

Annual Installation Banquet Tickets Now Available

You can now buy your tickets to the 82nd Annual Installation Banquet Dinner!! This year's banquet theme is, "Building on Our Legacies Across Generations." We are honored to have keynote speaker Lori Matsukawa, co-anchor for KING 5 News at 10 PM weeknights on KONG TV 6/16. The exciting program also features honorees from across our community, including Terry Nakano, Gloria Shigeno, Emily Momohara, and the JACL Civil Rights/Anti-Discrimination Committee.

Support the JACL Scholarship fund as you join your friends by purchasing raffle tickets at the Installation Banquet. Items for the raffle were generously donated, like a Seattle SuperSonics suite and theme baskets filled with toys and games, Asian items, and relaxation, health and spa items.

We look forward to seeing all of you there on Saturday, January 31, 2004. If you have not received an invitation or need more information, please contact May Namba at [redacted] or Takako Yoda at [redacted].

Please RSVP before January 16th.

MLK Rally and March

The Seattle JACL will again join the Martin Luther King Celebration Committee in the Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Rally and March.

This year's theme is "March in MLK's Footsteps: Justice Begins at Home." The event will be Monday, January 19, 2004, at Garfield High School, 400 - 23rd Ave. in Seattle.

The activities include:

- 9:30 AM - *Workshops, with several geared toward youth*
- 11 AM - *Rally with speakers, poetry, and music*
- 12 PM - *March to the HUD Regional Office in Downtown Seattle*

In his "Letter from Birmingham Jail," Dr. King said, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." The MLK Celebration Committee echoes that sentiment, and witnesses its truth as the current administration's priorities replace spending for education, job training, health care, housing, and other needs at home. The workshop topics and rally speakers will reflect many of the aspects of Dr. King's work for racial equality, economic justice, and peace. The Seattle JACL is honored to rededicating ourselves to the work of Dr. King by participating in this worthy event. Please join us!

For more information call: CAMP (206) 812-4940.

2004 JACL Scholarships

Although the new year is just beginning, it's time to be thinking about graduation and college for this year's seniors, and for those already matriculating at a college, to think about graduate school. The National JACL Scholarship program offers many freshman, undergraduate, graduate, law, and creative and performing arts scholarships.

The deadline for freshman scholarships is March 1, 2004. This application must FIRST be sent to the Seattle chapter office for the local scholarship committee to review. Therefore, it is suggested that the application arrive at the JACL office by February 21, 2004.

All other applications must be postmarked by April 1, 2004 and may be sent directly to: National JACL Scholarship Program, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115.

Scholarship information and applications are available on the National JACL website (www.jacl.org). If you have difficulty obtaining an application through the website, you may contact National JACL at (415) 921-5225. You may also contact the local scholarship committee representative, Elaine Akagi, at [redacted].

The deadlines will be upon us quickly, so don't let this opportunity slip by.

Day of Remembrance

The University of Washington will hold a Day of Remembrance (DOR) program to commemorate the anniversary of Executive Order 9066 (E.O. 9066) that enabled the mass evacuation and internment of 120,000 Japanese Americans during World War II. A lesser-known outcome of E.O. 9066 was the similar evacuation and internment of 900 Aleut Americans from the Pribilofs and other Aleutian islands.

This year's program will focus on these Aleuts. The physical, social and medical conditions for the Aleut Americans in the internment camps were abysmal. As a result of their incarceration, ten percent would die.

The program will include two Aleut American elders and a Japanese American from Alaska who will talk about their World War II experience. A new PBS video production by Marla Williams on the Aleut American story will be previewed. Ms Williams will also discuss the making of the video.

The public is invited to attend this program. The date will be February 19, 2004 from 7:30 - 9 PM at the University of Washington. The exact location has yet to be determined, but will most likely be at Smith Hall in Room 120. Please check the Seattle JACL web page (www.jaclseattle.org) or call Bill Tashima at [redacted] for final details.

