

Exerpts from Minutes of Board meetings regarding Ellen G.Allen Scholarship-
May 1968.

June 6, 1967.

Mrs. Todd then read a letter from Mrs. Jeacock, in which Mrs. Jeacock suggested that an Ellen G. Allen Scholarship be established in honor of the founder of I.I. Mrs. Allen was then given a round of applause from the group.

Sept. 5, 1967, Mrs. Jones then reported on the Ellen G. Allen Scholarship fund. The following ideas were brought to the board; the purchase of a chair at the Kennedy Center in honor of Mrs. Allen would cost \$1,000. Sending a student to arranging school in New York would cost about \$100.00 per year. The cost of attending local flower arranging classes would be about \$464. with an additional \$139 for the certificates. A discussion of these and other ideas then took place. There was no decision made at this time.

Oct. 3.-1967.

Mrs. Jones then gave her report on the Ellen G. Allen Scholarship fund. A suggestion was made that we purchase a Golden Ticket to the United Performing arts of Washington. This ticket costing \$100.00 would be sent to the International House to be used by students wishing to attend a cultural event. It was also suggested that a sum of money be donated to Georgetown Visitation Convent, which is the school that Mrs. Allen attended. Mrs. Braley then noted that we have a large bank balance which could be put to use here. Mrs. Veatch expalinted that an investigation was made while she was president, and it was found to be legal to carry this amount in our savings account. After much discussion, it was decided by the group to spend \$200.00 this year for the Scholarship fund. a Motion was made by Mrs. Striker, seconded by Mrs. Aurell that we donate \$100 to the Georgetown Visitation Convent in the name of Mrs. Allen to be used in the field of art by a worthy student and also donate \$100.00 to the purchase of a Golden Ticket in the name of Mrs. Allen, and I.I. to be used by a foreign student. This was approved by the board.

Nov. 7, 1967.

Mrs. Jones reported on the Ellen G. Allen Scholarship committ ee. Arrangements are being made for Nov. 17, meeting at 10:30 at Georgetown Visitation Convent where the gift of \$100. would be turned over to the Superior there. Mrs. Allen invited as many as 15 people to attend the meeting at 1500- 35th St. N.W.

Dec. 5, 1967

Mrs. Pearson reported on the Golden Ticket to be presented on Dec. 6th at International House to Mr. Kasuya's son, who is studying English in this country. She read a copy of a newsrelease regarding this which had been sent in to various papers. A letter from the Washington Performing Arts Society, acknowledging I.I.' participation on the Golden Ticket program was read. Mrs. Todd described the presentation of the Ellen Gordon Allen Scholarship Award at the Georgetown Visitation Convent on Nov 17, and gave copies of her presentation speech to board members who were present.

2139 Wyoming Ave. N.W. Washington, D.C.
Nov. 6, 1967.

Mother Cecelia Clark,
Georgetown Visitation Convent
1500- 35th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mother Cecelia:

As you know well, my dedication and devotion to beautiful art of Japanese Flower Arrangement, known as Ikebana- and that due to my love of this art - I had the privilege and honor to found an organization dedicated to its spread around the world- and for the promotion of friendship and good will.- I can now say that we have Chapters, Study groups and members that "surround the world".

As a result and especially here with our local Ikebana International Chapter- the Washington, D.C.- the members are especially devoted to me and one of our members- Mrs. Donald Jescock suggested that we here establish a "scholarship" in order to keep alive the memory of Ellen Gorgon Allen- Likewise all know of my great and dedicated devotion to Georgetown Visitation Convent.

While I was in New Zealand and Australia during the month of September our President, Mrs. Paul E. Todd, and the Board of Directors made the decision as to the annual "scholarship"- and to quote from the News Letter- the action taken- and why- it is herewith present d:- From the Chapter News Letter, Oct. 1967.:- I think that you will each be pleased to learn that your Board approved two fine suggestions presented by our Scholarship Committee. One hundred dollars will be presented to the Georgetown Visitation in the name of Ellen Gorgon Allen to be used in the field of Art by a worthy student. We will also donate one hundred dollars to purchase a "Golden Ticket" to the performing arts in the name of Mrs. Allen and Ikebana International to be used by the foreign students at the International House."

