

# THE NSO's FE-MAIL

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## NSO SETS DINNER TO INSTALL OFFICERS

Election time is here again with busy plans for an installation dinner dance on May 26 at Bamboo Garden when the new cabinet will be introduced. Ballots have been mailed to all the girls. If any interested girl has not received a ballot, Edna Yoshikawa, president, asks that she mail in her choice by writing the names on a post card.

The following are the nominees:

President--Mae Goto and Mickey Kashiwabara; Vice President--Eleanor Waka and Rusty Okamoto; Executive Secretary--Beverly Song and Ayako Kozuma; Secretaries--Grace Harada, Joyce Fujiwara and Claire Kimoto; Treasurer--Mary Jane McLaughlan and Jean Nihei; Social Chairmen--Josie Jarm, Delia Leong, and Kiyo Young; and Historian--Helen Hong, and Mickie Oishi.

Six girls have been also appointed to the honorary board. They are: Pat Iwamoto Murakami, Frances Nakamura, Yuri Iwanaga Yamazaki, Mickey Kashiwabara, Edna Yoshikawa, and Ginger Nakamura Nakabayashi.

Jimmy Konno and Walter Bjork, co-directors, are hoping that this year, there will be more hostesses volunteering their help in addressing, filing, and mailing. Most urgently needed are stencil cutters, column typists and artists.

Meeting notices are mailed out on the second Friday of each month at 50 Amsterdam Ave., 3E. Help will be more than welcomed. Meetings are held on the third Friday.

NSO will also appreciate names and addresses of any girls, GI's, vets, and students in this area who wish to receive notices of Oriental activities.

"The only way an organization can keep from getting stagnant and becoming a clique," says Jim Konno, "is to keep new girls interested."

## SPRING DANCE ON TAP

The 442's annual Spring Dance is slated for May 5, announced Richard Matsushige and Tony Peluso, newly appointed social chairmen for their organization. This affair will be held at the Manhattan Tower, 76th and Broadway from 8:30 to 1:00 a.m.

For something different, a Family Frolic for young and old will be given by the Japanese American Association at the Joan of Arc Jr. High School at 2:30, Saturday afternoon. A 2-hour show will feature a magician, trained dogs, a roller-skating team, a clown, and cowboy musicians.

John Tsukano and his Bunny Brown Hilo Hawaiians who will soon be back in New York, are also planning to give an evening of entertainment when they return.

## THANK YOU'S

### FROM THE 442

The 442 wishes to extend a heartfelt "mahalo" to those who gave time and effort for the Hiroshima Benefit:

To Mickey Kashiwabara, Frances Nakamura, Jean Nihei, and Masa Nakamura, who stayed till 3:00 a.m. the night before the Hiroshima Benefit to make cookies for the dance;

To Eleanor Waka, Jeanette Kimizuka, Ernestine Kozuma, Kathy Konno, Hisayo Ishimaru who helped wrap Hiroshima girls' gifts;

To Jean Nihei and Eleanor Waka (again) who also decorated the stage;

To Mae Goto and Rusty Okamoto, who with their "silent partner," Mr. Miller of the YMCA, made the punch;

To Bill Minor and his "rhythm boys," Biggy Olsen, Charlie Dyer, and Dick Severo for supplying the music;

To the Islanders, Lightning Ueyehara, Charlie Nakoa, Dave Louis, Jin Kozuma, and Mike Yamato, for the Hawaiian numbers.

## DIDJA KNOW THAT.....

...Masa Nakamura, Bob Hamashige, and Charlie Higa were in a TV show April 4 called the "Paper Foxhole." It'll play in Hawaii about the 18th. Watch closely or you'll miss 'em.

...Walter Bjork is the new co-chairman with Jimmy Konno.

...Harold Higuchi, James, Rivera, Ken Suekawa, and Mike Fukunaga were discharged recently from the Coast Guard, and have returned to Hawaii.

...Eddie Chang and Wayne Tomita are stationed at the same microwave site in Germany.

