

LETTERS FROM THE READERS

1997 CRYSTAL CITY PILGRIMAGE

Writing the Chatter gives me the wonderful moments when CCA friends write, or phone in to request Chatter...to be listed for mailing, etc., and tell me their being in the camp or their parents...there's that "natsukashii" (fond memory) "kimochi" (feeling) that comes across...some are sad because of passing of their family member, etc., so the closeness of this Crystal City camp friends continue with the feeling of an extension of our own life...I'm really grateful!!!!

As you will read in Toni's "President's Corner" column, our 'kickoff meeting' for the 1998 picnic was just GREAT!!! What the Niseis did for our Issei parents, the Sanseis are keeping up with this wonderful tradition! It develops that priceless character that we niseis were taught...so that special Magic SPIRIT OF CARING AND GIVING continues...and are we fortunate to have this special sensitivity continue...it is very special!!!

The long awaited pilgrimage trip to Crystal City, Texas will soon be realized...a little over a month away, (time flies so it will be just around the corner) and Toni and I have been planning a memorable trip...we have wonderful CC friends who are assisting us in making it GREAT!!! Above all, we have with the Kokusai Travel Bureau, a fantastic - wonderful person, Stephanie Kai-Fukuzawa, who from the very beginning, worked out and got us accommodation to a beautiful hotel right by the Riverwalk, and all the necessary transportation...to top it all, she offered to escort all of us and take the HUGE RESPONSIBILITY of a group off of my hands...what can I say...to say "Thank you" isn't enough...for I really didn't know anything about taking care of a group...on tour, etc...so, as much as I really didn't want to ask her assistance (she has a 6 years old daughter)...I am requesting her HELP!!!!...I am not only grateful...but, again found another very capable, responsible person who works hard and gives her all...

When I had to wait over 2 months for some response from another travel agent...and getting none, I called Stephanie, and in one day, got information I needed...needless to say, this pilgrimage trip is possible because of a very capable person who cared enough to put her total energy into making it a reality...a memorable reality.

Now, Toni and I are awaiting answers to our letters to several people that we have written to...so...Crystal City friends...help us...please!!!

Presently, we have 46 people going to CC & 6 who will be joining us in San Antonio and going on the bus with us..and Stephanie got us the largest bus to take us ALL TOGETHER!!!

* * * * * FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Toni Takeuchi Tomita

The TORCH has been passed -- the Crystal City Association PICNICS will continue!!! On September 20th, a group of 35 people, Niseis and Sanseis gathered at Sei Dyo's clubhouse to discuss plans for the 1998 picnic. There were hearty greetings and friendly exchanges. (Anyone associated with Crystal City is considered "family" and immediately embraced warmly.) An added surprise was to see Keigo Takeuchi, my dance partner and no, we are not related, at the meeting with Yone Takeuchi, Skip's widow). Cries of a dance duet were laughed at by Keigo and me -- ah! the infirmities of age! A delicious lunch prepared by Mr. Goichi, our picnic chef and owner of Azuma restaurant in Gardena, was served along with extra goodies prepared by Tomo Mizukami and Akemi Yasuda Which really added to our dining pleasure. Thank you Tomo and Akemi for organizing and taking care of all the details, as always.

After introductions, everyone broke out into committee groups and "brainstorm"ed. SUCH ENERGY, ENTHUSIASM AND GREAT IDEAS WERE GENERATED!! As I walked amongst the groups, couldn't help but sense the commitment to keep the picnics going into the new millenium -- Sumi already has great plans for the Year 2000 picnic!! Sound bites -- "My father-in-law (Mas Okabe) loves these picnic gatherings, couldn't imagine that they wouldn't continue -- gotta keep him happy" -- "It's the Sitters Club for people who like to sit and play games, no running " (Games the Isseis played) -- "We're going to look for lots of free donations for our raffle prizes" and "more non-competitive games, cooperative and intergenerational activities". I know many of those who were unable to attend have great ideas to share. The next meeting of the Picnic committees will be in January 1998. Join us! (See Picnic article)

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The Sumo Exhibit

The Crystal City Association campaign for the JANM will have reached its goal of \$150,000 by the end of this year, if not sooner! WOW!! What many of us thought was an "impossible dream" has become a reality. Thanks to the undaunting efforts of Yae Aihara, Kim Takahashi and Sumi who still continue to raise funds. We are the first camp group to initiate such a large campaign. Perhaps in the future, we'll be remembered as the "little camp that could", rather than the oft-repeated "camp of bad/high risk enemy aliens".

