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APRIL BOARD MEETING SET FOR THIS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

President Sam T. Shoji will call the meeting for April 17 from 8 p.m. at the JACL office, 526 S. Jackson St. PNWDC quarterly session held in Hood River will be discussed at length. No special issue will be at stake here but one never knows until the official agenda is released. Bring your friends. Meeting is open for any new input. Bring your friends.

During March meeting a letter/^{was shown}from Coalition for Quality Integrated Education (CQIE) Mrs. Kay M. Bullitt, president. CQIE is competing for HUD Title VII fund and letter of support and endorsement for this program shall be sent to CQIE, 557 Roy, Seattle 98109. The letter shall be addressed, "To Whom It May Concern."

Asian Community Health Clinic is seeking nominees for its Board of Directors. Names shall be submitted to the clinic, c/o 2902 Beacon Avenue S., Seattle 98144.

Tomio Moriguchi who chaired the Pacific Citizen Holiday Edition advertisement solicitations reports a net profit of \$425.00. 27 greetings were also sold.

Don Kazama, cochairman of the membership committee reported receiving confirmation from the National JACL for having reached 744 members in 1973, a new all-time high. As the drive enters into April, the membership is nearing the 600 mark. Kazama said, "We urge all new members to send in their dues now to help reach a successive new high." The Chapter has a beautifully engraved certificate for membership performance in 1973.

Scholarship chairman Hideo Watanabe was able to relax momentarily when the National extended the deadline. 140 applications for scholarship was sent out in Greater Seattle area. 45 returns were made on the scholarship application forms.

Economic Opportunity Center was fighting to maintain the \$86,000 allocated from the revenue sharing fund. The fund was threatened when the city budget office was trying to balance the several million dollars deficit for the fiscal year. Councilman Bruce K. Chapman made a positive stand to retain the fund.

"The Pride and the Shame" exhibit is traveling at the hectic pace as noted by the schedule as released by Dr. Minoru Masuda, chairman, as noted herein:

April 10-12, Western Washington State College; April 15-19, Mercer Island High; week ending April 26, Renton High School in conjunction with Asian American Week; in early part of May at the Ft. Steilacoom Community College; May 25, Asian Day at the Tacoma Community House with Hana Yoshida coordinating from the Puyallup Valley Chapter; and June 3-5 at Asa Mercer Junior High.

From Bremerton we hear that JACLer George Yamamoto, a landscape architect, has been initiated into the Bremerton's Elks Lodge last Jan. 23. Bremerton is the sister city of Kure in Hiroshima Prefecture. Bremerton Mayor and the Commissioners presented multi-color inlaid "Community Service Award" plaque to Consul-General Yoshiro Yasui. There is an opening for clerical and typist positions in Bremerton and must be able to speak a little Japanese though not absolutely necessary. Inquire George Yamamoto (206) 1-373-8057 for details. Bainbridge Islanders, please note.

Kiyo Sakahara who campaigned for Freeholder, Position No. 2, in the Seattle election Mar. 26, came up second highest in her position with formidable vote count but she was matched against a former interim city councilwoman. Takeshi Kubota was campaign manager. Edward Chow, Jr., Roy Flores, and Cherry Kinoshita were among 32-member freeholder candidates evaluation committee of the Seattle Municipal League.

Shosuke Sasaki's statement on the offensive word "Jap," used as the policy position of JACL has been endorsed by the Social Responsibilities Round Table of the Washington State Library Association (Apr. 5, P.C.). Letter was received this week that Minnesota counterpart and affiliate have also endorsed firmly the statement this week. They have also suggested that defamatory nouns as "broad," "chick," and "mammy" to be considered as defamatory nouns.

HISTORY OF PACIFIC NORTHWEST ISSEI ENGLISH VERSION READY FOR DISTRIBUTION

The long awaited 2,000-copies shipment of "Issei: A History of Japanese Immigrants in North America" printed by Japan Publications, Inc. (Library of Congress Catalog Card No. 73-82678), has arrived this week. The book is authored by Kazuo Ito of the Yomiuri News and translated by Shinichiro Nakamura and Univ. of Wakayama Professor Jean S. Gerard.

Seattle residents having reserved copies may pick up the books now Monday through Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. at 1414 S. Weller St., Seattle.

