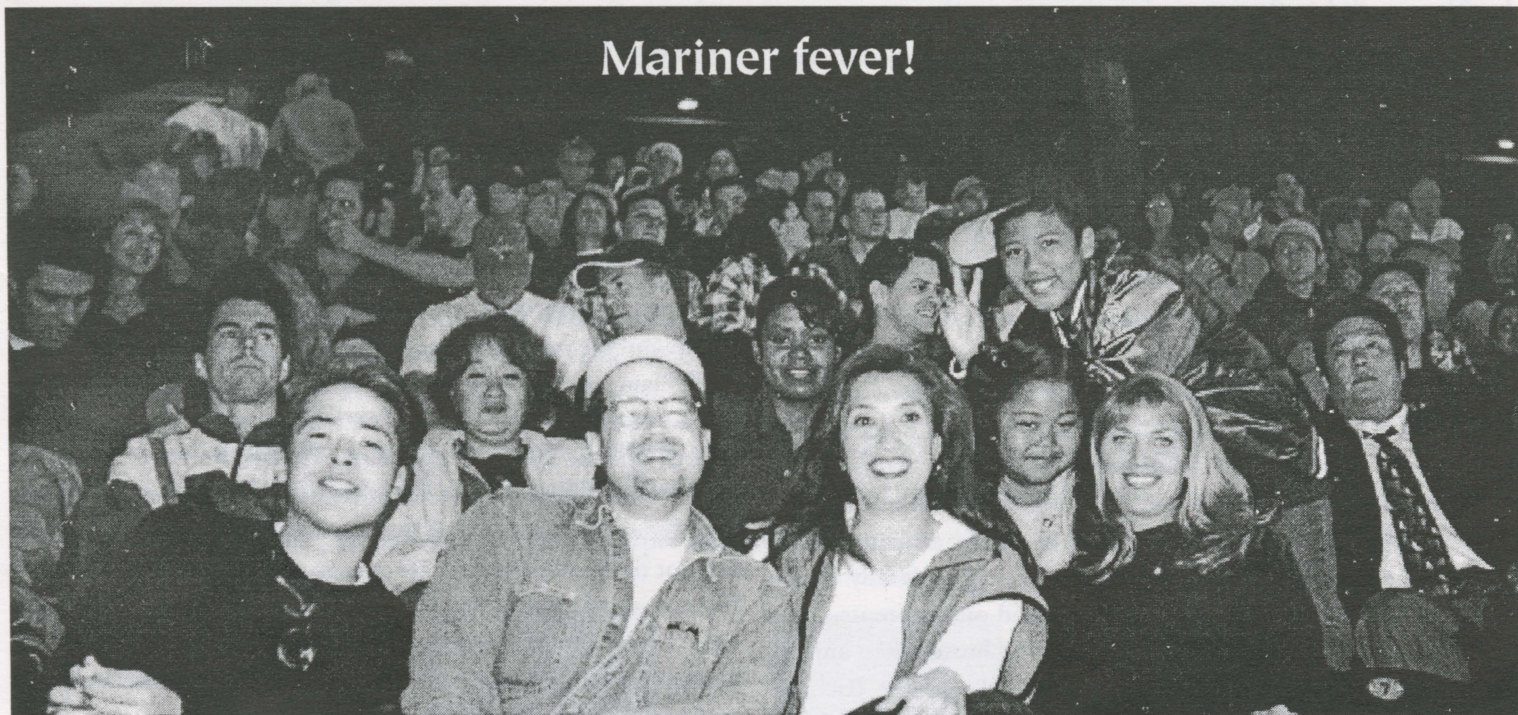

January 27, 2001: Seattle Chapter JAACL Installation Banquet

Mariner fever!



Forty Seattle Chapter members, family and friends attended the September 21st Seattle Mariners/Oakland Athletics baseball game at Safeco Field. The Mariners lost this game but managed to get into the playoffs and the American League Championship Series.

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Conscience and the Constitution to air on PBS in late November/ December

by *Arlene Oki*

Conscience and the Constitution, an award-winning documentary on the largest organized resistance to the wartime incarceration of Japanese Americans, will air nationwide on PBS Thursday, November 30, 2000. (In the Puget Sound area, *Conscience* will air on KCTS/9, December 12, at 10 PM.) The powerful documentary is the first program to tell the complete story of the young men who refused to be drafted from the concentration camp at Heart Mountain, Wyoming, until their rights were restored and their

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API Community Leadership Foundation celebrates first graduating class

by *Akemi Matsumoto*

In 1993, when Kip Tokuda was Seattle Chapter President, he envisioned a leadership training program for the API community. He found others who felt the same way and in 1998, this group organized the API Community Leadership Foundation.

The Seattle Chapter provided the seed money for the first year's program. Four JAACL Board Members also serve on the ACLF Board and one of the trainees is also a Seattle Board member. Since last spring ten trainees have attended monthly training sessions led by a variety of community leaders.

