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JACL MEETING - Wednesday, June 16, 7:30 p.m. at the JACL Office, 316 Maynard Ave. S., Room 109. Kathryn Bannai presiding. Everyone welcome to attend. Refreshments.

AGENDA

7:30 Call meeting to order. Roll call

7:35 Approval of May 19 minutes

7:37 Approval of Treasurer's Report

7:40 FOR ACTION

Motion: That the Seattle Chapter designate Mako Nakagawa and Cherry Kinoshita as alternate delegates to the JACL National Convention.

Motion: That the Board of Directors of the Seattle Chapter cancel the board meeting previously set for August 18th.

7:50 FOR INFORMATION

1. Membership - Aki Kurose (3 min)

2. Budget? Grants - Joanne Asaba (3 min)

3. Sansei Membership - Jerry Shigaki (3 min)

4. Convention matters - Associate delegates to be designated at the July board meeting

5. Redress - Cherry Kinoshita

6. Directory Project - Don Kazama (3 min)

7. Nikkei Aging and Retirement Committee - Don Kazama

8. Installation Committee

9. Tennis Nite - June 25th

10. Newsletter - No newsletter and no mailout for the month of August.
Conflict with conventions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

9:00 Adjournment

1982 SUMMER JACL FUN NITE TENNIS PLAY SET FOR JUNE 25

The JACL Fun Nite Tennis Play will be held at the Seattle Tennis Center on Friday, June 25 from 8:45 p.m. to 2 a.m. The Seattle Tennis Center is located at Empire Way and Walker Street. This event is a non-competitive format. The evening will be dedicated to pure fun and social play and just getting to know new friends and possible future tennis partners.

JACL will have exclusive use of all 10 indoor courts and the lounge area for the evening. Free professional lessons will be available on two (92) courts with access to the ball machine. (Amy Yee, pro) (Doug Tanaka) (G. Yee)

New balls will be furnished for the entire evening of fun play. Free video play back movies of strokes and play will be available. The evening will include mixed doubles, womens doubles, and men's doubles. Potluck food to partake at midnight.

The evening of fun will cost you only \$8.00 per person.

Deadline to get registration in Friday, June 18. Age limit: 21 and over.

Make checks out to "Seattle Chapter JACL fun nite tennis." Mailing address is: Dick Sugiya-ma, 9202 39th Avenue S., Seattle, WA 98118. For information call 725-8480.

JACL ADMINISTERED SCHOLARSHIP NAMES RECIPIENTS

Three scholarship winners were present during the award ceremony held during the early portion of the Chapter board meeting May 19 at the JACL office. Mr. Uhachi Tamesa of Burien and daughter Kimiya of Washington, D.C. were present. Kathy Kozu was the scholarship chair.

The scholarship recipients were as follow:

Minoru Tamesa Memorial Scholarship

Kanako Egashira \$500.00

Andrea Mano \$500.00

The Rev. Emery E. Andrews Memorial Scholarship

Christina Nakayama \$500.00

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L.W. JACL MINUTES (excerpt)

Submitted by Shizue Yahata

General membership meeting, Newport Hills Baptist Church on 18 May 1982.

The meeting was called to order by president, John Matsumoto at 7:40 p.m. The minutes were read and approved.

Committee reports:

Brian Hirai reported that he attended the Jr. JACL meeting. There are approximately 10-12 members most of which are Univ. of Washington students.

Membership: There are presently 41 families (65 members) paid up. The delinquent families were called to find out the reason for their not renewing their membership.

Redress: A proposal is in the planning stages to file a writ of error coram nobis. This is to review the court case of Hirabayashi, Yasui, and Korematsu. The suit is against the United States government due to evidence which was suppressed in the trial.

The committee is also soliciting support from the local government groups and a possibility of getting together with the B'nai B'rith was discussed.

A report from Min Yasui stated that the Commission on Wartime Relocation has \$200,000 left and the staff has been greatly reduced and virtually all research has been abandoned. Only 50,000 copies of the report is to be printed which will not be enough.

M/S/A - The Lake Washington JACL will write to the commission to encourage them to print more copies of their report.

