Day of Remembrance 2011

Membership Chair’s Message by Setsy S. Larouche

What a fantastic day we had on Sunday February 20th to remember our past and embrace other communities of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender. This was one of the largest gatherings for Day of Remembrance for more than ten years with over 350 people in attendance. Co-President Jeff Selby did an outstanding job as the Master of Ceremony. I began the program by giving a quick overview of the events leading up to WWII and the impact of Executive Order 9066. Two veterans from WWII were in the audience and were recognized for their valor. Art Iwasaki a member of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and Sam Naito, a member of the Military Intelligence Service. Both of them with other veterans will receive their Congressional Gold Medal at a ceremony in Washington, DC later this year. The second speaker was Marty Davis, the editor of Just Out magazine. She spoke about discrimination she experienced as a white obese lesbian and spent several minutes explaining how the word “queer” was an offensive word that seems to have returned in popularity to have acceptable usage in many circumstances. Marty was followed by Jessica Lee, from Basic Rights Oregon. Jessica spoke about her experiences of being a lesbian Korean American. She also spoke in depth about the various changes in laws affecting the gay community. The star of the event was George Takei. He’s best known for his portrayal of Mr. Sulu in the television and film series Star Trek. He was one of the most gracious and accommodating public figures I have ever met. He had already participated in the Oregon Nikkei Endowment banquet the evening before and I was privileged to meet him that evening too. George even danced with Alice Sumida as the Minidoka Swing Band played. Mr. Takei spoke about his personal life growing up in Southern California and how he was incarcerated at two concentration camps. He talked about how he ended up in the entertainment world and he gracefully connected his personal experiences with and how they related to civil rights/liberties. His talk included the story of Min Yasui, a young attorney, who defied the curfew here in Portland shortly after Pearl Harbor attack. He also emphasized that even though he’s legally married to his partner Brad, the federal laws do NOT give him all the same rights and privileges of heterosexual couples enjoy. Over 300 people took the time to fill out the survey and most liked George Takei for his candor, his ability to tell a story, and of course his celebrity power added significantly to the message. The audience also appreciated the variety and diversity of speakers and experiences. All in all, the DOR was a huge success.

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Comments from Oregon Nikkei Endowment (O.N.E.)

It will not be a long time before 100 cherry trees will be in bloom at the Japanese American Historical Plaza. The trees usually bloom the last week of March or the first week of April. The blossoming trees present a beautiful event that is grander than the previous one.

The Akebono cherry trees are a gift to the City of Portland from the Japanese Grain Importers Association of Tokyo. Many of its members worked in the Portland Branch office of their corporation. They loved the greenness of the Northwest environment and wanted to show their appreciation.

Please do not miss the beauty of the cherry trees.

Upcoming O.N.E. Events:

In conjunction with O.N.E.’s Taken: FBI exhibit - March 5: Attend a workshop led by National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) staff who will demonstrate how to research and retrieve records, including FBI files, from sources including NARA and footnote.com. Assistance and instruction with accessing records on line, as well as how to obtain copies of records will be addressed. Laptop computers will be provided for hands-on research, and knowledge of navigating websites is a plus. Participants are encouraged to bring a partner or pair with an attendee with differing skill level. Held on March 5th from 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in Room 152 at the University of Oregon in Portland at 70 NW Couch. Free and open to the public, but seating is limited. To reserve your spot, please rsvp to info@oregonnikkei.org. Hosted by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at the University of Oregon.

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April 22 & 23: Join Neil H. Simon, award-winning filmmaker and journalist for a director’s cut screening of his new film “Prisoners and Patriots: The Untold Story of Japanese Internment in Santa Fe, New Mexico.” The film documents the Department of Justice internment camp in Santa Fe as well as the internment experience in Lordsburg and Fort Stanton in the state’s south. From 1942 to 1946 (six months after the war’s end), the Santa Fe camp held more than 4,500 men – mostly community leaders, teachers, Buddhist ministers and others – people who the U.S government most feared would organize Japanese loyalty during World War II. A conversation with the filmmaker will follow the screening. Held on Friday, April 22nd at 6:30 p.m. and again on April 23rd at 1:30 p.m. at the University of Oregon in Portland, Room 142/44. Free and open to the public. Hosted by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at the University of Oregon.

