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SEATTLE CHAPTER TO MEET WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

The regular monthly meeting will be held Wednesday, April 19 from 7:45 P.M., at the JACL Office, 316 Maynard South. President Ted Taniguchi will preside. On the agenda will be a report of the Pacific Northwest District Council Meeting which was held in Portland on April 8. Also, the Convention deadlines--Seattle Chapter will need to know who will be planning to attend, so that alternate delegates may be named to the National Convention.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST, MAY 21

The Seattle JACL Chapter and the Incorporated Asian Student Coalition are sponsoring a pancake breakfast on Sunday, May 21. The breakfast will be held at the Jefferson Recreation Center at 3801 Beacon Avenue South from 8 A.M. to 1 p.m. Donation is \$2.00 for the general public; children under 6 and senior citizens are free. Proceeds from this breakfast will go to the Denise Louie Memorial Day Care Ctr and the Incorporated Student Asian Coalition Fund. The Incorporated Student Coalition is a group comprised of Asian students from various high schools and middle schools in Seattle and outlying communities. Its purpose is to provide a constructive outlet for the energies of Asian youth serving the Asian community.

JAPANESE COMMUNITY QUEEN CONTEST

The Japanese Community Queen Committee is now taking applications. Contest is open to any girl who will reach her 18th birthday by July 18, 1978 or not have reached her 22nd birthday by July 30, 1978. Japanese Community Queen and her court will participate in Japanese Community and Seafair activities. Interested applicants may obtain application forms from Japanese Community Queen Committee, 2329 Rainier Avenue South, Seattle, Washington 98144. April 12 is the deadline. Terry Nakano is the Chairman of the Committee. The Queen selection will be held on April 15 at Bush Garden Restaurant from 1. p.m. The public is invited.

The present reigning queen and her court are: Queen Beverly Akada, Princess Cecilia Egashira and Princess Celia Nishimura.

The first activity for the new queen will be the Cherry Blossom Festival at Seward Park on Saturday April 22.

On Friday, April 28, a dinner and a Queen's Disco entitled "Always and Forever" will be held in the Westlake Room at the Washington Plaza Hotel. Dinner begins at 7 p.m., followed by dancing from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Cost of the dinner will be \$20.00 per person or \$35.00 per couple. The admission for dancing only will be \$2.50 per person by advance ticket sales or \$3.00 at the door. Mark Nagasawa and Celia Nishimura are cochairpersons. Any donation to the Japanese Queen Committee will be appreciated.

A Benefit Movie sponsored by the Japanese Community Queen Contest Committee will be held at the Toyo Cinema April 20 to 24 inclusive. Joan Seko will be in charge of the Baked Goods Sale. Donations of baked goods will be appreciated, and should be brought to the Toyo Cinema on Friday evening. Movie schedule are as follows:

April 20 (Thursday) 7 p.m. (one time) April 21 and 22 (Friday and Saturday) 6 p.m. & 9:30 p.m. (2 times); Sunday, April 23 6 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. (1½ times); April 24, (Monday) 7 p.m. (1 time) Ticket sells for \$2.50 by advance ticket sales. "Seasonal Wind", a modern love story and "Zatoichi; The Fugitive," the chambara featuring the blind swordsman will be shown.

THIRD ANNUAL CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

The Third Annual Cherry Blossom Festival will be held on April 22, 1978 at Seward Park. The program, starting from 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. features the following: Imperial Drum and Bugle Corps; Kite Flying Contest; Flower Arrangments and Tea Ceremony Demonstrations; Kisaragi-Kai Musical Group and the Tokiwa Kai Dance Group. Everyone is invited to attend. Bring a picnic lunch. JACL is one of the sponsoring organizations with the Consulate General of Japan and the Japan America Society.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

The Seattle Chapter JACL has submitted the following names to be considered for the Japanese American of the Biennium -TAUL WATANABE; JACLer of the Biennium - DR. MINORU MASUDA. The award categories for the Japanese American of the Biennium are: (1) distinguished community leadership (2) distinguished achievement based upon outstanding efforts in a special field of endeavor with national recognition. JACLer of the Biennium shall have made outstanding contributions to the strength and growth of the JACL organization during the present and immediate past biennium.

