

EDITORIAL: WHAT IS A NSO HOSTESS?

For four years now, several hundred different girls have attended NSO functions and have participated to some degree in some NSO activity. The girls have been of varied types and personalities; with different interests; predominantly Oriental, or from Hawaii; and have generally run the age-gamut from 16-26. Whether they were students, working girls, both, or just visitors to the city, their presence at the gatherings added to the attraction needed.

But what is a NSO hostess? There is no membership nor dues; nor obligations. This organization is open for participation to any girl who wishes to be a part of a service group. She may help in whatever capacity she feels she is most capable of or interested in. With so many girls constantly leaving, more hostesses are always needed.

Generally speaking, a NSO hostess is just as the noun implies; a girl who attends a social function for the purpose of "being a hostess", catering to guests who are newcomers or strangers, that they may feel welcomed and included into a group.

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'55-'56 OFFICERS NOMINATED ELECTION DEAD-LINE SET FOR MAY 21

Ballots listing candidates for the fifth election of officers of the Nisei Service Organization were mailed last month by the nominating committee of the Hostess Club.

According to NSO prexy Frances Nakamura, votes must be cast and returned by mail before or on May 21.

"Every vote is important," she stressed. "A single vote may help decide who will be seated in the new administration. Moreover, every ballot cast will be in itself a lifting vote of confidence of our concerted efforts to serve."

Nominated for president are: Josie Jarm, Reiko Kinoshita, and Edna Yoshikawa. Candidates for vice president are: Miki Kashiwabara and Sumi Young.

Named for secretaries, of whom two will share responsibilities, are: Sylvia Fujiwara, Ethel Higa, and Sylvia Mizuno. Mae Deguchi, who was also named on the initial slate, declined with regret because of her conflicting hours of work.

Selected to run for treasurer are: Mar-

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LIEUTENANT STILL CHEERFUL

1st Lt. Masaru Dick Uyehara of Compton, California, parachuted from a jet bomber seconds before it crashed near Beallsville, Maryland, on February 8. The new B-57 exploded to bits, killing the pilot. Lt. Uyehara, the navigator, who has 18 missions in Korea to his credit, had one leg severed below the knee and suffered four fractures in the other.

In behalf of the NSO, a box of candy was sent to him in Bethesda Naval Hospital. The gift was acknowledged by his wife, Teri, who expressed "deepest thanks". The young couple also has a four-month old baby.

Myke Kosabayashi, Wash. D.C. JACL secretary, has been helpful in keeping us informed of Lt. Uyehara's condition. She has commented on his "wonderful attitude and cheerfulness despite such serious injuries".



NSO MERGER! Jimmy Konno, NSO Director, and Kathleen Eddy, NSO executive secretary, formed a single office by merging in matrimony on April 9.

DIDJA KNOW THAT..

...George and Emeline Arakaki joined the ranks of parenthood on March 26, when their first bundle, Valerie Midori arrived here in New York.

...M/Sgt. Kaz and Shirley (Fukuyama) Nita-hara also joined the Stork Club in Germany on the arrival of Kazie Ann on March 6.

...September "expectants" are Roland and Barbara (Komine) Shim, and Wing and Betty (Wong) Lem.

...Howard Miyata, whose ship was transferred to California wrote that he bumped into Florence Kozuma.

...Ken Kawashima, West Point bandman, while playing in the Rose Parade on New Year's Day saw Helen Sasaki on the side-lines and called to her, but unfortunately, she did not hear him. He'd better toot his horn louder. Incidentally, "Adonis" Ken will be leaving for Hawaii in a few weeks.

...Vivian Oshiyama, many years resident at "601" left for Los Angeles last month.

...At least half a dozen active NSO hostesses will also be migrating westward within six months. What's on the other side?

...Tall, not so dark, but handsome Bill Minor of Michigan is not only a prolific pianist, drummer, and guitarist, but also a talented artist as proven by his cartoon on opposite page.

...Kaizo Fukumoto is back from Florida and now working in a swank country club.

...AF Lt. Charles Kubokawa of Berkeley, Cal, is stationed at Dover-Fox-Croft, Maine.

...Ken Tataki just returned from Germany and is now back with his family here. Welcome home!

...David Hayashi has been transferred to Patrick Air Force Base, Florida.

...Many familiar figures to the NSO circle, (and very attractive ones too), will soon be heading altar-way. On April 24th, Elaine Huie is slated to exchange vows with Raymond Chu at The Little Church Around the Corner.

...Jim Yamauchi of Laie; Albert Saito of Aiea; and Ernest Sunada of Honolulu were recent new GI visitors to New York.

NSO OFFICERS

Directors: Dick Komine and Jim Konno.

Hostess Club Officers: Frances Nakamura, Ruth Eto, Pat Iwamoto, Miki Kashiwabara, Sylvia Mizuno, Kathy Eddy, Edna Yoshikawa, Reiko Kinoshita, Betty Lou Lang, and Juanita Rodriguez.

Fe-Mail Staff composed of volunteer hostesses, GI's, and vets. Anyone welcome to join in. Contact Ruth Eto.

PLANE TALK



Kimono-clad Phyllis Kusumi presents a Japan Air Lines model plane to the Honorable Renzo Sawada, Japan's permanent observer to the United Nation's. The pert NSO hostess also appeared in similar dress and duties on Dave Garroway's TV show, "Today", on February 28.

To all NSO hostesses who have not voted, please make your selections and mail in your ballots soon as possible. If anyone did not receive the mimeographed ballots by mail, write in candidates of your choice from nominees listed on front page, and mail to 50 Ams terdam, Apt. 3E. Deadline is May 21. DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

...Lt. Al Yahanda, jet pilot of Otis Air Base, is on his delay enroute to Anchorage, Alaska. He will be spending much of his 45 days in Minneapolis, Minn.

