



NEW TROPHY — A new perpetual trophy for the JACL Nisei Bureaus.

Shirley N. Valley-Graham, hostess of the banquet, holds the trophy. (Left) and Patty B. of Pasadena, 1965 Bureaus chairmen. Others in the picture are Jim Kasahara, 1965 Bureaus chairman; Sandy Iwatake of Southview, L.A., and Bureaus chairman Fred Ogawa. The trophy was donated by Paul Chan, of Capitol Life Insurance Co.

CALENDAR OF JACL EVENTS

May 28 (Saturday)
Snake River Valley-Graham banquet, 7 p.m., 1000 N. Main, Boise, Idaho.

June 1 (Monday)
Alameda-Graham dinner, 7 p.m., 1000 N. Main, Boise, Idaho.

June 2 (Tuesday)
Portland-Graham dinner, 7 p.m., 1000 N. Main, Boise, Idaho.

June 3 (Wednesday)
Seattle-Graham dinner, 7 p.m., 1000 N. Main, Boise, Idaho.

June 4 (Thursday)
Portland-Graham dinner, 7 p.m., 1000 N. Main, Boise, Idaho.

June 5 (Friday)
Seattle-Graham dinner, 7 p.m., 1000 N. Main, Boise, Idaho.

June 6 (Saturday)
Portland-Graham dinner, 7 p.m., 1000 N. Main, Boise, Idaho.

June 7 (Sunday)
Seattle-Graham dinner, 7 p.m., 1000 N. Main, Boise, Idaho.

June 8 (Monday)
Portland-Graham dinner, 7 p.m., 1000 N. Main, Boise, Idaho.

June 9 (Tuesday)
Seattle-Graham dinner, 7 p.m., 1000 N. Main, Boise, Idaho.

June 10 (Wednesday)
Portland-Graham dinner, 7 p.m., 1000 N. Main, Boise, Idaho.

June 11 (Thursday)
Seattle-Graham dinner, 7 p.m., 1000 N. Main, Boise, Idaho.

June 12 (Friday)
Portland-Graham dinner, 7 p.m., 1000 N. Main, Boise, Idaho.

June 13 (Saturday)
Seattle-Graham dinner, 7 p.m., 1000 N. Main, Boise, Idaho.

June 14 (Sunday)
Portland-Graham dinner, 7 p.m., 1000 N. Main, Boise, Idaho.

June 15 (Monday)
Seattle-Graham dinner, 7 p.m., 1000 N. Main, Boise, Idaho.

June 16 (Tuesday)
Portland-Graham dinner, 7 p.m., 1000 N. Main, Boise, Idaho.

June 17 (Wednesday)
Seattle-Graham dinner, 7 p.m., 1000 N. Main, Boise, Idaho.

June 18 (Thursday)
Portland-Graham dinner, 7 p.m., 1000 N. Main, Boise, Idaho.

June 19 (Friday)
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June 20 (Saturday)
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June 21 (Sunday)
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June 22 (Monday)
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June 23 (Tuesday)
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June 24 (Wednesday)
Portland-Graham dinner, 7 p.m., 1000 N. Main, Boise, Idaho.

June 25 (Thursday)
Seattle-Graham dinner, 7 p.m., 1000 N. Main, Boise, Idaho.

June 26 (Friday)
Portland-Graham dinner, 7 p.m., 1000 N. Main, Boise, Idaho.

June 27 (Saturday)
Seattle-Graham dinner, 7 p.m., 1000 N. Main, Boise, Idaho.

June 28 (Sunday)
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June 29 (Monday)
Seattle-Graham dinner, 7 p.m., 1000 N. Main, Boise, Idaho.

June 30 (Tuesday)
Portland-Graham dinner, 7 p.m., 1000 N. Main, Boise, Idaho.

'Myakawa Rd.' in Houston linked to ill-fated rice-growing project originator in 1906; railroad station also renamed

The following article appeared in the Houston Post of Sunday, May 2.