The volume contains 1016 pages and saturated with old photographs from cover to cover. The book uncovers all the history and life of the Issei in the Pacific Northwest, Alaska, and Western Canada with their tribulations and triumphs. The last 60 pages are devoted to 60-page chronological table of events of Issei's past events. The names mentioned in the books are indexed for quick reference.

The articles are written with the flare of a journalist which makes for entertaining and easy reading style. The reader will begin to appreciate the complexity of the Issei

world. Issei were adventurous and one begins to get the impression that every Issei were either entrepreneur or businessmen at heart. They went in every direction though seldom challenging the establishments head on. Some of the chapters are devoted exclusively to problems in immigration, life under social and economic exclusion, Japanese women, Issei social activities, railroads, Alaska, sawmills, agriculture, restaurants, oysters, mines, hotels, Japanese language schools, M. Furuya Co., gambling, and others. Downtown maps of Seattle, Portland and Spokane are shown with locations of former commercial and business establishments.

For the first time the English reading public will be able to probe the inner minds of the Issei. Less than 1,000 copies are available at \$20 per copy donation to help defray the cost of \$40,000 project expense.

Make check payable to "Hokubei Hyakunen Sakura," c/o Genji Mihara, 1414 S. Weller Street, Seattle 98144. (phone 323-0250).

CONSUL-GENERAL YASUI LEAVES FOR TOKYO ASSIGNMENT

Mr. Yoshiro Yasui, Consul-General of Japan for the Northwest who arrived at Seattle Sept. 1971, is leaving Seattle April 9, for reassignment in Japan. Consul-General Yasui is expected at Tokyo to be appointed as the Deputy Grand Master of the Ceremonies, Imperial Household Agency. Besides the Consul-General of Japan, Mr. Yasui is the Dean of the Consular Corps of Seattle and the Commissioner General of Japan to the EXPO '74 at Spokane. Yasui was assigned to the Swedish Embassy before coming to Seattle.

Other changes in the Seattle office has Consul Shinichiro Tomihari being assigned to Madagascar. Consul Noboru Yabata will be the acting Consul-General for the Northwest.

Amiable Consul-General Yasui in addition to his official duties here was a keen student on the follow-up of Japanese immigrants who left Japan. He was impressed with the process of immigrant minorities being able to retain cultural heritage. He noted their struggle for equal status with the majority. He was a friend of Issei, Nisei and Sansei having spoken to many Nisei functions.

The Consul-General was given a farewell banquet sponsored jointly by Seattle Japanese Community Service and JACL April 5 in the Bush Garden Restaurant. Cherry Kinoshita coordinated the Nisei section. Consul-General in speech addressed to Nisei and Sansei said, "My wife and I spent happy days here in Seattle due to many close friends. Your friendliness has always been appreciated and we are going to miss them."

He stressed that consciousness of the identity of race is very important and gave credit to JACL for helping Issei, Nisei and Sansei find the respective niche in the American mainstream. Musical and dancing entertainment followed.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT COUNCIL OF JACL BRIEFS

PNWDC quarterly session met Mar. 24 at the Hood River, Inn, in Hood River, Oregon. Dr. James K. Tsujimura presided. The group also met the previous evening to take care of numerous resolutions to be sent to the National Convention. Mits Takasumis invited the delegates to a social and delicious snacks and refreshments at their residence.

Director Dave Ushio said the deadline for the building fund is June 1. \$150,000 in pledges have been raised. Even after two years we will continue to accept the building fund donations. Dr. James Watanabe has set the goal of \$20,000 for the Pacific N.W. Director Ushio said that Seattle resolution subsequently passed by PNWDC to eliminate discriminatory policies within the organization was discussed with the Board "causing consternation" and were "very upset." Another meeting had been set for Mar. 29. Also passed was the resolution that JACL retire with honor and wishes to respect the author and having served useful purposes the Japanese American Creed as an expression of the beliefs and principles of JACL.

Tomio Moriguchi was officially nominated to a position of treasurer by the PNWDC.

There will be a Japan Week at the Spokane's Expo '74 during the week of July 15-22 programming Japanese American folk festival. If you have talents, you are encouraged to contact Mas Akiyama, S. 514 Sheridan, Spokane 99202; phone (509) 747-8109.

