

# Japanese American Citizens League

## NEWSLETTER

TWIN CITIES CHAPTER

October, 1987

Editor: Sam Honda

We need a volunteer to put out this newsletter. Until we get a volunteer everyone will have to suffer reading my so called writing. Keep in mind the best grade I ever received in English was a C.....maybe it was C-.

Also, our chapter needs members to serve on the board. If you or know someone who would like to serve on the board, call John Nakasone 772-2707.

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### REPORT FROM THE MILE-HIGH CITY!

Chris Sandberg

I attended the Tri-District Convention in Denver this August, on behalf of the Twin Cities Chapter. The Eastern District, Midwestern District, and Mountain Plains Councils jointly sponsored the meeting. This report is a bit disjointed, but reflects the most important things from my notes of the Convention.

The Denver Chapter outdid themselves with an outstanding program. In addition to the business meetings, attendees (122 registered for the main meetings) enjoyed workshops such as "Asian Identity Conflict", "Ni sei/Sansei/Yonseis Roles-What Do They Expect?", "Leadership Skills For The Year 2000", "Jr. JAACL-Taboo Topics", "Identity Conflict in Biracial and Bicultural Children", "Portrayal of Asian Men/Asian Women in the Media", and "Asian Men/Asian Women Roles in Transition". The organizers also had arranged for several video programs to be shown throughout the day.

The MDC elected new officers at the Convention:

Governor .....John Hayashi

1st Vice Gov.....April Goral

2nd Vice Gov.....Thomas Hara.

The election was unanimous.

The MDC also passed a motion opposing the nomination of Robert Bork to the United States Supreme Court, and a motion to support the fight of Koreans in Japan against discriminatory treatment.

The fall MDC meeting will be in Cleveland on October 16, 17, and 18. The MDC will host the next Tri-District Convention in July or August of 1989, probably in Chicago. San Diego will host the 1990 National Convention.

National JAACL is about \$75,000 behind budget, and President Harry Kajihara discussed whether the deficit should be made up through a one-time surcharge, through an increase in regular dues, or through deficit spending.

Min Yasui was remembered by many of his friends and co-workers during the Convention opening ceremonies. Shig Wakamatsu reported that the Min Yasui Memorial Fund, as of July 31, had received 1214 donations totalling over \$45,000, and is expected to go over \$50,000.



Redress.....On September 17th, the 200th Birthday of the Constitution, U.S. House of Representative voted 243 in favor, 141 against our redress bill which will compensate \$20,000 to each internee. The senate version s.1009 has over 70 co-sponsors and hopefully they will all vote for redress. However, the bill does face the prospect of a veto by president Reagan.

Please write a note of thanks to the 5 Minnesota Congressman who voted for Redress.

Vin Weber	106 COB	Washington D.C.	20515
Bruce Vento	2304 ROB	"	"
Martin Sabo	2201 ROB	"	"
Gerry Sikorski	414 COB	"	"
James Oberstar	2351 ROB	"	"

COB = Cannon Office Building  
 ROB = Rayburn Office Building  
 LOB = Longworth Office Building

I don't want to count my chickens before they hatch, however, if the bill is accepted and becomes law, anyone who accepts the \$20,000, you can not carry out a class action suit against the government. i.e. redress legislation in an "out of court settlement". Because of the uncertainty of the law suit, it is reasonable to accept the redress legislation proposal. Again, the bill has not become law.

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## JACL GOLF TOURNAMENT

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GROSS GOLF COURSE

### Tournament Winners

A Flight	B Flight	C Flight	Women's Flight
Scott Takekawa	George Nishida	Kiyo Kakura	Helen Tsuchiya

Donations received from: Tom Kosobayashi, Pyramid Products  
 Sam Goto, St. Cloud  
 United Noodles  
 TC JACL  
 Shin-Ons, New Japanese Restaurant  
 Selby & Western, St. Paul

## A FAIR SHAKE

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## A MORE PERFECT UNION

## Japanese Americans and the United States Constitution

A permanent Japanese American experience exhibit at the Smithsonian American History building in Washington D.C. opened on October 1st.

The exhibit is about immigrants, discrimination, concentration camps of World War II and 442nd "Go For Broke" Regiment/MIS American G.I s. "A more perfect Union" begins with a large sign "I am an American" and a video of John Chancellor, NBC Newsmen, explaining the constitution and the effects on Japanese Americans. There are more than 1000 objects, artifacts and documents on display including a 1944 Denson High School (Jerome) year book. A barrack room is re-built showing the size, pot-belly stove and furtures (too nice). It is entirely possible someone had nice furtures and nice dresser, but I would guess most of us who experienced camp life would feel our living quarters were some what different.

Documents on draft resistors, loyalty questionnaires, attack on Nisei who insist on loyalty to U.S. by pro-Japan faction and over 5,700 Niseis renounced their American Citizenship. Excluding the brutal attack on Chiura Obata in Topaz, this is not a story of disloyalty, but taking a stand on our constitution.

