouchi, Yaeko Prichard, Keiko Curren, Mitsuko Eguchi and Sumie Seaman.

Last but definitely not least we'd like to acknowledge Shea Aoki who for many years has been JACL's Cherry Blossom Festival's committee chairperson. Shea is the one who organizes JACL's fundraising efforts at the Cherry Blossom Festival and tirelessly recruits our volunteers. Thanks for all of your hard work, Shea!

From Elaine Akagi, President-elect

### Marine Captain Bruce Yamashita to keynote Installation Banquet

The Seattle Chapter's 74th Annual Installation Banquet will be held on Saturday, January 27, 1996 at the Southcenter Doubletree Suites. The banquet committee has been busy planning next year's banquet. Our keynote speaker will be Capt. Bruce Yamashita. Capt. Yamashita suffered racial harassment, physical abuse and finally dismissal from Officer Candidate School in the United States Marine Corps. His dismissal was based on racial discrimination and he confronted the issue. He was recently commissioned a Captain in the Marine Corps Reserves, after battling the policies and procedures of the Marine Corps. His current class action suit on behalf of others who have been wrongfully denied officer ranking from other branches of the service because of race will be an issue to watch. Watch for future updates on Capt. Yamashita and the Installation Banquet. Remember to save **JANUARY 27, 1996!**

### Warashibe Kai begins community survey

Does Seattle's Japanese American community need or want a community center? That's what Warashibe Kai, a coalition of Nikkei organizations in the greater Seattle area, wants to know. Six thousand randomly selected Nikkei households will be receiving a survey to determine what might be included in the center, how often the center would be used, and whether a community center is a priority item for Seattle Nikkei. The survey is supervised by Professor James Morishima from the University of Washington.

If you are one of the 6,000 receiving surveys, Warashibe Kai requests that you answer and return the questionnaire as quickly as possible.

Warashibe Kai was formed two years ago, with representatives from Greater Seattle Japanese Community Queen Committee, Japanese American Chamber of Com-

merce of Washington State, JACL — Lake Washington, JACL—Pacific Northwest District, JACL—Seattle, Community Service—Nikkeijinkai, Japanese Cultural Center of the Pacific Northwest and Seattle Cherry Blossom Festival meeting to share resources and participate in joint projects. One of the goals is the development of a community center that could serve as a focal point for the various organizations and activities of the Japanese community.

### Golf Tournament to benefit Warashibe Kai

Do you enjoy golf? Then come join us at the Second Annual Warashibe Kai Golf Tournament to be held on Thursday, June 1, 1995 at the Echo Falls Country Club. The proceeds from the golf tournament are to benefit the Japanese Cultural Center survey. There are only a few spaces left. The tournament fee is \$100/golfer. There are many wonderful prizes to be won. For information, please contact Penny Fukui at [redacted].

OR Dee Goto at [redacted]

### Nikkei Health Fair to be held at Providence

"Preventing Diabetes and its Complications," the title of the 1995 Nikkei Health Fair, will be held Saturday, June 3, at the Providence Hospital auditorium. There will be free medical tests — blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood glucose. Booths will have information explaining DEFEND, Diet & Exercise for Eliminating Diabetes. Door prizes will also be offered. All Nikkei in the area should be receiving information about the fair soon, according to Susan Larsen at the University of Washington. If you don't receive the information, please call 543-5597.

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## Calendar of Events

Compiled by Ed Suguro

### Meetings

Doshi Kal meeting, June 7, 7 p.m. Call Wayne Kimura for location,

### Community and Social Events

Writer Ken Mochizuki will be reading from his two books, "Heroes" and "Baseball Saved Us," Tuesday, May 16, at the Oki Foundation, 10838 Main Street, Bellevue. The reading and book signing is sponsored by Japanese American Chamber of Commerce. Info: Vicky Ishimitsu, 454-2722 or Penny Fukui,

**Ayame Kai Rummage Sale**, May 20, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Seattle Buddhist Church, 1427 S. Main St. Drop-off dates for items such as antiques, clothing, kitchenware, furniture, small appliances, jewelry, toys, books and new items are Tuesday thru Friday, May 16-19, from 9 a.m. -9 p.m. Info: Fay at \_\_\_\_\_, or Nina at \_\_\_\_\_.

**Jewish-Asian Summit Conference**, May 21, Univ. of Washington Faculty Club. Seven-hour program will explore commonalities and discuss problems and solutions. Four workshops will be held. Speakers include Karen Narasaki, Director of the National Asian Pacific Legal Center, and Martha Choe, Seattle City Councilwoman, as well as representatives of the American Jewish Committee. Info: 622-6315. Preregistration required.