November Pilgrimage Tour - Mrs. Leona Lunz, bless her heart, continues to send me clippings from Crystal City. Our hotel in San Antonio overlooks the famous Riverwalk. She says that they have been having a long dryspell and hopes the Japanese Garden will have some floral displays for our visit. Miguel Delgado, CC city manager, is her former pupil. Sounds like the Spinach Festival parade starts in the afternoon and they do have food booths at the festival. We are trying to coordinate our plans for a program at the historical marker with the city's activities.

You can tell I'm on a real energy high!! From the enthusiasm and camaraderie generated at our Picnic meeting, to the great news of our JANM campaign efforts and to our coming Pilgrimage journey, I want to thank you all for the honor of being called the president of this Association. It is in name only for all things possible and that DO happen only occur because of the people who work quietly "behind the scenes". My humble appreciation and gratitude to you all.

* * * * * We CCA group are so fortunate to have you as our president...our leader...the amount of time you pour into preparation for meetings, your well prepared organized ways, I am so very, very grateful that your 'love' for our group keeps you going...I know how much you take time out...not only for our CC but for your church, family activities, the San Gabriel Seniors group, etc., etc...besides working "part-time"...your "part-time" is most people's "full-time...and a half".

Thank you very much for continuing this HUGE job...am also grateful for Sid "Show me the money" Okazaki for 13-14 years our treasurer...and the always reliable friends, Tomo and Akemi...who is always there!!!

Yae Aihara went to the JAN Museum to look at the many pictures of sumo that is on exhibit now. She saw that the assembly center with Fresno people had Ichiro Akiyama and his brother in one of the pictures and George Ando in one too. Mr. Akiyama was in another photograph in one of the detention camp in New Mexico.

She saw a picture of Mrs. Furuzawa standing (next to her husband's father, Mr. Aihara) in a pre-war photo.

Yae also said that she is presently reading a book on Missoula Detention Camp in Montana... "An Alien Place"...where they held not only the first Japanese men arrested by the FBI's but some Italians. I understand that this book is very hard to find...

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Books for your Library: (Besides The CC Album):

- "Years of Infamy" Updated Edition
Michi Nishiura Weglyn
- "Adios To Tears" Seiichi Higashide
Daughter: Elsa Kudo
- "Personal Justice Denied"
Foreword by Tetsuden Kashima

Also, several years back, I received a copy of "The 1800 Story" by Cedrick Shimo (of Crystal City), a Work Shop sponsored by the NCCR at Cal State Long Beach...about Camp and Military "resisters" and the No-Nos...One of these days, when I have some pages, I hope to reprint this interesting piece of writing...I'm sorry Cedric that I haven't included it in the Chatter yet but I haven't forgotten it either...thank you for sending me this interesting information that I did not know about.

If any of you have other interesting - educating books, articles to share with us, please let me know...thanks.

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WANTED: CC TOKENS...
Collector wishes to buy tokens used in CC Internment Camp during WW II. Contact D. F. Bailey [redacted] Boerne TX 78006

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Several years ago, Shig Ito donated some of these tokens in Memory of Ryuzaburo and Kane Ito. These tokens were donated to one of the Japanese American Museum for their collection of War-time "money" that was used. If anyone else has any of this token, Mr. Bailey should be contacted.

