

# Japanese American Citizens League

## NEWSLETTER

TWIN CITIES CHAPTER

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

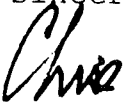
I'm glad to have this chance to report to all the Chapter membership on the Board's activities. As President, I set two main goals for this year. First, to establish financial stability for the Chapter. Second, to define the Chapter's long-term purpose. I am very pleased to report that we're moving ahead on both those goals.

On the financial end, we have set our Chapter dues so that they cover our expenses and contribute to our operating budget. The Board has also begun a formal budgeting process, which I expect will enable us to plan more effectively and avoid unexpected financial crises. The Board is also examining some new possibilities for fund-raising.

At the same time, the Board has established a Long-Range Planning Committee, chaired by past President Ed Hara. The Long-Range Planning Committee has been charged by the Board to examine the Chapter's purpose and abilities, and to develop recommendations for the Board on where the Chapter should go in the next five to ten years. The Committee has begun meeting, and will be working through the summer.

I think our progress shows the continuing strength of the Chapter, and I am very optimistic about 1985. I look forward to reporting again to you as the year progresses.

Sincerely,



### CALLING ALL HANDS!

Ever wonder what it'd be like to own a restaurant? Here's your chance! The 1985 Sukiyaki Dinner committee needs volunteers to wait and bus tables, and clean up after the dinner, which will take place May 19, Sunday. Interested, kind, and hard-working souls should call committee chairwoman Kimi Hara at 479-1460, or Matt Abe, busboy and service supervisor, at 835-5291.

For those seeking retail experience, the chapter is again opening a booth at the Festival of Nations in St. Paul, May 3-5. We need people to help set up and man the booth in short shifts, and Ed Hara, Festival chairman, is dying to hear from you. If you're interested, call him at 588-3618.

June:

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JACL Picnic, Phalen Park, St. Paul

Last year, amid the jumble of motions that get haggled over and passed by the Board, it was so moved to contribute \$300 to two local filmmakers for a documentary on the evacuation of Japanese Americans from a small Washington island at the beginning of World War II. At the time it was considered a routine donation to "the community"---for the chapter often gives money to causes outside of the JACL but which still concern Japanese Americans. The project was deemed worthy, the amount modest; and we soon forgot about it under the pile of old treasurer's reports, budget discussions and decisions over where to buy vegetables for next year's sukiyaki dinner.

However, on April 4, 1985, our "chicken" came home to roost--- and she actually turned out to be an eagle. Cris Anderson, one of the filmmakers to whom we gave the money (his co-producer was John de Graaf), presented in a special showing to the Board Visible Target, a moving 27-minute documentary on the residents of Bainbridge Island and how they were affected by the Evacuation. It particularly focuses on the publishers of the island's local paper, Walt and Milly Woodward, and how they were among the few who openly opposed the arrests and imprisonment of their neighbors. The film is at once heartbreaking, hopeful and dramatic. A teacher at a local elementary school cries while recalling the arrest of her father by American soldiers. Many white residents, bewildered by the government's actions, took in belongings for their Nisei and Issei friends and accompanied them to the ferry to say good-bye. And, when one resident, a racist who opposed the return of the Japanese Americans to the island and attacked the Woodwards as "Jap lovers," held an open meeting, Walt Woodward was determined to cover it for his paper. He then, as Woodward put it, "bravely sent his wife and daughter." (Milly Woodward reported that only a few locals showed up, mainly out of curiosity.)

Anderson and de Graaf raised about \$12,000 to make Visible Target. The bulk of those funds came from the Japanese American community on Bainbridge Island; the remainder came from small personal donations such as the chapter's, and from grants from The Washington Commission for the Humanities and from University Community Video in Minnesota. The film premiered March 26, 1985 on public television station KCTS Seattle.

Visible Target is available in videocassette for institutional and private screenings, \$50 for rental, \$100 for sale. Cris Anderson would also be interested in receiving letters of support from the community. If you wish to contact him, write him at 2611 Colfax Ave. S., Minneapolis, 55408.

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MINNESOTA NIKKEI PROJECT

Sam Honda

On March 9, volunteers took the Issei's to St. Paul's new Ordway Theater to see "Tunnenschanz".

