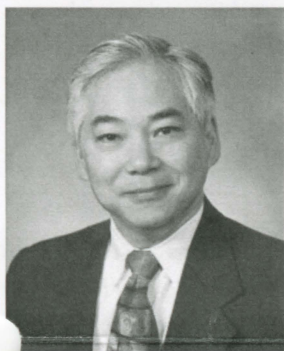


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Seattle JACL mourns the loss of respected community leader, Kip Tokuda



Kip Tokuda 1946 - 2013

Kip Tokuda, former state legislator and past president of the Seattle Chapter JACL, passed away on July 13, 2013, while enjoying his favorite pastime, fishing, on Deer Lake near his vacation home on South Whidbey Island. The news sent shockwaves throughout the Asian Pacific Islander community which has benefited greatly from his leadership on social-justice issues.

He was born in 1946 to a family that owned Tokuda Pharmacy in the Central District, which then moved to the Chinatown International District. It was a mainstay in the local Japanese American community. He recalled that kids would love to hang out at the pharmacy and would often receive free candy from his father. He graduated from Cleveland High School and then the University of Washington. After earning his master's from the UW School of Social Work, he got his first job in the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services as a caseworker on child abuse and neglect cases. He moved up quickly when Governor Booth Gardner appointed him to become director of the Washington Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect.

Kip served in the state House of Representatives from 1994 to 2002 providing strong leadership on services for developmentally disabled persons; disadvantaged children, youth and families; and on race and social justice issues. Because he felt it was important to keep alive the experience of Japanese Americans who were unjustly incarcerated during World War II, he sponsored the Washington

Civil Liberties Education Act. That legislation provided grants for educational projects about the legal and human challenges experienced by Japanese Americans during this period. It was his hope that such actions would never again be experienced by others who might be perceived as enemy aliens by the United States government.

In 1998, he founded the Asian Pacific Islander Community Leadership Foundation to train and support young Asian Pacific Islanders to become leaders in civic and political affairs. At his urging, the Seattle Chapter JACL was an early supporter contributing \$10,000 to help start the project and allowing its organizers and participants to use its offices.

Though he left his legislative position to spend more time with his two young daughters, he continued to share his expertise with many community groups. His strong support for the Japanese Cultural and Community Center was crucial to the successful rehabilitation of the aging Japanese language school. As a respected former member of the state legislature, he was able to secure \$1.2 million of state monies for the building renovation. He also helped recruit an energetic and effective group of volunteers to develop programs and activities that celebrate the rich heritage of Japan.

Three years ago, he was appointed interim director of the Seattle Human Services Department by Mayor Mike McGinn and helped with the Mayor's transition. Recently, he was appointed to the Community Police Commission, a role which

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he believed was the culmination of his years of advocacy for social and racial justice, and was an opportunity to ensure that fairness and equality would become the norm in community policing.

A memorial service was held at Kane Hall at the University of Washington on July 21st which was attended by over 800 people including Governor Jay Insee; Metropolitan King County Executive Dow Constantine; Mayor Mike McGinn; Congressman Jim McDermott; Speaker of the House of Representatives Frank Chopp; Representatives Sharon Tomiko Santos, and Eric Pettigrew and Senator Bob Hasegawa; former Governor, King County Executive and Congressman Mike Lowry; city and county councilmembers, and buddies from afar, such as Dale Minami and Davis Yee.

We will miss Kip's strength, his intelligence, his sense of humor, his empathy for those who are less

President's Column



In the wake of Kip Tokuda's untimely passing, it is his spirit that drives the Seattle JACL to continue to work for racial and social justice.

The recent news of the acquittal of George Zimmerman in the murder of Trayvon Martin is a tragedy. National JACL had not yet taken a stand or released a statement by the time the JACL Convention in Washington D.C. occurred in July, 2013.

One of our sister organizations, the National NAACP, had started a petition to have the Department of Justice pursue a civil-rights case against Zimmerman. Below is the language on the NAACP site (sign the petition if you would like: <http://bit.ly/18WwwJD>):

A jury has acquitted George Zimmerman, but we are not done demanding justice for Trayvon. Sign our petition to the Department of Justice today. Attorney General Eric Holder, The Department of Justice has closely monitored the State of Florida's prosecution of the case against George Zimmerman in the Trayvon Martin murder since it began. Today, with the acquittal of George Zimmerman, it is

fortunate and his abiding commitment to doing what is right for all people. Our deepest condolences to his wife, Barbara Lui; daughters, Molly and Pei-Ming Tokuda; mother, Tama Tokuda; brother, Floyd Tokuda; and sisters, Valerie Chin, Wendy Tokuda Hall and Marilyn Tokuda.

