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## President’s column

By Sarah Baker

In the not-so-distant past, some were beginning to question why the Japanese American Citizens League still exists. Are we even relevant anymore? The answer is a simple and resounding - YES! Our nation needs community organizations of color now more than ever. The work we are doing in the community is

extremely important — especially when it comes to telling our story as Japanese Americans and advocating for others who are vulnerable. What we do now will impact future generations for years to come; our history and legacy must be retold so that it is not forgotten. We must come together to collectively demand and work toward “never again.”

The first half of this year has been a busy one for our chapter. From stepping up to the table on current events, remembering the past and the 75th anniversary of Executive Order 9066, to participating in community gatherings such as the 49th anniversary of Dr.

Martin Luther King Jr.’s assassination, Seattle JACL has been active and outspoken. I am so proud of the work that we do, and I truly look forward to what we will be able to accomplish in the years to come.

It is an honor to be serving as your president for 2017. But agreeing to a second term as board president was not an easy decision. This work is not glamorous, and it definitely requires a full-time job’s worth of attention. Despite that, what we do in Seattle JACL and in our community is what drives and inspires me every single day. We have the means and ability to really make a difference, and that is something that I am 100% committed to.

To date, our membership has been steadily increasing. I want to thank you, our members, for believing in this organization, and for encouraging others to join us. Our members are what make us who we are - the United States’ largest membership-based Asian American civil rights organization. With your support, we can continue into our 95th year as the Seattle Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League.

*Okage Sama De.*

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# Family 2.0: An API LGBTQ Gathering

Set to take place on Saturday, May 20th 2017 at North Seattle College, Family 2.0: An API LGBTQ Gathering (Family 2.0 for short) is the second event of its kind. Preceded by Family in 2015, Family 2.0 is a full-day conference that is geared toward



Asian/Pacific Islander LGBTQIA+ identified individuals, their families, and allies. Completely free and open to any who would like to attend, this event has been sponsored in part by: Seattle Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), North Seattle College, JACL National, State Farm, Interplay, NQAPIA, Okaeri, as well as a number of individual donors.

## The History of Family:

The concept for Family was originally started by the Seattle JACL in 2014. As the second national organization to support marriage equality in 1994 (after the ACLU), the JACL has always been a strong advocate and ally of the LGBTQIA+ community. The Seattle JACL recognized the need for a culturally relevant API LGBTQIA+ support group in the Seattle area, and thus the idea for Family sparked.

What started as a small community meeting at the Panama Hotel Tea Room, the first Family conference soon took wing and was successfully implemented in June of 2015. With over 100 people in attendance spanning across 5 states and Canada, participants praised the welcoming and inclusive space that Family provided. From Marsha Aizumi, Author of "Two Spirits One Heart":

"Attending an Asian American LGBTQ event like Family with my son and daughter-in-law, we were able to see people like us, so we didn't feel so all alone

and shared our stories of moving through fear, sadness and shame to unconditional love and acceptance which continued to bring healing to our lives. The Family event also gave me, a mother, hope that more families will support their children and more allies will become visible voices for my son and the LGBTQ community."

## What to look forward to at Family 2.0:

Family 2.0 is made possible by over 15 community groups and organizations. Hosting a total of 8 workshops and a resource fair, folks are traveling from across the country to make Family 2.0 a reality. Attendees will be provided breakfast, lunch, and there will be all-gender restrooms available.

This year's keynote speaker will be Lydia X. Z. Brown. Hailing from the East Coast, Lydia is a "writer, dreamer, activist/organizer, and speaker/educator" (autistichoya.com). Identity and experiences that Lydia holds are, "autistic, and multiply otherwise neurodivergent and disabled, queer, asexual-spectrum, genderqueer/non-binary, and sometimes read as feminine, transnationally and transracially adopted East Asian person of color [...]." Speaking from within these intersections, Lydia shares about their life and how converging identities impact our experiences within society.

