

President's message

Proud of our accomplishments

by Janice Yee

I-200 Election Aftermath

Last week, voters in Washington overwhelmingly passed Initiative 200 despite the tireless efforts of many many people. Thanks to all of you who volunteered, donated and voted to defend affirmative action. Special thanks to Akemi Matsumoto, Jeffrey Hattori, Karen Yoshitomi, Arlene Oki, and so many others that worked tirelessly on this issue.

All other things being equal, Initiative 200 makes sense. But as we all know, all things are not equal - they never were. Despite education, training or hard work, women and people of color don't have access to the same opportunities as white men. This is why we must now watch closely at how Initiative 200 is implemented by colleges, universities and other state agencies. We need to think of new ways to promote equality. We must work to ensure affirmative action programs remain in effect at local and federal levels. And we must support our colleagues in other parts of the nation as they battle to preserve affirmative action in their states.

We put up a tremendous fight. We have lost this battle. However, we should also be proud of what we accomplished. The Asian Pacific American community pulled together to form the Asian

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Pacific American Coalition for Equality (APACE). Many young Asian Pacific American young people became politically involved. The chapters, district and national JACL played a leadership role in the fight for affirmative action, and is ready to challenge new threats to affirmative action programs across the nation. With your continued support, we will continue the fight for equality, and opportunity for Asian Pacific Americans and all Americans!

Thank You Vets!!

I took a trip to Vancouver, British Columbia last weekend. Canadians were celebrating Veterans Day. All around town, people were wearing red poppies, signs displayed the words "Lest We Forget," flags flew in honor of veterans reminding people of their sacrifices so Canadians could live in a free society. My trip reminded me that this Veterans Day, I want to publicly thank our U.S. veter-

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Scholarship application forms now available

by Christine Shigaki

Applications are now available for JACL National and Seattle Scholarship Awards and can be obtained by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to: The Seattle JACL Scholarship Chair, 3904 - 24th Avenue S., Seattle, WA 98108.

Entering freshmen (high school seniors) scholarship applications must be mailed to the Seattle Chapter and postmarked by March 1, 1999.

The National JACL will also be awarding undergraduate, graduate, law, and creative arts scholarships and other special awards. Applications for these scholarships must be mailed to National JACL by April 1, 1999.

Aki Kurose Scholarship Fund raises \$8,000 to date

by May Namba

The Seattle Chapter JACL gratefully acknowledges the following individuals for their very generous donation in support of the Aki Kurose Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Massie Tomita, May Namba, Smith and Sachiko Hayami, Shigeko Uno, Chiz Norton, Akemi Matsumoto, Masao & Cherry Kinoshita, Seattle Chapter JACL, Grant Yamaguchi, Polly Shigaki, Ken Nakano, Kazzie Katayama, John & Sadako Matsumoto, Ayako Hurd

The Seattle JACL will be awarding scholarships as well. Application deadline for local scholarships will be April 15, 1999.

To be eligible for the scholarships, applicants must be planning to attend a college, university, trade school, business school or any other institution of higher learning at the undergraduate or graduate school level in the fall of 1999. Also, National JACL membership is a requirement to be considered for a JACL scholarship. Membership must be held by either the applicant or the applicant's parents. Extended family ties do not qualify. Student memberships are available.

All qualified persons are encouraged to apply!

We are pleased to announce that over \$8,000 has been raised to date toward our goal of \$25,000. Thank you very much! Anyone interested in making a donation to the Aki Kurose Memorial Scholarship Fund may send a check to the Seattle Chapter JACL. Please make checks payable to the Seattle Chapter JACL and indicate in the memo section "Aki Kurose Memorial Scholarship Fund." Send checks to: Aki Kurose Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Seattle Chapter JACL, PO Box 18558, Seattle, WA 98118-0558.

