

#### November 8

Sunday, November 8, 2:30 p.m. Veterans Day Observance at Rose City Cemetery and Willamette National Cemetery. Dinner at Chinese Village follows. Contact Setsy for more information.

#### December 20

Deadline for the 2010 Invitation Program for Japanese American Student Application to visit Japan in March of 2010. High school students with multi-racial backgrounds are highly encouraged to apply. See details at this website: [http://www.sf.us.emb-japan.go.jp/archives/PR\\_e/2009/pr\\_09\\_1110.htm](http://www.sf.us.emb-japan.go.jp/archives/PR_e/2009/pr_09_1110.htm)

#### Through January 10, 2010

Bill and Sam Naito – A Portland Story, Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center.

#### January 10

JACL Oshogatsu. Chinese Village 5:00 p.m. Meet the 2010 Portland JACL board and bring in the New Year at the Chinese Village Restaurant, 520 SE 82nd Ave. The cost is \$15.00. RSVP by e-mail: [vp@pdxjacl.org](mailto:vp@pdxjacl.org), or phone: (503) 684-1357.

#### January 30

*Snow Falling on Cedars* presentation, Portland Center Stage. Saturday, January 30, 2010. Contact the Legacy Center for details

#### January 31

Mochitsuki at the Scottish Rite Center, 1512 SW Morrison Street. Noon – 4:00 p.m. See flyer for more details.

## Governor's Message

By *Chip Larouche*

As the new governor of the Pacific Northwest District of JACL, one of my first duties was to attend the National Board meeting on October 31. In the last newsletter, I promised you a report of my trip.

I flew to San Francisco and made my way to the Masao W. Satow Building on Sutter Street with the help of Sheldon Arakaki, who is the Vice President for Operations and who also landed at the San Francisco Airport about the same time. There was an orientation for the new governors on Friday evening and that meeting helped me get acquainted with some of the national officers and what to expect at the business meeting that would occur the next day.

The headquarters building has an interesting design. I'm told it was built to be a museum rather than an office building, so it has some interesting large spaces designed to hold exhibits. They have been used in some creative ways to accommodate the offices that you need to run an organization like JACL.

The National Board meeting lasted about 7 hours with a small break for lunch. I was told this was an easy one, since we hadn't gotten into the budgeting process just yet. My next trip to headquarters will be in February, where the more difficult and complicated discussions about budgets will occur.

Some of the key points from the October 31 board meeting included talking about the credentials for the convention, which will include checking for filing of 990 forms by chapters to the IRS. Portland doesn't have any problems in this area. The 2010 Convention will take place in Chicago from June 30 to July 4. Many of our youth are fundraising and planning to attend!

A motion was made and passed to send \$7500 which will be matched for legal fees to fight the CAFO lawsuit at Minidoka. This is plan that was approved by Jerome County in Idaho to permit feeding operations for thousands of beef cattle upwind of the Minidoka Monument.

Every week, JACL puts out a JACL DC Digest. If you'd like see some of the digests, go to this link on the JACL website. [http://www.jacl.org/public\\_policy/alerts.htm](http://www.jacl.org/public_policy/alerts.htm). If you'd like to sign up to receive them by email, I do have that link too, but it's a long one. Send me an email at [chiplarouche@gmail.com](mailto:chiplarouche@gmail.com) and I'll send it to you.

Some budget items that came up were the announcement that JACL's reserve account was reduced to almost zero to help with cash flow, and a motion was approved to move 230K back into investment revenue in the budget, since investment income for the third quarter had bounced back. This will also help with JACL's cash flow.

The Los Angeles chapters made an annual convention bid for the 2011 convention, which was also approved. The VP for Planning and Development reported on the Scholarship Program. They added a \$2000 national scholarship to be funded by a new \$200K bequeathal.

**Carol and David Kawamoto** also announced that they will resign from national scholarship management after the 2010 program. They've been doing it for ten years. It should be noted that the Portland chapter has volunteered to review the college level applicants starting next year.

There was an update on the Nisei Veterans Stamp campaign. Floyd Mori informed us that there was an effort to make a stamp of the Nisei Veterans Memorial in DC vs. a Nisei vets stamp, which is claimed to run contrary to the US Postal policy of not having stamps for specific military units.

As mentioned before, I'll be going to San Francisco again to attend a National Board meeting that will deal heavily with the upcoming budget. If anyone wants me to carry a message to the National Board, you all know that I'm only a phone call or an email way.

Hopefully you are all looking forward to a New Year as I am, and I also hope your holiday season is filled with lots of love and pleasant gatherings with friends and family.