Workshops will be hosted in two blocks of four in the morning and afternoon. Themes and hosting organizations include: Family Acceptance (by NQAPIA), LGBTQ Immigrant History (presented by the JACL National Youth/Student Council), Coming Out As An Adult (by PFLAG), The Soul Loves the Body (by Interplay), Trans 101 (by the Ingersoll Gender Center), Asian Transgender Conversations (by Stonewall Youth), Immigrant Voices (by API Chaya), and Queer Muslim group, Noor.

Participating organizations in the resource fair include: Seattle JACL, Trikone, API Chaya, Noor, North Seattle College Gender and Equity Center, Seattle Counseling Services, ICHS, Gay City, PFLAG, NQAPIA, Indian Association of Western WA, and more! We are also excited to announce that Hepatitis Education Project will be offering free and confidential on-site hepatitis testing.

The day will be concluded with a drag show, performed by Miss Saigon Brown.

## What Happens After Family?

Moving past the May 20th event, the Seattle JACL hopes to continue the momentum of Family 2.0 by hosting a regular API LGBTQIA+ support group in a centralized location in Seattle (most likely close to the

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ID or South Seattle). Attendees of the conference will be encouraged to sign up for an e-mail list and will be contacted regarding future meetings.

Although this event is FREE, we ask that folks pre-register to give an accurate headcount for food and materials. Doors open at 9am.

Parking is ample and free!

For more information, visit:  
<http://www.apifamilyevent.com/>

You can donate online at:  
<https://fundly.com/family-2-0-an-api-lgbtq-gathering>  
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Seattle JACL's 95th Annual Banquet



Above: Seattle JACL Board Members and PNW Youth Rep. / Seattle JACL raised more than \$32,000 at the Annual Banquet to fund civil rights programming such as Family 2.0.

Seattle JACL raised \$32,200 at its 95th Annual Banquet and Fundraiser titled "Our Community: 75 Years after E.O. 9066," Saturday, April 8 at Bell Harbor International Conference Center. The funds will be put toward youth scholarships, civil rights programming, and Family 2.0 - a multicultural conference for LGBTQ API youth, their families, and allies.

Attendees at the sold-out event were treated to a memorizing spoken-word performance by Troy Osaki, whose poetry focused on his Japanese/Filipino American identity and what it means to be an ethnic studies major. Other highlights of the evening included the national anthem by Kwangsuk Ku of Seattle Opera, and a song and blessing by Matt Remle of the Lakota Nation

A huge thank-you to our incredible speakers: First of all, Master of Ceremonies Lori Matsukawa, KING5 TV; David Yamashita, Nisei Veterans, Committee Foundation; Tom Ikeda, Densho; Toshiko Hasegawa (Past JACL President; Washington State Task Force on Ready Force in Community Policing); and Colleen Fukui-Sketchley, a Diversity & Inclusion specialist.

The evening honored several community leaders, including Elsie Taniguchi (Camp Harmony Committee, UW Alumni Associa-

tion) with the Sam Shoji Unsung Hero Award; Larry Gossett, King County Councilmember, with the Civil Rights Award; Gobo Enterprises with the Corporate Community Engagement Award; and Densho with the Community Engagement Award.

Special thanks to the banquet committee, especially Tsuki Nomura-Henley for her rock-star leadership as Banquet Chair.

## 75th Anniversary of Executive Order 9066 - Day of Remembrance Activities

King County Council members meet with local Japanese American organizations

In recognition of the 75th annual Day of Remembrance, Seattle JACL participated in a number of community events across the state:

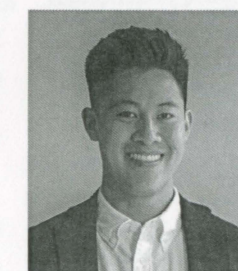
\* On February 15th, we participated in the annual Day of Remembrance hosted by the State House of Representatives at the State Capitol. Participants were able to meet with their senators and representatives, and incarcerated that were present were publicly recognized.

