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Seattle JACL General Membership and Board Meeting, Wednesday, October 19, 7:30 p.m. at the JACL Office, 316 Maynard Ave. S., President Mako Nakagawa, presiding.

PROPOSITIONS 1, 2 and 3

The Seattle City Council will again place three (3) bond issues, totalling \$97.1 million on the November 8 general election for voter approval. This is due to lack of voter support and turnout in the September 20 election and hopefully, they will be validated the second time around.

The Seattle JACL supports these bond issues and encourages everyone to "speak their mind" at the polls in November. Below is a brief summary of these propositions:

The purpose of these bonds is to save Seattle's roads, bridges, parks, fire stations, libraries and Seattle Center from further deterioration. The bonds will be used to fund renovation projects identified by an 18-member citizen committee. The renovation project will help maintain Seattle's high quality of basic services, and provide a strong foundation for neighborhood preservation and economic revitalization.

This 18-member committee prepared the recommendations and submitted them to the Mayor and City Council for approval. In order to gather the necessary information, the City contracted with a consulting firm to identify deficiencies in over 230 City-owned buildings. Each project must satisfy one of the following criteria: Improve public safety, protect integrity of existing facilities, reduce operating or maintenance cost, reduce energy cost, or restore a facility to a new 20-40 year life. All projects represent existing deficiencies which necessitate correction within the next five years.

The annual debt service for the bond issues totals approximately \$11.4 million. The cost to the taxpayer whose property is assessed at \$80,000 will be approximately \$42 per year for 20 years, or for the life of the bonds, whichever is shorter.

Three bond issues are included in this package--parks, streets, and bridges, and facilities. Projects were divided into three bond issues in order to comply with State Law, which requires that citizens be allowed to vote for bond measures dealing with only one subject area:

Proposition #1--\$40.8 million for streets, bridges and retaining walls, including: \$17.3 million for arterial street resurfacing; \$14 million for bridge and retaining wall restoration, such as the 49-year-old Alaskan Way Seawall, replacing the outdated electrical and mechanical systems in the Ballard, Fremont and University drawbridges; critical repairs to the Monorail; and stabilizing failing sidewalks in Pioneer Square and the International District.

Proposition #2--\$31.2 million for renovations to park facilities, the Seattle Art Museum and the Museum of History and Industry, including: over \$2 million for shoreline control and restoration, such as the failing Lincoln Park Seawall with a natural beach; over \$10 million for local parks and community centers, and renovation of aging community centers; approximately \$3 million for repairs to boulevards; \$2.6 million for renovation and replacement of facilities at the zoo; \$1.6 million for renovating the Conservatory in Volunteer Park; and \$1.1 million for basic land restoration and erosion control of the shoreline at Magnuson Park.

Propositions 1, 2 and 3, continued...

Proposition #3--\$25.1 million for renovation of libraries, Seattle Center facilities, fire stations and maintenance facilities. Seattle's 70-year old Carnegie Libraries would be restored and given a new 40 year life. Likewise, eleven fire stations with an average age of 54 years would be given a new 40 year life, and eight fire stations would be modified to accommodate contemporary fire equipment. Roofs, mechanical systems and underlying foundation at the Seattle Center would be upgraded.

DIABETES STUDY AT UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

A major study of diabetes and heart disease among Nisei men living in the King County area will be starting soon at the University of Washington. Diabetes and associated complications of heart, kidney, eye and nerve damage are a major source of disability and death.

Because the complications occur at lower rates in Japanese living in Japan as compared to Nikkei in the United States, this study hopes to learn something of Japan's environmental causes by talking with and examining people living in both places.

The University is presently seeking Nisei men to participate in this study. Both diabetic and non-diabetic men are needed for purposes of comparison. The identity of the participants will be kept confidential and reports of the results will be presented only in statistical format.

Participants will have a physical examination and a series of medical tests and a diet inventory will be done. Participants will also complete an interview on life style and sources of stress.

Individual participants may benefit by improvements in their medical care, when upon their request, results of the medical tests are given to their personal physicians. Important improvements in medical understanding of diabetes and heart disease are also expected to result from this study.

Volunteers are needed as soon as possible. The study will take place sometime between November 1, 1983 and November 30, 1983. Letters to all Nikkei will be sent out soon. This study is funded by a U.S. Public Health grant on the basis of the combined success of a small preliminary study of diabetes and the Nisei Aging Project. For more information, call the UW at 543-6083.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU to the following people for helping with the September mailout: Janice Nishimori, Hana Masuda, Kathy Kozu, Kelly Yamada, Sallie Yamada and Ken Katayama.

THE SEATTLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES is conducting a search for a District Chancellor. Applications will be accepted until October 31, 1983. The board plans to evaluate/interview candidates in November and to make a selection by December 1983. Please send applications to: Dr. Otto Roemmich, Interim Chancellor, Position Search for SCCD Chancellor, Seattle Community College District, 300 Elliot Ave. West, Seattle, WA 98119, 587-3872.

