



## Ruth Tanbara Papers

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STATE OF MINNESOTA  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55101

KARL F. ROLVAAG  
GOVERNOR

October 4, 1965

Mrs. Earl Tambara  
218 South Avon  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Tambara:

I have appointed a new Human Rights Commission and I want to take this opportunity to thank you most sincerely for your service to your fellow Minnesotans as a member of the Governor's Human Rights Commission for the past several years.

You, as a member of the Commission, have contributed in a substantial way to the improved climate in human relations in Minnesota, and as you leave the Commission and go on with your work in other capacities, I want you to know of my personal understanding and appreciation for what you have done.

Warm regards and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Karl F. Rolvaag  
GOVERNOR



# STATE OF MINNESOTA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

ST. PAUL 55155

WENDELL R. ANDERSON  
GOVERNOR

August 8, 1972

Ms. Ruth Tanbara  
c/o  
65 East Kellogg Boulevard  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Dear Ms. Tanbara:

It is my pleasure to join your many friends in extending best wishes to you as an outstanding Minnesotan.

We honor you because you have honored us, in St. Paul and Minnesota, with thirty years of dedicated, creative service. Your contribution to the state has been vital. You have taught the intangibles, those attitudes and ideals essential for a mature, responsible citizenry. Your career has had an indelible impact on literally hundreds of lives. In a most positive and meaningful way, you have invested in our common future.

I extend to you my deepest admiration and best wishes for a productive and satisfying retirement.

With warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Wendell R. Anderson

August 8, 1972

Letter received from  
The Honorable Wendell R. Anderson  
State Capitol Governor of Minnesota  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

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STATE OF MINNESOTA  
GOVERNOR'S HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
STATE OFFICE BUILDING  
ST. PAUL 55101

October 19, 1965

Mrs. Ruth Tanbara  
218 South Avon  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Tanbara:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your help and continued support on the Commission these past several years.

The Governor has appointed a new Commission and this will be announced shortly. Some of you will be continuing and there are some new Commissioners. A new chairman will also be announced shortly, so this will be my last letter to you.

The Governor's Human Rights Commission has been in the forefront in advancing the cause of human and civil rights these past years - particularly in its work with local citizen's committees, conferences, women's groups, youth groups, and other educational programs. As a pioneer state organization, I am sure it will continue to set the pace in the field of civil and human rights among the citizens of Minnesota. I am sure all of you will give your continued support and help when called upon at any time.

Sincerely,

*Gladys Brooks* amg

Mrs. Wright W. Brooks

GB:amg

MRS. WRIGHT W. BROOKS, Chairman, DR. FLOYD A. MASSEY, JR., Vice-Chairman, DR. HENRY E. ALLEN, DR. YAHYA ARMAJANI, MRS. RUSSELL H. BENNETT, PHILIP S. DUFF, JR., MRS. PEARL FABRE, MRS. FRANZ J. F. GAYL, REVEREND EDWARD GRZESKOWIAK, SISTER JEREMY HALL, MRS. JOHN HAMMEL, MRS. ELIZABETH HEFFELFINGER, ANDREW T. JONES, MRS. MARY KYLE, ROBERT C. McCLURE, RABBI LOUIS MILGROM, RT. REV. PHILIP F. McNAIRY, DR. JOHN J. NEUMAIER, CECIL E. NEWMAN, MRS. ALICE S. ONQUE, MRS. JOSEPH RICHARDSON, GERALD SHEEHY, MRS. EARL TANBARA, MISS JULIE VILLAUME, JAMES RICE, Governor's Office, JOSEPH P. SUMMERS, Assistant Attorney General, CALVIN L. WALTON, Executive Director, BEVERLY J. BERGMAN, Assistant Director.

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April 29, 1968

Dear Ruth:

Your efforts and planning resulted in a truly memorable experience for so many yesterday. I can't tell you how pleased we all were at the excellent turnout for the Festival.

The films in color on the ten P.M. news with the live music background as recorded there met with much good comment from our people here and the end result was that the Sister-City program received a great boost.

It is to your credit that this was probably the greatest accomplishment in the twelve-year history of the association, and all of us who value the friendship with Nagasaki appreciate it so much.

Most sincerely,

Bob Ryan

# SAINT PAUL ART CENTER

30 EAST TENTH STREET

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MALCOLM E. LEIN  
DIRECTOR

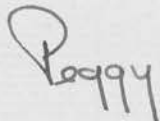
Mrs. Earl K. Tanbara, Chairman  
Saint Paul-Nagasaki Sister City Committee  
Y W C A  
65 E. Kellogg Boulevard  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Dear Ruth,

On behalf of the Art Center Staff I wish to express thanks to the Saint Paul-Nagasaki Sister City Committee and to you personally, as Chairman, for the fine collaborative effort in our jointly sponsored TWILIGHT FESTIVAL on 28 April. The large attendance and the colorful food and costumes all contributed to making a festive and successful event which exceeded our most optimistic expectations. A special word of thanks also for the help with the invitation, which enabled us to set the general tenor of the evening.

The reaching out into new segments of the community provides a very real opportunity for community service, as well as broadening our base of community understanding and interest. Our hope is to continue this mutually rewarding activity on an annual basis. If you and your committee feel that such an annual program serves a useful purpose, I should very much like to meet with you to lay preliminary plans.

Cordially,



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Mrs. A. MacDonell Richards  
Director of Exhibitions

P.S. The dismantling of the Japanese Doll Festival has been postponed to the week of 17 June.

6 June  
1968



# SAINT PAUL ART CENTER

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Mrs. Earl Tanbara  
218 S. Avon Street  
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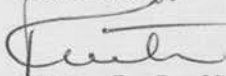
Dear *Earl* Mrs. Tanbara:

On behalf of the Art Center, and particularly Sally Camerer's department, I want to thank you for the color slides and film strip you presented to the Center.

The enthusiasm that has been engendered by the docent program spills over into other areas of our exhibition and education plans. It is this personal concern and generosity that makes possible many programs we could not otherwise undertake.

Our thanks to you again, for your interest. We would be so pleased if you would stop in to see our changing exhibitions.

Sincerely,



Mrs. J. R. Moran  
Assistant Director

13 November  
1968



# WCCO RADIO

July 25, 1972

Ruth Tanbara, YWCA  
65 East Kellogg Blvd.  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

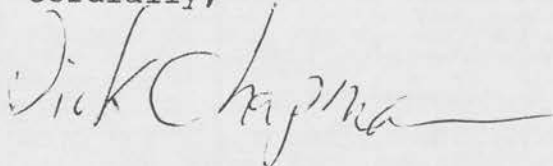
Dear Ruth Tanbara;

Congratulations on your selection as a winner of the WCCO Radio Good Neighbor Award.

As you know, you were saluted on a recent broadcast of our "Good Morning" program, heard Monday through Saturday at 7:55 AM on WCCO Radio.

Attached are your Good Neighbor Award certificate and a transcript of the broadcast tribute to you. We are pleased to send you these mementos with the best wishes of all your Good Neighbors at WCCO Radio and the sponsors of "Good Morning," Northwest Orient Airlines and the Ford Dealers of the Northwest.

