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Memorial service and exhibit - Univ. of Calif., Berkeley

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Dear Friends of Yoshiko Uchida:

I am writing to follow-up on discussions several of us have had since Yoshi's death last June about a memorial service for her in conjunction with a reading and exhibition.

The UC Berkeley Library is planning an exhibition of her work and contributions this spring, running at least through the month of April. With advance coordination, I can make available Doe Library's Morrison Room, a beautifully furnished reading room, as a site for a reception and program. The best times for such a reception would be late weekday afternoons or evenings, or weekends.

Because of my responsibilities with the estate and because of pressing family matters, I find that I will not be able to coordinate planning as I had hoped. Several of you expressed a willingness to organize and help with a memorial service, and I am hoping that you will be able to coordinate with one another to plan and execute the program. Perhaps the four of you could meet (involving any others whom you think might be interested, of course), choose a chair or co-chair, and divide the tasks: mailing list and invitation; program; refreshments, if any; budget, if necessary; etc.

In addition to offering the Morrison Room, I am able to offer staffing for the event. The best person to consult about dates and times is Wendy Miyasaki, who works with me in the Library and can be reached at 510-642-3773. She will coordinate the exhibition also. Also, I can make Yo's rolodex available to whomever coordinates the mailing and notification.

If you have questions, you may call me at the number above during the day or at 510-524-0448 (home). I also suggest you confer with one another or with others you know who may want to be involved. If it would be helpful, I can make available Yo's rolodex.

Very truly yours,

Mary Jane Perna
Co-executor of the Estate of Yoshiko Uchida

cc: Gordon Honda M.D., co-executor
Wendy Miyasaki, Director, Annual Fund, UC Berkeley Library

Committee for
YOSHIKO UCHIDA:
"A Celebration of Her Life and Works"

Minutes of Meeting on February 14, 1993

1. It was decided that Sunday, May 23, 1993 or May 16, 1993 would be the first choices due to possible noise from construction being done outside the Morrison Room.

2. It was decided that 2-4 pm would be the time of the event.

3. The setting:

"The Morrison Room", University of California,
Doe Library, Berkeley, California

Music: Classical as people enter

Flowers: Iris and the like

Chairs: set up like a lecture

4. Number of people to attend will be approximately 120-130.

5. Invitations: It was decided that formal invitations (invitation + envelope) be sent rather than a general flier. An insert with a map (directions) and parking instructions would be provided as an insert.

6. Speakers for the event:

Marilyn Sachs will speak on "The struggling years" and read the poem. "The Cockroach"

Ella Ellis will speak on the saga of "Picture Bride".

Mary Jane Perna will ask if Wendy Miyasaki's daughter might read something from Yoshiko's books.

Gordon Honda and/or Gordon Kondo, a friend of Yoshiko who was asked by Yoshiko to accept her Biennium Award at the National Convention of the JAACL.

Some letters written to Yoshiko at the Bancroft Library could be read by Ken Yabusaki or someone else.

7. Refreshments: Punch, cookies and nice napkins. The JAACL may be able to get people to serve and man the punch bowl.

8. Next meeting, Sunday, March 14, 1993 at 555 Pierce St., Suite 3, Albany, CA 94706

Nice
meeting you!
Mary Jane,
Kegons,
Jan & Ann

The Committee for

YOSHIKO UCHIDA:
"A celebration of Her Life and Works"

