

RICE PAPER



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

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President's Message by Gloria Kumagai

Where did the summer go? It seems like our annual picnic was just last week. A big THANK YOU to Lisa Shakerin, board member and Picnic Princess, who organized this year's event. Thanks also to John and Jacqueline Nakasone, our perennial cooks, who grilled and served the tasty hamburgers and hot dogs. What better way to spend a Sunday in July than eating the grilled food along with the potluck dishes, engage in tug of war between kids and adults, and play a few rounds of bingo? Does it get any better than this?

I attended the biennial JACL MDC/EDC Bi-District meeting in Chicago after the picnic. The workshops on elder care and political empowerment offered a lot to think about. The meetings were well-run by the outgoing district officers. Attending one of these meetings really helps in giving one the national picture of JACL. Plus, meeting the folks who are so passionate and committed to JACL is very inspirational. There wasn't much time for sightseeing, but I did manage a trip to Chinatown for dim sum and a walk in downtown Chicago to explore Millenium Park. My daughter, Leilani Savitt, attended the meeting as MDC's youth representative. It was interesting to see how involved she has become with JACL at both the district and national levels. I am quite proud of her!

If you want to experience a district meeting, come join us as we host the fall MDC meeting the weekend of October 14. You are all invited to the Friday evening reception we are having for chapter representatives. Board member Joanne Kumagai made all of the arrangements. I am thankful that the board took on the challenge of hosting, which means we don't have to travel to another city for such a meeting.

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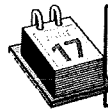
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President's Message Cont...

JACL National President Ken Inouye came to the Twin Cities and met with the board over dinner in late July. He shared his perspectives and goals regarding JACL. It was a great opportunity to interact with a national officer who firmly believes in the necessity of strong Midwestern chapters and praised us for the efforts we have made in developing youth leaders, such as Leilani and Natalie Nakasone.

At the September board meeting, I will be asking the board to consider being a community partner with Mu Performing Arts. Rick Shiomi, one of our members and last year's Chrysanthemum Banquet speaker, is the Artistic Director. As a community partner, we would promote Mu Performing Arts performances. In return, our members will be able to purchase discounted tickets. The board could also hold receptions after performances. Such a partnership is a win-win for all involved and a great support for Asian American arts in the larger community. More information and performances are found inside this edition of the Rice Paper

Finally, upcoming events include the Golf Tournament on September 25, Aki Matsui at the Normandale Japanese Garden (October 2) where we will be selling our goods, and of course, our annual Chrysanthemum Banquet on Saturday, November 5, featuring Senator Mee Moua and a fun silent auction. Other events include the MDC meeting in October and the performance of "The Pink Dress" at the Heart of the Beast Mask and Puppet Theater on November 13. If you ever wonder what the board does, these events demonstrate the commitment and involvement of the board members and committee chairs, such as Sally Sudo, our Education Committee Chair. Like I asked earlier, does it get any better than this?



JACL Calendar of Events

September 10 -NAAAP Open House and Brunch, 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Rainbow Chinese Restaurant (see upcoming events)

September 20 - Board Meeting

September 25 - Golf Tournament, A Francis Gross Golf Course, Chair: Jay Yamashiro (651) 686-7283

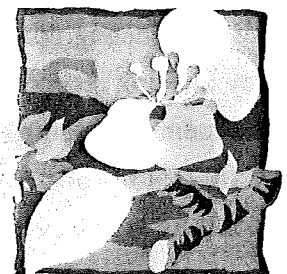
October 2 - Aki Matsuri, Normandale Japanese Garden (see upcoming events)

October 14-16 - Midwest District Council Fall Meeting, Hilton Garden Inn Bloomington, 5140 American Boulevard West (see upcoming events)

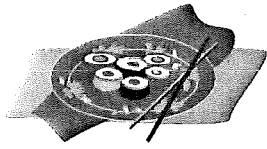
October 29, 6-9 pm - JASM annual Mondale Award/Scholarship Dinner honoring Ruth Tanbara, at the William Mitchell College of Law. Tickets are \$100 per person. Contact JASM at 612/627-9357 (see event reports)