1974 PNWDC officers and committeemen were released as follow:

Governor, James Tsujimura; vice gov., Ed Yamamoto; rec sec, Edna Ellis; corr sec (to be filled); treas, Dr. John Kanda; hist, Michi Maebori; 1000 Club, Ed Fujii; anti-defamation and ethnic concerns, Dr. Min Masuda; nominations, Nobu Tsuboi; projects and program, Don Kazama; P.C. repre., Eira Nagaoka; recognitions, Bill Hirata (Portland); student aid, Joe Kosai (to be asked); youth commissioners, Ben and Mako Nakagawa; youth chairman, Randy Fukukai; national building, Dr. James Watanabe, Tak Kubota, Tomio Moriguchi; immediate past governor, Dr. James Watanabe.

Seattle Chapter delegates were: Sam Shoji, Dr. Min Masuda, Ben Nakagawa, Tomio Moriguchi, Cherry Kinoshita, and Eira Nagaoka.

JAPANESE POET-PAINTERS AT SEATTLE ART MUSEUM

A distinguished exhibition of Japanese painting entitled "The Poet-Painters: Buson and His Followers" opened at the Seattle Art Museum in Volunteer Park and will run thru May 12. It features the work, in ink and color, of Yosa Buson, 18th century poet, painter and calligrapher, and three of his followers: Ki Baitei, Matsumura Goshun and Yokoi Kinkoku. Yosa Buson was a major figure of Japanese literary painting in the 18th century. During exhibitions the seven schools of Ikebana International will present exhibits. Seattle is one of three cities to show the exhibition. Admission to the exhibition is free.

ANNIVERSARY FETE FOR JAPANESE BAPTISTS

Japanese Baptist Church is set to celebrate the 75th anniversary May 19-26 with the theme "Our Rich Heritage -- A Glorious Future." George Yamane is general chairman.

The Rev. Dr. Jitsuo Morikawa will keynote the anniversary banquet Saturday, May 25 and will speak May 26 during the 9:30 a.m. services. Dr. Morikawa is associate executive secretary of American Baptist National Ministries of the American Baptist Churches in the Baptist Headquarters in Valley Forge, Pa. He received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Linfield College in Oregon last May. Other Baptist leaders participating in the anniversary fete will be Dr. William Shinto, Dr. Roy Sano and the Rev. Dr. James Chuck of San Francisco Chinese Baptist Church. The Rev. Dr. Paul M. Nagano is pastor of the Japanese Baptist Church. The Rev. Emery D. Andrews, is pastor emeritus and Minister of Visitation. The Rev. Nobuaki Hanaoka is pastor of Nichigo congregation.

Early Baptist Days Recalled

The growth of Japanese Baptist movement parallels the early growth of Seattle before the turn of the century. The population of Seattle stood at 43,000 in 1890. It was during 1891 that First Baptist Church then located on the present site of the city hall was having revival services under Rev. G. J. Burchett, pastor. Three Japanese came forward--F. Okazaki, C.Y. Miyama and H.I. Kudo declaring their intention that they want to know more about the Bible and to learn to speak English more fluently. F. Okazaki transferred his membership to the First Church from the First Church in Denver.

By 1894, the first Bible class was organized as a Japanese Missions in a house located at 515 James St. Rev. and Mrs. J.P. Ludlow assisted in the preaching. The Rev. Ludlow was a Baptist minister who came to Seattle when appointed a clerk to Judge Roger S. Greene of the third judicial district. Y.H.C.A. also furnished workers. There were 30 members in the group and 17 were Baptized.

In 1897 the Missions moved to 418 Jefferson St. in a huge house containing over fifteen rooms. In the meantime the Rev. Fukumatsu Okazaki became ordained, returned to Japan and marrying a former kindergarten worker and colleague of Miss Nellie Fife, an American missionary worker in Tokyo. Shimunosuke Hara (later to be ordained) filled in during Rev. Okazaki's absence. Upon Rev. Okazaki's return the Mission was reorganized towards autonomy with leadership of Rev. Okazaki, C.Y. Miyama, H.I. Kudo, and Mrs. L.V. Ward as church clerk. The early records showed that "these young men were enthusiastic" and went about spreading the Words to other Japanese communities in Auburn, O'Brien, Orilla, Thomas, White River, Bellevue and Bainbridge Island.

Charter Signing

In the spring of 1899 the Japanese Baptist Church was officially organized with charter signing ceremony with the Rev. Fukumatsu Okazaki as a pastor. The charter board members included: Imajiro Kudo, secretary; Toyozo Sakura, treasurer; Sokichi Hoshide, clerk; Takesaburo Hironaka, Inosuke Kawahara, Takasaburo Kusumi, Hatsutaro Nakamura, Yoshio Sakuma, Tamejiro Watanabe and Keitaro Yamada.

