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Dear Joe,

Last night after we got home, Mickey and I thought that with all the events that our Portland JACL chapter has either sponsored, co-sponsored, or had been in attendance at, that you as the president should be giving serious thought to winning the George Inagaki award at the next National JACL convention. The next convention will of course be in San Diego, and I think that we would have a very good chance of winning. It's worth, I think, $500, but now I believe that the Venice-Culver chapter has upped the award to $1,000. Seattle is the perennial winner, but I think that we would have a good chance this time.

So far, since the convention in Seattle, I can think of the follwing events that we've been active in:

- Redress Celebration Awards Dinner
- Preview of Loni Ding's COLOR OF HONOR
- Japanese American Memorial Project
- On January 7, 1989, our Aging and Retirement Committee will be sponsoring Oshogatsu Game Night
- Odori - A Dance Performance, on September 10, 1988
- There will be a Nikkei Community Graduation Banquet in May -- we always participate
- There will be a Nikkei Memorial Day Observance in which JACL always participates
- Mickey & I went to the Anti-Violence (?) meeting sponsored by the Black United Front at the King Memorial Center in November. Of course we didn't say that we represented JACL, but to say that we did wouldn't be stretching facts too much to say that we did.

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- In May, 1989, we will be holding a Nikkei Health Fair, and this is usually under the auspices of JACL & Ikoi-no Kai.

The key to winning the Inagaki award is how the material is presented to the National JACL Awards Committee. This means good documentation, how many people were present, how the event was received, how it affected the non-Nikkei community, etc. A few years ago at the Chicago Convention, Portland did win, and it was most probably because the way that Mike & Terry presented the material.

Anyway, Joe, you have an excellent start. If you are definitely interested in such a thing, I will help you obtain & most importantly, document, our JACL events. You might ask Terry how much work this involved.

Yours,

Homer