Program: It was decided to postpone a social function until 18 Sept. Suggestions for possible programs in the future are as follows:

1. have a representative from a textbook publisher
2. work with the Asian counseling referral service to aide Asians on the Eastside
3. contact with the Shunjukai
4. have someone from the Keiro nursing home
5. Professor Niwa

Our June program will be a demonstration of the taiko

A report on the Northwest district meeting was given by John Matsumoto. The highlights of which are:

1. Spokane will sponsor the fall meeting
2. possibility of a Olympia chapter being formed
3. we will receive notice of district dues
4. Ron Ikejiri, JACL representative in Washington, D.C. is now on a retainer basis
5. up-grade Karen Seriguchi to regional director
6. hire a part-time secretary at the district office
7. candidates for National Office: president - Lillian Okura, Floyd Shimomura, Mits Kawamoto

8. Dr. Tsujimura reported that the 1980-81 membership is down 9% and there is a \$30,000 - \$40,000 shortfall

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT COUNCIL JACL MINUTES EXCERPT

for meeting held April 25.

Attendance: Columbia Basin--Ed Yamamoto; Gresham-Troutdale--Ed Honma, Shig Nagae, Henry Kato, Kazuo Kinoshita; Lake Washington--Ken Nakano, Pete Okura, John Matsumoto; Mid-Columbia--Harry Iwatsuki, Maija Yasui; Portland--Earnie Sargent, Miyuki Yasui, Al Abe, Walter Sakai, Rowe Sumida, George Hara, Bones Onishi, Mary Minamoto, Bob Shimabukuro, Peggy Nagae, Terry Yamada;

Also, Puyallup Valley--John Kanda, Joe Kosai, Paul Ellis, Edna Ellis; Seattle--Ted Taniguchi, Lloyd Hara, Chuck Kato, Cherry Kinoshita, Mako Nakagawa, Kathryn Bannai; Spokane--Denny Yasuhara; White River--Harvey Watanabe, Edith Watanabe, Michi Maebori; District officers--Homer Yasui, Paul Seto, John Matsumoto, Ben Nakagawa, Peg Sargent, Ed Fujii; National Officer--Jim Tsujimura. Total number of votes present at meeting: 31

Motions Presented: (M=moved, S=seconded, C=carried, T=tabled, D=defeated)

M-S-C District Council will purchase $\frac{1}{4}$ page ad in the National Convention Booklet at \$200.

M-S-C Purchase gift for past District Gov. Doi (up to \$100). Paul Seto will make purchase.

M-S-T-C District Council will contribute \$200.00 to the Spokane Chapter to help defray costs of the suit against Washington State University.

M-S-C PNWDC reaffirm our need for a full-time Regional Director to the National Director and National Board.

M-S-C Effective immediately, each chapter will be assessed $\frac{1}{2}$ of its "rebates" received from the National for its "50" club and Century Club members. The funds will be used to secure a parttime secretary for the PNWDC office for the next five months. Gov. Yasui will appoint a committee to insure no organizational "laws" are violated and Treasurer

PNWDC MEETING MINUTES (Cont'd): Seto will bill each chapter for the correct sum.

M-S-C Gov. Yasui write a letter to the Governor of the State of Washington requesting the continuation of the Governor's Commission on Asian American Affairs Office.

M-S-C Submit the nominations of Ed Fujii and Shig Nagae to the National for the Sapphire Pin for continuous, outstanding service.

Resolutions: To be presented to the National Council at the 27th National JACL Biennial

1. M-S-C A resolution was presented by Lloyd Hara and seconded by John Matsumoto, requesting that the National Convention of the JACL adamantly urge the President of the United States to renew this great national's commitment to the promotion of human and civil rights by strengthening the United States Commission on Civil Rights.

@. M-S-T-C Resolution regarding the "Disadvantaged Minority - A Myth" was presented by Harvey Watanabe and seconded by Ed Yamamoto in "essence" was tabled for a redrafting. The redraft was presented and carried.

3.M-S-C Resolution regarding the National JACL Redress Committee's operating mode presented by Kathryn Bannai and seconded by Ken Nakano. (Final form distributed to delegates.

REPORTS

"District Director" Karen Seriguchi:

- a. She will be going to Washington State Univ. and will attempt to devote some time to establish a youth chapter on campus.
- b. The establishment of a JACL chapter in the Olympia area appears a possibility in a couple of years.

Vice Governor John Matsumoto:

- a. The chain-of-command pertaining to the District office staff to the National Executive Director and the District Governor and whomever else appears "to be a little hazy," YET. It was reported that the District Director has a solid vertical line leading to the Executive Director, BUT, comment was made to the following theme--that kind of organization leads to chaos--. We then moved right along to the Governor's report.

Governor Homer Yasui:

- a. The Washington Representative of JACL is operating as an independent contractor, effective March 1, 1982. JACL activities shall remain the top priority on his time.
- b. The PNWDC Office has approved to be elevated to a Regional Office with a full-time Director. (Governor Yasui informed the delegates there wasn't much difference between a District and Regional Director, just sounds better.)

