

# RICE PAPER

The newsletter of the Twin Cities chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League

April 1992

## Festival plans are underway!

Preparations are well underway for the 1992 Festival of Nations to be held Thursday through Sunday, April 30, May 1, 2, 3, at the St. Paul Civic Center. (Note: Thursday hours are open to student groups only; Friday through Sunday are open to the public.) This year marks the 60th anniversary of Minnesota's largest multi-ethnic event. The Festival is one of our chapter's major fundraisers, so we need your help to make sure we have another successful event.

### Volunteer

Make plans now to join your volunteer colleagues at the JACL Origami/Ribbon Fish booth or the Gift Bazaar booth. We need help setting up the booths, taking them down, selling merchandise, demonstrating crafts and more. Day and evening shifts are available. All volunteers will receive complimentary passes for admission to the festival. Please contact Lil Honda, 429-3410, if you are interested in helping with the Origami booth. Call Chuck Tatsuda Jr., 724-7264, if you can help with the Bazaar booth. A get-acquainted, merchandise-familiarization party will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, for booth volunteers.

### Dance

A volunteer children and adults dance group will perform again this year at the festival. Both the children and children/adults groups dance on Saturday; the adults dance on Sunday. Without participation by the dancers, the JACL Bazaar booth and the food booth operated by the St. Paul Nagasaki Sister City Committee would not be able to participate in the festival. Dance practices are held twice a week. If you are interested in dancing, call Linda van Dooijeweert, 484-3670 (h) or 631-9157 (w).

### Save money

Buy your festival tickets early and save \$2 on each adult admission. Tickets are \$5 adults in advance, \$7 at the door; \$4 youth (ages 5-16) in advance and at the door. Discount advance tickets are available from members of the Japanese dance group; proceeds from the advance ticket sales sold by the dance group help defray the cost of the dancers' equipment and props. To obtain advance discount tickets, call Jay Yamashiro, 698-4926.

- Linda van Dooijeweert



The Sansei Yonsei Kai Japanese Dance Group will perform at the Festival of Nations.

## 1992 Twin Cities JACL board of directors

The following people were installed Jan. 18 as board members for 1992. All are serving two-year terms except where noted. Officers are elected by the board each year.

	<u>Term expires</u>
Mark Honda	1992
President	
David Hayashi	1993
First vice president, president elect	
Joanne Kumagai	1992*
Second vice president	
Chuck Tatsuda Jr.	1993
Treasurer	
Joyce Miyamoto	1992
Secretary	
Tom Hara	1993
Shirley Iseri Hinchliff	1993
David Koch	1993
Kathy Koch	1992
John Nakasone	1993
Chris Murakami Noonan	1992
Charissa Uemura	1993
Linda van Dooijeweert	1992
Jay Yamashiro	1992**

\* Appointed to fill remaining one year of Shirley Hinchliff's unexpired term.

\*\* Appointed to fill remaining one year of Kay Kushino's unexpired term.

## Many local JACLers interviewed for 50th anniversary commemoration

The Twin Cities JACL would like to thank all the volunteers who were interviewed by the local media in conjunction with the 50th anniversary commemorations of Pearl Harbor and Executive Order 9066.

At a local level, these events went smoothly without any apparent negative backlash. On the national level, however, there were some reports of threats of violence. These negative, racially motivated threats only show us that the issue of anti-Asian sentiment is very much alive. It also is quite apparent in the current "Buy American" campaign that racism and its associated anger and hatred can surface readily.

The support of the local media, especially KARE-11 TV, was excellent. JACLers who volunteered to be interviewed by the media presented a perspective of the anniversaries that may otherwise have been overlooked. Everyone did an excellent job.

It is our opinion that KARE-11 TV and reporter Allen Constantini were very supportive to our needs and concerns. The segments that aired on Feb. 16 and 17 were especially well done. The chapter is preparing a formal thank-you letter; however, we feel it would be beneficial for individuals to send Constantini and the station comments and thank-you notes. Their address is:

KARE-11 TV  
8811 Olson Memorial Highway  
Golden Valley, MN 55427

— David Hayashi

## Largest crowd ever makes Kids' Holiday Party a success

The Twin Cities JACL hosted its third annual Holiday Party for Kids on Sunday, Dec. 8, from 2 to 4 p.m., at the Shoreview Community Center. The party, which is quickly becoming a chapter tradition, was free again this year to all attendees.

