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MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN SEPTEMBER 18 through NOVEMBER 20

The Seattle Chapter JACL now fields approximately 550 members. One thousand is the new goal set for the membership drive from September 18 through November 20.

The Chapter Board has been divided into four teams that will compete against each other. Heading up teams are Wayne Kimura, Sam Shoji, Ellen Miyasato and Roger Shimizu/Mako Nakagawa (co-captains). Prizes will be awarded to the individual and team that recruits the most new members.

There will be a kick-off potluck dinner prior to the September 18 Board meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the JACL office.

Now, if you would like to have some fun and "get active" in the Chapter; would like to participate on a team; know people who should be handed a membership application because they are not yet JACL members; want to attend the potluck dinner (We have some great cooks!); or just want additional information; contact:

Kazzie Katayama 722-2266 (evenings) or:

Jerry Shigaki 723-3667 (evenings) or:

Use the convenient coupon on page 5.

Special Reports

SEATTLE JACL INVITED TO NORTHWEST CHAMBER ORCHESTRA CONCERT

Heiichiro Ohyama, recently appointed Music Director Designate of the Northwest Chamber Orchestra, will conduct works by Beethoven, Handel and Hadyn in a concert on Saturday, September 21, and Sunday, September 22. Both concerts will be performed at 8 p.m. in Kane Hall on the University of Washington campus.

JACL member Jim Hattori (not James Hattori of KING-TV) serves on the board of directors of the Northwest Chamber Orchestra and helped develop special ticket prices for members of JACL. According to Jim, the Northwest Chamber Orchestra is interested in developing ties with the Japanese-American community and the Asian community in general.

The Northwest Chamber Orchestra is offering JACL members a 28% discount on ticket prices for the September 21 and 22 concerts. Tickets will be available for \$5.40, \$7.20, \$9.90 and \$11.70. They can be ordered by calling 343-9242.

TRIP TO MINIDOKA

Minidoka, a relocation camp near Twin Falls, Idaho where local Japanese were forcibly interned during World War II, is being dedicated as a national historical site. A trip to Minidoka and the dedication will be held in conjunction with a JACL bidistrict council meeting with the Intermountain District (IDC) and the Pacific Northwest District (PNW) on Friday, October 11 to Monday, October 14.

The package cost (not including transportation) is \$45 and includes 3 nights accomodation (double occupancy) at a hotel/casino in Jackpot, Nevada, dinner and a luncheon on Saturday, roundtrip busfare from Jackpot to Minidoka, and a special casino coupon book. Carpooling in a comfortable 8-passenger van is being planned from Seattle to Jackpot, and will cost under \$100 per person. Reservations must be made by Monday, September 23, 1985. For more information, please contact PNW Regional Director Tim Otani at (206) 623-5088.

PROFILES OF THE SEATTLE CHAPTER OFFICERS

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY AYAKO HURD by Ed Suguro: As a charter member of the Puyallup Valley JACL, Ayako Hurd's association with JACL dates back to before World War II.

Ayako was born in Fife, Washington. She left that farming community when she married Rokuro Okubo and moved to Los Angeles. After the attack on Pearl Harbor,

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Ayako and her family were evacuated to the Santa Anita Assembly Center, then later to the Amache, Colorado concentration camp. They eventually relocated to the Chicago area, where they remained for 30 years.

Ayako's husband was one of the early Nisei graduates of the University of Washington. During their stay in the Chicago area, he spoke extensively to groups in the Midwest about the camp experience. In 1975, Ayako and her husband returned to the West Coast, where her husband died in 1977. Her two daughters are both college graduates, with one now living on the East Coast and the other in Kentucky.

An interest in the redress issue led to Ayako's re-involvement with JACL. "I have been greatly interested in the redress issue," she said, "so I assisted Karen Seriguchi in the regional office during the time of the redress hearings."

Ayako was elected to the Board in 1981 and has remained a Board member ever since. She has served as Corresponding Secretary for the last four years.

Now that she is retired, Ayako finds time to do the things she never had time for. Among her most satisfying activities includes voluntarily helping senior citizens with their income tax returns. Prior to tax time, she attends class to update herself on the latest tax laws, then visits community centers and banks to help senior citizens with their tax forms. Ayako is also vice president of an investment club and she plays the organ, participating in a home organ club for amateur organists.