Cordially,



DC:par

Enclosures

# WCCO RADIO good neighbor award

The St. Paul YWCA Staff will honor today's WCCO Radio Good Neighbor, with an open house and dinner this evening. She was sent to St. Paul by the U.S. Government as an Ambassador without portfolio to help Japanese people relocate during the war. She works now with the University of Minnesota World Student Affairs Committee, and was a consultant for last year's Minneapolis Aquatennial. She's retiring this month, after 30 years on the YWCA Staff, as a gardener, glove maker, gourmet cook, diver, photographer, tour leader, artist, interior designer, committed professional staff member. She's a board member of the Japanese American Society, and the Nagasaki-St. Paul Sister City Committee. She's a board member of the Council of Human Relations, and very involved in the Unitarian Church of St. Paul. Today's WCCO Radio Good Neighbor is Ruth Tanbara of St. Paul.

**FEATURED** July 25, 1972 **ON WCCO RADIO**  
**DICK CHAPMAN'S "GOOD MORNING" PROGRAM**  
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HUBERT H. HUMPHREY  
MINNESOTA

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

July 25, 1972

Mrs. Earl Tanbara  
218 South Avon  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Tanbara:

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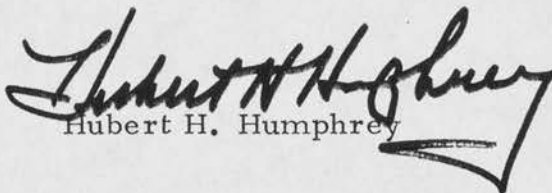
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Supreme Court of the United States  
Washington, D. C. 20543

CHAMBERS OF  
THE CHIEF JUSTICE

August 4, 1972

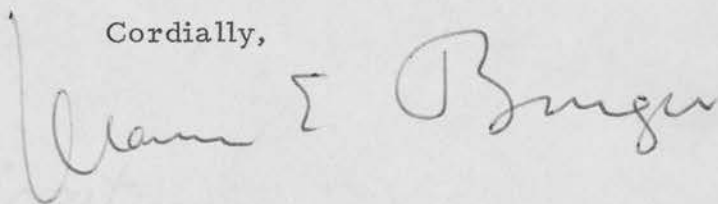
Dear Miss Tanbara:

I learned only recently of your retirement from the St. Paul YWCA, and it brought back recollections of some of the projects we collaborated on in the days of the Council of Human Relations and related groups.

You have made a splendid contribution to St. Paul and to the "Y" movement, and your influence in the community for 30 years has had a great impact on several generations of young people.

I wish you the best of health and happiness in the years ahead.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Warren E. Burger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "W" and a distinct "B".

Miss Ruth Tanbara  
Young Women's Christian Association  
65 East Kellogg Boulevard  
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101



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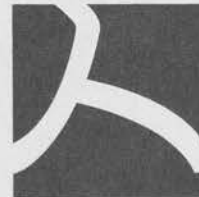
Sincerely,

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Wendell R. Anderson

WRA/tvb

MINNESOTA MUSEUM OF ART • 30 EAST TENTH STREET • SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA 55101



MALCOLM E. LEIN, DIRECTOR

September 6, 1972

Mrs. E. K. Tanbara  
218 South Avon  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
55105


Dear Mrs. Tanbara:

I am enclosing a copy of the Nominating Committee report being sent to all members of the Minnesota Museum of Art presenting the slate of Officers and Trustees to be acted upon at the Annual Meeting on September 20, 1972.

On behalf of the Trustees and our Community I want to extend our deep appreciation for your interest and willingness to serve.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

  
Frank D. Marzitelli  
Chairman, Nominating Committee

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MALCOLM E. LEIN, DIRECTOR

Mrs. E. K. Tanbara  
218 South Avon  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
55105

Dear Mrs. Tanbara:

As President, it is my great pleasure to greet you and to extend appreciation for your membership on the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota Museum of Art. The responsibility of helping to guide the progress of a vital growing institution is, happily, balanced by the satisfaction of having a part in that growth.

When possible, meetings will be scheduled at 12:00 Noon on the third Thursday of each month from October through June, with the Annual Meeting held in September. Meetings will be held in one of the Fourth Floor Galleries at 305 St. Peter Street. A reservation card will be sent with the notice of each meeting as well as Minutes of the past meeting. Changes in time or place will be noted.

Your willingness to serve is an important indication of your interest and loyalty to the Minnesota Museum of Art, and we look forward to your active support in the months ahead. The next meeting will be on 19 October 1972 and we hope that you will be able to attend.

Sincerely,

*Sherman K. Headley*

Sherman K. Headley  
President

28 September  
1972

Enclosure: Board Member List, 1972-73

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA  
730 FEDERAL COURT BUILDING  
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55101

January 10, 1974

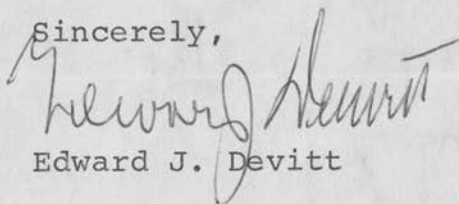
CHAMBERS  
EDWARD J. DEVITT  
CHIEF JUDGE

Mrs. Ruth Tanbara  
218 South Avon  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55105

My dear Mrs. Tanbara,

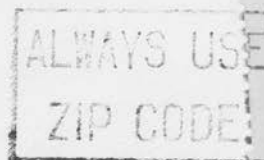
Just a note to tell you of my sorrow in the death of Earl. I have been privileged to know him for about 20 years and became especially well acquainted with him playing golf the last few years. He was a very fine person. I enjoyed every minute I spent with him. Mrs. Devitt joins me in sending condolences.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Edward J. Devitt", written in a cursive style.

Edward J. Devitt

EDWARD J. DEVITT  
Chief Judge  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101



*Cards  
& letters  
only*

*Jan 11, 1974*

Mrs. Ruth Tanbara  
218 South Avon  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55105

MINNESOTA MUSEUM OF ART • 305 ST. PETER ST. • SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA 55102



MALCOLM E. LEIN, DIRECTOR

Mrs. E. K. Tanbara  
218 S. Avon  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55105

Dear Ruth:

I just wanted to put in writing how pleased we were with the Sukiyaki dinner and the beautiful film - and how very grateful we are to you for arranging the evening and making it happen!

You are always too modest to want to be thanked, but of all the wonderful people who worked so hard to make the evening a success, I think you deserve the most appreciation.

It is always such a pleasure to work with you, and I hope we can have more programs of this kind.

I am writing to Akiko, too, to tell her how much we appreciate all the work she did on the film.

Sincerely,

Patricia Heikenen  
Director / Program

2 October  
1976

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Mrs. Earl K. Tanbara  
218 South Avon  
St. Paul, Minn 55105

Dear Ruth,

The Museum's 1978 Spring Benefit featuring fashions by Hanae Mori last April was a brilliant and exciting event. It will be difficult to follow, but we feel our ideas for next season are equally exciting.

We are asking a small number of people who have been close to the Museum and who have played an important role in its success to serve on a GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE to help develop plans for the 1979 Benefit. We hope you will serve. Your advice and participation will be most important to the success of the event.

Please be my guest at a luncheon meeting for the group at the Permanent Collection Gallery, 305 St. Peter Street at 12 Noon on Thursday 5 October. The meeting will be informal and will not last beyond two o'clock.

Sincerely,

Malcolm E. Lein  
President

20 September  
1978

Please respond, 224-7431.

LOUIS W. HILL, JR  
1452 W-FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING  
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55101

September 5, 1980

224-4884

Dear Ruth,

On returning to Saint Paul for a couple of days, Gen told me of the death of your lovely mother. I remember her when we were neighbors on Linwood and Avon.

