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JACL MONTHLY MEETING TO BE HELD SEPT. 15

Regular Seattle Chapter meeting will convene this Wednesday, Sept. 15 from 8 p.m. at the JACL office. No special program has been announced. However, there is one important unfinished business of voting on National JACL Constitutional Amendment and By-laws which will have to be ratified before the Sept. 22 deadline. Quarterly session of the Pacific Northwest District Council for JACL will be on the agenda. Please mark the calendar for Sept. 15. Everyone is welcome. We hope to have refreshments and available while meeting is in progress.

FROM THE BOARD:

John Takizawa together with Mitzie Mihara for the Elderly Concerns Committee is trying to put together Seminar on Aging for the benefit of Nisei sometime in January. The committee is hoping to line up speakers including Dr. Lindy Sata, Kaz Kawabori of HEW, Dr. Ben Uyeno, and Sally Kazama. Dr. Minoru Masuda made the motion that \$200 be provided for the elderly concerns seminar. Motion passes. Dr. Masuda will be attending the Nisei Retirement Conference as resource person to be slated in San Francisco for Nov. 19-21. The theme is that Nisei is a unique person and have unique concerns in their retirement.

Tomio Moriguchi requested manpower needs for volunteer work to get the Seattle Keiro Home in an operational status. JACL Seattle Chapter has yet to provide the official representative to sit on the board in accord with corporate papers. There were conversations on shifting the \$1,1500 Misora Hibari fund. Originally presented by the Mayor Wes Uhlman for cultural center or for the benefit of the Issei elderly, the fund may be used to help the Seattle Keiro Home. Russell Akiyama, new executive director of the Seattle Keiro Home was introduced at the JACL board meeting.

Constitutional amendment and two by-laws were passed at the JACL National Convention. Since these changes were brought up from the floor, there is a requirement that ratification be made by Sept. 22 by the various JACL Chapters. Constitutional amendment tightens the procedure for voting by proxy. Another question requires the National Convention minutes be prepared within 120 days following the National Convention with the elimination of voluminous details.

Puyallup Valley Chapter will host the next quarterly session of the JACL District meeting Sept. 26 at the Doric Tac Motor Hotel, 242 St. Helens Ave., Tacoma, WA 98402. The meeting begins from 9 a.m. and will continue through 4:30 p.m. The session is open to all JACLers.

Gil Hirabayashi, cochair of the Iva Toguri Committee, has called a meeting for Sept. 16 from 7:30 p.m. at the JACL office.

Correction to the August issue: Artist Paul Horiuchi's \$100 donation on the occasion of his receiving Japan's 4th Order of the Sacred Treasure was acknowledged. The August issue incorrectly said 6th Class. The 4th Order would place Horiuchi among the elite class for the Award recipients. Paul Horiuchi who once worked in Green River, Wyoming with other Issei has emerged to become an internationally known artist. His work has been shown in all the major exhibits here and in art centers outside the state. His most well known work is the Paul Horiuchi mural at the Seattle Center. Horiuchi was a close friend of late Mark Tobey.

Queen Committee Note: The meeting was held July 15 by Jiro Namatame. The movie project was successful in restoring the original working fund for sponsoring the queen contest. Tak Kubota reports that an Old Buick car which was repaired by Hank Imori's class is being held at Pat Abe's garage for use next year. Terry Nakano called the meeting for Aug. 11. Articles of Incorporation have been filed with the Secretary of State for the formation of a non-profit corporation, "Greater Seattle Japanese Queen Committee." A tax exempt status will be applied for with Liem Eng Tuai drawing up the papers.

Newsletter mailout: The following showed up for Aug. 11 mailings: Deean Nakagawa, Bradley Nakagawa, Mako Nakagawa, Nobu Takahashi, Gary Matsudaira, and May Sasaki.

JOHN SATO AND JO SAKAMOTO WINNERS IN 1000 CLUB GOLFFEST

John Sato repeated the 1973 championship form in winning the Fifth Annual JACL One Thousand Club Golf Tourney, Aug. 15, at the Jefferson Park course. Fumi Noji and Jo Sakamoto were locked in sudden death playoff to determine the Women's Division winner. In the subsequent playoff encounter Sakamoto emerged the winner.

Weatherman was far from being cooperative. It was obvious from the morning hours that rain gears will be the order of the day. Last year the tournament was held in the similar downpour, only colder.