BEGINNING JAPANESE, a college-level course designed for the business-person needing Japanese language skills, will be offered Monday and Wednesday evenings at Seattle Central Community College. Dr. Yukio Tanaka, course instructor, is the founder and director of the Nihon Cultural Center in Seattle. The course will meet from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. For further information, call the college Division of Humanities and Social Science, 587-4164.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, continued

JACL has received discount Hertz car rental tickets. They will be available at the JACL office during business hours.

THE ASIAN COUNSELING AND REFERRAL SERVICE (ACRS), provider of mental health care and social services to the Asian/Pacific community for over 10 years, has added The Multilingual Program to its services. The project was developed to help non-English speakers obtain information and referral. Bilingual staff is available Wednesdays, from 1 to 5 p.m. to answer questions. Languages spoken are: Cambodian, Cantonese, Hakka, H'mong, Ilokano, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Mandarin, Taiwanese, Tagalog, and Vietnamese. The ACRS office is located at 409 Maynard Ave. S., second floor or call 447-3609.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

SAM M. HIRABAYASHI has been appointed regional commissioner for the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics in San Francisco. He brings 22 years of experience in employment and training programs at the state and national level in the Department's Employment and Training Administration. Hirabayashi has a degree in economics from the University of Minnesota and was also a labor market analyst for that state. He will be responsible for the bureau's activities in California, Alaska, Arizona, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, and Guam, assuming his new duties in early December.

KATHY TAGAWA, news editor of the Asian Family Affair and DOROTHY CORDOVA, executive director of the Demonstration Project for Asian Americans, were among 20 women honored at a Women's Rights Day 1983 awards dinner. The dinner was billed as a "Salute to Seattle's Unsung Women Leaders", held at Ernestine's Jazz Club.

TSUGIO "IKE" IKEDA and EDMON LEE were recently appointed by Governor John Spellman to the Commission on Vocational Education and the State Advisory Council on Vocational Education, respectively. Ikeda is the executive director of the Atlantic Street Center in Seattle. The Commission to which he was appointed is a seven-member policy-making body that oversees all federal vocational education money for the state. Lee is the training director for the Operation Improvement Foundation and will serve in an advisory capacity to the Commission staff.

TOM MERCADO, KIM BECKER, and STEVE SIMEONA were named to three counseling positions for the Asian division at the University of Washington's Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) early last month. Mercado is a 1978 graduate of Humboldt State University and at Shoreline Community College he was the coordinator for student services and an assistant instructor for the reading and writing labs. Becker has counseling experience through her work in the Work Training Program, personal counseling for students, interviewing for Washington State Employment Security, and teaching English at a community college. As an Indochinese, Becker advises the Indochinese students on both financial and personal matters. Simeona brings his work as a counselor for a work release program in prison to EOP. He has also counseled alcoholics and drug addicts and was also the director of a work release program.

ARNOLD MUKAI, Seattle's premiere Asian comedian, will headline the standup comedy show at Ron's Fifth Avenue October 18 at 112 Fifth Avenue No. Mukai has just returned from a West Coast Tour and the San Francisco Laff Off, which he was invited to participate, a rare honor among West Coast standup comics. Arnold is currently competing in the 1983 Seattle Laff Off. Come see him October 18, 9:30 p.m. at Ron's Fifth Avenue, Fifth and Denny.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS, continued

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19---General membership meeting of the Seattle JACL Chapter, 7:30 p.m. at the JACL Office. Amendments to the Constitution and Articles of Incorporation will be discussed and voted upon. These amendments have been approved by the Board of Directors at a previous board meeting. A copy of the proposed amendments is available for review at the JACL Office, 316 Maynard Ave. S.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18 (should be before above announcement, sorry)---Regular meeting of the Lake Washington JACL Chapter, 7:30 p.m. at the Newport Hills Baptist Church. The speaker for the evening will be Richard Meske, Ph.D. in clinical psychology. He is the Director of Consultation and Education of the Mental Health Program at the Harborview Hospital in Seattle. The auction that was held at the September Potluck Social/Auction will be continued at this meeting. A golf bag, oriental vase and an AM-FM Radio/Telephone combination set, are among the items to be auctioned, so come and join in on the bidding.

Taul Watanabe was the guest speaker at the September social. He issued a challenge to the Lake Washington chapter to double its membership in one year. If this is accomplished, a generous offer would be forthcoming.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29---The Washington State Kendo Foundation is holding its Ninth Annual Kendo Tournament at Evergreen High School, 830 S.W. 116th. Your support is very much needed and appreciated and will be helpful when Washington Kendo hosts the Third U.S. Kendo Championships in Seattle in 1984. For more information, call Susie Kozawa at 322-6409 (day).

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7--Executive Board Meeting at Mako's house, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8 GENERAL ELECTION***Please go out and vote!!!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9---Newsletter mailout, 7 p.m. at the JACL Office, 316 Maynard Ave. S. Everyone is welcome!!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16 General Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the JACL Office. Please attend!!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, Deems Tsutukawa in Concert, at the Nippon Kan Theatre, 7:30 p.m., second in the "Season of Festivals" series. Come and enjoy Seattle's outstanding Japanese American jazz composer and musician display his artistry.

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