November 5 - Chrysanthemum banquet, Holiday Inn West (see upcoming events)

November 13 - "The Pink Dress", Heart of the Beast mask and Puppet Theater (see upcoming events)



Rice Paper reports



SUSHI MAKING CLASS taught by
Rachel Matsumoto at Joyce Miyamoto's
Home - June 18, 2005



Preparing the rice



*Emily Miyamoto Faber and James
Densley*



*(l to r) Cheryl Hirata-Dulas, Ash, Mariko Nakasone, Rachel Matsumoto, Judy Murakami, Joyce
Miyamoto, Bud and Mary Nakasone, Nancy Atwater, Libby Atwater, Lil Grothe, Emily Miyamoto
Faber*

Event reports and photos submitted by Cheryl Hirata-Dulas

Memberships

There were no new members to report since the last issue of the Rice Paper. National JACL is conducting a membership drive requesting that every member try and recruit one new member this year. If you have any thoughts or ideas to attract people to JACL, please e-mail Membership Chairperson Rachel Matsumoto at rachel.matsumoto@mpls.k12.mn.us.



HELP WANTED! TC JACL is looking for someone to disseminate news and event information to the membership via e-mail. The list is confidential, and is used only to relay relevant JACL, community news and events announcements. Cheryl Hirata-Dulas will assist in setting up the mailing list. Anyone interested in volunteering for this important post, please contact Gloria Kumagai at 763-377-5602.

Ruth Tanbara Honored by the St. Paul-Nagasaki Sister City Committee

Congratulations to Ruth Nomura Tanbara, who was honored by the St. Paul-Nagasaki Sister City Committee (SPNSCC) at their Gala Banquet on August 20 in celebration of 50 years of the St. Paul-Nagasaki Sister Cities relationship. Tanbara is one of the founding members of the SPNSCC, serving as president from 1966-1972, as a board member for several decades, and as a leader of several delegations to Nagasaki. In 2000, she was awarded the Mondale Award for outstanding contributions to understanding, cooperation and respect between the people of Japan and Minnesota.

Tom Kurihara, Tanbara's nephew and member of the Twin Cities JACL, flew in from Arlington, Virginia, to give her a special tribute at the banquet. He shared a painting that he commissioned to honor Tanbara and her life of public service. The artist, Hiro, was present at the banquet, and distributed an artist statement describing the biographical painting, which is presented as a triptych, in three panels. The first panel depicts Tanbara's early years from her birth as one of the first Japanese Americans born in Oregon (1907) through her education, marriage to Earl Tanbara, early work, and relocation to St. Paul in the summer of 1942 following Executive Order 9066. The second panel is a portrait encircled by vignettes of Tanbara's life, where her work at the St. Paul YWCA is paramount. Highlighted in the third panel is Tanbara's contribution to the SPNSCC and her many other contributions to the community.

Over 200 people attended the banquet held at the Minnesota History Center, including about 40 Japanese from Nagasaki. In her honor, St. Paul Mayor Randy Kelly declared August 20, 2005 as "Ruth Tanbara Day," and staff members presented her with a framed proclamation. A complete article written by Dean Potter on the gala banquet will be published in the Sept. 15, 2005 issue of Asian Pages.

Tanbara will also be recognized as part of the St. Paul-Nagasaki Sister City Committee, which will be receiving the 2005 Japan-America of Minnesota (JASM) Mondale Award. The presentation will be made at the JASM annual Mondale Award/Scholarship Dinner on Saturday, October 29, 2005, 6-9 p.m. at the William Mitchell College of Law. Tickets are \$100 per person. Contact JASM at 612/627-9357 for reservations and information.

*Pictured at the SPNSCC Gala Banquet
are (L-R) Linda von Dooijeweert,
honoree Ruth Tanbara, attendee, Tom
Kurihara and Yoshi Tani*

Photo credit: Dean Potter





Nak Nak News by John Nakasone

The Twin Cities JACL chapter was well represented at the National JACL Youth Conference, held on June 24-26 in Salt Lake City Utah. Leilani Savitt, Carlie Miyamoto Faber and her cousin Nick, and Natalie Nakasone all attended along with a good turnout from MDC. 173 young people from around the country put on an excellent conference. St. Paul representative Mee Moua received a Vision Award and gave a powerful speech which was well received..

