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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Recently, various executive officers and Board members of JACL were invited by Consul General Shigenobu Nagai and Mrs. Nagai for a buffet dinner/social with the express purpose of getting better acquainted with one another. Major Japanese corporate heads also joined us in a very informative and enjoyable evening.

It is an inescapable fact that the lives of Japanese Americans are affected by the economic and political relations of Japan with the United States. For American society sees only the Japanese face and not the American behind it. Understanding this dilemma, we have often times reacted by distancing ourselves from the Japanese national communities in Seattle.

This lack of regular interaction and communication between citizens of Japan and citizens of America who share a common ancestry results in more misconceptions. We are now experiencing an increase in anti-Asian violence across the nation due to the combination of Asian immigration, the trade imbalance with Japan and the state of the economy of the United States. We must seek ways of working with one another despite society's racist actions.

It is hoped that this initial activity is the beginning of many such interactions which will help to build bridges of understanding and friendships between Nikkei people in Seattle.

-- May Sasaki, president
Seattle Chapter JACL

Special Reports

JACL RECEIVES \$20,000 CHEVRON U.S.A. GRANT FOR MINORITY HEALTH FAIRS

San Francisco -- For the fifth consecutive year, the National JACL was awarded a \$20,000 grant by Chevron U.S.A. for the purpose of funding Minority Health Fair Programs.

In a letter to Ron Wakabayashi, National JACL Director, Dick McGrath of Chevron U.S.A. said, "Chevron U.S.A. has been pleased with the growth of the Minority Health Fair Program and its positive impact upon the Japanese American community. The JACL and Chevron both benefit when local JACL Chapters provide community health fairs to the public they serve."

In accepting the grant from Chevron, Wakabayashi stated, "We are thrilled and delighted that Chevron U.S.A. has once again provided the resources to hold health fairs in our community. The sensitivity that Chevron has shown towards ethnic and women's organizations through support of programs confirms their important role in serving our community-at-large."

The JACL/Chevron U.S.A. Minority Health Fair Program provides initial funding of \$250 towards local health fairs. JACL chapters sponsor or co-sponsor these events with other community groups. The JACL also provides posters and informational brochures to be used at health fairs.

For more information on the JACL/Chevron U.S.A. Minority Health Fair Program, contact: National JACL Headquarters; 1765 Sutter Street; San Francisco, CA 94115; (415) 921-5225.

Chapter Focus

MAY CHAPTER BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD AT KAWABE HOUSE

On Wednesday, May 20, the Seattle Chapter JACL will hold its annual scholarship dinner at the Kawabe Memorial House at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend to help congratulate the recipients. For more information regarding the potluck dinner, please call Crystal Tanabe at 524-8473.

RECENT BOARD DEVELOPMENTS

Kazzie Katayama and **Jerry Shigaki**, co-chairs of the recent **Installation Banquet**, gave a summary report. The banquet made approximately \$4,000 in profit for the Chapter, and it was one of the largest banquets, with 628 people attending. Kazzie again thanked the committee members, as well as the Chapter, for their tremendous support.

Ida Matsudaira-Alkire is in the process of developing a manual on how to put together a banquet and things to do and not to do. The Chapter is urgently looking for a chairperson for the next banquet. Please contact David Hoekendorf at 547-5135 for more information. It was brought up that, with the 1988 convention here in Seattle, we may want to consider a simpler banquet for next year to conserve our volunteer resources.

A lengthy discussion took place on a pay increase for newsletter editor **Ken Mochizuki**. He is currently receiving \$150 a month. A motion was passed to increase his pay by \$25 a month to help offset costs incurred in using facilities at the International Examiner newspaper. An additional increase of up to \$25 a month will depend on the success of raising newsletter advertising revenues from \$40 per year to \$45 a year per ad.

Daren Nakagawa, **Membership Chair**, reported that Seattle Chapter JACL currently has 745 members, with 40 members one month late in renewing.