President's Message

by Bill Tashima, President

Minna-san, Shinnen Akemashite Omedeto Gozai Masu!

On behalf of the 2004 Seattle JACL Board, I wish all our friends and members a Happy New Year!

In my first "President's Message", I thought I would tell you a little bit about myself, about our Board, and about our expectations for the coming year. I am a transplanted Midwesterner (Cleveland, Ohio) Sansei who moved out to Seattle in 1981. I first joined Jr. JACL back in 1964 and since then I have been involved with JACL. My family is a JACL family with my father and brother having both served as Presidents of the Cleveland JACL.

I have always been impressed by JACL's unabashed advocacy of civil rights and human rights. Growing up, this included JACL's participation in the Loving vs. Virginia Supreme Court Case which ended anti-miscegenation laws, the campaign to Repeal Title II of the Internal Security Act of 1950, and the struggles of JACL Legal Counsel, Bill Marutani, in Bogalusa Louisiana in the 1960's. Forty years later, we seem to still face similar issues. Forty years later, JACL is still in the forefront of advocacy.

The immediate past boards have set a high standard for us to follow. For example, in the last three year's, the Seattle JACL has greatly increased its programs and coalition building with other organizations under the superb leadership of Presidents Akemi Matsumoto, Arlene Oki, and Tatsuo Nakata.

However, we are up to the task. If you glance at the Board Roster, you will notice many familiar names. But take a closer look, and you will see that our Board represents the diversity of the Nikkei community...we have nisei, sansei, yonsei, professionals, students, retirees, political activists, vets, etc. We are very happy to welcome to this year's board Tadd Mitsui, Odea High School Student, and Kenji McCullough

and Mariko Sato, both UW students. We can use both their energy and their perspectives.

The Executive Board has changes too! We welcome three new members to the Executive Board, including Darrell Mihara, as First Vice-President, Alan Yabui, as Fourth Vice-President, and Ken Kurata, as Treasurer. With JACL stalwarts like May Namba, Elaine Akagi, and Arlene Oki, and new leaders like Joy Shigaki, and Tatsuo Nakata, our Executive Board also reflects the spectrum of our community.

The full Board represents both continuity and change...a promising year, neh?

Our programs for this year are still in the planning stages; we will hold our annual retreat in early February. However, our programs will reflect the two-fold mission of the Seattle JACL which is to be a leading Asian American advocacy group for civil and human right while promoting and preserving the values and cultural heritage of Japanese Americans. Our programs will also target the emerging needs of multi-racial yonsei and gosei youth.

We hope to focus on building up our chapter's infrastructure this year by increasing our membership involving more members in our activities, and devising additional fund raising options. One key in increasing membership is providing programs in which the general membership can participate, both in the planning and in the event. As a first step, each of the Vice-Presidents and the Historian will write an article for the newsletter in which they



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Announcements

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Events Calendar

Jan. 19 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Rally and March: "March in MLK's Footsteps: Justice Begins at Home" with workshops, speakers, poetry, and music; Garfield High School, 400 - 23rd Ave., Seattle, 9:30 AM. Contact: (206) 812-4940.

Jan. 24-25 - Tet Festival: Vietnamese Lunar New Year with exhibits, musical performance, and activities; Seattle Center, all day, FREE. Contact: (206) 706-2658, www.tetinseattle.org.

Jan. 24 - Chinatown-International District Lunar New Year Celebration with lion and dragon dance performance by the Mak Hin Fai School of Kung Fu, cultural music, and other performances; Union Station, 401 S Jackson St., 12 - 6 PM. Contact: Tim Wang, www.seattlechinatown.org.

Jan. 31 - Seattle Chapter JACL Annual Installation Banquet with keynote speaker Lori Matsukawa; Doubletree Hotel -

SeaTac, 18740 Pacific Hwy. South, Seattle. For ticket or sponsorship information please contact: (206) 622-4098.

