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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT: "1984 HAS BEEN A VERY GOOD YEAR"

Dear Members,

The Seattle Chapter, JACL, has had a very successful year. Through the dedication, diligence and enthusiasm of board members, committee chairpersons and other volunteers, we can be proud of numerous accomplishments. Some of the highlights include the passage of monetary redress for City of Seattle and Seattle Public Schools employees, the establishment of a mechanism to monitor the progress of the affirmative action plans of various government agencies, the dedication of the Meiji Mura Museum project, and the ongoing monitoring of racial stereotypes and derogatory slurs in the mass media. Unfortunately, a primary objective of the hiring of an Asian American in a department head position for the City of Seattle continues to be an elusive goal.

Throughout the year we sponsored numerous cultural, educational, recreational and political-education events. Members had the chance to attend the Nikkei Awareness Workshop, to view the documentary "Nisei Soldier," to participate in the annual golf tournament and to enjoy an evening at the Nippon Kan experiencing the play "Yellow Fever." Many of these events provided an opportunity for us to work with other service organizations.

Our hard work and accomplishments were well rewarded at the national convention. We were selected as the winner of the Inagaki Award for the outstanding chapter during the past two years. Cherry Kinoshita, our behind-the-scenes leader and inspiration, was awarded the highest honor for an individual by being named JACLer of the Biennium. Finally, by increasing our membership by over 60%, we placed second in the national membership contest.

In closing, it has been a pleasure and honor to serve as your chapter president. I will always cherish the pleasant memories of sharing ideas, working on projects and developing lasting friendships. Best holiday wishes to each and every one of you and Happy New Year!

-- Jerry Shigaki

COME TO THE DECEMBER BOARD GET-TOGETHER

The December JACL Board meeting will be a Christmas get-together to be held from 6 pm on December 19 at the House of Hong Restaurant. After a brief business meeting there will be an eight course dinner and opportunity to socialize. Cost is \$10 per person. For reservations contact Janice Nishimori at 621-4478w or 455-3807h or Jerry Shigaki at 543-5715w or 723-3667h. Deadline for reservations is Monday, December 17. Everyone is welcome to attend!

MAKE RESERVATIONS EARLY FOR INSTALLATION DINNER

Announcements and reservation forms for the Issei Tribute/ Installation Dinner have been mailed to all members. Seating will be limited, so mail in your checks early. If checks are not received with reservations, we cannot guarantee your reservation. For extra forms or further information contact Ayako Hurd at 527-1464 or Dave Hoekendorf at 634-1065. (See next page for important Issei Tribute information!)

THANK YOU TO HOST FAMILIES

Kintetsu International Express and Kinki Nippon Tourist Co. would like to thank the Seattle JACL host families who helped with the Fukuoka Prefectural Women's Study Tour. Shea Aoki lead the committee and those who served as host families were: Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Asato, Mr. and Mrs. L.R. Hurd, Mr. and Mrs. James Keough, Mr. and Mrs. James Matsuoka, Mrs. Kay Reavis, Mr. and Mrs. Toru Sakahara, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Yamashita and Mr. and Mrs. George Yanagimachi.

JACL'S CORAM NOBIS COMMITTEE SEEKS DONATIONS

The petition to overturn the conviction of Gordon Hirabayashi, who defied the World War II Japanese American evacuation order, is headed for court in 1985. Finally, after 42 years, Mr. Hirabayashi will force the United States Justice Department to explain why the evacuation occurred. And based on the rarely used Writ of Error Coram Nobis, his legal team will show that key evidence proving the loyalty of Japanese Americans was suppressed during Hirabayashi's Supreme Court trial in 1942.

In order for this legal work to proceed, donations are needed immediately to cover the cost of archival research being done in Washington, D.C. right now. The costs of photocopying historical documents and long distance calls are mounting quickly also. The volunteer legal team, comprising Sansei attorneys as well as nationally known Constitutional experts, already has logged about \$300,000 worth of donated time.

Please consider making a tax deductible donation of any size so the team can keep working. Make checks payable to JACL-Coram Nobis and mail to JACL, 316 Maynard Ave. S. Seattle 98104. Those who donate \$50 or more will receive two complimentary invitations to the Seattle premiere showing in January of "Unfinished Business," a new film which explores the Coram Nobis petitions. Questions may be addressed to Roger Shimizu at 682-9932. Thank you!

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

JACler Ken Katayama has received recognition from Mayor Charles Royer for fine work he did in organizing a Beacon Hill cleanup. . . Dolores Sibonga, Seattle City Councilmember, has added her support to the proposed resolution on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, which is to be proposed to the National League of Cities . . . New corporate officers for the Employment Opportunities Center for 1985 are: Reid Yamamoto, chairman; Jean Hoerschelmann, vice chair; H.K. Lee, Secretary and Clyde V. Armstrong, treasurer. . . Longtime Nikkei activist Sally Kazama was featured in a recent issue of "The Human Factor," a City of Seattle publication, for her work with the aging.