1998 PICNIC COMMITTEES

The following committees met and selected chairpersons:

FOOD

Chairpersons : NISEI Tomo Mizukami
 SANSEI Joyce (Takeuchi) Hirota
 Committee Members Diane Takahashi, Joan Takeuchi, Yae Aihara
 Kim Takahashi, Yukie Okazaki, Akemi Yasuda

RAFFLE PRIZES and SALES

Chairpersons: NISEI Ty Nakamura
 SANSEI Yone Takeuchi, Pauline (Eshita) Carrillo
 Committee Members Ron Carrillo, Sam and Dottie Hatanaka

GAMES (Children and Adults)

Chairpersons: SANSEI Gary Dyo, Tish (Okabe) Kato
 Committee Members Derick Shimatsu, Dennis Kato

"65" and over Sitters Club

Chairpersons: SANSEI Dave Hirota, Dana (Tomita) Ichikawa
 Committee Members H.O. Okamura (Adviser), Russell Ichikawa
 Miyo Eshita, Tak Takeuchi

NEW GAME CATEGORY

ONDO DANCING NISEI Reiko Ikemiya, Yuki Nonoguchi
 SANSEI Joan Takeuchi

LINE DANCING NISEI Sachi Maehara, May Hamada
 SANSEI Paula Shimatsu

As you can tell, this is only a partial list of committees involved in our Picnic. Listed below are 1996 Committees and chairpersons who will also need help.

DONATIONS FOR PICNIC/RESERVATIONS Sid Okazaki

PICNIC REGISTRATION Shimatsu family

SET-UP (signs,directions) Sho Kurakane, Sei Dyo

SIGNS Yosh Yasuda

ROVING PHOTOGRAPHER Kazie Okamura

DESSERTS Sansei

SOFT DRINKS AND BEER Sam and Dottie Hatanaka

Permit for Beer Sam Hatanaka

ENTERTAINMENT Sumi Shimatsu

If you would like to help any of the PICNIC committees, please fill out the form. Or you may have ideas for additional activities at the picnic, such as balloon animals, face painting, etc. (Form on Page 4)

PUBLICITY RELEASE

Requested by Aya Yamakoshi

Brian Yamakoshi performs in Memorial Concert in Barcelona, Spain. A memorial concert for the late Yoritoyo Inoue, cellist and father of famous composer-pianest Akira Inoue of Japan will be held at the Pablo Casals Museum on August 20. Mr. Yoritoyo Inoue was a student of Pablo Casals who was the greatest cellist who ever lived. In observing the birds singing, "Peace, peace, peace" in "The Song of the Birds" in a concert in 1960 at the United Nations, Casals proclaimed humans should live in harmony and utter the same as the birds. Brian, koto artist will perform with Akira Inoue and a group of cellists in the concert.

Akira Inoue and Brian Yamakoshi had performed in ensembles in Tokyo, England at Peter Gabriel's Real World, Italy and Tunisia.

WELCOME SPEECH for the Japanese American Service Committee

by Aya Yamakoshi

"It is my pleasure to greet you this evening as a board member of the Japanese American National Museum, and to thank you for your contnued interest in the Museum and its ongoing projects and future goals.

When I think that it was only 5 years ago in 1992 that the Museum first opened its doors, I am filled with admiration and pride at what the combined efforts of dedicated members and friends have been able to accomplish.

My late husband, Noby Yamakoshi, who passed away almost two years ago, was one of many who envisioned the establishment of a museum, a repository where the history and accomplishments of the Japanese Americans would be kept on record as an inspiration for all who visited, and as a precious legacy for future generations. Noby donated untold hours, and provided promotional brochures and pamphlets through his company's facilities, to help make that dream come true. I am happy to say that the dream became a reality while he was alive.

We are about to enter another phase in our growth, which is to make a historical video of what the Issei and Nisei did and how they fared after they were released from the concentration camps. While the majority of the approximately 20,000 who first came to Chicago eventually returned to the West Coast or relocated elsewhere, many chose to settle in the Chicago area.

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1998 Crystal City Association PICNIC

YES ! Count me in ! I would like to help.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

city _____ state _____ zip _____

PHONE: () _____

Name of committee _____

Other activities _____

Please send form to:

Toni Tomita

South San Gabriel, CA 91770

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sept. 10', '97

Dear Sumi,

Please forgive me for being so late in thanking you for the many issues of Crystal City Chatter that you have been sending us to my mother, Haru Tanaka, to me, Muriel Onishi, and to my brother Akira Tanaka of Los Angeles.