Lisa Chinn, chair of the **Fundraising Committee**, reported that she is in the process of developing plans to reduce our \$5,000 projected deficit for 1987. The funds from our recent Reno Night are specifically allocated for the 1988 convention activities. The committee is considering a raffle ticket fundraiser. However, it was brought up that another Reno Night is planned later this year, and an organization is limited to making \$10,000 for the year from such activities, including a raffle drawing.

The committee is also looking for members. Contact Lisa at 367-8120 if you are interested.

Naomi Iwata-Sanchez of the **Anti-Discrimination Committee** reported on the on-going networking dinners with other human rights organizations. At the last dinner, Mako Nakagawa spoke on cultural cooperation.

Naomi also reported that the American Jewish Committee is interested in a joint activity or meeting with the board members from each group. Naomi and May Sasaki will work on the date, time and function.

Naomi cited an article by James Bender in the local Scanner Labor News which was very discriminatory. The Chapter will be writing a letter in response to this.

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Teresa Sato reported on a group of young Sansei trying to start an organization within the Chapter. Their targeted group is 25- to 40-year-olds. They currently have 12 people in the group, of which the majority are new to JACL. One of the goals of the group is to attract new members to JACL.

Scott Hashimoto of the JAYs reported on the group's many activities. They are currently making efforts to become affiliated with the Associated Students of the University of Washington. This will increase their visibility, as well as allow them to use some of the UW facilities. New membership chair is Denise Tsuji.

It was mentioned that Roy Seko of Bush Garden Restaurant donated \$200 to the Chapter from our recent Reno Night held there.

DONATIONS

Appreciation is extended to the following donors who have contributed to redress efforts in the first quarter of 1987:

LEC--Second Year Pledge: Hana Masuda, Ryomi/Lilly Tanino, Ted/Margaret Yasuda.

Seattle JACL Redress: Takahiko Asaba, Judy Hirano, Tokio Hirota, Barney Matsumoto, Jimmie Nakamura, Ikuo Yamamoto, George Yamane, William Yanagimachi, Yuasa Ume, Carol Kamiyama, Yoshi Kanemori, Shizue Watanabe, Reiko Cushman, Miye Ishikawa, Harry Fujino, George Iwasaki, Eddie K. Ito, Robert Okano, George Jitodai, Joe Ishino, Harry Ota, James Okamoto, Robert/Sharon Kotamatsu, and Kiyo Kikuchi Mori of Schererville, Indiana.

And thanks to all of the following donations to JACL in the month of April:

- Hana Masuda for the Min Masuda Memorial Fund;
- Motoda Foundation for International Relations and Youth Activities;
- Bill and Dorothy Yaguchi for the directory.

The April newsletter crew was:

Chiyo Kamihara, Akira Kato, Margaret Yanagimachi, Misi Kumakura, Kathleen Murakami, George Abe, Hisa Watanabe and Dale Watanabe.

JEFFERSON PARK JUNE 14, 1987 JACL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sign-ups for the June 14, 1987 JACL golf tourney are slowly picking up steam! Help me out folks, and get your foursomes together--or singles, doubles or triples. I'll fit you in up to a limit of 25 foursomes.


So far, I've got 11 foursomes headed by Art Yoshioka, Kenji Onishi, Richard Sato, Dave Hayasaka, Ben Nakamura, Jeni Nakamura, Handy Nakamura, Lynn Kaneshiro,

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I need to fill out the rest of the 25 foursomes soon. Remember, the \$20 entry fee includes \$5 for JACL, prizes and a steak dinner at Nisei Vets Hall. You will have to pay your own green fees. I will call team leaders as to tee-off time.

Men, women, boys and girls are invited--if you don't have a handicap, the Calloway System will be used to compute one for you. Please fill out the entry form below, along with you check made out to JACL, and send to: JACL, Attn: Bob Sato, 316 Maynard Ave. S. Room 108, Seattle, WA 98104.

