Earlier this year we reported to our members that the Portland JACL Board signed on to a bill introduced in the Oregon House to end profiling by law enforcement. House Bill 2002 has a clear path to passage in this session with enough votes in the House and Senate. HB 2002 does three things:

1. Directs law enforcement agencies to develop written policies and procedures prohibiting profiling, by October 1, 2015
2. Authorizes collection of profiling complaints from the public
3. Establishes a workgroup charged with providing accountability recommendations and reporting next year to the Legislature

Perhaps law enforcement profiling is not something you think about on a daily basis or even consider at all. Of the hundreds of bills that are introduced each legislative session, Portland JACL took a position on this one to stand in solidarity with other minorities who are unfairly profiled just as our Japanese community was profiled many years ago.

Years ago I attended a Portland Human Rights Commission roundtable at which an earnest young white woman urged attendees to send youths to a “Know your Rights” workshop so they will be equipped in case of a law enforcement stop. That is when I learned about “The Talk” and that people of privilege can’t even imagine the disparate treatment others face. The thinking may be that surely one must have done something wrong to be stopped by the police and can be expected to be treated respectfully and professionally. Unfortunately that is not the shared experience of blacks, Latinos, immigrants, LGBTQ, people with mental illness or homeless.

Jo Ann Hardesty, President of the Portland NAACP, testified in a House hearing about “The Talk” African American mothers have with their young sons. The Talk goes like this:

“No son, this isn’t the birds-n-bees talk. This is about you coming home alive. We know you’re just a child but to some people you’re an adult. An adult who’s dangerous and guilty of something even if you’ve done nothing wrong. So, if a policeman stops you…for any reason…just do what he says. Don’t pull out your phone to call us. Even if he yells at you or pulls his gun and you get scared, do not run. Just put your hands in the air. No, this isn’t right but we don’t have the luxury of being right. We want you home alive.”

Communities know that policing
An Injustice to One continued

bias exists and HB 2002 will collect the data to support this common knowledge so that issues can be addressed.

The next challenge is to actually use the law and report cases of police profiling. The Law Enforcement Contacts Policy and Data Review Committee (LECC) was chosen to collect complaints which may be made anonymously. LECC is an independent committee housed at Portland State University’s Criminal Justice Policy Research Institute and has no connection to law enforcement other than data collection. LECC also provides free trainings to law enforcement about cultural sensitivity and bias. In addition to tracking public complaints, LECC will also collect data from law enforcement agencies on traffic stops and violations. The reporting by agencies is voluntary due to budget concerns but hopefully over time they will see the value of the bill and will participate to further build trust and provide better policing.

Finally, the 9-member task force will be meeting in the summer and fall to develop an accountability structure for the bill. Their recommendations will inform the legislature on establishing a process for identifying patterns or practices of profiling and existing biased policies and how to address these practices and policies. The task force members will be selected by the Governor, the House Speaker, and the Senate President and are already going through the application and vetting process. All meetings of the task force will be public and they intend to hold meetings around the state in order to allow input from various communities to be heard. If you are interested in following the progress of this task force the Center for Intercultural Organizing (CIO) will be continuing to monitor its efforts and will be posting information on its website, www.Interculturalorganizing.org.

Congratulations Mariko!

Mariko Locke, a member of Unite People, the Portland JACL youth group and a 9th grader at Dominus Lux of Happy Valley, Oregon, was nominated to attend the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders in Boston, MA which was held on June 28-30. The Congress is an honors-only program for high school students who are passionate about science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM). Mariko was nominated by American hero and astronaut Buzz Aldrin, Science Director of the National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists to represent Dominus Lux based on her academic achievement, leadership potential and passion for science and technology. Portland JACL congratulates Mariko and wishes her continued success with high school and beyond!
Dear Portland JACL Members,

There will be a General Membership Meeting on October 15, 2015 at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Oregon Buddhist Temple.

