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George Ikuta Leaves \$600K Legacy Gift

George S. Ikuta spent 18 years scheduling and staffing military ships, yet never got a chance to go to sea. "I wanted to, but I couldn't. I was just too busy," Ikuta told reporter Bud Sharkey upon his retirement from the Navy's Civilian Personnel Office/Military Sealift Command Far East in 1984. "The most I ever got was to ride a ship that was shifting from here (Yokohama) to Yokosuka."

George Ikuta died in January 2008 at the age of 89, leaving the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Washington a bequest of nearly \$600,000. Other organizations named in his will were Nikkei Concerns, the Renton Senior Activity Center and White River Buddhist Temple.

Ikuta was born in Kent, Washington on June 4, 1918. He graduated from Kent High School in June 1937. He was drafted during World War II and served in Germany, France and at installations throughout the United States until his retirement in 1962. He retired as Command Sergeant Major and was awarded the Army Commendation Medal with Three Oak Leaf Clusters and the Meritorious Unit Commendation. He then worked for the Navy Military Sealift Command in Japan for 18 years. In the 60s and early 70s, Ikuta was part of a bustling office in Yokohama that supported 55 ships and about 2,000 mariners who crewed them. Ikuta recalls, "Civilian Personnel had six bicycles that we'd use to get to the ships to deliver crew changes to the master. It was hectic."

His wife, Janis Suneko, preceded Ikuta in death. His niece Lynette Ikuta says her uncle was an avid fisherman and gardener, and for many years ran the Ikuta Greenhouse. He was a member of White River Buddhist Temple. "My uncle had a special interest in Japanese organizations because he lived in Japan for so many years," Lynette says.

Mr. Ikuta's thoughtful gift leaves an extraordinary legacy to future generations and JCCCW is overwhelmingly grateful for his decision to donate to the center.



George Ikuta receiving a "swagger stick" from Colonel Westervert

JCCCW Receives a \$90K Grant from the Tateuchi Foundation

JCCCW has received a 3-year grant to enhance and improve The Nikkei Museum and Japanese Language Library. The \$90,000 grant is from the Atsuhiko and Ina Goodwin Tateuchi Foundation and will be used to remodel, advertise and increase accessibility to the programs located in Building Three. "We are grateful for this generous gift and vote of confidence," said JCCCW Board President Lori Matsukawa. "It will help us offer improved services to the public and attract more visitors to the Japanese Cultural and Community Center." The JCCCW administrative offices will move into Building 3, allowing more programs to be offered in Building 1. In addition to this generous grant, Ina Tateuchi has also donated \$10,000 worth of display cases for the Nikkei Museum. JCCCW is very grateful for this charitable donation, and is eager to open an improved library and museum.

A Letter from the Board President

Dear Friends,

I hope you are enjoying a splendid summer. For those interested in brushing up (or maintaining) your Japanese language skills, there are summer classes for adults and kids (6 and up) being offered at the SJLS, so register now!

In February, the Cultural Center and the Seattle Japanese Language School officially merged into one entity -- the Nikkei Heritage Association of Washington (NHAW). A new, nimble Board of Directors is pushing ahead with plans to boost cultural and educational offerings, create a membership program and spiff-up the buildings to accommodate community organizations as tenants. Plans now call for opening a new Cultural Center building possibly in 2013, the centennial of the opening of the Japanese Language School's first building in 1913.

Sadly, the tough economy led to a reduction in staff. We no longer have an executive director, but we do have the services of Bif Brigman, programming consultant; Jamie Schossow, administrative assistant; Machiko Wada, finance manager; Atsuko Savorgino, office assistant; and Renato Pascual, bookkeeping consultant. Please feel free to contact them weekdays at the office (206-568-7114).

Please mark your calendars for our annual Bunka no Hi (Culture Day) Sunday November 1st and mochitsuki the week before New Years!



Board President Lori Matsukawa (left) purchasing some Kim Chee from volunteer Elaine Yoshida at the 2009 Rummage Sale.

