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Yuri,
Dear Garden Tour Committee Members,

The victory of S 1009 in the Senate and the success of the Garden Tour Fundraising Event are very sweet. But we cannot sit back and relax just yet. Reagon's veto threat is still there and the final report of the Garden Tour has still to be done for the New York JACL.

My heartfelt thanks and deep gratitude goes to everyone of you who worked on the committee. You were, indeed, a wonderful working committee and I can't thank you enough. It was a pleasure to meet and talk with you. I wonder how many of us had thought that there were so few Japanese Americans around Westchester, only to find that there were many of us. It was great working together, and to have found each other. I hope we have occasion to meet again.

At the latest bit of news, I can report to you that the grand total of gross receipts came to \$9,390.00! And checks are still coming in so we're on our way to hitting \$10,000!. The unwinding celebration at Sumi Koide's home on the evening after the Garden Tour was really that. I'm sorry every one was not able to be there, but it was very nice and we thank the Koide's for their warm hospitality. We had a great party!

I am asking all of you, in retrospect, to jot down your thoughts about the Garden Tour. We need everyone's valued evaluation as a summary for the final report. Please send in your suggestions, and critique. There are many things we could have done differently, or better, or ways to do things more smoothly. Only out of everyone's critiques can we form the report so that the next similar fundraising will be even better. Such a fun and wonderful fund-raiser should be done again, especially since we can raise so much money. Of course, all this successful work could not have happened, but for Kan Domo-to's invaluable original idea and contribution. We are all deeply indebted to him and the stature he has in the Westchester area, and his wonderfully created gardens and architecture. So, thank you, Kan!

Later in June, a small core committee of those who played major roles will be asked to meet once more. We will go over all the critiques that come in and your suggestions and comments will help to form the final report. Please send in your notes to me--very informal and loose and short is fine--but send them in in the next two weeks, please. Don't forget. And be sure to send me any bills for expenses you may have had, so we can repay you for them. Don't forget--otherwise summer will surely keep you from it forever. Have a good summer! Thanks, again, for all you did to make our Garden Tour such a big success. You were a wonderful committee.

Hope you'll be one of them & can meet once more about the end of June! I'll notify you all.

I'm certainly indebted to you for your long & many, many hours you so unselfishly devoted to our JACL cause. You did a super job. Do you have special people you'd like me to write a thank you letter especially? I'll be glad to do so. Please let me know. Hope you are continuing well. It was really nice to have gotten to know you. Many, many thanks!

Sincerely yours,

Sarah

Sarah M. Sogi, Chair.
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