We have enjoyed reading every issue you have been sending us. Through your newsletters, we have learned so much about my mother's friends during her confinement in camp. We were saddened to learn about the passing of Mr. Shigetoshi Fujii. The Fujiis along with their son and daughter, Ai-chan, were all so good to my mother living just next door to each other during their stay in Crystal City. We were also saddened to learn that Noby Yamakoshi passed away. We knew Noby through our son, Paul, who briefly worked for him in Chicago shortly after his graduation from University of Cincinnati. The Yamakoshis were especially good to Paul during his stay in Chicago. We have fond memories of Noby when he visited Hawaii many years ago.

We had a BIG celebration for my mother at our Harris United Methodist Church here in Honolulu on her 100th birthday with about 200 of her friends in attendance.

Unfortunately, shortly after her 102nd birthday in March of 1995, she had a bad fall at home resulting in a broken hip. We did our best to take care of her at home after her surgery and hospitalization, but on October 1, 1995 she passed away. We were most grateful for the more than 700 people who came to bid her farewell. Most of those who came were her former pupils and their parents who remembered her as their teacher and school principal of more than 70 years at Showa Gakko in Wahiawa, Oahu, Hawaii.

Mother was one of the first of 4 persons receiving the reparation award from the U.S. Government at the Hawaii State Capitol in Honolulu. The next morning, a great, BIG photo of mother's smiling face, as she accepted her award, appeared in the Honolulu Advertiser. Nothing pleased us more than to see her proudly accepting her check that morning.

For your information, when war broke out on Dec. 7, 1941, I was working in Tokyo shortly after graduating from Tokyo Jōshi Bijyutsu (Tokyo Women's Art College). My brother, Akira, was a student at the University of Hawaii when war broke out, but after mother's internment which began the very afternoon of Dec 7, he volunteered to serve in

the U.S. Army and was a student at the Military Intelligence School in Minnesota. After graduation, he served in the Pacific Area, in the Philippines, as well as in Okinawa. My reunion with him, for the first time in Tokyo one cold night in the fall of 1945 is an experience I can never forget!!

Enclosing a small check from the both of us for the many trouble you go through in your publication of Crystal City Chatter.

Sincerely, Muriel Chiyo Onishi

Dear Muriel,

Your letter is what makes this newsletter so 'warm and wonderful', that many have expressed to me...the heart-warming, real-life story...some of your mother's student commented that she came here alone from Hawaii...now we know why. Issue 07 of the Crystal City Chatter, dated Dec.'90, has the front page with your mother's happy face holding the JAACL "Reparations Realized..." in her hand...with the title "Reparations checks go to 4 internees."

Miyo Takeuchi Eshita remembers your mother as a very good, strict teacher who taught "Reigi Saho"...Etiquette...and she was impressed at the many little things one had to know in the Japanese culture.

Your reunion with your brother must have been like a dream...how wonderful...I thank you very much for sharing your mother and your story with all of us...and thank you very much for your donation to this newsletter.

Very sincerely, yours, sumi

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August 14, 1997

Dear Sumi,

The lovely letter you wrote to the children and the birthday congratulatory letter was much appreciated. It was a deeply meaningful, thank you very much. As much as it was a milestone to reach the age of 70, I remarked to the children I really did not want to disclose my age, being a typical woman..nowonder so many just let it pass unceremoniously. Just for curiosity just recently, I asked 4 girlfriends their ages and they insist they keep it a secret!

Anyway 150 friends came to my party for a very festive evening. Brian played the koto, several pieces and I sang the oldies, "Shina No Yoru" and "Yuyake Koyake". My friends at the midwest Buddhist Temple collected almost \$1,500. to donate to the Japanese American National Museum which Irene was here to accept.

She also spoke at the JAACL National Convention here in Chicago.

Mrs. Spark Matsunaga, Helene stayed with me so it was much fun.