\* On February 18th, Seattle JACL was a proud sponsor of the Holocaust and Japanese American Connection Series hosted on the UW campus. The first part of a three part series, the Holocaust Center for Humanity, Nisei Veterans Committee, Consulate General of Japan, and UW Department of American Ethnic Studies partnered to take a critical look at historical cases and potential for mass incarcerations in contemporary society.

\* On February 19th we hosted a candlelight vigil after the Day of Remembrance Taiko Fundraiser for the Minidoka Pilgrimage. Seattle JACL partnered with members of the Nisei Veterans Committee, as well as Seattle University to host the vigil which took place in the SU Japanese American Remembrance Garden.

\* On February 21st we were honored to receive the Metropolitan King County Council's proclamation remembering the 75th Anniversary of Exec. Order 9066.

## Meet our new board members!



### Alex Luke

Alex was born and raised in Seattle, but lived in Los Angeles when he first joined JACL. He joined when Toshiko Hasegawa invited him to the 2015 national convention in San Jose. Sarah Baker was one of the first people he met there! Since then he has moved back to Seattle, and quickly became

a board member.

Alex moved back to Seattle in order to focus on actuarial studies, and is currently working as a temporary valuations analyst at Moss Adams. After passing three of many exams he hopes to get an entry level actuarial job this summer. He is currently working to fix the Seattle JACL website and intends to set up a system so that our latest and upcoming activity will be updated regularly. He is also hoping to get more involved in educational events for the community.



### Renee Infelise

Renee is so excited to be serving on the Seattle JACL board! She first encountered JACL in her hometown of Monterey, CA where she took Japanese-language classes with her Japanese American friends. It was there she was fortunate enough to participate in a traditional tea ceremony, understand more about Japanese culture and even won a scholarship to visit Japan.

By serving on the Seattle JACL board she can give back to an organization that gave her so much in her youth and lend her support to an organization that is doing work to advance not only Japanese American Civil Rights but Civil Rights for all people. Now more than ever, it is important to her to support organizations she believes in and she look forward to working with Seattle JACL this year as a new board member.



### Joseph Shoji Lachman

Joseph Shoji Lachman was born and raised in Seattle, and finished his B.A. at Yale University in History of Science, Medicine, and Public Health in 2015. He is fourth/fifth generation half-Japanese, and

speaks Chinese and Japanese. Joseph's Great Grandfather Reverend Gennosuke Shoji founded St. Peter's Episcopal Parish in 1923, and his Great Uncle Sam Tasuku Shoji was a leader in the movement for redress and reparations from the U.S. government for wartime incarceration. Their work has inspired him to take a more active role in the local Japanese American community.

Joseph's current work focuses primarily on promoting and protecting Asian and Asian-American culture, and he is also passionate about civil rights and human rights. His writing on Asian American history regularly appears in the International Examiner, Huffington Post blog, and Angry Asian Man blog. He also has started taking on a variety of speaking engagements to promote activism among API youth to form inter-community solidarity.

During the day, Joseph manages donor relations for the Council on American Islamic Relations a nonprofit dedicated to protecting the civil liberties of American Muslims in Washington State. He is also helping to plan their annual fundraising banquet so that they can expand the scope of their work.

Although he has only recently joined as a board member, Joseph has already been working with the Seattle JACL Civil Rights Com-

mittee to take on a variety of local civil rights issues. He looks forward to increasing his involvement and making greater contributions towards the local community with his official approval for board membership.