TRIBUTE TO ISSEI PIONEERS COMING UP SOON

Family and friends of Issei are invited to JACL's Installation Banquet to join the Tribute to Issei Pioneers. Issei honorees who are over 80 years old and prewar immigrants will be special guests of JACL.

Those Issei who cannot attend the Installation Banquet will be honored with Certificates of Honor. The certificates should be ordered now and can be given as a meaningful holiday gift.

To honor those Issei who have passed away, a special plaque, which will be displayed at the JACL office, is being prepared. JACL invites family members of Issei to submit names of Issei who have passed away.

To order a certificate or submit a name to be engraved on the plaque, please fill out the form below and send in with \$10 for each name.

TRIBUTE TO ISSEI -- I have enclosed a donation of \$ _____ to pay tribute to Issei pioneers in the following way:

Name(s) for certificates: _____

Addresses for certificates: _____

Names for Tribute Plaque: _____

My name: _____ Phone _____

Address: _____

Please return to: Ken Katayama, JACL, 316 Maynard Ave. S. Seattle 98104

AYAME KAI GUILD REQUESTS DONATIONS FOR KEIRO AUCTION

The Ayame Kai Guild of Nikkei Concerns will hold a dinner-auction to benefit Seattle Keiro Nursing Home on March 9, 1985. Donations of goods or services are needed to make the event a big success. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation, please call Toshi Okamoto at 323-6522 or Lovett Moriguchi at 329-4250.

HIROSHIMA CLUB SEEKS NOMINEES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

The Seattle Hiroshima Club is accepting applications for scholarships from seniors graduating from high school in June of 1985 and who will be attending accredited colleges or universities in the 1985-86 academic year.

Applicants must be children or grandchildren of Hiroshima Club members in good standing and must reside in the Greater Seattle area. Applications must be postmarked not later than January 12, 1985 and addressed to: Shigeto Ishikawa, 2906 - 18th S., Seattle WA 98144.

Selections will be based on academic achievement, extracurricular activities, community service and excellence of essay. The awards of \$200 each will be announced January 19, 1985.

SEATTLE TAIKO WILL HOLD WORKSHOP

Seattle Taiko Group, an Asian American drumming group emphasizing Japanese American culture, will hold a workshop on January 12 at noon at 915 E. Pine St. The group is looking for persons sixteen or older who can attend practices twice a week and participate in the performing season which runs April through September each year.


There will be a \$5 registration fee for the workshop. If you are interested, please call Michelle Kumata at 722-4753.

THE WORLD OF KOTO AND SHAMISEN UNVEILED

The world of koto will be presented as part of the Nippon Kan Heritage Series at 7:30 pm February 9 at the Nippon Kan Theatre, 633 Yesler Way. Kuniko Takamura, Hakudo Aya Sakoda, Yuki Wakagiri Ricker, Kimie West, Keiko Kanogawa and Midori Thiel will demonstrate a wide range of styles of koto and shamisen music. For ticket information, call the box office at 624-8800.

AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE SEEKS FUNDRAISER

The American Friends Service Committee has a job opening for the position of fundraiser in the Pacific Northwest Region office, located in Seattle. The job includes fundraising, as well as promotion and technical assistance responsibilities on the West Coast. For information, contact Ann Stever at 632-0500.

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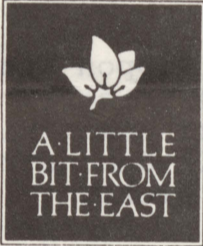
A big holiday hug to our trusty November mailout crew: Sam Shoji, Aya and Lee Hurd, Don Kazama, Mako Nakagawa, Bradley Nakagawa, DeeAn Nakagawa and Ken Katayama. Show up the second Wednesday evening each month and join the fun!

SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR YOU

Free English as a Second Language Classes are continuing at the Duwamish Center, a branch of South Seattle Community College. The classes are suited to immigrants, foreign students, housewives, businesspeople, tourists, refugees or visitors. Classes range from beginning to advanced levels and are based on grammar, reading, writing, conversation and pronunciation with emphasis on survival skills. Call Cam-Huong Dang, coordinator, for details at 764-5300.

The federally funded Energy Assistance Program, established to assist low-income households with their heating bills, is accepting applications for assistance. The grant amounts are from \$160 to \$220, depending on the size and income of the household. If you live in or around the International District, call Metrocenter YMCA at 382-5013 and if you live in Central or Southeast Seattle, call CAMP at 328-2356 for details.


Also, the Mayor's Office for Senior Citizens has a Utility Credit Program and City Light Rate Assistance Program. Call 625-4834 for details on how seniors can get subsidies for utility bills.



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