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SEATTLE CHAPTER TO MEET THIS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

The regular Seattle Chapter meeting will be held this Wednesday, June 21 from 7:45 p.m. at the JACL office, 316 Maynard Avenue South. President Ted T. Taniguchi will preside. On the agenda will be the presentation of scholarships as released by Chairperson Joanne Fujita. We are awaiting the arrival of various resolutions from the National Board which will be acted upon at the JACL National Convention. Everyone is welcome to attend.

ONE THOUSAND CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT SET FOR JULY 30

The seventh annual JACL One Thousand Club golf tournament for both men and women will take place at the Jackson Course July 30. Cochairperson of the tourney James Matsuoka and Luana Yoshino are already making extensive preparations for this gala event. There will be both men's and women's flight. All One Thousand Club members and their spouses are eligible to compete. Entry fee is \$5.00.

The tournament will be followed by social hour starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Four Seas Restaurant and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend the dinner which will cost \$9.00. You may pay your Thousand Club dues if delinquent when you sign up for the tournament.

Assisting cochairperson Jim and Luana are Kiyoo and Toru Sakahara, Fred Takagi, Dr. Terrance M. Toda, Dr. Pete Yoshino and Kimi Nakanishi.

JAPAN SPRING TOUR MEMBERS IN GET TOGETHER

A reunion was held for the participants of the Seattle Chapter sponsored JACL Japan trip June 2 at China Gate. There were opportunities for getting reacquainted and to exchange snapshots. We watched the Sonics win one in the playoff series and this set the mood for the evening. Bill Tanaka showed five reels of film taken in Japan. One of the interesting portions was the scenes in Kyoto movie studio where Japanese films were being made.

This reunion climaxed the highly successful Japan tour. Assisting Chairperson Harry Kadoshima for the travel committee were Takako Yoda, Dr. Terrance M. Toda, Cherry Kinoshita, John Matsumoto, and Tomio Moriguchi. They shall all be commended for making possible the exciting tour. We were privileged to have so many Sansei ladies signed up for the tour dazzling with their beauties and refreshing in their outlook.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Seattle Chapter JACL gratefully acknowledges the generous donation of \$250.00 from Taul Watanabe. Watanabe is vice president of Burlington Northern and member of the Board of Regent at the University of Washington. Being a lawyer, financier and businessman, his accomplishments in the three Western states will fill pages. Watanabe was influential in inducing Gov. Ray to run for office with donation promising financial backings from others. Rest is history.

FROM THE BOARD:

Barbara Yoshida who was last traveling in South America was here to attend the meeting. She was on the committee here to induce the school board to draft resolutions in reference to the use of offensive racial slurs and to require these persons to receive psychological help. The incident was at Seattle School District office. Another recommended resolution called for staff training in human multi-ethnic relations. These were acted at the board.

Mako Nakagawa made motion to support Vegetable Soup Program for getting kids to get pluralistic attitudes in children. Motion passes.

Don Kazama is on the coordinating school board council and wants an alternate named.

Hiro Nishimura wants all the (National JACL Convention) tickets returned. Toru Sakahara requested names for possible candidates for silver and sapphire pins. Diane Narasaki is co-coordinator of Washington ERA Coalition and requested JACL endorsement. Motion passes.

During recent "Canadian Japanese American Experience in WWII" at WWSC, the "no-no" information was brought up as well as the Issei Internment Camp. \$800 was granted from WWSC and funds also came from U.S. Archive for this conference. Paul Isaki said the conference was designed to affect certain group of people and Nikkei was not among them. Letters will be written to assure Nikkei get their share of involvement in such future conferences.

We had great turnout May 10 for the preparation of newsletters for mailing. We were assisted by Incorporated Asian Student Coalition (IASC). Members of the Coalition present were Patrick May, Wayne Lim, Mike Yoshitomi, Mika Sakaguchi, Shari Matsudaira, John Toda, Janet Fukano, Gary Lew, Jane Okamoto and Daren Nakagawa. Others present were Linda Iguchi, Mako Nakagawa, Ann Matsudaira, and Gary Matsudaira. Thanks to IASC and the JACL regulars for the great turnout despite the Sonic v. Denver game. Outstanding Mailouter of the Month again goes to Mako Nakagawa who worked so hard and influenced everyone else to finish before the Sonic game started.