LAST MINUTE NEWS IN BRIEF FROM PNWDC APRIL 9 MEETING

PNWDC at its April 9 Portland meeting nominated Dr. Clifford Uyeda for National JACL President and Dr. James Tsujimura for National Vice Pres. for Research & Services ... Plans are in mill for comprehensive workshop on reparations at Convention with Gordon Hirabayashi, Min Yasui and Fred Korematsu to be in attendance if possible...Proposals for dues increase presented.

DR. BEN UYENO TO BE FEATURED IN TV SPECIAL - MAY 15

A Channel 5 special program in connection with King County Medical scheduled for Monday, May 15, at 8:00 p.m. will be devoted to documenting a day in the life of a busy general practitioner. Out of a lengthy list of doctors, Dr. Ben Uyeno was selected because of his unusually diverse and interesting activities. The TV cameras even followed him out on a house call, a rarity in this day and age of specialization. Involved in numerous community activities and services, Dr. Uyeno is on the Board of the Keiro Nursing Home, is Chairman of the Medical, Education & Library Committee of Providence Hospital, serving last year as Chairman of the Dept. of Medicine, and also teaches at the University of Washington. Don't miss this documentary on Channel 5.

TONIO MORIGUCHI NAMED N.V.C. AWARD RECIPIENT

Jack Shiota was installed the new Commander of the N.V.C. at the 33rd annual Installation Banquet at the Sherwood Inn on March 18, 1978. Among the several highlights of the evening was the presentation of the N.V.C. Commander's Award to Tomio Moriguchi, International District Businessman, community leader and humanist. An active JACLer and a past National JACL Treasurer, Moriguchi was honored with the award signifying his past contributions and services to the Japanese community in general and recently, in particular, with the establishment of the Keiro Nursing Home.

The citation recognizes: "Exceptional accomplishment or dedicated service in the field of health and welfare; and noteworthy contribution of time, energy and ability to a program devoted to social progress or civil betterment," consistent with the Nisei Veterans Committee Constitution, By-Laws and policies.

The award, presented by the outgoing Commander Ben Sugawara, is bestowed only when the membership determines a citizen, veteran or non-veteran, deserves recognition for his contribution and service to fellow members in the community.

NIKKEL COMMUNITY RETIREMENT COALITION SPONSORS SUCCESSFUL SEMINAR

Sponsored by the Nikkel Community Retirement Coalition, a half-day seminar/discussion was held on Saturday, March 11, on "Money - How to Accumulate It, Keep It, and Make it Grow." The 75 who attended came away with praise for the speaker, Dick Whittick, of Bache and Co. Some of the startling things that he spoke about were the unwisdom of savings because of inflation and taxes, the greater yields of a variety of bonds, new wrinkles in real estate investments, hazards of the stock market, etc. It was highly informative and made most take a hard look at their current status and consider other, more lucrative alternatives.

If enough interest is expressed, the Coalition may consider an in-depth series of seminars on the same topic. Coalition organizations are JACL, NVC, Seattle Buddhist Church, Japanese Baptist Church, St. Peters Church, Blaine Memorial Methodist Church, and Keiro Nursing Home.

NVC WOMEN'S AUXILIARY GARAGE SALE TO BENEFIT KEIRO

Plans are underway for a Keiro Benefit Garage Sale on June 10 by the NVC Women's Auxiliary, it was announced by General Chairperson Edie Hayashida. Community organizations, guilds, churches, etc. are being asked to help by donating usable items such as Oriental antiques, pictures, books, new or unused clothing, tapes, records, sporting goods, plants, toys, jewelry, knick knacks, etc. Donations will be received at the NVC Hall, 1212 S. King on June 3 and 4 - 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. and June 5, 6, 7 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

REVEREND SHOJO OI OF SEATTLE BUDDHIST CHURCH LEAVES SEATTLE

After 8 years as Rinban of the Seattle Buddhist Church, Reverend Shojo Oi left for Kyoto, Japan on March 25, 1978. For the next two years, he will study for an advanced degree in Shin Buddhism and then assume the position of Resident Professor at the Institute of Buddhist Studies in Berkeley, California.