Committee Member	Task(s)
1. Ella Ellis 1438 Grizzly Peak Blvd Berkeley, CA 94708 (510) 49-9871	Flowers, cookies Speaker: "Picture Bride"
2. Bev Gherman 400 40th Avenue San Francisco, CA 94121 (415) 752-6171	Invitations Cookies
3. Susan Meyers 584 11th Avenue San Francisco, CA 94118 (415) 386-4335	Invitations Cookies
4. Mary Jane Perna 1859 Catalina Avenue Berkeley, CA 94707 (510) 524-0448	Logistics Morrison Room: Chairs, punch bowl, Table Map: Campus & Parking Wording of exhibit Kendele
5. Marilyn Sachs 733 31st Avenue San Francisco, CA 94121 (415) 752-2847	Cookies Speaker, Mailing
6. Ann Yabusaki 555 Pierce Street, Suite 3 Albany, CA 94706 (510) 524-4008 H (510) 527-7688 Office	Cookies Liaison with Japanese American Citizens League, General mailing of publicity to chapter membership.
7. Ken Yabusaki 555 Pierce Street, Suite 3 Albany, CA 94706 (510) 524-4008 H (510) 528-0718 Office	Committee Chair & Host coordinate with committee members, Set up,

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February 17, 1993

Dear Marilyn, Ann, and Ken:

It was lovely to meet you on Sunday. I think that our celebration of and for Yoshi sounds like it will be a beautiful event. The May 23 date looks good; we need to confirm with the building contractor that indeed that Sunday will be quiet! I'll confirm with you by telephone when we know for sure.

We're at work investigating and completing the other tasks I committed myself and Wendy to accomplish.

Enclosed are copies--two for each of you--of the list of people to whom we sent Birdsong. I'm sorry they are so messy.

I look forward to seeing you again on March 14.

With best wishes,

Mary Jane Perna

February 17, 1993

Gordon
Michael

I met with a small group of representatives from the JACL and Yo's writer colleagues on Sunday to discuss a memorial service for Yo. I had offered them use of a beautiful library space and suggested that they hold the service in conjunction with an exhibition the Library is doing on Yo and her work this spring.

The date that we are planning on in Sunday, May 23, at 2 p.m. The memorial celebration and ensuing reception would be held in the Morrison Room of Doe Library. Gordon, I think that Ken or Ann Yabusaki from the JACL will telephone you to ask if you'd say a few words.

Refreshments, rentals, postage, etc. all will be donated by those planning the event. In discussing the invitation it was proposed that an invitation-keepsake be designed and printed on some nice Japanese paper. Would it be possible to purchase the paper (I shouldn't think it would cost more than \$100) using an estate check? I can't think that UC Berkeley or Smith College would object, and I know that Keiko would see it as appropriate. Let me know what you think.

Gordon: I'm developing a mailing list that can be used for the invitations. Could you please give me Hiro and Eiko Katayama's address, as well as Chiye and Frank Tsukahira? They're not in Yo's rolodex. If you don't have them, do you have an address for Sycamore Church? I could send them to the Church and I'm sure they'd be forwarded.

We're still on track with our adoption plan. I am planning to begin a six-month parental leave beginning sometime between March 15 and 30. Thanks for your good wishes. We really appreciate them.

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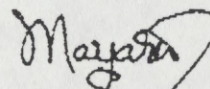
Ms. Mary Jane Perna
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Berkeley, CA 94720-0001
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Dear Mary Jane:

Thank you very much for letting me know in advance the date of Yoshi's memorial celebration -- Sunday, May 23. Though I would give a great deal to be there, it's just not possible. As you know, I'll be in Los Angeles in late March at UCLA but that's no help. I shall think of you on the occasion.

With warmest good wishes.

Ever,



Margaret K. McElderry
Vice President and Publisher

MKM/seh

1859 Catalina Avenue
Berkeley, California 94707
March 8, 1993

Dear Marilyn, Ann, and Ken:

This is a short note to touch base and provide the information I promised for our March 14 meeting. I am hoping to see you Sunday morning at 10:30, but in case I am not able to make it, here's the scoop.

First of all, the date of Sunday, May 23 is confirmed on the Library's calendar. The exhibit will be installed on the second floor by the time of the reception; unfortunately, the available exhibition cases are on the second floor and the Morrison is on the first. We will put up directional signs guiding people up to the exhibit.

