

A SUCCESSFUL BANQUET

A crowd of over 600 friends and supporters of JACL attended the 65th Installation Banquet on January 24. JACL was thrilled to have a record number of people attending the dinner which honored Nikkei Pioneer Businesses. For their interest and support of JACL activities, the banquet committee thanks everyone who attended and assisted in this enormously successful event.

The dedicated and creative 1987 banquet committee was headed by Kazzie Katayama and Jerry Shigaki. Under their attentive and fun-loving leadership, the committee members combined their efforts to put on one of the best Installation Banquets in the Seattle Chapter's 65-year-old history. Keynote speaker Patsy Mink provided inspiration, Governor Gardner provided class and decorum, and emcee Wendy Tokuda kept the events of the evening moving, as well as providing an intimate hometown touch in honoring the businesses. National JACL Vice President Cherry Kinoshita swore in the officers and Board members for 1987.

Governor Gardner drew an enthusiastic round of applause when he pledged to involve other state governors and members of Congress in the redress issue. In her keynote address, Patsy Mink praised JACL for "standing up for the issues." She also urged support of redress, which she called "redress of human dignity in America, regardless of who you are and where you come from."

May Sasaki, who was installed as the new Chapter president, credited Don Kazama for involving her in JACL and providing JACL with a guiding philosophy of "daring to be mavericks."

"I hope I live up to his belief in me," May said.

Sam Shoji, who received the first Don Kazama Human Rights Award, said, "I owe my involvement to Don."

Appropriately, the Min Masuda Memorial Award was given posthumously to Don Kazama. Dr. Ruby Inoyue received the JACL Community Service Award for her many years of volunteer work with the community and Nikkei Concerns, and Jerry Shigaki was awarded the JACL Ten Year Silver Pin for 10 years of dedicated work to the Chapter. Appreciation plaques were given to Kiyo Motoda and Dr. and Mrs. Masayoshi Uchimura for contributions over \$1,000 to the Endowment Fund.

Congratulations to the Nikkei Pioneer Businesses honored at the banquet which were started before 1941 and are still operated by the same family: City Produce, Cherryland/Garland Florist, Columbia Greenhouse, Y. Fujii Investment Company, Higo Variety Store, Ishimitsu & Sons, Jackson Furniture, Kubota Gardening Company, H.T. Kubota Investment Company, Linc's Tackle & Honda, M.K. Fish Company, Mizuki Nursery, North American Post, North Coast Import, State Drug, C.T. Takahashi & Company, Uwajimaya, West Coast Printing and T. Yorozu Gardening Company. Businesses which have recently closed but received recognition were Fujii 10 Cent Store, Panama Hotel and Tobo Oriental Imports.

Kazzie and Jerry extend their appreciation to the contributors to the banquet and the banquet committee: Tak Kasuya at Japan Air Lines, John & Polly Shigaki at JAE Awards, the Seattle Chapter JAYs, Irene Kuniyuki, Mits Katayama, International Examiner newspaper, Rick Pinney at The Atrium, Ann Fujii, Kimo Yoshikawa at Balloon Specialties, Ted Tomita at West Coast Printing, Frank Fujii, Sharon Nakamura, Yasuko Shigaki, Hana Masuda with World Unlimited Travel, Tomi Suyama at Tomi's Flowers, Dennis Alkire, Leita Ovena and all the advertisers and sponsors.

The Banquet Committee consisted of Shea Aoki, Dave Okimoto, Ayako Hurd, Roger Shimizu, Suzanne Kato, Shigeko Uno, Ida Matsudaira-Alkire, Hana Masuda, Teri Eguchi, Sharon Sakamoto, Lillian Kato, Gail Tanaka, Vicki Mar, Joanne Asaba, Cheryl Ooka, Naomi Iwata-Sanchez, Ed Suguro, Marie Kurose and Dennis Yamashita.

Banquet Purveyors included City Produce, Great Empire Trading Company, Mutual Fish, Star Tofu and Uwajimaya.



DO WE NEED A 25-TO-40-YEAR-OLD GROUP?

Within the past two months, a small group of JACL members between 25 and 40years-old have been meeting to discuss the possible formation of a group within

JACL.

Why? Nisei who have attended some of these meetings have stated that the Nisei leaders of JACL are getting tired. A new group of leaders will soon have to fill the void they will leave. Both Nisei and Sansei have also expressed the concern that many within the 30-to-40 age range do not know about JACL, see no need for JACL or view it only as a political group.

The participants in these meetings concluded that there is a need to encourage the active participation in JACL of the 25-to-40 age group to develop their leadership capabilities and to address their unique needs. A meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 24, 7:00 p.m at the JACL office. Input is absolutely essential to determine the purpose, structure and future of this group. All within the 25-to-40 age range are welcome to attend.

