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INSTALLATION DINNER/TRIBUTE TO ISSEI A 'HUGE SUCCESS'

Over 500 people attended the chapter's installation of officers and tribute to Issei pioneers dinner last month, including about 50 Issei who accepted the chapter's invitation to attend. "The response was really a tremendous outpouring," tribute committee chairperson Kazzie Katayama said. "We feel it was a huge success."

Katayama said that at last count the dinner netted close to \$800.

Japanese Consul General Toshio Isogai and Rev. Kenneth Miyake were featured speakers for the program, and Sen. Dan Inouye, D-Hawaii, was keynote speaker. In appreciation for the Issei present, each of the speakers were asked to give at least part of their speech in Japanese.

Sen. Inouye told the audience he had been asked to say something about the current status of redress legislation. Inouye, a co-sponsor of the Senate redress bill, said that people cannot assume that the redress issue will be easily resolved simply because "justice is on our side, the facts are on our side, history is on our side."

He added that passing redress legislation will take some time, but said, "I have yet to lose a battle in my 25 years in Congress, and I don't intend to lose this one."

Certificates of appreciation were presented to the following chapter members and supporters at the installation dinner: Theresa Takayoshi (posthumously), Ken Nakano, T.J. Vassar, Dolores Sibonga, Mayor Charles Royer, and Arthur Barnett.

Others honored were: May Sasaki, Eira Nagaoka (posthumously), Chuck Kato, Ben Nakagawa and Ted Taniguchi.

SUCCESS OF DINNER DUE TO WORK OF MANY

Months of work and planning by many chapter members went into the success of the Installation/Tribute to Issei dinner. The hard-working committees, chaired by Kazzie Katayama and Ellen Miyasato, oversaw the many big and little tasks involved in making the dinner the wonderful event that it was.

Credit for the superb job of keeping track of the over 500 reservations goes to Ayako Hurd and Dave Hoekendorf. Bev Kashino arranged for keynote speaker Sen. Dan Inouye and with the help of Kathy Kozu contacted the other speakers for the program.

Gail Tanaka did the leg work for getting the Mits Katayama designed flyers printed. Rod Kaseguma, with assistance from Sam Shoji and Lee Hurd, got the flyers mailed out

Over 30 elected officials and other distinguished guests attended the dinner, as a result of work by Alan Momohara and Ruth Woo.

Dave Hoekendorf and Ellen Miyasato arranged the location for the event, and Bob Sato handled the complicated logistics of getting everyone seated. Assistance with seating came from Betty Okura, Teresa Sato, Leslie Okura, Brian Okura, Joan Sato, Pamela Amberson, James Okura, Bev Kashino and Kathy Kozu.

James Hattori did a superb job as emcee, and also secured the program covers donated by Japan Air Lines. James also organized the program and had the program printed. Gary Higashi and Ken Nakano were photographers for the evening.

Jerry Shigaki arranged for the JAY's to usher the event. Among those assisting the Issei and chapter members were Diana Kato, Jaime Sangalang, Ray Ueno, Kurt Tokita, Crystal Tanabe, Dale Watanabe, Daren Nakagawa, Steve Kosue, Karl Shibiyama, and Kara Tokita.

Shea Aoki solicited donations from Tomi's Flower Shop for the head table and orchid corsages from Thai Airways. Corsages and boutonnieres were fashioned by Hana Masuda, Rose Ogino, Takako Yoda, Helen Akita, Lucy Sato and Nobie Takahashi from flowers donated in memory of Jiro Aoki.

Also special thanks to Frank Fujii for making the banner and doing other graphics for the banquet room.

Arrangements for the awards portion of the program were made by Dave Okimoto and Bob Sato, with assistance from Cherry Kinoshita and Ken Nakano.

Members of the Issei tribute committee, spearheaded by Kazzie Katayama, were Ayako Hurd, Massie Tomita, Ken Katayama, Ken Nogaki, Gail Tanaka, Lori Shinsato and Shea Aoki.

A REMINDER: COME TO THE FEBRUARY CHAPTER MEETING

The February Seattle Chapter Board meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 20, in the JACL office. All are welcomed to attend.

SECOND ISSEI MEMORIAL PLAQUE TO BE MADE

The initial Issei Memorial Tribute Plaque has been completed and inscribed with 135 names of deceased Issei. A second plaque for additional names is currently being made.

Special thanks to Gail Tanaka and John & Polly Shigaki of JAE Awards for doing the beautiful woodwork and plaque engraving. Also, thanks to Mayumi Tsutakawa and Robert Sato for the wording of the plaque slogan.

The plaque was displayed at the chapter's "Tribute to Issei Pioneers" banquet last month. Until a permanent location is decided on, the plaque will be kept at the JACL office at 316 Maynard Avenue South (623-5088).

The tribute plaque will be maintained as an ongoing project by the Seattle JACL. Additional names should be submitted with a \$10 per name donation to cover costs to: Issei Memorial Tribute Plaque, Seattle JACL, 316 Maynard Ave. So., Seattle, WA 98104.

"UNFINISHED BUSINESS" AND HIRABAYASHI ATTRACT OVER 300

The benefit showing of "Unfinished Business," a documentary about the Hirabayashi, Korematsu and Yasui challenges to the Supreme Court internment rulings, raised \$2,500 for the Committee to Reverse the Japanese American Wartime Cases. Over 300 people packed the Nippon Kan Theatre January 25 to watch the Seattle premiere of the one hour film and to hear Gordon Hirabayashi speak about his upcoming court battle to overturn his misdemeanor conviction of violating the wartime curfew and evacuation order.