Lori Matsukawa

Successful Fundraisers

Thank you to our generous sponsors and friends for making our first annual Tomodachi Luncheon such a success! More than \$32,000 was raised as 180 guests enjoyed bentos from Hiroshis at the Nisei Vets Hall on March 12, 2009. Thank you sponsors: Jeff and Sachi Nitta



Rummage Sale Volunteers: Left to right: Takako Hirai, Eugene Tagawa, Gloria Shigeno, George Hirai, Paul Kusakabe, and Joe Ike

(Gold Level), Jerry and A.C. Arai / Corinne Toda, Bart Lemmon, Interim, PSE, Consul General of Japan (Silver Level), Elsie Taniguchi, Uwajimaya (Bronze Level). Luncheon committee members: Penny Fukui, AC Arai, Megumi Kobayashi, Lillian Hayashi, Elsie Taniguchi, Barbara Mizoguchi, and Lori Matsukawa. Also, thanks to the more than 240 volunteers helped make our June Jizen Bazaar Rummage Sale a fun community event. More than \$6,000 was raised as hundreds of shoppers found treasures and deals. Thank you all for your donations and hard work. A special arigato to Fushin Chou who made kim chee and Shea Aoki and friends who donated and made sushi for sale!



Kellie (left) and Kimberly Matsudaira (right) have fun dressing up in some timeless rummage sale fashions

Thank You, Okinawa Kenjin Kai

On Saturday, July 25, the Okinawa Kenjin Kai held "Ryuku Charm," a benefit Taiko concert for JCCCW. There were incredibly talented Taiko drummers from Seattle, Canada and Japan, a salsa band from Okinawa, and many other incredible performances. With the audience at near capacity, it was a popular and successful event. The performances were unique, beautiful and inspiring. A million thanks go out to the Okinawa Kenjin Kai for supporting furthering the efforts of JCCCW. JCCCW would also like to thank all of the performing groups for donating their time to come all the way to the IKEA center to perform. Thanks to all for the incredible show.



Ryuku Charm Dancers

Ojichan, anata wa doko desuka? (Grandpa, where are you?)

A personal reflection on the Minidoka Pilgrimage by Stacy Yamaguchi

All through my life, I have been told the story of the Japanese Internment. In grade school I read my Grandfather's book, This was Minidoka. In middle school, I gave a presentation on Japanese Internment in WWII. In high school I wrote my senior synthesis on my Japanese American identity and how the internment had impacted me even a generation separated from the actual events.

Of course I would be involved and interested in the incarceration of my family, in the incarceration of "my" people. But the truth is, I don't think it was the great injustice that sparked my interest. I don't think it was my passion for education. I think it was and is my way of getting to know my Grandfather.

My father always says with sad smile how much I would have loved Grandpa and how much he would have loved me. Unfortunately, he passed before I was even born.

All the books I have read and research I have done could not compare to how my pilgrimage to Minidoka has made me feel so much closer to the man I never knew.

On the trip I was surrounded by the Japanese American community. At the beginning, I hoped that someone would remember my grandfather so that I could ask them more, so I could just get a little closer.

Instead, I found "Our" Grandfather. I found the Ojichan to all my fellow yonsei. I found the Grandpa to my generation. Speaking to the men and women who were interned, I felt that their memories begin to fill a hole in my history that no book or video could do. My grandfather's desire to share his story when he was alive lead me to Minidoka Idaho, and I returned with a better understanding of my people, my country, my family, and myself.

I am incredibly thankful. Thank you Ojichan.

In memory of Jack and Dorothy Yamaguchi

60 Years of JCS - Celebrated with the Mariners

On Monday July 6th the Japanese Community Services of Seattle celebrated its 60th anniversary with a night of baseball. Over 40 members of the JCS attended the Japan Night Mariners game and the celebratory buffet meal in Safeco Field's Ellis room. Ken Sato, President of JCS welcomed the group to this event and gave a short history of the organization. Much to the group's disappointment, he did not prepare one of his famous haikus, causing the crowd to chant "Haiku! Haiku!"



Fumiko Groves, JCS Board Member Ritsuko Kawahara and JCS Board Vice-President Tsuchino Forrester cheer the Mariners on!



Former incarcerated Japanese Americans

To stay up to date on events and programs such as the Minidoka Pilgrimage and Mariners' Japan Night, check out our website:
www.jccw.org

Japan night is the annual event where the Mariners recognize the contributions made by Japanese and Japanese Americans to their organization. The festivities opened with a local Taiko performance. Yutaka and Tazue Sasaki prepared JCS signs announcing the anniversary and also prepared a short cheer to the tune of the YMCA song that spelled out ICHIRO. They handed out instructions and taught the cheer to both JCS members and non-JCS members in the nearby area.