*A New Year. A New Location.*

14th Annual  
Japanese American New Year Celebration

# Mochitsuki

Sunday - January 31, 2010 - Noon to 4 pm

Scottish Rite Center

1512 SW Morrison St., Portland

**Stage Show: 1:30 pm (single show):**

Prices: Show \$12 adults, \$9 students/seniors, \$5 children under 12, Children under 2 are free.

**Cultural fair (included in Stage Show admission):**

Suggested donation \$4 individuals, \$2 for children, \$10 per family

Mochitsuki will welcome the Year of the Tiger with the 14th annual Japanese New Year celebration in a new location in downtown Portland. Located at SW 15th and Morrison along the MAX line, the Scottish Rite Center features a beautiful theater and ballroom in a historic building. There will be a show of storytelling by favorite Robert Kikuchi-Yngojo, taiko and dance, along with lively mochi pounding to welcome the new year with a traditional gathering of the community. Dozens of community organizations will provide hands-on activities and displays, and community performers will enliven the cultural fair. There will be an opportunity to try pounding mochi with a wooden mallet and to sample the sticky rice cakes made in contemporary mochi machines. Gathering with friends and family to make and eat mochi is an auspicious start to the year. Plan to join us! Contact ONE at (503) 244 2488 or [info@mochitsuki.org](mailto:info@mochitsuki.org) for stage show tickets or information.

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Vendor & Community Stage performance inquiries welcome!

Web: [www.mochitsuki.org](http://www.mochitsuki.org) Email: [info@mochitsuki.org](mailto:info@mochitsuki.org)



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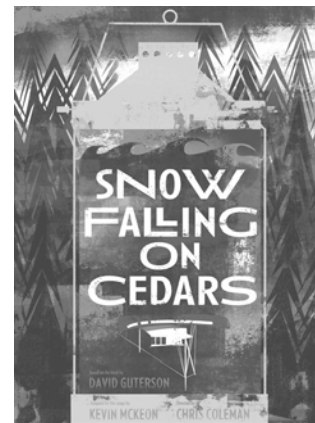
# Snow Falling on Cedars

with Portland Center Stage  
and Oregon Nikkei Endowment

**Saturday, January 30, 2010**

**6:30 p.m. reception, show starts at 7:30 p.m.**

**Cost: \$90 per person, \$75 for Oregon Nikkei Endowment subscribers**



Join us for a pre-show appetizer reception on the Mezzanine level, followed by the stage adaptation of *Snow Falling on Cedars* at Portland Center Stage, Gerding Theater at the Armory, 128 NW 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon. A block of seats has been reserved for Oregon Nikkei Endowment.

A portion of your purchase is tax-deductible, and new and current *Friends of Oregon Nikkei Endowment* may order at a reduced price. Call Oregon Nikkei Endowment at 503-224-1458 for more information.

**For more information:**

503-224-1458  
info@oregonnikkei.org  
www.oregonnikkei.org

**Deadline to sign up is January 20, 2010.**

A limited number of seats are available, so please order early. We hope to see you there!

## Order Form



OREGON NIKKEI ENDOWMENT

Please make checks payable to:

Oregon Nikkei Endowment  
121 NW 2nd Ave  
Portland, OR 97209

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In the 2009 Oregon Legislative session, a bill was passed preventing religious discrimination in employment. Included in the bill was a ban on wearing religious clothing by teachers.

This provision in the law has been in effect since 1923, when a supporter of the Ku Klux Klan passed the legislation to prevent Catholic nuns from teaching in public school. (According to the Oregonian this law was included in the alien land laws that prohibited anyone who was born in Japan to own land).

Oregon is one of only three states that ban the wearing of religious clothing in the schools by teachers. Other support staff such as teaching assistants, custodians, secretaries and school nurses do not

have a ban.

The only time this law was challenged in court was when a Eugene teacher, a member of the Sikh religion, sued the school district in 1986 because she was not allowed to wear her white dress and turban in class. Her teaching license was revoked. She lost on appeal because the ban on religious dress is written into Oregon Law. Although this teacher was not allowed to teach in Oregon, if she moved to California which does not have a ban on religious dress, she would be able to have a teaching job.

It is a school district's responsibility to make sure that student's instruction should be free from religious teaching. Would daily exposure to a teacher's

religious practices unduly influence students? Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian and Superintendent of Public Instruction Susan Castillo advocating repeal of ORS 342.650. The Oregon ACLU is actively opposing the repeal of this ban stating that more time is needed to study the effects of allowing educators to wear religious garb. Forty-seven other states do not have restrictions on their teachers wearing symbols of their religion. By targeting only teachers, their religious freedom is compromised. Schools should be a place for children to experience the multi-cultural and diverse society in which we live.