Rainier Beach Library requests that the Chapter subscribe Pacific Citizen. Motion was made that librarian assemble all copies and make permanent binding as is done at the Seattle Public Library central branch.

ISSEI CONCERNS RECEIVES \$130,000 GRANT

Issei Concerns, founder and operator of the Seattle Keiro Nursing Home for elderly Japanese, has received a 50%-matching grant of \$130,000 from the Japan Shipbuilding Industry Foundation in Tokyo for the Keiro expansion project. Notification of the grant was made by Ryoichi Sasakawa, president of the Shipbuilding Foundation, to Tomio Moriguchi, president of Issei Concerns.

The grant was officially approved by the Japanese Ministry of Transportation. The recommendation for awarding the funds to the Keiro project was made by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, with strong endorsement by Toshihiro Nakajima, director-general, American Affairs Bureau of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and by Kenichi Yanagi, Consul-General of Japan at Seattle.

Mr. Sasakawa stated the grant was to be used for the care and welfare of Issei pioneers who "underwent extreme hardships to establish a foothold in America for themselves and their children." In accepting the grant on behalf of Issei Concerns, Moriguchi acknowledged the concerted efforts of Consul-General Yanagi and Consul Kiyoshi Nishikawa of the Seattle Consulate-General; Issei Concerns board member Ken Nakano.

Moriguchi said the generous grant would enable Issei Concerns to proceed on schedule with its plans to expand the Keiro dining room by some 2,000 square feet to concentrate a critically needed multi-purpose activity area and also other support facilities, and by so doing vastly improve the quality of care administered to patients. Moriguchi explained that Issei Concerns will match the \$130,000 grant with \$30,000 from its general fund and the \$100,000 it will raise in its capital-improvement drive currently under way.

The Seattle Keiro Nursing Home was opened in October 1976 following an intensive campaign to raise \$500,000 in the Nikkei community. It is a 63-bed facility whose fundamental purpose is to provide nursing care for elderly Japanese in a compatible bilingual and bicultural environment.

Shortly after its opening, it was evident the nursing home fulfilled a definite need among aging Issei. In a little over a year, the home was filled to capacity, with a waiting list of some 20 applicants.

Unlike other nursing homes, Keiro has an exceptionally high percentage of patients participating in various activities conducted by staff and volunteers, which has had a beneficial effect on the mental and physical well-being of patients. This situation has caused a shortage of space to adequately carry out programs for patients, thereby necessitating expansion of existing facilities for group care and activities.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF SEATTLE KEIRO

Seattle Keiro is a 63-bed nursing home that specializes in the care of the elderly, non-English speaking Japanese. The purpose of Seattle Keiro is to provide nursing home care for those elderly, non-English speaking Japanese who require such services. The nursing care, the activities, and the dietary program are designed to meet the unique language, cultural, and nutritional needs of the Issei.

In September, 1975, a group of concerned Nisei formed a non-profit corporation called Issei Concerns. The corporation was formed to investigate the need and to determine the level of support for the purchase and operation of a nursing home. After many meetings throughout the Japanese community, it was decided to begin a fund raising campaign to raise \$500,000 for the purchase, remodeling, and operation of a 63-bed nursing home that was not occupied. By July 1, 1976, enough money had been raised to purchase the facility. The next three months were spent repairing and repainting the nursing home. All the work was done by many dedicated, hard working volunteers. During this time, several hundred people donated their time and talents.

The Board of Directors of Issei Concerns began growing. All the Japanese Community churches and organizations were asked to send a representative to be a Board Member of Issei Concerns. The Board of Directors decided to name the nursing home Seattle Keiro. The term "Keiro" means "respected elder." On September 19, 1976, Seattle Keiro was officially dedicated. An open house was held which was attended by over 700 persons. On October 4, 1976, the first patient was admitted. Since then, Keiro has grown steadily. Full occupancy has been reached and a waiting list exists.

