

President's message

'More fun activities to come'

by Janice Yee

It's the mid-point of my term as your President. Although its only been six months, I feel we have already accomplished a lot. Since January, the chapter has:

- Adopted a mission statement and goals (see below)
 - Gained support and secured \$16,000 from JACL chapters, Pacific Northwest District and National to help preserve Affirmative Action in Washington.
 - Awarded scholarships to three outstanding students in our community.
 - Selected an artist, secured Historic Commission approval and additional funding for the Public Art in the Pike Place Market project
 - Secured a keynote speaker, selected a theme and laid the groundwork for our Installation Banquet in January 1999.
 - Educated teachers and school children from around the state about the internment through our Shorai project.
 - Held a successful Day of Remembrance at the Puyallup Fairgrounds on February 19, 1998.
 - Provided seed money for a leadership academy to provide leadership development opportunities to youth and up and coming leaders in our community.
- Began planning for our film festival this fall

There are many more fun activities to come. We need your help and participation! Keep an eye out for upcoming events in the newsletter, or come to one of our meetings, held every third Wednesday.

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MISSION STATEMENT

Seattle JACL is a grassroots civil rights organization dedicated to empowering our local community into the next century through strategic partnerships and developing high quality programs focused on youth leadership, community advocacy and education. We strive to be a leading Asian American advocate for civil and human rights while promoting and preserving the cultural heritage and values of Japanese Americans.

1998 GOALS

- Increase membership, create more activities for members
- Preserve affirmative action and similar laws
- Political empowerment to prevent unjust acts
- Educate the public on the internment
- Increase youth membership
- Develop youth leadership through training
- Fundraising to support our mission and goals

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Office of Redress Administration Update

Two more payments scheduled; Latin American Japanese case still on hold

by Cherry Kinoshita

It is anticipated, according to the Office of Redress Administration (ORA), that there will be two more payments scheduled: the end of June and the first week of August, before ORA shuts down on August 10, 1998. The cutoff date for completion of eligibility documentation for the June payments will be approximately the first of June.

The last cutoff date for the final payout has not been determined, and there has been no ruling yet as to any cases which may not have completed documentation by the August 10 closing date, although it is unlikely there will be any redress payments after that date. It is therefore critical that any potentially eligible individuals under any of the categories such as internee, railroad/mining workers, Ishida-type cases (those born outside of camp prior to January 20, 1945), relocated students, Hawaii cases, etc. should immediately submit their documentation to ORA. Otherwise, it may be too late.

Latin American Japanese

On this last remaining category still under adjudication, there has been no resolution to date, although it is reported that settlement discussions are on-going. ORA has in their records approximately 500 individuals in this category.

Recap

The following data was provided by Lisa Johnson of the ORA:

Total funds appropriated		\$1,650,000,000
Amount to Civil Liberties Public Education Fund		-5,000,000
No. of payments which can be funded*	82,250	\$1,645,000,000
Redress cases paid to date	81,660	1,633,200,000
Remaining no. of possible redress cases	590	\$ 11,800,000

*at \$20,000 each case

Resolutions to be voted on by National Council

The following are excerpts of resolutions that have been submitted to the resolutions committee for consideration at the JACL national convention June 29 - July 4. If any members would like more information or provide feedback on these resolutions, please contact Janice Yee at 206-621-7880 or via e-mail at janiceyee@juno.com.

Resolutions Seattle chapter delegates will support:

•That the National Council of the JACL as part of their strong opposition to the "Washington State Civil Rights Initiative 200" designate an additional \$20,000 for the purpose of education to preserve affirmative action in Washington state. (Submitted by Pacific Northwest District Council)

•That the National JACL support the California Equality initiative scheduled for the November 2000 ballot that states: In order to act affirmatively in promoting equality of opportunity, it shall be lawful for the state to consider race, gender and class as one of the criteria in the selection of qualified individuals for university admissions, public employment, and public contracting AND that the National JACL work with the chapters to develop strategies to support the initiative ranging from signature collecting, financial support, public education, and other activities. (Submitted by San Francisco Chapter)

•That the National JACL actively oppose all efforts to pass the Religious Freedom Amendment (which would expand the opportunity for organized prayer in public schools) HJ73, AND, through its staff and its network of district councils and chapters, advocate, monitor and report on Congressional activity related to the Religious Freedom Amendment. (Submitted by Chicago Chapter)