I have completed most of my packing for the "big move" to a Retirement Village - a small

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duplex cottage in the "Q" section (ironical-ly same letter like Crystal City) for next year. This is only 2 miles away from my eldest son, Warren. Tho' I feel a little "young" for this move, I may be able to close the door more easily to travel - less maintenance etc. Thank you again!

Love, Aya Hosaka Yamakoshi

Dear Aya,

How wonderful to have a birthday celebra-tion!! I'm sorry that I wasn't able to attend but my son-in-law's mother also had a surprise 70th birthday celebration on the same day up in Berkeley's old historic Claremont Hotel, Jordan Restaurant...it was intimate, close friends-relative affair and was a total sur-prise for Alice Ong...and it was really a big surprise!

So many reaching 70s and 75s...what ama-zes me is that I always thought reaching 70s would be getting "old"...yet, one year away from the 70, I find that I still feel the same and have energy and ability...though forgetful at times, (many times), it's just numbers. I know many people are sensitive about their age...thankfully it hasn't hit me...yet...I'm just grateful to feel so good and healthy!!

I look at sensei at 87, and a letter from Inouye-san in San Francisco in his 90s, it's encouraging to see that their youthful and energetic lifestyle helps me to continue en-joying each day...

Enjoy your "new home"...my sister and bro-ther-in-law are really enjoying retirement home in Fullerton...Take care, thank you for your warm letter.

Always, sumi

Since this letter, I received another letter from Aya about a wonderful chiropractor in San Jose who was able to give relief to her daughter and herself...I'm so glad that she was able to find someone who was able to help her daughter and herself...pain is terrible to have to have day in and day out...relief is just fantastic for those who had to go through continue pain...

"George, Sayo and I had agreed to equal amounts (Of \$\$) so I am asking Irene (Hirano) to credit into CC donations that which I re-ceived through birthday tributary donations to the Museum." Love, Aya H. Yamakoshi

Thank you, thank you, thank you Aya, George, and Sayo...we are getting closer and closer to the \$150,000.00 goal! What fantastic fund raising drive we were able to have!!!

Read how YOU not only can help, but will be listed in CC registry at the Museum!!!

Sumi,

A little donation to the CC Chatter and another to the JANM. Really enjoy reading the CC Chatter.

Glad to hear that you and Shiz (Ochiai-Kato) got together when she was in L.A. taking care of our Aunt. I wish I could have gone but I have my own medical problems.

Hope you all have a wonderful time in CC Should bring back memories!

Tak Ochiai

Hi Tak,

Thank you very much for your donation, to the Chatter and also to the JANM. We are get-ting closer to our goal...and should reach it very shortly.

Shiz and Jimmy (her husband), and I really was able to enjoy the short time we were able to find...taking care of your Aunt and her home was/is a huge task, but Shiz and Jimmy did a great job...and will do more when they come here in October, before taking off to our pil-grimage trip in November...

Take care of yourself...and thanks again.

Sincerely, sumi

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Aug. 21, 1997

Dear Sumi,

A few of the CCites got together for dinner here in Seattle at Mikado Restaurant. (snap-shot was enclosed)

Marion Goshō Fukuma, Frances Tamekuni, Grace Ichikawa, Mae Nakashima, Haruko Shimizu, Mits Katayama, Mas Tamekuni, Mike Fukuma, Kaz-zie Takahashi Katayama and Sat Ichikawa. We had a good time talking about our experiences in Crystal City and what happened after those internment years.

Thank you for sending out the CC Chatter and keeping us abreast of the news. Your con-tinued enthusiasm towards this project is truly commendable.

Sincerely, Sat Ichikawa

P.S. Dr. Kashima had to babysit and couldn't make it to the dinner.

Hi Sat,

Thank you for the nice snapshot of everyone at the restaurant...I'm sorry that I could not join you but it was at the same time that I went to my son-in-law's mother's surprise B-day and so one of these days, hope to join the party ...or rather dinner, but it's still party to me! Life is a party...a celebration of life...so I am a party, celebrating person!!!

Hoping that many of you could join us for our bi-annual CC picnic next year, August 16th, Sunday at our private park in Long Beach. More about the picnic in following newsletters.