Seventy-five years later the congregation celebrates its founding in the Japanese Baptist Church at Broadway and B. Spruce, only a short walking distance from where it all began in the first place.

B.O.C. SPONSORS CAREER AWARENESS WORKSHOP -- ALTERNATIVES TO COLLEGE

The Employment Opportunities Center is sponsoring a Career Awareness Workshop for the purpose of informing young Asians and their parents about careers and employment opportunities for persons who do not or cannot attend a four-year college or university. The workshop is scheduled for Saturday, April 27th, at the Isei Veterans' Hall on King Street between 12th Ave. S. and Rainier (1212 S. King St.). Activities will commence at nine o'clock in the morning and proceed until five o'clock in the afternoon, with time off for lunch.

B.O.C. is less concerned with recruiting potential employees than it is in providing accurate, up-to-date information regarding what is available out in the market concerning non-college degree jobs, and how to go about preparing for and securing these kinds of jobs. B.O.C. is concerned that for many Asians, a traditional college education seems to be the only respectful path to a career. There apparently is an ignorance on the part of many young people and parents in the Asian community regarding careers in the skilled trades, technical trades, sales, health services, management, etc. that do not require a degree.

"Alternatives to College: Career Awareness Workshop" will be presented in a county fair type atmosphere with some 30 to 35 booths staffed by Asian representatives of various types of careers and occupations. Persons attending the workshop will be free to move according to their interest and dialogue with the people in the booths. Also featured will be a film room in which films dealing with various careers and/or job preparation will be scheduled and shown continuously. There will also be handouts available regarding looking for a job and how to prepare.

LEADS JOYFULS: Randy T. Hiraki, 16, Franklin High senior and son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hiraki and member of Troop 222, was conferred the Eagle Scout rank Mar. 29 . . . Randy Kono, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kono, is string bass player, performing in the Anaheim, Calif. concert Mar. 22 in conjunction with the National Music Education Convention. Randy is member of 16-piece Roosevelt High School Chamber orchestra . . . Edwin M. Lee, son of Mrs. Pansy Lee, and 1 honor student majoring in government at Bowdoin College of Brunswick, ME., will make

NEWS JOTTINGS (Cont'd): the China trip under a grant from the \$7,000 Thomas J. Watson Foundation, for a year's study of Chinese youth organization . . . Marianne R. Tomita, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Masao Tomita, is recipient of the \$250.00 Women's Auxiliary Club scholarship. She is Franklin High School senior and plans to attend the U.W. this fall. Miss Tomita is member of the Honor Society and has participated in the girls' track team . . . Mrs. Wayne Burchfiel and Otto Lawrence have been installed grand royal matron and patron of the Grand court of Washington, Order of Amaranth. Others who took office included Bill Yaguchi of Bothell . . . Gov. Dan Evans announced Apr. 3 the addition of 25 members to the citizen group involved in a long range state planning effort. The increase brings membership in the Alternatives for Washington organization to 161 persons. Added King County members, all from Seattle, include Representative John Sy Eng and Margaret Ouchi . . . Seattle Chapter, Ikebana International, opened its annual flower show Mar. 27 at the Seattle Art Museum in conjunction with an exhibit of works by Yosa Bunson, Ki Baitei, Yokoi Kinkoku and Matsumura Goshun. Mrs. George Tsutakawa and Mrs. Glenn Webb are in charge of scheduling and maintaining the arrangements throughout the run of the show, which ends May 12. Chapter members met Mar. 28 with Iwao Matsushita speaking on "Haiku" and Mrs. Jinsei Takamura and Mrs. Elmer Egashira entertaining on the koto . . . Seattle Times Mar. 24 issue in the magazine section carried the article "Mental Health Center for Seattle's Needy." Dr. Lindbergh Sata is the director of Harborview Community Mental Health Center. Sata said, "Financial support even for the most immediate acute problems is grossly inadequate." The Center is in the process of moving to new quarters adjacent to the hospital. Last year the Psychiatric unit treated 1800 patients . . . 20-members of the new Joint City of Seattle-Seattle Public Schools Education Advisory Committee have been announced. The committee, which replaces the mayor's Joint Commission on Education, includes 10 members chosen by the Seattle School Board and five each by the City Council and mayor. The school board appointees included Yoshio Aoki . . . Ted Tanaguchi was the speaker Mar. 27 at the monthly meeting of the Women's Auxiliary, Washington State Pharmaceutical Association at the Roosevelt Hotel. Taniguchi is president of the association and member of State Board of Pharmacy. His topic was "Concerns of the Practicing Pharmacist--1974" . . . Seattle-King County YWCA announced its new officers and nominating committee at its recent 79th annual luncheon meeting. President is Mrs. Cecil True. Among nominating committee members were Aki Kurose and Karen Matsuda . . .

