

Bulletin

SEATTLE CHAPTER

JACL

FEBRUARY MEETING will be Friday the 24th, at 7:45 pm 1414 Weller.

NEW PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: "Greetings to all JACLers of the Seattle Chapter. I feel it is an honor and a privilege to serve as your president for the coming year.

"1956 should be an interesting year with both the local and the national elections. We will make every opportunity available for you to meet and hear as many candidates as possible, starting with the general meeting on the 24th of February.

"Nationally, JACL will work for the passage of the Statehood of Hawaii, the passage of the Lane-Hilling Bill to expedite the settlement of the larger claims, and we are working for a larger immigration quota for the Japanese, an amendment to the Walter - McCarran Act. You will hear more about this later.

"Vice-president Paul Kashino has been elected and he has agreed to serve as the membership chairman. Mr. Tad Yamaguchi, member of the Board of Governors, has volunteered to tackle the big job of heading the Issei membership drive. Many of you will be called on to help out with this drive and I hope that when Paul or Mr. Yamaguchi calls on you, **YOU WILL NOT REFUSE, BUT GIVE THEM YOUR FULL SUPPORT.** We are asking Bellevue, Bainbridge, Vashon and Kent to join us.

"...I would like to extend a special invitation for the former JACL Members to join us and a welcome to our new members to make Seattle League the strong chapter it deserves to be. This I know can be done with your support. The Seattle Chapter is bidding for the 1958 National Bowling Tournament and a great deal depends on your interest and enthusiasm."

JAMES M. MATSUOKA, President

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The JACL New Citizens and Installation Banquet was held Jan. 20th in the San Juan Room of the Roosevelt Hotel. Invitations were sent to 79 newly naturalized citizens, of which 39 attended and were presented with a Pledge of Allegiance scroll. Guests of honor were Mayor and Mrs. Allan Pomeroy; Mr. and Mrs. Keifer Gray (Immigration and Naturalization Service); Mr. Millard Thomas, (U. S. District Court); Mr and Mrs. William Minbu; Jim Matsuoka; Consul and Mrs Shigezo Yoshikawa; Tad Yamaguchi; Sue Koczur; Kaun Onodera, (Nisei Vets); Rev. E. El. Andrews; Mr. and Mrs Genji Mihara; Howard and Alice Sakura; and Hiran Akita, toastmaster.

A special recognition scroll was presented to Mr. Albert D. Bonus for his long service and interest in the Japanese Community. The Mayor stressed the need for more exchanges of goods and services between Japan and the US; also showed movies of his recent trip to the Pacific Mayors Conference that was held in Japan. A silent tribute was observed in memory of James Y. Sakamoto and Henry Heiji Okuda, who were lost to us recently.

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TOM YENO, our National JACL First Vice President, died of a heart attack February 8, at the age of 47. When funeral arrangements are completed, George Inagaki, National President will attend, as representative of the JACL. Our sincere sympathies to Mrs Yego.

All candidates for City offices have been invited to speak at our next meeting. Mr Clinton has accepted; others are also sure to be there. Come and hear your local government candidates, Friday.