Everyone had a wonderful time, including the Mariners – who won the game!

Meet JCCCW's New Board

JCCCW has a new board of directors, ready to renovate the buildings, start programs, and advance the development of JCCCW and JLS! For full bios, visit www.jcccw.org

Lori Matsukawa is JCCCW's president and a news anchor at KING TV. She is a founding member of the Asian American Journalists Association and a recipient of its Lifetime Achievement Award. Lori has volunteered and served on the boards for the Japanese American Leadership Delegation, YMCA of Greater Seattle and Asian Counseling and Referral Service.

Kenichi Sato, Vice President of JCCCW, is a retired schoolteacher. He worked as a classroom teacher, vice principal, and district budget supervisor within the Seattle School district for 25 years. Ken Sato served in the United States Army from 1945-1947 and did an overseas tour of duty during World War II. He is a member of the Nisei Veterans Committee, the Japanese Community Service of Seattle (Nikkeijin Kai), and very involved in the Seattle Japanese Language School.

Dee Goto is JCCCW's secretary and a retired nurse. Dee established the Suzuki School of Music in 1967 in Seattle. She also established the Japanese Heritage Historical Society and helped to start Densho in 1995. Then she moved on to create the Omoide Project, now a program of JCCCW, which is a literary effort that collects memories from World War II.

Mike Forrester is JCCCW's treasurer and a retired FAA Executive. Mike served in the United States Air Force from 1956-1960 as an electronic technician. After retiring from the FAA he started his own business; Artificial Intelligence Inc. a company that designed and marketed medical billing and accounting software. He is now retired and devoted to volunteer work.

Kirsten Henning is a senior project manager at Pyramid Communications and serves as a volunteer for the Girl Scouts and Densho. Prior to joining Pyramid, Kirsten worked at the Seattle Mariners as media liaison and interpreter for Ichiro Suzuki. She spent the previous six years in Japan as a JET Program participant and later as VIP liaison at the Park Hyatt Tokyo.

Ann Kawasaki Romero is the executive director of the Washington State Public Stadium Authority (Qwest Field and Event Center). She is also involved in the Seattle Sounders FC Advisory Board, The City of Seattle Livable South Downtown Planning Study Citizens Advisory Committee, Bellevue Convention Center Financial Oversight Committee, and a member of the Tourism and Visitor Working Group.

Ina Goodwin Tateuchi is Chief Executive Officer of the Tateuchi Foundation and a retired librarian. She serves as a board member of the Seattle Public Library Foundation. Ina lived in Japan for more than thirty years during which she served as head librarian at the International School of the Sacred Heart and founded the Association of Professional Librarians.

Kip Tokuda is a former lobbyist and Director of Policy and Advocacy for children and youth/immigrants and refugees. He was also a Washington State Representative for eight years for the 37th District in Southeast Seattle. Because of his extensive social work to protect children and families, he was the 2005 recipient of the National Association of Social Workers Public Citizen of the Year. He is an active member of the University of Washington Minority Advisory Committee.

Brad Tong is a shareholder principal of Shiels Obletz Johnsen, Inc where he manages major urban development and civic projects such as Seattle City Hall and the Kent Events Center arena. He currently serves on the Intiman Theater's Executive Board of Trustees and Building Committee as chair; the Downtown Seattle Association Smart Growth Task Force; and the Seattle Center Theater Commons Executive Team.

Upcoming Community Events

August 27

11:30 a.m. shotgun start

8th annual Nikkei Concerns Founders Golf Benefit and 2nd annual putting tournament at Newcastle golf course.

www.nikkeiconcerns.org

The Golf Club at Newcastle, China Creek Course

September 12-13

Aki Matsuri at Bellevue College. JCCCW will have a booth there! Call or email to volunteer.

admin@jcccw.org

September 13

11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Live Aloha Hawaiian Cultural Festival at the Seattle Center.

October 3

11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Blaine United Methodist Church Bazaar at Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church. www.blaineonline.org

November 1

Bunka No-Hi (Culture Day)

A day full of fun and games at JCCCW. Learn about Japanese and Japanese American culture. Call or email to volunteer or for more information. admin@jcccw.org

November 5

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Densho presents Sushi-Sake Fest at the Westin Hotel. An evening of sushi, sake, music, a silent auction and more! sushisakefest.org sushisake@densho.org

November 21

10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

28th annual Ayame Kai Craft Fair at Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church www.blaineonline.org

December 28

JCCCW's Mochi Tsuki at Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church.

