

Bulletin

SEATTLE CHAPTER JACL

1414 Weller
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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

Our national president George Inagaki will be at our regular monthly meeting **WEDNESDAY, July 13th at 8:00PM**. Please note the date and time which has been changed to fit Mr Inagaki's busy schedule. The meeting will be held as usual at 1414 Weller.

In addition to the general JACL program, President George Inagaki will present a plan of action to expedite the payments of the larger evacuation claims. Special notices have been mailed to each such claimant whose address is known. Several of these claimants in this area have no known addresses. If anyone knows any of these latter claimants, please notify them that President Inagaki will have information that will be of great interest to them in regards to their claims.

ANNUAL PICNIC SET FOR GAFFNEY'S LAKE WILDERNESS RESORT JULY 24th

Final arrangements for the annual JACL-Puget Sound Golf Club picnic to be held at Lake Wilderness on Sunday, July 24th are being made by co-chairmen Kay Yamaguchi and Hiram Akita.

The picnic is set for 1:00PM at Kitchen 16 of Gaffney's Lake Wilderness resort. Games for the kiddies both old and young are being planned and pop and ice cream will be furnished.

Committee members are as follows:

Games - U. T. Makagawa, Dick Momoda, Kenji Kawaguchi, and Tosh Tanemura

Raffle and Bingo - Shang Kashiwagi

Prizes - John Funai

Refreshments - Chick Uno

Bridge tournament - Dr Terry Toda

Members are urged to set this Sunday afternoon aside for a grand time and to bring their friends. There is also a nine-hole golf course available.

SPEAKER OF HOUSE ADDRESSES CHAPTER

Representative John L. O'Brien, Speaker of the House in the last session stated that the financial structure of the state is in very good shape in an informal address to members of the Seattle-Chapter at the June 14th meeting at 1414 Weller. He emphasized especially the growing needs for greater appropriations for our schools. This years appropriation of \$178,000,000 is \$37,000,000 in excess of the appropriation for the last biennium.

One item of special interest is the proposed appeal of the state Alien Land Act. Mr. O'Brien stated that this law was enacted primarily to prevent abuse by absentee landlords and its removal would require a change in the constitution. This could probably be accomplished with adequate support of interested groups but would require much work and preparation before the next session. Any groups interested in the appeal of this act should begin a campaign to get data concerning this law and the need for its removal before the interim legislative committee of which Mr. O'Brien is a member.

Mr O'Brien also spoke briefly about urban redevelopment which was discussed quite thoroughly in the last session. There was a hesitancy by the committee which studied this bill to give local governments too great power of eminent domain which might lead to some abuses so no action was taken in this field other than to indicate the need for further study of this problem. In the informal discussion that followed, it was suggested that the local chapter ask national for information in regards to the Alien Land Law of other states and the arguments presented which led to the repeal of this law in those states.

Alice Sakura, (Our prexy's lovely wife), Fumi Beppu, and Toyo Fujiyama took part in the nation-wide telecast of the Home Show which originated from Seattle last month.

CONGRESSIONAL EULOGY FOR DR. RANDY SAKADA

The Pacific Citizen recently carried an article with a Washington D. C. dateline stating that Representative Sidney R. Yates of Illinois gave a congressional eulogy in memory of Dr. Randolph H Sakada who passed away recently in Chicago.

Congressman Yates stated on the floor of the House that Dr. Sakada had devoted his life to achieving the great American ideal of equal justice for all. " He was steadfastly dedicated toward fulfillment of the brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God" further stated Mr Yates.

The local chapter participated in a nation-wide memorial for Dr Sakada who was the immediate-past president of the National JACL.

SHEILA UNO SPONSORED BY LOCAL CHAPTER FOR SCHOLARSHIP

National Director, Masao Satow, announced that eleven chapters have nominated candidates for the Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship. The Seattle-Chapter, through Chairman Dr. Kelly Yamada, is sponsoring Sheila Uno, Recent Cleveland High honor grad and Salutatorian who is the daughter of Chick and Shigeko Uno. A recent letter to Dr Yamada from Mas Satow indicated that the judges will have an exceedingly difficult time to decide the winner of the scholarship "in view of the terrific records compiled by the dozen applicants we have."

Present members of the JACL Newsletter staff include the following: Editorial- Dr. Kelly Yamada; Typist - Aiko Matsuda, Amy Hatsukano, and Vi Arase; Publishing - Kazie Yokoyama, Min Yamaguchi, and Lillian Baum. More volunteers are needed-especially those who can assist in gathering news.

A work party consisting of Dr. Kelly Yamada, Marie Yamamoto, Mary Maniwa, Lillie Kojima, Aiko Matsuda, Min Yamaguchi, Mae Ishihara, Lillian Baum, Hiram Akita, and Howard Sakura turned out on June 28th to address claim notices, fill in membership cards, transfer records, equipment and material into newly acquired cabinet and filing cabinet; thanks to Toru and Ted Sakahara for donating a filing cabinet and a small table for the mimeograph. Incidentally, congratulations are in order to Toru and Ted on their opening new offices in the Rainier Heat and Power Building last week.

LABOR DANCE SET FOR ENCORE BALLROOM SEPTEMBER 5th

Floyd Franklin will play for the Annual JACL Labor Day Dance to be held at the Encore Ballroom, 13th and East Pine September 5th, according to Chairman, Hiro Sasaki. Special entertainment is being planned by the committee in charge. Dancing is scheduled from 9:00PM to midnight. Let's all save that date and plan to join the gang for an evening of enjoyment. Further details will be announced at a later date.

MERRY MIMBU RECOVERING FROM MAJOR SURGERY

Merry Mimbu, our very active JACler, is convalescing at home following major surgery last month. Our local spies report that she is anticipating the dinner which she and her team won for leading the other teams in the membership drive. Hubby Bill and Amy Takano were the other members of her team. We all wish her a speedy recovery so that she can enjoy her well deserved reward shortly.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FALLS SHORT

Despite the hard work of team captains and their cohorts, membership chairman, James Matsuoka, reported that with only a total of 153 members, renewals and 1000 club members reported and tabulated, the drive must continue. He has set a goal of 500 members not including the 200 plus Issei who received free membership this year. All members who haven't renewed their memberships this year are asked to send their membership dues to James Matsuoka, 659 Jackson St. Chapter dues are \$3.00; 1000 Club dues \$26.00 including local chapter dues; PACIFIC CITIZEN subscriptions for members are \$3.00 per year or \$5.00 for two years.

Rose Sato liked her vacation in Hawaii so much that she has decided to extend her stay indefinitely. Last reports state that she has gotten a job there and is rapidly becoming an islander. Dr. and Mrs. S Fukuda reported seeing her briefly on their recent jaunt to the islands. Dr. and Mrs T. Nakamura also spent an enjoyable holiday in the islands attending the same dental convention there.