I was particularly interested in reading the beautiful article that appeared in the Pioneer Press today, and I was so glad to know those other most interesting facts. She was a real pioneer, and a real lady, and I am so glad that I was privileged to know - for a ~~short~~ <sup>long</sup> time - her lovely daughter!

"To live in hearts we leave behind  
Is not to die."  
and may I share those short words and that thought with you. All the best,

Very sincerely,

  
Louis W. Hill, Jr.

## GALLERY SAINT PAUL LOAN AGREEMENT

79 Western Avenue North, Saint Paul, Minnesota, 55102 (612) 227-8892

Please complete, sign and return. The blue copy is for your records.

LENDER RUTH TANBARA  
 ADDRESS 1181 Edgemoor Rd., St. Paul, MN 55105  
 TELEPHONE NUMBER 698-2449  
 CREDIT LENT By Mrs. Ruth Tanbara  
 Exact form of lender's name for catalog, labels and publicity

## EXHIBITION

In accordance with the terms as printed on the reverse of this page, GALLERY SAINT PAUL undertakes to borrow and hold in temporary custody for the purpose of:

☒ Exhibition Japan/Collector's Choice ☐ Possible Acquisition  
☐ Long Term Loan ☐ Other

the object(s) described below on this page for a period ☒ from 10-14-81 to 11-15-81  
☐ Of Indefinite Length

Object and Description (artist, title, date, medium, dimensions HxWxD)	Insurance Value	Condition and Packing Notes
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Hiroshi Yoshida "Summit of Fujiyama" Woodblock, 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 15 $\frac{1}{4}$ (signed)	500 <sup>00</sup>	exc -
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6 early handcolored photographs of Nagasaki, Japan - for use with SEC slide presentation	1200 <sup>00</sup>	exc
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Is the Work for Sale? NO Selling Price NFS (See Conditions on the Reverse)

INSURANCE (See Conditions on Reverse of this Loan Agreement)

Do you prefer to maintain your own insurance? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
 If so, estimated premium \_\_\_\_\_

SHIPPING The object(s) being loaned may be picked up from:

Address- Give exact location

THE CONDITIONS OF THIS LOAN AS STATED ABOVE AND ON THE REVERSE ARE ACCEPTED.

Signed: Ruth Tanbara Date: 10-8-81  
 (Lender or authorized agent)

## CONDITIONS GOVERNING LOANS TO GALLERY SAINT PAUL

Gallery Saint Paul will exercise the same care in respect to loans that it does in the safekeeping of its own property.

Unless arrangements to extend the loan have been made by Gallery Saint Paul, objects lent to it shall remain in its possession for the time specified on the face of this form, plus a reasonable time required for receiving and returning the work to the lender. Loans will be returned only to the owner or lender or his duly authorized agent (verified in writing). When returned, borrowed materials shall be packed in exactly the same way as received and with the same cases, packages, pads, and other furnishings when possible.

Borrowed objects will not in any way be treated, cleaned, unfitted, repaired, remounted, reset, dissected, or submitted to any examination or application which would tend to alter the condition except as such treatment may be specifically authorized by the lender.

Unless the lender expressly elects to maintain his own insurance coverage, Gallery Saint Paul will insure this loan wall-to-wall under a fine arts policy, for the amount indicated on the face of this loan agreement, against all risks of physical loss or damage from any external cause while in transit and on location during the period of the loan. The Gallery's fine arts policy contains the usual exclusions for loss or damage due to war, invasion, hostilities, rebellion, insurrection, confiscation by order of any Government or public authority, risks of contraband or illegal transportation and/or trade, nuclear damage, wear and tear, gradual deterioration, moths, vermin and inherent vice, and for damage sustained due to and resulting from any repairing, restoration or retouching process unless caused by fire and/or explosion.

If the lender chooses to maintain his own insurance, the Gallery must be supplied with a certificate of insurance naming the Gallery (and the Commadore Partners) as an additional assured or waiving subrogation against Gallery Saint Paul. If the lender shall fail to supply the Gallery with such a certificate, this loan agreement shall constitute a release of the Gallery from any liability in connection with the loaned property. The Gallery cannot accept responsibility for any error or deficiency in information furnished to the lender's insurer or for any lapses in coverage.

Unless notified to the contrary, Gallery Saint Paul assumes the right to photograph and reproduce the work on loan for educational, catalog, and publicity purposes.

Gallery Saint Paul shall indicate the ownership of the object(s) lent by suitable labels, mention in exhibition catalogs, and press releases in such a form as the lender may direct.

If the work is for sale and is sold during the period of this loan, it is understood that the selling price includes a handling fee of \_\_\_\_\_ percent to be retained by the Gallery.

This receipt supersedes any temporary receipt issued by curators or other staff members who received the object(s) listed on the reverse side of this form.

*Re Kimono R.T.*

March 12, 1986

Mrs. Jean F. Hunter  
Associate Curator Interpretation, Collections  
Minnesota Museum of Art  
Jemne Building  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

Dear Jean:

Thank you for your letter of March 4 and for the enclosure of the gift certificate for April 6. I am looking forward to the Opening of the Japanese Print Collection.

INFORMATION ON Ruth Tanbara's kimono

Color: Wistaria blue (deep powder blue)

Floral design of Botan (Tree Peony flower in pastel)  
popular design of the 1920 period.

TYPE OF FABRIC: Chiri men (Heavy silk crepe)

History of garment: approximately 60 years old

In 1926 went to Osaka, Japan with Mother and we ordered the kimono and obi (sash) at the Daimaru Store in Osaka.

It was the custom to order the kimono in white silk and the store dyed it to the customers selection.

The kimono has my father's family Crest in 5 places on the kimono....one in back, 2 in front and 1 on each sleeve.

Since the Crest is in white that is the reason the kimono has to be ordered in white material.

The Obi (sash) was also ordered by design. It is Heavy silk brocade and is a Maru-obi (design on both sides).

Type of occasion: This is the formal Kimono with long sleeves to the hem of kimono and worn on special occasions, receptions, weddings, etc.

I wore it at my wedding reception after being married in an American Bridal dress with veil.

In the early days in order to have it cleaned, we sent it to Tokyo with a friend who was going over there on a trip and they had it cleaned and returned with the Kimono. It had to be taken all apart and cleaned and re-sewed by hand again. Now we can have it cleaned at a good Cleaners here. All Japanese kimonos are sewn by hand. (very fine stitches).

*RT*

ROBERT T. MATSUI  
THIRD DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

COMMITTEE ON  
WAYS AND MEANS

WASHINGTON OFFICE  
2419 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, DC 20515  
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650 CAPITOL MALL  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814  
(916) 551-2846

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

August, 1988

Dear Friend:

I am sure that by now you are aware that President Reagan has signed into law legislation providing redress and compensation to Japanese-Americans interned during World War II.

Earlier this year, the redress legislation passed the Senate and the House by overwhelming margins giving clear evidence that this was an issue of principle and not politics.

The legislation offers an official U.S. government apology to all of those illegally interned in the 1940's. Further, it appropriates \$20,000 in tax-free money to every individual or to the heirs of those individuals who suffered through the internment.

I want to thank all of you who helped us enact this measure into law by your letters, phone calls and input to your Senators and Congressional Representatives. I hope that redress and monetary compensation help bring to a close this tragic, painful chapter of American history. I realize that neither redress nor compensation will erase the memories or the pain or the indignity that the 66,000 Americans alive today who survived this experience have suffered.

