

## Welcome JACL Intern Angel Taniguchi

It is my privilege to be the new intern for your Seattle Chapter. I'm from the Kent/Renton area, and recently graduated from Washington State University with a double major in Women's Studies and Ethnic Studies. As an undergraduate at a predominately white institution, I became heavily involved with student organizing in people of color communities, and specifically with Asian/Pacific American student groups. I've also been a founding member of three campus organizations: the Multiracial Student Union, the American Nihonjin Organization, and the Students for Equity and Diversity



I am an Americorps member for Washington Campus Connections at Antioch University Seattle. I supervise and coordinate programs for students who are doing service learning either on their own or for a class. Because of my passion for community organizing and social justice, I thought that the position at Antioch in combination with my internship would allow me to reconnect with the needs of my community.

I see the JACL as a successful communal effort to bring about change, and through the organization I hope to learn about grant writing, membership development, and community-based civic engagement. I'm looking forward to working with you all!

## Review of Candidates Forum

*Powerful and Engaging*

Rumored to be the best-attended candidates forum of the season, the *Communities of Color Seattle City Candidates Forum* on October 17th boasted over 200 participants and over 35 organizational endorsements. More importantly, the participants were educated on the Seattle City Council candidate positions on housing and racial profiling, issues important to communities of color. In turn, the candidates were educated through testimonies on racial profiling and housing and by the questions themselves. As importantly, our communities and the candidates realized that there is strength, especially when we work together.

The broadcast of the Candidates Forum is being replayed on the Seattle Channel (channel 21). See their website for the schedule at [www.seattlechannel.org/media/schedule.asp](http://www.seattlechannel.org/media/schedule.asp). Results from a City Council Candidates Survey on Racial Profiling and Housing is available on the JACL website at [www.jaclseattle.org](http://www.jaclseattle.org).

## Pacific Citizen Holiday Issue

The holiday season will soon be upon us. The annual Holiday Issue of the Pacific Citizen is an ideal time to send greeting to friends across the country. The one-line greetings are again \$9, and list your family members name, address and zip code. It's a perfect way to let friends know where you are and make connections with lost friends.

If you are interested in participating in this, please send your name (you may include children's names), address and zip code with a check for \$9 made out to Seattle JACL. Please send this information by November 21st to Elaine Akagi, 7414 So. 128th St., Seattle, 98178. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at \_\_\_\_\_ or ] \_\_\_\_\_

## Racism Against Asians Americans at the University of Michigan

Two Asian students, a couple, encountered obscenities and were urinated on by two other students during a racially motivated act in late September. According to a police report, the situation escalated and at least one student began throwing objects at the couple. One of the assailants was immediately taken into custody. The second, the one that urinated on the couple, barricaded himself in his apartment and was apprehended later.

According to The Michigan Daily, "The police classified the crime as ethnic intimidation, or verbal or physical attack against a person of another race or gender." Ethnic intimidation is a felony and carries a maximum penalty of four years in jail. Ethnic intimidation is also considered a violation of University of Michigan conduct.

The incident comes on the heels of other racist incidents against Asian Americans at Washington State University. Our regional JACL office and local chapters have been working to track this incident and push for a response and accountability for the perpetrators.

**Save the Date:** JACL Annual Meeting/ Holiday Gathering, Wednesday, December 14 at 7 PM at the Four Seas Restaurant. Contact: Elaine Akagi at \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_

**Newsletter Available On-line: [www.jaclseattle.org](http://www.jaclseattle.org)**



## President's Message

by Joy Shigaki, President

First of all, I would like to welcome Angel Taniguchi to the Seattle JACL family as our new intern! She brings a great deal of passion, energy, and talent to the position and we are so glad to have her with us. Angel will be with us until next summer. (see *Welcome JACL Intern Angel Taniguchi*, page 1)

### Veterans Day

On November 11th, we remember the many men and women who have served in the military in times of war, international conflicts, and peacetime. Regardless of your thoughts on war and the military and the very complex political realities of the time and times past, this Veterans Day we especially remember the contributions of Japanese Americans in our military service and those who served in the 442nd and Military Intelligence Service despite losing rights and liberties at home. We honor our Nisei Veterans for their contributions and courage.

### 2005 City Council Candidates Forum

The October 27th forum was an incredible success! I would like to thank Devon Abdallah, Kiku Hayashi, Binah Palmer, Soya Jung, KL Shannon, Joyce Yee, Ibrahim al Husseni, Sunil Abraham, Juan Bocanegra, Sheley Secrest, and so many others who worked tirelessly on the Candidates Forum Planning Committee for the past four months. Thanks to our over 35 community organizations who co-sponsored or endorsed our event. We are grateful to you as well as to the Massena Foundation for providing major funding support for this effort. (see *Review of Candidates Forum*, page 1)

You can find coverage of the forum in the October 27th edition of the NW Asian Weekly, an op-ed in Real Change's October 26th edition, and a broadcast of the forum on Seattle Channel 21.

