

## Civil Liberties Denied: 1942 and Today

**Mark your calendar for May 17th** – Hear the experiences of World War II as told by local Japanese Americans as well as recent experiences of local Arab-American and Muslim-American community members. In doing so, it is our hope to better understand civil rights and civil liberties violations from yesterday and today and work to protect and preserve them for all of us.

During this intergenerational event: local residents will share their stories; participants will engage in table discussions; we will discuss how everyone can be proactive during this time of eroding civil liberties; and community resources will be shared, allowing us to get connected.

Sponsors to date include the Arab American Community Coalition, Hate Free Zone of Washington, and the King County Civil Rights Commission. Supported by the American Civil Liberties Union of Washington.

Join the Seattle JACL for this community event on Saturday, May 17 at the New Holly Gathering Hall, located on Beacon Hill at 7054 - 32nd Ave. S, just east of Van Asselt Community Center, 1 - 4 PM. Registration begins at 12:30 PM. Free parking, admission, and refreshments offered. Space is limited. For more information or to reserve your space, contact Joy Shigaki at the JACL Office, (206) 622-4098 or e-mail <jaclevent@yahoo.com>.

## 120,000 Tassel Tapestry

See the “120,000 Tassel Tapestry,” a Seattle Cherry Blossom and Japanese Cultural Festival highlight this year. The tapestry is made up of panels that depict the Japanese American experience during World War II. This unique historical perspective is the project of eighth grade students from two Indiana middle schools. The students undertook the making of the tapestry after learning about the history of Japanese Americans as part of their school studies.

While displayed in Seattle, the Tassel Tapestry is co-sponsored by the MIS-Northwest Association, the Nisei Veterans Committee, and the Japanese Community Service (JCS) of Seattle. The Seattle JACL will be assisting the JCS by providing monitors for the tapestry on Sunday during the festival.

The annual Seattle Cherry Blossom and Japanese Cultural Festival will be at the Seattle Center from Friday, April 18 through Sunday, April 20, 2003. The Seattle JACL has supported this event since the festival's inception. This event is the Pacific Northwest's premier showcase of Japanese culture featuring many displays and exhibitions of Japanese arts, crafts, food, and history.

## USA Patriot Act

by the Civil Rights Committee

The USA Patriot Act will be covered at a membership event held by the JACL Civil Rights Committee. Everyone is invited to attend and listen to current civil rights issues affecting Americans, especially new immigrants. Christine Entrekine from the American Civil Liberties Union and a representative from the Hate Free Zone of Washington will lead the event, followed by a question and answer session.

On the heels of 9/11, the Congress, Senate, and the President passed the USA Patriot Act. In the name of national security, the USA Patriot Act was aimed at uniting and strengthening our country by providing “appropriate tools required to intercept and obstruct terrorism.” However, the USA Patriot Act infringes upon basic civil rights, giving the government greater power to monitor, search, and seize information and property as well as imprison Americans without due process of law. Further, the USA Patriot Act places the government beneath a widening umbrella of secrecy.

The meeting will be held Saturday, April 19 at the JACL Seattle Chapter Office, 316 Maynard Ave. S, room 111, 1 PM. This event is FREE for JACL members with a \$3 suggested donation for non-members. For more information contact Emily Momohara, (206) [redacted] or Anna Tamura,

## Proposed Japanese Cultural and Community Center

Lori Matsukawa, Kip Tokuda and Judge Ron Mamiya, co-chairs of the Nikkei Heritage Association of Washington, are pleased to announce a meeting to inform and receive feedback from the community on a proposed Japanese Cultural and Community Center. The meeting will be held Sunday, May 18 at the Jewish Community Center, 3801 East Mercer Way on Mercer Island, 2 PM.

### New Membership Information

Members constitute the life energy of Seattle JACL. We are always looking for new energy and fresh ideas in helping us to preserve liberty and justice for all. Your membership and involvement goes a long way in helping us to make a difference together.