To support the causes he cared about, donations can be made to the Kip Tokuda Legacy Fund:

Kip Tokuda Legacy Fund
Seattle Foundation
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1200 Fifth Avenue, Ste. 1300
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Let us hope that Kip Tokuda's rich legacy of public service will live on in the hearts and minds of all who knew and loved him.

time for the Department of Justice to act. The most fundamental of civil rights — the right to life — was violated the night George Zimmerman stalked and then took the life of Trayvon Martin. We ask that the Department of Justice file civil rights charges against Mr. Zimmerman for this egregious violation. Please address the travesties of the tragic death of Trayvon Martin by acting today. Thank you.

Before the JACL convention, I put out a soft statement on Facebook from the Seattle JACL stating:

We have been exceptionally busy with our API's in Media event and our board training on the Power of Words. However all of our board members were disheartened by the news of the Trayvon Martin case.

Seattle JACL is disappointed in the verdict of the Trayvon Martin case. We hope that his family will receive the justice they seek. We stand with our partners in hoping the DOJ will take action.

The New York Times covered President Obama's reaction:

Mr. Obama issued a statement shortly after the verdict. But on Friday, he talked more broadly about his own feelings about the verdict and the impact it has had among African-Americans. "You know, when Trayvon Martin was first shot, I said that this could have been my son," he said. "Another way of saying that is Trayvon Martin could have been me

35 years ago."

He added: "I don't want to exaggerate this, but those sets of experiences inform how the African-American community interprets what happened one night in Florida. And it's inescapable for people to bring those experiences to bear."

Mr. Obama also said he and his staff were examining policy options, and he raised questions about the wisdom of laws like Florida's Stand Your Ground law.

"I think it would be useful for us to examine some state and local laws to see if it — if they are designed in such a way that they may encourage the kinds of altercations and confrontations and tragedies that we saw in the Florida case, rather than defuse potential altercations," the president said.

Since National JACL had not taken a stand, nor has it issued an official statement, I requested the board to vote on sending a letter to National JACL Council on why the nation's largest API Civil Rights organization has not issued an official statement on the case. Particularly around the effects of policies like the Stand Your Ground law that affected Trayvon Martin's case. It is clear that we need to stand with our communities and partners on this issue. We've seen this scenario before (the murder of Asian American icon, Vincent Chin, for example).

The emergency resolution Seattle JACL submitted looked like this:

2013 National Convention
National Council Meeting
Washington, D.C. July 25-26, 2013
EMERGENCY RESOLUTION FORM

The proposed action could not have been submitted by the regular deadline because...The acquittal of George Zimmerman in the Trayvon Martin case didn't occur until July 13th.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE RELATING TO:

Honoring the life of 17-year-old, Trayvon Martin, and supporting the United States Department of Justice consideration of Federal hate crime charges against George Zimmerman

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2012, Trayvon Martin, an African American youth, was shot and killed while walking from his local 7-Eleven in Sanford, Florida, because he was viewed as "suspicious" by George Zimmerman; and WHEREAS, Zimmerman, a self-appointed, untrained neighborhood watch volunteer, admitted to police that he shot Martin in the chest; and WHEREAS, Zimmerman raised a "self-defense" claim and Martin, as the deceased victim, was unable to refute such claim; and WHEREAS: Zimmerman's "self-defense" claim included his right to a Florida statute, "Stand Your Ground," that permitted Zimmerman to actively stalk Martin after Martin walked away from Zimmerman; and WHEREAS, Zimmerman was initially not charged with any crime and was released by the Sanford Police Department shortly thereafter; and WHEREAS, despite the numerous pieces of evidence, including a 911 call made by

