Board Members Message by Susan Leedham

As I write this article it’s almost time to say goodbye to 2014 and usher in a new year. I hope 2014 was good to you.

Our chapter hummed along with a very successful Day of Remembrance where we partnered with NAYA, Native American Youth and Family Center, and shared our experiences with injustice in a lively panel discussion. And we had Native American drummers and Portland Taiko open our program. There is something very primal about drumming, and I think we all can feel the connection.

We awarded scholarships to deserving high school graduates, remembered Hiroshima and Nagasaki, worked with our community partners on Mochitsuki and other community events, hosted our annual picnic and attended our national convention in San Jose.

2014 has also seen a lot of demonstrations regarding the deaths of young black men at the hands of the police. Maybe Michael Brown is not the perfect messenger but when our President and Attorney General both say that they have experienced racial profiling by the police, it is obvious that racism is alive and well in this country and much still needs to be done.

There is also much to be done regarding immigration reform, fighting the repeal of voting rights and income inequality. I’m glad that we have a national voice that speaks to these important issues.

Our 2015 Day of Remembrance will honor our Nisei who gave so much to our community and our nation as part of, to quote Tom Brokaw, the greatest generation. I hope you will be able to come and honor this generation on February 22nd. The information is in this newsletter.

Here’s to a 2015 that has dialogue and at least an attempt at understanding instead of the posturing we’ve witnessed for far too long.

Best wishes for a peaceful 2015.
MOCHITSUKI 2015
The Year of the Sheep
19th Annual Japanese American New Year Celebration

Sunday, January 25, 2015 • 11 AM-4 PM

New Location!
Smith Memorial Student Union (SMSU)
Portland State University
1825 SW Broadway • Portland, OR 97207

www.mochipdx.org

Come celebrate the incoming New Year with Japanese American traditions at the Mochitsuki Community Festival! Experience family-friendly hands-on events, demonstrations, and activities with mochi pounding, calligraphy, origami, tea ceremony, ikebana, and games. Enjoy traditional Japanese dancing, drumming, and musical guests from Portland Taiko, Takohachi, Unit Souzou, Sahomi Tachibana Dancers, and many others! Presented by Portland JACL, and co-produced by Konko Church of Portland, Oregon Nikkei Endowment, and Portland Taiko.
The US Government told them to pack up, sell their businesses and get ready to leave their homes. **They did.** The same Government classified the men as enemy aliens but then asked them to leave their loved ones behind the barbed wire and volunteer to fight the war. **They did.** Their story forms an exceptional part of what we have labeled *The Greatest Generation.* **They are the Nisei.** For the 2015 Day of Remembrance event, Portland JACL and the Japanese Ancestral Society are co-sponsoring a Nisei Appreciation Luncheon to honor this generation of Japanese Americans and thank them for their contributions to the community and to America.

### 2015 Day of Remembrance/Nisei Appreciation Luncheon

**Sunday, February 22, 1-4 p.m. Multnomah Athletic Club**

**Cost:** Complimentary for Nisei members of Portland JACL or JAS who are 75 or older

**Others:** $40 per person. Reservations Required.

**For Nisei Guests,** circle whether you are a JAS member or Portland JACL member, or both.

**For All,** Circle if you want vegetarian meal rather than regular chicken entrée.

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Questions?
Call Setsy at 503-698-4656
or
Email: Larouche@msn.com

**Send Reservation Form with check payable to JACL: JACL c/o Chip & Setsy Larouche, 12811 SE Hawks Crest Pl, Happy Valley, OR 97086**

**Deadline for Reservations is January 31, 2015!**
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Domo Ariigato Gozaimashita!

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Consul General Hiroshi Furusawa is pictured here with the Minidoka Swing Band leaders Laura Baxter (center) and Yasuyo Strassmaier (left) at the Columbia Edgewater Country Club where the Tomodachi Kai group held their Holiday Party. Photo By Setsy Larouche

Several members of the Pacific Northwest District Council attended the Tacoma Buddhist Temple Mochitsuki event that also included saying “Thank You” and Farewell to Karen Yoshitomi who was the Regional Director of PWNDC of JACL for almost 25 years. She is now the Executive Director for the Japanese Cultural & Community Center of Washington. Pictured left to right are: Paul Tashima, Setsy Larouche, Bob Nakamura, Chip Larouche, Karen Yoshitomi, Elsie Taniguchi, Eileen Lamphere, Kaila Yoshitomi and Andy So.

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The Portland JACL board were honored to attend the celebration of the Emperor of Japan’s birthday on December 10th at the Hilton Hotel. Pictured here are Chip Larouche, the host, Consul General Hiroshi Furusawa and Portland JACL President, Kirk Tambara. Photo by Setsy Larouche
Nikkei Holiday Party

Santa Claus (r) speaks to a youngster as Santa’s helper looks on at the 2014 Nikkei Christmas Party, Oregon Buddhist Temple, Portland, Oregon. Chief Coordinator Connie Masuoka organized the potluck event for the second year in a row.

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Iko no Kai at Epworth January 2015 Menu
1333 SE 28th Ave, Portland, 503-238-0775

Monday 5 - Beef & broccoli
Tuesday 6 - Chikara udon
Wednesday 7 - Closed
Thursday 8 - Kasujiru
Friday 9 - Lasagna

Monday 12 - Cod fish & chips
Tuesday 13 - Tonkatsu
Wednesday 14 - Closed

Thursday 15 - Bruce’s salmon
Friday 16 - Crispy beef bibimbap
Monday 19 - Ginger scallion chicken / fried rice
Tuesday 20 - Meatballs
Wednesday 21 - Closed
Thursday 22 - New Year’s special bento: Reservations required: + $2

Friday 23 - Thai peanut chicken pad thai
Monday 26 - Roast pork / Singapore noodles
Tuesday 27 - Sukiyaki
Wednesday 28 - Closed
Thursday 29 - Birthday Sushi
Friday 30 - Wonton soup

Menu Notes:
• Meals include salad or soup and dessert
• Mondays, 12:30-2: hanafuda and bridge
  Mon-Tue, 11:30: chair exercises
  Jan 13, 10:30: Fujinkai Board
  Jan 15, 11: Hyakudokai
  Jan 19, 11:30: Ohana Lunch Bunch
  Jan 22, 11: Oregon Koto Kai Concert

Friday 9 - Kasujiru