Very sincerely yours, sumi

Dear Sumi,

August 16, 1997

Better late than never...received the Chatter yesterday and realized I had not yet sent in my donation to the JANM. Not too late I hope.

Enjoy receiving the Chatter. Since I'm not much of a participant or contributor to your CC effort, am enclosing a small donation to help offset the expenses incurred in publishing the newsletter.

Stay healthy and well...hope to see you at some future events.

Yoroshiku (regards) Helen Ikemiya Cook

Dear Helen,

Thank you very much for your donation to JANM and to the Chatter...we still have few months to go on the JANM fund raising campaign...and the Chatter is always grateful for your donation.

Take care...there will be picnic in '98... but we may see you even earlier (?)...

Sincerely, sumi

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Sept. 18, 1997

Dear Sumi-san,

Trust that this brief letter will find you in good spirits.

The "Man up there" has been very good to me and if He continues to be so good, I have a feeling that I have a chance to become a Centurian.

Enclosed please find Sept 17,'97 issue of S.F.'s Nichibei Times' English section in which a photo of Crystal City Campaign Committee for JA National Museum appears, and you are in it. Thought you'd be interested.

Last but not least, thank you for the Crystal City Chatter which I enjoy reading very much. Guess I'm one of, or the oldest member of the group now.

With best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely, Hisao Inouye

P.S. The enclosed check is to cover part of publishing/mailling costs of the Chatter.

Dear Inouye-san,

I always marvel at your English...if I were as knowledgeable in Japanese as you are in English, boy, that would be so wonderful!!

It's great to hear that you're in such good health and so capable of your daily life. You probably would reach 100...and I'd like to be there to celebrate that birthday!!

Thank you very much for the article in the Nichibei Times, and the donation for our Chatter.

Gratefully yours, sumi

Dear Sumi,

I am writing to you to ask you to please remove Dr. Kibimaro Ishida from your mailing list.

My beloved husband died on Dec. 6, 1995 after a 1½ years battle with Non Hodgekins Lymphoma. He was only 51. He was born "in the camps" in Crystal City.

He was the very best husband in the world, and I miss him more than words can say. We have 2 children Rebecca Kimiko and Keith Hidemaro.

I feel cheated, and so did Kibi. We had so much more living to do. When he died it was as if the sunshine (His name translated) went out of my life.

Sincerely, Dr. Deborah R. Ishida.

Dear Deborah,

I understand how you feel. It's been 25 years since my husband left at the age of 49...I was very fortunate that I had him for 24 years...he was a partner in life, my mentor, and father of my 6 children...somehow, I'm grateful for having had his support and guidance...the children are all grown and are now my greatest support and great individuals...and have developed into sensitive, mature, "givers"...

The "kuro" (adversity) gave them depth and understanding...

Life is not fair...and many times challenging...take care.

With understanding, sumi

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September 19, '97

Dear Sumi:

I regret to inform you that my sister, Reiko Uyeshima passed away on June 22, 1997, in New York City. She is survived by a sister, Kyoko in Burbank and myself. Reiko had been enjoying retirement for about 10 years and was in the midst of writing a book in Japanese, an autobiography. She was able to write in Japanese because she attended school in Japan until she was 12 years old.

She was in good health and enjoyed living on Park Avenue in Manhattan. One day she had a back ache, after many tests she was diagnosed as having bone cancer. She passed away 3 months later. She was 73 years old so we feel she had a happy and full life.

Our family was in Crystal City and repatriated to Japan in December 1945. Reiko returned to Los Angeles around July 1947 by herself and attended UCLA while supporting herself. As you remember, those were very difficult times. She had to be committed to a sanitarium for tuberculosis for several years. Following that, she managed to graduate from UCLA and got a job with Time Magazine in New York City. She worked her way up to become one of the Editors and retired after 30 years.

Sincerely, Taikyo Uyeshima

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Dear Taikyo,

What a shock! Reiko was such a ambitious ...intelligent...capable person...she has to be in order to become an editor for Time Magazine. We will miss her...our sympathy and condolence to you and Kyoko...