Zimmerman, Martin's final phone conversation which occurred during the course of the crime, the numerous calls made to 911 by nearby neighbors who heard the incident, and Zimmerman's troubling legal history, the Sanford Police claimed they did not have enough evidence to detain Zimmerman and released him; and WHEREAS, sufficient grounds exists to question whether unfounded assumptions and racial bias led to the use of deadly force; and WHEREAS, on July 13, 2013, a jury acquitted him of second-degree murder and of manslaughter charges; and WHEREAS, the National Association of the Advancement of Colored People's petitioned to the Department of Justice asking for federal charges, including civil rights charges, to be filed against George Zimmerman has reached 1.5 million signatures; and WHEREAS, the case has exposed the burden shouldered by young black men in our society, who are tainted by assumptions of being suspicious, criminal and dangerous; and WHEREAS, the JACL is discouraged by the investigations being launched by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the FBI, and the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division, and Florida Governor Rick Scott's appointment of a Task Force on Citizen Safety and Protection that will study the state's "Stand Your Ground" law; and WHEREAS, justice must be served in this case because our country cannot abide the continuing specter of a society that causes young black men to feel the oppression of fear rather than the safety of knowing that they are free to be what they are; and WHEREAS, 31 years ago, JACL stood with many other civil rights organizations to demand justice through the Federal Courts for deprivation of civil rights after a local court made a similar horrendous decision in the case of Vincent Chin, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Council of the JACL honors the life of 17-year-old, Trayvon Martin, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the National Council JACL directs the JACL National Director to send a letter of such support to the United States Attorney General, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the JACL National Council urges all JACL Districts and JACL Chapters to send similar letters of support to the United States Attorney General.

It was submitted to the resolutions committee and then sent on to the floor! With the amazing help of Bill Tashima (Seattle JACL), Ken Inouye (PSW District Governor), and Andy Noguchi (Florin JACL), there was a great discussion about the Trayvon Martin resolution. It ultimately passed. (Phew!)

Seattle JACL had 20 members at the 2013 JACL National Convention in Washington DC. I was proud of the work and camaraderie we built then. I think Kip would be proud, too.

Heidi



Commemorating redress at the 2013 Convention



More than 200 delegates from JACL chapters all over the United States lobbied for comprehensive immigration reform at the 2013 Convention in Washington D.C. Photo by Joe Shymanski

More than 20 attendees represented Seattle at The 44th National JACL Convention held in Washington D.C., July 24 - 26. With the convention theme of "Justice for all" Seattle delegates, alternates, youth boosters, sponsors, and special guests joined JACLers from across the nation to mark the 25th anniversary of Civil Liberties Act.

Each of the convention's three evening events were devoted to recognizing heroes of Redress, including Seattle members, Tom and Janet Kometani. Tom was instrumental in the Redress Movement as the former EDC Governor and LEC member (Legislative Education Committee, a.k.a. Redress Committee). Other Seattle JACLers recognized for work on Redress were Ron Mamiya, Henry Miyatake, Cherry Kinoshita and Frank Sato.

This was only the second national JACL convention held in an "off year" since the decision to hold meetings annually rather than biennially. Thus, there were no awards of the biennium; these will be awarded at the 2014 San Jose convention.

Lobbying for comprehensive immigration reform



(From left) Seattle President-Elect Toshiko Hasegawa, Board member Gabrielle Kazuko Nomura, U.S. Congressman Jim McDermott, Board Member Cara Peterson and Seattle President Heidi Park.

Monica described the event as the largest she has ever organized. A webinar prior to the convention described the logistics, as well tips and etiquette when visiting legislative offices. Teams reviewed talking points and orga-

nized themselves at an orientation held at the convention as well.

Chapter attendees from Seattle, Spokane, Puyallup Valley and Olympia provided constituents that enabled those teams to visit seven of 10 congressional and senate house members and U.S. Senator Patty Murray's office. Various members spoke of their personal experiences and that of the Japanese American community in general when addressing comprehensive immigration reform.

After visiting the two assigned congressional member offices, all convened to share their experiences, provide feedback to the organizers and to learn what follow-up actions each could take once returning home.

The House members visited were Congressmen Jim McDermott, Adam Smith, Denny Heck, Rick Larsen and Dave Reichert, and Congresswomen Suzan DelBene and Cathy McMorris Rodgers.

Reception at The National Archives

One of the highlights of the conference was a reception at The National Archives on July 25.

Here, for the first, time, the original Executive Order #9066 and the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 were on display. Head Archivist David Ferrero was on hand to welcome JACLers to "Words That Changed A Nation."

Never before has JACL held an opulent reception in an institution of such significance. The exhibit was 15 months in the making, and would not have been possible without the willingness of the National Archives to partner with JACL.