-- Bob Sato (325-9243)

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The 1987 Ayame Kai Nikkei Concerns Raffle to support the Seattle Keiro Nursing Home is in progress. United Airlines has donated two round-trip business-class tickets from United's West Coast cities to Tokyo. These tickets, worth \$3,200, will be given away in the raffle. The dedication of the new Seattle Keiro Nursing Home and the raffle drawing will be at 1601 E. Yesler Way, June 14, 1987 at 1:00 p.m. Other prizes include a hand-made Japanese design quilt valued at \$1,000, a washi doll worth \$150, and more. Donations are \$1.00 per ticket, and you need not be present to win.

Calendar of Events

A THOUSAND CRANES: A TREASURE OF JAPANESE ART FROM THE SEATTLE ART MUSEUM -- Continues through July 12, Seattle Art Museum Pavilion, Seattle Center.

"REDRESS: AN AMERICAN ISSUE" -- Saturday, May 16, 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon, Nippon Kan Theatre, 628 S. Washington St. A seminar to educate the public on the redress issue. Keynote address to be given by Chief Justice Vernon Pearson of the Washington State Supreme Court.

NIPPON KAN HERITAGE ASSOCIATION'S JAPANESE GALA SPRING FESTIVAL -- Saturday, May 16, 7:30 p.m., Nippon Kan Theatre, 628 S. Washington St. In the final performance of the season, the musicians and dancers of the association will present a program representing a broad cross-section of Japanese performing arts. Tickets: \$6 general admission, \$4 students and seniors available at Uwajimaya and House of Rice. Info.: 624-8800.

TOMO-NO-KAI MEETING -- Monday, May 18, 7:30 p.m., Kawabe House. Presentation by JA CL President May Sasaki.


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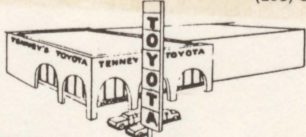
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CHAPTER BOARD MEETING, POTLUCK DINNER AND SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS -- Wednesday, May 20, 6 p.m., Kawabe House, 221 18th Ave. S.

AN EVENING WITH ARNOLD MUKAI -- Sunday, May 24, 7:30 p.m., Theatre Off Jackson, 409 7th Ave. S. A program by the popular local comedian. Admission: \$7, students and seniors \$5.

THE SAN JOSE TAIKO GROUP IN CONCERT -- Saturday, May 30, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Nippon Kan Theatre. Two performances by the California taiko ensemble that is often considered the top Sansei group in America. Matinee at 2 p.m.: \$6.50 general admission, \$5.50 seniors. Evening performance: \$7.50 general admission, \$6.50 seniors. Tickets available at the International District Uwajimaya. This event is being sponsored by the International Examiner newspaper.

"BORN TOO SOON... IT'S NEVER TOO LATE" -- Saturday, May 30, 8 p.m. and Sunday, May 31, 2 p.m., Theatre Off Jackson, 409 7th Ave. S. Tales of a spirited 74-year-old Nisei woman in the Pacific Northwest. Performed and written by Tomo Shoji. Admission: \$7, students and seniors \$4.

JAYS MONTHLY MEETING -- Tuesday, June 2, 7 p.m., JA CL Office.

SEATTLE CHAPTER BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT -- Sunday, June 14, 11 a.m., Jefferson Park Golf Course. Dinner later at Nisei Vets Hall, 12th and King, 7 p.m. Info: Bob Sato, 325-9243.

DEDICATION OF THE NEW SEATTLE KEIRO NURSING HOME -- Sunday, June 14, 1 p.m., 16th and Yesler. A celebration with music, song, taiko, refreshments and memories. Open house from 12:30 p.m. - 4 p.m. Raffle drawing at 1 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT SUMMER FESTIVAL -- Sunday, July 12, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Hing Hay Park, Maynard S. and S. King St. Asian foods, handicrafts, knickknacks and entertainment. Info: Nellie Fujii Anderson, 340-1456.

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