On June 18th, the Portland JACL board voted to send a number of amendments to the Chapter Constitution and Bylaws that are summarized below, and these amendments will be discussed and voted upon at this General Membership Meeting.

We have posted a copy of what the amended Constitution and Bylaws will look like in a “track changes” format so that you can see what was deleted and what was added or changed from the previous versions.

If you do not have computer access and would like to receive a paper copy of this 14 page document, just call the Portland JACL phone number (877-843-6914) and leave a message with your name and address, and we will mail you a copy.

Thank you!

Kirk Tambara
President

Summary of Proposed Changes to Portland JACL Constitution and Bylaws

Constitution

- **Preamble:** Language changes to match protected categories of National Constitution
- **Article III, Section 1:** Changes membership qualifications to permit non-citizens
- **Article IV, Section 2:** Changes Composition of Chapter Board to up to 15 elected and up to five appointed
- **Article V, Section 2:** Makes the Membership Chair an officer rather than the historian
- **Article V, Section 3:** Makes the default delegates the President and Vice-President with accommodation to have board votes for delegates if officers chose not to serve.
- **Article VI, Section 6:** Adds the Chapter website as a place to post amendments

Bylaws

- **Article I, Section 1:** Removes mentioning the Pacific Citizen as a specific organizational benefit (doesn’t remove the benefit)
- **Article I, Section 2:** Simplifies membership paragraph by aligning it with National’s definitions including the elimination of Special (alien) Membership
- **Article I, Section 3:** Makes the Youth/Student membership language consistent with National
- **Article I, Section 4:** Removes never used Senior membership
- **Article I, New Section 3:** Adds National Supporting Members without specifics, leaving that to the National Bylaws
- **Article I, Section 5:** Removes the never used JAY membership
- **Article I, Section 7:** Makes cosmetic Booster Membership language changes
- **Article II Section 2-3:** Makes Changes to Composition to Chapter Board to be consistent with Constitution Changes above
- **Article II, Section 4:** Removes the requirement for the President to make all his nominations for board members in January.
- **Article II, Sect 5:** Makes the appointment of an board member who leaves by resignation, death, etc., as optional
- **Article II, Section 6:** Allows Board consensus to skip monthly meeting without a formal vote
- **Article III, Section 1:** Removes Historian as an officer
- **Article III, Section 1:** Provides for two delegates per National rules
- **Article V, Section 1:** Modifies how many non-board members are on the nominating committee
- **Article V, Section 1:** Provides for a slate to be provided for in the newsletter
On May 28th, Mrs Kashu Hama cooked her last meal at Ikoi No Kai. She is pictured seated in the center, surrounded by all the Hot Lunch volunteers.
Photo by Setsy Larouche

On June 6th, at the Puyallup Chapter Scholarship and Installation Luncheon, Chip Larouche, National JACL Vice President for Planning and Development, administers the oath of office to the newly elected board of officers for the Puyallup Chapter. Pictured left to right are President, Elsie Taniguchi; VP Eileen Lamphere; Secretary, Liz Dunbar; Membership Chair, Stephen Kitajo; and Youth Representative, Bryce Taishi Ikeda. Treasurer, Dudley Yamane was not available for the photo.  Photo by Setsy Larouche.
Sharon Takahashi and Fran Sumida Palk help out at the Cemetery cleanup and beautification on May 23rd. Photo by Setsy Larouche

Rich Iwasaki, our Community Photographer seldom is on this side of the lens. He too was helping with Cemetery cleanup and beautification on May 23rd. Photo by Setsy Larouche

Portland JACL attends a book signing with Lori Tsugawa Whaley, author of *The Courage of a Samurai* at Kinokuniya Bookstore. Pictured here with Lori are chapter members Dr. Jim Tsugawa, Lilly Irinaga and Amy Tsugawa. Photo by Setsy Larouche

Consul General Hiroshi Furusawa addresses the attendees at the annual Memorial Day service at the Rose City Cemetery. Photo by Chip Larouche

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NIKKEI COMMUNITY PICNIC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2015
OAKS PARK
(SOUTH PARK AREA - UNDER THE LARGE STRIPED TENT)
NOON TO 5PM

Join us for an afternoon of food and fun! The picnic is sponsored by organizations of the Nikkei community to celebrate our ethnic heritage.