Did you see the great blurb in the August Strib section that reviewed the new "Moose & Sadie's" breakfast and lunch café that stays open till 10pm week nights, on 212 3rd avenue North in downtown Minneapolis? They raved about the food, and even mentioned Lucy Kiriara-Peter Kiriara's mom, "who keeps the front of the house humming." Peter also owns Jetset and Bev's Wine Bar. I've never had the pleasure of meeting Peter, but he must have a lot of get up and go. Lucy was telling me about some of the nice things Peter does for his employees and it sounds like a fun place to work! For more info call 612-371-0464.

Connie Fukuda and family hosted two girls from Iceland for a week this summer. They were in town to play in a MacPhail Suzuki Sinfonia Orchestra concert in which Sachi played the viola. This was the second half of a two-part musical and cultural exchange. Sounds like a good time for all!

Here's one I bet you didn't see, but should have. The St. Paul Foundation recently distributed a public relations piece, "Every Time Someone Gives", which details the good work the Foundation does for the community and on page 13, there was a big picture and story about the Judy and George Murakami Family fund. The article goes on to tell how George and Judy feel that giving back to the community is so important that they are teaching their grandchildren about the concept of supporting nonprofits, by gifting the children and letting them research and select their own nonprofit organizations to give to. In the article, the Murakami's list JACL as one of the causes they help support. I know the Murakami's would be the last ones to call attention to the good work they do for community and it was nice to see their efforts recognized by others.

The board hosted dinner with National President Ken Inouye on 7/26 at Saji-Ya. Ken applauded the strength of the Twin Cities Chapter which has remained very active over the years and talked fondly about working with Tom Hara in years previous. He applauded the involvement of our youth and pointed to them as the future of JACL. It was good for the board to interact with Ken and share our expectations of JACL with him. We were all impressed with his commitment and enthusiasm for JACL.

Les Suzukamo recently hosted the Asian Journalism Association - I haven't heard how it went yet, but I know it was a lot of hard work and that he put his heart into it. Les, do you think I should join now that I have a column? And I'm still trying to figure out what Les meant when he said "my daughter is not going to sleep until she gets into college."

Congratulations to Sachi Williamson whose U14B Edina girls hockey team won the consolation prize at the MN state Tournament for the 2004-5 season. Sachi is team goalie! She will be attending Minnehaha Academy as a freshman this year and is also a defensive soccer player.

Chrysanthemum Banquet is coming soon-11/5/05. Start thinking of the items you can donate to our Silent Auction. This has become an important fund raiser for JACL. We need your help people! Please call if you need me to pick anything up... 612-363-5801.

Big Congrats to Ruth Tanbara who is approaching her 98th birthday in mid-October. She received a proclamation from St. Paul Mayor Randy Kelly naming August 20 2005 "Ruth Tanbara Day. What a deserved honor for someone who has done so much for our community!

Say a prayer for the speedy and safe return of my brother Colonel Paul Nakasone who has been stationed in Iraq since August. He is working at the American Embassy with the Multi-national and Iraqi forces and will remain there for a year. Mother Susan and Daniel, Sarah and twins David and Joseph remain in Fort Riley Kansas where they have great housing and a good school and support system. Mom has had her hands full this week with the four year old twins who discovered that they can send each other into a catatonic meltdown by

administering "the silent treatment" to their sibling. How do kids figure these things out?

We had another great picnic this year...the weather was great, food outstanding, kids games, bingo and fellowship and the kids just barely beat out the dads in tug "o" war-with the dads taking it to two out of three for the first time ever-with there being some very questionable intervention by a few of the mothers. You kids better look out next year because Cary promises to put the dads in top physical condition. Losers have to do pushups!

Sadly, board member Dale Wakasugi has accepted another job in San Francisco and has already moved from the area. We will all miss his "can do" attitude. Since he won't be able to be at the golf outing, former Golf Committee Chairman Jay Yamashiro has graciously agreed to return to action and take over this years event. Please contact him shortly about playing in the golf tourney on Sunday September 25th. We need all you golfers to sign up!!!