Sato received a golf bag and a trophy as well as the Japanese Consulate General donated trophy in his 82-15-67 effort. The tourney concluded with award dinner at China Gate Restaurant. Dr. Pete Yoshino chaired the "waterlog open" as he called it and was assisted by Frank Hattori, James Matsuoka, Kimi Nakanishi, Kiyo Sakahara, Roy Seko, Fred Takagi and Dr. Terrance M. Toda. Playing in the tournament from outside the Seattle Chapter were chairperson Dr. Pete Yoshino, White River Chapter; Tosh Tsuboi and Bob Mizukami, Puyallup Valley Chapter. The scorings are as follow:

THOUSAND CLUB GOLF: MEN'S DIVISION: John Sato 82-15-67; Dr. Terrance M. Toda 88-19-69; Bob Mizukami 86-16-70; Hiram Akita 82-1--72; Shig Otani 83-11-72; Fred Takagi 90-18-72; Kaz Yokoyama 103-34-89; Roy Sakamoto and Toru Sakahara 89-16-73 (flipped for 8th place); Tom Tsubota 91-18-73; James Matsuoka 92-18-74; Dr. Pete Yoshino 88-13-25; Tosh Tsuboi 100-25-75; Ed Shimomura 96-21-78; Mamoru Sudo 105-30-75; Dr. Sab Kajimura 93-17-76; Frank Hattori 95-19-76; George Kawachi 99-21-78; John Matsumoto 101-23-78; M. Tanaka 99-20-79; Ed Otsuka 123-34-89; and Joe Hirota 127-27-100.

WOMEN'S DIVISION: Jo Sakamoto 111-34-77 and Fumi Noji 107-30-77 (in playoff); Susan Otani 93-14-79; Kiyo Sakahara 101-21-79; Reiko Tsubota 109-29-80; Mabel Shigaya; Helen Akita; Aya Shimomura; Kimi Nakanishi; Luana Yoshino; Amy Matsuoka; Chiyo Hirota; and Eiko Sudo.

The following donations are acknowledged:

Bob Matsuura of the Galazy Specialty Co. pocket calculator and food grinder
Fred Takagi (Imperial Lanes) two books of free bowling
Kimi Nakanishi two sets of 8-piece tumblers

NISEI ATTENDEES SOUGHT FOR NISEI RETIREMENT CONFERENCE IN SAN FRANCISCO

On Aug. 20 Pacific Citizen had an article on the Nisei Retirement Conference to be held in San Francisco on Nov. 19-21. The article stated that there would be 50 selected people invited to attend and solicited applications on forms to be obtained at JACL chapters and other Japanese community organizations.

This note hopes to explain further the selection of attendees in order to secure hoped for representation and to encourage maximal applications. We want to emphasize that (1) we want people who may be considered to be non-JACL, either non-members and/or active in other Japanese American organizations; (2) we want people who are "non-expert," but who have been active in the Japanese community; (3) we want Nisei participants with men and women in equal numbers, though we would not exclude others with special experience; (4) we want to encourage rural as well as urban participants; and (5) we also want Nisei now in retirement for their first-hand views.

We hope that JACL chapters and Japanese American community organizations would help to select an applicant and subsidize travel and other expenses so that limited monies available can be used for those applicants who could not come otherwise.

The Pacific Northwest may have a representation of perhaps half a dozen participants. We want to encourage all interested to apply to participate in the conference in order to consider the special concerns of Nisei retirement. If there are any questions, please call Minoru Masuda, (206) 322-0691, or write at 103 Erie Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98122.

NEWS JOTTINGS: The Rev. Tom Tsutomu Fukuyama is the new associate minister to the Japanese Baptist Church effective Sept. 1. He is past minister for the Oberlin Congregational Church in Steilacoom, Washington for about 14 years. Formerly from Bainbridge Island, he was member of Seattle Japanese Baptist Church when he went into ministry after attending the Seattle Pacific College and Berkeley Baptist Divinity School. He has been doing counseling work at the federal penitentiary on McNeil Island. The Rev. Dr. Paul M. Nagano continues as pastor of the Japanese Baptist Church . . . Susan Lynn Tomita, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Tomita, was wed Aug. 14 at an ecumenical service in the Japanese Baptist Church to Malachi Sheehan O'Connor. The bride is a graduate of Bowdoin College in Maine. O'Connor, who attended Fairfield Univ. in Conn., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Malachi K. O'Connor of Upper Montclair, N.J. . . Arleen Sandra Imanishi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Takeo Imanishi, and Steven Lewis Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Lewis Smith of Kent, were married Aug. 21 in the Seattle Buddhist Church. The bride attended Highline Community College and is a graduate of CWSC, as is the bridegroom. He received his master's degree from Portland State University. They will live in Redmond. . . Tom Yonemura and Patricia Kojima were united in marriage Aug. 28 at the St. Peter's Episcopal Church . . . Sally Peringer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Peringer, was wed Aug. 27 at the Columbia Congregational Church to Jeffrey Uno, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tosh Jack Uno . . .