I encourage all Americans to see this exhibit. It is not a story about Japanese Americans it is American History. I would guess about 3000 plus Americans attended the opening ceremony October 1st on the capitol steps. We were deprived of our freedom. A More Perfect Union tells the story of this episode through the medium of hundreds of artifacts and photographs. Visit the Smithsonian.

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NIKKEI PROJECT.....Our project is still going strong with the Wednesday Day-out Program and the Monthly Outings. Isseis enjoy dining out so we have been to Afton House, Shakopee House, Shin-Ons, Fort Snelling Officer's Club and Chop Stick Inn. We had our annual meeting, open house plus a birthday party for Mr. Tsuchimochi's 99th birthday. Last month, with couple of 15 passenger vans, Isseis enjoyed an afternoon ride to see the Fall Colors in Wisconsin and a visit to Amond's Apple Orchard. Our thanks to Hank Makino & Tak Tsuchiya for driving the vans.

The project is fortunate to have so many supporter.....volunteers and financially. Many volunteers have prepared lunch for the Wednesday Day-out program, but Ginko Lundin has been preparing lunch for us (many times) to make up for the missing weeks.

**PROJECT NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO PREPARE LUNCH.  
IF YOU CAN HELP CALL GINKO LUNDIN ON 831-7978**

1986

Oct. 15th	Debie Tsuchiya and Kandis Tsuchiya
Nov. 5	Peg Doi, Anice Hirabayashi and Kay Zawaski
Nov. 19	Isseis from the Independence Church
Dec. 3	Suzume Restaurant, Chizuko Hirakawa
Dec. 17	Fuji Katayama, Ethel Umeda and Phyllis Takekawa

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Feb. 4th	Alice Takata, Ruth & David Yahanada and Mari Uchiida
Mar. 18	Fumi Kyono, Mary Kitagawa, Tom & Deane Nagamitsu
Apr. 15	Mary Tsuchiya and May Tanaka
May 6	Kimi Hara, Takako Sakamoto and Rei Sumada
June 17	Rev. Andrew and Kiyo Otani

On June 20th, our Open House, Mieko Ikeda donated all those delicious manju. Linda Van D. Donated the door prizes (Urban Traveler Stores)

NIKKEI PROJECT  
Donations/Memorials  
1986/1987

1986	<u>Donations</u>	1986	<u>Memorials</u>
June	Tatsuko & Mickey Ogata  Takuzo & Mary Tsuchiya Tom & Martha Oye Yoshio & Alice Matsumoto Shizuko Keegan Mrs. Fujimoto	June	Sam Higuchi
July	Tom & Mrs. Kanno Dr. Akira & Valerie Takemori	Sept.	Joe Ito (Katayama's)
Oct.	Kay Kushino Duane & Toshiko Erickson Dr. Akira & Valerie Takemori		
Nov.	Jim & Shigeo Kirihara Warren & Fumi Kyono	Nov.	Nagamitsu Memorial (\$1,358)  Nagamitsu Memorial Whitney/Sandy Yep Janice/Gary Pierson
Dec.	George & Elizabeth Fujimoto Harry & Ethel Umeda Dr. & Mrs. Tak Osada Jim & Shigeo Kirihara Twin City Independent Church Sam & Betty Kirabayashi (San Rafael, Calif.) Dr. George & Mrs. Nishida	Dec.	Nagamitsu Memorial Ed/Pearl Yoshikawa Debra J. Murphy Dept. Agronomy/Soils Washington State  Nagamitsu Memorial Ralph/Emi Collier Paul/Katherine Ohtaki
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Jan.	Japanese Christian Union Church  Yosh & Kay Matsuura David & Mary Kitagawa Tsuyoshi Hashimoto Takuzo & Mary Tsuchiya Mark T. Okuma (Beverly Hills, Calif) Graphic Sales (Fumio Hangai)	Jan.	Mrs. Kiyo Nomura (Ruth Tanbara's mother's birthday)
Feb.	Shigeo & Sue Sato Mari Uchida Harry & Alice Takata Chester & June Fujino Mrs. Chizuko Ando	Feb.	Mrs. Yoshie Sakamoto (Mas Sakamoto)  Mrs. T. Yahanda (David & Ruth Yahanda)
Mar.	Yokio & Molly Yamaguchi Dr. Akira & Valerie Takemori	March	Shig Tsurusaki and Mother Tsurusaki (Kiyoko Tsurusaki)
April	Dr. George & Yoshi Tani Edward & Sara Okada Suh Teramoto (Mr. Tsuchimochi's 99th birthday) Dr. George & Yoshi Tani (Mrs. Ando's 77th birthday)		
May	Minoru Tsuchimochi Nobuo & Mineko Kimura Junie Kawamura Molly Yamaguchi		
June	Yoshio & Alice Matsumoto		
July	Martin & Chisako Hirabayashi Tom & Martha Oye Rev. Andrew & Kiyoko Otani George & Michi Rokutani Isamu & Julie Saito Jim & Shigeo Kirihara Koqne Miwa & Yoko Metoki Mrs. Toshie Fujimoto		
August	Br. Akira & Valerie Takemori Clarence & Mieko Imada		
Sept.	Mrs. Nishimura		
Oct.	Matsuura Family		