

Magnolia Clubhouse, Inc. "A Community of Growth"

2nd Annual Meeting and Celebration on August 9, 2006

By the Clerical and Communications Unit



August 9th, 2006, turned out to be a spectacular day to celebrate our exciting and productive year. The weather, music and

refreshments were at their best at Magnolia Clubhouse's 2nd Annual Meeting. Lori D'Angelo, the Clubhouse Executive Director, welcomed guests Bill Denihan, CEO from the Cuyahoga County Community Mental Health Board, members of the National Council of Jewish Women, Matthew Carroll from the Mayors Office, NAMI Cleveland, State Representative Kenny Yuko, Doug DeVoe from Ohio Advocates for Mental Health and other distinguished guests including family members, friends and supporters of the Clubhouse.



Cleve Gilmore and Bettina Katz

Cleve Gilmore, the President of our Board of Trustees, started the meeting by highlighting our new collaboration with

the National Council of Jewish Women. Fran Doris, from NCJW and the Clubhouse board, enthusiastically described our efforts to expand the Clubhouse

the cracks. Bettina Katz, the Vice President of the Board, announced the successful completion of the first phase of our "**Community of Growth**" capital campaign, the purchase of our two buildings, and funds to renovate the building in need of new heating, cooling and electrical systems.



The Clubhouse launched the second phase of the campaign, which is to raise funds to expand the kitchen, put in an elevator and fireproof stairwell and join the two houses so we can all work together and have more members.

We also honored the life of Hank Tanaka, the founder of Hill House in 1961, who passed away in March of this year (see story inside). Many members of Hank's family attended, including several who were part of the entertainment. The



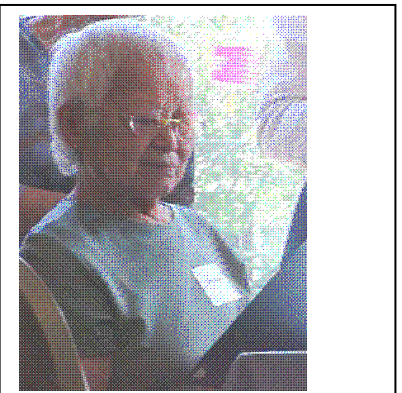
Sho Jo Ji Dancers and Icho and Mame Daiko Drummers provided a wonderful combination of music and dance to the evening, including audience participation. It was a special opportunity to experience this beautiful aspect of Japanese culture in Hank's memory. Thank you to the Eddie Baccus Jazz trio, which included the newest addition

In 1960, the National Council of Jewish Women- Cleveland Chapter, along with the Cleveland Mental Health Association, began work to found an organization called Mental Health Research and Rehabilitation. The organization became known as Hill House, and it was first located on Fairhill Rd. near Carnegie. In 1972, Hill House moved to Magnolia Drive.



of the Clubhouse. The reputation for excellence established by Hill House is carried on by Magnolia Clubhouse. We honor the work of Hank and the founding members and patrons of Hill House and carry on the tradition of promoting dignity and an improved quality of life for people living with mental illness.

In 1961, Hill House opened its doors as one of the first centers of psychosocial rehabilitation in the country and Hank Tanaka was the executive director. There was an understanding of the need to support people who have a mental illness as they left hospitals to live in the community. Hank directed Hill House for 30 years before he retired in 1991.



Sachie Tanaka, Hank's wife, receives a proclamation in Hank's honor from Mayor Frank Jackson's office presented by Matthew Carroll, the Interim Director of Public Health.

Hank was a well respected leader and national pioneer in the mental health field. He established one of the

first centers of this kind in the country, along with John Beard, the founding director of Fountain House in New York City, which began in 1948. The heart of the philosophies of these organizations, and the eventual Clubhouse model, is that people who have a mental illness need to be a part of creating their own support as they establish their lives in the community. The focus then as now, is the Clubhouse community where each person is needed and valued. By working with others to accomplish what needs to be done, growth and health are factored. The purposeful work of



Hank's great nieces Nicole and Natalie Grant performed for our event.

his family influenced his choice of working in the field of social work. This experience also opened his eyes to the plight of minorities in the United States and resulted in his desire to work to fight social injustice for those with mental illness. Today the International Clubhouse Model is seen as a human rights movement for those who live with mental illness around the world.

Hank was supportive of the Clubhouse becoming free standing to fully implement the Clubhouse model and empower the membership. He also was excited about our expansion to serve more young adults. He appreciated the Japanese Garden and pond created in his honor and a plaque has been placed on the main fireplace mantel in recognition of Hank's lifetime contribution. We all thank Hank and we will miss him.



**Magnolia Clubhouse is a vital community of growth, hope and opportunity.
Our mission is to ensure that people who have a mental illness
are respected coworkers, neighbors and friends.**

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