We will provide at no cost:
• Main dish: Fried Chicken
• Beverages: hot tea, soda, and beer
• Eating utensils: plates and napkins
• Watermelons
• Games and prizes and ride bracelets for kids high school and younger
• Parking

Please bring a side dish to share. In order to ensure a variety we suggest that you bring a side dish that corresponds to the alphabetical groupings listed below:

A-Ki Rice or a noodle dish
KI-Sa Salad or Vegetable dish
Sc-Z Dessert or Bread

Please RSVP by August 7: Connie Masuoka at 503-243-3291
May 2015

Dear Golfers and Friends:

You are cordially invited to participate in the 15th Annual Jerry Inouye Memorial Golf Tournament to be held on Sunday, July 26, 2015 at Glendoveer Golf Course-East (14015 NE Glisan, 503.253.7507). While the JAS has hosted this event for over 25 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 Nancy Kajitsu at 503.665.4589. Due to course regulations, we must collect your entry fee by July 15, 2015 to reserve our tee times. No exceptions! Entry fee is $70, which includes golf, cart, and lunch.

Best Regards from your Golf Committee

Please return this information from and a check for $70 (consider renewing your membership, too!) made payable to Japanese Ancestral Society of Portland, no later than July 15, 2015

_____ 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)
_____ I (We) will come for lunch only. ($15 per attendee)

_____ 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, 2015 ___________ or List last 5 golf scores (18 holes) _______________

For golfers without established GHIN, maximum handicap allowed is 40 for women and 36 for men.

If playing with a group, please add names ___________________________________________________________

Mail form to: JAS, c/o Sharon Takahashi, 7610 SW Cherry Drive, Tigard, OR 97223-8043.
Upcoming Oregon Nikkei Endowment Events

**Annual Banquet**
**Benefit for Oregon Nikkei Endowment**
Saturday, July 18, 2015
5pm Reception, 6pm Dinner
at the Hilton Portland & Executive Tower, 921 SW 6th Ave, Portland
Cost: $125 per person

Please join us for our annual benefit banquet in support of Oregon Nikkei Endowment, honoring our wonderful community members. Special remarks by Governor Kate Brown Recognizing Jean Matsumoto with *Paving the Way Award* and Yoshio and Sawako Oda with *Heart of the Community Award*.

**Yosegaki Hinomaru: Souvenir, Heirloom or Art?**
July 25-September 27, 2015
Debut exhibition on the *Yosegaki Hinomaru* or Good Luck Flags of Japan which were brought to the United States by returning veterans from the battlefield of the Pacific Theatre during World War II.

**25th Anniversary Celebration of our Japanese American Historical Plaza**
**Oregon Nikkei Endowment**
Sunday, August 2, 2015, 4-5 pm
Japanese American Historical Plaza
George Takei, actor and activist, Keynote Speaker
Music by the Minidoka Swing Band
**Followed By:**
Portland Spirit Celebratory Cruise with George Takei
With Special Musical Guest: Thomas Lauderdale of Pink Martini
Board at 5:30, cruise from 6-8:30 pm
Contact Oregon Nikkei Endowment for tickets at 503-224-1458 or info@oregonnikkei.org

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**Save the Date!**
**Portland JACL**
**General Membership Meeting**
**Thursday, October 15, 2015**
7 p.m.
Refreshments will be served
70 Years After Hiroshima & Nagasaki

The Ever-Present Nuclear Threat

Thursday, August 6th, 2015, 6:00 PM
Japanese American Historical Plaza
Portland Waterfront at NW Naito Parkway & Couch Street


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