The graduation of the inaugural class will be celebrated on Thursday, December 7th from 5:30–8:30 p.m. at the Four Seas Restaurant. Please come and cheer our graduates. The cost is \$40. Please call Jill Nishi at [redacted] or Akemi Matsumoto at [redacted] for reservations.

President's Message

A Busy Fall

by Sharon Sobie-Seymour

These last few months have kept our board very busy. On September 26th, Raising Our Asian Pacific American Representation (ROAR), held a rally at the Four Seas Restaurant, inviting the community to talk informally with local candidates about immigration, hate crimes, healthcare, social security and other concerns. ROAR has done a great job with trying to empower APA's through voter registration and voter education.



Sharon Sobie-Seymour

Chapter representatives, along with 1600 other guests, attended the Nikkei Concerns 25th Anniversary Celebration on September 30th. Keynote speaker Lori Matsukawa highlighted the changing dynamics of our community and entertained us with a story emphasizing the importance and value of our elderly and our youth. The event reinforced our commitment to our aging family members, and our love and respect for parents and grandparents.

The Asian Bar Association of Washington hosted their annual dinner on October 4th. They named the Honorable Richard Ishikawa Judge of the Year, and awarded Attorney Rod Kawakami the Presidential Civil Rights Award. U.S. Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights Bill Lan Lee gave the keynote address. Among his many topics were racial profiling and the growing number of hate crimes in the nation, calling these some of the top priorities of his office.

On October 20th the Asian Counseling & Referral Service celebrated their 2000 Benefit Dinner and Dance. They showcased

a variety of talented Asian performers while trying to raise money for their many social service programs. It was a night of fun and entertainment.

September and October were especially filled with letter writing campaigns to our State Senators and Representatives for the passing of the Hate Crimes Prevention Bill, Native Hawaiian Sovereignty & Self-Determination legislation, the support of Bill Lan Lee's appointment as Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights and the naming of the Seattle Federal Courthouse in honor of William Kenzo Nakamura.

Currently, the Hate Crimes Prevention bill has passed the Senate but not the House. Representatives McDermott, Inslee and Smith voted for the bill and Representative Dunn voted against. The Federal recognition of Native Hawaiians passed the House but not the Senate. Senator Murray voted for the bill and Senator Gorton voted against. Bill Lan Lee was later officially granted his title. The House of Representatives passed the resolution for the Nakamura Courthouse with the help of Representatives Dunn and McDermott. It awaits passage in the Senate.

I also wanted to mention the recent passings of two of our Past Presidents, Dr. Terrance Masaru Toda, who was also our landlord, and George Fugami. Their contributions to JACL and the community are appreciated and will be long remembered.

Even though the year is quickly coming to an end, we still have much to do before 2001. Our anti-discrimination committee is always looking for more volunteers. The Day of Remembrance project which includes distributing Internment curriculum to local schools is just gearing up. We need help selling ads and tables for the Installation Banquet. If you are interested in helping or becoming more involved in chapter functions please let me know.

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families released from camp. It was an act of civil disobedience that led to the largest trial for draft resistance in U.S. history.

The one-hour documentary was produced and directed by Seattle Chapter member Frank Abe, in association with the Independent Television Service (ITVS) and with funding provided by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund.

For more information about *Conscience and the Constitution*, visit their website at <www.itvs.org/conscience>.

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It's That Time of Year!

by Ann F. Lindwall and Joanne Kimura, Co-Chairs, Installation Banquet Committee

We are in the home stretch in planning our 79th Annual JACL Installation Banquet, to be held on Saturday, January 27, 2001. Our keynote speaker will be Seattle native journalist and author Bill Hosokawa.

The committee is busy recruiting advertisements for our program booklet from local businesses. Maybe your dentist, doctor, local neighborhood merchants would be interested in supporting JACL by placing an ad in our booklet. This is our largest and most successful fundraiser of the year, and even just one ad from many individuals will help to support the JACL committees that work very hard during the year.

JACL has been around for almost 80 years and has done much to help support the community on such critical issues as racial harassment and violence, anti discrimination and representation in our political and legislative systems, where many of these issues are decided.

If you have questions, contact Ann Fujii Lindwall at _____ or e-mail _____ . Thank you for your support!

The booklet will be printed on fine quality paper and will be a standard 8-1/2 x 11" size. Your choices and costs for your advertisement are as follows:

Full Page 7" x 9-1/2" \$450	1/2 Page 7" x 4-3/4" \$250	1/4 Page 3-1/2" x 4-3/4" \$150	1/8 Page Business Card \$75

Your advertisement must be CAMERA READY (ready for print without further modifications). Electronic material should be in the following format: Tiff, PC format, 150-300 dpi. It must be received by Friday, 12/31/00.

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Please sign above and keep a copy for your records. Send check, form and camera-ready advertisement to:
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Our primary means of carrying out our mission is a monthly meeting, held at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at the chapter office (316 Maynard Ave. S., Seattle) except August. All are welcome. (Those wishing to make presentations or be added to the meeting agenda should contact President Sharon Sobie Seymour)

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