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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

June 14

- Flag Day

June 20-23

- Minidoka Pilgrimage

June 30

- ONE Annual Banquet,
Multnomah Athletic Club
Noon

July 24 - 26

- JACL National Convention,
Washington D.C.

July 28

- Jerry Inouye Golf Tournament,
Glendoveer Golf Course

August 3

- OBT Obon Festival

August 18

- Nikkei Community Picnic,
Oaks Park
Noon

August 24

- Congressional Gold Medal,
Opening Event,
Oregon Historical Society,
Lunch at Hilton Hotel

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Japanese American Graduation Banquet

*Board Members Message by
Marleen Wallingford*

The 66th annual Japanese American Graduation Banquet honored the high school graduating class of 2013.

Our keynote speaker this year was Todd Yuzuriha, a sansei who grew up in southeast Portland and attended Parkrose High School. He attended the graduation banquet in 1978 and was the recipient of the Portland JACL scholarship.

Todd's speech this evening was on the importance of being resilient. Know where you come from--be grateful for your family, teachers, and mentors. Challenge yourself--work hard to put yourself in hard situations. Make personal connections--people are more important than things. Todd related some of his own personal challenges with vision loss and community challenges when Crestline, an elementary school in his district was destroyed by fire.

Kenneth Fukumoto, a graduate who plans to pursue a career in music performance played the National Anthem with his instrument the saxophone.

Reverend Shunko David Komeiji of the Buddhist Daihonzan Henjyoji Temple gave the invocation.

The Oregon Nisei Vets gave

the athletic trophies to **Ryutaro Morgan**, Westview High School and **Laura Suzuki**, Lakeridge High School.

This year the Scholarship Committee headed by Chip Larouche gave six scholarships to students who showed academic excellence as well as participated in athletic and community service activities.

They were:

Elliot Oblander, Franklin High School, Satsuki Azumano Scholarship, University of Pennsylvania.

Laura Suzuki, Lakeridge High School, Hide Naito Scholarship, University of Michigan.

Ryutaro Morgan, Westview High School, Shokookai Scholarship, Gonzaga University.

Kenneth Fukumoto, Grant High School, Gresham-Troutdale JACL and Tsuya and Mary Minamoto Scholarship, New England Conservatory of Music.

Kristi Fukunaga, Wilson High School, Portland JACL Mabel Shoji Boggs Scholarship, Willamette University.

Hanna Yamasaki, Beaverton High School, Oregon Nisei Veterans Roger Okamoto and Art and Teri Iwasaki Scholarship.

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Look for profiles of these outstanding scholars in next month's newsletter.

The following students received the Mrs. Mark Sumida Awards. Mrs. Sumida has supported the Japanese American Graduation Banquet for many years.

Lennon Boutwell, Grant High School
Maty Ikeda, Cleveland High School, U. of Cincinnati
Toby Ikeda, Grant High School, OSU
Kari O'Donnell, Tigard High School, PSU
Mika Sakai, Wilson High School, School of Art Institute of Chicago

Thank you to the Japanese American Graduation Banquet Committee headed this year by Ron Iwasaki of the Oregon Nisei Veterans, Inc. Eleven sponsoring organizations help organize and support the annual Japanese American Graduation Banquet: Buddhist Daihonzan Henjyoji Temple, Epworth United Methodist Church, Gresham-Troutdale JACL, Japanese Ancestral Society, Nichiren Buddhist Temple, Nikkei Fujinkai, Oregon Buddhist Temple, Oregon Nisei Veterans, Inc., Portland JACL, Shokookai of Portland and the Veleda Club.

We are proud of this year's students. Congratulations to the graduates and to their families. We are confident that one of you may be the keynote speaker at the Graduation Banquet in 2050.



Consul General of Japan Furusawa speaks at the 2013 Japanese American Graduation Banquet, Multnomah Athletic Club, Portland, Oregon. Listening at the head table are (l to r) Elaine Yuzuriha, keynote speaker Todd Yuzuriha, Master of Ceremonies Jeff Selby, and Rev. David Komeiji.