Connie Fukuda faces a new challenge in her accepting a position as Marketing Operations Manager at US Bancorp Asset Management. Her responsibilities will include serving as project manager for the Marketing Department. Best of luck at your new job Connie!

Did you see the excellent video that was showcased on KARE 11 news August 19th? It was a piece done by Brett Akagi who is an award winning news photographer for the station, and was the video documentary of a trip he took to visit his ailing mother and care giving father who still live on the family farm in Kansas last summer. It told the story of his family and the struggles and successes of his parents who were one of very few Asians who lived in Kansas during the war years-and how they survived and flourished. It speaks to everybody but especially to our own Japanese American experience. I think Les is trying to get a copy of it for us to show at Chrysanthemum Banquet. This piece was part of the stations tribute to "the greatest generation", and is so strong that it should really be shown to JACL at the national level. It is another reason why I call the Nisei's "the greatest of the greatest generation." I hear rumors that Brett is going to expand it into a half hour segment.

Rumor has it that John Omori, former owner of Kikugawa is enjoying his retirement from the restaurant after having sold it to one of his employees. Sam Shimada who suffered a broken arm this past winter has made a full recovery and has been sighted around town this summer sporting a new beard and mustache for the first time ever in his 80 plus year life. This I've gotta see...

There was a nice article on Bud Nakasone in the White Bear Press telling about his recent experiences teaching aboard ship for the US Navy aboard the USS Camden, a combat support ship located in the gulf near Iraq. One of the best parts of the story that the article didn't tell is that when Bud got to his ship all the way across the world, by coincidence, it was commanded by another White Bear Native, Ken Norton who was a high-school classmate of mine thirty years ago. Now that's a small world!!

Maya Nishikawa is now channel four news anchor on Friday, Saturday, and Sundays for WCCO. Start watching-

Last but not least, did you see the great news spot on WCCO-TV news on June 15th 2005? Reporter Dennis Doua did a nice feature on Cheryl's husband Dr. Dan Dulas of Mercy and Unity Hospitals who has pioneered a technique for treating peripheral artery disease. According to Dulas, the disease affects 12-15 million Americans of which only about 1.25 million are being treated which explains why 150,000 amputations are caused by the disease each year. They then went on to show Dulas in action performing an operation in which he actually "shaves" away plaque in order to remove cholesterol buildup. This procedure speeds recovery time and Dr Dulas hopes that the same techniques in the future can be applied to unblock heart arteries. It was a fascinating segment, but I wish they could have shot more footage of Dan without a mask as it took you awhile to recognize him.



Chrysanthemum Banquet to feature Hmong pioneer Sen. Mee Moua

State Sen. Mee Moua, the nation's first Hmong legislator, will be the honored speaker at the JACL Twin Cities' 59th annual Chrysanthemum Banquet Nov. 5.

Sen. Moua, DFL-St. Paul, was the guest speaker at the JACL National Convention in Hawaii last year and a headliner at this year's national convention of the Asian American Journalists Association in Minneapolis last month, where she spoke at the AAJA Town Forum on the media and justice for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. Moua, 36, has been sought after as a dynamic speaker and pioneer for the Hmong community who is one of a new generation of Asian Americans entering politics.

Since her election to the Minnesota Senate in 2002, she has crisscrossed the nation, lending her voice to numerous events from getting out the vote in other Asian communities to talking about the importance of human rights. Moua, who is married with two children, is a graduate of Brown University with a law degree from the University of Minnesota.

At the banquet, the JACL Twin Cities Board will also honor long-time volunteers Sam Shimada and May Tanaka for their long and unflagging service to the chapter.

The banquet will be held at the recently renamed Marriott Minneapolis West Hotel, formerly known as the Holiday Inn Minneapolis West. It is the same location as last year's banquet and located at 9960 Wayzata Blvd., St. Louis Park. The banquet will begin at 5:00 p.m. with a social hour and silent auction, followed by dinner and the guest speaker.