RENO NITE!

Reminder for everyone to come out and support the first major fund-raising event for the 1988 JACL National Convention in Seattle:

"RENO NITE"

Bush Garden Restaurant (upstairs) Sunday, February 15, 1987 (The next day is President's Day Holiday.) 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.



COME HOME TO SEATTLE IN 1988!

Ben Nakagawa already plugged the upcoming 1988 National JACL Convention at last summer's National Convention in Chicago. So, now there's no turning back! The 1988 convention will be held in Seattle with the theme, "Coming Home."

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Seattle, along with other areas of the Pacific Northwest, is where many Nikkei from around the country have their roots. The 1988 National Convention hopes to attract many members of JACL who have never attended a convention before, with equal emphasis on both business and pleasure. This will not be an exclusive "delegates convention," but more of a "membership convention."

The University of Washington will be the site of the convention, which will provide housing both on and off campus at extremely affordable rates. To showcase more of the number one vacation area in the country, co-chairs Ben Nakagawa and Tomio Moriguchi are scheduling additional features, including golf and tennis tournaments, reunions, sightseeing trips, workshops and an expanded youth convention.

The JAYs are concurrently planning a national convention of their own which promises to be one of the largest youth conventions in many years.

The Seattle Chapter invites all JACLers to reserve August 4 through 11, 1988, to attend the convention and visit Seattle.

Come home to Seattle in 1988!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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The 1987 Goals and Objectives were developed at the January 10, 1987 annual JACL Retreat for officers and Board members. They are as follows:

Goal I: <u>To host a financially sound and successful 1988 National JACL Convention</u> <u>in Seattle.</u>

- -- Integrate '88 National Convention Committee into existing JACL committee structure.
- -- Provide leadership in identifying relevant issues for convention agendas.
- -- Initiate widespread publicity for the '88 National Convention through flyers, brochures, posters, etc. at various community events.

Goal II: To educate and involve the broader community in the redress effort.

- -- Schedule a series of redress seminars/ workshops to inform the Nikkei as well as non-Nikkei community of current activities (eg. Redress Seminar on May 16, 1987, co-sponsored by JACL and the Seattle Public Schools. Day of Remembrance observance for 9066 on February 19, 1987).
- -- Set up Redress Rally in September, 1987.
- -- Develop a Redress Calendar of events and publicize.

Goal III: <u>To balance the Chapter's 1987 fiscal budget and subsequently yearly</u> <u>budgets.</u>

- -- Establish a standing committee for fund-raising.
- -- Schedule at least one major or several fund-raising activities each year

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- (eg. Bowl-a-rama or golf tourneys or T-shirt sales or food booths at ethnic fests and fairs).
- -- Active recruitment of new members to increase membership by introducing types of activities that will attract the young adults (under 40 age group).

The 1987 January Retreat of JACL officers and Board members was quite productive with over 30 people participating. Directions for the coming year were set, expectations of officers and Board members shared, and a nice teriyaki chicken lunch was enjoyed as well as the time to get better acquainted with one another. Organizational charts with committee assignments, list of goals and objectives, schedules of regular meetings/events and the roster of officers and Board members will be distributed at the next regular Board meeting on February 18, 1987, 7:30 p.m.

> -- May Sasaki Seattle Chapter President

GORDON HIRABAYASHI APPEAL HEARING

Gordon Hirabayashi, who still seeks to have his wartime conviction for violating curfew vacated, will have his appeal heard by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals on Monday, March 2, 1987, at 1:30 p.m., Court of Appeals Hearing Room #815, U.S. Federal District Courthouse, Eighth Floor, Fifth and Madison, Seattle, WA 98104.

Please attend to show your support for this civil rights challenge of the century.

For more information call the Coram Nobis Committee, Roger Shimizu, 682-9932.

REDRESS UPDATE AND MEDIA WORKSHOP

There will be a redress update and media workshop on Wednesday, February 18, at 8:30 p.m. in the JACL office immediately after the regular JACL Board meeting. The current status of the redress bills in Congress will be reviewed, as well as the legislative process involved to get them passed. James Hattori from KING 5 News will host a workshop on how to answer redress questions from the media. Everyone is welcome.



The January newsletter mailing crew consisted of May Sasaki, Mako Nakagawa, George Abe, Shea Aoki, Margaret Yanagimachi, George & Mary Yano, Mas & Hisa Watanabe, Sharon Harada, Massie Tomita and Dale Watanabe.