Conversation with Robert Dozono and Book Signing at Blackfish Gallery - March 27, 1 p.m.: Oregon Nikkei Endowment in conjunction with Blackfish Gallery is proud to sponsor a conversation with Robert Dozono to honor his recent publication, Robert R. Dozono: Accumulation | Work 1963-2009. A conversation between Robert Dozono and artist George Johanson will be followed by a book signing at Blackfish Gallery, located at 420 NW 9th Avenue and beginning at 1 p.m. This event is free and open to the public, and refreshments will be served.

Oregon Nisei Veterans Commander Setsy Larouche speaks at the 2011 Day of Remembrance event, Hoffmann Hall, Portland State University, Portland, Oregon. Marty Davis (right), editor of Just Out magazine, spoke as part of the panel.

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JACL’s Day of Remembrance 2011

George Takei speaks at the 2011 Day of Remembrance event, Hoffmann Hall, Portland State University, Portland, Oregon

Audience members listen as George Takei speaks at the 2011 Day of Remembrance event.

World War II veteran Art Iwasaki talks with George Takei prior to the 2011 Day of Remembrance event.

Jessica Lee of Basic Rights Oregon speaks at the 2011 Day of Remembrance event.

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George Takei answers a question from moderator Elisa Dozono in the ballroom of Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront hotel, Portland, Oregon. The evening event, “An Intimate Dinner with George Takei”, was sponsored by Oregon Nikkei Endowment.

Attendees seek an autograph from George Takei in the ballroom at the conclusion of the George Takei dinner.

The Portland Gay Men’s Chorus performs in the ballroom at the George Takei dinner.

The Minidoka Swing Band performs in the ballroom at the George Takei dinner.
Vincent Who?
What does it mean to you?

Vincent Chin was 27 years old when he was brutally killed in 1982 due to anti-Japanese sentiments. His killers went through the United States justice system but still got away with murder.

Join us for food, a film screening and a panel discussion to learn why his case is so important today, how it affects people of all diverse backgrounds, and what you can do to stop it from happening again.

Film screening of “Vincent Who?”
Followed by panel discussion featuring:
Wajdi Said, President and Co-Founder of Muslim Educational Trust
Joseph Santos-Lyons, APANO Coordinator
Hyeok Kim, White House Initiative on API Commissioner

Food catered by Art de Cuisine

Free & Open to the Public
Saturday, May 14, 2011, 2-4 p.m.
University of Oregon, White Stag Building
70 NW Couch Street, Portland, OR
The Clark Center had its grand opening on Wednesday, January 26th with over 150 people in attendance. The Loaves & Fishes concept is to have the central kitchen cook most of the meals and ship them out to all of their 32 locations in the greater metropolitan area. However, the Clark Center’s goal is provide in-house Asian cooking using the freshest ingredients. To reach this goal a new chef was hired and her name is Sasha Kaplan. She’ll cook Asian entrees on Wednesdays and Thursdays beginning March 2, 2011. At the age of eleven, Sasha made the family Thanksgiving dinner while her mother was in the hospital and she has been cooking ever since. She was educated in New Haven, Connecticut and moved to Portland in 1978 and started the Applehood and Motherpie, her first catering business. Her claim to fame is while working at the Genoa Restaurant, she met Julia Child. Her “Ah ha!” moment came and she realized that children need to learn how to cook. Sasha has taught cooking classes to Girl Scouts just as she had learned in the early 1960’s. She cooks a variety of dishes from around the world so please stop by on Wednesdays and Thursdays to partake her Asian entrees.

