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FIRST 1984 BOARD MEETING!!

Wednesday, January 18, General board meeting, at the
JACL Office, 316 Maynard Ave. S., at 7:30 p.m. Chaired
by Jerry Shigaki, 1984 President.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JACL

Annual Retreat: The JACL retreat for 1984, for board of directors and volunteers will be held Saturday, January 14 at the JACL Office, 316 Maynard Ave. S. It will begin at 9 a.m., with breakfast and refreshments from 8:15 to 9 a.m. with the retreat following from 9 to noon. Topics of discussion during the retreat will be plans for the coming year, current issues of importance and an historical overview of the organization. All members are encouraged to attend in order for JACL in 1984 to be a successful one.

Installation Dinner: The 1984 JACL Installation Dinner will be Saturday, January 21 at the Doubletree Plaza Hotel at Southcenter this year, featuring a fashion show by the Japanese Community Queen Committee. The event will begin at 6 p.m. with a cocktail hour, followed by dinner at 7, the awards and keynote presentation at 8:15 and the fashion show and dance at 9:15 and 10, respectively. Tickets are \$16 and can be purchased by calling Ayako Hurd, 527-1464. All members, relatives and friends are encouraged to attend!!

CASINO NIGHT!!!!!!

March 31, Saturday, at the Bush-Asia Center. More details in future newsletters.

MEETING WITH DON STEELE

Members of JACL recently met with Supt. of Seattle Public Schools, Don Steele and Supt. Alice Huston, to discuss the organization's recent concerns regarding Supt. Steele's performance.

Those representing JACL were Mako and Ben Nakagawa, Sam Shoji, Arlene Oki and Jerry Shigaki.

JACL's concerns to the superintendent were: Outreach to Asian communities; the District's Asian Affirmative Action profile for higher level administrative positions; unsatisfactory implementation of the PRI (Prescriptive Reading Inventory) Program; the long delay in filling the Bilingual Program director's position; and perception of disharmony within the District's administration resulting in loss of public confidence in the effective management of school programs.

DON STEELE MEETING, continued..

In response, Supt. Steele committed himself to the following: The Seattle Public School District will initiate quarterly meetings with the JACL; the District will work more closely with principals, teachers, and community persons before implementation of the math component of the PRI Program; the District will continue to support improved staffing ratios for bilingual education students; Supt. Steele conceded there is a need for discussion on the effects of the desegregation plan on bilingual programs; the District will seriously look at the sub-contracting services from community-based agencies, and that every effort will be made to improve the public image of the District, particularly at the top administrative level.

NEW MEMBERSHIP SCHEDULE

Here is a new fee schedule for the 1984 JACL Membership dues:

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP	Fee	To National	To PNWDC	We Keep
Regular	34.00	27.00	1.75	3.25
Couple	61.00	28.75	1.75	3.50
Student	13.00	10.00	----	3.00
Youth	4.00	2.50	----	1.50
Booster	12.00	----	----	12.00
LIFE MEMBERS				
Single	3.00	----	----	3.00
Couple	6.00	----	----	6.00
1000 CLUB				
Fifty	55.00	44.00	1.75	9.25
Century	100.00	80.00	1.75	18.25
Spouse	29.00	23.75	1.75	3.50
Conversion from Reg.	23.00	15.25	----	7.75

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHORT NEWS ITEMS

THANKS to the following for their help with the December newsletter mailout. Your help is very much appreciated: Jerry Shigaki, May Sasaki, Bradley Nakagawa, Mako Nakagawa, DeeAn Nakagawa, Daren Nakagawa, Cherry Kinoshita and Theresa Takayoshi.

A SEASON OF FESTIVALS, the fifth in an 8-part series, this month featuring a contemporary concert, "An Evolving Tradition," Saturday, February 11, at the Nippon Kan. This performance will feature new music by Japanese and Japanese Americans performed by flute, koto, shamisen, and shakuhachi artists. Call the theatre for ticket and other information.

CYNTHIA SHIOTA has joined the architectural and planning firm of Hewitt/Daly/Isley as a Business Manager. A graduate of the University of California at Santa Barbara, majoring in Sociology and Political Economy, Shiota brings six years of business and financial management experience to her new job. She previously worked as Employment and Economic Development Coordinator for the City of Seattle's Department of Community Development.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CLUB of the Nisei Veterans Committee is accepting applications for their annual Seattle Nisei Veterans Committee Women's Auxiliary Club scholarship. The scholarship of \$500 will be awarded to a young woman of Japanese ancestry wishing financial aid in attending a college or university of her choice. Applicant must be an immediate relative or an NVC member in good standing or to an Auxiliary member. The applicant may be a high school senior, a college or university student, or, a graduate school student. Application deadline is February 29, 1984. Application forms may be requested from: Mrs. Kay Abe, 7765 - 37th Ave. S., Seattle, WA 98118. 723-1201.