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### **Motoya Nakamura: Images of the 442nd Opens January 26 at ONLC**

Oregon Nikkei Endowment begins its 20th year in 2010 with a new exhibit of moving photographs by Oregonian photographer **Motoya Nakamura**. The exhibit will open January 26 at Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center and run through April 18, 2010. Through a grant funded by the Regional Arts and Culture Council (RACC) and assistance from Oregon Nikkei Endowment, Motoya Nakamura has produced a new group of photographs documenting and honoring the veterans and families of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

The 442nd was a unit consisting entirely of Japanese men, as they were segregated from the rest of the army during World War II. "The motto of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team was 'Go for Broke.' It's a gambling term that means risking everything on one great effort to win big. The soldiers of the 442nd needed to win big. They were Nisei - American-born sons of Japanese immigrants. They fought two wars: the Germans in Europe and the prejudice in America. The 442nd Regimental Com-

bat Team was the most decorated unit for its size and length of service, in the entire history of the U.S. Military... In total, about 14,000 men served, ultimately earning 9,486 Purple Hearts, 21 Medals of Honor and an unprecedented eight Presidential Unit Citations." -- *Go For Broke National Education Center*

The poignant photographs included in this exhibition have special significance to Motoya. He set out to document the saga of the local Oregon Japanese American WWII veterans while they were still living. What ultimately resulted was a deeply emotional connection to the project and the families, and a legacy to pass on to future generations. Motoya explains, "I do not want my children to experience what these veterans had to go through: war and racial prejudice. I feel destined to expand this project so that the body of work will become proof of human courage over hardship."

Join Oregon Nikkei Endowment as we celebrate this special and decorated group of Oregon veterans through the work of Motoya Nakamura. The exhibi-

tion will run January 26 – April 18, 2010.

*About the Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center* – The Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center serves as a focal point for the preservation and sharing of the history and culture of the Japanese American community. One of the most important chapters in the Japanese American experience is the forced internment of over 110,000 persons of Japanese descent during the Second World War. This fuels our commitment to the preservation of civil rights for all Americans. The Legacy Center is a venue for cultural and research activities and an invaluable resource for the exploration of the experiences of Japanese Americans and their role in Oregon's multi-cultural community.

About the Oregon Nikkei Endowment - The mission of the Oregon Nikkei Endowment is to preserve and honor the history and culture of Japanese Americans in the Pacific Northwest, to educate the public about the Japanese American experience during World War II, and to advocate for the protection of civil rights for all Americans.

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### **The 2000 Census and Japanese Americans**

December 1 marked the four month countdown until Census Day on April 1, 2010. This week's Short Census Story reports the face of Japanese Americans from last decade.

In 2000, there were 1,148,932 people who reported being of Japanese ancestry. By state, California had 25% of the

nation's Japanese American population (288,854) followed by Hawaii (201,764) and New York (37,279). Though California had the most by state, Honolulu had the most by city, with over 85,000, followed by Los Angeles with 36,000.

Compared to other Asian Americans, Japanese Americans had the highest

proportion of native born US citizens at 58%, compared to one third of Asian Americans as a whole. Almost 30% of those with Japanese ancestry reported being mixed race.

The 2010 Census is in 18 weeks. Make sure you count!

The **Minidoka Swing Band** will be performing on Sunday, January 24, 2010, at the Central Library's U.S. Bank Room at 12:00 p.m. After the performance there will be a panel discussion with **Ellen Eisenberg, Gary Higashi, Linda Tamura and Henry Sakamoto**. The panel will focus on the early 1950's – the post-internment period for people of Japanese ancestry.

A play which is an adaptation of the novel *Snow Falling on Cedars* will open at Portland Center Stage on January 12, 2010. The novel covers the early 1950's and characterizes Japanese-Americans during the internment and post-internment periods.

Ellen Eisenberg is the author of the book *The First to Cry Down Injustice- Western Jews and Japanese Removal During WWII*. Her comments will include how West Coast Jews reacted to the wartime policy of incarceration and internment.

The music will reflect this time period as well.

O.N.E. has reserved a block of balcony tickets for *Snow Falling on Cedars* for Sat-

urday, January 20, 2010. Tickets include a pre-show reception with appetizers at 6:30 p.m., the performance starts at 7:30 p.m. Please call for reservations by January 20, 2010. Ticket cost is \$90 per person.

