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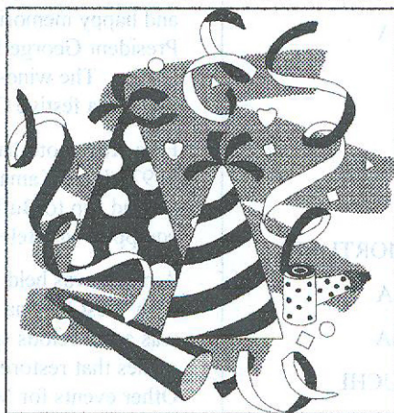
NEWSLETTER DEBUT

From the President



Greetings to everyone! Let me wish each and every one of you the best of health and prosperity in 1997. I was very pleased to see so many members and guests come out to celebrate our New Year party on January 25. In spite of the bad weather, it turned out to be one of the best ever. The officers and board members deserve a pat on the back for doing such a good job in planning. My special thanks go to the following people: Miss Sharon Asao and her students for performing such gracious Japanese Odoris; Mr. Satoru Toyoda for his superb Shigin number; and Ms. Yumi Uono and her group of Karaoke singers for their sweet songs which we enjoyed very much.

During the earlier part of the program, I was given the opportunity to present some token awards to the following individuals: Miss Sharon Asao, for her special service to the community events; Mike Noriega, for his continued leadership in his youth work, especially in the Judo field; and Ray Koyama, for his volunteer work around the community center grounds. In addition, I was given the honor of presenting a very



Fun, food, and entertainment was had by all at the annual New Year's party held on January 25 at the Community Center.

special award to Mrs. Nancy Michiko Asao for her **thirty-six long years** of dedicated teaching service to our Japanese Language School. It certainly was a long overdue recognition of her most outstanding accomplishment and we do pay our deepest respects to her.

At this time I wish to introduce you to Kathy Kato, who has graciously volunteered to become the editor for our newsletter beginning with this edition. She is a very busy person, but has a very good assistant, her husband Steve, who is a member of our board. We are very fortunate to have them working with us and I want to ask all members to support them by

furnishing them with lots of news items of interest to the community.



New Editor Volunteers

Hello to all members!! My name is Kathy Kato. It is my honor and privilege to become the new editor of our quarterly newsletter. I'm hoping that by using this new format we can get more interest in the newsletter in order to publish it monthly. But, in order to do that, we need everyone's help and support. I would like to ask that anyone with an idea for a regular column or feature please contact me and we can make it happen. If anyone would like to volunteer to have a gossip column or submit helpful hints, by all means, do so.

Everyone should get involved in this project. We have many clubs associated with this center. We would like to see all of you participate. The more the merrier! Let's make it successful and have everyone participate!

From the President - continued

The community center wishes to express its appreciation to the following list of donors for our 1997 New Year's party:

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If there are any names missing from this donors list, please notify any officer of this center. **THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED!!!**



Nikkei Senior's Club

The Nikkei Seniors concluded a year of great activities and happy memories under the capable leadership of President George Nakamura and activities chairman Hilda Oshita. The wind-up events were a four day Reno-Tahoe trip and a festive Christmas party.

Hiro Kusumoto has taken over the helm as president for 1997. Herb Kamada has already supervised a great turn-around trip to Buffalo Bills in Stateline on a brand new bus equipped with televisions.

A picnic was held at Lacey Park in Arcadia on March 6th with West Covina Nikkei Leisure Club as guests. There was a marvelous spread of pot luck treats, as well as games that restored lots of laughter and youthful spirit. Other events for March include a dinner at the Wild Thyme Restaurant on the 18th and an outing to Santa Anita Racetrack on the 20th.

Our future calendar of events include an Amtrak trip to San Diego in April, the Lawrence Welk dinner and show in May, and a Reno-Tahoe trip in June.

The warmth and congeniality of the group is the foundation of the enjoyment we share. We cordially invite any interested seniors to visit one of our weekly Thursday meetings. An aerobics hour precedes the meetings for those who wish to join in. The brief business meeting is followed by line dancing class alternating with bingo. Those who prefer may choose to participate in crafts class or toss horseshoes outside the hall. Following lunch, there are poker sessions for those who would like to remain.

Rose Kitahara, Corresponding Secretary

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OPERATING STATEMENT FOR 1996

RECEIPTS

Membership	\$	1,335.00
Donations - regular		4,695.00
Donations - special		11,298.00
Interest income		1,577.27
Special event - New Year party		1,355.10
Special event - Carnival		7,045.16
Special event - Bingo		272.75
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$	27,578.28

EXPENDITURES

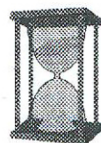
Bank charges	\$	20.00
Fixtures - small		595.46
Donations & sick calls		593.36
Insurance - Gen. Liab.		3,245.00
Legal & professional		295.00
Maintenance		1,258.96
Newsletters		195.61
Office supplies		36.14
Refreshments		256.79
Postage & printing		289.60
Special event - New Year party		2,143.43
" - Carnival		2,149.90
" - Bingo		53.97
" - Keiro Kai		220.58
Supplies		210.65
Services & Onrei		1,300.00
Taxes & license		1,380.58
Telephone		524.91
Utilities		2,163.70
Depreciation expense		5,343.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$	22,276.64
SURPLUS	\$	5,301.64



Special Thanks

I would like to express my great appreciation for the beautiful basket of flowers I received recently from the community center during my brief hospital stay. Thanks to everyone for your kind thoughts.

Sally Shibukawa



Deadline for Articles

Our planned schedule dates of publication are as follows:

1st Quarter - March 25

2nd Quarter - June 17

3rd Quarter - September 24

4th Quarter - December 23

We ask that all news items reach Kathy at least 10 days prior to the publication date. You may mail the information to her directly or give it to Yoshito Fujimoto. Her address is as follows:

Kathy Kato

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Please make every effort to submit an article!

From the President - continued

皆さんお元気ですか、本年も早や三ヶ月が
あつと言ふ間にすぎ去りましたね。そして今年は
雨が多^ゆ故か春のおとずれが早く、草木は青々
としげり庭の花も一ぺんに咲きだして本家に
心地良い日々がつづいて居ります。皆様方に
初めましては本年も益々御健勝でご繁栄の程
を心からお祈り申し上げます。

さて、去る一月二五日私共日系人会で新年親
睦会を催しました際は大勢の皆様方の来場を
賜り其の上多額のお寄付を下さりまして大変有難う
ございました。会員一同に代りまして厚く御礼を
申し上げます。

おかげを以ちまして私共日系人会では附ぞい
せる諸団体の便宜と会館の維持並に運営に
励んで居ります。亦各団体の皆様方もそれぞれの目的
亦は趣味に向つて大いにご奮闘なされて居られます
ことは私共にとりましても誠に嬉しく亦心強く感じ
て居る様は次第です。どうか本年もよろしくご支援と
御協を下さいます様お願い申し上げます。

会長 藤本義人

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