

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.

January 31 - April 18

Motoya Nakamura: Images of the 442nd. Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center

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Mochitsuki Noon – 4:00 p.m., Scottish Rite Center. See details in enclosed flyer.

March 13

Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center, Honorable Service Medal Ceremony by the Veterans of Oregon Association, 1:00 p.m. Veterans who desire to receive the medal must register. Call John Newman at (503) 622-6084 or get more information at www.veteransoforegon.com

March 20

Pacific Northwest District Council Meeting, 9:00 a. m. – 4:00 p.m. Holladay Park Plaza

Strength Through Coalitions

Co-president's Message
Jeff Selby

As we begin this New Year, your JACL Board is preparing for the **Day of Remembrance** next month. Every year, Portland JACL strives to honor the Day of Remembrance with an event or events worthy of the day. In years past, we have partnered with groups like the Muslim community to share our experiences and find ways to learn from our civil rights challenges.

This year, I am proud to announce that Portland JACL is partnering with the Latino community for a Day of Remembrance event called, Fighting for Civil Rights: The Japanese-American and Latino Experience. Join us on Sunday, February 21, 2010, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Portland State University's George C. Hoffmann Hall (1833 SW 11th Ave.).

The event, cosponsored by Portland State's Office of Diversity and Equity, will commemorate the signing of Executive Order 9066 by President Roosevelt, which led to the internment of Japanese Americans during WWII, and the parallel challenges our community has shared with Latinos. We will hear leaders from both communities discuss their experiences and also learn of the current fight for redress for Japanese-Latin Americans.

Mari Watanabe, Executive Director of Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center, will provide historical background of the signing of Executive Order 9066 and internment. Nikkei community leaders **Henry Sakamoto** and **Alice Sumida** will talk about their personal wartime experiences. Latino Network President and Portland School Board member **Martín González** will discuss parallel civil rights challenges in the Latino community.

Fighting for Civil Rights: The Japanese-American and Latino Experience will also feature the short film, *Stand Up for Justice: The Ralph Lazo Story*, which tells

the story of a young Hispanic American who followed his Nikkei friends, neighbors, and classmates into the Manzanar concentration camp. Professor Gilbert Carrasco, a professor of law at Willamette Law School, will speak about the film and current civil rights issues, in particular those within the Hispanic community.

I urge you to attend this event next month and learn more about our communities' struggles for civil rights. For more information, stop by the Portland JACL booth at Mochitsuki on January 31, at the Scottish Rite Center on 1512 Morrison St.

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What lessons can we learn from Civil Rights challenges?



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From concentration camps to anti-immigrant prejudice, American civil liberties have been compromised over the years. Learn the challenges of Japanese-Americans and Latinos and find out how we can learn from those experiences.

Leaders from the Latino and Japanese-American communities will discuss parallel civil rights challenges and lessons learned.

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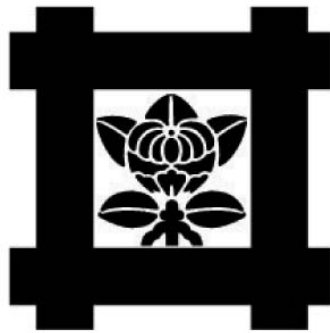


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(Governor's Message continued)

that were around before World War II are still using a regional headquarters model? There aren't that many. How many of these organization invest a quarter of a million dollars in their "official publication", then give that to an independent editorial board with no direct way for the organization's leadership to put their message into it? I would guess only one. JACL enjoys saying that it has 113 chapters nationwide, but an astonishing number of these are not actually represented at the convention, even with a proxy, which only takes a minimal effort to prepare.

Every organization has to periodically evaluate its structure to see if it still makes sense, and I would contend that it's time for JACL to do that soon, and attempting to revamp the constitution and Bylaws in a Constitutional Convention would probably be a good start. The fact that we voted to have annual conventions, with the first "new" odd year convention to occur in 2011, this might be a good opportunity to consider this idea.

My background for this kind of sugges-

tion comes from my military experience. For three of my 21 years in the Army, I was assigned to the Base Realignment and Closure Office. Our task was to evaluate the Army base structure, which had worked very well supporting the Army that fought World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam, and decide how best to streamline the base structure so that fewer Army bases would more optimally support our fighting force.

Clearly we weren't popular with communities where we closed their base (Sorry, Sacramento!). But after all the pain and anxiety that comes with reorganization, the Army logistics infrastructure become much more nimble, and in most cases, the communities who lost their base were able to convert them to better and more modern uses.

I'm not saying that this is easy, and of course JACL wouldn't have congressional money set aside for base cleanup of environmental issues and the like, but clearly it probably would be useful to set

aside some significant amount of time to brainstorm ways to change our founding documents to see if we could make JACL a more nimble and cost-effective organization.

I think it's worth a try.

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