Once in operation, Seattle Keiro developed a style of personalized, concerned care for each patient. Extra time and care is taken to provide the best of nursing care, activities, and diet. Bilingual staff are available in nursing to determine the basic health care needs of each patient. The unique activity program that has been developed is second to none in the State of Washington. Daily activities that are attended by 90% to 100% of the patients are offered. Over 60 volunteers come on a weekly basis.

Japanese style meals are served daily. The extra time required to prepare such meals is well worth the effort so that we can provide the patients with the foods to which they are accustomed. The patients appear healthier, happier, and more comfortable, in our bilingual, bicultural setting.

Prior to the opening of Seattle Keiro, the elderly, non-English speaking Japanese in other nursing homes were isolated, disliked the food, and did not participate in the activities program. The patients at Seattle Keiro do not stay in their rooms, participate in the activities, and receive Japanese style meals. They can converse with each other, family, volunteers, and staff. This opportunity was not available before. For those who need nursing

"These clothings belonged to the children now dead and were placed there by their mothers. Notice all the bottles of milk, fruits and other goodies placed in front of the altars," the guide said.

We were watching the two ladies praying in front of the altars. "They're assuring their beloved ones that they will both be together again," the guide said. Suddenly I felt compassion for them wanting to extend the hand of sympathy.

Japan has a homogenous make-up in their population. Yet Japan is able to produce statistics of at least 300,000 persons of Chinese ancestry (less than 0.3 of 1%). In the visit to Yokohama which incidentally was reduced to a rubble in the last war, I saw the huge sign in front of the narrow street signifying the entrance to Chinatown. This should boggle your mind when you think about it. When compared to Vancouver, B.C., San Francisco or even Seattle, the Yokohama counterpart seemed smaller lacking large buildings. We didn't have any time to explore. During America's frontier days, Chinatown signified a ghetto. But in Yokohama I wondered if the Chinatown is in fact or a front for tourist attraction. I did notice many of the shops were represented by Japanese names. The Chinese restaurant where we stopped seemed quite similar to the ones we see here, roomy and attractive. My table fortunately was filled with young Australian ladies. I communicated to the waiters by speaking Japanese, which was understood, in the ladies' request for glasses of water, knives and fork. I used chopsticks.

The day was bright and sunny when I attended Ueno Park in Tokyo. I wanted to see the National Museum of Western Art with its collections of French impressionist paintings. It was closed for most of April. I looked for the statue of Saigo Takamori, historical and almost legendary figure, in the chronicles of Japan. I found it quite easily. He was dressed in robe with his pet dog near him. The next item on the check-off was the memorial plaque for Gen. U.S. Grant. This was more difficult to locate. The bronze historical plaques with his portrait and inscriptions tell of his visit to Ueno Park in 1879. General U.S. Grant, identified as ex-President of the United States, and Mrs. Grant planted Japanese cypress and magnolia trees in the presence of Meiji Tenno.

Before I left the park I thought I'd better take a look at the suspension monorail where the cars ride under the rail. Well, it's something different.

I always liked the sight of huge market place. In the last visit I was able to tour the Tokyo Central Wholesale Market in Kanda. The warehouse complex seems to cover at least two full blocks but I'm sure it was much less than that. Strawberries season was in full swing. Huge apples, oranges, and grapes, as well as tropical fruits including pineapples were stacked in neat order. There were lettuce, tomatoes, potatoes, radishes, onions, and so on. But for the photographers it would be a big disappointment. Everything is neatly packed in cellophanes, plastic bags, gunny sacks, wooden and paper boxes cushioned in styrofoam. We were too late to see the auctioneers but were shown the movies on how the biddings take place. Fruits and vegetables were moved quietly by battery operated vehicles which ran at reckless abandon by skilled drivers.

