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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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July 4

- Independence Day!

July 13-16

- JACL National Convention
Las Vegas

July 18

- Annual O.N.E. Benefit Banquet
Hilton Hotel
Tickets: www.oregonnikkei.org

July 25, 11am - 5pm

- Celebrate Beaverton
Cultural Festival
158th & Walker Rd

July 26

- Jerry Inouye Golf Tournament
Glendoveer East Golf Course

August 1

- OBON Fest
Oregon Buddhist Temple

August 2

- 25th Anniversary
Japanese American
Historical Plaza

August 6, 6pm

- Hiroshima/Nagasaki Memorial
Japanese American
Historical Plaza

August 14

- JASO Golf Tournament
Resort at the Mountain
Info at www.jaso.org

August 16

- Nikkei Community Picnic
Oaks Park

An Injustice to One is an Injustice to All

Board Member Message by Jean Yamamoto

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!



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July 2015

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

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Photo Gallery



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.

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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



Sharon Takahashi and Fran Sumida Palk help out at the Cemetery cleanup and beautification on May 23rd. 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



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

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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:

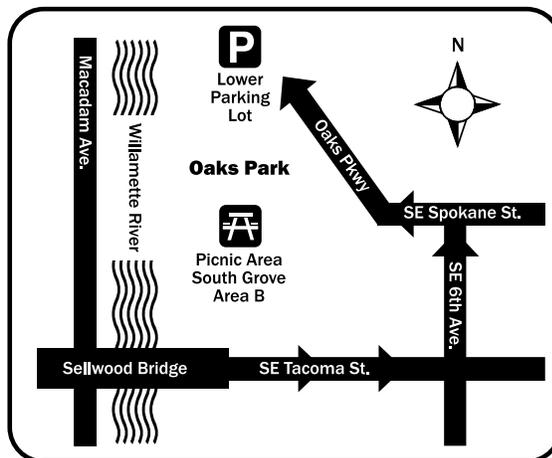
- A-Ki Rice or a noodle dish
Kl-Sa Salad or Vegetable dish
Sc-Z Dessert or Bread

主催方からの供給

焼き鳥
お茶、ソウダ、ビール
西瓜
遊芸と遊技の賞品
駐車場

持ち合わせ品

A-Ki サラダ
Kl-Sa ごはん
Sc-Z デザート



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

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JAPANESE ANCESTRAL SOCIETY OF PORTLAND

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

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

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

Save the Date!
Portland JACL
General Membership Meeting
Thursday, October 15, 2015
7 p.m.
Refreshments will be served

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Years After Hiroshima & Nagasaki

The Ever-Present Nuclear Threat

決して再びあるまじき

"Never
again"

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



Sponsored by Oregon PSR, American Friends Service Committee, APANO, First Unitarian Church Peace Action Group, Interfaith Council of Greater Portland, Japanese Ancestral Society of Portland, Jubitz Family Foundation War Prevention Initiative, KBOO, Multnomah Meeting of Friends, Oregon Buddhist Society, Oregon Hiroshima Club, Portland JACL, Portland Japanese Garden Society, Tom Dwyer Automotive Service, United Nations Association Portland Chapter, and Veterans for Peace Chapter 72.

For more information visit www.oregonpsr.org.

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Ikoï no Kai at Epworth July 2015 Menu

1333 SE 28th Ave, Portland, 503-238-0775

Wednesday 1 - Closed

Thursday 2 - Spring roll,
roast pork, Chinese soup

Friday 3 - Shrimp wonton

Monday 6 - Shumai /
hoisin chicken

Tuesday 7 - Beef w/
summer vegetables stir
fry

Wednesday 8 - Closed

Thursday 9 - Shrimp pad
Thai

Friday 10 - Ginger pork

Monday 13 - Tilapia ka-
bayaki / California sushi

Tuesday 14 - Miso pork /
musubi

Wednesday 15 - Closed

Thursday 16 - Korean
noodle salad / yakiniku

Friday 17 - Tofu steak

Monday 20 - Mochiko
chicken / zaru soba

Tuesday 21 - Calamari &
shrimp salad

Wednesday 22 - Closed

Thursday 23 - Tandori
chicken, Indian curry

Friday 24 - Jajamen

Monday 27 - Salmon chow-
der / somen salad

Tuesday 28 - Orange peel
chicken

Wednesday 29 - Closed

Thursday 30 - Birthday
chirashi-zushi

Friday 31 - Beef kurokke

Menu Notes:

- Meals include salad or soup and dessert
- Mondays, 12:30-2:**
hanafuda and bridge
- Mon-Tue, 11:30:**
chair exercises
- July 7, 10:30:**
Fujinkai Board
- July 16, 11:30:**
Sing Along with
Reiko & Jerry
- July 20, 11:30:**
Ohana Lunch Bunch

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