This year's attendance was the best yet. Sixty kids, ranging in ages from four months to 12 years, enjoyed juggling and comedy by Peter Bloedel, a visit from Santa (a.k.a. Min Tsuchimochi), cake and cookies, and lots of games and music. Plus each child received a personalized gift bag filled with surprises.

Each family was encouraged to bring a Toys for Tots donation. We're very pleased to report that we delivered a whole car load of toys to the KARE-11 TV donation drop-off site.

After the party, some kids stayed at the community center to swim, try out the water slide and play in the gym.

Many thanks to all the people who helped make the party a success.

### Holiday party attendance is growing

1991	60 kids	62 adults
1990	50 kids	64 adults
1989	36 kids	44 adults

— Chris Murakami Noonan

## Installation Dinner features author David Mura

The 45th Annual Installation Dinner for the Twin Cities chapter of JACL was held Saturday, Jan. 18, at the Normandy Inn, Minneapolis. Almost 100 people attended the event.

Al Hida, Midwest District Council governor, from the Wisconsin chapter, installed the following 1992 board members: Tom Hara, David Hayashi, Shirley Iseri Hinchliff, Mark Honda, David Koch, Kathy Koch, Joanne Kumagai, Joyce Miyamoto, John Nakasone, Chris Murakami Noonan, Chuck Tatsuda, Charissa Uemura, Linda van Dooijeweert, and Jay Yamashiro.

David Mura, author of *Turning Japanese*, was the guest speaker. He presented a very thoughtful and entertaining reading of some of his work. Following the program, he autographed copies of his book for guests.

Kimi Hara and Tom Ohno presented three scholarships to college students. The recipients were Kristin (Ohama) Workman, Kevin Kosobayashi and Steven Murakami. (See page 7 for details.)

Lil Honda donated the centerpieces given as door prizes at the event. As usual, they were beautiful and very much appreciated.

As the meeting came to a close, May Tanaka was presented with a parting gift for her many years of devoted service on the JACL board. May, you will be greatly missed.

— Kathy Ohama Koch



## *Kite festival to feature Asian kite flyers, exhibits, events, demonstrations and workshops*

The Midwest Asia Center's "Asia Pacific Wings Festival: Kite Flying Through the Ages" opens a series of

events April 25 at the Science Museum of Minnesota's annual Fly Day. Activities for the whole family include kite-making workshops, an Asian-American kite exhibit, information on kite science and flying, and Asian kite history and folklore.

### **Here is an overview of events:**

- April 25 Fly Day at the Science Museum of Minnesota
- May 1-31 Asian kite features at area libraries
- 8 Asian kite festival luncheon at the Minneapolis Convention Center, featuring Asian kite teams
- 10 Special appearances by Asian kite teams
- 11-15 Kite demonstrations at area schools
- 16 Area kite-fly with Asian kite teams and Minnesota Kite Society members
- 17 The Minneapolis Institute of Art's kite day and Whittier Neighborhood Fair
- May-Aug. Special workshops and kite exhibits at the Science Museum of Minnesota

For more information, call the Science Museum of Minnesota, 221-9488.

*Thanks to Midwest Asia Center News for this article.*

## ***"Future Entwined: U.S. Economic Relations With Japan in the Years Ahead"***

The Small Business Development Center at Normandale Community College is presenting "Future Entwined: U.S. Economic Relations With Japan in the Years Ahead" on Tuesday, April 28, as part of its Asian Series.

For more information and registration materials, call 832-6395.

## ***Host families for needed Japanese students***

The College of St. Catherine's Continuing Education and Summer Sessions department is looking for host families for Japanese students ages 18 to 19 years. The students, from the Junshin Women's Junior College, will be studying English for three weeks - July 31 to August 9. A small stipend will be provided to host families. For more details, call Lucie Schwartz, 426-5357 (evenings) or St. Catherine's, 690-6819.

## ***Considering filing discrimination charges?***

The Minnesota Department of Human Rights' Community Services Unit holds discussions on discrimination and assists people interested in filing charges of discrimination in the areas of employment, housing, education, public accommodations, public services or credit.

For schedule details, call Catharine Stiney, 296-5676, or Carol Yerigan, 297-2783.