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Todd Yuzuriha gives the keynote address at the 2013 Japanese American Graduation Banquet, Multnomah Athletic Club, Portland, Oregon



Scholarship recipient Elliot Oblander gives the Graduate's Response at the conclusion of the 2013 Japanese American Graduation Banquet, Multnomah Athletic Club, Portland, Oregon



Members of Unite People cheer on scholarship recipients at the 2013 Japanese American Graduation Banquet, Multnomah Athletic Club, Portland, Oregon



Portland JACL scholarship recipient Kristi Fukunaga (center) leads a greeting to attendees at the 2013 Japanese American Graduation Banquet, Multnomah Athletic Club, Portland, Oregon. Speaker Todd Yuzuriha initiated the activity as part of his keynote presentation at the banquet.

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Alice Sumida and the Class of 2013 at the 66th Annual Japanese American Graduation Banquet

Photos Sought of JACLers and Community Allies Who Fought for Redress

This year's National Convention in Washington, DC, "Justice for All," will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988. It is this Act that saw the United States Government acknowledge the World War II incarceration of 120,000 Japanese Americans with a presidential apology and monetary redress.

The Legacy Luncheon on July 26, led by JACL's National Youth/Student Council (NYSC), will touch upon the success of the Redress Movement and provide a prospective view of this historical movement as portrayed through the eyes of youth. The luncheon will honor the legacy of young leadership during the Redress Movement, and how young leaders today are following in the footsteps of these activists who continuously fought for the rights of Japanese Americans.

Plans include a slideshow of JACL members on the chapter, district and national levels, as well as community partners, who were critical to this unique grassroots effort. Redress required the participation of hundreds of "everyday" folks, whose assistance was invaluable to the leaders and strategists of the movement.

To ensure JACL recognizes these "foot-soldiers" of

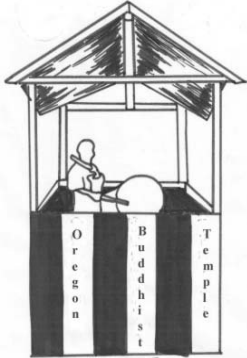
the redress story, we are seeking photos of JACL chapter and district members and other allies who took part in any capacity -- whether it was testifying before the CWRIC, visiting legislators' offices, working on a letter-writing campaign, attending meetings, making phonecalls, doing interviews, talking with and educating others, etc. Photos need not be contemporary, but may be of participants from their "younger" redress days.

Please email photos (color or black-and-white, 300 dpi preferred) to Kristine Minami at: jacl.kristine@gmail.com. If you wish to submit hard copies, photos may be mailed to: Kristine Minami, c/o JACL Washington, DC Office, 1629 K. Street, NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20006. It is requested that only copies be submitted, as photos cannot be returned. Please include the names of those pictured in the photo, the date (or approximate date), and if it is of a particular event or meeting, please so indicate. Photos are due by July 1, 2013.

If you should have any questions, you may contact Kristine Minami or JACL regional directors Stephanie Nitahara (snitahara@jacl.org) or Patty Wada (pwada@jacl.org).

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Commemorative Lanterns: One Order Form for Each Lantern

ObonFest at the Oregon Buddhist Temple will again feature Commemorative Lanterns to celebrate our Kangi-e or "Gathering of Joy". The lanterns will be hung from lines radiating from the center of the dance area. The WHITE lanterns commemorate the life of a loved one, remembering relatives, friends, or even pets regardless of when they passed away. The RED lanterns honor a living person, organization or company. The names of the honored ones are beautifully written in English and kanji/katakana. You can re-hang a previously purchased lantern to continue this joyful remembrance. All order forms are also available on the OBT website.

