

Aug 1979

J.A.C.L. Meeting at Emiko Hishino's home
David Sakura, chairperson (C=chairperson)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5, 1979 4 P.M.

1. The chairperson expressed the group's thanks to Emiko for her hospitality.
 2. C. reviewed the purpose and activities of the original Boston JACL chapter:
 - evacuation claims; support to each other in resettlement from camps
 - around 100 members; included college students and Japanese nationals
 3. Focus on present JACL chapter:
 - redress
 - Looking ahead to the 80's: equal employment; elderly, including the issue; cultural heritage/links with contemporary Japan
 - not a "one issue" organization
 4. Reactivation of JACL New England Chapter in spring 1979
 5. Current membership: 17 regular members; 9 student members
 6. Local interest committees: (and chairpersons)
 - Political - Toby Kimura and Eji
 - Cultural - Reyko
 - Publicity and Membership - Kei
 - Fund-raising - (anyone want to volunteer?)
 - Program coordinator - Michiel Adachi
 - Secretary pro-tem - Toby Kimura
 7. Elections for permanent officers in the fall
 - Slate of candidates to be drawn up in late September/early October
 8. PACIFIC CITIZEN: membership includes subscription
 - it was noted that confusion re dues delayed payment, hence delay in getting 'C.
 9. Steering Committee: has met two times
 - drew up a tentative calendar of events
 - discussion re: "splinter groups", i.e. Nisei Retirement Group ("eating group"); Japan Society (for better understanding between Japanese and Americans.. a "select group"; academically oriented; JAIE (cultural emphasis); Greater Boston Japanese Ass'n: some in this group have expressed interest in JACL
- What's in the future for JACL? Purpose of JACL?
- issues of acculturation/assimilation/ "smugness": will JACL phase itself out?
 - NEW ENGLAND chapter would like to be relevant to all; must include sansei too.
 - Mike Adachi suggested we have a speaker who would be of interest to both generations
10. Kei Kaneda opened discussion of why are we here today at JACL meeting?
 - Aiko Adachi said that it's good to have an org. which can share experiences
 - Eji - interested in political activities; need to develop coalitions with other groups
 - David .. "wake up JACL "old guard" ...
 - Kei inquired about EDC meetings - Emiko attended: issues; redress Japanese American Resource Directory
 - Evelyn: political action; issues of biracial families; stages of adulthood; US and Japan: partners or competitors? affirmative action. Expressed Japanese cultural values as "feudalistic", i.e. women; racist stereotypes still powerful
 11. Suggestions for speakers were made:
 - Ezra Vogel, Harvard professor, author of "Japan is No. 1"
 - Aiko's brother
 - Glenn Fukushima: Japan Forum (a possible resource)
 12. Discussion of tentative calendar of events for the coming year:
 - steering committee suggested six meetings per year including topics/activities to encompass the various interests expressed by members
 - August was planned as an informal get-together for getting acquainted with each other and for planning (pot luck dinner coordinated by Aiko and May ... many thanks to them!)

Sunday August 5th JACL meeting

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - JACL New England Chapter

September the Japanese house at the Children's Museum
Karen Zein, Speaker

(October) Election of permanent officers

November *4th*
17th Banquet and installation of officer
E.D.C. speaker and a keynote speaker (to be announced)

January Japanese New Year's celebration (to be co-sponsored with
other local Japanese-American groups)

March The Japanese American experience (Scott Miyakawa?)

April Ikebana demonstration (?)

June (open)

13. Fund-raising - a major need we need a chairperson to head this and to
get started

14. Eji reported progress on redress . a committsion to be created via a bill to be
presented to Congress

15. Meeting adjourned. Members enjoyed pot-luck supper.

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