The following day it was a case of now or never on this trip. I started out at 6 a.m. (already on hour late) to catch the Hibiya subway to the renowned Tsukiji wholesale fish market. It still took about 15 minutes of walking to find the actual location in spite of the map on hand. The auctioneers were still in action. This is really a down-to-earth atmosphere with men and women representing merchants and restaurateurs mingling with the sellers. The hundreds of stacked frozen tunas resembled huge bowling pins. Some of the fishes were being cut with wedge and sledge hammer. A more enterprising ones have installed band saws. Fresh seafoods of all sort including shrimps, squids, shell fishes, octopus were laid out in open display. People were moving about in every direction and some pushing cart. This is what it takes to help feed the 12-million people in Tokyo. Two fishing boats were moored at the dock. I wondered how many more came in during the night.

APPOINTMENTS TO STATE'S ASIAN COMMITTEE

The reappointment of four members and appointments of 20 new members to the Commission on Asian American Affairs was announced April 11 by Gov. Dixy Lee Ray. Reappointed were Tuyen Ngoc Pham, Bellevue; Ms. Paula Frial, Seattle; Paul H. Shin, Edmonds, and Ray Corpuz, Tacoma.

New members are Mrs. Lea Jane Armstrong, Kent; Constantine Baruso, Seattle; Ms. Jeni Kay Fung, Mercer Island; Yoshio Kosai, Tacoma; Robert B. Krisologo, Seattle; Antonio Leatuavao Mailo, Seattle; John Y. Sato, Bellevue; Paul Shigemi Isaki, Redmond; Phoune Keomahavong, Seattle; Raymond T. Lew, Mercer Island; Ms. Jo-Elaine Akemi Matsumoto, Seattle; Rev. John L.F. Slee, Seattle; Joe Tokunaga, Moses Lake; Hiro Nishimura, Mercer Island; Tony Borrromeo, Seattle; Takeshi Kubota, Seattle; James M. Mar, Seattle; Russell Nakatsu, Bellevue; Cal Underhill, Kirkland, and H.T. Wong, Cheney.

NEWS JOTTINGS: Cleveland high school baseball team won a 2 to 1 extra inning decision over Seattle Prep May 12 when Dave Suguro stole home. Scott Sakagami, Steve Kirihiro and Nelson Miyazaki also play on this team. . . . At May 27 Class AAA track-and-field meet in Renton, Janice Nomiya of Federal Way high placed fourth in 100-yard with 11.2 seconds and fourth in 220-yard with the time of 25.5 seconds in the state women's events. . . . Lorraine Fujita, business education; Man-Wah Ma, science; Marsha Matsumoto, language arts and Leslie Woo, social studies and Michael Lum, foreign language; were among the Cleveland high school's top 11 students. . . . Fred Demise of the West Seattle YMCA Judo Club won the 125-lb national champion in Hawaii May 6. In addition to winning his class, he was honored as having the most outstanding technique of all the competitors at the tournament. . . . The Soroptimist

NEWS JOTTINGS (Cont'd): Club of West Seattle announced recently that winner of its Youth Citizenship Award is Tracy Takeuchi, a senior at West Seattle high and student body president there. She is the daughter of Mrs. Harumi Guiberson and Mr. Richard Takeuchi . . . Tomi Hirano was installed as president of West Seattle high school PSTA May 11 . . .

Trespassing charges against four members of the Anti-Martial Law Coalition (Philippines) were dropped May 25 in King County Superior Court when the Philippine Consul General refused to testify. The four defendants John Caughlin, Gregory J. Della, Susan J. Robb and Mike Kozu arrived at the court but were told the charges had been dropped . . . A total of 291 candidates passed the midyear Washington State Bar examination. 400 law graduates took the test in February. Successful candidates represented 79 law schools throughout the United States. The successful candidates included: Kent M. Nakamura, Rodney How Yun Wong, Jimmy Wu; Randolph E. Okimoto, Renton . . .