Chapter Focus

NEWSLETTER EDITOR CHANGES

Ken Mochizuki has succeeded Sumi Hayashi as editor of the JACL Newsletter. Sumi, who served as editor since February, 1985, decided to leave due to time constraints. Sharon Harada and the Newsletter Committee would like to thank her for all the hard work, especially for re-arranging the ads and layout.

Ken is a staff writer for the International Examiner newspaper and was the writer and co-director of the locally-produced film, "Beacon Hill Boys."

AUGUST BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Wayne Kimura reported on the Legislative Education Committee (LEC) pledge campaign. All Board members were given a list of past contributors to contact by the next Board meeting. Dave Okimoto, Chapter President, also asked that the Board give 100% support to the LEC drive by making contributions.

Wayne also reported on a letter from Bob Nelson, Superintendent of the Seattle School District, regarding the definition of "race neutral" as it applies to Japanese American employees and how it affects their RIFing policy. Tsuguo Ikeda of the Education Committee will continue further discussion of this matter with Nelson.

Dale Watanabe of the Japanese American Youths of Seattle (JAYS) reported on recent activities. On August 10-11, the JAYS provided entertainment and servers for the Kawabe House luau. On August 17-18, the Canadian Youth Group was invited here for a dinner and picnic.

The Chapter voted to send a letter of support for Tomo Shoji's nomination to the Washington Commission on Asian American Affairs.

Theresa Fujiwara reported on the protest activities for the movie, "Year Of The Dragon." A press conference and picketing of the movie were planned. Protest activities were also being staged on a national level to denounce the movie's racist portrayals. It was suggested that the Anti-Discrimination Committee write a letter of protest.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

According to procedures adopted by the Board, the Nominating Committee must submit a slate of officers and Board members at the September Board meeting and publish such a slate in the October newsletter.

The October Board meeting shall also be the nominations meeting. Individuals may be nominated in one of two ways: 1) a petition nominating a person with signatures of ten regular members of the Chapter and a written note of consent by the nominee, and 2) nomination from the floor at the October meeting and written consent of the nominee or verbal consent at the meeting.

There are three groupings of nominees to the Board. Group I nominees are "old timers"--either by age or years of activity in the Chapter. Group III nominees are people new to the Chapter, particularly Sansei who may not have name

familiarity among the membership. Group II nominees are "in-betweeners."

According to Don Kazama, Nominating Committee chair, these three groupings insure that new people will become involved in the Chapter.

Thanks to the August mailout crew: Lee and Ayako Hurd, Mae Sasaki, Mako Nakagawa, Alan Kurimura, Sam Shoji, Wayne Kimura, Arlene Oki, Leita Ovena and Lynda Ovena.

August Donations: JACL appreciates a generous contribution made by Grace Yamamoto in memory of her husband Ed Yamamoto.

HELP WANTED

A volunteer is still needed to assist the Chapter Corresponding Secretary. Duties will include sending notices for all regular and special meetings, conducting correspondences as directed and attending Executive Committee meetings. Contact Bob Sato at 325-9243.

The Installation Banquet Committee needs people to perform various tasks, depending on their time. Call Vicki Toyohara during the day at 625-2402 if you can help.

The Newsletter Committee could still use more writing talent for the newsletter. Contact Sharon Harada at 226-1881.

Community Notes

BENEFIT FILM PREMIERE FOR KINGSTREET MEDIA

Kingstreet Media, producers of Asian American video documentaries, the First Seattle Asian American Film Festival and co-producers of the Sansei film "Beacon Hill Boys," will sponsor the Seattle premiere of Wayne Wang's new film, "Dim Sum: A Little Bit Of Heart" at the Harvard Exit Theatre on Thursday, October 3.

Wang's previous film, "Chan Is Missing," won acclaim for its humanistic portrayal of Chinese Americans and San Francisco's Chinatown community. In contrast to the racist controversy over "Year Of The Dragon," "Dim Sum" has already received critical praise for its positive and sensitive sketch of a

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Chinese American mother-daughter relationship. Watch for further details in the media and especially in upcoming issues of the International Examiner.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Asian Women's Basketball Association is looking for new players. Experience is not necessary. Women must be Asian, over 30 years old and under 5'7". Call Gloria at 232-7636, or Nyla at 932-2445 for information.

RELOCATION DOCUMENTARIES AIRING ON CHANNEL 9

Wednesday, October 9, 10.00 p.m., Visible Target. Recalls the drama and sorrow of the Japanese American evacuation during World War II, as told by residents of Bainbridge Island who experienced it. (Repeats 10/12, 2:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, October 9, 10.30 p.m., Unfinished Business. Tells the story of three men (Gordon Hirabayashi, Fred Korematsu and Min Yasui) who refused to be confined in a Japanese American internment camp during World War II. (Repeats 10/12, 1:00 p.m.)