Study of Nikkei character underway in King County

by Tets Kashima

Do old-world traits get transmitted via the first-generation immigrants to their off-springs, possibly even of the third and fourth generations? Dr. S. Frank Miyamoto, Professor Emeritus, and Dr. Tetsuden Kashima, Associate Professor, from the University of Washington, have begun a survey research study of King County Japanese Americans to determine whether this passing of traits occurs or not. Previous studies conducted by researchers in Japan, Hawaii and Brazil have found evidence of this transmission to Japanese Americans in these areas, but this will be the first study of this kind to be performed in the continental United States.

Simultaneously with the project in King County, Profes-

sor Stephen Fujita, the current Research Director of the Densho Project in this area, will be conducting a parallel survey study of Japanese Americans in Santa Clara, California.

The study is being sponsored by the Institute of Statistical Mathematics in Tokyo and funded by the Monbusho (Ministry of Education and Culture).

The King County study involves interviewing 150 Japanese Americans by administering a questionnaire consisting of 100 multiple choice questions. The interviews will last approximately 1 hour, and will be conducted at either the Nikkei Disease Prevention Center or the participant's home. For more information, contact Dr. Kashima at (206)

Heart Mountain reunion set for September 15-17, 2000

by Ben Sakamoto

Have you heard of the Heart Mountain, Wyoming Relocation Center? If you have or are interested in joining other Japanese internees of Heart Mountain Relocation Center, there will be a reunion in Seattle, Washington, at the SeaTac Doubletree Inn on September 15-17, 2000. Please reserve the dates for this social event.

Additional information will be mailed to the past attendees of the Heart Mountain Reunion 1992 in Seattle. If you want additional information, want to be on the mailing

and registration list, or have any questions, please contact one of the following persons:

Heart Mountain Reunion VII (year 2000)

Ben Sakamoto, publicity chairman—

Bellevue, WA 98004; Tel

Toshi Terayama, registrar— Kent, WA 98032; tel.

Gilbert Inaba, chairman— Seattle, WA 98155; tel.

Densho reception features videotaped personal histories

Densho, a project of the Japanese American Chamber of Commerce (JACCC), will be holding a reception and a preview of its videotaped personal stories and archives. See the history of the Japanese American community come to life through a multi-media presentation! The event will be held on Sunday, November 22, 1998, 2-4 p.m. at the

Nippon Kan Theatre. To RSVP (required), please contact JACC: (206) 233-9292, FAX (206) 233-9294 or e-mail:

Densho will be exhibited at the Wing Luke Asian Museum beginning Tuesday, November 24, 1998.

Seattle Chapter website on and running

by Jill Beppu

A website for the Seattle Chapter has been built by Rachel Iwamoto of the Lake Washington Chapter and Jill Beppu of the Seattle Chapter. It's address is <<http://www.scn.org/civic/jacl>>.

Seattle Community Network, a nonprofit freenet, is hosting the site. Our email is <jacl@scn.org>. Give the site a peek and chat back with any ideas that you would like to see developed via the web. It will contain the chapter newsletter, local, regional, state community events. Also, if you would like links to the site as members, give us an 'e'.

New Members & Renewals

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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): _____

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Please return to:

May Namba, Membership chair
Seattle, WA 98117

Thank you for your support!

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ans for giving me the freedom I enjoy today. I especially want to thank our Nisei Veterans who put their lives on the line for us while their families were imprisoned in concentration camps back home.

It wasn't until I was in my late teens or twenties that I fully understood that my father was a veteran and the sacrifice he made for our country. I had always known my father was an interpreter and was in Japan for a while during the war. It wasn't until much later that I found out about the Military Intelligence Service (MIS) and learned that he was a member of this famous group. Like so many other Nisei men, he volunteered for the military while his family remained in camp. I never took the time to say thank you to him for this sacrifice while he was alive, so on this veterans day, I will be thinking of him and thanking him in my own way.

And to all you veterans out there, happy Veterans Day and thank you!

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