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Seattle JACL Board Meeting, Wednesday, September 21,
At the JACL Office, 316 Maynard Ave. S., 7:30 p.m.
President Mako Nakagawa, presiding. Everyone is welcome...
bring new members!!!

PUYALLUP MONUMENT DEDICATION

Sculptor George Tsutukawa presented his 500-pound, silicon, bronze sculpture at the Puyallup Fairgrounds, Sunday, August 21 with about 700 in attendance to witness this momentous occasion for Japanese Americans. The sculpture is a memorial to the 7,000 who were interned from April to September, 1942 and hundreds of thousands will pass by it during the Western Washington State Fair this month.

This project was not an easy task, to put it mildly, and it took a lot of long hours in meetings and on the telephone, plus a lot of dedication to reach the eventual ceremonies last month. In 1982, members of the Washington chapter of the American Legion objected to any memorial built on the Puyallup Fairgrounds. They complained to the Puyallup fair board, and early this year, fair board members voted to move the monument from inside the fairgrounds to to an outside parking lot. Tsutukawa backed out at this point.

But after complaints from the JACL and more publicity, fair board members reconsidered their decision and moved the monument back inside the fair's gate.

So, on August 21, 1983, the crowd of largely Nisei, cheered as Tsutukawa and Gov. John Spellman unveiled the memorial—inside the fairgrounds. Spellman, who has come out fighting for redress, was well received by the crowd.

"Every week I receive letters asking if I remember Pearl Harbor," Spellman said. "All those letters reflect a common confusion, confusing the war between our country and Japan with the national deprivation of civil rights. The internment, Spellman said, was "unjust treatment of Americans solely because of their race."

After similar remarks by other politicians, Tsutukawa talked about his sculpture.

"I tried not so much to remind ourselves of the hardness and the misery of the evacuation," he explained. "I was more concerned about our future generations. I tried to convey in this sculpture a feeling of friendship."

REDRESS IN CANADA

What should the Nikkei do, after more than 40 years, to help make Canada a country of which we can truly be proud? What should the Nikkei do to secure Canadian Citizenship in a time of crisis when it counts the most? There are the core objectives of Japanese Canadian Redress Campaign.

CANADIAN REDRESS, continued

At our first redress meeting, the primary focus was information: What happened during World War II? Was an injustice done to the Japanese-American citizens? If so, what would constitute appropriate remedies—the kind that would obtain the above objectives? We wanted to inform ourselves so that we could proceed intelligently, relevantly.

What emerged, by the end of the meeting, was a sense of direction: We need to formulate both non-monetary as well as monetary options in our Redress proposals. Thus, two working committees were assigned the task of preparing a monetary set of proposals and a non-monetary set of proposals for discussion, amendment, and vote. (from Edmonton, Alberta Japanese Community Club Newsletter)

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS...

SEATTLE URBAN LEAGUE'S MINORITY ART EXHIBITION is now accepting entry forms for its seventh annual event, scheduled for Nov. 11 through 18, featuring minority artists from around the Pacific Northwest in the areas of sculpture, painting, graphics, photography, and drawings. No entry fee is required. To obtain forms, or for more information, contact the Seattle Urban League, 447-3792.

JAPANESE ENTERTAINMENT NORTHWEST is pleased to announce the news of a Japanese language radio program, which has been aired now for several weeks. This program is broadcast two hours each Sunday morning between 7 and 9 a.m. on KKFX (1250 AM) on your radio. Your support and comments will keep this program on the air, says Noriko G. Palmer, manager. Write P.O. Box 14327, Seattle, WA 98115-4327.

THE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS CLUB, INC. will present a plaque to the University of Washington, Saturday, Oct. 15, starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Kawabe Memorial House, 221 - 18th Ave. S. The plaque will be placed in the School of Social Work building where Synkoa formerly stood. The annual scholarships will also be presented at this event.

JENNY'S HALLMARK SHOP, a family business owned by Tad and Ruby Sato and daughter, Jennifer, has opened at Puget Park Center, a new shopping center just south of Everett. It is located off Exit 186 on I-5, going west on 128th S.W. If you are in the neighborhood, welcome them.

THE ASIAN GIRLS INTERFAITH BASKETBALL LEAGUE is sponsoring a basketball clinic to be held on four consecutive Saturdays, through October. The clinic will stress skill development according to age, grade level or skill ability, and concentrating on shooting, dribbling, passing, rebounding and defense.

To be eligible the girls must be between fourth and 11th grade and of Asian ancestry or affiliated with an Asian church. A nominal fee will be charged to cover basic expenses. All participants will receive an official tee-shirt.

For further information and application, please contact Audrey Nakanishi, 723-8312.

A BASIC ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLASS FOR JAPANESE will be held at Overlake Park Presbyterian Church, 1836 - 156th Ave. N.E., Bellevue, beginning Sept. 21. This class is geared for recent immigrants and Japanese businessmen's wives who would benefit from help in everyday conversational skills. Vocabulary development and pronunciation is stressed. For details, contact Susie Aoyama, 885-9654.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS, continued.