Legacy luncheon

JACL youth leadership held a meaningful Legacy Luncheon on July 26. The luncheon honored the legacy of young leadership during the Redress Movement, and how young leaders today are following in the footsteps of these activists who continuously fought for the rights of Japanese Americans, API's and people of color.

Doua Thor, formerly Executive Director of Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC), spoke as the keynote at the event. SEARAC is a national nonprofit organization advancing the interests of Cambodian, Lao-



Seattle JACL delegates with U.S. Congressman Adam Smith



Seattle chapter member Sheldon Arakaki looks at Executive Order #9066 on display at The National Archives. Photo by Joe Shymanski



The National Youth Student Council hosted a luncheon to focus on the importance of ensuring that future generations of JACLers have the opportunity to learn what the JACL has achieved in the past, and what we are capable of doing in the future.

tian, and Vietnamese Americans through leadership development, capacity building, and community empowerment.

National Board Council

The national council meetings remain the primary reason for convention. This year, the national board reported strength in national programs, financial basis, and membership. The national council passed four resolutions: one endorsing comprehensive immigration reform, one providing a special dues consideration for the Japan chapter, plus two resolutions submitted by the Seattle Chapter. The immigration reform resolution passed overwhelmingly. The Japan Chapter dues resolution passed; however, the Seattle Chapter and most PNWDC chapters voted against the measure. Our opposition was based on the fact that chapters are free to set their own dues and to subsidize these dues if necessary, and that the national dues structure should be decided for all chapters and not done on a piecemeal basis solely

Youth impressions from the 2013 convention

"I walked into the room at the youth social hosted by the president, and I was astounded at how many of us young ones fit into one room! Every single one of these kids was deeply invested in our JACL mission, and many of them had held leadership roles at one time. They actively look for ways to encourage other youth to join in, with a concerted effort to reach beyond racial lines.

It was amazing meeting minds with them, and I noticed each and every one of them accredited their momentum to a behind-the-scenes mentor, a cohesive factor and a catalyst for success. I identified with this 100 percent and related it back to the Seattle banquet theme years ago that initially lured me toward joining JACL: 'Okage same de.' My family history, my identity, my developing experience with the JACL, my participation at National, is all a product of what others have done. We, the younger generation, stand in honor of your shadow. All of the amazing things we saw and accomplished in Washington D.C. and at home year-round, we do together. The whole experience leaves me with a sense of gratitude and responsibility. I benefited from the experience and in my heart, I am proud to be a part of such a noble organization."

- Toshiko Hasegawa

to benefit a single chapter.

The Seattle resolutions called for supporting further action on the Trayvon Martin case and a stand on Hepatitis B discrimination. Both Seattle resolutions passed with few "no" votes, and we gratefully acknowledge the support from other chapters who spoke on behalf of each resolution. The National Youth Council had made a plea to all chapters to help send youth (age 18-25) to the convention and, when feasible, to send these youth as delegates or alternates. For the second year in a row, the Seattle Chapter was able to fully subsidize five youth to D.C., including four first-time convention attendees. Our youth attendees were Gabrielle Kazuko Nomura (Alternate), Toshiko Hasegawa (Alternate), Ciara Asamoto, Katie Cunningham and Cara Peterson.

Ambassador Reception

The convention culminated with a moving reception hosted by Ambassador Sasae and Mrs. Sasae at their residence. JACLers mingled with D.C. dignitaries at the event that feted the accomplishments of Gov. Ralph L. Carr, President Ronald Reagan, Speaker James Wright and Glenn Roberts. Ralph Carr is the former governor of Colorado whose vocal opposition to the incarceration camps during World War II cost him his political career.



JACL board member Bill Tashima meets Japanese Ambassador Sasae and Mrs. Sasae

All attendees had a great time in D.C. and are now singing, "Do you know the way to San Jose?" San Jose! 2014!

