

# Japanese American Citizens League

## N E W S L E T T E R

### TWIN CITIES CHAPTER

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#### BETTER LATE?

No, we didn't lose your address, we didn't run off to Mexico with the postage funds, and we're not on strike. It's just that back when the Board was hashing out the budget for this year, the people who put out this newsletter said, "How can we save the chapter some money and at the same time minimize the amount of hair we tear out every month when we go into production?" The solution: we tear out our hair only every two months. Beginning this month, the newsletter will come out on a bimonthly basis, with our schedule looking roughly like this: Jan./Feb. published in February; March/April out in April; May/June out in early May with the Sukiyaki Dinner flyer; no newsletter for July and August during the summer hiatus; then we resume in October with the Sept./Oct. issue and the Installation Dinner flyer; finally, we end the year with Nov./Dec. This schedule is, of course, subject to last-minute changes, burned-out production equipment (and editors), the mail service, and Minnesota winters.

As usual, anything concerning the newsletter can be sent to E. Taniguchi, 5257 James Ave. S., Minneapolis 55419, or call 925-9816.

#### MEMBERS OF THE BOARD '85

In case you didn't attend the Installation Dinner back in November (with the always-scintillating Chuck Hazama, mayor of Rochester, as guest speaker), the following people are serving on this year's Board of Directors. If you have a gripe, an idea, or are just interested in the JACL, drop them a line. They're your representatives.

CHRIS SANDBERG, 33, is chapter president for 1985. A resident of Minnesota since 1968, he is an attorney, married, with one daughter. Address: 6732 81st Ave. N., Brooklyn Park, 55445. Ph.# 425-0105.

MATT ABE, 24, is president-elect (to succeed Sandberg next year) and chairman of the Ethnic Concerns (formerly the Human Rights) Committee. He works as technical writer for National Computer Systems and as a freelance commercial artist. He is Minnesota-born and a member of the JACL since 1976. Address: 4480 Parklawn Ave., #308, Edina 55435. Ph.# 835-5291.

EDWIN "BUD" NAKASONE, 57, is recording secretary. He teaches Asian history and international affairs at Lakewood Community College in White Bear Lake. He is originally from Hawaii and has been a JACL member for about 15 years. Address: 4587 Lake Ave., White Bear Lake 55110. Ph.# 429-4102.

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CHUCK TATSUDA\*, 29, is the Young Adult Committee chairman. A native of Minnesota and a new member of the JACL; he is a

commercial lender trainee. Address: Church Hills Apartments, #206, 111 Marquette, Minneapolis, 55401. Ph.# 332-6265.

SAM HONDA\*, 58, is redress chairman. He is a designer with the 3M Corp. Originally from Fresno, Calif., he came to Minnesota about 20 years ago and has been a JACL member since then. 3935 Lakewood, White Bear Lake 55110. Ph.# 429-3410.

ELEANOR TANIGUCHI, 28, is newsletter editor. She is a fulltime mother (two daughters, ages 2½ and 8 months respectively) and a parttime freelance writer. A native of Sacramento, Calif. (her favorite phrase when she first moved out here was, "How can you people stand it during the winters?"), she has lasted some four years in Minnesota. Address: 5257 James Ave. S., Minneapolis 55419. Ph.# 925-9816.

GLORIA KUMAGAI, 37, is an education administrator for St. Paul and a native of Minneapolis. Along with serving on the Board she is a member of the Ethnic Concerns and Programs Planning Committees. Address: 2724 Drew Ave. S., Minneapolis, 55416. Ph.# 927-7185.

MIN TSUCHIMUCHI\*, 64, is a retired chemist, born in Tacoma, Wash. He joined the JACL last year after a hiatus of several years. Address: 1654 Melrose Ave., St. Louis Park, 55426. Ph.# 545-9068.

KIYOSHI ISHIBASHI, 68, is an x-ray technician for St. Paul Radiological. Born in Santa Barbara, Calif., he served in the MIS in Burma during World War II. He is married, with two children and four grandchildren. Address: 197 Prescott St., St. Paul 55107. Ph.# 224-1017.

TOSH ABE\*, 65, is a mechanical engineer for 3M Corp. Originally from San Diego, he has lived in Minnesota for 42 years. Address: 9624 Vincent Ave. S., Bloomington 55431. Ph.# 884-1412.

TOM SCOTT, 43, and DIANE SHIMIZU SCOTT, 38, jointly share a position on the Board. Both are social workers and natives of Minnesota. Address: 3324 Dupont Ave. S., Minneapolis, 55408. Ph.# 823-2329.

PHIL NOMURA\*, 35, is a senior electronic data processor auditor and a member of the Long Range Planning Committee. A native of the Twin Cities, he is a new member of the chapter. Address: 3216 50th St. E., Minneapolis 55417. Ph.# 724-9360.

