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TWIN CITIES CHAPTER

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FESTIVAL OF NATIONS

April 29-30 and May 1

JACL will again have their Japanese Gift Booth. Committee is now purchasing thousands of gift items.....and will need help to sell these gift items. If you can help at this booth call Min Tsuchimochi on 545-9068 or Mark Honda on 379-1311.

Gloria Kumagai and Lily Honda, co-chair, for the ribbon fish and origami demonstration booth needs help to make ribbon fishes before the festival. If you are willing to make ribbon fishes call Gloria on 927-7185 or Lil on 429-3410.

NEWS  **about your credit union**

Our Credit Union has changed its name from Twin Cities United Citizens League to TWIN CITIES JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE (TC JACL).

35th annual meeting was held on February 21st at Yen Cheng Restaurant in Brooklyn Center. Isseis were guest of the credit union. Our credit union has been operating for over 35 years and during that time we have only incurred one bad debt. This is your credit union.....we're here to help. For more information and loans call Edward Yoshikawa on 822-8982.

Award Winning Film: Color of Honor

The MIS Veterans Committee wish to thank all who

contributed in support of this film. The response was over-whelming. Over \$1100.00 donated. Loni Ding, producer and director of this film, expressed her appreciation many times. Thank you very much.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 29,30 - May 1st Festival of Nations St. Paul Civic Center

May 18 "Life in the Fast Lane" Lane Nishikawa, Asian American Theater Co.
7:30 pm Coffman Union U of M

May 22 Sukiyaki Dinner Fund Raiser, St. Louis Park

June 12 Picnic - Phalen Park St. Paul

August 4 - 11 National Convention U of W Seattle, Washington

REDRESS.....Bill Yoshino, Midwest District Director

There has been no word as to when the redress bill will be considered by the Senate. It is my understanding, however, that JACL/LEC legislative strategist, Grant Ujifusa, has spent considerable energy in lobbying officials in the White House and Cabinet since passage of the legislation in the House. Grant has been working to remove obstacles which may prevent a favorable review of the issue by the President. All indications are that the White House will review the issue in a fair and open manner. There is much reason for optimism on redress and each chapter redress representative should redouble efforts to stimulate chapter action during this current session of Congress. Henry Tanaka and I will continue to inform the chapter redress representatives of updates on the legislation.

Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans

2nd Asian-Pacific Minnesotan Leadership Awards 1988 honoring 17 Asian-Pacific individuals/organization for their significant contribution to society and humanity, as a pioneer in their respective fields, and for promoting a positive image of Asian-Pacific Minnesotans in their area of expertise.

Thursday, March 31, 1988

At the Capitol Rotunda, St. Paul, 10 A.M. State Legislators/Asian-Pacific Minnesotan Community Leaders Caucus. 11 A.M. Gov. Perpich presentation of certificates of commendation to the Awardees.

At the Minnesota Club 317 Washington St., St. Paul, 6 P.M. Reception-Meet our Awardees. 7 P.M. Appreciation and Award Dinner.

Congratulations to all 17 recipients. Two of the Awardees are from the Japanese Community. Dr. Gloria Kumagai for education and Wes Iijima for civil and human rights.

RESERVATION FORM - AWARDS DINNER

PRINT NAME: _____ TEL. NO. () _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Please reserve _____ tickets @\$15 per person. Enclosed is my check for \$ _____.

Please mail to: Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans
205 Aurora Avenue, Suite 100
St. Paul, MN 55103 (612) 296-0538

WANTED: Applicants ages 9 to 18 to go to Japan.

Well, that's not exactly true. But this is the nearest thing to Japan that one can get without leaving the state of Minnesota. Applications are now being accepted for Mori-No-Ike (Lake in the Woods) Japanese Language Village. August 8 to 20, 1988.

In Japan today, virtually every senior high student has received years of instruction in the English language. In Minnesota only a handful of private and public schools offer Japanese. This is an excellent opportunity to get a taste of Japan "in our own backyard".

This program was started 27 years ago under the sponsorship of Concordia College called Concordia Language Villages. German camp, or Village, was the first. Over the years French, Russian, Chinese, Spanish, Norwegian, Swedish, Finnish and Danish were added. This year, with a big push from Gov. Rudy Perpich, Japanese will be offered.

Lest some students may say, "We get enough school without going two weeks in summer". This is not like a school. One learns about the language and culture of Japan through skits and activities, games, songs, presentations and of course conversation. While the curriculum hasn't been finalized yet, following the pattern of the other nine Language Villages, villagers will no doubt go through "customs" upon their arrival at the village; adopt a Japanese name; relinquish "American" books, tapes and radios; exchange their dollars for yen; take up residence in a cabin named after a Japanese city; and proceed to become as Japanese as possible.

Villagers will eat a typical Japanese breakfast after learning about the foods, their preparation and how to ask for them in Japanese. Subsequent meals, also Japanese, will be prepared similarly stressing dining customs and developing language skills. Mixed in throughout the day will be a variety of activities - perhaps brief dramatizations of some aspect of Japanese history, or meeting and visiting with a famous artist or personality as acted out by one of the counselors. Swimming and short hikes are in. Villagers will also learn Japanese dances, songs, arts and games; they will celebrate Japanese holidays, and through native speakers learn much about Japan today.

Put briefly, you will for two weeks be in a miniature foreign country - Japan.

The location of Mori-No-Ike will be at Giant's Ridge, near Biwabik, Minnesota. Applicants are being accepted from all over the country - but only 80 will be accepted for 1988. Language skills, or lack of it, is no problem. If the experience of the other language villages is any example, villagers will come from every state in the union and from other countries as well.

The cost for the two week program is \$475.00 This first year especially, a number of scholarships are being offered. Also staff people are being sought. For more information write Odell M. Bjerkness, Director or Alvin P. Traaseth, Coordinator, International Language Villages, Concordia College, Moorhead, MN 56560. Or call 1-800-247-1044 (inside MN) or 1-800-222-4750 (outside MN). If you are interested only in trivial over the kitchen table info re the program you may call me, Bill Doi, 636-7423.

REMINDER: PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

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_____	Associate membership	15.00
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