

President's Report - 1975-1977

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The elected officers for 1975-1977:

First Vice-President - Kiyoko Uyeda
Second Vice-president - Georgia Hufstedler

1975-1976

September Founder's day luncheon, Allie Uyehara demonstrated Sogetsu School. The Special Event with Headmaster Meikof Kasuya as the guest demonstrator was held at River Road Unitarian Church. A workshop with Mr. Kasuya was held the following day.

October Saks Fifth Avenue presented a tribute to the Emperor of Japan. Three of our members each contributed four arrangements. The following evening, the Emperor hosted a dinner for President and Mrs. Ford, and four members did the table arrangement for the occasion.

November At first, the board voted to have a "no frills" conference with no headmasters, fearful of financial disaster. However, circumstances changed and Headmistress Ikeda and Headmaster Ohara agreed to attend. Allie Uyehara and Betty Taylor were co-chairmen.

January Dr. Richard Mezler demonstrated bonsai at our winter luncheon.

February Sharon Ziesnitz made Sogetsu arrangements at our general workshop.

April Hazel Madsen presented Ichiyo at the general workshop. There was a tour April 25 during Virginia Historic Garden week.

May Our Spring Flower Festival was held at the Botanic Garden. May 4th through 7th, coinciding with our Conference. Ginnie Pickett was chairperson. Mr. Ohara had a massive construction in the East Wing, while Mrs. Ikeda did classical Koryu arrangements in the West Wing. The North American Conference headquarters was in the 4-H Center. Mr. Ohara demonstrated at a dinner at the National Presbyterian Church, and Mrs. Ikeda gave a program at Kenwood Country Club. Mrs. Togo, wife of the Ambassador, gave a tea for all our members at the Embassy. Mrs. Lutz, II International President attended and called our conference "an outstanding success". The conference was also a financial success, making over \$5,000.

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September Members of the chapter were guest demonstrators at our Founder's Day luncheon. Members participated in a program at the University of Maryland and in a celebration of flowers at the National Cathedral.

November Supriya Dutt demonstrated Ohara School at the general workshop.

February Dr. Ikka Nakashima was our special event demonstrator. Catherine Foster gave a Sogetsu program at the general workshop.

March 15 members' arrangements were shown in the Capital Center Show.

April At the general workshop, Paul and Wayne Todd showed slides of their trip to Japan.

June I.I. participated in the Japan American Bazaar at Mt. Vernon Junior College. Betty Taylor was installed as our new president.