January 3, 2010

Mochi Tsuki at Island Wood on Bainbridge Island.

JCCCW's Fall/Winter 2009 Programs and Classes:

Nikkei Bunko

Nikkei Bunko is a Japanese language library located at JCCCW. The library has a large collection of both current and historical Japanese language books available for loan. Nikkei Bunko is staffed by volunteers and is open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The library is also open on Saturday mornings during the Seattle Japanese Language School's hours of instruction.

Go Game Workshop

The Go Game Club of Seattle is going to host a FREE Go Game Workshop at JCCCW as a part of the "Cultural Thursdays" program at the center. Classes are open to students age 7 and up and will be held at JCCCW on:

- Thursday, September 17: 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Thursday, September 24: 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Thursday, October 1: 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Karate Classes

JCCCW is offering Karate Classes taught by Tom Tanaka, a second degree black belt. Classes are for students aged 6 and up. Tuition is \$100 per student, but there is a new-student discount - only \$50 for the two-month session!

Classes meet every Tuesday and Thursday, October 6 - December 4. To register, visit www.jcccw.org.

- October 6 - November 26
- Ages 6-8: 5:00-5:45 p.m.
- Ages 9-12: 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Ages 13 and up: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Kiri-e Classes

Kiri-e is the traditional Japanese art of paper cutting. JCCCW is proud to announce that for one time only, local artist Aki Sogabe will teach a two-workshop kiri-e class. As a part of "Cultural Thursdays" at the center, Aki will teach children aged 7 and up on:

- Thursday, December 3 from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. and
- Thursday, December 10 from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

There is a registration fee of \$45 for the two workshops to cover the cost of materials due by December 3.

Judo Classes

The Seattle Budokan Dojo, which is a Judo club, operates out of JCCCW and offers classes to students ages 4 and up. "Judo" means "the gentle way" and is a modern Japanese martial art that emphasizes competitive, safe combat.

For more information, visit www.budokanjudoSeattle.com

Japanese Language School Offerings:

Saturday Classes

The new school year is just around the corner and JLS has classes to offer! Saturday classes, as always, are available for students ages 6 to highschool age, at any level of Japanese (from beginner to advanced)

Classes are held from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Saturday Class Schedule:

First Day of Fall Quarter:	September 12
Parents Tea:	September 19
Open House:	November 7
No School (Thanksgiving):	November 28
Last Day of Fall Quarter:	December 5

Tuition is \$195 per student, per quarter.

Adult Evening Classes

All adult classes are 8 week sessions, meeting one day a week for two hours; from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Class levels range from Beginner I to Intermediate.

- Beginner I: October 8-December 3 (Thursdays)
- Beginner II: October 5-November 30 (Mondays)
- Beginner III: October 7-December 2 (Wednesdays)
- Intermediate: October 6-December 1 (Tuesdays)

Note: No classes November 23-26.

Tuition is \$120 per student, per session.

Omoide Presentations

The Omoide Project is proud to announce that four, quarterly Saturday presentations will be held for the public at JCCCW from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Each presentation will have a different theme, with different stories, different speakers and a unique panel. The presentations will be fun, informative and interesting.

- Saturday, October 17: "Ikes Principles"
- Saturday, January 16: "The Hunt Hotel"
- Saturday, March 20: "6th and Main"
- Saturday, May 15: "Return to Minidoka"

New Contributors from January 1 through July 24, 2009

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ジョージ=イクタ氏JCCCWへ遺産寄付

ジョージ=イクタ氏は18年間米軍所属の船の乗組員のスケジュールを作る仕事をしてこられました。しかし、海へは一度も出たことがありません。「行きたいとは思ったものの実現できなかった。忙しかったのでね」と1984年に海軍を退職した際にもらしていたイクタ氏は、2008年1月に89歳で永眠されました。そしてその遺産から60万ドルもJCCCWへ寄付してくださったのです。他にも、日系コンサーンズ、レントンのシニアセンター、ホワイトリヴァー仏教会も恩恵に浴しています。