Dinner tickets will be \$25.95 per person. Please contact Leslie Suzukamo, co-chairman of the banquet committee, for reservations at: 4517 Birch Ridge Road, Vadnais Heights, MN 55127, or e-mail:

Suzukamo@comcast.net.



Kogen Taiko Calendar

September 24 – Owatonna Culture Festival, **parade 11:00 am, showtime - noon**, free outdoor performance

October 2, 3:00 pm - Normandale Community College
Aki Matsuri, Japanese Garden Fundraiser

*For the latest performance dates and times - see
<http://www.kogentaiko.org>*



MU COMMUNITY PARTNERS PROGRAM

Mu Performing Arts, the preeminent Asian American theater and taiko company in the Twin Cities, invites you to join us in an ongoing cross-promotional opportunity. We are interested in partnering with your organization to promote our productions that represent the heart of the Asian experience through theater and taiko, as well as promoting your organization to our audiences. Our goal is to create a Pan-Asian community experience for the people of the Twin Cities through art and the coming together of a diverse cross-section of community partners.

PARTNERING OPPORTUNITIES

What Mu can offer your group:

- **2-4-1 tickets** to the preview performances for your group's members.
- **Group Discounts**- Bring 10 or more people and receive \$4 off per ticket, preferred seating, the opportunity to meet with the cast and/or participate in a post-show discussion.
- **Fundraising opportunity** - encourage members of your group to attend a Mu production, and a portion of tickets sold to people who identify themselves as part of your group will be donated to your organization.
- **Promotional opportunities:** Mu can mention your group in pre-show curtain speech, the playbill, signage in the lobby, website, or provide space to distribute literature at the venue during the run of the show.
- **Hold your event at a Mu production** - hold a fundraiser or thank you party during a Mu production. Your group could participate in a pre- or post-show reception, attend the performance, and have a question and answer session with cast or artistic staff after the show.
- **Speakers** - Artistic Director Rick Shiomi or other artists including actors, playwrights or directors are available to speak to your group about specific social issues covered or about the artistry of the productions.

How your organization can assist Mu:

- Promote Mu Performing Arts' productions (four mainstage shows and three festivals per year) in your email newsletters, website, print newsletter, to your staff, constituents, volunteers, Board Members, etc.
- Arrange for a group ticket purchase (at discounted rates) to attend a performance.
- Distribute Mu Performing Arts brochures in your office or meeting space.
- Provide volunteers to serve as speakers in post-show discussions or to serve as ushers at a performance.

Please contact Sonja Wahlberg at Mu Performing Arts at 612-824-4804 or sonja@mupperformingarts.org to discuss these opportunities.



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Happy Valley - A Theater Mu World Premiere co-presented with Intermedia Arts

Written by Aurorae Khoo, Directed by Jennifer Weir

Life in Hong Kong for 13-year-old Tuppy and her guardian uncle is a magnificent world of horse racing, chinchillas and make believe. But as the 1997 handover of Hong Kong to mainland China looms, their untraditional family, including her uncle's new girlfriend and their Filipina maid, must scramble to devise an exit strategy. At once a charming comedy and a complex drama, Happy Valley explores racism between Asian ethnic groups, the struggles of adolescence, and the life changing nature of emigration. Best for ages 12 and up.

September 16 - October 2, 2005, Intermedia Arts - 2822 Lyndale Avenue S., Minneapolis. Previews: Wed., Sept. 14 & Thurs., Sept. 15 at 8pm, Tickets: \$8, Performances: Thurs. - Sat. at 8pm, Sun. at 2pm

AD/ASL: Sat., Sept. 24 at 8pm, Tickets: \$16, \$2 discounts for students & seniors - \$4 off groups of 10 or more, \$2 off for JACL members - mention "Mu Community Partner" when making reservations

Reservations: 612-871-4444

Tenchi Taiko of Mu Daiko - Drums of Heaven and Earth, A Mu Daiko Concert co-presented with The Southern Theater Featuring special guest Kenny Endo Taiko Ensemble (Dec.9-11 only) - Mu Daiko taps into the earthy energy of pounding drums and the ethereal powers of the heavens. Our taiko combines muscle and spirit to create a musical experience like no other, where rhythms resonate in your ribcage, drummers move like dancers, arms wave, sticks fly and voices shout from deep within the soul. The second weekend, internationally renowned Kenny Endo and his Taiko Ensemble join Mu Daiko onstage. Hear the Rhythms. See the Energy, Feel the Power. Enjoyable for all ages.

