

Japanese American Citizens League

NEWSLETTER

TWIN CITIES CHAPTER

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Installation Dinner

Lil and I always attend the Installation Dinner because she makes the table decorations and of course it is an occasion to install our leaders to the board. If I would have known it was to be a "Sam Honda Night" I would have attended JM's Korean Festival in White Bear. Lil insisted I wear a white shirt and tie and I couldn't imagine why she was so persistent.....she must have thought "what a stubborn guy" My humble thank you for the honor and many thanks for the recognition plaque and the Samurai warrior. (The warrior is so large I'm going to have to throw out some 20 African violets to make room for it) DOES THIS MEAN I HAVE TO CONTINUE THIS NEWSLETTER, CHAIR THE REDRESS PROGRAM, SERVE ON THE CREDIT UNION BOARD AND CHAIR THE NIKKEI PROJECT? Well.....

Our Installation was well attended....some 144 members and friends. I'm sure everyone enjoyed the pop-overs....dinner was great....except for my potatoes were as hard as my po-do golf balls. Our president, Jay Yamashiro, runs a meeting like my boss. He proposes a motion, someone seconds it ANDDDDDD....it is passed. No vote, no discussion. The best part of it is the meeting goes quickly. Our speaker, Jerry Enomoto, spoke about redress appropriation. It is not going to be easy to convince appropriation committee members to appropriate large funding early and not drag it out for 10 years.

Board members were installed by Tom Hara, 2nd vice governor, Midwest District Council.

1989 Board Members

Mark Honda	Joyce Miyamoto	Chris Sandberg	Linda van D.
Shirley Iseri	Chris Murakami	May Tanaka	Jay Yamashiro
Kay Kushino	John Nakasone	Charles Tatsuda, Jr.	Min Yoshida

REDRESS..... Enclosed is a Civil Liberties Act of 1988-voluntary information form. Voluntary information means you don't have to give the justice dept. any information. Everyone knows the justice dept. isn't going all out to get this information from you, so my suggestion is to give the justice dept. as much information as possible...well, unless you are not interested in reparation. If you need extra forms or know someone who wishes one call me....429-3410
This form may be duplicated.

If you have a question on who is eligible to receive restitution, call the Office of Reparation Administration (ORA) 1 - 800 - 228-8375. It is a good number.....I already called them. Question I asked was I know a Nisei who renounced his citizenship, gone to Japan after the war and still resides there probably with a Japanese citizenship. Is he eligible for compensation? ORA didn't say yes or no....they will iron out all extenuating questions in due time. Someone from the ORA will come to the Twin Cities upon request, I feel since they don't know all the answers we should wait 6 months. I believe most of the unanswered questions if answered will be published in the P.C.

Book Report -- "They Call Me Moses Masaoka" It is a story of how one man can make a difference, how he fought injustice within the system and emerge victorious. Our chapter has 9 left for \$13.27/book.

Speaking of evacuation & internment books....if you want to get angry, read Michi Weglyn's "Years of Infamy".....if you want to cry a little, read Mary Tsukamoto's "We the People".



Our Credit Union passed out felt pins at the Installation Dinner. The cap has "Thank You" written in 20 different language including ありがとう. Lower part has our Credit Union address & phone number. Call Ed Yoshikawa for more information 822-8982

Make use of all your Credit Union's service

Reparations for Black People in the U.S.

Reagan gave the Japanese Reparations for 4 years of U.S. internment during the Second Imperialist War (WWII)

**African People in the U.S.
Demand Reparations for 400 years of Slavery and Stolen Labor**

**African National
Reparations Organization**

Interesting? Very interesting

Golf Tournament - held sometime in August when the temperatures was way up in the 90's. I have a few notes on the tournament....if I'm not entirely correct, forget it. It's not that important.....what is important is we received a dozen golf balls from Tom Kosobayashi, proprietor of Pyramid Products. Saji-ya's manager, Bill Sumada, donated dinner for two and Shin On's Sushi Bar donated couple of sushi dinners. Our chapter puts up \$50.00 every year towards the prize fund. Thank you all!

Now for the wieners (hot dogs)

A flight	B Flight	C Flight	Women's Flt.
Nobi Kuga	Hiroshi Sato	Jay Yamashiro	Lil Tanaka
Scott Takekawa	John Takekawa	Hideyo Sugimura	Sayuki Sugimura
Willie Snider	Tomo Kuga	Aki Matsushita	Helen Tsuchiya

I almost forgot.....Junie Kawamura gave away a door prize, a Japanese Gift Item from his company. (I forgot the name of his company, sorry Junie) Thank you for the donation.

Just a note, but an important note. I have written this before and I will repeat it again. This chapter has everthing going for them except a newsletter editor. I don't want to be too critical about the one you have, but he writes on a 6th grade or lower level. This chapter deserves a editor who is capable of writing and willing to put her or his best foot forward and have a first class news- letter.

NEED A VOLUNTEER!