## ***Other important events***

### **Asian-Pacific month is May 1992.**

For information, call the Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans, 296-0538.

### **University of Minnesota Asian/Pacific American Heritage Festival is scheduled for April and May 1992.**

The graduation banquet will be held May 15. For more information, call Carolyn Nayematsu, 627-2317.

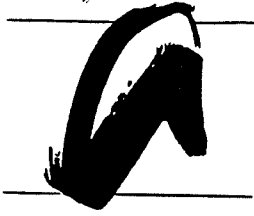
## ***JACL Summer Picnic***

Watch for details. Tentatively scheduled for a Sunday in July.

## ***JACL Golf Tourney***

Mark your calendars now for Sunday, August 16!

*More special events around town on next page.*



## *Identity, community and the cutting edge of Asian-American arts*

The first Asian-American Renaissance Conference will take place in the Twin Cities

this spring. The conference will bring together Asian-American artists representing many disciplines: musicians, writers, filmmakers and visual artists. A series of readings, performances, films, exhibits and panel discussions will be featured on April 24, 29-30 and May 1-3. Events will be held primarily at the College of St. Catherine.

"In recent years, we have seen an explosion of work from Asian-American artists," said David Mura, a noted local Japanese-American author and member of the planning group. "One reason for this conference is to celebrate the burgeoning strength of Asian-American art and to expose that art to a Minnesota audience. The conference will give local Asian-American communities a chance to see what is happening in Asian-American art. Many people in our communities have had little exposure to artists elsewhere in the country, particularly those on the West Coast, where a great number of Asian-American artists live. For this reason, we feel the conference will draw audience members from throughout the Midwest."

Conference planners are especially concerned that young potential artists in the community are exposed to Asian-American artists and their works. "Such exposure can help expand the career options for young people and convince them that becoming

involved in the arts is a viable career opportunity," Mura said. "But whether they become artists or not, the young people in our community who are struggling with issues of identity can learn a great deal from the struggles, questions and visions of these artists. A current complaint among many Asian-American students in the area is the lack of cultural events on campus which reflect their concerns."

For conference details and a list of the award-winning and nationally recognized artists and scholars scheduled to take part, please see the brochure enclosed with this newsletter. For additional information, contact Sophie Liu, Intermedia Arts Minnesota, 627-4444.

## **Your support is needed**

Conference organizers are seeking financial contributions from the Asian community and extend a special thanks to the Twin Cities chapter of JACL for its donation of \$500.

All levels of donations are welcome and will be acknowledged in the conference program. If you donate \$20, your donation will go toward underwriting over half the cost of a conference ticket for a student or low-income participant.

Donations should be sent to:  
Asian-American Renaissance Conference  
c/o Intermedia Arts Minnesota  
425 Ontario St. S.E.  
Minneapolis, MN 55414

If you have questions about the donations, please call Chris Murakami Noonan, 483-3897. Checks should be made out to Asian-American Renaissance Conference.

*Thanks to Asian Pages for information contained in this article.*

## *Festival of Nations celebrates its 60th anniversary*

Minnesota's largest multi-ethnic event will take place May 1, 2 and 3 at the St. Paul Civic Center. Presented by the International Institute of Minnesota, this year's festival features 85 ethnic groups with 65 folk dance ensembles, 48 ethnic cafes, 46 folk art demonstrations, 50 international bazaar booths, 54 cultural exhibits on the theme "A World of Flowers," and much more.

Festival hours open to the public are 5 to 11 p.m. Friday, May 1; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, May 2; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, May 3.

For more information on how you can participate in this year's festival and how you can save money by buying your tickets in advance, please see related article on page 1.

## *MIS to hold 50th anniversary reunion in Minneapolis*

The Military Intelligence Service will hold its 50th anniversary reunion in Minneapolis May 28 to 30. Titled "Sentimental Journey," the event is co-hosted by the Military Intelligence Service Club of Southern California and the Twin Cities JACL. A committee of Minnesota MIS veterans and others interested in the MIS is planning the event.

This reunion offers an opportunity for former MIS veterans and former classmates to get together, and it provides an opportunity to express appreciation and gratitude to the residents of the Twin Cities area for their hospitality and understanding during those difficult years for Nisei soldiers and their families.