MILESTONES: Seifu Ryu, 77, April 27 . . . Manichi Ando, 74, May 8 . . . Kenjiro Nikaitani. No services at his request. Seattle Buddhist Church. Survivors include son Yasuo (Gus) Nikaitani, Seattle; 5 grandchildren and one sister in Japan . . . Arthur I. Somekawa. Services May 13. United Methodist Church (Puyallup). Art was active in the Puyallup Valley Chapter and continually supported Seattle Chapter activities. He is participants in Lion International, served on the local Human Rights Commission, served on church committees, and was on the Board of Directors of Fort Steilacoom Community College. He is survived by wife Emi and family . . . Margaret A. Fujita, 52, May 16. Services May 19. Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church. Survivors include: husband Gene M. Fujita; son Jeffrey Fujita; daughter Jeanette Fujita; mother, Tsui Kanemori, all Seattle . . . Masa Iwata, 52, May 17. Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church (Spokane). Survivors include: mother Masuko Iwata; brothers, Thomas M. Iwata, both Seattle; Harry Shimizu, Los Angeles; Mrs. Gary (Rose) Haight, Portland, 32 nieces and nephews . . .

BUSINESS:

A \$150,000 renovation which will turn a former Safeway store into an Eastside outlet for Uwajimaya, Inc., is under way at 15555 N.E. 24th St., Bellevue.

Uwajimaya specializes in Oriental goods, including decorative objects, china, gifts and Asian foods. The Moriguchi brothers are owners of a Seattle store and a South-center outlet. Leasing for the new store was negotiated by the Coldwell Banker Commercial Brokerage Co.

GREATER SEATTLE JAPANESE QUEEN SELECTION

Kristi Yoko Seko, 19, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Seko reigns as 1978/79 Greater Seattle Japanese Community Queen. She will become a candidate for Seattle Seafair Queen. The selection of the Queen and her Court took place April 15 at Bush Garden Restaurant. Judy Malone, 21, was first runner-up. She is the daughter of Mrs. Shizuko S. Malone. The second runner-up is Shirlee Lisl Uyeno, 18, and daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ben Uyeno.

Queen Kristi graduated from Sammamish high school and attends Bellevue Community College part time in the School of Nursing. She works part time in Bush Garden Restaurant and does volunteer work in hospitals. She is former exchange student to Japan and she feels that by becoming a queen she would have the opportunity to become more personally involved in the Japanese community activities.

Princess Judy graduated from Mount Tahoma high school in Tacoma and is majoring in psychology and education at the U.W. She is interested in Japanese dancing, shamisen, tennis, swimming, sewing, cooking and so on. She became involved in the queen contest in the hope of involvement in the Japanese community and to meet and see new and different people.

Princess Shirlee works part time in Dr. Ben Uyeno's office as time clerk. Princess Shirlee is a senior at Mercer Island high school. She hopes to attend the U.W. in the fall and study Japanese language, sewing, biology and music, as well as hair modeling. She strives to honor her heritage by conducting in a mature and intelligent manner. She would also like the opportunity to show others that Japanese Americans are a motivated people. They are Americans with dreams, hopes and ambitions for life. She feels Japanese Americans are people who can discipline themselves to improve themselves and their country.

Other contestants are as follow:

Sachiko Sawaya Wuebkes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Wuebkes. Having graduated from West Seattle high school, she is attend SCCC majoring in costume apparel & design for women's clothing. Lisa Jill Nakagawa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yosh Nakagawa, graduated from Mercer Island high school and attends U.W. majoring in dental hygiene. Diana Higashiyama is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tak Higashiyama. She also graduated from Carolyn Hansen Fashion Agency in basic modelling. Nancy Jane Shiota is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Shiota. She graduated from Franklin high school and attends North Community College majoring in industrial drafting.

WESTON NISHIMURA ACTIVE IN RADIO-TV MEDIA

Weston Nishimura, a JACLer, is in the communication field as educator, writer, photographer, film and video with his office at 420 17th E. in Seattle. Weston has recently appeared in the following local radio-TV media as follow:

KING Radio's "Don't Stop Talking" a hour public affairs program.

