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MINNESOTA NIKKEI PROJECT.....Sam Honda

1985 was probably our busiest year. We'll have a full report on our activities at our annual meeting on Feb. 2nd.

On December 4th.....Mochi tsuki day. Since we didn't have as many volunteers as last year, Issei did most of the work rolling the mochi. Besides our regulars (volunteers), Helene Shimizu, Takako Sakamoto and Hisa Osada helped to tear apart the mochi so it can be rolled. Ken Oyanagi took time off from work and Bill Katayama took time off from his....(retirement?) to operate the mochi machines.

Lunch was provided by Liz and George Fujimoto.

On December 14th.....We parked ourselves at Ichiban Restaurant's sushi bar. Ichiban's Saturday hours are from 4:30 pm, but we had our private party from 2 to 3:30 pm. It was an afternoon to just relax and enjoy the food.

On December 18th.....Our annual Christmas party plus this year we honored Mrs. Hayano on her 87th birthday. Her church (independent church) members prepared the lunch with a birthday cake.

To begin our program Issei made Christmas ornaments, followed by singing Christmas Carols.....Issei sang the Japanese version and we sang the English. We had some wild games, presents for the Isseis and Santa Claus. Again, Hank Makino did a super job entertaining. This year he wore a Japanese style Santa suit (made by Ginko Lundin) with a hachi maki with the words, Merry Christmas in ka ta ga na. We all had a great time.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We received donations from the following persons and organizations

Sam and Betty Hirabayashi	Independent Church (Issei)
George and Toshi Nishida	Helen Tanaka Memorial Fund
Louise and Derrick Lue	Mrs. Hangai Memorial
Gladys Stone	Rev. Otani's Church
Tak and Hisa Osada	Yosh and Kay Matsuura
Sakae Hinataya	Nobuya and Megumi Tsuchida

MEMO FROM THE PRESIDENT

FOCUS ON COMMUNICATION

Greetings to all members of the Twin Cities Chapter, from the "most sansei" administration in Chapter history!

The Chapter is at a turning point. This year's Board of Directors has, in equal measure, the experience of some of its most dedicated and active nisei and the restlessness of some of its brightest and most promising sansei.

To make this mixture of nisei/sansei, experience/youth work, we need to communicate with each other. As a technical writer for National Computer Systems, I write user manuals for computer software. I am reminded every day of the need for clear, direct communication. As Chapter President, I have determined that in order to move ahead as a chapter, we need to improve our communication skills.

I therefore propose a focus on communication for 1986. By focusing on communication, we can build on the questioning and redirection we have begun during the last few years. By focusing on communication now, we can give our Chapter a strong foundation for growth in the areas of leadership, membership, and program development.

We need to communicate within the Chapter:

- By increasing our knowledge (especially among the sansei) of the JAACL structure on the chapter, district, and national levels
- By developing a Chapter Handbook for the officers and board members, containing a description of duties, the Constitution and By-Laws, and guidelines for managing the chapter
- By repeating the workshops we attend at Midwest District meetings (such as Nisei Retirement and Anti-Asian Violence) here in the Twin Cities
- By calling on members besides the "regulars" to help with Chapter activities
- By continuing to seek the best ways to serve our membership

We need to communicate with those outside the Chapter:

- By strengthening our ties with other Asian organizations in the Twin Cities
- By taking a leadership role in local Asian issues (see the letter of endorsement elsewhere in this newsletter)
- By continuing to speak out -- to our friends, to Members of Congress, to legislators, and in letters to the editor -- about the Internment and Redress

I'll be setting a communications example by writing to you in this space in each issue of the newsletter. You can talk with me by calling me at work (830-7793) or at home (866-4311; if the answering machine answers, please leave a message). I'm looking forward to hearing from you!



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January 2, 1986

Minnesota Judicial Merit Advisory Commission
Office of the Governor
130 State Capitol
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

The Twin Cities Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League strongly supports the appointment of Wesley Iijima to the Fourth Judicial District of Minnesota.

Over a period of many years, Mr. Iijima has clearly demonstrated his commitment to fair play and the rights of the individual. He served as Chairman of the Twin Cities Chapter's Committee on Human Rights, leading projects on the chapter and Midwest District levels. Mr. Iijima also served as one of our representatives in the Concerned Asian Americans, a community group that advises the University of Minnesota on Asian American student affairs.

Mr. Iijima spearheaded the founding of the Minnesota Asian Advocacy Coalition (MAAC), and the formation of the Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans, both of which the JACL endorses.

The Chapter believes that the appointment of Wesley Iijima would help all Minnesotans recognize Asian Americans as significant contributors to the state's welfare and leadership. We believe that his appointment would bring a unique and valuable perspective to the Fourth Judicial District.

Sincerely,

Matthew Abe, President

1986 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Chapter: Twin Cities

MEMBER CATEGORIES: Membership good for 12 months since previous expiration date. (Please check X beside the appropriate category.)

- Regular (single)-----\$35.00
- Family (husband & wife)---\$60.00
- Student (post high school)-\$10.00
- Youth (through high school)-\$5.00
- Associate (non-voting)-----\$15.00
- 1000 Club Annual(individual)--\$55.00
- Century Club (individual)--\$110.00
- Spouse of 1000 or Century Member--\$25.00

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

I am interested in working on a committee. Yes _____ No _____

I am interested in being a Board Member. Yes _____ No _____

I was referred to JAACL by _____.

Please return with Remittance to Twin Cities Chapter Membership
Chair: Carolyn S. Nayematsu
525 SE 8th St.
Minneapolis, MN 55414

Academic Merit Scholarship Programs University of Minnesota

1986-1987

The University of Minnesota is pleased to announce the following Academic Merit-Based Scholarships available to high school seniors planning to enroll as freshmen at the University of Minnesota. These scholarships may be used at any campus of the University of Minnesota and are transferable between campuses. Recipients not only receive a financial award; they are eligible to participate in a special four-year program of academic and cultural enrichment that includes retreats, breakfast seminars, and other honors activities.

Applicants who are eligible for more than one award will receive the higher of the awards. All recipients will receive a total financial aid package that meets 100 percent of their demonstrated need as calculated by the University's Office of Student Financial Aid. At least one-half of this total will be in the form of scholarships and grants.

Applicants for the Presidential and Minority Scholarships must submit personal essays and teacher recommendations in support of their applications. Demonstrated leadership qualities are important criteria in the selection process for these awards.

Elmer L. Andersen National Merit Scholarships (\$750-2,000)

National Merit Scholarships award \$750-2,000 per year for up to four years, depending upon documented financial need and continued satisfactory progress toward a degree. Eligibility requirements include:

- Semi-finalist in the National Merit Scholarship competition;
- Selection of one of the University of Minnesota campuses as **first choice of college** on the National Merit Scholarship Application form.

Presidential Scholars (\$1,000)

These awards of \$1,000 each are offered for the freshman year only and are not renewable. Eligibility requirements include:

- Minnesota resident
- High school rank in the top five percent;
- Demonstrated exceptional school or community leadership.

Morton S. Katz and President's Outstanding Minority Scholarships (\$1,000)

These awards of \$1,000 each are renewable for up to four years. Eligibility requirements include:

- Member of a racial or ethnic minority;
- Superior high school academic record;
- Strong performance on the National Merit/PSAT examination or comparable academic assessment instrument (SAT or ACT);
- Leadership qualities and potential.

Application Deadline: February 1, 1986

For application information, please contact your guidance counselor, principal, or:

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