Executive Order 9066 mandated the relocation of soldiers assigned to Cressy Field, Presidio of San Francisco and part of the Military Intelligence Service Language School (MISLS) to Fort Snelling and Camp Savage in Minnesota. During this period, Minneapolis mayor Hubert Humphrey extended a warm welcome to the Nisei enlisted men and to other Japanese Americans relocated to the area. The hospitality of Twin Cities residents was remembered well by the MISLS veterans.

The reunion begins Thursday, May 28 with registration at the Radisson Plaza Hotel, Minneapolis. On Friday, May 29, a golf tournament will be held in the morning followed by a luncheon to honor the residents of the Twin Cities. Mayors of St. Paul and Minneapolis have been invited to receive a gift from the MIS. On Saturday, May 30, those interested will visit the former site of Camp Savage, the Normandale Japanese Garden, and the Fort Snelling Museum. The Saturday luncheon will be held at the Japanese garden, where Steve Osman, curator of the Fort Snelling Museum, will speak. Saturday night, the 50th Anniversary Reunion Banquet will be held at the Radisson Plaza Hotel. Other events are being planned and will be announced later.

The reunion is open to anyone who is interested. You may register for all or any part of the reunion. For details, write the MIS Club of Southern California, Sentimental Journey Reunion, 12012 Ohio Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90025, or call (213) 626-0441. Space available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Raffle tickets (\$2 each) are being sold to raise funds for the purchase of gifts, to be presented to the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, and for various reunion activities. Purchasers have the chance to win round-trip airfare to Japan, \$500, or other prizes. To purchase raffle tickets, call Kathy Ohama Koch, 884-1238.

— Kathy Ohama Koch

## *Exposing students to science and math in fun, innovative ways: Summer Math-Science Computer Camps*

Hosted by the Minority Studies Program at St. Cloud State University, this five-day program held at SCSU features mathematics, science, computers, field trips and recreational and outdoor activities. The program is designed for students of color in third through eighth grades. Students do not have to be science oriented. There is a fee for room and board; all other expenses are paid for by the program. Application deadline is April 24.

Third and fourth grades: June 7-11

Fifth and sixth grades: June 14-18

Seventh and eighth grades: June 21-25

For more information and an application, contact: Dr. Robert C. Johnson, director, Minority Studies Program, St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN 56301, (612) 255-4928.

## *Concordia Language Villages prepares young people for international understanding*

Nationally recognized as a leader in language and cultural education, the Concordia Language Villages annually welcome more than 5,200 young people from all 50 states and many foreign countries to northern Minnesota's lake country. Here they're immersed in the words and ways of one of 10 world languages – Chinese, Danish, Finnish, French, German, Japanese, Norwegian, Russian, Spanish or Swedish. Villagers perfect their language skills amidst conversation, foods, music, sports, crafts and dancing of their chosen program. The experience has been called an "extraordinary" and "remarkably effective" educational program by Time Magazine. But it is even more ... it's an introduction to a lifetime of global understanding.

### **Japanese Village Summer Sessions 1992**

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Ages</u>
June 8-13	7-11
June 15-27	8-14
June 29-July 11	13-18
July 27-Aug. 8	11-15
Aug. 10-22	8-13

### Credit Sessions

June 15-July 11	Grades 9-12
July 27-Aug. 22	Grades 9-12

For more information about the Concordia Language Villages, write or call: Concordia Language Villages, 901 South Eighth St., Moorhead, MN 56562, (218) 299-4544 or (800) 247-1044 in Minnesota.

## Highlights of JACL board meetings

Following is a summary of the major items discussed at the Twin Cities JACL board meetings on Nov. 12, Dec. 10 and Feb. 11. (No meeting was held in January.)

### PEARL HARBOR ANNIVERSARY STRATEGY

Using a media packet developed by the Chicago chapter as a guide, David Hayashi and Connie Fukuda put together a similar packet to distribute locally. The packet was designed to sensitize media and affect their coverage of the 50th anniversary of Pearl Harbor.

### NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP PILOT PROGRAM

National JACL is trying a pilot program in which processing the paperwork and sending out renewal notices for all JACL memberships would be done by computer at the national level. Currently, each chapter is responsible for this processing. If all goes well with the pilot, this program will be instituted nationally in 1993. The Twin Cities chapter has applied to be one of the 13 chapters selected to be a part of the pilot.