Nevertheless, I hope that all Americans learn from this legislation that discrimination can never be a part of the fabric of American society. It may take generations to correct gross, incomprehensible mistakes. But, a democracy as strong and caring as ours will eventually understand and attempt to heal the deep suffering that these injustices create.

In the thought that you might like to read my statement on the House floor in support of the legislation, I have enclosed a copy of it. If I can be of any assistance to you, please don't hesitate to contact me.

With warmest, personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

*Robert T. Matsui*

ROBERT T. MATSUI  
Member of Congress

Enclosure

## Comments from the Co-Presidents

by Lynn Wolfe and Chris Rossow

Dear Members:

As the leaves flame and fade while the tree remains, so do our events come and go while our friendship with Nagasaki's people and the mutual appreciation of our cultures grows deeper roots and stronger branches. Like the leaves in their season, these events nourish the relationship and those who participate are enriched and enlarged.

What a pleasure it was to speak with the young woman from Junshin at the July 30th picnic. Their shyness was temporary and their enthusiasm boundless. And the homestay experience was so very rewarding for the families that we can hardly wait for the chance to repeat it. We were also able to improve our acquaintance with Miss Watanabe and Mr. Katsumata, the professors who accompanied the students.

During this same period, the College of St. Catherine was hosting the children and chaperones participating in the Songs of Hope. Their concert on the 18th of August was exciting, colorful and very well done. Maiko-chan and Hitoshi-kun made us proud by their excellent performance. In visits to our homes, we were able to get to know them, watch them shed their shyness and enjoy the new things and people around them. Their 5th grade teacher, Mr. Kamekukita spoke excellent English and we had interesting discussions about the school year and teaching methods in Japan. In a delicious irony, music is not among the many subjects he teaches them.

At this writing, we are looking forward to the October arrival of the

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## Lou Gelfand to Speak at SPNSCC Annual Meeting

Louis I. Gelfand, ombudsman at the *Star Tribune*, will be the main speaker at the 36th Annual Meeting of the Saint Paul-Nagasaki Sister City Committee, to be held this year in the Town and Country Club, on October 30th. Mr. Gelfand will speak on the Freedom of the Press in Japan.

Mr. Gelfand visited Nagasaki and Japan with the SPNSCC's 30th anniversary tour in 1985. In 1989, he was invited to Japan by the Japanese Newspapers, Publishers and Editors Association to lecture on ombudsmanship.

The response to his lecture, he said, was hard to measure because of the politeness of the

Japanese. However, a close Japanese friend of his who is ombudsman for the *Yomiuri Shinbun*, said the lecture was well received.

Mr. Gelfand has been ombudsman of the *Star Tribune* since 1981. Previously he was director of Corporate Relations at the Pillsbury Company for 17 years, Administrator of the Tyrone Guthrie Theater Foundation for four years, Executive Assistant to the President of the Minneapolis and Saint Louis Railroad for four years, and a sports news editor at the *Saint Paul Pioneer Press* for nine years.

The Annual Meeting will start with a social hour at 6:00 PM. At 6:45 PM a brief business meeting will be held. Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM. Mr. Gelfand will speak at 8:00 PM.

marathon runners from Nagasaki. There should be terrific opportunities to become acquainted with them and their companions. Elizabeth will no doubt bring you up to date with an article about their visit.

We hope to see many of you on the 30th of October for our annual meeting. Chip Fricke will be presenting new by-laws for your approval (that's for those who need a purpose to come), we will have Lou Gelfand as speaker, and we always have a great time just visiting. Treat yourselves to a fun evening.

Chris  
Rossow Lynn  
Wolfe

## SPNSCC Member Ruth Tanbara to Speak at Special Series on WWII

"Nisei Women Remember: The Story of Japanese-American Evacuation and Internment," is the third in a series of presentations to be held at the Minneapolis Library as part of a WWII oral history program. Personal recollections will be given by Ruth Tanbara, Kimi Hara, Dr. Gladys Stone, and Yoshi Tani, whose lives and families were affected by this upheaval on American soil.

Moderated by Dr. Nobuya Tsuchida, the program will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12. For further information, call the Minneapolis Public Library at 372-6500.

Copy of Panel Discussion  
RT part enclosed

1991  
Contribution

December 2, 1991

Mr. Ronald Reed  
President Family Service of Greater St. Paul  
166 East Fourth Street  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Dear Ronald Reed:

In 1992, it will be exactly fifty years since we relocated in St. Paul during World War II and the evacuation of Japanese Americans from our homes on the West Coast.

Earl Tanbara and I were living in Berkeley, California and we were given the option of either going to one of the Relocation Centers or to move voluntarily to the Midwest and help resettle the Japanese Americans and their parents from the internment Centers. Since we had a family friend in St. Paul who loaned us his home and my brother was stationed at Fort Snelling in the U.S. Military Intelligence Language School, we arrived here in August 1942.

In the beginning, we helped the evacuees from our small home, but the numbers increased beyond our expectations, so a Resettlement committee and the Council of Human Relations were organized by the YWCA, YMCA, Family Service, the International Institute, the Churches and Macalester College. Through these organizations, we were able to build community acceptance for the Japanese Americans and help them resettle. Chief Justice Warren Burger was an outstanding attorney in St. Paul at that time and he served as our first Chairman. Dr. Charles Turck, President of Macalester College was our second chairman and Macalester College was the first to accept Nisei students and Rev. Arthur Foote of Unity Unitarian Church served on the committee.

I will always remember the role Family Service played in helping the Resettlement committee lease a small Hotel (where the Civic Center now stands) and help the evacuees in providing lodging, meals at a nominal fee, employment, medical care and contact colleges for the students.

Historically, we were a new group of U.S. citizens of Japanese extraction to resettle in Minnesota. In comparison to other States, Minnesota was outstanding in accepting the groups. Many families returned to their homes in the West after the War, but many have continued to live in Minnesota educating their children and contributing their interests and skills in the community.

In remembrance, appreciation and in memory of Earl Tanbara, I am enclosing a contribution for the Family Service Centennial Endowment Fund to continue its valuable program. I would like to keep this contribution anonymous since I am sharing my Redress check from the U.S. Government.

Sincerely,

Enclose Check # 5306  
December 2, 1991  
\$1000.00

Mrs. Earl K. Tanbara

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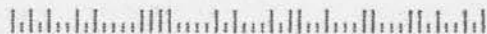


*Arrived Apr 8/92*

Mrs. Earl Tanbara  
1181 Edgcumbe Road #216  
St. Paul, MN 55105

*Re Volunteer Service award.*

*Apr 11/92*



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**Mrs. Earl Tanbara**  
1181 Edgumbe Road #216  
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Dear Ruth,

It is with great pleasure that I write to you about establishing an award in your honor - the Ruth Tanbara Diamond Award for Outstanding Volunteer Contributions. Enclosed you'll find the criteria and details. We will present the first award at the Annual Meeting on May 20 at the Saint Paul Hotel, and we hope you can attend as our guest.


Your sincere interest in the family brought you to Family Service, and we are forever grateful. Through the years you gave tirelessly to our board through the membership committee and development committee. Our members have gotten to know you through meetings, membership drives, the newsletter, annual events, your beautiful flower arrangements and especially through personal contact.

How fortunate we are that you and your husband Earl, settled in St. Paul and made this your home. Our community is a much better place because of your spirit and determination. And we who know you, are enriched for spending time with you.