KCTS/9, PROGRAMS OF INTEREST TO JAPANESE AMERICANS this month include "Human Face of Japan," "Frontline: We Are Driven," and "Silkscreen," Tuesday, January 17, 23, and 24, respectively. The January 17th show emphasizes the difficulties women in Japan must face. This is the last show of a series. The January 23rd show looks at the darker side of Japanese labor relations. As University of Tokyo Professor Ichiro Saga, one of his country's leading experts on labor, says, "The mere thought of Japanese labor relations being copied...is enough to fill us with horror." The show repeats Saturday, 6 p.m. The January 24th, 10:30 p.m., presents two shorts by filmmaker Emiko Omori - Tatoo City and Emiko. Repeats Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.

DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE at the JACL Office for suggested donation of \$10. This is the Japanese Community Directory for 1984 recently mailed to those listed in the directory. If you would like an extra copy or know of somebody who doesn't have one, drop by the JACL Office during regular business hours. There are about 700 directories available.

TOTEM GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL Mid-City Program Center is providing workshops beginning January 31. Pre-registration is required, and are held after school and on Saturdays. Non-Scouts must pay a \$3 charge in addition to workshop cost for insurance reasons. This fee covers membership from September 1983-84. Workshops cover such areas as self defense, investment in stocks and bonds, sign language, legal insight and a CPR certification course. For additional information and registration call 324-8750 or stop by 616 Broadway.

POTENTIAL URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION Section 16(b)(2) Applicants - The federal government will be allocating federal funds to Washington State to support the Urban Mass Transportation Administration's (UMTA) Section 16(b)(2) Program in 1984. The Section 16(b)(2) Prgm. makes capital assistance available to private, nonprofit organizations to assist them in providing transportation services to the elderly and the handicapped. The cost of the program is shared with 80 percent federal share and 20 percent local match.

The application period is open through March 5, 1984. The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is the agency responsible for managing the Section 16(b)(2) Program in Washington. The WSDOT has developed an "Applicants Information Guide" to assist potential applicants in developing their application. The guide will be available upon request. Requests must be made in writing to: Mr. Jerry Carlson, Washington State Dept. of Transportation, Planning, Research, and Public Transp. Transportation Building, Olympia, WA 98504.

UMTA APPLICANTS, continued.

Applicants are encouraged to familiarize themselves with all elements of the process before completing the applications. Mr. Jerry Carlson, of WSDOT, is available to answer procedural and administrative questions concerning the application process. He can be reached at (206)754-1229.

MICHIKO FUJII, a long-time member of JACL, was recently appointed to the Washington State Tax Board of Appeals by Governor John Spellman. She will serve a six-year term, contingent upon Senate confirmation. Fujii, a CPA, was previously employed by Rainier National Bank in their Trust Division. She is the highest ranking Asian in Washington State government.

EATING IS BELIEVING, a new guide to eating well, but reasonably, in Seattle is now out as the book stores. Almost a year of research, a core of picky eaters and six months of persistent and dedicated eating are behind the book, which has 91 restaurants and 11 dessert places where you can eat good food at affordable prices. The guide is available in local book stores for \$5.95 or can be ordered by mail for \$7.45, postage and tax included, from Small Pleasures Press, P.O. Box 10056, Pike Place Market, Seattle, WA 98101.

THE SEATTLE VETS CENTER at 1322 East Pike in Seattle has been working with Vietnam veterans with problems directly related to past combat experiences. With the advent of Lebanon and Grenada, the Center has expanded its services to veterans of these new conflicts. They are staffed with trained counselors who work with individuals, groups, couples, and the partners of combat substance abuse and marital difficulties. Call 442-2706 for further information.

THE YMCA YOUTH HOSTEL in Los Angeles is offering a YMCA Olympic Hostel program around the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games. This program will offer low cost hostel dormitory rooms to individuals and groups of young people 18 to 25 years of age. Advance reservations can be made by writing: YMCA Youth Hostel Project, c/o Los Angeles YMCA, 818 West Seventh Street, 10th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017 or by calling (213) 627-4555 or (213)489-3200, extension 23.

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