That is the gist of it- Nothing in my life has touched me more and I am sure that you and the sisters will also be thrilled over this marvelous gift- to keep my memory alive! Who would not be deeply touched- and to think that \$100.00 is given to a worthy student of art- to my equally beloved G.V.C!

Naturally the members of the board- or some of them- and a few of our members would like to have the pleasure of presenting the "scholarship fund" of \$100.00 to the Convent in person. Probably about 15 of our members- Would it be possible for us to come over in the near future to do this - As I know how busy you are- and let me add all of our members too have tight schedules, I thought I'd take the liberty of two dates- 17th or 20th. preferably the morning. If these are not suitable please give us two dates. As we have a board meeting the 7th- the sooner I hear the better.-

Just before finishing this letter, I learned that our President, Mrs. Todd isn't free the morning of the 20th- but could make it the P.M.

I am sure that the -ists will be much impressed with this wonderful tribute to your - old old Alumnus- and I am so touched - Anyway they will bring the " check for the scholarship with them. Also maybe not as many as 15 will go with us- but at our Board meeting if you have made a decision- we can then find out exactly how many will attend the presentation of the " scholarship check" to the Convent.

Remember me in your prayer - and all of us.

With affection-

P.S. My phone number is Co. 5-2368.

Nov. 17 1967

First Scholarship to Ellen Gordon Allen
L. to R. -

Mrs. Paul E. Todd - President

Mrs. Frank A. Allen, Jr.

Mother Cecelia Clark



Our President received the following letter from Mrs. Allen:

My dear Wayne, and all the members of the Washington, D. C. Chapter, Ikebana International:

It seems to me I am ever in debt to the Washington, D. C. Chapter of I.I. for the many courtesies they are constantly extending to me and even more so now for your lovely thought of the "Ellen Gordon Allen Cultural Scholarship" to keep my memory alive! I am truly over-whelmed and grateful beyond words.---and especially to Jackie Jeacock for originating the idea!

There is a famous expression in the old days - regarding "Paris" - which I feel can be interpreted for Ikebana International also It was "Paris Mon Coeur" I say "Ikebana International my heart" and especially the Washington, D. C. Chapter.

I also deeply appreciated the ladies who attended the ceremony and especially at this season in which every minute counts. - Your lovely tribute to me - in your speech - was most touching I could not believe it was me!!!!

My love and gratitude to each and every member,

The second scholarship of \$100.00, the purchase of a GOLDEN TICKET #41 of the United Performing Arts to International House for the use of foreign students visiting Washington, D. C., while furthering their education. This was given in the name of Ikebana International and Mrs. Frank A. Allen, Jr. (Ellen Gordon Allen), our Founder.

On December 6, 1967, Halle Pearson, our Vice President presented the GOLDEN TICKET to Akuyaski Kasuya, at the International House. Akuyaski is the son of Mr. Meikof Kasuya, Headmaster of the Ichiyo School of Japanese Flower Arranging.