You'll be pleased to know that Sylvia Carty has been selected to receive the first award, and it will be presented to her by our board chair, Forrest Glewwe. Sylvia has been a dedicated and reliable volunteer in our intake unit since 1989 and has over 900 hours of service with us. She is very deserving and feels humbled by this honor. We are pleased that we can honor her, and at the same time, honor your inspiring history of service.

I will call you about this soon.

Sincerely,

  
**Ron Reed**  
President



"To improve the quality of individual, family, and community life."



**RUTH TANBARA DIAMOND AWARD  
FOR OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTIONS**

**History**

The "Ruth Tanbara Diamond Award for Outstanding Volunteer Contributions" is being created in our Centennial Year as a means of celebrating the 100 year history of volunteerism at Family Service. The award is named in honor of former board member Ruth Tanbara who has contributed many hours of volunteer service to Family Service and others in the community. From the beginning, volunteers have been a vital component in helping Family Service meet its mission "to help improve the quality of individual, family, and community life." Family Service wishes to acknowledge the important role and meaningful contributions of our volunteers by presenting this award annually to one volunteer who has made significant contributions to the agency.

**Type of Award**

The award will be agency-wide for all types of direct service volunteer activities.

**Purpose**

The purpose of this award will be to recognize volunteers who have made significant contributions to Family Service.

**Nominations**

Nominations will be solicited from supervisors of volunteers. These nominations will be due February 1st of each year to the Director of Administrative Services.

**Criteria for Selection**

The criteria for selection will be:

- 1.) The volunteer has made significant contributions in any of the volunteer areas of the agency.
- 2.) The volunteer gives approval for public recognition.

**Selection**

The President will select the recipient from nominations presented him by the Director of Administrative Services.

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Ruth Tanbara Diamond Award

**Announcement**

An announcement of the recipient of the "Ruth Tanbara Diamond Award" will be made each year at the Annual Meeting. A Plaque will be presented to the recipient by the President of Family Service.

**Award Plaque**

The Plaque listing names of recipients for each year will be displayed at the Family Service Downtown office.

April 8, 1992

Mr. Ronald Reed  
President Family Service of Greater St. Paul  
166 Fourth Street East  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-9002

Dear Ronald Reed:

Thank you for your letter of March 27. It is wonderful that Family Service is establishing the Diamond Award for outstanding volunteer contributions each year for your Agency. I feel greatly honored to have the Award in my name, and appreciate the recipients for their dedication to help further the program of Family Service through the years.

The Purpose and Criteria you have established is excellent.

I have always thought Prof. Karl Jasper expressed volunteer work well in "Man in the Modern Age."....."that Joy in work grows out of a harmony between human existence and an activity to which the doers give themselves unreservedly because what they are doing is done for a whole."

I look forward to attend the Annual Meeting of Family Service on May 20 at the St. Paul Hotel.

Sincerely,

*Ruth Janbera*  
Ruth Janbera (Mrs. Earl K.)

In Memory  
of Mary Turnbull  
1911 - July 2, 1992  
Old 19 -

I thank you Mary for being a  
very special friend through  
the years.

I remember the days you taught  
at the St Paul YNCA in the leather  
glovemaking and special sewing classes.  
Everyone enjoyed your high quality  
of teaching. I learned a great deal  
about sewing machines for the YNCA  
from you.

Valentin Your many years of dedicated  
service in the Japan Food Booth <sup>at the St Paul Japanese Center</sup> and  
at the Festival of Nations did help toward  
funding the Japanese Garden in Como  
Park, St Paul which has just been  
completed. It was beautiful <sup>and a Fleeting Memory</sup>.

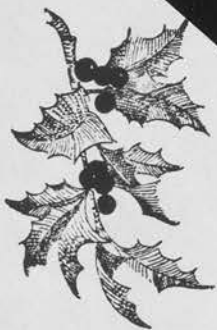
Your interest in gardening, love  
of flowers, handcrafts and special  
rocks on your geological tours since  
rocks ~~were~~ are an inspiration to all of your  
friends.

Will always appreciate your  
thoughtfulness, <sup>many</sup> kindnesses and your  
beautiful photographs taken on your  
geological tours. You have added  
enrichment to our lives.

With love  
Ruth Tsubaki  
St Paul Nagasaki Sister City Committee  
Your Japanese American  
friend.  
& member of the St Paul

In memory of Mary, a Memorial is  
being sent to the St Paul Nagasaki Sister City  
Committee from Ruth Tsubaki & Elsie Shiozaki  
Hawarden to

Wed. July 8, 1992.  
11 am



1992

Dear ,

Holiday Greetings and my very best wishes to you for 1993!  
1992 was a year of many interesting activities which filled my hours each day.

Weatherwise the Twin Cities was most unusual....during the Summer, the temperature was around 70 - 80 degrees Fahrenheit with no humidity...it is generally around 85 to 95 degrees F with uncomfortable humidity. So, ...it was like living in San Francisco with its Mediterranean climate. Then on October 15, we had a surprise snow fall of over 12 inches....we missed our October's bright blue weather.

Our Minnesota history book project class of 15 members met each month to complete their essays which have been edited by a Professor from the University of Minnesota. We are making contacts for publishing now, so the book will not be ready until probably the Fall of 1993. It has been an interesting, worthwhile project and after reading each ones essays, their personal experiences are understanding and courageous.

In May, the Family Service of St. Paul one of the United Way Agencies celebrated its 100th year history at their Annual Dinner Meeting. With the volunteer work with Family Service during the resettlement of Japanese Americans back in 1942, and serving on the Board of Directors and committees, Family Service established The Ruth Tanbara Diamond Award for outstanding volunteers for the Agency each year.

During the year, it was wonderful to have relatives visiting me....my cousin Eiichi Nomura from Tokyo came in April; my niece from Iowa, Marilyn came with her two children ....during the Minneapolis Acquatenial in July, and recently my nephew Tom from Virginia. It was good to be brought up-to-date on their interests and plans.

I had planned to go to Nagasaki, Japan for the dedication of the Peace Sculpture by Paul Granlund for the Peace Park in Nagasaki but with a wedding of one of my grand nieces in St. Paul on the same day in October, I decided to stay home.

In July, I enjoyed the dedication ceremonies of the Ordway Memorial Japanese Garden and Tea House in Como Park in St. Paul. Many friends from Nagasaki attended.

In November, I visited the new Mega Mall of America in Bloomington, MN which is located near our Airport, stopped for lunch and walked about the huge Mall. One needs more visits to see it completely.

In early Fall, went to Chicago which is about an hours trip by Air from St. Paul and had a wonderful time visiting relatives and friends. lunched at Marshall Fields (which is now one of Dayton's Department Stores of the Twin Cities), visited the Art Institute of Chicago, had a pre-celebration of my 85th Birthday with a Japanese Buffet Dinner and Birthday Cake prepared by friends. Had a quick visit to the Yaohan Plaza the large Japanese shopping mall in the Arlington District.

Through the weeks, I try to continue my activities attending Church and organization meetings, Coffee Concerts of the Symphony, take care of the Greenhouse plants in our building, volunteer at the annual Festival of Nations and continue my hobby in photography taking photos of organization activities for their album records.

Cordial good wishes,

*Ruth Tanbara (Mrs. Eare)*

"Our Father, may we be ever sensitive to Thy presence and reveal Thy Goodness and Beauty in the quality of our lives."

