

Volunteering

How you can help JACL, your community and your company?

Many JACL members along with more than half of all Americans volunteer for an average of four hours per week. As a volunteer, you may be able to help your community and the JACL organization by participating in your company's volunteer programs.

Does your company have a Corporate Citizenship Program?

Many companies promote community engagement and partnerships through employee volunteer programs. Through these programs, employees regularly give of their talents, expertise, passion and interests to help improve the communities where they live and work.

Types of programs

Grant program – Some companies have grant initiatives to support communities and non-profits served by employees. Grant programs may award a grant on behalf of each eligible employee who volunteers a minimum number of hours in a year or 12 month period to an eligible non-profit organization. Depending on the company, they may award a \$500 grant for as little as 25 hours of volunteer work. Others may require 40 to 50 hours of volunteer service before awarding a grant.

Community Service Awards – Employees are honored by their employer for their commitment to the community and receive an award to direct to the non-profit organization of their choice.

Matching Gift Program – These programs support matching of employee gifts to a non-profit organization up to a certain limit.

Paid Time-Off for Volunteering – Employers may provide paid time-off for their employees to volunteer, depending on business needs.

What can you do?

Learn more about your Corporate Citizenship/Corporate Social Responsibility programs. You may qualify for an award or grant.

Volunteer to support JACL. The Seattle Chapter of JACL needs your help! We are looking for volunteers to serve on various committees.

We also need a volunteer(s) to create and maintain a database for these activities.

For more information on how you can volunteer, please contact the Seattle Chapter of JACL, <http://www.jaclseattle.org/>

Domo arigato!

Third Seattle JACL Internalized Racism Workshop for APIAs

Saturday, February 28, 2009

10 AM to 5 PM

**Jerry Brockey Center,
South Seattle Community College**

\$20 including lunch and child-care

The ever present, negative and pervasive messages about people of color create internalized superiority for dominant culture people and internalized inferiority for those who are visually and quickly identified as other.

This workshop series is for people of color to identify unconscious thinking about ourselves and others of color that separates us and keeps us from working together more effectively as well as perpetuating systemic racism.

The workshop is part of a continuing quarterly series and is possible with a generous grant of the Masena Foundation, many community partners, and South Seattle Community College. The next workshops will be collaborations between APIAs and Latinos (June 27, 2009), APIAs and Blacks (September 12, 2009), and APIAs and Native Peoples.

Please plan to come to any or all of the workshops. Registration forms are available at www.jaclseattle.org. Email Yuh-line Niou, VP for Civil Rights at yuhline@gmail.com for more information.



President's Message

by Dawn Rego, President

In this increasingly tight economic period, we must take the time to be thankful for the small blessings we have. You may have a loving family, a steady job or a supportive partner – each of us has many things to be thankful for and all unique.

For Seattle JACL, we would like to thank each and every one of our volunteers and members for supporting us. Each of you support and promote JACL in your own way and we appreciate it! I would like to extend a huge thank you to our Installation Banquet committee members and numerous volunteer who made our banquet on January 24 a special and meaningful tribute to our Nisei. Thank you to all of our current and past board members for their tireless dedication and truly knowing what it is to be part of a working board. A special thank you to all of our past presidents and leaders; Seattle JACL is proud to be who we are because of you.

We are especially grateful for the support of our membership during these times. I am pleased to let you know Seattle JACL has made the decision to transfer the administration of our membership processing to National JACL so that all members will receive clear and consistent communications with not only Seattle but also National JACL. Please note that all new and renewal memberships will now need to be mailed to National headquarters for processing.

I also would like to extend a thank you to three unsung heroes of our organizations: Vicky Yuki, Masako Tamura and May Namba who processed Seattle JACL's membership for so many years. We thank you for your dedication and hard work!

I am also pleased to pass along a special benefit to our members from National JACL. For a limited time, JACL members will receive a discount on the acclaimed documentary *Passing Poston*. This film by Joe Fox and James Nubile tells the story of four former internees at the Poston Relocation Center, each struggling with a difficult and painful past and how these events have helped to define and shape their lives. To view a trailer of the film, please visit passingposton.com. To order your DVD copy, please call 800-314-8822 or go to www.docurama.com and be sure to enter the following code REMPP2 for a discount.

We appreciate all of our members and are thankful for your continued support and dedication to the Seattle JACL.

87th Annual Installation Banquet – Thank You!

On behalf of the Installation Banquet Committee, we would like to convey our thanks to everyone for a wonderful gathering to honor our Nisei and welcome our new Board. All of us on the Board know that we are who we are thanks to our elders.

In this spirit, it was our honor to recognize Ms. Fumiko Hayashida. Her contributions to the redress movement and in civil rights education have gone far beyond the iconic image cast as she left Bainbridge Island in 1942.

We also continue to hear great things about Tom Ikeda's stirring multimedia tribute to the Nisei that recognized both the sacrifices they made when internment began, but also their courage in facing that sorrowful past during the movement for redress and justice.

We have so many people to thank for their part in making this annual celebration real and will leave our comments with this so we can recognize everyone who put their heart into it. Our thanks goes out to:

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All proceeds from the cookbook will go to the local chapter to continue their work on civil rights, youth leadership, and community engagement.

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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 Dawn Rego prior to the meeting.

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