SEATTLE BUDDHIST CHURCH SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Recipients of \$300 scholarship grants awarded by the Y.A.B.A. and Y.B.A. of the Seattle Buddhist Church were: Kathleen Imanishi, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ted Imanishi, and Karen Nishimura, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Hiro Nishimura.

DONATIONS: The following generous donations are gratefully acknowledged by the Seattle Chapter JACL: Ray Tsuchiya - \$100; Tomiko Suyama - \$100; Shosaku and Sakuko Suyama - \$200.

SUCCESSFUL JAPAN FLIGHT TAKES OFF APRIL 1, RETURNS APRIL 24

Taking off from the Sea-Tac Airport on April 1, a group of 108 JACLers left from Vancouver, B.C. via Japan Air Lines, landing at Haneda Airport, on the first Seattle Chapter/PNW JACL GA/100 Affinity Flight to Japan. The Japan Highlights tour for the first-timers had 23 signed up, with a like number for the Japan Adventures tour which covered the Tottori and western Japan area. The two groups converged at Hiroshima on April 11 and celebrated with a joint dinner party at the Swishin Restaurant. Forty of the participants continued on to southern Japan on the Kyushu Tour. Seattleites comprised about 55% of the group with the balance including members from all over the U.S., i.e., Wash. DC, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Sun Valley.

The group will be returning in 3 contingents on April 24 from the port of entry at Vancouver, B.C. where customs will be cleared. Arrival times at Sea-Tac Airport are as follows: PW Flt. 350 - 12:50 p.m.; NW Flt. 47 - 3:04 p.m., PW Flt. 340 - 4:00 p.m.

Travel chairperson of the successful JACL project is Harry Kadoshima, with Kawaguchi Travel Service handling the travel arrangements.

1000 Club Golf TOURNAMENT

Save the date of July 30 for the Annual 1000 Club Golf Tournament to be held at Jackson Golf Course. Details on registration will be published in the May issue according to co-chairperson James Matsuoka. Only currently paid up 1000 Club members and spouses will be eligible to participate.

Membership Chairperson John Matsumoto reminds all members to get their dues in to be eligible for JACL activities and to keep Pacific Citizen subscriptions uninterrupted. Single membership dues are \$18, effective January 1978.

KING TUT EXHIBIT DATE CHANGED TO OCTOBER 15.

The date of the JACL group viewing of the King Tut Exhibition has been changed from September 19 to Sunday, October 15 at 11 P.M. Only six tickets remain to be sold out of the 100 block tickets, so hurry and contact Ben Nakagawa at 762-7824 and you may be lucky enough to still get one. Tickets are \$7.50 for JACL members and \$10 for non-members. Suggestions for a JACL group activity just prior to the viewing will be welcomed.

IDEA TO SPONSOR NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION SEMINAR

A seminar on "Neighborhood Revitalization: Economic & Cultural Issues" will be sponsored by the International District Economic Association (IDEA) on Saturday, May 6, at the Washington Plaza Hotel. Congressman Joel Pritchard, Mayor Charles Royer and Darrell Grothaus, Director of Seattle Dept. of Community Development, will be featured speakers. The program will begin at 1:00 P.M. with dinner around 6 p.m., and an evening agenda. The seminar will be open to the public with registration at \$22.50 per person; including dinner; or \$7.50 for those who wish to attend only the program. For further information, call Shigeko Uno, MA 4-1932.