#### BOARD MEETING NOTES

January 1985: Redress report---the "Civil Liberties Act of 1985" which will grant a monetary redress to former camp internees, has been reintroduced in Congress. It is predicted that it will be "a strong uphill fight" to get Congress and the President to approve the \$20,000 remuneration figure named in the bill. Sam Honda said the Minnesota congressional delegation should again be approached by the chapter, with special attention given to Martin Sabo, Tim Penny, and James Oberstar.... Scholarship report---Scholarship chairwoman Kimi Hara had said two midyear scholarships may be presented this year; details will be forthcoming.... Youth report ---The Board voted to keep the Youth (JAY's) representative seat on the Board open, but no longer count it as part of the quorum.

This was in response to the seat having been vacant since former JAYs representative Emi Nishida's tenure expired last year. The JAYs will be urged to find a representative soon.... This year's calendar of events was discussed by the Board. The Sukiyaki Dinner will be scheduled for May 19 (the site of the dinner may be moved to Westwood Jr. High). The chapter will again have a booth at the Festival of Nations, scheduled for May 3-5 (volunteers are needed). Bud Nakasone will look into the acquisition of a "genuine Hawaii-type Shave Ice Machine" for use as an additional fundraising activity for the chapter.... The National JACL and the Chevron Co. of California have offered to help set up and fund (up to \$250) a minority health fair. The Board decided to act as liaison to any minority group/organization who may want to sponsor such a fair.... The Board voted to endorse the idea of an Asian Advisory Council to the governor. The council was originally suggested by the Minnesota Asian Advocacy Coalition, headed by Wes Iijima.... The chapter will co-sponsor an informal lecture/discussion/reception for the actor Mako (late of the cancelled television series "Hawaiian Heat"), to be held on June 18. More info forthcoming; watch this space.... Ed Hara was seeking members for the Long-Range Planning Committee, which was set up to define the goals and future plans of the chapter. The Board may be asked to allow the committee to hire a consultant for help. A report will be submitted by June.

#### Passing of a friend

Shig Tsurusaki, religious leader of the TC Buddhist Church, passed away after a long illness on February 18th. Shig was the main pillar for his church for many great years. He received his Tokudo (First Ordination Rights) from the Buddhist Association of America.

JACL extends deep sympathy to Kay and relatives.

#### Tulelake Reunion 85

Second campwide Tulelake Reunion will be held in Sacramento, California during the Memorial Day weekend, May 24, 25, 26, 1985, at the Red Lion Inn.

General Chairman Tom Fujimoto and his committee are working to make this a most enjoyable and memorable Reunion.

Everyone attending the Reunion must be registered and pay the appropriate events fee. The registration package will be \$70.00. The package includes, registration, two continental breakfasts, mixer (dinner), picnic, banquet-dance and the souvenir booklet. Also the hospitality room where everyone meets old friends. Cost for late registration will be \$85.00.

Optional tours at nominal costs to Reno and the Wine Country will be offered on Saturday. Golf tournament is also scheduled on Saturday.

For this Reunion Issel's who were in Tulelake will be guest of the Reunion at the Sunday night banquet.

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Minnesota Nikkei Project .....Sam Honda

Since our last newsletter, Issei have been busy. In December, we had lunch at Saji-ya's in St. Paul before going to see "Little Match Girl" a play at the Children's Theater. Issei had their annual mochi tsuki on Dec. 6th, a Christmas party on Dec. 20th.....it was sort of a mild wild time for all of us, but all in good Christmas spirit. In January, cold tempertures didn't discourage the Issei from joining the Buddhist Church New Year's Party. In February, we had two events. An annual meeting, attended by 120 members, at Kikugawa's in downtown Minneapolis. And.....a Japanese Doll display (Emperor, Empress Court) at Akira & Valerie Takemori's home in Edina. Since we were far west of the Twin Cities, we headed out to Kakuki Restaurant in Eden Prairie.

Nikkei Project lost one of our dear Issei. Mrs. Yahanda, a super Issei, died rather suddenly was sad news to many in the community. We wish to extend deep sympathy to Yahanda family.

Project received generous donations from many of our members.

Tak & Hisa Osada	Yosh & Alice Matsumoto
Gil & Mae Miyazaki	Yukio & Molly Yamaguchi
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Shirley Huskins	Jack Ito
Mr. & Mrs. Ed Okada	Mari Uchida
Tom & Sets Kanno	Yahanda family

Project would like to acknowledge members who prepared lunch for the Wednesday Day-out Program.

On Dec. 5th.....Fuki Abe

Kiyo Otani - salad

On Dec 19th.....Phyllis Takekawa, Ethel Umeda, Fuji Katayama &

Helen Tanaka. Takako Sakamoto made Ohagi.

Christmas cookies by Sally Sudo, Debie Tsuchiya, Sue Nelson and Gladys Stone.

On January 9th....Ladies from the Independence Church

Masako Hoshino brought in yokan

On January 23rd...Lily Honda and Helen Akaki

On Feb. 20th.....Sally Sudo and Sakiye Tsuchiya

Chizuko Hirakawa - dessert

Rev. Otani - fresh pineapple

Our thanks to all the contributors for your continued support towards our program.

A very special thank you to Valerie & Akira Takemori for their kind hospitality.

Our appreciation and thanks to all who cooked and served lunch at our Wednesday Day-out Program. Lunches, surely is one of the highlite of the program and all those extras are appreciated too.