

# Japanese American Citizens League

## NEWSLETTER

TWIN CITIES CHAPTER

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### NIPPON BEAT

Works of art and design highlighting Japanese urban culture will be featured in a show now being organized by Walker Art Center in Minneapolis. It is being touted as the largest and most expensive show in the Walker's history, with original art being commissioned by the art center and financed by big-name Japanese corporations such as Sony and Toshiba.

Entitled "Tokyo: Form and Spirit," the show will run from April 20 to July 20. If you are interested in attending the opening or would like more information, call the Walker at 375-7600.

### IN COMMUNITY SERVICE

Yoshi Tani, a longtime JACL member and resident of St. Paul, was appointed in January to the Metropolitan Council's Aging Advisory Committee. The committee advises and makes recommendations to the council on affairs concerning senior citizens in the Twin Cities area.

### MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING NOTES

January 1986: Chapter president Matt Abe announced his appointments to the following offices: Chuck Tatsuda, Jr., treasurer; David Doi and Abe, human rights committee; Phil Nomura (and possibly Min Tsuchimochi), V.P. for programs. Youth and President Elect offices have not been filled yet. Matt will ask Kimi Hara to again serve as scholarship committee chair. ...Chris Sandberg suggested that more activities for preschool and elementary school children be organized to draw in Sansei parents. The Board agreed upon this, and passed it on to the activities committee.... Redress chairman Sam Honda reported that redress was "going slowly" in Congress, and that the campaign was in need of money. The Board approved his suggestion that a fundraising letter be sent to all members, with the stipulation that the money will not go to the LEC and thus will be tax deductible.... Kiyoshi Ishibashi will be asked to try to secure a permit for this year's picnic at Lake Phalen.... The Normandale Japanese Garden Association will be celebrating its tenth anniversary on July 12-13, 1986. The JACL will be asked to participate.

(Note: the editor apologizes for the lateness of the Monthly Business Meeting Notes. We are trying to improve the manner in which MBM information reaches the newsletter. In the meantime, we ask for our readers' forbearance.)

## CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

For the past twenty-three years, our chapter has made available several scholarship in recognition of those students of Japanese ancestry, who have excelled academically, given outstanding service to their school, or who may have made an unusual contribution to their community.

Applications are available by calling Tom Ohno...831-5969

Following is a list of known forthcoming high school graduates:

Daikawa, Vicki	Rosemount	Oshiro, Karen	Burnsville
Matsuda,		Pratt, William	Monticello
Matsui, Jeffrey	Burnsville	Sakuma, Linda	Shakopee
Matsuura, Yoko	Bloom. Jefferson	Sugisaka, Yoko	Park Cottage Grove
Murakami, Steve	Moundsvew	Takehita, Erik	St. Paul Academy

If there are high school seniors we have missed, call Tom Ohno as soon as possible. Your cooperation is appreciated.

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REDRESS.....

.....Sam Honda

What are our chances of getting restitution (\$20,000) for our time spent in internment camps during WW II? The Gramm-Rudman Amendment was enacted into law. U. S. deficit targets start at \$171.9 billion. An estimated \$11.7 billion reduction is necessary for 1986 to comply with the new law. Year-by-year reduction target are: 1987, \$27.9 billion; and \$36 billion for each of the next four years.

Defense and domestic spending would share equally in the spending reduction. Will there be any money for restitution? Representative Robert Matsui is very positive there will be compensation. He stated that where justice is involved, the American people will be fair and supportive. He urged the continuing hard work of JACL chapters in acquiring support for redress.

Minnesota have two co-sponsors for HR-442; 4th district, Bruce Vento; 6th district, Gerry Sikorski. Senator Rudy Boschwitz became a co-sponsor early this year. When I spoke with one of Boschwitz's aids, (Pearson) he told me they receive more letters against the bill (s.1053) than for. And....some of the letters against were from persons who were detained in camps.

We must write to our congressmen for their support.

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### DANCE (ODORI) PRACTICE FOR FESTIVAL OF NATIONS

Place: Hans Christian Anderson School Room B - 115  
2727 - 10th Ave. South  
Minneapolis  
(near Abbott Northwestern Hospital)

Schedule: Every Wednesday, March 12th, 19th.  
No practice on March 26th  
April 2, 9, 16 & 23rd.