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Ikebana International

Washington, D. C. Chapter

November 17, 1967

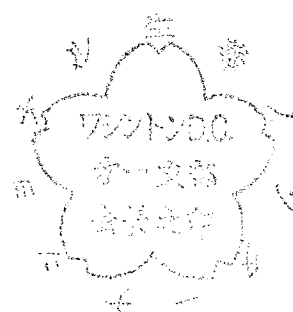
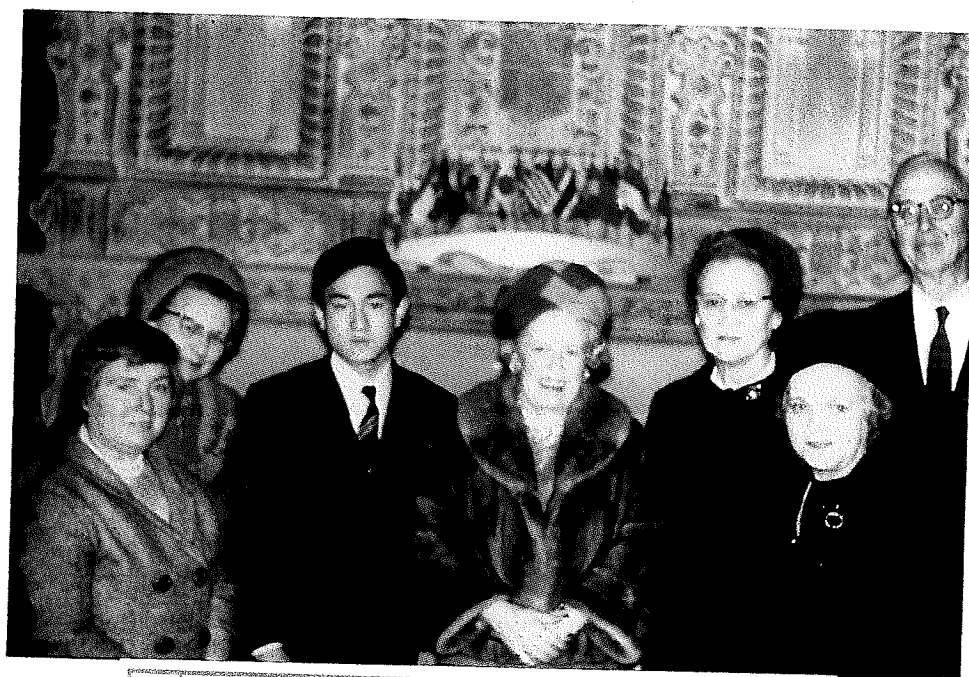
The Washington, D.C. Chapter of Ikebana International takes great pleasure in presenting this GOLDEN TICKET #41 of the United Performing Arts to International House for the use of foreign students visiting Washington, D.C. while furthering their education. We give this in the name of Ikebana International and Mrs. Frank A. Allen, Jr. (Ellen Gordon Allen), our Founder.

Margaret E. Todd

(Mrs. Paul E. Todd)

President

Witness:



Left to Right:

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Miss Cook | 5. Mrs. Pearson |
| 2. Mrs. Arthur Striker | 6. Mrs. Todd |
| 3. Mr. Kasuya | 7. |
| 4. Mrs. Allen | |

May 31, 1972

Mrs. Thomas M. Hague
President, Ikebana International
Tokyo Central Post Office Box 1262
Tokyo, Japan

Dear Mrs. Hague,

In November of 1967, the Washington, D.C. Chapter of Ikebana International established a scholarship fund in the name of our Founder, Ellen Gordon Allen. Each year we have given \$100. to the Georgetown Visitation Convent to a worthy student to further pursue the study of art.

This year, Mrs. Allen requested that we send our scholarship money to the Ikebana International Sustaining Membership drive. We are happy to comply and since our Cherry Blossom show, which was held for the first time in our new Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, was a complete sell out and most successful, we are increasing our contribution to \$500. and request that our inclosed check be added to the Ikebana International Headquarters Sustaining Membership Fund.

Since this is the Golden Anniversary year of General and Mrs. Allen, we salute our Founder and wish years of continued success to our Ikebana International Headquarters.

Magazine #34 has just arrived and it is truly a magazine to be proud of. We send our sincere congratulations!

I would like to send my personal good wishes to all of you at Headquarters.

Most sincerely,

Mrs. Paul E. Todd
Scholarship Chairman
I.I. Washington, D.C. Chapter #1, Inc.