The Clark Center is open Monday through Friday for lunch.

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### Clark Center Loaves & Fishes March 2011 Menu

**2740 SE Powell Blvd., Portland OR**

**Tuesday 1** - Sliced roast turkey w/ gravy or roast beef & cheese sandwich

**Wednesday 2** - Sasha’s egg drop soup, salmon teriyaki w/ rice and stir fried broccoli

**Thursday 3** - Sasha’s yakitori chicken with steamed rice and spinach w/ toasted sesame

**Friday 4** - Roast pork w/ gravy or chili dog

**Monday 7** - Veggie lasagna or breakfast casserole

**Tuesday 8** - Bread tilapia or ham & cheese sandwich

**Wednesday 9** - Sasha’s yakisoba w/ chicken and vegetables

**Thursday 10** - Sasha’s steamed cod w/ ginger-lemon sauce w/ rice and steamed asian vegetable blend

**Friday 11** - Dijon turkey or swiss & mushroom Burger

**Monday 14** - Open faced sloppy joe or chicken basil sausage

**Tuesday 15** - Meat loaf or sub sandwich

**Wednesday 16** - Sasha’s egg drop soup, white beans w/ pork and cucumber salad

**Thursday 17** - Sasha’s fried rice w/ tofu & veggies

**Friday 18** - Baked fish w/ cucumber dill sauce or liver & onions

**Monday 21** - Cheese ravioli or turkey w/ gravy

**Tuesday 22** - Tuna tetrazzini or egg salad sandwich

**Wednesday 23** - Sasha’s beef w/ yams, stir fried bok choy, and rice

**Thursday 24** - Sasha’s stir fried chicken w/ vegetables and rice

**Friday 25** - Baked chicken w/ country gravy or fishwich

**Monday 28** - BBQ chicken or roast beef w/ gravy

**Tuesday 29** - Meat loaf w/ gravy or asian chicken wrap

**Wednesday 30** - Sasha’s baked omelet w/ spinach and mushroom, rice, and steamed vegetables

**Thursday 31** - Sasha’s stir fried ground beef w/ cabbage & daikon w/ teriyaki

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Chefs (left to right) Juvenal Molina, Sasha Kaplan, and Kashu Hamada prepared the food for the Clark Center Opening.

Joan Smith, Executive Director of Loaves & Fishes welcomes the crowd.
Ikoi No Kai at Epworth
1333 SE 28th Ave, Portland

Tuesday 1 - Chicken Teriyaki
Wednesday 2 - Closed
Thursday 3 - 32nd Anniversary Lunch
Friday 4 - Sweet & Sour Pork

Monday 7 - Chicken Fajitas
Tuesday 8 - Tempura
Wednesday 9 - Closed
Thursday 10 - Gyoza
Friday 11 - Chow Mein

Monday 14 - Beef Chow Fun
Tuesday 15 - Mabo Dofu
Wednesday 16 - Closed

Thursday 17 - Sukiyaki
Friday 18 - Turkey

Monday 21 - Shrimp Salad Rolls, Chicken Wings
Tuesday 22 - Beef Donburi
Wednesday 23 - Closed
Thursday 24 - Champon Noodles
Friday 25 - Chicken Pot Pie

Monday 28 - Calamari
Tuesday 29 - Buta-Dofu
Wednesday 30 - Closed
Thursday 31 - Birthday Sushi

Ikoi No Kai March 2011 Menu Notes:
Thursday, March 3, 2011 - 32nd Anniversary combined with Hina Matsuri (Girls' Day Festival) for a special menu: Sushi, salmon, beef bento. Special prices: $5 for 60 & over, $7.50 for 60 & under. Reservations only!

Thursday, March 10, 2011 - Dr. Tosh Inahara’s Health Consultation: please bring a list of your medications for your consult.

Thursday, March 17, 2011 - Sing-a-long with Henry Ueno accompanied by Reiko Isono.

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