Feb. 18 - Center for Career Alternatives dinner and program entitled "Opening Doors, Making Dreams Come True" with reception and silent auction; Seattle Sheraton Hotel, 1400 6th Ave., 5 PM, \$70. Contact: (206) 322-9080 or (425) 252-6400.

Feb. 19 - Day of Remembrance Program to commemorate the anniversary of Executive Order 9066, focusing on the internment of Aleut Americans from the Pribilofs and other Aleutian islands; University of Washington, 7:30 - 9 PM. Contact: Bill Tashima,

CCA Dinner

Entitled "Opening Doors, Making Dreams Come True," the Center for Career Alternatives (CCA) will hold its annual dinner on Wednesday, February 18, 2004, at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel. The event will include a silent and live auction at 5 PM, with the program and dinner at 6:30.

Under the leadership of Executive Director, Alan Sugiyama, CCA has provided the highest quality education, employment, training and career development services to a culturally diverse population of disadvantaged youth and adults.

The Seattle JACL will be organizing a community table for the dinner. Tickets are \$70 per person. If you are interested in joining us at this worthwhile event, please contact Bill Tashima at _____ or e-mail him at Buber@aol.com before January 24.

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will detail the current programs that fall under their responsibility and where volunteer opportunities exists. I urge all interested members and friends to contact us to help out.

Fund raising is an issue in every non-profit organization. Fund raising within the community is difficult because the Nikkei community has many worthy causes and organizations. Hopefully, we will be able to target funding source outside community. More on this item to come.

At the end of this month, we have our annual Installation Banquet. The committee has worked hard to make this event a success. We will honor community leaders like Terry Nakano, Gloria Shigeno, Emily Momohara, and the JACL Civil Rights/Anti-Discrimination Committee. Lori Matsukawa will be our keynote speaker. Please join us on January 31st.

I hope to end each column with recognition of friends and members. This month, I would like to start by recognizing former Seattle Chapter President Akemi Matsumoto and current Fourth Vice-President Alan Yabui for having the designation of "Living Treasure" bestowed on them by the Bellevue Community College for their work in advancing pluralism in the community.

Anna Tamura, current Board Member and National Park Service (NPS) representative, gave a succinct overview of the NPS plans for the Minidoka Internment site and Eagle Harbor site on Bainbridge Island before the Lake Washington JACL Chapter Installation Dinner in December.

I want to thank Mark Quintana, JACL member and LMP at Healing Grounds Massage, for donating three hour-long massage certificates as prizes for our membership drive and for the Installation Banquet raffle baskets. Mark also talked to _____ office partner, John Hostetler of Cascade Acupuncture, who then donated two acupuncture treatments, valued at \$160, as prizes in the raffle baskets.

A promising year...Shinnen Akemashite Omedeto Gozai Masu!

Recent Membership

Individual

Lorraine Bannai
Mitzi Butler
Ryan Chin
Linda Ettinger
Frank S. Fujii
Albert Hikida
Tsuguo Ikeda
Yoshiko Imanishi
Dean Koga
Charlene Lee

Yoshito Mizuta
Lilly Mukai
James Nakamoto
Chizuko Norton
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Hideko Tachibana
Mariko Tanagi
Elmer Tazuma
Jane Tsuboi
Ida Zodrow

Couples/Family

Lily Eng and Jeffrey Saul
Kevin Graham and Mary Miyaya
Stanley Shikuma and Tracy Lai
Victor and Lilly Takemoto
Joe and Linda Visaya
George and Wendy Yates
Art and Sumi Yoshioka

Booster

Joy Hager
Jim Namba
Helen Yamamoto

Senior Booster

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Shunji Ito

Student/Youth

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Carrie Sekijima

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Membership Form

Individual \$62, Youth & Student \$26, Couple & Family \$110,
Chapter Booster \$20, Senior Chapter Booster \$15.

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Information

Mission Statement: The Seattle Chapter JAACL 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 Bill Tashima prior to the meeting. All are welcome.

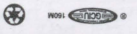
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