On March 17, the JACL Credit Union invited the Issei's to their annual dinner meeting at Robert Lee Restuarant.

On March 29, Issei's had an event that included lunch and a show. Box lunch at Kabuki Restuarant was superb and they enjoyed an afternoon at the Met Center.....the show "Walt Disney World on Ice".

On April 13, Issei's were invited to a "Sakura Matsuri" sponsored by **the Minneharu Kai Dancers**. Besides their fine program and mountain of food, Mr Tsuchimochi was honored on his 97th birthday.

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# ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE WEEK BANQUET

## Guest Speaker: Lt. Gov S. B. WOO of Delaware

DATE: FRIDAY, MAY 10, 1985

TIME: 7 PM

PLACE: RIVER PALACE  
2420 MARSHALL ST. N.E.  
MINNEAPOLIS

\$15.00/person \$11.00 Student

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### JACL SCHOLARSHIPS

If you're a high school senior of Japanese descent who's graduating this June, the scholarship committee is looking for you! The Twin Cities chapter has a number of scholarships being offered to students who have excelled academically or in service to their community or school. To apply, all you need to do is fill out an application, have your counselor submit a transcript of your grades, and write a brief essay (two pages, in your own handwriting) on the subject, "The Value of Further Education to Me." The deadline is Friday, May 10, 1985. If you'd like an application or more information, call Tom Ohno at 831-5869.

Also, the chapter will hold a dinner in honor of all 1985 graduates on Thursday, May 30, 1985, 6:30 p.m. at the University of Minnesota Campus Club, fourth floor of Coffman Union. (This location is tentative, so please call Tom for final details.) Presentation of scholarships will take place at this dinner.

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Our thanks to the following volunteers who provided the lunch for our Day-out Program.

- On March 6, Sandy Yep, Mary Kitagawa and Fumi Kyono
- On March 20, Takako Sakamoto and Helene Shimizu
- On April 3, Ginko Lundin, Masako Hoshino and Mrs. Ando

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| Kay Tsurusaki  | Bill & Anice Hirabayashi | Sandy Yep      |
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| Mas Sakamoto   | Bill & Peg Doi           | (Chicago, Ill) |
| Shizuko Keegan | Harry & Charlene Honda   |                |
|                | (Federal Way, Wash.)     |                |

Project is grateful for all the contributions received in the past years and we asked you to continue to support our programs so that we can continue this program for many years.

(No meeting was held February.)

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March 1985: Two University of Minnesota students were awarded JACL scholarships: Chris Murakami received \$500 from the Tanbara fund; Todd Tanji received \$500 from Hara fund.... Redress chairman Sam Honda reported that Rep. Jerry Sikorski is backing redress. Sam will attempt to contact Rep. Tim Penny through a Rochester resident, Tom Takekawa. Also of note: the national/Midwest JACL office will reimburse any expenses for redress activities up to \$100.... Kimi Hara, sukiyaki dinner chairwoman, said the rental costs for St. Louis Park (formerly Westwood) Junior High was found "prohibitive," so the dinner will again be held at Union Congregational Church, which costs \$175 for the day. Chris Sandberg will be in charge of ticket sales. The Board passed a motion, at Kimi's suggestion, that this year's dinner be advertised as "JACL's Annual Suki-yaki Dinner," as all proceeds will go to the chapter's operating fund.... Kiyoshi Ishibashi, picnic chairman, has reserved Phalen Park Pavilion in St. Paul for this year's picnic. Matt Abe is co-chair.... A legislative luncheon held last month to promote the creation of a Minnesota Asian Advisory Board was "well-attended" according to Sandberg, Carolyn Nayematsu and Gloria Kumagai. Over 300 people were present. Later a committee meeting was held for the bill which will create the Board, and as of March it was in the Appropriations Committee.... Lt. Gov. Woo of Delaware will be guest speaker at the Heritage Week Banquet.... In response to a recent broadcast by Steve Cannon in which he used the word "Jap," Min Tsuchimochi sent a letter of protest to WCCO's management.