WALTER F. MONDALE

2200 FIRST BANK PLACE EAST  
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55402  
(612) 340-5690

August 9, 1993

Mrs. Ruth Tanbara  
1181 Edgumbe Road #216  
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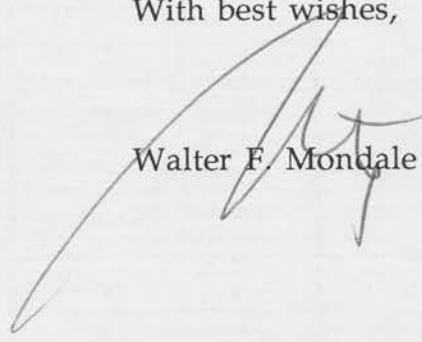
Dear Mrs. Tanbara,

Thank you so much for your wonderful note to me and to Joan about our new job in Tokyo. We are both delighted by it and we appreciate so much your kindness in writing.

Thanks again.

With best wishes,

Walter F. Mondale



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Mrs. Ruth Tanbara  
1181 Edgumbe Road #216  
Saint Paul, MN 55105

*Received Aug 11/93*



WALTER F. MONDALE

2200 FIRST BANK PLACE EAST  
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TO: BABA

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Thank you for your introduction by telephone from London during my visit with Renee at her luncheon on February 19. It was a special occasion to renew our friendship, since it has been 12 years since the passing of her Mother Beatrice, my dear friend.

It was a very unexpected surprise to receive the plaid shirts of fine India cotton, and I know I shall enjoy them through the coming season. The Garnet stone is precious, beautiful and the special cut brings forth a lovely radiance. Thank you for your kindness.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

*7/6 22/94*

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With best wishes,

RT  
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Dear Renee:

Saturday, February 19 will always remain  
a special day for me. It was an event  
to renew our friendship of twelve years  
ago.....It brought back many happy memories  
with your Mother Beatrice at your family  
home, at the library, at Unity-Unitarian  
Church...a wonderful, beautiful person!  
When I see White Chrysanthemums I am  
reminded of the Haiku (Japanese poetry).....  
"WHITE CHRYSANTHEMUM.....MAKING ALL ELSE  
ABOUT THEM REFLECTED RICHES.".....

Haiku....author unknown.

It was a pleasure to meet Lewis and hear  
about his eventful trip to Japan, he is  
a scholar. And to meet Marie who had  
been to Portland, Oregon....the City of  
Roses, my home city...of birth, schools  
and friends. Rejoice!

Feb 22/94

Your luncheon with Stir Fry Vegetables and meats with Rice was delicious and I appreciated your thoughtfulness in serving Ban Cha (evening tea) which is milder. The Orange slices for dessert were true symbols of prosperity....so round, golden, and always served during Chinese New Year which is held this year (1994) from February 10th for several days.

To be introduced to BABA by phone calls from London was most welcome, and I felt his presence at the Luncheon table. To receive his gift of colorful plaid shirts of fine India cotton was indeed an unexpected surprise. The Garnet stone is very beautiful rare and the cut gives it a very lovely radiance.

Your luncheon was special from "i tadaki masu" (from the beginning of the meal) to "Go tchi so sama" at the end of the meal... (thank you for a very tasty menu."

Do extend my grateful thanks (ari-gato) to BABA for his thoughtfulness.

Go-ki-en-yo.....best wishes...

Yoro-shiku...(cordial greetings to everyone)

Sa yo nara...Farewell til we meet again!

*Ruth Tanbara*  
Mrs Ruth Tanbara

*February 22/94*

*Received  
Jan 21/95*

## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** January 31, 1995  
**From:** Edie Deering  
**To:** Supervisors of Volunteers:  
Edie Deering, Linda Johnson, Michelle McCaughtry,  
Norma Jean Myers, Judy Navarro, Linda Norquist, Joan  
Platt, Mary Sandifer, Dan Swalm (Intake)  
**Subject:** RUTH TANBARA DIAMOND AWARD

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The "Ruth Tanbara Diamond Award for Outstanding Volunteer Contributions" was created in 1992, our Centennial Year, as a mean of celebrating the rich history of volunteerism at Family Service. The award is named in honor of former board member Ruth Tanbara who contributed many hours of volunteer service to our agency and the community. From the beginning, volunteers have been a vital component in helping us meet our mission of helping tp improve the quality of individual, family and community life. During 1994 alone, volunteers contributed 6,035.45 hours of service - the equivalent of 2.9 full time staff.

Any volunteer who is not a member of our Board of Directors, and meets the following criteria, is eligible for nomination:

- the volunteer has made significant contributions in their area of service and gives approval and will be present for public recognition at our Friends of Family Service Meeting the evening of Tuesday, June 6th. Past recipients are Sylvia Carty (1992), Margaret McAbee and Mary Whipple (1993), and Doris Eckstrom (1994).

I hope that you will take a moment to reflect on the important work of our volunteers. Their generous gifts of time and talent does make a difference for both our agency and the community. Your nomination is a very special tribute to them.

Please complete and return the attached nomination form to me by March 1st.

Enclosure

cc: Egret  
AOT

# JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE

TWIN CITIES CHAPTER

January 24, 2000

Mrs. Ruth Tanbara  
1181 Edgumbe Road #216  
St. Paul, MN 55105-2833

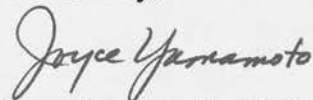
Dear Ruth,

You, along with your late husband, Earl, have been named "Unsung Heroes: Champions of Human Rights." Many members of the Japanese American community remember that as early arrivals to the Twin Cities area, you worked to build community acceptance and helped many Japanese Americans in Minnesota find housing and jobs. You played an important role in helping organize the Japanese American community in the Twin Cities. Because of these acts of kindness, you, and others like you, will be named during our Day of Remembrance ceremony to be held at the Minnesota History Center in St. Paul, MN on Saturday, February 19, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. We welcome you to attend this event.

The Day of Remembrance refers to February 19, 1942, when President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, authorizing the forced removal and incarceration of 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry during World War II. The Twin Cities Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League is calling on members of our community to remember those affected by Executive Order 9066 and recognize those who helped Japanese Americans during and after World War II. This ceremony will pay tribute to those who fought against the injustice and extended acts of kindness to those Japanese Americans. It is our hope that this ceremony will encourage and inspire everyone to stand up against prejudice, discrimination, and other acts of injustice.

Enclosed you will find an invitation. We hope you will be able to attend.

Yours truly,



Joyce Yamamoto, Chair  
Twin Cities JAACL  
Day of Remembrance 2000 Committee

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# *Day of Remembrance*

February 19, 2000 • 2:00-4:00 P.M.