### HOW DO WE KEEP AND INCREASE OUR MEMBERSHIP?

Because the board has designated membership as its top priority for 1992, the board will act as the membership committee; assignments will be made as needed, with those people reporting directly back to the board. A membership campaign will take place the first half of 1992. A membership brochure and directory also will be developed in 1992.

### WINTER EVENTS

The board spent much of the winter months planning the Holiday Party for Kids (Dec. 8) and the Installation Dinner (Jan. 18). For wrap-up reports, see page 2.

### DONATIONS

Motions were made and approved to donate funds to the following:

- \$50 gift to the Rev. Dunnewall, retiring pastor at Union Congregational Church, site of JACL's spring Sukiyaki Dinner.
- \$100 honorarium to David Mura, author of *Turning Japanese* and guest speaker at the Installation Dinner.
- \$1,000 to the MIS Reunion Committee to help defray expenses.
- \$500 to the Asian-American Renaissance Conference to be held this spring in the Twin Cities.

### SUKIYAKI DINNER

Union Congregational Church is unavailable during April and May. The chapter currently is looking at alternative sites for a spring dinner.

### FESTIVAL OF NATIONS

Event co-chairs will be Linda van Dooijeweert, who will also head the Bazaar Booth Merchandise Subcommittee, and Chuck Tatsuda, with David Hayashi assisting. Gloria Kumagai and Lil Honda will be in charge of the ribbon fish/demonstration booth. For more information, see page 1.

### Should the Twin Cities chapter change its name?

The Milwaukee chapter of JACL recently changed its name to the Wisconsin chapter. Should the Twin Cities chapter consider making a similar move – perhaps becoming the Minnesota chapter? Is there another name that might be better suited to describe our chapter? The board would like feedback from chapter members. Address your comments to: Twin Cities JACL, P.O. Box 582864, Minneapolis, MN 55458-2864. Or you can call Mark Honda, 458-5258. Thanks for your input.

### A new home (again)

What once was a "permanent" mailing address has changed. Disregard the previously published P.O. box address. This address is here to stay:

**Twin Cities JACL**  
**P.O. Box 582864**  
**Minneapolis, MN**  
**55458-2864**

This address will be used for the majority of chapter correspondence. However, if you need to send urgent correspondence to a JACL member, we suggest you send your item directly to that person's home address.

### MEMBERSHIP DUES

The board voted to keep the dues structure the same as last year, which means there will not be an increase in membership dues. See the membership form on page 11 for rates.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following slate was approved: Mark Honda, president; David Hayashi, first vice president and president elect; Joanne Kumagai, second vice president; Chuck Tatsuda Jr., treasurer; Joyce Miyamoto, secretary.

### SPRING MDC MEETING

This will be held April 24-26 in Chicago. Mark Honda and David Hayashi will be chapter delegates.

*Board meetings are held 7 to 9 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month. The board welcomes any visitors. If you would like to attend, call Mark Honda, 458-5258.*



## SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

### *Attention: High school seniors*

For the past 29 years, the Twin Cities chapter of JACL has given scholarships in recognition of those students who have excelled academically, given outstanding service, or who may have made an unusual contribution to their school and/or community. The application process includes completing an application form, writing a short essay on the "Value of further education to me" and submitting a high school transcript. The application deadline is April 17.

#### **Applications have been sent to these high school seniors:**

Eric Burcsu, Cary, N.C.  
Aki Morizono, Minneapolis South  
Kanoko Nishikawa, Farmington  
Jenell Scott, Minneapolis South  
Kenji Sudoh, Woodbury  
Ann Wakanishi, St. Paul Central

If you know of other graduating high school seniors who are of Japanese descent, please contact Sally Sudo, 835-7374, as soon as possible.

A dinner to honor all 1992 graduates of Japanese descent is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 14, at the Campus Club (fourth floor of Coffman Union) on the campus of the University of Minnesota. Presentation of the scholarship awards will be made that evening.

### *Undergrads awarded JACL scholarships*

Kevin Kosobayashi was awarded a \$1,000 freshman scholarship at the JACL Installation Dinner Jan. 18. Kevin is now in his second year at Northwestern University, in Evanston, Ill., where he is majoring in violin performance and music education. A very talented violinist from the Twin Cities, Kevin participated in the Metropolitan Youth Symphony for a number of years. At Northwestern, he continues to be on the dean's list, received the Elsie Ebstein prize, and performs with the Northwestern University Symphony Orchestra. Kevin believes that "music is the universal language of mankind" and "teaching is the noblest profession."