April 1985: Prior to the meeting the Board saw a preview of Visible Target, a video documentary on the evacuation of Japanese Americans from Bainbridge Island, Washington, during World War II, Co-producer Cris Anderson was present at the showing, and expressed his thanks to the Board for its donation of \$300 for the project. Efforts are being made to have the film shown both nationally and in the Twin Cities.... More edification and entertainment was provided by Min Tsuchimochi, who brought a Japanese shaved-ice machine for a demonstration. Those present who were familiar with Hawaiian-style shaved ice (somewhat like a freeform snowcone) said the results were "just like the real thing." The institutional model can be purchased for \$600 from Mr. Saji, the owner of Saji-ya Restaurant in St. Paul. The Board suggested renting the machine for a tryout at the sukiyaki dinner.... Membership secretary Carolyn Nayematsu reported 58 renewal applications had been received this year, giving the chapter an additional \$266. Sam Honda brought up the fact that the chapter was losing money on "Thousand Club" spouse memberships, which presently are only \$25. At his suggestion the Board moved to raise the spouse rate to \$30. ...Redress chairman Honda noted that a redress meeting will be held in Chicago April 27. Also, the Hirabayashi legal fund was seeking more money from the national redress committee.... Young Adults secretary Chuck Tatsuda reported that Steve Murakami has "inherited" leadership of the JAYs and thinks he can organize ten or eleven members with "heavy recruiting." Chuck has invited Murakami to represent the JAYs at the Board meetings.... Suki-yaki dinner positions: Gloria will acquire the knives for chopping; Matt Abe will coordinate the table help (we need 20 or more people to fill those positions), do the flyer and publicity, and help Chris Sandberg with ticket sales; Sandberg will purchase paper goods. Min will operate a shaved ice booth. Kimi said at least 750 people will show up for the dinner.... The Board okayed a check of \$1500 for the Festival of Nations gift booth inventory.... Carolyn Nayematsu suggested that a gift booth also be set up at the University of Minnesota Asian/Pacific American fair on May 13.... The 1985-86 budget was set at \$3,000.

# Minnesota Bowling

Records were not broken bowling-wise but we had the youngest roter in the crowd--Scott and Sue Takekawa's 2½ month old little daughter and a good time was had by all who ventured to Mankato-New Ulm for our annual Minnesota State Women's Bowling Tournament on the week-end of March 9th.

Thanks to Jim Tabata of Auto Truck Service Company, we really looked sharp in our new bowling shirts.

Team 2 came in the money with a total of 2827. Team members were Helen Tanaka, Phyllis Takekawa, Ruth Yahanda, Susan Nelson and Kathy Workman.

Team 1 may still be in the money with a total of 2793. Team members were Carol Frosig, May Tanaka, Sue Takekawa, Lily Honda and Helen Tsuchiya.

High in singles were Carol Frosig with 618, Helen Tsuchiya 590, Helen Tanaka 578, Lily Honda 534, Phyllis Takekawa 532 and Ruth Yahanda 529.

Special 200 pins were awarded to Carol Frosig for her 202 and Helen Tsuchiya's 215.

Next year's tournament will be in St. Paul. We need rooters. Come on out.

**Yamato**  
IMPORTS



## IKEBANA LESSONS

FUKIKO ABE, who is a qualified teacher of the SOGETSU SCHOOL, will offer a series of lessons consist of 6 lessons starting April 25th, every Thursday evening from 6 to 8 pm. The classes generally are 6 - 8 persons. Students are asked to provide kenzans, scissors and a container or two. These are available at the store. Lessons will be given at the store....320 Marquette Ave. Downtown Minneapolis (55401)

For further information, please call 332-2828.

# Visible Target

**by Cris Anderson and John deGraaf**

*Producer Cris Anderson will premiere his new work on the evacuation and internment of Japanese Americans during World War II. Seen through the eyes of citizens from the first community to be evacuated, Bainbridge Island, Washington.*

**Friday & Saturday, April 26, 27, 8:00 p.m.**

**UCVideo, 425 Ontario Street S.E., Minneapolis, (Stadium Village)  
\$3.00 General; \$2.00 UCVideo Members**

This exhibition is made possible in part by grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Dayton Hudson Foundation, the General Mills Foundation and the Metropolitan Regional Art Council with the assistance of the McKnight Foundation.

**For Further Information 376-3333**

# REMINDER: PLEASE RENEW

## YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Single membership.....\$35.00

Couple membership.....\$60.00

Please make checks payable to TC JACL and mail it to

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