FALSE CLAIM FORMS CIRCULATED: A form to verify dates of internment for individual Japanese Americans is being circulated in the Pacific Northwest. The form is addressed to the National Archives and Records Service.

A non-Japanese American is believed to have begun distributing the form two years ago in Los Angeles as a claim for financial redress. John Tateishi, JACL redress director, advises that "any individual who receives such a form should ignore it." The government is not requesting internment dates for anyone at this time.

He added, "The form is misleading people to believe that compensation is immediate. It is a cruel hoax inflicted on the community." Rep. Mike Lowry introduced a direct compensation bill for former internees in June 1983. Another bill is expected to be introduced this fall. Passage of any redress bill, however, will take many months.

PEOPLE

KATHLEEN HAGIWARA PURCELL, a graduate of Franklin High School and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Hagiwara, will be the new principal of Decatur High School in the Federal Way High School District this fall. She received her doctorate degree in educational leadership from Seattle University in 1979.

The Board of Trustees of the University Students Club, Inc., has named their 1983-84 scholarship awards to the following individuals, all of whom received \$800: **JULIANA BRUNDAGE**, Lakes; **AARON CAUGHEY**, Auburn; **BRENDA FUKAI**, Curtis; **VICKI HOAGLAND**, Spanaway Lake; **LYNN MIYAUCHI**, Sealth; **LEANNE ONISHI**, Hale; **DARREN TOSHI**, Lindbergh; **DE AN YAMAURA**, Lewis & Clark.

Recognition and much thanks to the following people for all their hard work and dedication as members of the Puyallup Monument Committee, and others who volunteered and donated their time and services: **ROGER SHIMIZU**, Chairperson; **HENRY MIYATAKE**, **EMI SOMEKAWA**, **DAVID HOEKENDORF**, **AKIO HOSHINO**, **KAZZIE KATAYAMA**, **BEN NAKAGAWA**, **KEN NAKANO**, **KEN OKUMA**, **KAREN SERIGUCHI**, **TOM SHIGIO** and **MASSIE TOMITA**.

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KAREN SERIGUCHI has been named the new editor for the Pacific Citizen, the national publication of JACL. She will start this month, serving a training period under news editor Harry Honda before assuming full responsibility in 1984. Karen was previously the Pacific Northwest District Council regional director, joining the JACL staff in 1980 as a part-time secretary.

GAIL TANAKA, director of the International District Health Clinic, has been named to the Seattle Women's Commission. This group advises the Mayor and City Council on women, minority and sexual minority issues.

PEOPLE, continued

DENI YAMAUCHI, of Seattle, succeeds Wendy Hamai of Tacoma, as one of five people appointed to the Asian American Affairs Commission by Gov. John Spellman. Other appointments are: DOUGLAS LUNA, Tukwila; BLAINE TAMAKI, Yakima; VICTOR J. TROY, Gig Harbor; and VANG ZIONG, Spokane.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, SEPT. 16, Lake Washington JAACL Chapter, Social Potluck and Auction, 7 p.m. at the Atrium of the Ken Schoenfeld Furniture Store in Bellevue, west of Exit 12 on I-405 at S.E. 8th. A potluck supper will be served, so bring your favorite dish and join in on the fun!

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 21, General board meeting, 7:30 p.m., at JAACL Office, please come!!!

FRIDAY, SEPT. 16 & OCT. 11, TUES., Peacemakers, an informational series about nuclear arms and disarmament will hold two sessions at St. Peter's Parish, 1610 S. King St. Peacemaker I will feature the films "Lost Generation" and "Prophecy." PEACEMAKER II features the film Hibakusha and speaker Craig Shimabukuro, who will talk about his involvement in this area.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 17, 6th Annual Asian Dinner Festival, 5 to 8 p.m. at Japanese Baptist Church. Reservations can be made by calling the church at 622-7351 or Chinese Baptist Church at 725-6363. Ticket donations are \$4.50 for adults and \$2.50 for senior citizens and children under 12.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 25, Nichiren Buddhist Fujinkai benefit chow mein dinner, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 1042 S. Weller St. Cost is \$3, tickets available from church members or at the church.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 25, Asian Employees Association Pancake Breakfast, 7:30 a.m. to noon at Jefferson Community Center.

SATURDAY, OCT. 8, Third Nikkei Health Fair, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Blaine Memorial Methodist Church. Nancy Uyeno is chairperson.

MONDAY, OCT. 10, Executive Board meeting, 7:30 p.m, at Mako's house.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 12, Newsletter mailout, 7 p.m. at JAACL Office, bring your friends!!!

TUESDAY, OCT. 18, Lake Washington Chapter board meeting, 7:30 p.m., at Newport Hills Baptist Church.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 19, General board meeting, 7:30 p.m., JAACL Office, 316 Maynard Ave. S.

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