

NEWSLETTER

VALLEY CIVIC LEAGUE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -

I extend greetings to members of the Valley Civic League. Being new to the responsibilities of this position, I sincerely ask your help and support during my term.

The JACL is the only organization working on a national scale for the welfare and benefit of all Japanese-Americans. It is only through an active membership, starting on the local level, can we achieve any effectiveness with our organization. Although the JACL has accomplished much in the past it needs our continued support.

President,
Koji Norikane

BOARD MEETING -

The first Board meeting of newly elected officers of the Valley Civic League was held at the home of the new President, Koji Norikane. All members were present. Also Hiroshi Nakayama, past President attended. Discussions were held on the program for the coming year. George Kawasaki was appointed as Scholarship chairman and the following were appointed to work on his committee; Mr. & Mrs. Frank Natsuhara, Mrs. Itsuko Funai, Sandy Iwai, Harry Shimomura and

Hiroshi Nakayama. Frank Nishimoto was appointed as Graduation Banquet chairman, Mrs. Sachiko Nakayama, Publicity and Newsletter. Plans for the membership drive were made with Sauce Shimojima and George Sakita in charge and Ish Suyematsu and Shig Murakami assisting. The treasurer report was given.

The committee working on the joint bowling tournament with the YABA's are Tosh Terayama, Chairman, Itsuko Funai and Mary Tsujikawa.

PURPOSE OF JACL - By Tak Kubota

For the benefit of our prospective members and, perhaps, even our loyal membership, who year after year as regular sustaining members, support our local and national organization it is necessary to remind ourselves of the purposes of our Japanese American Citizens League.

The Japanese American Citizens League is an educational, civic, and patriotic organization which promotes, sponsors, and encourages projects, programs and activities which shall be designed to further and encourage every member to perform faithfully his duties and obligations to the United States of America,
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coming, half from membership and the other half from ads. Publishing costs have been rising each year. Questions were brought up whether to publish bi-monthly, monthly or raise the dues.

Next PNWDC meeting will be held in Spokane in May at the time of the Oratorical Contest.

George Kawasaki
Board Delegate

ISSEI STORY -

On December 14th, our chapter sent in 52 names for the ISSEI LISTING for the White River Valley.

The valley area from Renton to the Pierce County line was canvassed with the help of Mrs. Lily Kato in the Kent area and Mr. Hiro Nakayama in the Thomas area. Since that day it was brought to my attention that we have missed several Isseis. We intend to make a supplementary list after contacting them.

The purpose of the ISSEI LISTING for the JAPANESE HISTORY PROJECT: From these listings certain Isseis will be selected for interviews. These interviews will gather materials on ISSEI in general through their backgrounds and experiences in this particular area. This will be the last chance to gather first hand information from the ISSEI.

The project is still interested and looking for old diaries, pictures, documents and news articles.

It is unfortunate that many have destroyed their diaries, pictures and documents at the start of the war and the rest at evacuation time.

It might be of interest---- Of the 52 ISSEI names, 20 are men and 32 women. 7 men are over 80 years old with the oldest 87. 9 are over 70. 3 women are over 80 yrs old with the oldest 85. 17 are over 70.

By: Frank Natsuhara

BOWLING TOURNAMENT

The JACL and the White River YABA Bowling Tournament will be held this Saturday, February 29 from 7:00 P.M. at the Kent Bowl. The chairman, Toshi Terayama, reports there will be approximately 74 participating in the 5 game singles for men, 4 game singles for women, followed by mixed trios.

Both cash prizes and trophies will be awarded to First, second, and third place winners in women and men's singles; First and second place in the mixed trio. Cash prizes to the high 10 and high 30 in both events and also a sportsmanship trophy.

Mary Tsujikawa

THANK YOU - -

Dear Members of J.A.C.L.

Thank you very much for the beautiful potted Azalea. I like it very much. My mother and father send their very best wishes.

Yours truly,
Diane Hikida

PACIFIC NORTHWEST AAU JUDO TOURNAMENT

In March 1962, White River JACL was contacted by George Wilson, instructor of Kent-Meridian Judo Institute, for a donation toward a Judo Sportsmanship award.

Decision was made to award this to a deserving youth. Tournament participant includes not only the Judo Clubs in Puget Sound Area in the United States, but also includes them as far North as Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

The Kent Club has eleven Sansei boys enrolled, are expecting more in the future.

This year the tournament was held at the McChord Air Force Base on February 16th. I had the privilege of presenting the Sportsmanship Award to a Sansei boy from Vancouver, B.C., Bob Horii.

Miyoshi family also attended the event.

Following is a quote from a letter received from Mr. Wilson: "I am fully aware of the sacrifice entailed in this donation. The spirit of the JACL in helping to encourage youth to observe the highest ideals of manhood through judo is very commendable and worthy of much acclaim.

On behalf of the PNWA AAU Championship I do want to express my gratitude to the officers and members of the JACL who support the high principle of the Kodokan Judo through the medium of this most excellent and coveted award!!"

Hiroshi Nakayama

- - NEWS BRIEFS - -

Mr. John Sasaki, President of the

Puget Sound Vegetable Growers Ass'n attended the International Hothouse Rhubarb Growers Convention in Toronto, Canada recently.

Mr. Tom Sakahara has been invited to participate in the People to People Program and he will leave the first of May for a thirty day tour of Europe and Russia. He also plans to visit England and visit some rhubarb growing areas there.

FRANK NATSUHARA APPOINTED MEMBER OF AUBURN PARK BOARD

Mayor James Shaughnessy of Auburn has appointed Frank Natsuhara as a member of the three man Park Board for the City of Auburn. This is the first time that a Japanese American has been appointed to a position in city government in the White River Valley.

