Join the JCCCW Founding Families

You and your family can make history through leadership as a Founding Family.

JCCCW's Founding Family circle honors families and family members, Washington's Nikkei legacy, and our shared vision: heritage remembered ... an exceptional gift to the future.

All families are invited to participate in the Founding Family circle; family members can join together in a variety of ways to individually or collectively give a gift of $50,000 in their family's name. A special work of art to be commissioned by the JCCCW will prominently feature the Founding Families and family members’ names.

Over one hundred years ago, Seattle Issei, determined that their children would learn Japanese language and culture, broke ground at 1414 South Weller Street to build the Kokugo Gakko. Like those pioneering Issei, JCCCW Founding Families will help build an institution that honors and cultivates culture and community in Washington.

Your Founding Family gift will create a legacy for future generations. You can honor ancestors, memorialize parents, celebrate siblings and extended families, and create the strong fabric of community.

Please contact the NHAW office to learn more, obtain materials to present to your family, or to make a Founding Family pledge.

Japanese and Japanese-American culture can be enjoyed by all.

Bunka no Hi: A Huge Success!

Over 300 people of all ages and ethnicities gathered to celebrate Bunka no Hi, the traditional Japanese Culture Day, hosted by the JCCCW on November 5, 2006.

Bunka no Hi attendees, who ranged in age from 9 to 95 years, found many things to enjoy at this wonderfully fun and educational event, including a performance by Regional Taiko Consortium, koto music, Judo demonstrations, and a chance to try Ikebana, the Japanese art of flower arrangement.

Visitors also enjoyed tours of the Northwest Nikkei Museum, the Japanese Language Library (Nikkei Bunko), and the Japanese Language Computer Lab. One of the most exciting spots was the Nintendo DS Interactive game room, which incorporated modern Japanese culture into the Bunka no Hi festival through popular video game offerings for the youngsters and adults.
Many special guests were in attendance, the most notable of which was Mrs. Fumiko Hayashida, 95. Depicted in a famous photograph carrying her sleeping daughter to an internment camp during World War II, Mrs. Hayashida was honored at Bunka no Hi as the enduring image of an era.

Her presence at the festival, as well as the iconic photograph on display, reminded everyone of how far the Japanese-American community has come and emphasized the importance of this celebration.

JCCCW is deeply grateful to all of our sponsors who contributed to the success of Bunka no Hi, including Vulcan, Nintendo, mygreentea.com, Japanese Language School, Nikkei Students Assoc. of UW, Japanese Students Assoc. at Seattle University, Ksaragikai, and Ikebana International. Thank you all for an outstanding afternoon, and we hope to see you next year!

**JCCCW Corporate Cabinet welcomes new members**

Two new leaders have joined Lori Matsukawa of KING-5 on the JCCCW Corporate Cabinet. Ted Yamamura and Shinji Kokage will work with Ms. Matsukawa to help raise $1.5 million to renovate the Japanese Language School into the new Japanese Culture and Community Center of Washington.

Mr. Yamamura is the Regional Director in Material Management for Boeing’s Commercial Aviation Services in Asia and has been with the company for over 20 years. Mr. Yamamura says, “It’s time for this long-held community dream to become reality.”

Mr. Kokage is the Regional Director of Yamato Transport, one of Japan’s largest shipping and transportation companies. He supports the opportunity to have Japanese and American business people work together for a common goal.

**NHAW Corporate Cabinet kicks off JCCCW Capital Campaign**

The Nikkei Heritage Association of Washington and JCCCW kicked off a Corporate Cabinet rally on Feb. 15, 2007 at an obento lunch hosted by Seattle philanthropist Kenneth Alhadeff. Alhadeff’s foundation supports a variety of cultural projects, including the Jewish Community Center and the recent Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit at Seattle Center.

**JCCCW Corporate Cabinet**

The Board of Directors of the Nikkei Heritage Association of Washington has selected the firm of Arai, Jackson, Ellison, Murakami LLP as the architects for the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Washington. The firm will be partnering with Hoshide Williams and Kenichi Nakano of Suyama Peterson Deguchi Architects to create a 35,000 square foot facility where Japanese and Japanese-American culture can be shared by all citizens.