December 2-11, 2005, The Southern Theater - 1420 Washington Avenue S, Minneapolis

Performances: Fri. & Sat. at 8pm, Sun. at 2pm, First weekend (Mu Daiko only) tickets: \$20, Second weekend (Mu Daiko with Kenny Endo Ensemble) tickets: \$25 (includes \$2 Southern Theater building preservation fee) \$2 discount for students and seniors Half-off for children 12 & under, \$4 off groups of 10 or more (available first weekend only), \$2 off for JACL members - mention "Mu Community Partner" when making reservations. Reservations 612-340-1725

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upcoming events



"Twin Cities JACL Afternoon at the Theater"

Parents, grandparents and others, please invite your children, grandchildren and friends to join us at the "Twin Cities JACL Afternoon at the Theater" for a performance of "The Pink Dress." The reservations deadline has been extended to Friday, Sept. 30 (due to a delay in the opening of the show.)

"The Pink Dress" is an engaging 45-minute puppet theater piece about a young Japanese American girl named Tsuki who was living in the Amache Relocation camp in Colorado during World War II. Faced with wearing the required drab green uniform to her junior high school graduation, she decides to wear her sister's pink dress to prove she is not a faceless internee, but a vibrant individual.

Date/Time: Sunday, Nov. 13, 2 p.m. Following the program, there will be a question/answer session with former internees, and Twin Cities JACL reception with light refreshments. The theater doors open at 1 p.m.; seating begins at 1:30 p.m.

Place: In the Heart of the Beast Mask and Puppet Theatre, 1500 E. Lake St, Minneapolis, 612/721-2535. Located at intersection of 15th Ave S and E. Lake Street, between Chicago Ave and Bloomington Ave. Free parking in lot behind theater (enter parking lot from 15th Ave S).

Tickets: \$10 for adults, \$5 for children age 12 and under (non-reserved seating, children will be seated on the floor, adults in chairs). **Reservations:** Make check out to "Twin Cities JACL", and send to Lil Grothe, 5709 39th Ave South, Minneapolis, MN 55417 (612/727-3542). In check memo section, indicate number of adult and children seats. Reservations through TC JACL will be taken until Sept. 30. After Sept. 30, any remaining tickets will be released to the general public. Pick up reserved tickets at theater on Nov. 13.

"The Pink Dress" is suitable for children of all ages. Hope to see you at this fun family event!



National Association of Asian American Professionals (NAAAP) - Minnesota Chapter

OPEN HOUSE and BRUNCH

You're invited Saturday, Sept. 10, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Rainbow Chinese Restaurant, 2739 Nicollet Avenue South, Minneapolis. Learn about the many excellent opportunities that await you with NAAAP.

Please R.S.V.P. by September 4th to Trinh Wong: twong@naaap.mn.org or online at <http://mn.naaap.org>. For directions and other information about the Rainbow Chinese restaurant - www.rainbowrestaurant.com or 612-870-7084.

About NAAAP....

The National Association of Asian American Professionals - Minnesota Chapter (NAAAP-MN) is a non-profit, professional organization that promotes the career advancement and leadership development of Asian American professionals in all fields through networking, respecting Asian multiculturalism, and supporting diversity and community service.

Teaching on the high seas

by Kristine Goodrich

Staff Writer

Djibouti, United Arab Emirates and Bahrain.

When the ship docks, its occupants are often allowed off the ship to visit tourist attractions and participate in service projects, Nakasone said.

His favorite place to visit was Sasebo, Japan, he said.

The son of Japanese immigrants, Nakasone speaks the language fluently. He has visited the country several times, including teaching for a semester at a Japanese university, but he had never visited Sasebo.