Pacific Citizen - Cherry Kinoshita:

- a. The question -- "Should the Pacific Citizen be for JACL reporting only, or for others, too?" Denny made a dynamic and slightly emotional statement to the effect that only Asians feel it's necessary to present the "white" perspective to an issue being contested by a JACLER! "Who's newspaper is it?!"

No motion was presented, but it was the consensus of the PNWDC to support the position of Denny and inform the Pacific Citizen Editor of our feelings.

Health - Rowe Sumida:

- a. It is becoming increasingly difficult to find insurance companies to carry health insurance coverage. It may be easier for JACLers to locate State programs rather than JACL group coverage due to the difficulties stated above.

Endowment Fund - John Kanda:

- a. There has been an official request made to the endowment fund committee to "loan" the redress committee \$100,000 at 10% interest for a period of two years. Security for this loan will be a book to be published by Random House.

Washington State University Update - Denny Yasuhara:

- a. The University is planning to consolidate the minority affairs offices, thus demoting the directors. This move greatly threatens the continuation of the minority affairs office for Asian Americans and the Spokane Chapter will again work to prevent such action.

Recognitions - Michi Maebori:

- a. Ed Fujii and Shig Nagae nominated for the National Sapphire pin.
- b. Michi regretfully submitted her resignation as Recognitions Chairperson along with Hiro Nakayama due to personal reasons. The Governor secured the permission of Harry Iwatsuki to complete the term as Chairperson.

Governor Yasui will call the next PNWDC meeting in Los Angeles just before the National Convention. Call Homer at (503) 234-4714 (h) or (503) 659-3232 (o) for anything you want to know or want included in the next agenda. Ben Nakagawa/sns

LETTER TO MR. AND MRS. BILL KUNITSUGU

June 1, 1982

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Kunitsugu:

On behalf of the Seattle Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League, I would like to thank you for devoting two days of your valuable time to assisting the Cherry Blossom Festival of our Chapter in contributing to the Seattle Cherry Blossom and Japanese Cultural Festival during this past month.

The Festival was very successful and your efforts were very much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Kathryn Bannai

c.c. Mrs. Shea Aoki

WELCOMING JAPANESE PEACE DELEGATION

A potluck reception will be held to welcome the Japanese Peace Delegation at the Seattle Buddhist Church, 1427 S. Main, at 7:30 p.m. on June 15. The ninety-five delegates represent a united coalition of Japanese peace, women's and labor organizations. They, are visiting Seattle en route to Japan after attending the June 12 International Disarmament rally in New York City. Please join in welcoming this peace mission to Seattle.

For more information, call 623-5088 (JACL) or 632-0500 (American Friends Service Committee). Please bring food to share.

JACL SCHOLARSHIPS (Cont'd from page 1):

Kanako, daughter of Mrs. Sumako Egashira, is doing graduate work in Health Education, at the Univ. of Washington.

Andrea is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Mano and attends the U.W.

Christina is the daughter of Father and Mrs. Timothy Nakayama.

FLOYD SCHMOE RECEIVES MEDAL

Japanese Consul General Naoki Nakano presented the 4th degree order of the Sacred Treasure to Mr. Floyd Schmoie for his humanitarian service to the Japanese people in Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1948, and toward Japanese Americans from 1941 to 1946. The award took place at the Japanese Consul General Official residence. Vice Consul M. Nakano was the officer in charge.

Floyd W. Schmoie was born on a farm in Kansas. He studied forestry at the U.W. and New York State College of Forestry at Syracuse. He served eight years as park naturalist on Mt. Rainier National Park. He later took degrees in marine biology and taught at the U.W. and Univ. of Hawaii.

During and after both World Wars and the Korean War, Floyd Schmoie did relief and reconstruction work in Europe, Africa, Japan, and Korea.

During the 1942 uprooting of American citizens of Japanese ancestry, many Nisei students lived with the Schmoies and were aided in their move. Although Mr. Schmoie encouraged people to resist the expulsion, he visited assembly centers as well as the concentration camps to offer his services. Later, he actively recruited and placed Nisei students in colleges throughout Midwestern and Eastern states.

Many tuberculosis patients remained in Seattle while their families were removed. Mr. Schmoie visited each of these patients regularly throughout the war years and aided many in their rehabilitation.

During WWII, he became a target of the Tolan Committee, which investigated the expulsion. A great deal of time was spent in questioning him. Mr. Schmoie also received threats from the public, and this increased as the internees returned to Seattle. He spent many days laying out the group work to overcome the hostile attitudes facing Japanese Americans.

Mr. Schmoie also met returning internees and helped to establish hostels and find jobs.