### Audrey Remle

Audrey Remle is really excited to be serving on the Seattle JACL board for the first time this year. She is currently the baby of the group at 19 years old, and a junior at the University of Washington. She mainly identifies with being Japanese American and Hunk-papa Lakota (Native American), although she

also has ancestry from every continent except Antarctica. Although this is her first time serving on the board, it is not her first experience being involved in JACL. She was able to go to the JACL National Convention last year as a lucky scholarship recipient and was really inspired by the community-driven work that happens in the JACL. This made her want to be a lot more involved in her local chapter, so that she can also make a difference in her community while learning about my Japanese American heritage and history. Her main goal for beginning in JACL is to share her experiences as a multiethnic individual. It is her hope that by using her multiethnic lenses in viewing the world, she can help people to better see the connections that can bridge our communities together. It's always been a tactic in history to make minorities weaker by trying to create differences between them, so she firmly believes when we come together, we are an unstoppable force to be reckoned with. She hopes to make those kind of powerful connections between her communities.

She is looking forward to serving the community as a Seattle JACL board member this year and getting to know more people in this wonderful community!



### Mika Kurose Rothman

Mika is a yonsei, hapa, and fourth-generation JACL member. Growing up, Mika often tagged along with her mom to JACL Seattle events and meetings. Mika is excited to re-engage with the JACL, believing that the Japanese-American and AAPI communities

must be strong civil rights and social justice advocates. Mika recently returned to Seattle after spending ten years in New York, DC, and Chicago. She worked for both Obama campaigns, as an organizer in 2007 and 2008, and as a digital project manager in 2012. She served for four years at the White House, in the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and the Counsel's Office. Mika has an undergraduate degree from New York University and is currently pursuing a law degree at the University of Washington.

## Seattle JACL Scholarship Awardees



Pictured from left to right: Kate, Soleil, and Amy. Missing; Kristin and Bella.

The Past Presidents Scholarship Luncheon was held at the Nisei Veterans Committee Memorial Hall on Saturday April 22. Bruce Inaba led a tour of the NVC Memorial Hall. Josh Foley and Rica Mackert emceed. Sarah Baker introduced the Past Presidents.

Kristen Cunningham was awarded the Minoru Tamesa Scholarship by Sarah Baker. Kristen has been active in the community where she was on the Mukilteo Library Teen Advisory Board; tutor; crew member of the Kamiak Theatre Department; board member of the Seattle Chapter JACL; organizer of a fund raiser for victims of Typhoon Haiyan. She was active in the Kamiak Show Band and served as a section leader and its vice president during her senior year. Kristen was a member of the National Honor Society as well as president of the Spanish Club. Kristen is finishing her freshman year at Whitworth University where she is a mathematics/computer science major with a minor in communications.

Kate Guion was awarded the Bunshiro Tazuma Scholarship by Rica Mackert. Kate is a graduate of Holy Names Academy in Seattle. She has been active in the Pacific Northwest Ballet School for fourteen years; has studied flute for ten years and served as first chair flute and section leader for two years; served as a Holy Names Academy Student Ambassador for four years; was a Girl Scout for eleven years; participated in the National Student Leadership Conference, Healthcare and Medicine at the University of Washington; travelled to Costa Rica for a one week Spanish Immersion Trip; participates in the Photography Club; served as a Peer Tutor at school; volunteered at the Ballard Food Bank, the YMCA, Treehouse, Seattle Children's Hospital Monster Bash, Pasado's Safe Haven and her church. Kate will attend the University of Washington, UCLA or Northeastern University and study science.

Soleil Lewis was awarded the Elaine Reiko Akagi Scholarship at the discretion of the interview team. Josh Foley presented the Akagi Scholarship. Soleil attended Rainier Beach High School and graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in Auburn. When she

sees a need or a problem, she sets out to work out a solution. Soleil started a baking business to fuel her passion for baking as well as to contribute support to her family; started an online book store to sell online textbooks as well as novelty books to students who are low on funds. She has participated in the Washington State House of Representatives Page program; in the Portfolio Project designed to assist underrepresented students in higher education; in the UW Young Executives of Color nine-month college pipeline program. Soleil served as vice president of Youth Initiatives for Women's Leadership; director of special events for the Charity Circle; bracelet designer for In Solidarity for Charleston 9. Soleil will study biomedical science at either Northeastern University or Seattle Pacific University.