**Greater Seattle Japanese Community Queen Program**, May 27, Seattle Sheraton Hotel grand ballroom, 1400 6th Ave., cocktails 5 p.m., dinner 6 p.m., program 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$45, \$10 pageant-only purchased in advance, \$12 at the door. Reservations and information: Sunnie Nagai/ Ellen Suzuki,

Northern California Japanese American Senior Centers present "Nikkei Forum on Aging II: Together Making a

**Difference**," May 27-28, Miyako Hotel, 1625 Post St., San Francisco 94115. Registration: \$70. Hotel reservations: Special rates at Miyako Hotel, (800) 533-4567 or (415) 922-3200, ext. 7256. Mention you are attending Nikkei Forum on Aging. Info: San Mateo JACL Community Center, (415) 343-2881.

**Nisei Vets Memorial Day Service**, May 29, 10 a.m., Lake View Cemetary, 1554 15th Ave. E., Capitol Hill. Speaker: Rev. Alan Hamada, youth director at Blaine Memorial Methodist Church.

**2nd Annual Warashibe Kai Benefit Golf Tournament**, June 1, 1 p.m., Echo Falls Country Club, 20414 121st Ave. S.E., Snohomish, WA 98290, reception/bento dinner immediately follows. Fee: \$100, dinner only \$20. Info: Penny Fukui, 1-800-886-4402 day, 322-6222 evening or Dee Goto, \_\_\_\_\_ day/evening.

**The Tacoma Buddhist Church and the Puyallup Valley JACL** will sponsor an evening for family and friends, June 3rd, 6 p.m. Activities for the night include Bingo and sharing information about day trips around the Puget Sound by Elsie Taniguchi. Noodles served at 6 p.m., with tea, coffee, soft drinks and desserts served later in the evening.

**Nikkei Community Dance**, June 10, 8-11:30 p.m., Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King St., BYOB, live band, \$3 per person. Info: 772-1160.

**Pacific Northwest/Intermountain Bi-district Conference**, July 8, Red Lion Inn/Downtowner, Boise, Idaho, 8 a.m. PNWDC and IDC meetings, 1 p.m. joint meeting, 7 p.m. banquet. Info: Karen, PNWD regional office, 623-5088.

**Greater Portland Reunion**, August 11-13, Red Lion Inn, Lloyd Center, Portland. Mixer, tours, golf tournament, banquet and picnic are planned. For registration forms,

contact Greater Portland II Reunion Committee, P.O. Box 133731, Portland, OR 97213-0731.

**Weekly ballroom dance class**, every Wednesday, from 1-3 p.m., Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King St.

### Arts and Cultural Events

**Improvisatory group Sokkyo** will perform with musicians Susie Kozawa and Esther Sugai Zadrozny, dancers Mari Murao and Yoko Murao, and vocalists Steve Effingham and Maribeth Saunders, one of a series of the Seattle Asian Museum's Spring Performance in the Park, May 14, 3 p.m., Garden Court of the Museum, 14th Ave. and E. Prospect St. Free with regular museum admission. Info: 654-3124.

**Northwest Folklife Festival**, May 26-29, Seattle Center. Over 6,000 artists from 100 countries will participate. This year's festival will feature the largest display of Japanese kites outside of Japan. Free. Info: 684-7300.

Ceramic vessels and sculpture by **Kazuko Kayasuga Matthews**, through May 27, Artworks Gallery, 155 S. Main St., Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Info: 625-0932.

**Chrysanthemums and Salt**," a history of Japanese Americans on the peninsula south of San Francisco around San Mateo, May 28, 11 a.m., KCTS-TV, channel 9.

**Tea Ceremony Demonstration** by Urasenke Foundation, June 1, 6 p.m., Seattle Art Museum, Teahouse in the Japa-

nese Art Gallery, third floor, 100 University St. Tickets: \$4 members, \$10 nonmembers. Info: 654-3121.

**"Jet Dreams: The '50s in the Northwest,"** a group showing of the arts, architecture and crafts of the 1950s, including works by George Tsutakawa, Frank Okada and Paul Horiuchi, through June 4, Tacoma Art Museum, 12th St. and Pacific Ave., Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission: \$3 adults, \$2 seniors/students, \$1 children 6-12. Tuesdays free. Info: 272-4258.

**"Power of Language: Writers of Color Reading and Discussion Series,"** Gail Tremblay, Onondaga/Mic Mac Indian and French Canadian; Mira Shimabukuro, Okinawan-Dutch-English American; Anne Xuan Clark, Vietnamese/Irish American; Scott Watanabe, Japanese/African American and Nancy Rawles, African American, will discuss mixed race and cross-racial issues, June 14, 7:30 p.m., Theatre Off Jackson, 409 7th Ave. S., \$4 general, \$3 students/seniors. Info: 340-1049.

**Chatani Origamic Architecture**, paper cutouts in three dimensions of buildings throughout the world, through June 16, Washington State Convention Center, 8th and Pike, Level 2 Galleria, daily 7 a.m.-10 p.m.


**"Northwest 1930s,"** a group art exhibit that includes works by Kenjiro Nomura and Kamekichi Tokita, through July 30, Seattle Art Museum, 100 University St., fourth floor, Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Thursday till 9 p.m. Admission: \$6 general, \$4 students/seniors, free first Tuesday of the month. Info: 625-8900 or 654-3100.

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