MILESTONES: Shizuyoshi Akiyama. Charter member of Japanese Baptist Church. Family services held Aug. 7. Kochi Club, Seattle Japanese Dry Cleaner's Assn. Survivors include wife Chikaye; daughters Mrs. Matthew (Kiyoko) Seto, Seattle; Mrs. Masaru (Jane) Hamada, Wash., D.C.; Margaret C. Akiyama, Seattle; son James K. Akiyama, Mountain View, CA . . . Kameno Kazama 88, Aug. 13. Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church. Survivors include: son Donald D. Kazama; daughter Ruth Kazama, both Seattle; brother Seiji Seo, Hawaii . . . Gembo Tsutsui 73, Aug. 14. No services at his request. Survivors include: sisters Mrs. Emil (Rosie) Robino, Seattle and Toyo Adachi, Skokie, Ill. . . Kikozo Kawasaki (Auburn) 94. Services Aug. 18. White River Buddhist Church. Survivors include: sons George, Auburn; Don, of N.Y.; Leo, of Tacoma; Hachiro, of Calif.; daughters Mrs. Kuni Tanaka, N.Y.; Mrs. Mitzie Ohaski, Renton; Mrs. Kay Goon, Seattle; Mrs. Maki Okawara, Calif. . . Yoshiro Okawa. Services Aug. 20. St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Survivors include son Kiyoshi Okawa . . . Carl Kaoru Fujimoto 55, Aug. 22. Seattle Buddhist Church, Hiroshima Club, N.V.C. Survivors include: parents Mr. and Mrs. George Asataro Fujimoto, Seattle and brother Jimmy Hideo Fujimoto, Scottsdale, Ariz. . . Tsunayo Nobuyama 83, Aug. 24. Nichiren Buddhist Church and its Women's Fellowship, Okayama Club. Survivors include: sons Tatsuo Nobuyama, Las Vegas; Kazuma Nobuyama, Mt. Prospect, Ill.; daughters Haruko Gloria Tsutsumi, Seattle; Mrs. Ray (Yoshiko) Fujihara, Gardena, CA; Mrs. Tom (Punchy) Hamanishi, Seattle; Mrs. Eiko Iida, Gardena, CA; Mrs. Victor (Sue) Kambe, Rollings Hills Estate, CA; one sister in Japan . . . George S. Shimizu 91, Aug. 25. Services at Seward Park Seventh Day Adventist Church. Okayama Club . . .

NEWS JOTTINGS (Cont'd): Frank Rekiichi Moriyasu 74, Aug. 27. Seattle Buddhist Church. Survivors include: wife Kiyō; sons Keihachiro and Eiichi, both Seattle; daughter Mrs. Brok (Janet) Tucker, Hermiston, Ore . . . Tsune Nakagawa. Services Aug. 28. Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church and its Women's Fellowship, Fukuoka Club, Shumi No Kai, Hyaku Do Kai. Survivors include: husband Harry Shokichi Nakagawa; sons Noboru Nakagawa, Tom Kiyoshi Nakagawa, George S. Nakagawa, all Seattle; one brother and two sisters in Japan . . . Morisaburo Hirano 86, Aug. 30. Japanese Presbyterian Church, Seattle Japanese Hotel and Apt. Owner's Assn., Japanese Community Service, Hyaku Do Kai, JACL, Board of Directors Japanese Language School. Survivors include: sons Henry H. Hirano and Yutaka Hirano, both Seattle; daughter Mrs. Kenny (Miyeko) Oyama, Seattle . . .