*In Loving Memory*

AS WE COMMEMORATE THIS DAY OF REMEMBRANCE, WE WOULD ALSO LIKE  
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ESTHER SUZUKI, WHO PASSED AWAY UNEXPECTEDLY IN DECEMBER. HER  
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*Day of Remembrance* Unsung Heroes: Champions of Human Rights

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Ruth Abernathy  
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Rev. Mary Jean Bartholomew  
Virginia Black  
Warren Burger  
Mrs. Butler and son, David  
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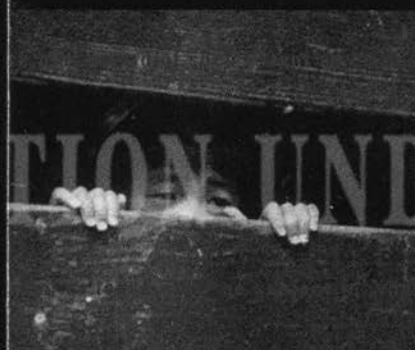
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Name	Postion	Comments	Recipient	Category
Abernathy, Ruth	Executive Director,	assisted all minorities with their problems	JA Community	Activist
Akard, Martha B.	Director, Twin Cites	Housed JA's during transition looking for employment, college enrollment, etc.	JA Community	Activist
Aldrich, Allen	Assistant WRA	Conducted student meetings to listen to concerns	JA Community	Professional
Allen, Vern		Helped find housing	?	Friend
American Friends Society		Provided scholarships to JA's attending college	Carl Somekawa	Organizaton
An Italian family	Neighbor	Stored a truck and other personal property for a JA family going off to camp	Mikio Kiriharra	Neighbor
Antonello, Marjean Feil		Befriended	Lucy Kiriara	Friend
Armstrong, Mrs. Arthur	St. P Cou Hum Rel	Organized meetings for minority groups so they could express what they wanted others to know about them	JA Community	Activist
Bannick, Dr. Ed	Chief Int Med, Mayo	Recruited JA nurses to MN to help keep them out of internment camps	Kimi Hara	Professional
Burger, Warren	St. Paul Attorney	Served as first chair for Council of Human Relations; later became Chief Justice of the Supreme Court	JA Community	Lawyer
Butler, Mrs. and son, David		Lived on St. Clair Ave. in St. Paul; took in early arrivals directly from internment camps	Mary Yoshida	Friend
Camp Savage	Military intelligence	Rallied public support for role of the Nisei GI's efforts through the media	JA Community	Organization
City of Minneapolis	Mayor H. Humphrey	Created a welcoming environment	JA Community	Politician
City of St. Paul	Mayor ??	Created a welcoming environment	JA Community	Politican
Colby, Ruth Gage	Volunteer	Helped with problems of housing and employment	Donald Maeda	Activist
David, Mr. and Mrs.	Neighbor	Took his shotgun and waved it at the FBI when they came to check around. Said he would rather have his JA	Ruriko Matsuyama	Neighbor
Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Charles		Helped Kiriara family find a house	Miki Kiriara	Friend
Dean, Sydney	St. Paul	Lived on Edgcumbe Road; willingly hired JA's	Oguras	Businessman
Doty, Margaret	Women's Dean	At Macalester College befriended JA students; Ex. Gave free tickets to the symphony	College Students	Educator
Ellen, Vern	Employer	Befriended the whole family and helped them find housing	Lillian Tanaka	Businessman
Episcopal Diocese of MN		Donated property for a JA community center	JA Community	Organization
First Baptist Church of Mpls.		Provided social activities, fellowship, and services	Ted Asao	Organization
Foote, Arthur	Reverend	Unity Unitarian Church of St. Paul; Helped find funeral homes willing to bury JAs	JA Community	Clergy
Gately, Miss ____	Teacher	Was supportive	Lucy Kiriara	Educator
Godbout Mortuary		Offered its services to JA's when others wouldn't bury them	JA Community	Business
Grimm, George	Columnist, Mpls.	Wrote many columns portraying JA's in a favorable light	JA Community	Professional
Haack, Arno	Washburn YMCA	Helped all JA's on campus; invited students to his home for dinner and socializing	Yoshio Matsumoto	Professional
Hamline University		Accepted Nisei students when it was not popular to do so	Janet Mizuno	Organization
Hanson, Asael and Marion	Community Analyst	Provided outings for some internees at Heart Mountain	Ruth Yahanda	Activist
Hara, Kimi T.		Early arrival; helped JA's get established in MN; active in organizing the JA community	JA Community	Activist
Hayes, Rev. and Mrs.		Showed support by writing letters to internees in camp	Ruriko Matsuyama	Clergy
Hunt, Dr. and Mrs. Arthur		Took in a JA during high school and were criticized for it; served as proxy parents	Rei Sumada	
Ikeda, Dr. Kano	Chief pathologist	Provided medical advice and service at Miller Hospital, St. Paul	JA Commuity	Professional
Ito, Kenji	Relocation Director	Helped relocate JA internees	JA Community	Professional
Judd, Dr. Walter	Congressman	Sponsored a naturalization bill and worked for its passage for 9 years	JA Community	Legislator
Kahn, Howard	Journalist, St. Paul	His column "Paul's Light" helped influence public opinion in favor of JA's	Johnnie Ogura	Professional
Kiley, Eleanor	YWCA Dir of PhyE	Gave employment	Mary Yoshida	Professional
Kitagawa, Rev. Daisuke	1st Dir. of Com Cntr	His involvement and influence within government and religious organizations was instrumental in helping with the	JA Community	Clergy

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Kraft, Virgil	Pastor	First Methodist Church in Dinkeytown; Provided rooms at their church in exchange for maintenance work	Carl Somekawa	Clergy
Lakewood Cemetery		Offered burial without discrimination	JA Community	Business
Macalester College		Accepted Nisei students when it was not popular to do so	Esther Suzuki	Organization
MacPherson, Joy		Befriended	Lucy Kiriara	Friend
Maico	Local hearing aid co.	Offered jobs to JA's		Business
Mann, Harold	Relocation officer	Helped with job placement	JA Community	Professional
Marshall, Ruth	Director of YWCA	Helped with the "Girls' Club"	Minnie Matuura	Professional
Matsunaga, Lt. Masayuki	Member, 100th	Spoke publically about role of the JA's serving in WWII and helped change public opinion	JA Community	Military
McCleary, Joy Souther		Befriended	Lucy Kiriara	Friend
McLean, Dr. Milton	Professor, Macalester	Advisor and friend to JA students	JA Students	Educator
McNary, Philip	Bishop Emeritus	St. Mark's Cathedral; Helped find barbers and beauticians willing to cut JA's hair	JA Community	Clergy
Midland Bank		Willingness to give jobs to JA's	Phyllis Takekawa	Business
Mitchell, Robert	Charter Member	Backbone of Rainbow Club (organized so children of different backgrounds could play socially)	JA Community	
Munson, Marian	School teacher	Provided a place to live for a JA student	Sadao Akaki	Educator
Nagano, Paul	Seminary student	Provided Christian services, social activities and fellowship	JA Community	Professional
Neushin, Sherma		Friend since kindergarten; came to see a JA friend at an assembly center	Lucy Kiriara	Friend
Nisei Student Relocation		Helped college -age JA find schools that would accept them	JA Community	Organization
Nyberg, Mr. and Mrs. Walter	Neighbor	Befriended a JA family who had received hate mail	Ohno family	Neighbor
Ogata, Tomiko	Director	St. Paul Resettlement Committee. Managed housing, prepared meals for families who came directly from camps	JA Community	Professional
Olson, Marilyn Bracewell		Befriended a JA enrolling as a 9th grader	Lucy Kiriara	Friend
Orton, Wanda	English teacher	West High School, Mpls. Helped by allowing JA's to write about their feelings	Tom Ohno	Educator
Otis, Faricy, Burger, & Moore	Law firm	Gave employment	Kimi Yanari	Business
Owen, Mary Gwen	Professor	Went out of her way to befriend a JA student	Esther Suzuki	Educator
Phillips, Rena	International Institute	Helped the Issei in taking out citizenship papers	JA Community	Educator
Rainbow Club		Interfaith, interracial group for social events	JA Community	Organization
Richardson, Rev. Forrest	First Christian Chur	Welcomed JA famiy into their church the second day after their arrival	Phyllis Takekawa	Clergy
Rife, Isabel		Befriended	Lucy Kiriara	Friend
Rinard, Mr. and Mrs. Ray	Neighbor	Stored stove for a JA family that had to evacuate	Ruriko Matsuyama	Neighbor
Robinson, Morris C.	Pastor	Grace Presbyterian Church; Responsible for placing hundreds of JA's in jobs	JA Community	Clergy
Rochester Mayo Clinic		Helped with relocation of nurses to MN	JA Community	Organization
Shirell, Elmer L.	Relocation officer	Helped many Niseis find jobs	JA Community	Professional
Sickels, Alice L.	Executive Director	International Institute of MN; Understood the difference between Japanese nationals and JA's in the United States	JA Community	Activist
Sievert, Robert	Youth Director,	Head of Japanese Youth Group	JA Community	Clergy
Staples, Mr.	Missionary	Allowed a JA family to store their belongings during the duration of the war	Ted Asao	Missionary
State of Minnesota	Gov. Youngdahl	Created a welcoming environment	JA Community	Government
Steeffel, Mrs. Lawrence	WRA Office	Helped with relocation	Minnie Matsuura	Professional
Strait, Ed	Student at MIT	Willing to share apartment with JA	Carl Somekawa	Friend