MILESTONES: Suketaro Abe, 74, Mar. 15. Private services. Survivors include wife Chiyeiko and three sisters in Japan . . . Miss Kristi Akemi Iwata, 1, Mar. 15. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thom K. Iwata. Memorial services Mar. 20 at Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church . . . Ryo Hara 78, Mar. 13. Nichiren Buddhist Church and its Women's Fellowship, Kanagawa Club. Mother of Takao, Noboru, both Seattle; Noro (Tokyo); Mrs. Shuzo (Toshiko) Seto, Japan and Mitsuko Hara, Seattle . . . Kimie Yasuda 76, Mar. 21. Japanese Presbyterian Church, Japanese Hotel and Apt Owners Assn, Okayama Club. Survivors include: sons Barney and Henry "Mote" Yasuda, daughters Mrs. Richard (Rose) Itaoka, Mrs. Shig (Mary) Otani, all Seattle . . . Martha Tanaka (Vashon). Services held Mar. 28. Mother of Gail. Sister of Grace Sakai, Frank, Bob, Don, Jim and Willie Matsumoto . . . Matsukichi Ohashi 83, Mar. 22. Seattle Buddhist Church and its Men's Fellowship; Ohmi Club, Kokufu Shigin Kai; Hyaku Do Kai. Survivors include: wife Isa; sons Mike M. and Ben Ohashi, both Seattle; daughters Mrs. Yasuo (Sumiye) Nakatani, Detroit; Mrs. John (Fusaye) Mōrozumi, Stockton, CA; Mrs. Kay (Kiyoko) Toda, Renton; Mrs. Ben (Nancy) Kitajo, Kent . . . Shotaro Kikuchi 84, Mar. 30. Nichiren Buddhist Church. Survivors include: wife Tazu; sons Kenichi, Guam; Kunio, L.A.; Kouji and Mitsuo Kikuchi, both Seattle; daughters Mrs. Roy (Reyko) Suzuki, Riverside, CA; Mrs. Masanori (Takako) Miyagishima, Japan; Mrs. Jack (Miyeko) Nitta, Mrs. Tom (Masako) Okazaki; Mrs. Emil (Fujiki) Hayashi, Shegeko and Akiko Kikuchi, all Seattle . . .

CIVIL SERVICE DEPARTMENT STREAMLING PLANNED

A reorganization designed to streamline the Civil Service Department was announced Mar. 20 by George T. Kosue, secretary and chief examiner of the Civil Service Commission.

Kosue also appointed three division heads: Agnes Trefethen, to supervise research and validation activities; George Edgley of the examination and classification division with responsibility for administrative, protective service and recreation classes, and Betty Lentz, heading test services, records and recruitment.

Kosue said the commission has "ambitious" plans to reduce the number of provisionals in the city work force and reduce the backlog of classifications and examinations. He pledged to maintain the "high level of recruiting efforts for minorities and women."

Among the city employes at the end of 1973, 14 per cent were minorities, which the city would like to raise to 15.5 per cent, and 24.6 per cent are women, with a goal set at 41 per cent. Minorities increased from 10 per cent in 1973 while women jumped from 17 per cent.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kurimoto, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a dinner party given by their family Mar. 10 at the Bush Garden Restaurant.

Both were born in Japan and were married here Mar. 8, 1924. He retired from the Great Northern Railroad in 1970 after a 53-year career. The couple has a son, "Robert, of Bellevue, and a daughter, Mrs. Nobi Yamasaki of Tacoma, and six grandchildren.

N.V.C. INSTALLATION DINNER-DANCE AND AWARDS BANQUET

Commander's Special Recognition Awards were presented Mar. 16 to Keiji Sato, Hideo Hoshide and Albert Ichihara during the installation banquet. Sato was cited for distinguish-

ed leadership and contributions to the Asian American community. He served as vice chairman of Employment Opportunities Center until Oct. 1971. Hideo Hoshide was honored for publishing the N.V.C. Newsletter for over 20 years and Albert Ichihara for his devoted service in the management of the clubhouse for over 20 years.