The Building and Construction Committee received an overwhelming number of inquiries from architectural firms interested in this opportunity to design something distinctive for Seattle. “All the finalists were outstanding,” said Andy Moniz, a local architect and co-chair of the Building and Design Committee. “We recommended Arai Jackson because of their technical competence, experience, and familiarity with Japanese design aesthetic.” Adds Steve Woo, a project manager and co-chair of the Building and Design Committee, “Arai Jackson’s willingness to involve other firms equally familiar with our community gives us confidence the project will be one we can all support and enjoy.”
Known for his fiery enthusiasm, Alhadeff exhorted NHAW’s Corporate Cabinet members to help make the Japanese Cultural and Community Center a reality. “It is a privilege and an honor to create this resource for the future,” he declared. Paraphrasing the philosopher Hillel, he challenged, “If not us, who? If not now, when?”

In addition to new Cabinet Co-Chairs Shini Kokage and Ted Yamamura, honored corporate guests included Herman Escategui, Starbucks; Pearl Leung, Vulcan; Kenneth Kido, WAMU; Flip Morse, Nintendo; Megumi Kobayashi; Merrill Lynch; Tomio Moriguchi, Uwajimaya; Hiro Nakao, ICOM; Jason Watabe, Windermere; and Japanese Consul General Kazuo Tanaka. The Corporate Cabinet has set a fundraising goal of $1.5 million toward the JCCCW Capital Campaign, although, as one attendee quipped, “This might be a bit low!”

**NHAW Profile: Toru Sakahara**

Toru Sakahara has been an active figure in the Japanese community in western Washington for over fifty years. As a young man during World War II, Mr. Sakahara was forced to disrupt his studies at UW Law School when he was interned at Minidoka. After the war, he settled down in Seattle with his wife, Kiyo, opened his law practice, and began to find ways to support the Japanese community. Mr. Sakahara was instrumental in lobbying Washington voters to overturn the Alien Land Law which kept immigrants like his father from owning land or becoming citizens. He was an active member and former president of the Seattle Japanese American Citizen’s League, and he helped establish the modern Nihongo Gakkō (Japanese Language School). Currently, he is a strong supporter of the JCCCW, saying, “It was always the intent of the Issei to have the Nihon Gakko serve as a community center.”

**Capital Campaign**

We’re excited that the JCCCW has a lot of money coming in from a lot of different places, but will it be enough? Here is the breakdown of where we expect to get the $1.5 million needed to renovate and build the Japanese Cultural and Community Center:

- About $3 million from a “New Markets Tax Credit”—if we can secure an equal amount in collateral
- $1.5 million from business and corporate fundraising
- $1 million in total from 20 Founding Families
- $1.5 million from government sources such as the State of Washington, City of Seattle and King County
- $2.5 million from different foundations such as the Gates Foundation, Paul Allen Foundation, Seattle Foundation and others
- $5.5 million from generous individual donations

**Ways to Contribute**

- Stocks and securities
- Bequests and planned giving
- Trusts and other instruments

If you would like more information regarding JCCCW fundraising, or would like to make a contribution yourself, please contact Sheila Siden in our Development Office at (206) 568-7114, or use the attached form.

Get up-to-date information about the latest JCCCW happenings. Sign up for our monthly email newsletter, it’s easy! Just click on the subscribe link on the “Newsletters” page on our web site www.jcccw.org or email us at info@jcccw.org.

**April Schedule of Events**

**April 8-23**

Japanese Design Today
12-4 p.m. at Seattle Center Pavilion B
A major exhibit of Japanese contemporary design organized by the Japan Foundation showcasing unique Japanese designs of approximately 100 ordinary household items of everyday life that give insight into the Japanese urban culture of today.

**April 20-22**

Cherry Blossom Festival
10-6pm at the Seattle Center House, Fisher Pavilion
The oldest cultural festival at Seattle Center, the Seattle Cherry Blossom & Cultural Festival includes dance and music, colorful costumes, martial arts, tea ceremonies and entertaining educational activities. Kids have fun in Center House with toys, games, kite making and kimono dress-up. Immerse yourselves in Japanese culture at this authentic celebration of centuries-old traditions.

**April 22**

BlesseDmain
6 pm at the Fisher Pavilion Lawn
Heavy metal Japanese rock band BlesseDmain, is making their international debut here at Seattle Center.

**April 28**

Sukiyaki Night
12-7 pm at the Japanese Baptist Church, 160 Broadway, Seattle, WA
Tickets are $8.00 for adults and $5.00 for children 10 and under. Tickets may be purchased in advance from the church office or at the door. Shuttle bus service from our off site parking at Bailey Gatzert Elementary school (14th Ave S. and Yesler Way) will be provided from 3:30pm from the elementary school and the last bus leaves JBC at 8:20pm. The shuttle service ends promptly at 8:30pm. Net proceeds from the dinner are given to local charities.
GIVING OPPORTUNITIES
Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Washington
Pledge Form

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