The Washington Women's Committee
Japan International Christian University Foundation

November 8, 1975

Mrs. Paul E. Todd, Scholarship Chairman
Washington Chapter of Ikebana International
8305 Fort Hunt Road, Collingwood
Alexandria, Virginia 22308

Dear Mrs. Todd:

On behalf of the Board and the members of the Washington Women's Committee of the Japan International Christian University Foundation, I send you, the Scholarship Chairman, and the members of the Washington, D. C. Chapter Number One of Ikebana International our warmest thanks for your most generous gift.

Our special fund raising project this year is, as you know, to assist the Japan International Christian Foundation secure the \$100,000 needed to establish a Division of Comparative Culture at IOU. We are especially grateful that the Washington Chapter of Ikebana International should have seen fit to make its thoughtful donation for this worthy cause, a study of International Cultures, and to do so in memory of the Founder of Ikebana International, Ellen Gordon Allen and in appreciation of the first visit to the United States of their Majesties, the Emperor and Empress of Japan.

I will have much pleasure in forwarding copies of your letter to the Foundation in New York and International Christian University in Japan.

With my sincere thanks for your personal efforts in our behalf, and with every best wish to you and to the Washington Chapter of Ikebana International.

Sincerely,

Frederic Leonhart

Mrs. William Leonhart, President
Washington Women's Committee

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RUTH MILLER
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November 17, 1975

Mrs. Paul E. Todd, Scholarship Chairman
Washington Chapter of Ikebana International
8305 Fort Hunt Road, Collingwood
Alexandria, Virginia 22308

Dear Mrs. Todd:

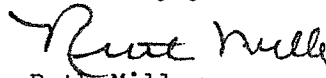
We were so pleased to learn from Mrs. Leonhart of the generous contribution of One Hundred Dollars from Ikebana International for International Christian University in Japan. We understand that this gift was made in memory of your Founder, Ellen Gordon Allen, and in appreciation of the first visit to the United States of their Majesties, the Emperor and Empress of Japan.

Usually we send a card to the family of any person in whose memory a contribution is received, and would be happy to send one to Mrs. Allen's family, if you wish. Just let us know the name and address of the person to whom the card should be mailed, and we will care for the rest.

We are notifying International Christian University of your gift in order that Mrs. Allen's name may be recorded in the Book of Remembrance, which is kept in the ICU Church. Ikebana International name also will be included in the book.

You may be sure that this gift will mean much to the University as it works to bring greater international understanding to the world. We do thank you and the members of Ikebana International for it.

Sincerely yours,


Ruth Miller

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*Mrs. Paul Todd Presenting \$100. check to Mrs. Wm. Leonhart
This check was given by Ikebana International Wash., D.C. Chapter
to Japan International Christian University in memory of our Founder
Ellen Gordon Allen and in appreciation of the 1st visit of the
Emperor and Empress of Japan to the United States. 1975*

Left to right: Mrs. Paul Todd, Scholarship Chairman

Mrs. Kerley

Mrs. Matsumoto

Mrs. Wm. Leonhart, Pres. Wash. Women's Commit



Ikebana International

Washington, D. C. Chapter No. 1, Inc.

February 22, 1986

Sister Mary B. Hannan
Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School
1524 35th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20007

Dear Sister Hannan,

Since 1967 this chapter has given each year a scholarship to your outstanding art student in honor of Ellen Gordon Allen, a former student of your school, and founder of our organization.

Now time has come for a change. New Standing Rules have just been adopted by our Board of Directors, and a Washington Chapter Memorial Garden Fund has been established for the growth and beautification of the garden, at the National Arboretum, established a few years ago in honor of Ellen Gordon Allen.

Into this fund will go the royalties from her two books, which have been the source of money for the scholarship, but which is now dwindling, and contributions made by the chapter upon the death of members.

With so many people visiting the National Arboretum it is felt that this action by our Board of Directors would bring pleasure to many people.

We hope that you and others from Georgetown Visitation will one day visit the garden.

Sincerely,

Mrs. E.F. Hufstedler, President

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