Amy Ly was awarded the Aki Kurose Scholarship by Toshio Kurose. Amy is a graduate of Chief Sealth International High School in Seattle. She served as ASB Executive Secretary for the current school year; is a member of the National Honor Society; served as the Vice President of the Key Club, a Kiwanis International service learning organization, during the 2016-17 school year; served as secretary of the Green Team during the 2016-17 school year. During the summer of 2016, Amy applied for a job through an Academy of Hospitality internship and worked at the Four Seasons Hotel Pool as an attendant. She participated in the University of Washington Math and Science Upward Bound Program, a college prep program, for six weeks during the summers of 2015 and 2016. Amy intends to go to the University of Washington and study engineering. Bella Oishi was awarded the Cherry and Mas Kinoshita Scholarship by Kyle Kinoshita. Bella is a graduate of Seattle Preparatory School and was in the Mateo Ricci program at Seattle University during her senior year which was also her freshman year at Seattle U. Bella was on the lacrosse team for three years and ran cross country for four years. She was voted team captain for the cross country team in 2016 and the lacrosse team in 2017. Bella was selected as one of four national student ambassadors to raise awareness and educate stakeholders on brain injuries in youth sports which she incurred as a result of a lacrosse injury. Bella intends to go to the University of Arizona and study philosophy, politics, economics and law.

## Civil Rights Committee

The Civil Rights Committee has been hard at work on a number of issues:

- We issued a statement in Support of the Sioux Tribe at Standing Rock and Committee Member Audrey Remle is working on a resolution to bring to National Convention, in support of the Lakota Tribe and in opposition to DAPL.
- We issued a statement in support of the Muslim and Sikh Communities and are continuing to take actions to strengthen ties -- such as attending the upcoming Council on American-Islamic Relations Banquet, which takes place on May 7th, at the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue.
- Sent a letter to Columbia Basin College in response to the inaccurate information being taught by their faculty member regarding the incarceration of Japanese Americans in WWII.

- We are joining forces with other civil rights groups and organizations to support a statewide initiative to reform Washington's deadly force laws.

- Committee member, Toshiko Hasegawa helped organize a community-based event to commemorate the 49th Anniversary of Rev. Dr. MLK Jr's Assassination.

- We are working in conjunction with Members of the Chinese American Citizen's Alliance with the intent of addressing outdated legislature, which bars foreign parents from pursuing wrongful death actions on behalf of their children who die in Washington.

If you are interested in being part of the Civil Rights Committee, please feel free to contact our Civil Rights Chair, Tsuki Nomura-Henley at:

## What's Going on in the District?

The Alaska chapter ended 2016 with 35 members, the most in at least the past 10 years, up from 26 at the end of 2015 and nearly double the 17 members at the end of 2010. The chapter installed co-presidents Suzanne and Patrick Regan at the chapter's annual oshogatsu winter quarterly potluck meeting. Suzanne and Patrick succeed Susan Churchill who stepped down after two years. The Olympia chapter, in partnership with spiritual and ethnic community organizations across Olympia, will host a Community Cafe led by high school students to have the challenging discussion of racism in Olympia. Community Cafes are a series of guided conversations with rules of engagement to have open and honest discussions to bring together diverse and opposite points of view. This event hopes to be a launching point for a series of Community Cafes and is an outgrowth of a discussion about racism faced by Olympia's high schoolers. The chapter also organized a social outing around the screening of "Ebb & Flow", the story of how Masahide Yamashita saved the Puget Sound shellfish industry back in the 1930's with a Japanese oyster juxtaposed against the racism and prejudice faced prior to and after the war. The Portland and Gresham-Troutdale are working together on the May 6 Portland Assembly Center program to mark the 75th anniversary of E.O. 9066. And the two JACL chapters join nine other Japanese American community organizations to host the 71st Community Graduation luncheon to celebrate and present scholarships to the Class of 2017. The Gresham-Troutdale chapter also held their annual year-end Seniors Appreciation banquet as well as the New Year's luncheon with the Consul General Uchiyama and his wife. The Puyallup Valley chapter's annual scholarship and installation dinner will be held at the Tacoma Buddhist Temple on Saturday, June 3. Eileen Yamada-Lamphere will be installed as the new chapter president. Elsie Taniguchi, Cho Shimizu and Eileen have been busy doing Camp Harmony presentations (aka the Puyallup Valley Fairgrounds Assembly Center) including most recently at the JCCCW Omoide. The Spokane chapter held their annual spring Nikkei Appreciation luncheon in March at the Northern Quest Casino and Resort with some 100 attendees. Spokane