Written by R. E. Connor, it was illustrated with pictures of Myakawa, the sign marking the road, and Myakawa's grave.

Kasaku Sawada is 80 now. He lives in Mobile, Ala., where he founded the Overseas Nurseries. He is one of the few today who remember Shinji Myakawa and his ill-fated rice-growing project that linked forever the name of that tall, kindly Japanese man with that of Houston.

On some tablets Sawada admits he may be a little hairy. After all, it all happened 60 years ago.

Shinji Myakawa, for whom the road in Southeast Houston was named, "was a man of character and capacity," recalls Sawada.

He was graduated from the leading commercial college of Tokyo, which was more than a school of shorthand and typing. It became Hirotsu Baku University.

He was rather tall for a Japanese, of light complexion and with a fairly good command of English. He was particularly kind, admired by his neighbors and one who made friends readily," recalls Sawada.

Myakawa came to the U.S. as an officer of the Japanese exhibition at the Saint Louis World's Fair in 1904, which was his first exposure to America.

He came to Texas, where he talked with some of the Japanese rice farmers who had settled here with officials of the Santa Fe Railroad.

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Shortly after, he returned to Japan and organized his Texas venture.

One day Myakawa was driving a large wooden seed roller hitched to a team of mules.

"At that time, I never drove mules, the animals seemed gentle," says Sawada. "Myakawa was there with him."

He had driven a horse and buggy with ease, and the possibility of danger never occurred to him.

Shortly afterward, Sawada, who was planning an adjoining road, placed in the direction of the roller. It was intended. Then he saw two men running that way.

"They picked up Mr. Myakawa and took him to a nearby ridge, where they attempted an aerial rescue."

He was dead.

"It was worse than losing a light in the darkness," Sawada recalls. "We were only four months in this country. We only knew a few words of English and nothing of the prevailing customs."

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name of the Elton Station to Myakawa Station.

The naming of the area had a profound effect upon the attitude of Japanese immigrants to the United States, gaining for them a new status and respect.

One of the four young men who came to Houston with Myakawa, two became discouraged and returned to Japan.

The JACL, formerly of Houston and now living in Japan has done considerable research into the life of Myakawa and has written a biography.

The same Myakawa project so again in World War II when the JACL, now in Houston, was the Japanese American community in Houston.

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Friendship Within JACL

Washington

One of the primary benefits of the JACL is being an organization which provides the opportunity for its members to meet with their fellow Americans. Since many of us live in a Caucasian dominated community, it is refreshing to meet with other Japanese Americans to share Japanese problems, to discuss common interests, or to talk over old times.

The JACL gives us the chance to meet a great number of people in the Japanese American community. In the course of doing so, you make a number of lifelong friends and have a lot of enjoyment.

For a newcomer to an area, the JACL can provide a lot of information. Through its activities, the organization provides the newcomer with the chance to meet friends. Sometimes the activities are as large as the newcomer doesn't make it to first base. In this case, it is incumbent upon both the newcomer and the JACL residents to endeavor to meet the other.

As a general rule, most Japanese Americans are bright to take the first step in anything. But from experience, I've found that most are friendly and willing to be friends anyway, so this hesitation is self-deceiving.

JACLers who know a person who is moving to another city can be helpful to their friend by providing the names of other friends in the distant city. If they know no one,

the name of the JACL chapter president in the new city can easily be secured from National Headquarters and given to the mover to call when he arrives at his destination. The chapter president would then, through common courtesy, make a point to introduce him to a few persons. A practice such as this would not only help the newcomer but would also speak well for the concern and helpfulness of the JACLers.

This matter of offering and deriving friendship within the JACL is a benefit that should not be overlooked. For many persons, the JACL comprises the bulk of their activities, for others a negligible part.

While trying to avoid being too provincial, I think there is a great deal of truth in the old statement that people like to mingle with their own kind if only from time to time.

The JACL gives us this opportunity.

Common racial and cultural backgrounds can be the basis for many happy moments.

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