Calligraphers would like the lantern orders submitted by July 31, 2013; Re-hanging lantern order deadline: August 3, 9 am

WHITE COMMEMORATIVE LANTERN (\$25)

Deceased's Name (English): _____

Japanese Version (kanji/katakana): _____

Date of Passing: _____

RED COMMEMORATIVE LANTERN (\$25)

Name (English): _____

Japanese Version (kanji/katakana): _____

RE-HANGING EXISTING LANTERN \$15 for the 1st order, \$10 each additional lantern

Name (English): _____

Japanese Version (kanji/katakana): _____

After the festival: Store my lantern at the temple. I will pick up my lantern.

Purchaser's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

Please make checks payable to:

Oregon Buddhist Temple
3720 SE 34th Ave.
Portland, OR 97202

Contact: obon@oregonbuddhisttemple.com

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JAPANESE ANCESTRAL SOCIETY OF PORTLAND

June 2013

Dear Golfers and Friends:

You are cordially invited to participate in the 13th Annual Jerry Inouye Memorial Golf Tournament to be held on Sunday, July 28, 2013 at Glendoveer Golf Course-East (14015 NE Glisan, 503.253.7507). While the JAS has hosted this event for over 20 years, the tournament was renamed in 2001 to honor and recognize Jerry for his many years of service in promoting this event. The shotgun start will begin at 7:30 a.m. with check-in at 6:45 a.m.

You must be a JAS member to participate. You can include your membership dues along with your entry fee.

A perpetual trophy will be awarded to the lowest net scorer among the men's "A" and "B" flights and also to the "ladies" flight. Prizes will be awarded for KP's on all par 3 holes, a longest drive hole, and low gross honors in each flight. In case of a tie, players score cards will be evaluated from the 18th hole backwards with the first low score winning. Everyone will ride a cart, and lunch will be served at Chinese Village following the tournament. If you have a golfing preference for your foursome, please let us know and list the names of each person of your group. If a foursome is requested, please make sure that a golfer(s) of a group is not duplicated in another foursome.

If you are not interested in golf but would like to donate to this annual event, please call Kurtis Inouye at 503 627-0740 or Pat Gilman 503 317-2939. Due to course regulations, we must collect your entry fee by July 20, 2013 to reserve our tee times. No exceptions! **Entry fee is \$65 which includes golf, cart, and lunch.**

Best Regards from your Golf Committee

(Al Abe, Jacquelyn Alderman, Kay Endo, Pat Gilman, Kurtis Inouye, George Kanegae, Terry Kawamoto, Wimpy Kawata, Fred Kimura, Hideo Kobayashi, Bill Koida, Gordon Kondo, Tom Kuge, Chip & Setsy Larouche, Mike Landis, Yoji Matsushima, Merianne Nagae, Bill Nakamura, Kurt Nakashima, Lynn N. Nishida, Ken Ogawa, John Ollerenshaw, Sharon Takahashi, Katie Tamiyasu, Lew Tomita, Henry Ueno, Skip Yamamoto, Jeff Yoshida, Shig Yuzuriha)

Please return this information from and a check for \$65 (consider renewing your membership too!) made payable to Japanese Ancestral Society of Portland, **no later than July 20, 2013**

_____ I will play _____ I will stay for lunch _____ Single JAS membership (\$25)

_____ I will **not** play _____ I will **not** stay for lunch _____ Couple JAS membership (\$40)

_____ Please accept my tax deductible donation of \$ _____

Golfer's Name _____ (circle) **Male** **Female**

Golfer's Phone # _____ USGA GHIN Number _____

USGA Handicap Index as of July 1, 2012 _____ or List last 5 golf scores (18 holes) _____

If playing with a group, please add names _____

Mail form to: JAS, c/o Kurtis Inouye, 31112 SW Willamette Way West, Wilsonville, OR 97070

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Clark Center Meals on Wheels June 2013 Menu