Kristin Workman also was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. Since graduating from Southwest High School three years ago, Kristin worked as a pharmacy aid to be able to attend college. She felt the need to pursue a college education and is hopeful of achieving the goals of combating issues of social and sexual prejudices and of making visible changes in these areas. Currently, she is enrolled at Minneapolis Community College and is working toward a degree in political science.

### *Graduate student scholarship awarded*

Steven Murakami, who entered the University of Minnesota Law School last fall, received a \$1,000 graduate scholarship at the Jan. 18 JACL Installation Dinner. A 1990 graduate of the University of Minnesota with a degree in journalism, Steven was a member of the dean's list for four years and the recipient of a four-year President's Outstanding Minority Scholarship. Throughout college, he was involved in a variety of activities. He tutored minority students in English, participated in journalism and communications activities, and worked in Japan in international marketing. Steven entered law school because he would like to understand the complex legal issues of many countries in order to facilitate negotiations. Prior to entering college, Steven was active in the JACL youth group.

Steven was awarded the JACL Earl K. Tanbara Memorial Scholarship, the oldest special scholarship established by the Twin Cities JACL. Earl Tanbara, a prominent business leader who helped form the Twin Cities JACL in 1949, is Steven's great uncle.

## AWARD NEWS

### *Nominations sought for "Japanese American of the Biennium" award*

The JACL is requesting nominations for the award of "Japanese American of the Biennium" in the following categories: arts/literature/communications; business/industry/technology; education/humanities; medicine/science; politics/public affairs/law; sports/all other fields.

Nominations may be made by the JACL district, chapter or by an individual. If anyone would like to nominate a candidate for any of the above categories, please contact John Nakasone, 646-6999, for more information. Please note that a candidate need not be a member of JACL. Entry deadline is May 1.

## Japanese educational materials featured in catalog

"The Kiosk" catalog features stimulating and workable teaching materials for use in the classroom or at home. Kiosk owner and language teacher Paul Turner writes, "Many students today tend to be oral and visual learners, so I am constantly searching for new products which reflect those needs. Since I still teach, most of what we sell has been tested in my classroom or by other colleagues."

Here is a sampling of Japanese materials listed in the 1992 catalog.

*The Kiosk also distributes educational materials in French, German, Spanish and Latin. For more information, contact The Kiosk at 19223 De Havilland Dr., Saratoga, CA 95070. Phone (408) 996-0667; fax (408) 996-1226.*

### Japanese Word Book

200 words and phrases of Japanese life and culture are illustrated and captioned, using romanized spellings, Kanji, Hiragana and Katakana. Features include a writing and pronunciation guide and Japanese-English and English-Japanese glossaries. \$10

### Dictionary

This is the best language dictionary we have found. It not only gives the English to Japanese, but for some topics, it gives a pictorial breakdown with illustrations. \$14.75

### Nihongo Daisukil Japanese for children through games and songs

In *Nihongo Daisukil* ("I like to learn Japanese!") is the first classroom-tested collection of aural-oral beginning Japanese language activities for children in elementary school. The 10 units include material on family, foods, animals, numbers, time and other topics of interest to children. Also included are Japanese songs with musical notation. \$20

### World Atlas

This book for children gives them a geographical view of Japan and the continents of the world. There are delightful pictures that add a cultural presentation as well. \$20.25

### Vocabulary Posters

Each poster illustrates 20 high-frequency words for vocabulary topics covered in first and second-year texts. Available for the topics of: fruits, vegetables, the kitchen, the farm, the zoo, clothing, transportation, sports and other activities. \$4 each; six for \$22; nine for \$30

### Japanese character posters

Each poster has a large chart of either Hiragana or Katakana characters and a smaller chart of the other. Some illustrations included. \$6.50 each

## Japanese language software available

Lingo Fun Inc. is a producer and distributor of computer software for Apple II, IBM, Macintosh and Commodore.

Several Japanese programs are available in Lingo Fun's 1991-92 catalog. To find out if your computer hardware is compatible with these programs, please contact Lingo Fun. Some of these programs also are available in network version.