BUSINESS: Yuriko Baba has been promoted to branch officer of the Washington Mutual Savings Bank. She joined the firm as a teller at the Empire Way Branch in 1965, became head teller in 1967 and is currently in charge of loan closings at the bank. . . Physio-Control Corp of Redmond has elected Gilbert W. Anderson and Harold H. Kawaguchi senior vice president of the medical electronics firm in restructuring of its top management. Kawaguchi, an executive of the firm for the last 10 years and a U.W. art professor, will handle corporate support including design communication and stockholders relations . . . The State Board of Accountancy said 171 passed the CPA exam given last May including Marvin A. Hamanishi . . . Thomas M. Kubota of the Bumgardner Partnerships; Architect, was awarded \$1,400 to produce "An Urban Design Primer for Seattle International District: Case studies of comparative visual design features in selected Asian American communities of the West Coast." Kubota also was one of two winners of 1975 Naramore awards. Two architects have been named winners of 1976 Naramore Foundation Awards, it was announced by Perry B. Johanson, foundation trustee. Architects, planners, and interior designers are eligible to participate in the annual program. The award program was founded in 1967 by the late Floyd A. Naramore, long time Seattle architect, and one of the founders of the firm. Grants are designed to provide salary and expenses from one to three months for individual in design profession to engage in a creative research activities of their own choosing . . .

BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR SEATTLE KEIRO HOME

The Board of Directors of Issei Concerns, Inc. numbers 26 at the present time. Additional directors are expected to be added within a short time. The list of directors includes:

George Abe (N.V.C.), Glenn Akai, Sharon Fujii, Dr. Ruby Inouye, Bill Ishii (First Hill Lions), Richard Ishikawa--legal counsel, Kaz Ishimitsu (Faith Bible Church), Norio Izumi (Japanese Language Division), Harry Kadoshima--treasurer, Hosoe Kodama, James Komura (Seattle Buddhist Church), Henry Miyatake, Tomio Moriguchi--President, Kiyō Motoda, Yuki Nakamura (Meijikai), Ken Nakano, Tosh Okamoto--vice president, Samuel Shoji (St. Peter's Episcopal Church), Frederick Takayesu, Victor Takemoto (Japanese Baptist Church), Masako Tomita--secretary, Masao Tomita, Masato Uyeda (Nikkei Jinkai), Dr. Ben Uyeno, Jack Yamaguchi (Meijikai), Art Yoshioka (Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church).

NAKASHIMA SETTLES FOR PRE-DETERMINATION SETTLEMENT WITH LAKE WASHINGTON SCHOOL BOARD

Back in 1974, Theodore K. Nakashima was responsible for the building program involving eleven schools for the Lake Washington School District No. 414 with office in Kirkland, Washington. He was passed up for promotion to the position he held on a provisional basis. The School District denies discrimination and maintains that the white candidate chosen for disputed position was selected on the basis of job related abilities.

Nakashima brought his complaint to the Washington State Human Rights Commission stating that the School District violated its affirmative action commitment and had also violated its state application procedures when it shifted emphasis in the job description for the position of Director of Facility Planning so that it might hire a white male instead of a minority.

The Washington Human Rights Commission investigation revealed that the School District shows an underutilization of minorities at the Directorship level containing the disputed position. Investigation showed that Nakashima was qualified in that he actually held the disputed position on a provisional basis during the hiring process. In the meantime Nakashima indicated that he was no longer interested in job offers within the Lake Washington School District but his only remaining interest was in the correction of their alleged unfair practice.

Before the Washington State Human Rights Commission, a pre-determination settlement was made by the Lake Washington School District with Nakashima as complainant. The provision contains in part the following stipulations:

1. Respondent agrees to abide by all of the provisions of the Washington State Law Against Discrimination and hereby pledges to recruit, hire, promote and upgrade without reference to race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, marital status, or the presence of sensory, mental or physical handicaps, unless such personnel actions are based on a bona fide occupational qualification or are for purposes of a corrective employment program.
2. Respondent agrees that it will provide the Commission with certain information regarding all hiring or promotion into those management position.
3. Respondent agrees that it will provide the Commission with the above documents to each position at the time that position is filled.

The pre-determination agreement will institute meaningful review of affirmative action and will be effective in aiding placement of future minority director position applicants.

Seattle JACL under chairman Dr. Minoru Masuda of the Committee Against Defamation, had taken a firm stand when Nakashima was passed over for the position saying that this was an out-

PRE-DETERMINATION SETTLEMENT (Cont'd): right sign of discrimination. Since the fall of 1975, Nakashima has assumed duties as Director of Facility Planning and Construction for the Central Kitsap School District. He is an architectural consultant for Waldron and Pomeroy architects. He was born and raised in the Seattle area. He graduated from the Univ. of Washington. Nakashima has been the architect in charge of building projects for the Mukilteo, Edmunds and Seattle School districts. He took active part in community and civic affairs as well as school committees. Nakashima is a member of government's Rules and Regulation Advisory Committee on Environmental Health Concerning Schools, and Facility Needs for the Handicapped.