...Joichi Okano, Pearl City-ian, who was stationed in this part of the country two years ago, is back here again on a 4-months reserve assignment.

...A new talent to the NSO is the Coasties' Peter Tinitali of Honolulu who specializes in Samoan dancing. (We're all expecting to see him perform at the next NSO dance).

...New GI's who were visiting the city this past Easter holiday, were: Masa Takaki from Kona; Harold Fujimoto and Masa Furumoto from Wailuku, Maui; Hide Kiyabu from Waipahu; and David Kimura from Honolulu.

...Richard and Stanley Ogawa, two Wahiawa brothers, also were here for the holidays.

...George "Beef-cake" Kozuma is still "cutting up"; this time as a butcher.

STUDENTS TID-BITS BY EDNA

...Edmund Dubby Leong's ability at feature writing can be seen in NYU's Chinese Student Club gazette, the Newsrama". (Wish we had someone like you for this Fe-Mail).

...Dolores Higa is teaching elementary art in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

...Alice Kawato, U of H newcomer now attending Adelphi College in Garden City, will be transferring to Columbia this summer.

...Another Malahini here is Kiyoshi Tamanaha who is taking up pre-law at NYU.

...Recent visitor to the city, was Alice Horinouchi of Penn State who came to attend an art conference at the Museum of Modern Art. She was student body president of Farrington High School in Honolulu, and senior class president at U of H.

...Two Honolulu-ans who are doing exchange teaching are: Dorothy Yashima in Hartford, Connecticut; and Marcia Hayashi, in Arlington, Virginia.

...Gladys Pang just completed a course in Beginning Typing at Riverside Business College and came through with flying colors.

...Kay Kutaka is back in the states after a short visit to Kauai, and is now going for her Masters in Entomology at San Jose State.

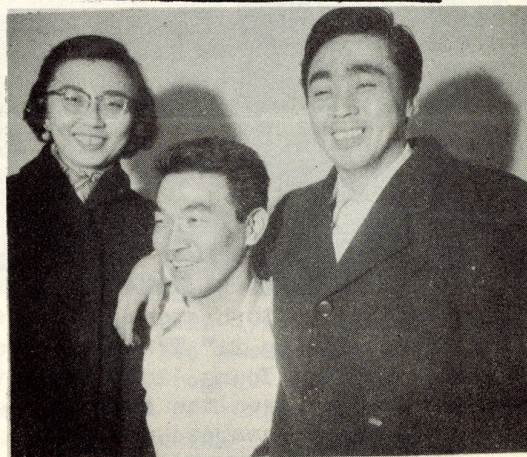
...George Wood, a 1951 graduate of U of H, returned from Haiti in February and is now in Yugoslavia on another CARE assignment.

...Bob Nitta of Pepekeo is in Honolulu attending the same electrician's school as ex-fellow-coastie, Jimmy Yazawa.

...Other Coasties in school are: Joel Hama-saki of Kauai, at the Honolulu Business College; Richard Hidani of Maui, at the Washington University Dental College in St. Louis, Missouri; James Nakamura of Laie, at the New York Trade School; and James Ige, at Bryant College in Providence, Rhode Is.

...More than 200 Hawaii students are taking courses at Columbia University. Colleges in Michigan and Colorado also boast high in island students.

...Kathy Eddy Konno is taking a course in Japanese, and could "show up" many a Buddha-head in her knowledge of hiragana and kanji.



Cox "Baby-Face Floyd" Yamauchi is the center of attraction here on eve of his departure to Wahiawa. Flanking him are Ernestine Murai, also now in Hawaii, and Jin Kozuma, one of the few remaining Wahiawa-ans.



GRAND SUR-"PRIZE"



Betty Lee (right), NSO hostess, reflects her delight after winning 21" TV set at recent 442 Assoc. Dance. Young lady at left, who hails from Sweden, drew the lucky number. Norm Kurlan, 442 Prexy, awarded the prize.

OFFICERS NOMINATED

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gie Chin, Ayako Kozuma, and Eleanor Waka. Two of the following three will serve as co-executive secretaries: Akiyo Kobayashi, Frances Nakamura, and Miki Oishi.

Similarly, two social chairmen will be elected from the following four: Lily Chu, Mae Goto, Phyllis Kusumi, and Betty Lee. Nominees for the post of historian are: Ruth Eto, Delia Leong, and Gladys Pang.

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However, there is more to NSO hostessing than merely attending dances and outings. There are meetings to attend and support; scheduled events to plan; notices to mail; and countless personal services to tend to. There is also correspondence with servicemen both here and overseas to keep informed. The help that such a group and individuals can 'give and be' is limitless. Many of the girls have already done more than her share of meeting new students and GI's; giving advice and help in orienting newcomers to the city; finding jobs and housing; and making contacts and introductions.

Perhaps, there are certain personality qualifications that strengthen the meaningfulness of hostessing, such as: kindness, sincerity, helpfulness, friendliness, enthusiasm, and warmth. Dependableness, punctuality, and cooperativeness are desirable too.

Each girl, herself, may acquire that much more in social poise and maturity from the number of people she will meet, and situations she may experience.

Her greatest gain will be in the personal satisfaction of "helping others".

There is no "must" to NSO hostessing, except, perhaps, she **MUST** enjoy her role.

Something to watch for in the next issue will be Monte Minami's column concerning job situation in California. He will give the NSO a report, quoting facts and figures on pay; fields that are open and closed; and what employment bureau's to approach for further information.

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