"CELEBRATE THE DIFFERENCES" STARTS NEW SEASON

"Celebrate the Differences," KING-TV's community affairs program, begins its new season on Sunday, September 15, at 5:30 p.m. on Channel 5.

This show features entertainment and information concerning the Northwest's ethnic minority communities. Enrique Cerna and Lori Matsukawa serve as hosts, and the program is produced by Enrique Cerna and directed by Mark Mano. The public is invited to their Wednesday night studio tapings, starting September 11. Call 448-3827 if you wish to be a member of the in-studio audience.

As a service to the community, "Celebrate the Differences" offers 40-seconds of free time to qualified non-profit organizations for promotion of their important events. To take advantage of this opportunity, send event information--four weeks in advance--to "Celebrate the Differences" Audience Relations, KING-TV, P.O. Box 24525, Seattle, WA., 98124. The program's producers reserve the right to edit material and will be able to include not more than two announcements per broadcast.

SWORDS OF THE SAMURAI

The Lake Washington JAACL will host a lecture-demonstration by master sword maker Tatsuhiko Konno after their dinner meeting on Saturday, September 14 at the Red Lion Inn, 300 112th S.E. Bellevue. No-host cocktails begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner and program at 7:30. Contact Karen Akira, 454-9826 or Susie Aoyama, 885-9654.

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Calendar of Events

KEIRO FURNITURE SALE -- Through September 16 at Conner Sales, 1032 So. Jackson St. \$50,000 worth of furniture to be sold to benefit the Keiro Nursing Home. Cash and carry only.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 9066: WORLD WAR II INTERNMENT PHOTOGRAPHS -- Through October 12 at the Wing Luke Museum, 414 8th Ave. So., 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Tuesday - Friday (till 8 p.m. the first Thursday of each month); noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays. Closed Sundays and Mondays.

CHANGING ROLES: ASIAN PACIFIC WOMEN -- Friday, September 13 at the Crepe de Paris Restaurant at Rainier Square, and Saturday, September 14, at Seattle Central Community College. Patsy Takemoto Mink, former congresswoman and now Honolulu city councilmember, will be the keynote speaker.

FIRST HILL LION'S CLUB ANNUAL SUKIYAKI DINNER -- Saturday, September 14, 4 p.m. - 7.30 p.m. at the Blaine Memorial Methodist Church, 3001 24th Avenue So. Adults, \$5; children under 10, \$3. To benefit the Lions Club scholarship fund.

SEATTLE CHAPTER BOARD MEETING -- Wednesday, September 18, 6:30 p.m. at the JAACL office. Everybody welcome to a pre-meeting potluck dinner.

ASIAN DINNER FESTIVAL OF THE ASIAN AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES (Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Filipino) -- Saturday, September 21, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m., Chinese Baptist Church, Beacon Ave. So. and So. Orcas St. Adults \$4.50; senior citizens and children under 12, \$2.50.

NICHIREN BUDDHIST CHURCH FUJINKAI CHOW MEIN DINNER -- Sunday, September 29, 1042 So. Weller St., 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. For more information, call the church at 323-2252.

"DIM SUM" FILM PREMIERE BENEFIT FOR KINGSTREET MEDIA -- Thursday, October 3 at the Harvard Exit Theatre, 807 E. Roy. More details forthcoming.

BLAINE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BAZAAR -- Saturday, October 5, 11.00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., 3001 24th Ave. So.

JAPANESE BAPTIST CHURCH SANCTUARY DEDICATION -- Sunday, October 6, 3 p.m., 901 E. Spruce St.

TOMO-NO-KAI DINNER -- Tuesday, October 15, 6 p.m., Maneki restaurant, followed by games at Kawabe House.

-- compiled by Ed Suguro

WE'RE LOOKING FOR YOUR INPUT. . .

Will you take a few minutes to jot down some ideas for our newsletter or chapter activities?

() Upcoming events -- please include this event in the JAACL calender/newsletter:
(Event, sponsoring organization, date/time, contact person)

() Please send a newsletter and membership application to:
(Name, address, zip code)

() I would like to do more for JAACL or volunteer for a committee. Please contact me.
(Name, day/evening phone, committees or areas of interest)

() I would like to see more information in the newsletter on:

INFORMATION AND OTHER COMMENTS:

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