

MINUTES, WESTCHESTER GARDEN TOUR COMMITTEE
N.Y. JACL

The second meeting of the Westchester Garden Tour Committee of the N.Y. JACL met on Saturday, April 30, at 10:00 a.m. at Sarah Sogi's home. Members present were: Haraguchi, Ben & Terry, Lily & John Kiyasu, Sumi Koide, Tom Kometani, Htsuye Murase, Tami Ogata, Vi & Gene Takahashi, Yuriko Tsukada, Kim Yamaguchi, Tammy & Ben Kuwata, Amy & Tadashi Akaishi, Kan Domoto, Lillian Kimura, Sarah Sogi. Hosts & hostesses present other than committee members were John & Marie Peterson, Ken & Tiyo Asai, Mr. & Mrs. Murakami.

There were no additions or corrections to minutes of March 26th meeting. Introductions followed.

Update on various matters were brought up:

1. Redress success & follow up were discussed. Sumi and Tom reported on this and urged sending telegrams and letter writing to President Reagan urging signing of the bill. Letters were distributed and info on wiring messages.
2. Insurance coverage is secure.
3. Physician on call is secure. Dr. Sumi Koide has agreed to be doctor.
4. Posters with the help of Chris Ishii were prepared and distributed.
5. Expenses to date were reported on for reproductions, paper, printing, mailings, etc. which came to \$611.38.
6. Tickets and contributions have brought cash in hand to over \$2500, though all pledges are not yet in. Every member was urged to purchase a ticket and to take some to sell. It was decided that tickets will not be discounted for those not taking all the gardens. \$25 is for 7 gardens whether all are seen or not. Tickets will be made available at each garden site for sale.

Yuri reported on publicity to date. It is well underway. A major coverage in the Women's News with pictures were available for all. Calendar and events spots are listed in several places, including the Pacific Citizen, etc. Everyone is urged to take every means possible to spread the word through one's contacts and influence.

The host/hostess job is well organized. A few more volunteers are needed. Vi & Gene Takahashi are working on this job and handling all aspects of it.

Transportation plans were discussed. It was agreed that a van or two be hired to leave from the JAA address at 7 W 44th St. in NYC for a fee of \$10. It has been determined that 11:30 a.m. will be the pick-up time. JACL will cover what costs cannot be met. Return to 44th St. will be about 4:30-5:00 p.m. Private cars will be arranged to meet two Metro North trains leaving from Grand Central Station at 9:40 a.m. and 1:40 p.m. to take any passengers from there on the tour and return to station afterwards. Tami Ogata volunteered to take calls for reservations in the city. Chester Onuma and Harry Isokane are working out the details for all this. All transportation information is to appear in the JACL NY Scene publication.

Kan & John will be working out the traffic strategies and directional signs and posting them and have checked out permits, requirements and regulations.

The Durst House Garden #3 will serve as a rest house stop as well as the headquarters for the committee and physician on call. The telephone made available is 914 SC 3 5797. Coffee will be available for committee members and hosts/hostesses. This site will serve as the communications center.

It was suggested that the latest listing of all contributors be posted at all

garden sites at a prominent spot. Sarah will see to this.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. after which car pools started out on the dry run of the gardens. It was a highly impressive tour lead by Kan. Host/hostesses were on hand to note all interesting aspects of the garden as related by Kan and each site checked out as to system of movement, dangers, number of h/h needed, etc. It was found that Garden #3 will need many more people on hand. Written directions to the gardens will be provided at each site to the next higher numbered garden so traffic moves one way.

Reported by Chair Sarah Sogi

To all those working so hard and ironing out the myriad of details THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!! We couldn't have a better committee of hard workers carrying on their responsibilities.

After the Garden Tour is over, don't collapse! We are all invited to Sumi Koide's home for a celebration wine and cheese and refreshments and laugh over all the things that went wrong, and count the money that came in! The orders for tickets are coming in very well. Please sell tickets and advertise the tour to all your friends and neighbors and all the stores and businesses you patronise.

The 14th will be a brilliantly sunny and perfect day with the dogwood and azaleas out in full!!!! Bring your family, friends and cameras.

map is
enclosed.

TO KOIDE'S -

CROSS WESTCATER (287)

Directions from mammoth

- ① West on 28th 7 (Towards Tappan Zee Br.)
- ② South on 8th 7 (Towards NYC)
- ③ Exit on Saw Mill River Pkwy going South (rept after getting on 8th 7, exit almost immediately on to Saw Mill River Pkwy (going South))
- ④ South on Saw Mill River Pkwy

Directions: Exit on ASH FORD AVE. & follow map.

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(Going South only) PKU

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