Thank you for notifying us.

Sincerely yours, sumi

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...Chatter Gets Around...

Through Chatter, Mary Karasawa (non-CC friend of Joy Gee, my ole Odori friend), had given her copy to someone, who happened to have been in Crystal City in 1944...didn't know of our association, activities, and he called, interested in our pilgrimage to CC, so Sam Kawanami and his wife will be going to Crystal City...what a small world neh!

A phone call from Eureka, CA, that his mother and her family were in CC, and that he remembers attending one of the CC picnic at Elysian Park, many moons ago, with the tables heavily laden with sushi and other gochiso...(feast)...Tom Okazaki...his mother's name was Mary Okazaki...I didn't get her maiden name...anyway, I told him that we no longer take our own "bento" but have it catered...he thought it was too bad, but I assured him that the food was really great! When he tastes Goichi-san's array of food, I'm sure he will agree!

So, words do get around...amazingly! Thank y'all for sharing the news around...

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...DID YOU KNOW...Little Facts you may not know...

...that there were tents set up where the Venice Community Center stands... it was housing for many who were returning from relocation camps...

...that Bill Barnes, Fumi Miyoshi Barnes' husband was the flight engineer for General Douglas Mac Arthur's airplane, "Bataan"...

...that Luther Ase guaranteed and offered guarantees for many niseis who had repatriated to Japan, and wanted to return to this country...

...that when Sei Dyo went to Japan as occupation G.I...he was in Kyushu, and went up looking for former CC friends...met Joy and Vi Nozaki, Toshi and Helen Kamatani, and others.

"Welcome Speech" Cont'd fm pg 4 Aya Yamakoshi

Dr. Setsuko Nishi has come from New York to tell us about the resettlement of the Japanese in Chicago. Her expertise in this field will provide valuable information and a reference upon which we can draw for this new project.

The most significant and heartwarming aspect of this new undertaking is that we will have the united effort of all the organizations represented here this evening. I am positive that the result will be a most valuable documentary that we can be proud of.

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BASEBALL...The Sport Japanese Americans played in '30s...

Lately, there has been articles about the "older" niseis who played baseballs...from Santa Maria, Guadalupe, to San Fernando Valley, Oxnard...Santa Barbara...San Pedro...

There were pictures and article in Los Angeles Times, Sept. 29, 1997...that they continued playing in relocation centers, behind the barbed wire fences.

Well, I guess Crystal City was no different with the Saints, North Stars, Nippon, etc...it was fun during those hot Texas days...and we gals did all right too...

Then I heard Yamashita Sensei say that he too played baseball in New Mexico...that he was a manager for his team. I inquired what he did as a manager for his team...and he said he just arranged the next game on certain day, at certain time...and that was it...many of the Isseis enjoyed the game...it was a sport they learned to enjoy by day...and played Mah Jong and poker by night...

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EL NINO...What Kind of Winter Will We Have?

With all the hype on the worst El Nino to come, I always hope the weatherman is wrong! We really don't need mega-disasters around...the wildfire..the mudslides, the flood...the high wind with hurricane effects...only the surfers love the big "Banzai Pipeline" type of waves...even the "little" after-effect of the Hurricane Nora, Seal Beach suffered water standing knee-high...

The fishermen up north are enjoying the tuna, mahi-mahi, skipjacks, etc. that they are able to catch...

Let's all hope that "IT" won't be as bad as it has been forecasted...

Take care...

SALUTATION TO THE DAWN

Look to this day, for it is life.
In it's brief course lie all the realities
and truths of existance:

The joy of growth
the splendor of action
the glory of power.

For yesterday is but a memory
But today well lived...
Makes yesterday a memory - of happiness
and every tomorrow - a vision of hope.

Look well, therefore, to this day!

From the Sufi, 1200 BC

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"WHAT IF DR. SEUSS WROTE TECHNICAL MANUALS?"