...Jimmy Yazawa and Roland Shim are also together somewhere "down under."

...Hans Hofer was transferred to Norton Air Base in San Bernardino, Calif.

...Ken and Jane Ikeda, who are in Fort Lewis, will be leaving next month for Alaska. Al Yahanda is still there.

...Leroy Gates will be leaving the Brooklyn Naval Base for school in Treasure Island, Calif., soon.

...David Yamamoto is with an Engineer Battalion in Baumholder, Germany.

...Gladys Pang is working as a dentist assistant in Klammath Falls, Oregon.

...Ex-paratroopers, Smoky Nagao and Nob Okamura; ex-Texan, Lily Chew, and ex-"church boy," handsome Shige Takata, (sigh) are all in L.A.

...The Hawaii Nisei A. C. cage squad is playing Oriental teams all over the country.

...Tommy and Sets (Oshie) Wong had their second little bundle in January.

...Alicia and Bob Gascon had their 4th in 3 years. They had triplets the 1st time and a single last November. Hmm, sounds like a ball game. Anyway, congrats to a powerful team.

...Sai Sakai, former Be-Bop man, turned in his guitar for hot rod racing in Hawaii. He is also married to a gal he affectionately calls "Koko."

...George Ito and Yogi Matsuoka are on road-shows with "Teahouse."

...Taeko Tsujimoto is at Homer Folkes Hospital, Ward X-2, Oneonta, N.Y. Betty Lee is at home at 3020 Yates Ave., Bronx. (We all miss you and wish you well.) Hope we'll soon be seeing Jenny Tomei who was hospitalized recently.

...Sweethearts chosen at the NSO's Valentine Dance were: Betty Wong, Julie Epstein, Helen Chin, Nancy Chin and Harriet Ikeda.

## RAIN? YUP! CUPID'S REIGN!

When Cupid reigns, it pours.

Fe-Mail will try to get its readers up-to-date on the "little bowman's" (not Robin Hood's) recent rampages.

Josie Jarm was struck...by a ring in Cincinnati, Ohio, from long-time steady, George Higa on Christmas Eve. In Oakland, California, Herby Wong also "ringed" a "wonderful girl from Hawaii" on the same eve. On Christmas Day in New York City, it was wedding bells for Kaz Shintani and Doris Matsuka who are now settled in Ames, Iowa. And prior to the holidays, Shanny Hajiro married home-towner, Ethel Nomura in N.Y.C. In up-state New York, Dan Morimoto married Bessie Kakoda.

Grape-vine news also informed NSO in the latter part of the year that altar-trips were made by Irv Akahoshi, Joyce Kurozawa, Ken Ko, Melvina Tasaiki, Hisako Tanji, Rodney Saito, Marjie Chin, Mickey Matsuno and Kaz Takata.

In January, the well-known combo of George Kozuma and Reiko Kinoshita became husband and wife in Hollywood, California. In New Jersey, Dick Hata, 442-man, married Sakae Kashiwabara, kid sis of NSO's vice-prexy.

In February, it was a honeymoon for Mr. and Mrs. Don Iyeki. A surprise elopement also brought together Nancy Nagata and Jim Urami. A home-wedding was the scene for Marcia Hayashi and Dr. Yoshiki Ushiyama.

March brought another surprise wedding featuring Lightning Uyehara and Eiko Haraguchi.

May will be the month for Janice Kurozawa and George Kuwayama.

Better watch out, guys! If Cupid doesn't catch up with you, some wahini will.

## SPEAKER FOR APRIL 20th MEETING

Vice-Prexy Mickey Kashiwabara has arranged to have Mrs. Kilroe, Coordinator of Volunteers at Manhattan Center, as speaker for the April 20th meeting. Mrs. Kilroe will describe the Manhattan Center program with the hope of interesting volunteers to help in its many varied activities.

Installation plans will also be discussed. A good turn-out and response is hoped for by the officers.

Refreshments? Of course!

Newcomers, please come.