

Japanese American Citizens League

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HARA FOR GOVERNOR!

For the first time in its 38-year history, the Twin Cities' chapter of the JACL has a member running for governor of the Midwest District Council (MDC). Tom Hara, a former president and currently legal advisor for our chapter, has been nominated by the chapter's Board of Directors to run for the office at this year's Eastern District Council/Midwest District Council Joint Conference being held Aug. 1-4, 1985 in Milwaukee. Running against Tom will be Tom Nakao of the Cleveland chapter and chairman of the young adults' leadership workshop.

We think we have in Tom Hara a very able candidate. Besides being an active member of our chapter---he served from 1977-82 on the Board, was chapter president from 1980-82, and has been a chapter representative to previous MDC conferences---he has a strong background in community service and law. He is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University and a Bronze-Star Vietnam veteran, as well as a former prosecuting attorney for Hennepin County and general counsel to the Minnesota Independent-Republican Party Heritage Council. Also, at age 39, he is an answer to the JACL's crying need for young leadership.

Tom will have stiff competition against Nakao, who will have high visibility at the conference via his position at the young adults' workshop. Sam Honda, who is running Tom's campaign, is appealing to the Twin Cities' membership for support. He needs money for the usual election paraphernalia (buttons, signs, novelties, etc.) and is using his own time to call other Midwestern chapters for their vote. If you would like to help, please send a check payable to TC-JACL to Sam Honda, 3935 Lakewood Ave., White Bear Lake, MN. 55110, before the end of July.

Bear in mind this is our chapter's opportunity to play a part in the leadership of the national JACL. The Twin Cities can and should assume an active role in rebuilding the organization. It could mean the difference between JACL's becoming a vital national spokesgroup for Japanese Americans, or an index listing in textbooks on Asian American history.

Let's make history of a different kind.

CONGRATS, GRADS!

The 22nd Annual Scholarship Award Dinner was held May 30, 1985 at the Campus Club of the University of Minnesota. A total of \$2,800.00 in scholarships was handed out by the chapter's Scholarship Committee, chaired by Kimi Hara. We congratulate the following winners and wish them luck in their academic futures:

Tomoko Hayashi, \$250
 Lisa Marie Takekawa, \$500
 Ejoyo Katagiri, \$300
 Amy Yamamoto, \$350

Mary Hayano, \$350
 Nancy Noma, \$250
 Karla Yukari Pratt, \$300
 Terri Kushino, \$500

JAPAN AMERICIAN SOCIETY OFFICERS

The Japan American Society held the election of its officers on May 30, 1985. The following people were elected into the listed positions:

Martin Hirabayashi, President	Kay Kushino, Membership
James Hoffman, First Vice-President	Ruth Tambara, Publicity
John Uldrich, Second Vice-President	Andrew Otani, Chaplain
Sumi Teramoto, Treasurer	Neal Gault, Ex-Officio
Helen McNulty, Secretary	

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING NOTES

May 1985: Membership secretary Carolyn Nayematsu announced that 7-8 new members have joined the chapter in the past month.... Redress chairman Sam Honda reported on the redress meeting in Chicago. The JACL's Legislative Education Committee is broke and needs donations for support. John Tateishi, nominated for executive director of the committee, refused the position because there is no money to pay staff salaries. Also, national JACL hasn't reimbursed MDC for redress expenses that it has incurred. MDC is interested in acquiring Cris Anderson's Visible Target and another film, Unfinished Business.... Saji-Ya Restaurant has loaned a shaved ice machine for use at the Sukiyaki Dinner on May 19.... Chris Sandberg announced July is "Japan Month" in Minnesota. JACL isn't directly involved in the event, but Honeywell and numerous other corporations will sponsor various activities.

June 1985: The chapter had a balance of \$17,392.62 as of April 30, 1985. The Festival of Nations on May 3-5 netted \$897.61. The Sukiyaki Dinner on May 19 netted \$1,626.10.... Chuck Tatsuda and Ed Hara were nominated and approved as financial officers for the chapter; they will be responsible for the chapter's books.... Membership secretary Nayematsu said there were 5-6 confirmed new members and 20 renewals, making the chapter's membership at 178.... Sam Honda may be able to speak to Sen. Dave Durenburger via a friend of Tom Hara's who works in the senator's office.... Steve Murakami will be representing the JAYs at the Board meetings.... On the suggestion of the long-range planning committee, the Board will help create and participate in a survey of the chapter's membership.... Our representatives to the EDC/MDC conference on Aug. 1-4 will be Chris Sandberg, Tom Hara, Kimi Hara, and Matt Abe. Also attending will be Sam Honda, and possibly May Tanaka.... The Board, after much debate, voted 7-2 to purchase a shaved ice machine for chapter fundraising.

MINNESOTA NIKKEI PROJECT.....Sam Honda

Just over a hundred relatives and friends of our Issei visited the Open House. They had a chance to see some of the crafts the Issei have been working on the past year. Much of the door prizes were donated by Linda Hashimoto Van D./Great Luggage Stores. Hank Makino, historian, put together a display of pictures of our outings and our Wednesday Day-out Programs and along with the pictures, Bill Doi made a list of all our events.

There's alot of time and work involved in getting these programs together. I'll try to acknowledge all the dedicated volunteers without leaving anyone out.

Phyllis Takekawa still chairs the Day-out Program.

Ethel Umeda	Ginko Lundin
Fuji Katayama	Helen Tanaka

These five volunteers probably put together most of the crafts.

We have volunteers who do multitude of jobs and other volunteers who provide support by helping where ever help is needed.

Harry Umeda	Steve Iwago	Min Tsuchimochi
Masako Hoshino	Lil Honda	Helen Akaki
Bill Doi	Hank Makino	Jim Sugimura
Chizuko Hirakawa	Shizuko Keegan	Sally Sudo
John Takekawa	George Fujimoto	

Thank you to all the volunteers for another successful year.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

On June 5th Kiyu Otani, Mrs. Suura, Mrs. Nagamitsu and Mrs. Sakai provided the lunch.

On June 19th Debie Tsuchiya and Kandis Tsuchiya provided the lunch.

Donations received the last 2 months from:

Bill & Fuji Katayama	Harry Honda from Federal Way, WA
Esther & George Suzuki	Helen & Yuki Akaki
Lil Honda	TC Japanese American Youth
Mrs. Nishimura	Dr. Akira Takemori
Ruth Tanbara	Tak Tsuchiya
Yosh & Kay Matsuura	Ted & Ruri Matsuyama
Nobuya & Megumi Tsuchida	Mrs. Fujimoto

Your generous support ---in funds contributed has played a major role in the success of the Nikkei Project. Thank you

Normally, the project does not have an activity in the month of July and August, but this year we will have a fishing event at Trout-Air in Forest Lake, Minnesota co-sponsored with the Japanese American Youth (JAYs). We may have an outing in August and in September we have made reservations at Chanhassen Theater to see the West Side Story.