"Ciara Asamoto and I were part of a two-person team that met with Representative Rick Larsen's office. Though the experience was a little intimidating, the way that the JACL encouraged a 19-year-old and a 20-year-old to represent them to a government official made Ciara and I feel like truly valued members of the organization. Altogether, members of the JACL met with over 60 congressional and senatorial offices, which is incredible and shows the huge scope of the organization." - Katie Cunningham

"As someone who was born in 1988, the same year as Redress, I came of age in a time where social-justice education came hand-in-hand with learning about my own Japanese American heritage. The subject of wartime incarceration was always presented to me as a case study of racism and civil rights denied. But at the convention, I learned that, at the time, many people in the JA community and in politics were reluctant to revise the official record of what happened during World War II. I was able to truly appreciate the work of all who fought for Redress, including people such as Secretary Norm Mineta. Their struggle has positively and profoundly affected the world that we young Japanese Americans have grown up in. For this, I could not be more humbled, awe-inspired or grateful." - Gabrielle Kazuko Nomura

What our members are up to

Showing our LGBTQ pride and solidarity

This year, Seattle JACL members marched in the 2013 Pride Parade to show solidarity for the LGBTQ community. JACL is still in the process of starting a PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) Chapter in the Seattle area, specifically, to provide support for queer youth in the API community.



Raising money for the needy in the spirit of Elaine Akagi

Seattle JACL's "Team Elaine" (in honor of our friend and JACL colleague Elaine Akagi, who initiated our involvement in this event) was part of the 900 who helped to raise over \$224,000 for ACRS' 23rd Annual Walk for Rice, that was held on Saturday, June 29, at Seattle's Seward Park. The Seattle chapter raised \$2,670, almost reaching our goal of \$3,000. Team members were Clara Asamoto, Dave Asamoto, Mari Bohn, Mary Ann Goto, Rae Hanashiro, Ken Kurata, Kenji Kurose, Ann Fujii Lindwall, Naomi Mittet, Michelle Ota, Heidi Park, Marijana Pavlich, Bill Tashima (and Clair), Paul Tashima and Miya Woo. One of the highlights of this year's event was Century Link's National Food Drive donation to ACRS, which was a match that amounted to over \$51,000.

Honoring Aki Kurose and cleaning up the school



Seattle JACL community members met for the Annual Aki Kurose Clean-up and Garden Beautification Project on August 24. Aki Kurose was a beloved teacher, community organizer, JACLer, civil-rights advocate and mother. After her death, the Seattle JACL and other groups led a move to have a Seattle school named in her honor. The Aki Kurose Middle School Academy in South Seattle is the result. Every August, JACLers join Kurose family and friends for a morning of sprucing up the school grounds to welcome the new students in September. The work gets a little easier each year as a result of our prior years' effort.

Spotlight on one of JACL's visual and performing artists

Gabrielle Kazuko Nomura, a Seattle board member and dancer, co-produced a successful show featuring dance and live hip-hop, jazz and blues music this summer. The performance *Music + Motion* premiered to sold-out

crowds at Dance Fremont! studio theater, and marked the first major show put on by Gabrielle's group, Relay Dance Collective. Gabrielle was thrilled the support she received from the JACL community, including Umeko Motoyoshi, who helped RDC procure fundraiser items to auction from Fuel Coffee, and additionally Mary Ann Goto and Sheldon Arakaki who attended the performance!



Eight decades of attending JACL

Seattle Board Member Shea Aoki, 98, was recognized as the longest-standing JACL member at the 2013 National Convention. Shea attended the very first JACL convention in 1930.

Bidding farewell to Umeko Motoyoshi

Seattle JACL bids farewell to one of its most dedicated and outstanding board members Umeko Motoyoshi, who will move to Oakland in September to spend more time with her family. She plans to return to school, most likely to study Japanese language. Umeko is deeply touched and inspired by her experiences with Seattle JACL. Some of her favorite JACL experiences included hearing Judge Patrick Oishi speak at the Nisei Veterans Hall; shopping for cat shirts with Kiku Hayashi after the JANM conference; and organizing Changing the Narrative with the help and support of many wonderful JACL Board Members. Umeko expresses profound admiration for the amazing community leaders she met on the JACL Board and plans to stay connected and visit often.

Umeko-chan, we will miss you dearly in Seattle!

Congratulations to newly-married Bill Tashima and Chris Bentley!

Seattle JACL past-president and board member, Bill Tashima, married Chris Bentley, his partner of eight years, on August 10,



Shea Aoki stands and is recognized as the audience applauds her at the 2013 National Convention.



Umeko Motoyoshi (center) with fellow Seattle JACLers Sheldon Arakaki (left) and Toshiko Hasegawa, President-Elect (right) at this year's Pride Parade.