Underlying all this was Mr. Schmoie's great commitment to humanity and peace. The bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki affected him deeply, and he set about raising funds in a quiet way. A Quaker himself, he found the Quakers eager to help. A new mission was formed to help rebuild what the bombs destroyed. Thirty-five houses and two community halls were built in Hiroshima and Nagasaki as a result of Mr. Schmoie's efforts.

For his tireless work on behalf of the Japanese American community, the Japanese American Citizens League awarded Floyd Schmoie a Certificate of Recognition and Appreciation 1976.

At the age of 86, Floyd Schmoie testified before the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, which held a hearing in Seattle on Sept. 11, 1981. Mr. Schmoie once again told a U.S. congressional commission that the internment of Japanese Americans was unnecessary and that the wrong done by our government should be properly redressed.

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR CHIEF SEALTH HIGH

Chris Kato, principal of Chief Sealth high, has been informed that his school has been selected to receive a Certificate of Recognition and an award of \$1,000 for its participation

KATO (Cont'd): in the Ford Foundation's City High School Recognition Program. The enclosed Certificate of Recognition expresses the Ford Foundation appreciation for the school's achievements. In addition to the Certificate, the school is to receive \$1,000 to be used for student activities in ways designated by the student body. The letter to Kato said, "We hope that these marks of recognition will add to the school's pride and serve as incentives for continued success."

DONATIONS

The Seattle Chapter of JACL gratefully acknowledge the following generous donations:

Mr. Uhachi Tamesa \$2,500.00 to be added to the previous \$12,000 Tamesa donation for the Minoru Tamesa Memorial Scholarship which the Chapter administers.

A donation of \$500.00 was received by the Chapter and the donor requested the name to be withheld.

FROM THE BOARD

The refreshment committee has been inspired to give the board members unusual treat during the regular meeting. March committee were made up of Aya Hurd, Gary Kawasaki, Massie Tomita, and Mark Okazaki. In April was Kathy Kozu. For May Shea Aoki. Somewhere in the committee list we have to include Mako Nakagawa and Hiroko Nakagawa. With the meeting ending earlier, we have more leisure to relax, exchange conversations, and enjoy the coffee, tea, cookies and pastries. The board appreciates all their effort.

Joan Asaba for the budget/grant committee made the motion to award \$175 for the Washington Association for Asian and Pacific American Education (WAAPAE). A national convention was held last April at Seattle's Westin Hotel.

Patti Shimomura asked for endorsement of JACL sponsored Communication Workshop. Motion passes.

A letter of support for E.O.C. seeking grants from the City will be written by the board.

Books and Manuscript left at the U.W. office by late Dr. Minoru Masuda has been turned over to Minoru Masuda Memorial Archive Project.

Request to the board for approval of committee and activity and seed money to send youth delegate made. The youth were told that youth standing committee is already in existence.

The board approved the motion by Mako Nakagawa to change the Empire Way to Martin Luther King Jr. Way South for the full length of the Street.

Ben Nakagawa urged National Endowment Committee from committing \$100,000 loan to the National Redress Committee at 10% loan. The collateral of profit from the book to be written and published seems unrealistic. The endowment committee does not meet but exchange votes on the phones. Ben wants a letter written to the Endowment Committee to hold off decision until the National Convention. This is a very bad time to sell stocks and bonds when liquid asset is at low level.

Sam Shoji received a letter from Supt. of Public School Don Steele to assist in grinding and listening to people. School board is faced with new method of funding which is based on Block Grants from the State. Sam Shoji was asked to be on this committee by the School Board. Don Kazama wanted to know a precise definition of "administrative transfer." What does it involve? We need to know, Don said. Sam was asked to follow up on this policy.

Cherry Blossom Festival ended on a very successful note. The next year is 25th anniversary. Shea Aoki was asked to stay on and attend the weekly morning meeting until the successor for the 1982-83 year is found. President Bannai said that JACL this year was recognized for positive showing and credited Shea Aoki leadership and special effort of Bill Kunitsugu.

"LEFTY" ICHIHARA ROOM DEDICATED

Dedication of Albert "Lefty" Ichihara Room of the NVC Memorial Clubhouse took place immediately following the community Memorial Day Services at the Lake View Cemetery.

A plaque was presented by the Japanese Community Service. The inscription was read by Yoshito Fujii and then presented the plaque to Mrs. Rosie Ichihara. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Paul M. Nagano. Refreshments followed. The NVC clubhouse was "Lefty's" second home and was the prime mover for all the improvements made on the facility. The dedication ceremony said, "... the spirit of "Lefty" still remains, and he continues to speak to us ..."

