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ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE IS ESTABLISHED

Membership dues have never been sufficient to fund the Chapter's basic operations, much less its numerous on-going activities and programs.

In 1984, the Seattle Chapter Endowment Fund was established to commemorate its chapter leaders and to provide a continuing source of income to assist in financing operations of the Chapter. The fund originated from a generous donation by Shea Aoki in memory of Jiro Aoki, and Ruth Kazama.

An ad hoc committee was formed to establish organizational structure and guidelines for the fund to be maintained in perpetuity. Coordinated by Shea Aoki, the committee was comprised primarily of past presidents: Toru Sakahara, Terry Toda, George Fugami, Tomio Moriguchi, Cherry Kinoshita, Lloyd Hara, Kimi Nakanishi, and Wayne Kimura. After many planning meetings, the proposed policies and guidelines were presented to the Seattle Chapter Board and approved in 1985.

The first Endowment Fund Committee, appointed by president David Okimoto, will direct funding operations and investments beginning in 1986. Members of the committee include: Lloyd Hara, Terry Yoshikawa, Terry Toda, Wayne Kimura, Shigeko Uno, and Cherry Kinoshita, with the present Seattle Chapter treasurer serving as the 7th member. Shea Aoki will continue to serve as coordinator, and Hana Masuda has been designated to be the committee's Minoru Masuda Fund representative.

The Endowment Fund will kick-off with an event in the near future and present plaques to individual donors who have given \$1,000 or more. All donors of \$500 or more will have their names inscribed on a permanent plaque mounted on the wall in the JACL office. Donors of any amount will receive a key chain memento.

Donations to date, totaling \$2300, were from the following: Chizuko Nagaoka (in memory of Eira), Billee Yoshioka, Yo/Hana Maekawa (in memory of Jiro Aoki), David Okimoto, and Gail Tanaka. Donations of \$500 or more: Shea Aoki, Ruth Kazama.

All donations to the Endowment Fund (cash or non-cash) will be tax-deductible. Checks may be made payable to: SEATTLE JACL ENDOWMENT FUND and mailed to the JACL office, 316 Maynard So., Room 108, Seattle WA 98104, Attention: Shea Aoki. A copy of the Endowment Fund guidelines will be sent upon request.

-- submitted by Endowment Fund Committee

Special Reports

CHAPTER PRESIDENT DAVID OKIMOTO RECOGNIZED BY ESQUIRE MAGAZINE

Seattle Chapter president David Okimoto has been included in the December issue of Esquire magazine as one of 100 people throughout the country who are younger than 40 years-old and have achieved excellence in their work.

Okimoto, director of the Department of Human Resources in Seattle, was among 13,000 people submitted to Esquire as a nomination. Other achievers recognized were Seattle choreographer Mark Morris, actress Jessica Lange, cartoonist Garry Trudeau and comedian Eddie Murphy.

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Regular	38.00	32.00	1.75	4.25
Couple	69.00	59.00	3.50	6.50
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Single	3.00	---	---	3.00
Couple	6.00	---	---	6.00
Booster				
Regular	15.00	---	---	15.00
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Chapter Focus

OFFICERS and BOARD MEMBERS FOR 1986

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INSTALLATION BANQUET

The Seattle Chapter's 1986 Installation Banquet will take place on Saturday, January 25, 1986 at the Seattle Sheraton Hotel. The banquet theme is "International Trade: It's Impact on Japanese Americans."

Co-chairs Vicki Toyohara and Alan Kurimura, along with their ambitious committee members, are planning a gala affair that will include an obento dinner, entertainment and a keynote speaker. National JACL President Frank Sato will also be present to install the 1986 officers and Board.

Tickets cost \$20 per person. Individuals and organizations can reserve a table of 10 (\$20 X 10 = \$200) for their friends, families and/or organization.

To order you tickets or to purchase a table, mail the ticket order form in this newsletter. For additional information, call Ayako Hurd at 527-1464, or leave a message with Vicki Toyohara at 789-5836.

NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Cherry Kinoshita reported that the Chapter has raised \$8,000 of the \$10,000 goal for the LEC (Legislative Education Committee). A motion was passed for the Chapter to endorse and support a state legislative bill to fund redress payments to Japanese American Seattle School District employees who were fired during the war. The funding has been the main delay in making these redress payments.

Ken Nakano of the International Relations Committee reported the following:

(1) He received a letter from Mike Lowry regarding our request to have "Jpn" as the official abbreviation for Japan/Japanese. Lowry stated he would introduce such legislation.

(2) The committee wrote a letter to Norm Rice, Seattle City Councilman, supporting a proposed International Affairs office to report to the president of the Council.

(3) A meeting took place with the Japanese Consulate on October 22. In attendance were Consulate General T. Isogai and four staff members, seven members of the Seattle Chapter JACL, two from White River and four from the Lake Washington Chapters. The purpose of the meeting was to foster better understanding, and topics discussed were educational scholarships, exchange programs and an update of JACL projects.

Jerry Shigaki updated the Board on the membership campaign. The Chapter now includes 776 members, up from 589 at the beginning of the campaign. The Chapter vice presidents are team captains for the membership drive and leading is Roger Shimizu/Mako Nakagawa's team with 65 new members. Second is Ellen Miyasato's team, Sam Shoji's team is third, with Wayne Kimura's team in fourth place. The campaign ends at the December 18 Board meeting.

Roger Shimizu reported that the legal team representing Gordon Hirabayashi will hold a press conference when Judge Voorhees rules on his case.

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The December 18 Board meeting will be a Christmas dinner and membership campaign finale held at the House of Hong restaurant at 6 p.m. Five dollar gifts will also be exchanged. Please join the Board for fun and celebration! Call Ken Katayama at 323-3377 for reservations.

NOVEMBER DONATIONS

Additional donors to the LEC/JACL Fund Drive are gratefully acknowledged: Harry Fujino, Jerry Shigaki, and Don/Sally Kazama.

\$100 - \$499: Mako/Ben Nakagawa and Dwight H. Fujimoto (Lk. Wash. Chapter).

JACL thanks these people for their contributions: Japanese Baptist Church Nisei for the Rev. Andrews Scholarship, Roy and Jo Sakamoto in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary, Lois Taniguchi for the Issei Memorial plaque, and Roy Hada, also for the Issei Memorial plaque.

And the Seattle Chapter is also indebted to the November newsletter mailout duo of Sam Shoji and Alan Kurimura. They left this message:

"Hey! We expect more Board and Executive Members next month, please!"

Community Notes

THE FIRST NORTHWEST TAIKO FESTIVAL

The International Examiner newspaper is sponsoring The Northwest Taiko Festival on Saturday, January 18, 1986 at the Nippon Kan Theatre. This concert of traditional Japanese festival drums, played Sansei style, will feature performances by Seattle Taiko, Namu-Kai Taiko of the Seattle Buddhist Church, and Katari Taiko of Vancouver, Canada.

The event will serve as a benefit for the International Examiner, a non-profit Asian American community newspaper that just barely meets its operating costs with an almost all-volunteer staff. The newspaper was awarded a grant by the Seattle Arts Commission to publish a special edition about taiko in the January 8, 1986 issue, and to stage this concert.

This is a rare opportunity to experience all three Northwest Taiko groups together in a total evening of musical expression that promises to positively prove that the Sansei Nikkei spirit is alive and well. The drums will start at 8 p.m. Admission is \$5. For more information, call the International Examiner at 624-3925.

PNWD CALENDARS AVAILABLE

The Pacific Northwest District is offering 1986 calendars that feature artwork by Oregon Nikkei artists Barbara Setsu Pickett, Stan Beppu, Robert Dozono and Michihiko Kosuge. The calendars are available for \$5 from Tim Otani at the Pacific Northwest District office at 316 Maynard Ave. So.