SEATTLE KEIRO NURSING HOME NEWS

Expansion Plans- It was in October 1976, when the doors of Keiro were first opened, and already, plans are underway with Tosh Okamoto, fund raising chairperson to launch a capital-improvements drive for \$100,000. This amount will be used for expansion and will not be applied to the initial campaign to raise \$500,000 to establish Keiro, to which \$460,000 has been subscribed to date. Okamoto stated that due to high patient participation in activities the dining room is to be expanded into a multi-purpose room. Also, bathrooms will be installed in the south wing, which presently lacks such facilities. Pledges and contributions may be sent to Seattle Keiro, c/o Capital Improvements Fund, 1700-24th Avenue South, Seattle, Washington 98144. All contributions are tax deductible.

KEIRO GARDENS - a showpiece-- Under the leadership of Chuck Ikeda and Mits Takahashi of the Japanese Gardeners Association, the Keiro garden area got a thorough spring cleaning by its members. Takahashi stated "We want to see it grow into a stable and successful facility and our helping with the gardening is our way of showing our support for the great project. The garden outside, beautifully taken care of is a show piece itself, and reflects the image of what wonderful care is given inside of the facility to the elders.

Kokoro-kai--what is it? It is a Day Health Center, which has opened under the auspices of the Issel concerns, at the Japanese Presbyterian Church, located a block from Keiro. The program aims to provide independence for those who live alone or with families by providing social and health services. Anyone over 60 years of age, capable of taking care of basic needs may participate. It is offered Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participants need not attend every session. The cost is \$2.00 per day, which includes a well balanced meal at noon. For further information call Dennis Yamashita at Keiro, 323 6900.

Keiro Women's Guild - Ayame Kai, a Keiro Women's Guild has been formed under the guidance of Joan Seko. It first met on February 2, at which time cushions were made for patients. Membership is limited to 20; currently, there are 16 members. Anyone wishing to join or is interested in forming a guild is asked to call Joan Seko at 747 1320. Ayame Kai meets every third Wednesday of the month.

Inspection and Tours

Keiro passed its annual State of Washington 3 day inspection, according to Russ Akiyama, administrator. The inspection is to determine if Keiro is in compliance with state and Federal regulations in the operation of the nursing home.

50 of the 300 Hyogo prefecture delegates were taken on a tour of Keiro in small groups by nursing home volunteers and staff on April 2. Many of them are involved in nursing home and retirement programs in Hyogo and were enlightened by the slides of Keiro activities including the Day Health Center. Ken Nakano, with Juliane Kumasaka co-chaired the program.

THE PACIFIC ASIAN ELDERLY RESEARCH PROJECT (PAERP) is sponsoring a national conference focusing on service delivery research relating to the Pacific Asian elderly. Participants throughout the United States representing the interests of consumers, researchers, service providers, policy makers, government officials and others concerned with the well being of the Pacific Asian elderly will be in attendance. Preliminary conference program lists DON KAZAMA, Chairperson, PAERP National Advisory and Resource Committee, extending the welcome. Also on the program will be Sharon Fujii, PhD, speaking on the Pacific Asian Elderly Research Today. The Conference will be held May 19-21 at Olympian Mоторо Hotel, Los Angeles.

May 5 - Deadline for May JACL Newsletter. Mail announcements, articles, etc. to Editor Eira Nagaoka, 2809 N.E. 54th St., Seattle, Wash. 98105.

Milestones

Shigeyo Mizokawa of Bellevue. Survived by son, Hiroshi Mizokawa, Bellevue; daughter, Mrs. Pete (Miyuki) Hanada, Seattle; five grandchildren; one sister in Japan.

JACL Newsletter Mailout for March 8 included the following: May Sasaki, Ann Matsudaira, Mako Nakagawa, Mary Kumasaka, and Gary Matsudaira. We welcome all volunteers to second Wednesday of each month to give assistance. Mailout starts at 7 P.M. at the JACL Office, 316 Maynard South. Mako was designated as the Mailouter of the Month, as she faithfully came out to help in spite of her illness.