The committee needs to raise about \$50,000 to prepare for the case.

WATCH THE MAIL FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE

Membership renewal notices for 1985 will be sent to each JACL member approximately one month before the membership expiration date. No need to send in your check until then!

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Applications for local scholarships must be received no later than April 5, 1985 and can be obtained through a school college placement counselor or by calling Ken Katayama at 323-3377 (evenings). The Scholarship Committee will select and interview finalists in April, and scholarships will be awarded in

mid-May.

In addition to the Seattle Chapter scholarships, the JACL National Scholarship Program offers awards to Japanese American students at the freshman, undergraduate, and graduate levels as well as to individuals majoring in the creative and performing arts. The deadline for these applications is March 15, 1985. Applications and information for national JACL scholarships can be obtained by calling the JACL office at 623-5088 (days).

NISEI VETS OFFER \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP

A scholarship award of \$1,000 will be offered by the Nisei Veterans Committee, Inc. It is available to a high school senior who is an immediate relative of a NVC member in good standing. An application form is now available by contacting: George Yamane, Chairman, Special Services Committee, Nisei Veterans Committee, Inc., 1212 So. King Street, Seattle, WA 98144.

Please indicate your relationship with the NVC member when requesting the application. Deadline for the application is February 28, 1985.

KEIRO NURSING HOME EXPANSION PROJECT BENEFIT TO BE HELD MARCH 9

The Ayame Kai Guild of Nikkei Concerns will hold a dinner-auction March 9 to benefit the Seattle Keiro Nursing Home Expansion Project. Donations of goods and services are needed for the event, to be held at the Westin Hotel Ballroom at 5:30 p.m.

To make tax deductible donations contact Toshi (323-6522), Lovett (329-4250), or Seattle Keiro (329-9575).

To make reservations for the dinner-auction contact Janet Tomita at 232-6894.

JAPANESE LANGUAGE CLASSES BEING OFFERED BY BLAINE MEMORIAL CHURCH

A basic ten lesson course for any person wishing to learn, review or increase their proficiency in Japanese is being offered by Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church on Wednesday evenings. Registration for the two hour lessons can be made by contacting the church secretary at 723-1536. The fee is \$10.00 for Blaine supporters and \$20.00 for others.

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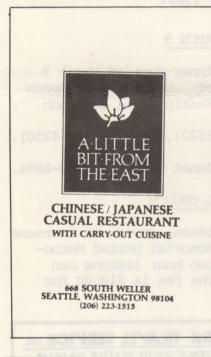
The annual Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church Sukiyaki Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 2, from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. The church is located at 3001-24th Avenue South.

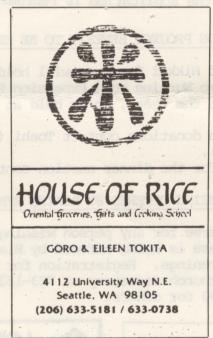
Jim Murasako will demonstrate kitemaking and Japanese films will show throughout the evening.

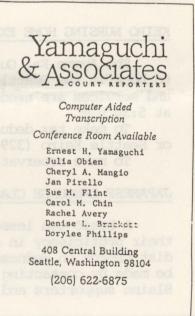
For ticket information call 723-1536.

LET US KNOW ABOUT YOUR EVENT

If you are planning an event that you want the community to know about, send us an announcement by the first of the month so we can include it in a calender of events. Ed Suguro will compile a monthly calender listing when we have enough information about upcoming events.









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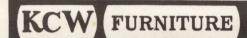
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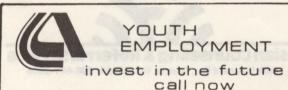




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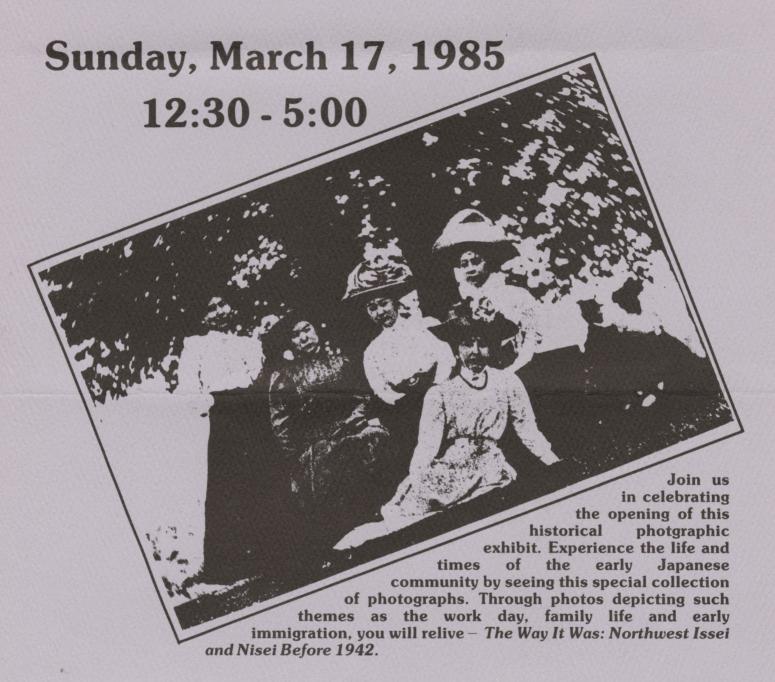


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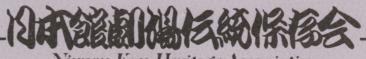
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