### Statewide Initiative 343: Anti-Immigrant and Racist

In the early summer, Initiative 343 "The Washington Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act" began to take shape in the state, attacking communities of color and pushing an anti-immigrant agenda. Signatures are now being gathered to qualify Initiative 343 for the ballot. This initiative should be a serious concern to all of us!

This initiative is being driven by forces outside of the Northwest as part of a nation wide campaign called "Protect America Now" with similar initiatives in Alabama, Arkansas, Tennessee, and others. "Protect America Now" is backed by the Federation for American Immigration Reform who is known for working with and receiving money from white supremacy groups.

#### This initiative would require

1. Voter registration applicants to supply proof of citizenship and other information;
2. Voter identification would be required at polling places;
3. Agencies that administer public benefits would be required by the initiative to verify eligibility for benefits and report

immigration law violations, subject to enforcement by citizen lawsuits and criminal prosecution.

#### Here are things to consider

1. If it's not broke, why fix it? There have been only two known cases of non-citizens voting in a Washington State election.
2. Who will fund the expensive citizenship verification process if I-343 passes?
3. How does verifying citizenship work for agencies such as emergency rooms, fire departments and law enforcement?
4. I-343 criminalizes service providers by punishing providers with criminal prosecution should they provide services to an undocumented individual or not report immigration violations.
5. I-343 forces city, county and state employees to assume federal law enforcement duties without proper training.

The Seattle JACL recognized the risk of taking this initiative at face value. We understand the national propaganda that was alight during WWII that justified the internment because of fear, racism, and other unjustified reasons.

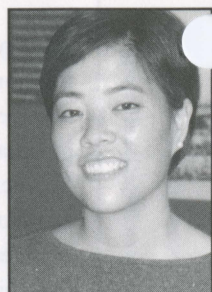
#### **Thank You**

I'd like to acknowledge Bill Tashima for taking the lead on our 2005 Aki Kurose Raffle Fundraiser. As many of you know, Bill is always willing to roll up his sleeves to get work done on behalf of JACL. Thanks so much for all you do!

Special thanks to Ken Kurata who spends hours balancing our budget, cutting checks, working with our accountant to be sure we are fiscally sound. The treasurer's job is never glorious, but always so critical to the work of the chapter. We are so grateful for all that you do!

Volunteers also do all of our office work. I'd like to thank Jeffrey Hattori and Doug Honma for handling the nominations process this year. A thank you is also in order for those who helped with the mailing party for nominations as well as our annual appeal mailer, which included Sheldon Arakaki (the Lake Washington Chapter President!), Doug Honma, Kyle Funakoshi, Kazzie and Mits Katayama, May Namba, and Angel Taniguchi. We wouldn't have gotten these out without your assistance!

Thanks to Kyle Funakoshi, Tatsuo Nakata, and Anna Tamura for hosting our fun Chinatown-International District Karaoke Idol event on November 3 at the Bush Garden.



## Recent Memberships

### Individual

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| Samie Akizuki       | Frank Muramatsu    |
| Yoshi George Fukano | Janice Nishimori   |
| Kiku Hayashi        | Mitsu R. Nomura    |
| Calvin Hoshibata    | Masaye Sado        |
| Nancy Kloster       | Joy M. St. Germain |
| Kathleen Mihara Cox | Kip Tokuda         |
| Tadako Thea Mori    | Donald Yee         |

### Couples/Family

- Kevin M. Graham  
Kristine & Rodney Kawakami

### Student/Youth

- Amy Hashiguchi

## Announcements

**Special thanks** to all those who supported the Anne Namba Trunk Show!

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|----------------|---------------------|
| Shu-Ming Wang  | Randy Brasfield     |
| Estelle Yamaki | Charity Hamano      |
| Elaine Akagi   | Karen Nagata        |
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| Jean Okazaki   | Kay Brennan         |
| Yuri Nakata    | Beatrice Kiyohara   |
| Haisik Smith   | Jan Kumasaka        |
| Larry Savitch  | Eleanor Tsao Wirum  |
| Midori Akagi   | Arlene Oki          |

### **Calendar of Events**

Oct. 21 - Dec. 18 – 30 Years After the Fall of Saigon Exhibition at the Wing Luke Asian Museum.

Oct. 21 - April 16 – Sikh Community: Over 100 Years in the Pacific Northwest Exhibition at the Wing Luke Asian Museum.

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Your gift helps to preserve and promote civil rights on a local, regional and national level, provides opportunities for education on the Japanese American interment experience and civil liberties today, supports critical advocacy on public policy issues, and maintains our commitment to leadership development and political mobilization.

In mid-December we will send a formal holiday card to the person you give the membership to, indicating your special gift as well as list it in the January newsletter. Thank you for your support.

### Gift Membership Form

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**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 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 Joy Shigaki prior to the meeting.

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