Taiko performed two pieces and the Mukogawa Ft. Wright Institute students provided the entertainment through some very energetic dance numbers. Two scholarships were awarded and Rod Higgins, the City of Spokane Valley mayor, spoke of the lessons the community should heed on the 75th anniversary of E.O. 9066.

## 2017 Convention



*"Our Story: Resilience, Remembrance, Resolve"*

The national council and board of the Japanese American Citizens League will convene for the 48th Annual National Convention, "Our Story: Resilience, Remembrance, Resolve," in Washington D.C. from July 6-9 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel. In remembrance of the 75th anniversary of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's signing of Executive Order 9066, which forced 120,000 people of Japanese ancestry into incarceration camps without due process, the 2017 Convention will feature an Opening Reception with an exclusive viewing of the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, "Righting a Wrong," highlighting the experience of Japanese Americans during World War II. Original pages from the Executive Order 9066 on loan from the National Archives will be displayed during this private reception.

In addition, His Excellency Ambassador Kenichiro Sasae and Mrs. Nobuko Sasae will graciously open their home to convention attendees when they host the Ambassador's Residence Reception. The Ambassador's Residence has hosted a number of high profile and exclusive events including a reception for the 2013 JACL National Convention. During the Reception, the Governor Ralph Carr Award for Courage will be presented.

A former Governor of Colorado, Ralph Carr, advocated for the constitutional rights of Japanese Americans and encouraged Coloradans to welcome Japanese Americans following Pearl Harbor. The Governor Ralph Carr Award honors outstanding leaders who personify his legacy of working towards racial justice and promotion of civil rights.

The now retired JACL Interim Executive Director Bill Yoshino states, "The 2017 JACL Convention is a "can't-miss" opportunity to take part in some extraordinary events. To commemorate the 75th anniversary of the signing of EO9066, JACL will host a reception at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History where EO 9066, on loan from the National Archives, will be on display along with other camp-related artifacts. In addition, the Embassy of Japan will host a reception at the Ambassador's Residence, a truly unique opportunity where JACL will present the Governor Ralph Carr Award in a splendid setting."

Convention attendees will also be invited to the elegant Sayonara

Banquet, participate in engaging workshops, and attend plenary sessions focusing on key issues currently affecting the nation.

To attend and join the entire PNW district delegation, register for the 2017 JACL Convention today to take part in these historic events. Register by June 4th to receive the Early Bird discount on registration.

For additional information, please visit <https://jacl.org/2017convention/>.

The Seattle chapter delegation will be led by voting delegates Sarah Baker, chapter president, and Sylvie Shiosaki, chapter board delegate to the PNW District Council. The rest of the delegation includes alternate delegates Stan Shikuma and Theo Bickel, and board members Sheldon Arakaki, Arlene Oki, Bill Tashima, Paul Tashima-Boyd and Josh Tashima-Boyd. All seven chapters in the PNW district will send delegates to the convention.

