



NEWSLETTER

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WHY A TESTIMONIAL FOR SENATOR WARREN G. MAGNUSON?

Why is the Seattle JACL willing to underwrite any deficits to sponsor a testimonial appreciation dinner for Senator Magnuson? Why are they urging all of the Japanese Community, Iss ei's, Nisei and Sansei to turn out and attend this function?

Is it because Senator Magnuson led the fight on the floor of the Senate to restore twelve million dollars taken out of the evacuation claims? Is it because Senator Magnuson had sponsored (and still is sponsoring) many private bills to enable those persons caught in an unfortunate circumstance in Japan to be reunited with their family in the United States? Is it because Senator Magnuson initiated leadership in obtaining endorsements by all Senators and Congressmen from the State of Washington to endorse the Land Law that is still discriminatory to some of our parents? Is it because Senator Magnuson had led the fight to try to stop the derogatory films out of Hollywood that depict Niseis as spies and disloyal to the United States -- and still is active in trying to stop the showing of these films now over TV? Is it because of the many other activities he has engaged in that directly and indirectly has benefited Americans of Japanese ancestry?

The JACL is hopeful that we represent the Japanese community. This is Senator Magnuson's 25th year in serving us, our state and our country. Not very many of us can afford the \$100 plate dinner that will honor Senator Magnuson on November 16. But many, many of us can afford the \$5.00 plate dinner to show our appreciation for the way Senator Magnuson has represented us, the Isseis, Niseis and Sanseis. Because this is a strictly non-political dinner -- all proceeds go to the JACL -- (and more likely that the JACL will probably have to underwrite the deficit) -- we feel that the Japanese community would LIKE to show him our appreciation.

With the above reasons in mind, the Seattle JACL will be sponsoring an appreciation dinner at the Chamber of Commerce, 215 Columbia Street, on Wednesday, November 8th, starting at 7:30 p.m. Needless to say, your presence at this dinner would be very important, and appreciated. After all, what is worse than no appreciation dinner, at all, would be an appreciation dinner in a hall that is only half-filled.

GENERAL MEETING FOR ALL JACLers & FRIENDS

Wednesday, October 25th, at the St. Peters Church on 1610 King St., starting at 7:30 p.m. sharp, Chairman Kay Toda promises an interesting and informative session.

There haven't been too many general meetings to discuss what the Seattle JACL is doing, so come to this meeting and bring your friends.

On the agenda will be:

1. Color movies of the Coronation Ball starring Queen Ellen Kimura; movies of the Seafair parade starring the prize-winning JACL Float.
2. Trophies won at all the parades will be on exhibit.
3. Guest speaker Frank Fidler, well-known sports figure (former coach of Buchan Bakers, referee, and sports figure renowned) talking informally of his experiences in the sports field.
4. Nominations from the Nominating Committee for the coming year. Nominations will also be open to the floor, and all nominations will be closed at this meeting.

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One of the toughest jobs, responsibility-wise, we want you to know, automatically falls into the lap of vice president Fred Takagi, who is up to here in detailed work running some couple score leagues weekly at his Imperial Lanes.

Fred is in charge of ads for the Pacific Citizen holiday issue, a time-consuming task, but still a minor one compared to his job of guiding the ad solicitation for the convention booklet, on which prices are scaled to a \$150 full page. The success of this major selling job is vital to putting over the expenses of the coming 1962 National Convention to the fulfillment of local pride in its success as an accomplishment in showmanship.

... has delegated a lot of us -- mostly members of the Board who have a multitude of selling duties, to help in the campaign -- no matter how it hurts, let's not forget this ad job and give Fred a hand, Huh? If you boys and girls relish a challenge, remember that in 1960, Sacramento put out a 100-page book at the same price.

POSTSCRIPT TO SENATOR MAGNUSON DINNER:

Although there are many persons now selling tickets to the \$5.00 a plate Senator Magnuson Testimonial Dinner, we realize that it will be impossible to contact everyone. We would appreciate it a great deal if you would contact any one of the following solicitors, and tell them that you are interested in attending this function:

- Tak Kubota PA 2-6868
- Toru Sakahara MA 4-3220
- Bill Mimbu MU 2-2552
- Genji Mihara MA 4-2354
- Min Tsubota MA 4-7474
- Jim Matsuoka EA 3-2303
- Shang Kashiwagi MA 2-3040
- Doc Shinbo EA 3-1876
- Frank Hattori EA 4-5050
- Eddie Shimomura PA 2-3344
- Fred Takagi EA 5-2525
- Kay Toda EA 2-2345
- Terry Toda MA 3-6863
- Elmer Ogawa EA 3-7019
- John Aoki AT 4-7782
- Roy Seko ME 2-6833
- Sally Kazama PA 5-3472
- Taeko Mayeda EA 4-2186
- Phil Hayasaka EA 4-6668

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT CONVENTION

Big plans are under way to make this district convention a success. Much of this success will depend on the support our chapter will give.

Main speaker will be Robert Y. Thornton, Attorney-General of Oregon. 1000-Club Whing-Ding and bowling tournament is also being planned. The bonus prize drawing of the Jackpot Raffle will be held at this convention.

The date is December 2 - 3, 1961; the place is Hood River, Oregon. For reservations (hotel or motel) write to Mas Takasumi, [redacted], Hood River, or please contact Phil Hayasaka, EA 4-2554, [redacted], and a registration form will be mailed to you --- PRONTO!

INSTALLATION DINNER PLANS:

The year is closing with a flurry of activities. To finish out the year, a special committee is planning an extraordinary dinner to welcome (and install) the new administration for the Seattle JACL, and at the same time, to give as dignified as possible exit to the old administration.

The Hyatt House, located near the SEA-Tac Airport will be the scene of the crime. The coup d'etat will take place on Dec. 9, a Saturday evening. Be sure to mark this date on your calendar - get your babysitters and dog watchers lined up and come to witness this inauguration of a new regime that will play so important a role in so important a year - the year of our National Convention.

NATIONAL CONVENTION PLANS:

Plans are taking shape for the BIG National Convention to be held on July 26 to July 30, 1962. Some idea of what will be happening are:

1. Sayonara Ball with Max Pillar's Orchestra providing the music;
2. Issei Recognition dinner with Yoshito Fujii, chairman;
3. Fishing Derby at Westport on July 26 with Juro Yoshioka, chairman;
4. Youth activities throughout the 5 days with Mrs. Paul Suzuki, chairman;
5. Golf tournament at Englewood Country Club under Min Yamaguchi, chairman;
6. Bridge Tournament for players accumulating Master Points.

General Chairman Jim Matsuoka needs lots and lots of help to put on a successful convention. Most committee chairmen have been selected, and if you can help on any of the following committees, Jim would appreciate your calling him at EA 3-2303:

- Hospitality Committee
- Hostess Committee
- Registration Committee
- Transportation Committee.

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