*To contact Lingo Fun Inc., write P.O. Box 486, Westerville, OH 43081, or call 1 (800) 745-8258.*

**Japanese Word Drill.** Apple. An English-to-Japanese, and vice versa, word drill using romanized alphabet. Japanese words appear in sentence context. Easy-to-use editor allows teacher to add or modify word lists. \$39.95 including backup

**Hiragana/Katakana exercises.** Macintosh (HyperCard), hard disk. Exercises to assist in the reading, writing and comprehension of Japanese. Word list of 1,200 for Hiragana and 400 for Katakana. \$45

**Kanji Exercises No. 1.** IBM, Macintosh (HyperCard), hard disk. Contains 319 characters and word list of over 900. Includes reading exercises, character generation resources and quizzes. \$65

**Traveler's Guild Japanese.** IBM, DOS 3.00, 384K; Dual-drive or hard drive; mouse recommended. Package includes 4 IBM disks, one audio cassette and a user manual. Romanji-English pop-up dictionary and hypertext language references prepare a traveler for language and culture. \$79.95

**Japanese Flash Stacks.** Macintosh with HyperCard. Prepares the traveler for a visit with frequently used words and phrases. Package includes two diskettes, two audio cassettes and a booklet in English-Hiragana. Level 1: \$49.95. Level 2: \$49.95.

### These are Hyperglot titles:

Japanese Easykana with sound. \$99

Japanese Kanjimaster with sound \$149.95



## John Suzuki

**Title:** Auction marketing specialist  
**Organization:** Resolution Trust Corp. (RTC), Minneapolis-St. Paul Sales Center, Eagan.

*The following article appeared in the Minnesota Real Estate Journal (Nov. 11, 1991). Thanks to John Nakasone for submitting it to Rice Paper.*

The Resolution Trust Corp., the quasi-government agency set up to bail out the failing savings and loan industry, may never win a battle that is likely to be its scourge throughout its duration.

"The common perception is that nothing happens here," says John Suzuki, 41, auction marketing specialist for the RTC's Minneapolis-St. Paul Sales Center in Eagan. "Some people may always think that, because we haven't done all that well on just a high-visibility properties. In reality, the different programs we have make it easy for people to buy from us. With institutions not lending, the fact that we have seller financing makes us one of the major players in the market. I think we're doing well."

Suzuki says he can point to sales figures in defending the RTC, which tries to find buyers for assets once owned by failed S&Ls.

Since starting its sales center in January 1991, the RTC's Eagan office has had 27 auctions of furniture and fixtures with sales of \$3.4 million; seven real estate auctions with sales of \$2.56 million; and 11 sealed-bid offerings of properties with sales of \$21.6 million. In total, the RTC's Eagan office will sell about \$1 billion in assets in 1991. About \$63 million of those sales will be in real estate.

"Sales are exceeding expectations almost everywhere," Suzuki says. "I think we keep getting opportunities to make use of what we've learned.

We're learning."

Even though working for the RTC doesn't offer the same monetary incentives as the private sector, Suzuki says he's always been driven by success. He considers the auctions a challenge.

"I've always had it with me, I'll finish something no matter what and do the best job I can," he says. "I don't know where it comes from."

Maybe it comes from being involved in sports - Suzuki played shortstop on a St. Paul playground baseball team that routinely defeated another playground team whose star was young Dave Winfield, now a member of major league baseball's 400-homer club. Maybe he learned it, or at least solidified it, at the University of Minnesota's School of Architecture, where finishing the five- or six-year program is quite a grind that many don't meet.

Suzuki liked architecture, working for seven years with Ellerbe and Associates, Minneapolis. Projects he worked on included the Holiday Inn Metrodome and an MTC bus facility near Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.

"The thing is, I'm not really all that artistically inclined," he says. And he always had a desire to work in more of an entrepreneurial environment. It was after five years with Minneapolis-based Northco Corp. as a marketing and project manager that he landed a job that gave him a bit of everything he wanted. While with Kaufman Lasman Associates Inc., a Minneapolis affiliate of the real estate marketing firm based in Chicago, he found properties in need of rehabilitation, fixed them up and sold them.