Time: Children - 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm  
Adults - 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Call Linda van Dooijeweert for more information and possible practice site in St. Paul.  
Linda's phone No. 484-3670

## WOMEN'S BOWLING NEWS

The sudden and tragic loss of our long time bowler and friend, Helen Tanaka, and the flu-bitten Phyllis Takekawa and infection riddled Carol Johnson marred our annual trek to the Minnesota Women's State Bowling Tournament. Substitutes were obtained at the last minute through Sue Takekawa and away we went to the tournament held at Mermaid and Flaherty Lanes at New Brighton and Arden Hills on February 15th and 16th, 1986.

Lily Honda had the hot hand, bowling a single's score of 644. Others in the 500 series were Helen Tsuchiya 569, May Tanaka 556, Sue Takekawa 546, Susan Nelson 543, Susan Slater 526, and Diane Frosig 510.

In the doubles, Susan Nelson and Helen Tsuchiya combined for a total of 1244, Ruth Yahanda and Cathy Hosek 1037, and May Tanaka and Lily Honda 1007. Jim Tabata's Auto Truck Service team No. 2, came in the money with a total of 2423. The team members are Susan Slater, Lily Honda, Susan Nelson, Diane Frosig and Kathy Workman.

Special 200 pins were awarded to Lily Honda 225, Susan Nelson 212 and May Tanaka 201.

Despite the snowstorm which seems to follow us whenever we bowl, the whole gang was invited to Herb and Kathy Workman's for potluck dinner and a fun evening which included a special birthday cake for Lily Honda baked by newcomer, Susan Slater. Every year some of us bowl great and some of us bowl lousy but the comradery of this group has kept it alive and well for many years and everyone agreed that this was another fun get together. Next year, the tournament will be in Hibbing and Virginia, Minnesota.

.....Helen Tsuchiya

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### A Social Service Message

A Hmong family, recent arrival to St. Paul, URGENTLY NEEDS Children clothes, ages 1 (girl), 3 (boy), and 8 (girl). Also, they need blankets, towels, household utensils, etc. If you have these articles and would like to give them to the Hmong family, call Esther Suzuki.....her office No. 298-4797.

Hmong family needs furnitures too, but can manage without them. Their urgent needs are clothes and cooking utensils.

**MINNESOTA NIKKEI PROJECT** .....Sam Honda

On January 8th, Isseis were invited to the TC Buddhist Association's Annual New Years Party. There was lots of delicious food, entertainment and gifts for the Isseis. Entertainment was provided by a Taiko (drum) group from where else, the Twin Cities. Its members are Lynn Oyanagi, Mike & Phyllis Kimitch, Todd Tsuchiya and Ben Wong. With less than a year of practicing together, they were terrific. A bingo game with prizes for all and for some 2 or 3 prizes was enjoyed by all.

On February 2nd...100 members attended our annual meeting at Kabuki Restaurant. I hope everyone reviewed our financial report. We are fortunate to have so many generous contributors and I'm sure they didn't donate all that money so we could open a money market account. We need help in programs, events or outings for the Isseis. Our thanks to Hank Makino for getting the entertainment together. To Masako Hoshino who played the koto and danced; and to Hiroko boerger and Kazuye Amey for dancing, Thank you very much.

On February 22nd....We took the Isseis to see "RAN" at the Uptown Theater. After 2 hours and 40 minutes of Samurai swords flying and cutting with blood all over the walls, we went to Asuka's for dinner. As always, Asuka's provided more food than we can handle. We wanted to enjoy their delicious tempura before the restaurant changes hand at the end of February.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The following persons provided the lunch for the Day-out Program.

On January 8th....Phyllis Takekawa, Fuji Katayama and Ethel Umeda.

On January 22nd...Kimi Hara, Takako Sakamoto, Mrs. Nagamitsu, Fumi Kyono, and Tadao Pratt. It was a farewell luncheon honoring Mrs. Hayano who left for Seattle.

On February 5th....Alice Takata, Ruth Yahanda and Mari Uchida in memory of Mrs. Yahanda. Fuki Abe donated the February birthday cake.

On February 19th...Ginko Lundin honoring Mrs. Yoshida on her birthday. Linda van Dooijeweert Provided the cake.

Donations received from the following persons:

Yosh & Kay Matsuura

Shirley Huskins

Tom & Martha Oye

Nob & Minnie Kimura

Frank & Helen Tsuchiya

Kay Tsurusaki

Tsuyoshi Hashimoto

Ted & Ruri Matsuyama

Ruth Tanbara

Bill & Peg Doi

Fuki Abe

In Memory of Mrs. Yahanda

Akira Takemori

Harry & Ethel Umeda

Mrs. Koto Kirihara

Alice & Harry Takata

Bill & Anice Hirabayashi

David & Ruth Yahanda

Sue & Shig Sato

Margaret Satow

Also, donation received from Japanese Fellowship Church