KCPQ-TV, Channel 13, in one and a half hour program dealing with education in our state. Appearing in this same program was State Superintendent of Education Frank Broulette. (Continued middle of next sheet)

June 21--Regular monthly JACL meeting at the JACL office, 316 Maynard Ave. S. from 7:45 p.m.
 June 24--The Mayor's Task Force on Asian and Police Relations one-day workshop at the Jefferson Recreation Center. Bilingual interpreters, day care and transportation services. The purpose of the workshop is to identify the problems which exist between the Asian community and the Seattle Police Department with the hopes of developing an ongoing mechanism for the resolution of the identified problems.

June 30--Welcome Banquet for training ship "Nippon Maru," from 6:30 p.m. at Seattle Buddhist Hall, sponsored by Japanese Community Service. \$5.00 per person.

Month of June--The fifth annual Children's Art Exhibit at the Bank of Tokyo's Seattle Branch on the 27th floor of Bank of California Bldg. (900 4th Ave.) 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday thru Friday and from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday June 24th.

July 7--Deadline for JACL newsletter. Allow one week for delivery. Notices effective before July 14 will not be printed. Mail articles, news clippings, announcements to: c/o (editor) Eira Nagaoka, 2809 N.E. 54th St., Seattle 98105.

July 10 thru 19--Bon odori practice session from 7:30 p.m. at the Seattle Buddhist Church Auditorium.

July 12--JACL newsletter mailout. 7 p.m. at the JACL office, 316 Maynard Ave. S.

July 17-22--25th Biennial National JACL Convention at Little America Hotel in Salt Lake City.

July 22-23--Bon Odori Festival sponsored by Seattle Buddhist Church.

July 30--The 7th annual JACL One Thousand Club Golf Tournament at Jackson Course.

NISHIMURA IN MEDIA (Cont'd): KZAM AM-FM "Sunday Magazine" program discussing children's television. Weston has also attended the Action for Children's Television Symposium in Washington, D.C. on "Television Role Modeling and the Early Adolescent." While there, Weston addressed a national meeting of ACT Contacts.

CHILDREN'S ART

The fifth annual Children's Art Exhibit which includes paintings and drawings by children in the Seattle Japanese Community Language School and the Shunju Club Japanese School are on view at the Bank of Tokyo's Seattle branch on the 27th floor of the Bank of California Center (900 4th Ave.), the hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekdays; noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 24th.

DAY CARE JOTTINGS . . . The Denise Louie Child Care Center "Cabaret" fundraiser April 29, was a success in terms of raising funds, good music, and a fun time for the 410 people there. Over \$1500 was raised and we owe tribute to the many people attending the benefit, to those who donated money, and to those who gave their helping hand. A special donation was received by Denise Louie's father.

The Center, located at 515 10th S. (next to old Chinese Baptist Church), is scheduled to open its doors to the children in June. The program will emphasize bi-lingual, bicultural needs of the children ranging from ages 1-5 years. --Inter-Im newsletter.

SOIL AND BUILDING CONCRETE STUDY FOR BUSH HOTEL

The purchase of the Bush Hotel is at a standstill as it waits for confirmation of the building's stability, says Ben Woo, chairman of the International District Chinatown Public Corporation. The hotel is being considered by the Public Corporation as a site for a community center in the International District. The City of Seattle, under block grants, has allocated \$240,000 to acquire it by June 1. Before the purchase, tests must be made on the hotel for stability and to determine if it meets building regulations. If the purchase can't be made by the deadline the money will be revoked and funneled to other organizations or projects. Preliminary work by Arai/Jackson/Royes Architects and Designers was started, which includes a soil and building concrete study. The concrete was found to be weaker than expected and not up to the Seattle City building code. The Portland Cement Association and its main office in Skokie, Ill., was contracted to perform a structural evaluation. Woo said they were contracted because it utilized computers and could perform an ultrasonic scan on the building. The study was completed two months ago. The results were to be sent to the Public Corporation a month ago. When the Public Corporation receives the report, a decision will be made on the purchase of the hotel. --International Examiner

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