"It was only a quarter mile from the port," he said, "so I got to walk into town and watch the Japanese merchants and ship builders at work. I got to see what daily life is like there and because I know the language I was able to communicate readily with them."

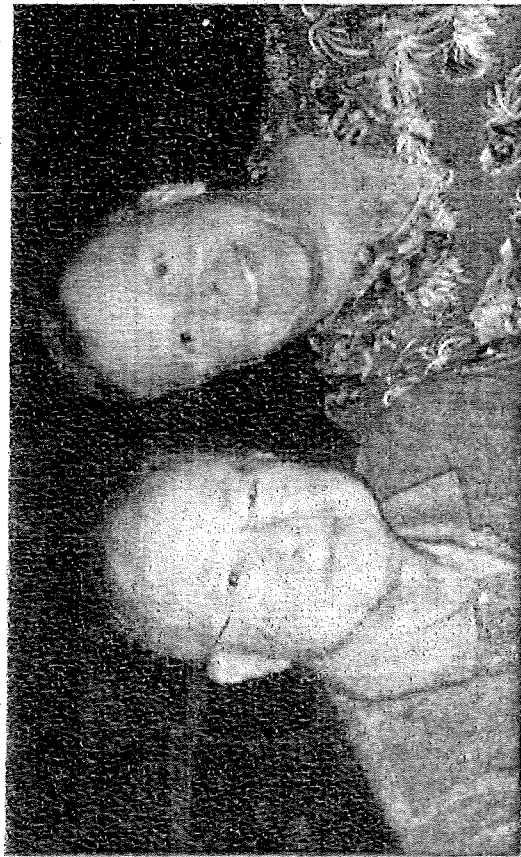
Nakasone said the travel opportunities make living in fairly tight quarters worthwhile. On his last trip, there were more than 600 people aboard the ship, which was only 793 feet long and 107 feet wide. He shared a room that was smaller than most college dorm rooms with another

For decades, Bud Nakasone taught history at White Bear Lake Area High School and Century College. Now the longtime White Bear Lake resident teaches at a much more exotic location — aboard Navy ships.

Nakasone started his teaching career at the high school in 1956 and then went on to be a professor at the college for more than 30 years. Only a month after "retiring" in 1999, Nakasone was already teaching on a ship in the middle of the ocean. He recently returned from his fifth teaching trip, this time aboard the USS Camden, a combat support ship.

The two-month trips are through Central Texas College's Navy College Program for Afloat College Education, Nakasone said even after he retired he wanted to teach part-time and the Navy program offers an opportunity to see the world.

He's visited Australia, Hawaii and Mexico, along with many more remote locations including Kuwait,



— Submitted photo

While teaching aboard the USS Camden, a Navy combat support ship, Bud Nakasone (left) met Kenny Norton, a former White Bear Lake resident who is captain of the ship.

man, he said. There was just enough space for bunk beds, sink, closet and a pull-down desk.

The ship had a small library, Nakasone said, so that's where he spent most of his time when the ship was at sea and he wasn't teaching.

Although he doesn't mind being cramped, he does miss his family during the two months he's away. He uses e-mail to keep up-to-date on what he's missing at home, he said.

But teaching is his life, he said, and this allows him to continue doing so, for a few months out of the year, now that he is retired.

"I'm glad I'm able to help Uncle Sam's sailors out by teaching them history and able to help them get a start on college," he said. "Teaching is my forte and I hope to continue as long as I'm still in good health."

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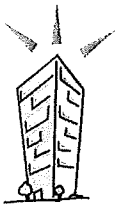
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FALL MDC Hospitality Night

On the week-end of October 14-16th the Twin Cities chapter will be hosts for the Midwest District Council Fall Meeting to be held at the Hilton Garden Inn Bloomington, 5140 American Boulevard West.

Friday, October 14th, 7:00 p.m., we are inviting interested TC members to join us for refreshments and meet Bill Yoshino, MDC Director, Ron Katsuyama, MDC Governor and guests.

Please call Joanne Kumagai at (763) 480-6639 with your name, the number of people who will be attending and contact phone number no later than October 1st.