## Coming Up Soon!

### Aki Kurose Cleanup 2017

The eighteenth annual Aki Kurose Grounds Clean-up will be held on Saturday August 26, 2017 from 9:00-1:00. South Shore Middle School was moved to the Sharples building during the summer of 2001 and renamed Aki Kurose Middle School during the fall and winter of 2001-02. We welcome all members, family and friends to help make the school grounds visually appealing for AKMS students, staff and families. Continental breakfast and lunch will be served.

### Puyallup Fairground WWII Detention Center to be Recognized on 75th Anniversary

NOTE: The Seattle Chapter wholeheartedly endorses and supports this effort by the Puyallup Valley JACL Chapter. In honor of the many Seattle JACLers who endured the hardships at the Puyallup Fairground temporary detention center, euphemistically referred to as the "Camp Harmony Assembly Center," the Seattle JACL Board unanimously voted to support the Puyallup Valley JACL effort with a donation of \$10,000. We also noted that the new sign for the George Tsutakawa sculpture is partially funded with a grant from the National JACL Legacy Fund and the film, "The Silent Fair," is made possible through a grant from the Washington State Kip Tokuda Civil Liberties Public Education Fund.

We will continue to publicize this event and we urge all Seattle JACLers, families, and friends to attend.

(Reprinted from the April 7-20m 2017 Edition of the Pacific Citizen) PUYALLUP, WASH. — The Puyallup Valley Chapter of the JACL, in conjunction with the Washington State Fair, will host the 75th Remembrance of Puyallup Assembly Center, "Camp Harmony," on Sept. 2.

Following Executive Order 9066, more than 7,500 Japanese and Japanese Americans from Washington and Alaska were incarcerated on the Puyallup Fairgrounds from April-September 1942. The event, set to take place on the Coca Cola Stage from 10-11 a.m., will welcome keynote speaker Tom Ikeda, executive director of Densho; Lori Matsukawa of KING 5 News will serve as mistress of

ceremonies.

This day will be dedicated to honoring those impacted by the Puyallup Assembly Center. The dedication of a new sign for the George Tsutakawa sculpture "Harmony" will follow the main event.

In addition, the fair museum will house interactive exhibits and displays, including a replica of a horse stall and family barrack room.

The video "The Silent Fair," complete with personal recollections of living on the fairgrounds, will play continuously inside the museum.

This community event is open to the general public. All Japanese American survivors and their families from all assembly centers, camps and detention facilities are invited.

Acknowledgement will be given to those in attendance who were incarcerated at PAC. If you know a living survivor, please contact Sharon Sobie Seymour at [ssproevents@comcast.net](mailto:ssproevents@comcast.net). For additional information and updates, visit [www.puyallupvalley.jacl.org](http://www.puyallupvalley.jacl.org).

### Walk For Rice



Seattle JACL will once again take part in the Asian Counseling Referral Service's Walk for Rice. The funds raised benefit their food bank, which provides culturally affirming food such as rice, tofu and bok choy. ACRS is the largest multi-service organization serving all the different Asian American and Pacific Islander communities - immigrants, refugees and American-born - in the Pacific Northwest offering a broad array of human services and behavioral health programs.

Founded in 1973 from a grassroots effort to provide culturally competent mental and behavioral health services, ACRS today seeks to promote social justice and the well-being and empowerment of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and other underserved communities -including immigrants, refugees - by developing, providing and advocating for innovative community-based multilingual and multicultural services.

The walk will take place on June 24th at Seward Park. Our team walks to benefit this worthy cause, but also to honor the memory of Elaine Akagi, who was the Seattle JACL's team captain for a number of years. If you would like to join us, please contact Tsuki Nomura-Henley at

If you can't join us, please consider making a donation. No amount is too small and every bit can make a huge impact for a family in need. Last year our team was in the top ten for funds raised and we would love to see that happen again!



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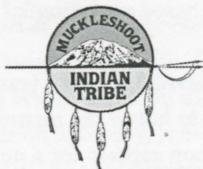
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