Langston Hughes Cultural Arts Center announces fall program: Ten week classes include modern and jazz dancing/ karate (uniform provided)/ macrame/arts and crafts/ handicrafts/ Japanese flower arranging/ cooking/ sewing/ drama/ music (piano and band)/ sign language, etc. Classes begin Sept. 13 and run thru Nov. 19. For information call 329-0115.

Calendar of Events

Sept. 9-12, 16-19--Benefit Japanese movies sponsored by Seattle Keiro featuring "The Village" recommended by Buddhist-Christian clergy fellowship of S. Calif. and "Funny-Funny Journey" with Frankie Sakai. Thurs. 7 p.m. only, Fri.-Sat. 7 & 8:30 1½ showings, Sun. 3 and 7 p.m. 2 showings. Toyo Cinema 5609 Rainier S.

Sept. 12--YBA-YABA fall bazaar.

Sept. 15--JACL's regular monthly meeting at the JACL office, 8 p.m. Refreshments served.

Sept. 18--Annual NVC sponsored benefit chow mein/chicken teriyaki dinner for NVC scholarship fund. Dinner served at 1212 S. King St. NVC Memorial Hall from 4 to 7 p.m. with takeouts. Hiro Nishimura, general chairman.

Sept. 21--Primary election.

Sept. 24--Deadline for Nisei Veterans Committee essay contest on "What the Bicentennial Means to me as Japanese American." Typed, double spaced, on white bond paper with 500 maximum words. Name, address, birth date on separate cover. Mail to NVC Bicentennial Essay, Nisei Veterans Committee, 1212 S. King St., Seattle, WA 98144.

Sept. 26--Pacific Northwest District Council JACL meeting at Doric Tac Motor Hotel, 242 St. Helens Ave., Tacoma, WA 98402. Meeting begins from 9 a.m. and ends 4:30 p.m.

Oct. 8--Deadline for JACL newsletter. Allow one week for delivery. Notices effective before Oct. 14 will not be printed. Mail articles, news clippings, announcements and press releases to: c/o (editor) Eira Nagaoka, 2809 N.E. 54th St., Seattle, WA 98105.

Oct. 13--Newsletter mailing night. JACL office from 7:30 p.m. Please come and help.

LOCAL ASIAN AMERICANS HAVE WON RECOGNITIONS

(Ed.'s note: Prior to WW2, the Maryknoll Japanese Mission School was almost 100% Japanese. When Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church held their farewell mass when the 17th and E. Jefferson landmark was set to be razed the Catholic Northwest Progress weekly published special issue to commemorate this Church. One article is reprinted for your interest.)

The dusty archives of the Seattle Archdiocese was the potting shed for a number of outstanding men and women of Asian heritage--mostly Japanese and Filipinos--who have contributed much to the growth of the community from their positions in the professions, arts, commerce and religion. A partial list of these parishioners who grew and developed in the warm spiritual and social atmosphere of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs follows:

Thomas Kobayashi, president, Central Council of Seattle, Society of St. Vincent de Paul; Thomas Yamauchi, of Boeing, "Father of the Lunar Orbiting Shutterbug"; Martin (Mich) Matsudaira, executive director, Washington State Commission on Asian American Affairs; George Ishii, director of the Washington State Crime Lab; Dr. Ted Chihara, faculty, Purdue Univ.; Dr. Paul Chihara, musician, faculty, UCLA; Dr. Charles Chihara, faculty, Univ. of Calif., Berkeley; George Nakashima, architect; Carl Ooka, Kittitas County Commissioner; Fred Cordova, manager, Univ. of Wash. Press Services; Mike Castellano, asst vice President, Univ. of Wash. Robert Santos, director, INTERIM; Val Laigo, artist, faculty, Seattle Univ.; Masao Tokita, doctor of radiology, cancer research; Shoxes Tokita, Colonel, US Air Force; Yuzo Tokita, Major, US Air Force; Yasuo Tokita, manager of pricing and analysis, Hercults; Father Richard Hayatsu; Father Ronald Hidaka SJ; Eugene Matsusaka, director, Catholic Childrens Service, Tacoma; Paul Horiuchi, artist; Francis Kobayashi, faculty, Univ. of Notre Dame; Ms. Claire Suguro, first Japanese teacher in Seattle school system, now counselor at Ingraham High School; Sister Hannah Hirabayashi; Sister Makiko Fujiwara and Sister Stephanie Nakagawa. -----o-----

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