In the Memorial Day program sponsored by NVC, president Kathryn Bannai placed the wreath in behalf of JACL as did all the other groups. Of the eight-person firing squad from the Univ. of Washington's ROTC program, three were women, showing the changing time.

The speaker, Gen. A.W. Beeman, USA Ret., said the Nisei warriors occupy a special place in the American history. He mentioned one bridge in Camano Island named after Gen. Mark Clark of the Fifth Army under which 442nd RCT was the sub-group.

Also present at the Memorial Service and the Ichihara Room dedication were the newly-crowned Greater Seattle Japanese Community Queen Mary Leslie Ishii, 21, 5-7; 1st Lady-in-Waiting Princess Laverne Masaki, 19, 5-4; and Princess Karyn Kay Lamborn, 19, 5-5. Also crowned two nights earlier were Princess Stacey Jo Fujimura, 18, and Christina Akiko Nagami, 22. Queen Mary is Tyee High Graduate and attends the U. W. as music education major. Her parents are George and Marie Ishii of Seattle 98188.

NEWSLETTER MAILING NIGHT

May 12 mailout for JACL Reporter were bolstered by Patti Shimomura, Jerry Nagae, Jerry Shigaki, Jane Yambe, Dick Sugiyama, Tom Scott, Chuck Kato and Karen Seriguchi. The Chapter is grateful for taking time out in spite of conflicting commitments.

Calendar of Events

- June 11--Multi-ethnic Musical Extravaganza sponsored by Nikkei Concerns to benefit Nikkei Health Fair featuring the Total Experience, a black children's choral group. Other performers include Miyagi-Kai, a koto ensemble, Samoan Church Youth Group, Sakura-Kai Chorus, and Korean Choral. Arnold Mukai will be M.C. 7:30 p.m. at the Seattle First Baptist Church, Seneca and Harvard. \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for seniors and students. Tickets at Uwajimaya, Imperial Lanes and Gilt Edge Cleaners. The Nikkei Health Fair conducts a year-round health screening and education program in the Nikkei community. Nikkei Concerns recently took over the sponsorship of the Health Fair as another of its community outreach activities.
- June 14--Tomono-kai meeting with topic of personal money management, basic finance at Keiro.
- June 15--Lake Washington Chapter JACL meeting 7:30 p.m. at Newport Hills Baptist Church, 7:30.
- June 15--Pot-luck reception for the Japanese Peace Delegation at the Seattle Buddhist Church, 1427 S. Main, from 7:30 p.m. See story on Page 4.
- June 16--Seattle JACL meeting from 7:30 p.m. at the JACL office, 316 Maynard Ave. S., Rm 109.
- June 25--The Sports Committee of JACL will hold its 1st Annual Fun Nite/Tennis Play at the Seattle Tennis Center. See story on Page 1.
- July 7--Deadline for JACL newsletter. Notices effective before July 16 will not be printed. Keep it short. Mail announcements, etc. to: Eira Nagaoka, 2809 N.E. 54th St., Seattle 98105.
- July 12--Tomono-kai meeting with program on CPR at Keiro.
- July 14--Newsletter mailing night at the JACL office, 316 Maynard Ave. S., Room 109, 7 p.m.
- July 17--Rokka Ski Club and the Highland Kendo-kai will co-sponsor a benefit disco at Nisei Veterans Memorial Hall from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Music by "Spankink," mobile disco. Hosted bar --I.D. required. Tickets are \$4 at the door. Connie Sugahara, Rokka Disco chair.
- July 24--Former Greenlakers reunion at Bush Garden Restaurant, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Lavish dinner costs \$20 to offset expense for the next day's picnic lunches. Call Kay Kawamoto at 363-0424.
- July 25--Greenlakers reunion picnic at Carkeek Park from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- July 25--The annual Thousand Club Golf Tournament at Jefferson Course. The Men's Flight and Women's Flight, at 11 a.m. rain or shine. \$7.50 entry fee. Only 1000 Club members in good standing can play. 6 p.m. no host cocktail and 6:30 p.m. dinner at Perry Ko's South China Restaurant. Dinner \$11 and open to non-Thousand Club members.
- Aug. 5--Xth Tri-annual Nisei Veterans Reunion at Hyatt Regency Hotel, Broadway Plaza in Los Angeles for WW2, Korean and Viet Nam veterans. Local coordinator Ben Sugawara.
- Aug. 8--Afternoon colorful Nisei Week Parade in Los Angeles.
- Aug. 9-13--27th Biennial National JACL Convention hosted by Gardena Chapter with convention headquarter at Hyatt Airport Hotel, Los Angeles.

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