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Calendar of Events

ASIAN MERCHANTS & BUSINESS ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS PARTY -- Friday, December 13, 5:30 p.m., Prima Vera Gallery Cafe, 112 5th Ave. N. Drinks, food, carols, prizes.

TOMO-NO-KAI DINNER -- Saturday, December 14, 6 p.m., potluck dinner at Blaine Memorial Methodist Church, 3001 24th Ave. So. Note change of location.

PUYALLUP VALLEY JACL MOCHITSUKI -- Sunday, December 15, 9 a.m., at the Tacoma Buddhist Temple. They are looking for workers as well as people who wish to order mochi. Price is \$2 per pound. Place orders with Ted Masumoto at 352-7520.

SEATTLE CHAPTER BOARD MEETING AND CHRISTMAS DINNER -- Wednesday, December 18, 6 p.m., at House of Hong, 409 8th Ave., \$10 per person. Bring a gift (\$5 maximum) for exchange. Regular Board meeting will follow dinner. For reservations, call Ken Katayama at 625-3865 days, or leave a message at 324-3879.

NORTHWEST TAIKO FESTIVAL -- Saturday, January 18, 1986, 8 p.m., at the Nippon Kan Theatre, 628 Washington St. Admission is \$5.

SEATTLE CHAPTER INSTALLATION BANQUET -- Saturday, January 25, 1986, at Seattle Sheraton, 6th and Pike. No host cocktails at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. Tickets at \$20 per person are available from officers and Board members.

OLYMPIA JACL CHAPTER TRIBUTE TO JAPAN -- Saturday, January 25, 1986, at Evergreen State College. Day-long event featuring entertainment, arts and crafts, historical exhibits, food and a kimono show. More details forthcoming.

-- 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 JACL calendar/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 JACL 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:

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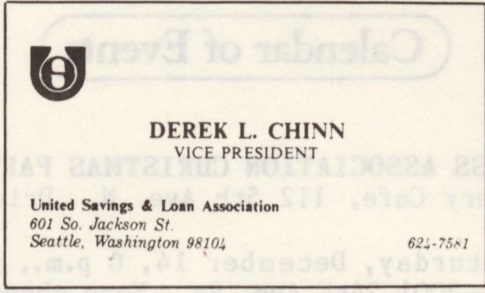
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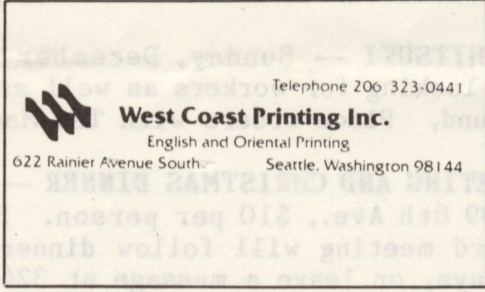
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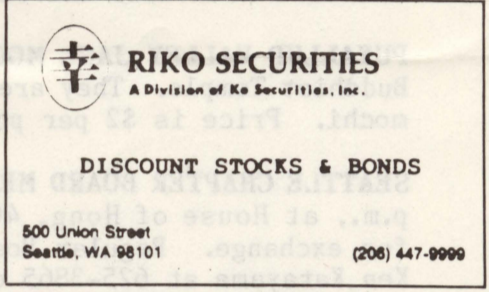
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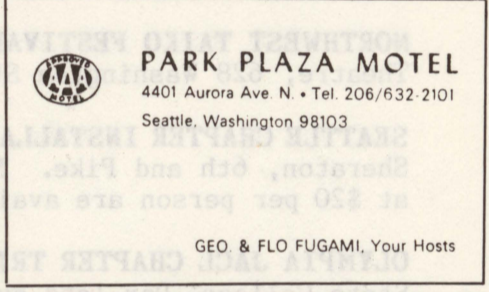


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-International Trade: Impact on Japanese/American-

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