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TWIN CITIES CHAPTER

March 20, 2000


Mrs. Ruth Tanbara  
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Dear Ruth,

Earlier this year we told you about a special event that our organization was having called "A Day of Remembrance." On February 19th over 380 people filled the auditorium at the Minnesota History Center and another 100 were turned away for lack of space. They all came to remember a time when racial prejudice and discrimination were allowed to take equal rights away from a group of people because of national origin, and to recognize people who stood up against that racism and discrimination.

Since you were one of the honorees, we wanted you to have the enclosed program as a souvenir of that event.

Yours truly,



Joyce Yamamoto, Chair  
Twin Cities JA CL  
Day of Remembrance 2000 Committee

Japan America Society  
*of*  
Minnesota

Mondale  
Award & Scholarship  
Dinner

Wednesday, November 29, 2000  
Radisson Riverfront Hotel St. Paul  
6:30 pm

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### **Cocktail Reception**

### **Introduction**

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Bill Deef, JASM President

### **Dinner**

### **Special Remarks**

His Excellency Shunji Yanai  
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The Chief Curator, Director of Program Development and Curators will jointly have the authority to recommend the deaccessioning of objects. This decision will be based on the following: if the object is no longer relevant and useful; if it has deteriorated beyond the point of usefulness; if the Museum can no longer care for it adequately; if it is redundant; or if it falls outside the new collection goals. Any member of the curatorial staff may propose that an object be deaccessioned. The recommendations made by staff will be reviewed by the Collections Committee and approved or disapproved. The Collections Committee may refer a final decision if necessary to the Executive Committee through the program Committee Chair.

### Appraisals (9.0)

The Japanese American National Museum, in accordance with the American Association of Museums' Code of Ethics does not provide appraisals of the monetary value of materials brought into the Museum for identification or presented as gifts.



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Date

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# Japan America Society of Minnesota

July 31, 2003

Dear JASM Members:

Every year at the Mondale Award and Scholarship Dinner, the Japan America Society of Minnesota presents the *Mondale Award for Japan-Minnesota Partnership* to an individual or organization that has been nominated by the membership and selected by a committee of the Board of Directors. We would be delighted to receive a nomination from you on the form enclosed. Here are the criteria for you to consider.

**Purpose:** The Mondale Award for Japan-Minnesota Partnership is presented by JASM to recognize outstanding contributions to the building of understanding, cooperation and respect between the people of Japan and Minnesota.

**Criteria:** This award will be presented annually to the individual or organization based in Japan or Minnesota who has met one or more of the following criteria.

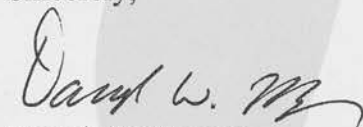
- Made a lifetime contribution to the Japan-Minnesota relationship through a variety of activities, projects and initiatives
- Provided leadership in a pivotal project which accelerated significant public awareness of Japan and/or Minnesota in the reciprocal region
- Played a crucial role in developing a lasting partnership or relationship between Japan and Minnesota
- Served as an official representative in fostering closer ties between Japan and the United States.

The previous recipients of the Mondale Award for Japan-Minnesota Partnership are:

1997 Walter and Joan Mondale	2000 Ruth Tanbara
1998 N.L. Gault, Jr., M.D.	2001 Minnesota International Center
1999 Akiko Sako	2002 Harriet and Edson Spencer

Thank you very much for taking time to assist us in the nomination process. Please mail or fax the form to the JASM office by the deadline of Friday, August 22, 2003.

Sincerely,



Darryl W. Magree  
Executive Director



*St Paul  
Proclamation  
Oct 16, 2006*



City of Saint Paul

# Proclamation

*Whereas, in the year 1926, at the age of 18, Ruth Nomura Tanbara toured Japan with other young Nisei on a trip sponsored by a Japanese American newspaper to bolster understanding between America and Japan and, since that trip, Ruth Tanbara has embraced the understanding of the two cultures and has constructed many bridges of understanding between the two countries; and*

*Whereas, in the Spring of 1942, Presidential Executive Order 9066 removed all Japanese Americans, citizen or not, from West Coast states to interior relocation camps and the Army Military Intelligence Service Language School, composed of Nisei soldier students learning the Japanese language (spoken and written), were also moved that Spring from the San Francisco Presidio to Camp Savage, and later to Fort Snelling; and*

*Whereas, Japanese Americans could leave the camps and move inland if they could support themselves, and many opted to be near husbands, fathers, brothers and fiancés and requested to settle in the Twin Cities; and*

*Whereas, Ruth Tanbara and her husband Earl had to leave San Francisco and were asked to help Japanese Americans adjust to Minnesota's climate and to wartime prejudice, and Ruth became active in civic and Japanese organizations, contributing time and talent earning many awards, including the Saint Paul-Nagasaki Sister City Committee Chip Fricke Award and the Japan American Society of Minnesota Mondale Award and Ruth Tanbara is the only living member of the Saint Paul-Nagasaki Sister City Committee, serving six years as President and many more years as Secretary; and*

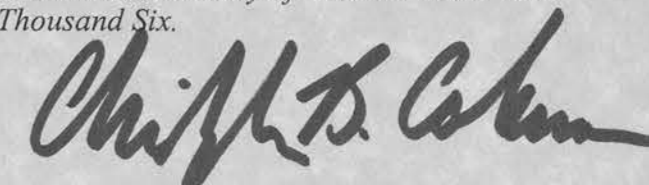
*Whereas, when Ruth retired from the Saint Paul YWCA in 1972, where she was affectionately known as "Ambassador without Portfolio," a grateful "Y" dedicated an outside patio of their downtown Saint Paul building and designated it as "The Ruth Tanbara Japanese Garden and the YWCA building is now known as the Paul and Sheila Wellstone Elementary School and the school has restored, upgraded and rededicated the Ruth Tanbara Japanese Garden;*

*Now, Therefore, I, Christopher B. Coleman, Mayor of the City of Saint Paul, do hereby proclaim Monday, October 16, 2006 to be*

## **Ruth Tanbara Day**

*in the City of Saint Paul.*

*In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Saint Paul to be affixed this Sixteenth Day of October in the Year Two Thousand Six.*



Christopher B. Coleman, Mayor