In the nineteen-thirty's, under the leadership of Mr. C. Natsuhara, Frank's father, the Pioneer Cemetery was beautified with the planting of grass and installation of a fence around the property. Since that time Frank has taken on the responsibilities of the care and maintainance of the Cemetery until recently when the City of Auburn Park Department took over. During that period donations from various individuals have helped with the expenses. The Pioneer Cemetery, as the name implies, is a historical site, dating back to the early days of Auburn. The people of the Japanese Community having a direct interest in the Cemetery, are very grateful to the Natsuhara's for their services.

The organization and its members shall uphold the Constitution of the United States, laws of the land and the several states.

We find in our society those who feel that we are now accepted why should we have a Japanese American organization. A simple answer to this question is because we are an identifiable minority and we cannot as individuals set ourselves apart from the problems of the rest of the group. Because we cannot escape from being judged as a group it is important for us to have an organization that promotes the good image of the Japanese American. Public acceptance of this image results in a more rapid and lasting integration.

We would also like to remind you that in our struggle for the major legislative battles we have built an effective national organization which is the envy of many other minority groups. While it's true that the major issues of the time have been successfully gained, we do have many smaller ones which are current and others that suddenly crop up. In addition, a national organization such as ours attracts political aspirants much more than individual scattered groups and we can work more effectively with them to our benefit.

We believe that we warrant your support because JACL is the only organization working in the serious political field for the Japanese American. Politics, even on a non-partisan basis, is something that affects our everyday

life. We have a direct pipe-line into Congress, White House, State Legislature wherever our chapters are located. This is also true of our local government. Aside from the above all important program, we try to fill the needs of the local community in other areas not covered by other Japanese Americans organizations.

In the vital area of Civil Rights we strongly advocate that the only way to secure our rights on a permanent basis is to secure the rights of all Americans.

It is obvious in this hustle and bustle of everyday life that many of you cannot personally attend meetings and participate actively in the local programs. However, we hope that you can, at least, support the organization with your membership.

YOUTH AND THE J.A.C.L. -

By Willie Maebori

The Japanese American Citizens League is now setting up various committees to study the need of our youth in the J.A.C.L. At the present time the Northwest District Council has laid the ground work by setting up such a committee, and to date, we have several chapters working on this study. The Portland Chapter has already organized a youth group under the leadership of Dr. George Hara and Mrs. Emi Somekawa. The Puyallup Valley Chapter has had a meeting of the young people in the home of the President Joe Kosai, and the
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outlook is very bright. The Hood River Chapter is setting up a committee and we should be hearing soon about them. A very good article was written up in the January 31 issue of the Pacific Citizen in regards to the youth by the Portland chairman Dr. George Hara. The young people are beginning to realize the importance of the J.A.C.L., and we as parents and members of this organization should offer our encouragement and guidance to them.

Our chapter is now looking for a representative to the District Oratorical contest to be held in Spokane in May, also in conjunction with the oratorical a essay contest is also offered to the young people. If anyone can encourage someone in the 16 to 21 age group to speak or write on the subject "J.A.C.L. and Civil Rights", please contact Koji Norikane or William Maebori for further details. LET'S ALL GET OUT AND HELP!!

INSTALLATION BANQUET -

By Michi Maebori

Newly-elected officers for 1964 were installed at a dinner meeting, on January 10 at Earl's Broiler in Auburn. 50 members and guests from the Seattle and Tacoma chapters attended.

Officers are Koji Norikane, President; Sauce Shimojima, Auburn Vice-President; George Sakita, Kent Vice-President; Joe Nishimoto, Treasurer; Toki Nakai, Corresponding Secretary; Midge Maebori, Recording Secretary; Frank Natsuhara, 1000 Club; George Kawasaki, Board Delegate; William

Maebori, Social Chairman; and Tedi Kanda, Historian.

Takeshi Kubota of Seattle, 2nd National JACL Vice-President was installing officer during the banquet. The Rev. Forrest Franklin of the Southern Baptist Church gave the invocation and benediction. Dr. John Kanda, Puyallup, Northwest District Council Chairman presented Hiroshi Nakayama with the past president's pin.

Waldo Carlson, Secretary of the Auburn Chamber of Commerce spoke on Civil Rights. Mr. Carlson who is also Lt. Governor of the Kiwanis Club made an open invitation to the Japanese-Americans to join the service organizations in this area.

Students from the Auburn Academy of Music presented several accordion selections.

Committee members working on the installation dinner were Joe Nishimoto, Willie Maebori, George Kawasaki and Hiroshi Nakayama.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT COUNCIL

Those attending the PNWDC meeting on February 16 were Koji Norikane, Sauce Shimojima, Willie Maebori, and George Kawasaki.

The following were discussed:

In order to get the Anti-Alien Land Law repealed there may be a test case.

The cost of publishing the Issei Story will be approximately \$135,000.

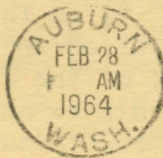
Publishing the Pacific Citizen costs about \$52,000, receipts
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WE DON'T SEE ALIKE

When the other fellow acts that way, he's ugly
When I do - it's nerves.
When he's set in his ways, he's obstinate,
When I am - it's just firmness.
When he tries to be accomodating,
He's polishing the apple.
When I do - I'm using tact.
When he picks flaws, he's cranky,
When I do - I'm discriminating!

Remember

TO VOTE
TUESDAY
MARCH 10TH



Mr. & Mrs. George Kanda
Auburn, Wash.