Wendy Miyasaki has prepared a wonderful, clear map which will guide guests to the Morrison Library and instruct them about parking. She'll send that to you herself. Her daughter Kendele would be very pleased to appear on the program and will read something of Yoshi's which she particularly likes.

My fellow co-executor and I feel it would be fine to spend up to \$100 on special paper for the invitation-keepsake. I think that the best thing to do would be for Beverly (or whomever chooses the paper) to let me know the payee and exact amount. I can mail the check to Beverly or, if she prefers, she can pick it up from my house.

Logistics about the Morrison: there are approximately 80 chairs available in the Room, and we have another 20 folding chairs at our disposal. The furniture is set up in groupings, and I'm sure people will want to adjust the furniture slightly so that they can see the program comfortably. We need to ask that the pieces of furniture be returned to their initial places before people leave; perhaps this is something that Ken can mention as part of his responsibilities as master of ceremonies.

One huge, plastic punch bowl is available. Louise Garrett (who works with Wendy and me) may be called if you wish to reserve it. Her number is 415-642-9377. She can also provide the dimensions of the tables in Morrison which will be used for the refreshments.

I have written to Yoshi's sister Kay and informed her of the date and of your lovely plans. Gordon Honda is also aware of what's being planned and will be in touch with one of you about how he can help. Margaret McElderry won't be able to attend, as I think I mentioned when we met. I've also informed the two agents which are involved with Yo's work at the present.

I am planning to begin a six-month parental leave on March 12, but you can reach me at home (524-0448) during this period. Questions about the logistics of Morrison or the Library would probably be best addressed to Wendy or Louise.

Looking forward to seeing you Sunday or, if not, sometime soon!

cc: Wendy Miyasaki, Louise Garrett

FRIENDS OF YOSHIKO UCHIDA
ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
A MEMORIAL
TO HONOR
HER LIFE AND HER WORK

SATURDAY, MAY , 1993 O'CLOCK
MORRISON ROOM ^{in the} ~~UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DOE LIBRARY,~~
~~BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA~~

UC Berkeley Campus,

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IF A BUILDING OF
BRICK AND MORTAR AND STONES
CAN BE THERE ONE DAY
AND THEN BE GONE,

THEN WHAT OF ME
JUST FLESH AND BONES?

I WONDER WHO
WILL REMEMBER ME
WHEN I AM GONE,
WHEN I AM GONE?

from Yoshiko's poem, Empty Lot
in Bird Song

Yoshiko Uchida memorial

Ken, Ann, Mairlyn, Ella, Beverly, Susan, MJ

✓ May 23, Sunday, first choice (16th 2nd choice) note? LG

✓ Map w/ note about parking -- include telephone number for questions W

Description of the exhibition (contents, location)

include mss., letters & 'gifts' from kids, photos, mother's (Yukari's) poetry, camp diaries, childhood diaries, articles about her?

Sonya
Bonnie B.

mg
yes
Kendele read?

✓ folding chairs max 20 + 80 furn. seats
dimensions of big table, smaller tables, LG
punch bowls available? - 1 large plastic

Ken announce

Estimate postage cost for invitation (1 sheet), pking enclosure - either 29¢ or 41¢

✓ Call Michael Ferguson & Gordon re budget

Gordon: inform

Kay: inform

RSVP a must

2 p.m.

2 hrs early -

assist w/ exhibit!
Coord. w/
Waiiyama

Aprie
exhibit

reception

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co-chair arrangement

room
program
refreshments

mailing list
or tel list
(includes)

children

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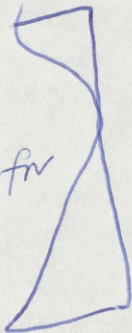
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Sandra Way

Exhibit

April memorial

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(april 17th)
better for
Barbara

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back holidays

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because I'm beautiful

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Exhibit

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Don Ellis

Margaret M'

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Wendy

Yoshi Memorial Service

- April -

List of interested people -

Schools - pro

Choose date, place, program

Budget