See “Membership” on page 3

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## President's Message

by Tatsuo M.W. Nakata, President

Seattle JACL further commits itself to community, justice, and youth leadership development.

**Community Building:** Consul General Abe is extremely interested in the Nikkei community, holding a luncheon where dialogue was initiated to address challenges facing the Japanese American community and to find ways for the Nikkei and Japanese population to work closer together. At this private luncheon, I had the distinct privilege of representing Seattle JACL. Other guests included Susan Oki, Ken Sato, and former State Representative Kip Tokuda, contributing a great deal of wisdom and insight.

This discussion was the first of many, providing opportunity for all of us to plan for the future of the Nikkei community, preserve the rich legacy of our elders, and allow our community to thrive for generations to come.

**Voter Rights:** Seattle JACL was proud to support the Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA) and other community organizations as they held a press conference, expressing support for the King County Elections Division who ensures equal voting-poll access to voters with bilingual assistance needs.

**Initiative 200:** In 1998, Seattle JACL partnered with several other organizations to oppose Initiative 200 (I-200) and its clearly negative impact on diversity in Washington. Proponents of I-200 suggested the initiative would eliminate inequalities in the workplace, contracting, and admissions (recent statistics show that the opposite has happened). Despite our effort, I-200 went into effect, leaving many concerned about diversity and questioning if the goal of equal access and opportunity for all Americans was being reached.

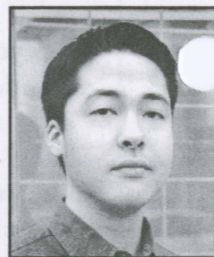
In the wake of I-200, a small coalition has started a dialogue on the ways to address the disturbing trends associated with the initiative passing. I was privileged to take part in this dialogue and will remain involved, keeping our board and membership informed of developments.

**Youth Leadership Development:** The Kaizen Group is our chapter's youth affiliated group, involving college students and young professionals in our community as well as providing a strong network of support and friendship for its members.

The Kaizen Group recently held an activity, which I had the distinct honor of attending, to watch the Seattle Supersonics play and beat the Mavericks. This is only one example of the many activities that Kaizen holds. Others include: an upcoming leadership retreat, participation in the National Youth/ Student Conference, assistance with Help Nicole, and the Kaizen Youth Leadership Award.

Get involved with The Kaizen Group. Form and strengthen leadership skills and build lasting friendships with other dynamic youth along the way. If you are a person between the ages of 18 and 25, Kaizen is a wonderful way to be active. For more information, please feel free to contact our chapter.

In conclusion, I would like to thank you for your continued support through membership. Your membership provides us with the means to carry on as an organization and to continue our advocacy for justice and equality, and also to preserve and promote our dynamic history as Japanese Americans.



## Announcements

### Events Calendar

**Apr. 18-20** – Seattle Cherry Blossom & Japanese Cultural Festival with exhibits, performances and demonstrations, Seattle Center House. Contact: (206) 726-2003.

**Apr. 19** – USA Patriot Act informational event. JACL Office, 316 Maynard Ave. S, room 111, 1 PM. FREE for JACL members with a \$3 suggested donation for non-members. Contact: Emily Momohara, [redacted] or Anna Tamura [redacted]

**Apr. 29** – Everyone is invited to the Civil Right Committee/ Anti-Discrimination Committee meeting. JACL Office, 316 Maynard Ave. S, room 111, 6:30 PM. Contact: Joy Shigaki [redacted]

**May 3** – The Big Take Out annual fund-raising dinner for St. Peter's Episcopal Parish. St. Peter's Parish Hall, 1610 S King St., Seattle, 12 - 5 PM, \$8. Contact: (206) 323-5250.