Community Notes

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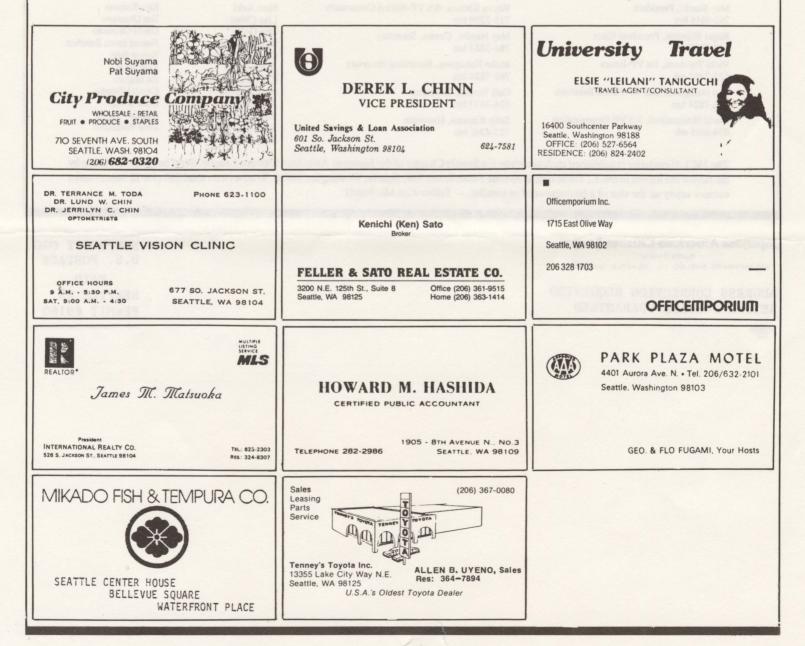
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JACL has reserved a block of 50 seats for the Wednesday, February 25 evening performance of the newest musical comedy hit, "Miss Minidoka, 1943." Authored by Sansei playwright Gary Iwamoto and produced by Northwest Asian American Theatre at the Theatre Off Jackson, this production has received rave reviews by drama critics as a major success. Audiences have lavished deserved ovations for the cast, the playwright and the director, Bea Kiyohara. As the title implies, the setting of the musical is the Minidoka internment camp. JACLers who have seen the performance have been effusive in their praise of this theatrical experience and urge everyone to go for an evening of laughter, tears, nostalgia and enthusiastic entertainment.

JACLers and friends can take advantage of special group rates of \$4.00 per ticket (regularly \$8.00) if they sign-up in advance for the event by calling Lisa Chinn at 367-8120. Seats will then be reserved for you on a theatre list and payment should be made at the box office on the night of the performance.

Remember: JACL Theatre Night "Miss Minidoka, 1943" February 25, Wednesday 8:00 curtain Theatre Off Jackson 409 Seventh Ave. S.

-- May Sasaki



Calendar of Events

"A THOUSAND CRANES: TREASURES OF JAPANESE ART FROM THE SEATTLE ART MUSEUM" -- Feb. 5 thru July 12, Seattle Art Museum Pavilion, Seattle Center.

MISS MINIDOKA, 1943 -- Runs thru March 1, Northwest Asian American Theatre, 7th Ave. & S. Jackson. Shows Wednesday thru Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday 2 p.m. matinee.

RENO NITE CONVENTION FUND-RAISER -- Sunday, Feb. 15, 5 p.m. - 1 a.m., Bush Garden, 614 Maynard Ave. S., craps and blackjack.

CHAPTER BOARD MEETING -- Wednesday, Feb. 18, 7:30 p.m., Chapter office. Everyone welcome.

AYAME-KAI GUILD'S DINNER AUCTION FOR KEIRO NURSING HOME -- Saturday, Feb. 21, Seattle Sheraton, 1400 6th Ave. Info: Janet at 232-6894.

"INNOVATION AND CHANGE" -- Saturday, Feb. 21, 7:30 p.m., Nippon Kan Theatre, 628 S. Washington St. Program by Japanese Fusion Dance Ensemble of Katherine Mezur, Mary Mariko Ohno and her troupe, and Namu Kai Taiko. Admission \$6, seniors and students \$4, available at Uwajimaya and House of Rice.

JAYS MONTHLY MEETING -- Tuesday, March 3, 7 p.m., Chapter office.

BLAINE METHODIST ANNUAL SUKIYAKI DINNER -- Saturday, March 7, 4 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church, 3001 24th Ave. S. Bonsai, the art of creating miniature growing trees by meticulous care and pruning, will be featured as one of the cultural exhibits. Other exhibits include a traditional Hina Matsuri, or Girls' Day doll display consisting of many beautiful dolls depicting the emperor and empress and their court. Tickets: \$5.00 adults; \$3.50 for seniors 70 and over and for children 12 and under. Take out available. Information: 723-1536.

-- compiled by Ed Suguro

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