N.V.C. Honorary membership was given to Victor Takemoto and to Frank H. Hattori. Hattori served during the Nisei Veterans Reunion in 1964 to arrange the dignitaries to greet Hawaiian delegates. Takemoto was honored for his unselfish help in participating in the fund raising activities. Retiring Commander Mark Fugami made the presentation.

Allen R. Sakai, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Sakai and senior at Renton High, received the NVC Jr. Citizenship Award for 1974.

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George S. Abe, WW2 veteran with 522nd Field Artillery Battalion attached to 442nd RCT with campaigns in Italy, France and Germany, and who retired in 1970 as Lt.-Col. in Washington National Guard, was installed as commander of N.V.C. Abe is supported by the following officers and committee chairmen:

1st vice commander, Dick Narasaki; 2nd vice commander, Hiro Nishimura; recording secretary, Pat Hagiwara; corresponding secretary, Ben Sugawara; treasurer, Jack Shiota; membership, Kiyo Hashimoto; publicity, Joe Hamanaka; newsletter editor, Hideo Hoshide; social, Yoshio Tomita; bazaar, Paul Minato; special services, Tosh Okamoto; recreation, Nelson Matsuda; athletics, Ed Hiroo; chaplain, Masao Tomita; historian, Frank Tsujii; sergeant-at-arms, Mas Sakagami.

Executive council members include: Mark Fugami, Paul Minato, Tosh Okamoto, Albert Ichihara, Jiro Namatame, George Abe, Dick Narasaki, Hiro Nishimura, Pat Hagiwara, Ben Sugawara and Jack Shiota.

ISSEI ELDERLY BEING SERVED WARM JAPANESE LUNCHEON UNDER TITLE VII NUTRITION PROGRAM

Nutrition program under Title VII of the Older American Act of 1965 has been operational since March at the Nisei Veterans Hall. However, money is limited and only about 1% of the elderly can be served.

In Washington State, there are about 14 nutrition program sites, 8 of which are in King County because of the heaviest concentration of senior citizens.

The Japanese community is fortunate in getting a site serving the Japanese elderly. The Nisei Veterans Committee is donating the use of the clubhouse facilities. This is the only site serving ethnic meals and serves as the pilot program and was geared to serve 40 persons but as many as 70 have been served. One of the prime reason for the program is to serve the lonely Issei elderly who has been completely cut off from social life. The facility is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The N.V.C. site has been selected due to centralized location serving Beacon Hill, Mt. Baker, Rainier Valley, International District and the Central Area. The N.V.C. has no church affiliation and is a neutral setting as far as Issei are concerned.

There are three part time paid staff: Site Manager, Edna Tanigawa, a dietician; Massie Tomita, Volunteer Coordinator; and Jack Yamaguchi, Outreach Worker with bilingual capability. The program as a supportive services offers ethnic music, advice on medical care, lecturers on various subjects of interest, games and movies. Transportation are provided.

Mrs. Sally Kazama, member of the State Advisory Board to State Council on Aging and member of the Nutrition Task Force for King County was the prime mover for the Issei program in this community.

NEWS JOTTING(ADD): MILESTONE: Kamekichi Takeuchi 91, Mar. 12. Japanese Baptist Church, Ehime Club, Senryu Poetry Club. Survivors include: wife Haruye; sons Akira Takeuchi, Seattle; Shuzo C. Takeuchi, Bellevue; daughters Mrs. Isamu (Emiko) Kunimoto, Mary and Sachi Takeuchi, all Seattle; brother in Japan . . .

Friends of Educational Opportunity Program met Apr. 4 at the Olympic Hotel. Ten students in the pioneering program for disadvantaged students were cited for scholarship and leadership including Alan Sugiyama . . . at the annual meeting of the Greater Seattle Women's Bowling Association held on Mar. 10, Mary Fujita was elected to serve a three year term on the Board of Directors. The Association has a membership of 25,650 including 865 sanctioned leagues . . . Don Kazama has been appointed to the Seattle Human Rights Commission and his appointment was confirmed by Mayor Wes Uhlman . . . Okuda Imports, 3703 S. Edmunds, with owner Minoru Okuda, expands into Seattle Center's Food Center balcony May 3 and will be open year around selling cultured pearls, sapphires and diamonds and specializing in setting and mounting. The business venture is SBA financed. Okuda is also in partner to operate cultured pearls concession in EXPO 74 in Spokane . . .