ワシントン州ケントで1918年に生れた氏は37年にケント高校を卒業しました。第二次世界大戦の際には召集を受け、ドイツとフランスに赴きましたが、その後62年に退役するまで米国各地で仕事をしてきました。いくつものメダルを受けてもいるのですが、その後18年間は海軍の仕事で日本に住みました。任地は横浜で、その頃、70、80年代には基地は大賑わいでした。55もの戦艦が2000人もの兵隊を擁して出入りしていたのです。「われわれ軍属は自転車を六台使って船へ行き来したものだ。実に多忙だった」と、イクタ氏はその頃を偲んでいました。

妻であるジャニス=スネコさんはすでに亡くなるなっておりましたが、氏はホワイトリヴァー仏教会のメンバーでした。「叔父はもっぱら魚釣りや畑仕事で忙しく、何年ものあいだイクタ=グリーンハウスをやっていました」と語る遺族である姪のリネット=イクタさんは、「それと、日系の諸団体にはとても関心をよせていましたね。何年も日本に住んでいたのですから」とおっしゃっていました。

イクタ氏の多大な寄付にJCCCWはたいへん感謝しています。偉大な遺産を残してくださいました。ありがとうございます。

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日系博物館および日本語の図書館日系文庫をよりよいものにするため、とアツコ及びイナ=グッドマン=タテウチ基金から3年間にわたって9万ドルの補助金が出されることになりました。建物N03の改造、そこを利用して行われる活動の便宜と宣伝のために使われます。「補助にはたいへん感謝しています。われわれの仕事への応援であると理解しますが、これから多くの人に訪れ、活用してもらえらるでしょう」とローリー=マツカワ理事長は言っています。JCCCWの事務所はこのN03へ移り、建物N01は諸プログラムを行う場として広く利用されることとなります。タテウチ基金からは博物館の陳列ケースのために1万ドルをもいただいており、たいへん感謝していますが、図書館と博物館の整備が終わり次第広く公開したいものばかりきています。

理事長からのご挨拶

皆様、よい夏をお過ごしのことと思います。この日々をたとえば日本語の習得しあるいは磨きをかけることに使われてはいかがでしょうか。そうお思いの方のために、日本語学校のクラス（成人および6歳以上の子供）があります。ただいま申し込みの受付中です。

さて、去る二月にはカルチャーセンターと日本語学校の合併が完了し、ひとつとなった「日系ヘリテージアソシエーション」（NHAW）が発足しました。新しい理事会が少数先鋭のメンバー九人で発足し、文化と教育の分野でさまざまなプログラムを提供し、かつメンバーシップの形成、地域の諸団体の活動のための場所を提供すべく現建物の整備などにまい進しております。予定では、日本語学校が始った1913年から数えて百年目にあたる2013年をめざして、新しいカルチャーセンターを完成させようと努力しております。最近の経済状況の悪化のあおりを受けてスタッフを失ったことは残念ですが、EDのポジションは失ったものの、プログラムの実現のためにコンサルタントとしてビフ=ブリッグマン、アシスタントのジェイミー=ショソーを迎えました。それにファイナンス関係にマチコ=ワダ、事務補佐にアツコ=サボルジーノ、会計コンサルタントとしてレナート=パスクワール、そしてコミュニケーション関係にはインターンのメリーナ=デロッコの参加をえております。これらスタッフへの連絡は週日であればいつでもお受けしております。なお、十一月一日には「文化の日」が、新年の一週間前にはもちつきが予定されており、皆様の参加をお待ちしております。

募金活動

第一回目の「友だち昼食会」はさまざまなよきスポンサーと大勢の参加者を得て、三月十二日に二世ヴェテラン会館で行われました。百八十人もの参加者がレストラン「ヒロシ」のごちそうをいただき、三万二千ドルという収益が得られました。以下のスポンサー：ジェフおよびサチ=ニッタ、ジェリーおよびAC=アライ、コニー=トダ、バート=レモン、日本国総領事、メグミ=コバヤシ、リリアン=ハヤシ、エリース=タニグチ、宇和島屋、バーバラ=モテズキ、ロリー=マツカワさんたちにここで御礼を申し上げます。

六月の慈善バザーは二百四十人ものボランティアの手助けがあり、六千ドルの収益をあげました。多数の人が訪れて買い物を楽しんでいました。いろいろなものを寄付してくださった皆様に感謝するとともに、キムチをつくってくれたF. チョウさん、すしを提供してくれたS. アオキさんにはここでお礼を申し上げます。

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