2013. The couple wed in a small service in the Japanese garden at Seattle Keiro, then celebrated with delicious food and rainbow cake with family, friends and JACL board members at the Four Seas Restaurant in the International District.

JACL President-Elect at graduate school

Toshiko Hasegawa is working toward a master's degree in Criminal Justice at Seattle University. She believes firmly in Criminal Justice reform and

enjoys advocating in Olympia in favor of restorative justice programs. She benefits from her experience at Seattle Community Court, the Seattle Attorney's office, Senator Patty Murray's Seattle office and U.S. Investigation Services. She plans to continue advocating in favor of policies that reduce recidivism, promote public safety and support our economy. Toshiko will serve as the Seattle Chapter's president next year.

Why Sister Cities? Washington boasts numerous ties to Japanese cities

By Hugh Burleson

Soon, we'll hear of U.S. cities celebrating 60th anniversaries of their affiliations with cities abroad. Started in the late 1950s under President Eisenhower's people-to-people initiative, such pairing of U.S. and foreign cities originally focused on rebuilding grassroots connections that had frayed or broken during the wars from the 1930s to 1950s. This movement has succeeded beyond its early advocates' fondest dreams. For, today, there are more than 1,000 such city-to-city, state-to-state and town-to-town ties nationwide, all active to various degrees.

Seattle has more than 20 such "sisters," with each program supported by an all-volunteer civilian support group. Each has its own activities and emphases, depending on the nature of the counterpart city abroad. Moreover, with our state having Hyogo Prefecture (capital: Kobe) as its sister state, we have an unusually large number of Japanese sister cities here.

Why should we be interested? These ties create opportunities for building

lasting personal friendships and exchange programs enriching the lives of citizens on both sides. As a former diplomat in the U.S. Information Agency (1960-87), I worked on the other side of the Pacific to assist cities in Japan, Korea and India identify and begin communicating with potential U.S. sister cities. (See my memoir, *The Making of a Pacific Citizen* available from Amazon.com or barnesandnoble.com for more details).

And, after I retired, it seemed natural for me to become involved on this side of the Pacific—in Bellevue and Spokane, for 25 years now.

So, if you have the interest and energy, look into where you might wish to volunteer with the sister-cities program. One little-noted fringe benefit: as each sister-city organization is a registered nonprofit, when you travel to a sister city with an official delegation, your travel expenses become tax deductible, if you itemize.

Upcoming Events

Health Fair

The second annual Living Well Health Fair will be held from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday Oct. 19 at Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church. This fun event will include door-prize drawings every half-hour, a hot hula demonstration, exercise and activities workshops, home and family safety, and speakers who will touch on healthy lifestyles and optimal wellness. Healthy-food tastings and cooking demonstrations will be included. Blaine Memorial

church is located at 3001 24th Ave. S., Seattle, 98114.

Art Show

All are invited to attend a unique art gala and exhibition, Issei Artists, from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 26. at Aljoja Thornton Place: 450 NE 100th St., Seattle, WA. Three generations of women artists from Japan have converged in an exhibition displaying a variety of techniques and influences from their mother country. Wine, hors d'oeuvres and koto music by Marcia Takamura will accompany the art. Complimentary valet parking will be provided. Kindly RSVP at 206-538-6200 by Sept. 24.

Membership

Getting others to join the JACL cause

Earlier this year, the Chapter Membership Committee met to set up a membership campaign which will commence some time at the end of September. The committee set three goals:

1. To reach out to lapsed members from the Seattle and the Lake Washington JACL Chapters and invite them to rejoin as either full National JACL members or Seattle Chapter Booster members.
2. To devise strategies, programs, and events to draw new members to the Chapter, particularly young members. Part of this goal includes an

improved outreach to new members to welcome them to our chapter and to invite them personally to events.

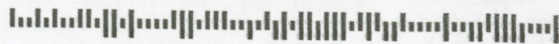
3. To redesign our membership forms and brochures, including developing a traveling infoboard that we can take to events to solicit members. We look to improve and upgrade our membership information on our website and social media.

If you are receiving this newsletter and are not a current member of the Seattle JACL, we look forward to contacting you. If you would like to help in this effort, or are a new member and would like to contact us, please send us an email at info@jacl.org.



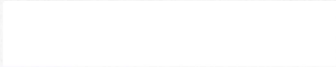
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