•That the National JACL support the aims purposes and accomplish-

ments of the United Nations and deem it vital to the national interest of the US and all other states in the world that it be able to function effectively AND strongly urge the Congress to immediately authorize and allocate payment of the back dues owed by the US to the UN. (Submitted by the New York Chapter)

•That the National JACL commend President Clinton for appointing Bill Lann Lee as Acting Attorney General for Civil Rights and urge him to continue to press the Senate to allow his confirmation to the post on a permanent basis. (Submitted by Philadelphia Chapter)

Resolutions Seattle chapter delegates will support with an amendment

•That the National JACL petition the government of Japan to...sponsor a resolution within the Japanese Government to formally and appropriately recognize, honor and reward Chiune Sugihara for his act of heroism. (Submitted by Salt Lake City Chapter)

Amendment: JACL will honor Chiune Sugihara, and make it publicly known, rather than to petition the Japanese government.

Talks on affirmative action scheduled

Karen Narasaki, executive director of the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium, and co-chair of the Administration of Justice Task Force for the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights will be speaking in the local area on the past, present health and future of affirmative action. Tentative dates:

- June 29: Noon, Bellevue Council Chambers, City Hall, 11511 Main St., Bellevue. For details, call Kevin Henry,
- June 30: Evening, in Tacoma (as yet, undetermined site).
- July 1: Evening, Bellevue Community College.

For further details or information, call Karen Yoshitomi at the JACL Pacific Northwest District Office, at 206-623-5088.

North American Post Friday Edition Survey

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Please take a few moments to fill out this survey to enter our prize drawing, including the chance to win a free one-year subscription to our newspaper serving the Japanese American community, one of three \$25 Uwajimaya gift certificates, a massage,

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6. Any comments about the paper?

Congratulations to our scholarship winners!

Dave Yamaguchi

Congratulations to the Elmer Tazuma Scholarship winner Akari Sato, and to the Minoru Tamesa Scholarship winners Robyn Mariko Rader and Cynthia Lui Okimoto.

Sato is a UW political science graduate on her way to law school. Originally from Brazil, she completed high school in the Seattle area. She has been the pianist at Faith Bible Church for four years, and has volunteered at Keiro nursing home for six years.

Rader and Okimoto are both graduating seniors at Lakeside. Rader's accomplishments include 300 hours of community service at a soup kitchen and at a hospital. She hopes to double major in international business and theater. Okimoto has volunteered her time for numerous worthy causes including Orion House (a place for homeless teenagers), Northwest AIDS walk, Drive for Fundamentals (a food and clothing drive), and Ron Sim's campaign for King County Executive. She will be enrolling at Occidental College in the fall.

We thank all who applied and regret that we did not have more funds to distribute (something we need to work on).

Thank you to Christine Shigaki, Sharon Sobie, Louis Watanabe, and Randy Aoyama for help in reviewing applications for local and national JACL scholarships and for organizing the scholarship potluck.

Membership

Welcome new and renewing JACL members!

Harum & Helen Akita	Hiro Nishimura	Boosters
Frank S. Fujii	Kenji Onishi	Miyako Kodama
Hisako Funai	Jeannette Roden	Mario Laurenti*
Mari Y. Hirabayashi	Naomi Sanchez**	
Masao Kojima	Jerry Shigaki	
Munio Makuuchi*	Sharon Sobie	*New members
Darrell Mihara	Frieda Takamura	**Upgrade to Century
Joyce Miyake*	Virginia Thomas	

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Lifetime	\$1,000-\$2,000
Student/Youth (up to 25 years of age)	\$20
Boosters (Seattle JACL only)	
Regular	\$20
Seniors	\$15

Questions should be directed to May Namba,
Seattle, WA 98117 (206-

Seattle Chapter JACL Membership application

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
PHONE (indicate whether day or eves/weekend): _____
TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP: _____
AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Please return to:
May Namba, Membership chair
Seattle, WA 98117

Thank you for your support!

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day of the month (except August) at 7:00 PM at 316 Maynard Avenue S. ing JACL on the Nikkei Concerns Board, please contact Janice Yee at [redacted].

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