2740 SE Powell Blvd., Portland OR

Monday 3 - Swedish meatballs or Turkey cranberry cream cheese sandwich

Tuesday 4 - Roasted parmesan chicken breast or Tortellini w/ creamy tomato sauce

Wednesday 5 - Pork stroganoff or Battered fish sandwich

Thursday 6 - Chicken Italiano or Vegetarian pizza

Friday 7 - Baked fish w/ tartar sauce or Vegetable lasagna

Monday 10 - Turkey pot pie or Chef salad

Tuesday 11 - Roast pork w/ BBQ sauce or Vegetable pizza

Wednesday 12 - Meat lasagna or Veggie burger

Thursday 13 - Dijon-crusted fish or Chicken enchilada casserole

Friday 14 - Teriyaki chicken breast or Vegetable lasagna

Monday 17 - Beef & macaroni casserole or Chicken smitane

Tuesday 18 - Chicken Provence or Swiss veggie burger

Wednesday 19 - Baked steelhead salmon or Roast pork w/ gravy

Thursday 20 - Chicken tetrazinni or Broccoli-tomato quiche

Friday 21 - Beef burgundy or Chinese chicken salad

Monday 24 - Sweet & sour chicken or Black bean nacho pizza

Tuesday 25 - Roast turkey or Greek salad

Wednesday 26 - Chicken stroganoff or Spinach lasagna

Thursday 27 - Spaghetti w/ meat sauce or Grilled veggie sandwich

Friday 28 - Battered tilapia or Open face turkey sandwich

19th Annual APAICS Gala Awards Dinner

By Rhianna Taniguchi, Portland chapter

On Wednesday, May 8, the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS) hosted its 19th Annual Gala Awards Dinner at the Washington Hilton. This year's gala was dedicated to APAI Pioneer and honored Senator Mazie K. Hirono (HI) as the first Asian American woman in the Senate, State Farm as the Corporate Achievement Award recipient, the late Senator Daniel K. Inouye, and community leaders Ho Luong and Jose Vargas. During the evening, Rep. Judy Chu reminded the audience about the importance of immigration reform, which was the focus of many of the events during the week.

Key note speaker, Vice President Biden received a standing ovation after delivering a personal and compelling speech about the late, great Senator Inouye, who had supported the Vice President very early in his career. APAICS presented a portrait of the late Senator to his family, Mrs. Irene Hirano-Inouye and son, Ken Inouye. As a member of the US Army and also as a Japanese American from Hawaii, I have always felt a special connection with Sen. Inouye. I was proud to see the islands represented by Sen. Brian Schatz, Sen. Mazie Hirono, Rep. Colleen Hanabusa, and Rep. Tulsi Gabbard in solidarity and respect for Senator Inouye's unparalleled contributions.

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Ikoï no Kai at Epworth June 2013 Menu

1333 SE 28th Ave, Portland

Monday 3 - Seafood
cioppino

Tuesday 4 - Chicken
curry

Wednesday 5 - Closed

Thursday 6 - Pork & veg-
gies

Friday 7 - California chi-
rashi sushi

Monday 10 - Hoisin
chicken / yakisoba

Tuesday 11 - Unagi
donburi

Wednesday 12 - Closed

Thursday 13 - Cold
somen

Friday 14 - Clam chow-
der / chicken Caesar
salad

Monday 17 - Asian
braised pork / Singapore
noodles

Tuesday 18 - Tempura

Wednesday 19 - Closed

Thursday 20 - Teriyaki
chicken

Friday 21 - Grilled beef
tri-tip

Monday 24 - Crispy beef
bibimbop

Tuesday 25 - Birthday
sushi

Wednesday 26 - Closed

Thursday 27 - Pork
tonkatsu

Friday 28 - Tilapia with
soba salad

Menu Notes:

- Only the entrée is listed. Each day's menu includes soup or salad and dessert
- **June 7:** Modern dance troupe from Japan
- **June 17:** Lunch Bunch
- **June 20:** Sing Along w/ Reiko, Jerry and friends

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