**May 4** – Celebration hosted by the Asian Pacific Director's Coalition with lion dance, taiko, martial arts, break dancers, rappers, singers, drill teams, and more. Seattle Center House, 12 - 4:30 PM, FREE. Contact: Frank Irigon [redacted] or Alan Sugiyama, [redacted]

**May 17** – Civil Liberties Denied: 1942 and Today, experiences of World War II told by Japanese Americans and recent experiences of local Arab-American and Muslim-American community members. New Holly Gathering Hall, 7054 - 32nd Ave. S, 1 - 4 PM, FREE. Contact: Joy Shigaki, [redacted]

**May 18** – meeting for proposed Japanese Cultural and Community Center to inform and receive feedback from the community. Jewish Community Center, 3801 East Mercer Way, Mercer Island, 2 PM.

**Jun. 4** – Long Term Care Workshop with a GE Financial representative. JACL Office, 316 Maynard Ave. S, room 111, 4 - 6 PM. RSVP or contact: Kazzie Katayama, [redacted]

**Jun. 27-29** – Minidoka Pilgrimage, offering tremendous opportunity to hear presentations from Roger Shimomura and Dan Sakura, participate in dialogue, and view the Minidoka Internment Site. Contact: Emily Momohara, [redacted]

## Recent Membership

### Individual

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Tony Atcheson  
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Chris and Jean Kato  
Wayne and Yuka Kimura  
Tomi and Tosh Mano  
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Junzo and Masaye Nakagawa  
George and Jean Nishi  
Dennis Nomura

### Thousand Club

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### Century Club

Shigeko Uno

### Student/Youth

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Tebo Matsudaira  
Bessie Okada  
Connie Saito  
Fudge Shiogi  
Rosie Sugahara  
Elsie Taniguchi

## Aki Sogabe: Japanese Farmers at the Pike Place Market

Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ sets of "Japanese Farmers at the Pike Place Market," a five-card set. I have enclosed \$15 for each set, plus a \$1.50 postage and handling fee."

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_



Please send completed form to: **Seattle Chapter JACL**  
PO Box 18558, Seattle, WA, 98118-0558

## Membership, continued from page 1

### Membership Benefits

Free subscription to the Pacific Citizen Newspaper  
Monthly Seattle JACL Newsletter  
Scholarship Program  
JACL Credit Union Services

### Membership Categories

**Individual \$62** – Regular sustained members of the organization.

**Youth & Student \$26** – Category for individuals who are 25 years or younger or who are currently enrolled in a college, trade school, or university at either the undergraduate or graduate level.

**Couple & Family \$110** – Spouses or partners (and children) residing in the same household.

**Thousand Club \$100, Century Club \$175** – Exclusive membership categories whose members make a larger annual contribution to the programs of the organization.

**Life Thousand Club \$1000, Life Century Club \$2000** – Spouse or partner of a current Thousand Club, Century Club, or Life Member.

**Chapter Booster \$20, Senior Chapter Booster \$15** – These members do not receive the Pacific Citizen, but do receive the Chapter newsletter. All proceeds from Booster Membership goes to the Seattle Chapter.

### Membership Form

Membership Category: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to designate an additional contribution to:

- Education  Pike Place Market Art Project  
 Scholarship  Aki Kurose Scholarship  
 Civil Rights  Legacy

Donation Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Day/Evening: \_\_\_\_\_

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Yes, receive chapter newsletter notice by e-mail.

Yes, list my information in the Japanese American Community Directory

Please make checks payable to JACL and remit to:  
Seattle Chapter Membership Chair  
P.O. Box 18558  
Seattle, WA 98118

**Mission Statement:** The Seattle Chapter JACL is a non-profit, grassroots civil rights organization dedicated to empowering our local community through high-quality programs and strategic partnerships focusing on activism, education, and youth leadership development. As a chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League, we strive to be a leading Asian American advocacy group for civil and human rights while promoting and preserving the values and cultural heritage of Japanese Americans.

**Chapter Board Meeting:** Our primary means of carrying out our mission is a monthly meeting, held at 6:30 PM on the third Wednesday of each month, except August, at the chapter office, 316 Maynard Ave. S., Seattle. Those wishing to make presentations or be added to the meeting agenda should contact President Tatsuo M.W. Nakata prior to the meeting. All are welcome.

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