Enjoy traditional Japanese New Year foods (Osechi Ryori) prepared by Nikkei community cooks. It comes in a three-tiered lacquer box called a Jubako for \$120. It is \$100 if you bring your own Jubako box. This is a winter fundraiser for O.N.E., so \$60 is tax deductible. On sale through December 18, 2009. Pick up is on December 31, 2009, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Oregon Buddhist Temple.

There will be a sale of holiday books and gifts at the Legacy Center on December 4 and 5, 2009, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Many items will be discounted.

The Bill and Sam Naito exhibit continues through January 10, 2010. This exhibit focuses on the history, work and

legacy of the brothers.

When you visit the Japanese American Historical Plaza, please note the face-lift accomplished recently. The poems engraved onto the stones are more legible and readable. The two pillars at the entrance to the Historical Plaza have been cleaned of the atmospheric dirt and bird guano and look very neat. This maintenance is paid from the Maintenance Fund required by agreement with the City of Portland and supported by generous donations to O.N.E. from our community.

Thank you to the supporters of Oregon Nikkei Endowment!

*Henry Sakamoto is Vice-President of O.N.E. and President of the Japanese Ancestral Society of Portland. He may be reached at hcsak@comcast.net or 503-233-2001.*

## JACL Officers Ballot

The Portland JACL members below have been nominated for the following positions on the Chapter Board 2010-2011:

**Co-president**  
 \_\_\_ Jeff Selby

**Co-president**  
 \_\_\_ Jim Kennedy

**Vice-president**  
 \_\_\_ Susan Leedham

**Secretary**  
 \_\_\_ Diane Akasaka

**Treasurer**  
 \_\_\_ Chip Larouche

**Historian**  
 \_\_\_ Tim Rooney

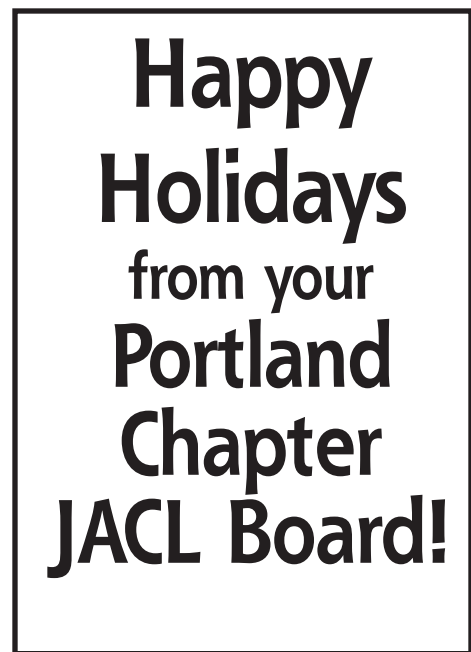
**Membership**  
 \_\_\_ Setsy Larouche

**Write-ins**  
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\_\_\_ I vote for the entire nominated slate

All Portland JACL members are eligible to vote. Please mark your ballot and mail it back to the chapter no later than December 31, 2009. Ballots must be mailed to: Portland JACL, P.O. Box 86310, Portland, OR 97286. You may add (write in) any name that is not

on this slate. **NOTE: Ballots must be received by December 31, 2010 to be counted.**



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## Iko no Kai Menu for December

### Tuesday 1

Chicken Donburi

### Wednesday 2

Vegetarian Pizza

Blood Pressure Checks

### Thursday 3

Sukiyaki

Tai Chi Class 11:15 a.m. - noon

### Friday 4

Dijon Turkey

### Monday 7

Skip's Spaghetti & Sausage

### Tuesday 8

Baked Pork

### Wednesday 9

Meat Loaf

### Thursday 10

Kara-age

Tai Chi Class 11:15 a.m. - noon

### Friday 11

Lil Okazaki's MarFar Chicken

### Monday 14

Skip's Chicken Stir Fry

### Tuesday 15

Ma Po Dofu

### Wednesday 16

Egg Salad Sandwich

### Thursday 17

Sushi

Tai Chi Class 11:15 a.m. - noon

### Friday 18

Holiday Luncheon

### Monday 21

Skip's Yo-Chan Beef Curry

### Tuesday 22

Pork Katsu

### Wednesday 23

Asian Chicken Wrap

### Thursday 24

Closed

### Friday 25

Closed

### Monday 28

Skip's Calamari Steak

### Tuesday 29

Beef & Vegetables w/Soba

### Wednesday 30

Lasagna

### Thursday 31

Closed

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