The job tapped all his training - marketing, brokerage and architecture. His homerun with Kaufman was buying Calhoun Isles, a condominium complex in Minneapolis, sprucing it up to the tune of \$1 million, and selling it for \$7 million. He wouldn't

say what the profit was. Suzuki put together a similar project for Kaufman in Dallas.

But as everyone involved in real estate knows, financing for such projects has dried up. He joined the RTC in January 1991 to head up the fledgling auction marketing division. With the RTC, his job is to promote the auctions. He hires the auctioneering firms and helps them set up direct marketing campaigns. There are no billboards or television ads. Usually, direct marketing gets the job done, he says.

When a potential buyer shows up for one of the RTC's auctions, several of which have attracted more than 1,000 people, they're armed with RTC-supplied, detailed descriptions of what is for sale. And what's for sale is not always real estate, furniture or loans. Suzuki has marketed auctions involving boats, furs, mobile homes, recreational vehicles. All were available because of failed S&Ls.

- John Mugford,  
 Minnesota Real Estate Journal

*If you find an interesting article highlighting a Japanese American, please send it to Twin Cities JACL Rice Paper, P.O. Box 582864, Minneapolis, MN 55458-2864*

## 50 YEARS AGO

### *Executive Order No. 9066*

*Authorizing the Secretary of War to Prescribe Military Areas*

#### WHEREAS,

The successful prosecution of the war requires every possible protection against espionage and against sabotage to national-defense material, national-defense premises and national-defense utilities as defined in Section 4, Act of April 20, 1918, 40 Stat. 533, as amended by the Act of November 30, 1940, 54 Stat. 1220, and the Act of August 21, 1941, 55 Stat. 655 (U.S.C., Title 50, Sec. 104):

#### NOW THEREFORE,

By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States, and Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy, I hereby authorize and direct the Secretary of War, and the Military Commanders whom he may from time to time designate, whenever he or any designated Commander deems such action necessary or desirable, to prescribe military areas in such places and of such extent as he or the appropriate Military Commander may determine, from which any or all persons may be excluded, and with respect to which, the right of any person to enter, remain in, or leave shall be subject to whatever restrictions the Secretary of War or the appropriate Military Commander may impose in his discretion. The Secretary of War is hereby authorized to provide for residents of any such area who are excluded therefrom, such transportation, food, shelter and other accommodations as may be necessary, in the judgment of the Secretary of War or the said Military Commander, and until other arrangements are made, to accomplish the purpose of this order. The designation of military areas in any region or locality shall supersede designation of prohibited and restricted areas by the Attorney General under the Proclamations of December 7 and 8, 1941, and shall supersede the responsibility and authority of the Attorney General under the said Proclamation in respect of such prohibited and restricted areas.

I hereby further authorize and direct the Secretary of War and the said Military Commanders to take such other steps as he or the appropriate Military Commander may deem advisable to enforce compliance with the restrictions applicable to each Military area hereinabove authorized to be designated, including the use of Federal troops and other Federal Agencies, with authority to accept assistance of state and local agencies.

I hereby further authorize and direct all Executive Departments, independent establishments and other Federal Agencies to assist the Secretary of War or the said Military Commanders in carrying out this Executive Order, including the furnishing of medical aid, hospitalization, food, clothing, transportation, use of land, shelter, and other supplies, equipment, utilities, facilities and services.

This order shall not be construed as modifying or limiting in any way the authority heretofore granted under Executive Order No. 8972, dated December 12, 1941, nor shall it be construed as limiting or modifying the duty and responsibility of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, with respect to the investigations of alleged acts of sabotage or the duty and responsibility of the Attorney General and the Department of Justice under the Proclamations of December 7 and 8, 1941, prescribing regulations for the conduct and control of alien enemies, except as such duty and responsibility is superseded by the designation of military areas hereunder.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

The White House, February 19, 1942

— From the Hoosier JACL newsletter, "Bamboo Heritage."

## CLASSIFIEDS

#### *Lost and Found*

A gold watch was found at the Intergenerational Dinner held last October. To identify and claim, call Sam Honda, 429-3410.

# MEMBERSHIP

## Twin Cities Chapter Japanese American Citizens League

### *1992 Membership Application*

Thank you for your interest in the Twin Cities JACL. If you would like to become a member of this chapter, please check which membership category you would like, and complete the information at the bottom of the form. Membership is in effect for 12 months. If you currently are a member, your 12-month membership begins from your previous expiration date.

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