MAY 10 - NEXT MAILOUT DATE. 7:00 p.m. JACL Office, 316 Maynard S. - JOIN US!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 13-16 Seattle Japanese Language School sponsored Movie "Love is a Hunter" & Big Man on Campus, Kokusai Theater, 7:00 Thursday; 6:30 Friday & Saturday; 7:00 Sunday
- April 14 Seattle Baptist Troop 53 Cultural Movie: Japanese Industries 8 PM at Japanese Baptist Church
- April 15 Japanese Community Queen Selection, Bush Garden, 1 p.m.
- April 19 JACL Monthly Meeting, 7:45, JACL Office, 316 Maynard South
- April 22 Cherry Blossom Festival, Seward Park, 11:30-3:00 Co sponsored by Consulate General of Japan; and Japan American Society; JACL
- April 24 JACL Japan Flight group returns at Sea-Tac Airport (See story for arrival time)
- April 28-29 Japanese Baptist Church Benefit Sukiyaki Dinner 6 PM to 8 PM
- April 30 Nichiren Buddhist Church Bazaar, 1042 S. Wellerr, 11 AM to 6 PM, Sushi, bento, udon, curry, etc.
- May 4-5 Western Washington University, National Archives Seminar on "Canadian Japanese American Experience in WW II, starting at 8 AM, May 4. Dr. Harry DeLorne, in charge.
- May 6 St. Pters Episcopal Church 1610 S. King St. Sukiyaki Dinner, 4:30-7:30 PM
- May 15 TV Program, Channel 5 on Dr. Ben Uyeno 8:00 PM
- May 21 JACL IASC Sponsored Pancake Breakfast, Jefferson Recreational Center, 8 AM to 1 PM
- May 1 Asian Student Week, UW - May 6 Street Fair, ethnic foods, Hing Hay Park
- May 6 International District Economic Association (IDEA) Seminar, Washington Plaza 1:00 PM Program; Dinner: approximately 6:00 PM
- July 17-22 25th Biennial National JACL Convention, Little America Hotel, Salt Lake City
- Oct 15 (Changed from Sep 19, JACL Group King Tut Exhibit 11 P.M.)

25TH BIENNIAL NATIONAL CONVENTION

The 1978 National JACL Convention will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, July 17-23, 1978. Host chapters, Mt. Olympus and Salt Lake City, will chronicle the achievements of JACL in their 1978 Silver Anniversary Convention Booklet, which is to be mailed to each JACL household. To help defray part of the costs, each chapter has been asked to pledge \$1.00 per member through a raffle sale. Hiro Nishimura, raffle chairman, reminds everyone to send ticket stubs and money by June 5 to CONVENTION, Seattle JACL, 316 Maynard So., Seattle 98104. 1st Prize - Toyota Corolla; 2nd Prize - trip for 2 to Japan, and many additional cash prizes.

One of the features of the National Convention will be to commemorate the former relocation centers. Masao Tsukamoto, President of the Pocatello-Blackfoot Chapter, reports that his chapter would like to see a memorial erected at the Hunt Relocation Center, with a pilgrimage planned either before or after the Convention, and requests suggestions, information, photographs, films, documents that could be used for a display at the Convention. Tsukamoto's address is Rt. 1, Box 121, Blackfoot, Idaho.

Tsukamoto reports that at the Hunt Relocation Center site, there is a small area on which remains of the old guard house are still standing, which is federal property. Contacts have been made with Senator Church to inquire as to the possibility of having the area declared a national monument site. As an alternative, Tsukamoto says, if the request is denied, they will ask that the property be deeded to the Idaho Historical Society which has expressed willingness to establish the site as a state monument with appropriate highway markers.

MILESTONES (cont.): Memorial services were held in March for Mrs. May Herd Katayama, 84, at the Japanese Baptist Church. Affectionately known as "Mrs. K.", Mrs. Katayama served the church for 50 years, coming to work at the Japanese Baptist Church in 1928. She attended the Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago and was the last of the missionaries sent to Seattle church by the American Baptist Churches.

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