BENEFIT SUKIYAKI DINNER SET MAY 4 AT ST. PETER'S

St. Peter's will have a Sukiyaki Dinner on Saturday, May 4th, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall at 1610 S. King St., Seattle. Tickets for the delicious dinner will be \$3.00 for adults and \$1.50 for children twelve years and under. The theme will be Boys' Day Festival which is traditionally celebrated in Japan on May 5th and features carps, one for each each son in the family, damurai dolls, helmets, et al. Decorations and table decorations will follow this theme. Ikebana and art objects also will be displayed.

This fund raising dinner will benefit jointly the MRI-OOP Fund (which provides the costs for Osaka-Olympia priest exchange) and the Capital Expenditure Fund designated for repairs and improvements in the Parish Hall.

SUKIYAKI DINNER AND CULTURAL FESTIVAL AT THE JAPANESE BAPTIST APRIL 26 AND 27

The Japanese Baptist Church at 901 East Spruce Street, Seattle, will be sponsoring its remodeling fund benefit sukiyaki dinner and cultural festival on April 26 and 27 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

There will be exhibits of flower arrangements, bonsai, origami (paper folding) and doll displays. Calligraphy will be demonstrated by Mr. Chikuji Katayama.

Cultural festival program will be held each night starting at 8:00 p.m. The program includes Japanese folk songs by Mrs. Yuko Ishimaru, koto selections by Mrs. Yukiko Ricker and her students and Japanese dances by Mrs. Kihara and her students.

The public is invited. Reservations may be made at the church office 622-7351 or Mrs. Sue Nakagawa, 232-3522. Mr. and Mrs. Tak Momoda are co-chairmen for this event.

Calendar of Events

- April 11--Citizens input hearing for police chief selection criteria and to establish guidelines. 2 to 5 p.m. in the Council Chamber. Anyone wishing to make presentations should make arrangements to get on the agenda.
- 11-13--1st Pac Asian Invitational Basketball Tournament at Cleveland High School. Four games on Thursday and Friday starting at 5 p.m.; three games on Saturday starting at 1 p.m. Teams from Los Angeles, San Jose, San Francisco, Sacramento, Seattle and Vancouver, B.C. Series ticket \$3. Frank Fujii, chairperson.
- 17--Regular JACL meeting at the JACL office, 526 S. Jackson St. from 8 p.m. Everyone welcome. Refreshments.
- 18--Follow-up citizens input for police chief selection criteria and guidelines hearing in the Council Chamber from 7 to 10 p.m.
- 26-27--Benefit sukiyaki dinner and cultural festival at the Japanese Baptist Church, 901 E. Spruce St. Phone 622-7351 for reservations. Dinner from 6-8 p.m. and program starts at 8 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Tak Momoda, cochairmen.
- 27--Employment Opportunities Center sponsored career awareness workshop--alternatives to college for persons who can't attend a four-year college. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Nisei Vet Hall, 1212 S. King St.
- 27--The annual Rokka Ski Club potluck dinner from 6 p.m. at the Kawabe House. Massie Muramoto, food coordinator.
- May 3--Deadline for JACL newsletter. Mail articles, news clippings, announcements and press releases to: c/o (editor) Eira Nagaoka, 170 11th Ave., Seattle 98122.
- 4--Benefit sukiyaki dinner from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the St. Peter's Parish Hall at 1610 S. King St., Seattle with Boys' Day Festival theme. \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children twelve and under.
- 8--Newsletter mailing night at the JACL office. Starts at 8 p.m.
- 19-26--Japanese Baptist Church 75th Anniversary Celebrations. Theme: "A Rich Heritage-- A Glorious Future." Special speakers Dr. Jitsuo Morikawa, Dr. James Chuck of San Francisco Chinese Baptist church, Dr. Roy Sano, Dr. William Shinto, and Nichigo speaker Professor Kiyoshi Sakon of Tokyo Union Seminary.
- June 14-16--27th N.W. Buddhist Convention in combination with the N.W. Extension B.C.A. Foundation 75th Anniversary Observances in Seattle
- July 23-27--The 23rd Biennial National Convention at Sheraton Motor Inn

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