Justin A. Yoshida

If a packet hits a pocket on a socket on a port, and the bus is interrupted as a very last resort, and the address of the memory makes your floppy disk abort, then the socket packet pocket has an error to report! If your cursor finds a menu item followed by a dash, and the double clicking icons put your window in the trash, and your data is corrupted'cause the index doesn't hash, then your situation's hopeless, and your system's gonna crash!!! If the label on your cable on the gable at your house says the network is connected to the button on your mouse, but your packet wants to tunnel to another protocol, that's repeatedly rejected by the printer down the hall, And your screen is all distorted by the side effects of gauss, so your icons in the window are as wavy as a souse, then may as well reboot and go out with a bang, 'cause as sure as I'm a poet, the sucker's gonna hang!! When the copy of your floppy's getting sloppy on the disk, and the microcode instructions cause unnecessary RISC, then you have to FLASH your memory and you'll want to RAM your ROM. Quickly turn off your computer and be sure to tell your Mom!!!

I guess computer hackers would understand what this whole thing means...Justin is my grandson in Japan...graduated from Tenri University. I requested some interesting experience that a Sansei faced...and am hoping in the future to have some of his article, meanwhile, this is what he sent through the computer internet...ahhh, these young generation...so different from ours...time does change...and the world!!! Thanks Jus.

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THE MONARCH BUTTERFLIES OF PACIFIC GROVE

I've always been intrigued with the Monarch Butterflies...migrating each October to the trees in Pacific Grove...once, there were so many, but with people throwing firecrackers, or gassing them to make souvenirs out of their fragile, beautiful bodies...so, many butterflies have found other areas on the West Coast to cluster "rest" during the winter months. Many years ago, I saw them behind the Butterfly Grove Motel...and there's several trees that the butterflies cluster on...they are so lovely and fascinating to see...you can't believe your eyes when you first see them...

I've taken friends there to have them experience this phenomena...from Hawaii...from the Bay area...from the southland...and everyone I took enjoyed this "quiet" moment. I urge all of you to visit this place...(I don't work for the Monterey County), The Monterey Aquarium is also something to see...their exhibit on jelly fishes are so lovely...it's like watching ballet in water...it mesmerizes you...then you see the anchovies swimming in schools...one way, then a fast, flashing swim the other way...all in unison...how do they communicate to change direction instantly?

We have been fortunate in Ventura County to have some of the Monarch fly down here, in several parks so many do not have to travel far to witness these lovely butterflies...Mother Nature has a way of putting on unduplicatable "shows"...remember, October to February...is Monarch's Showtime!!!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

To many of you who have sent in donation to this newsletter...the notes/letters expressing your appreciation/enjoyment reading it...

To those who have made donation to the Japanese American National Museum...your the reason that we Crystal City Association is nearing the goal of \$150,000...

To Toni, the Sansei and us Nisei CCA's coming together for a successful "kickoff" for our 1998 CC picnic, August 16th next year...

To Stephanie, Tomo, Akemi...and many ladies who are sewing, sewing, sewing...

RESPONSE:

Please continue Donation to JAN Museum...we have 2 months left to make the \$150,000...

Fill out the form "...I would like to help" for CC picnic 1998 on page 4 and send to Toni!

Ideas, thoughts, inspirations, articles...anything, is always welcome here...THANK YOU!!!

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OBITUARY:

Our deepest and heartfelt condolences to: Belatedly to Muriel Tanaka Onishi and Akira Tanaka for the loss of their mother, HARU TANAKA, Oct. 1, 1995.

The Ishida Family: Dr. Deborah and 2 children, Rebecca and Keith, on the loss of their loss husband/father KIBIMARO ISHIDA. Dec. 6, 1995.

Kyoko and Taikyo Uyeshima, for the loss of their sister, REIKO UYESHIMA June 22, 1997.

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"Hugs speak a universal language"

Kathleen Keating

"An embrace creates a circle of compassion that promotes growth and healing and feeds our empty hearts."

"A Hug says safety"

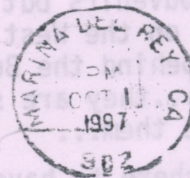
"A Hug says...security...trust...self-worth...belonging... strength...healing...appreciation happiness...celebration!"

"Hug Therapy 2"



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