Board Member Message by Chip Larouche  
National VP for Planning and Development

For those of you who receive the Pacific Citizen, the official newspaper of JACL, you might have already read that we’re going to be changing the way it’s distributed and we’re going to be heading in a digital direction.

Many of you know that the newspaper industry has been in a declining mode for years with the advent of online news and social media delivering news and information to consumers in a new business model. For those of us in Portland, we’ve already seen the Oregonian go from 7 day delivery to the homes to a more digital approach to only a 4 day delivery to the home with a digital delivery to your email every morning. Something similar will happen to your Pacific Citizen.

These kinds of changes are often difficult for many people. You get used to picking up your newspaper from the driveway early in the morning, and you come back in and settle down with a cup of coffee perhaps (or green tea!) and read “the news.” But inevitably, times change, and the ways of doing business often have to change with the times.

For the Pacific Citizen, you might ask, “Why is this change necessary”? Here are the facts:

- JACL once had over 20,000 members. Now we have fewer than 10,000.
- Each membership contributes $12 of its dues to the Pacific Citizen program
- The cost of production and distribution of the Pacific Citizen has gone up like most other things in life.
- Other revenue sources like the “Spring Campaign” and ad revenue haven’t kept up.
- The deficit for this program had been over $100,000 for the past couple of years
- Projections are that the deficit would reach $200,000 soon and continue to rise
- This kind of drain on the JACL reserves could not be tolerated much longer

The National Board decided that the digitalization transition plan that had been initiated in 2010 and whose execution was delayed to 2012
Pacific Citizen continued

and then again to 2015, could not be delayed any longer.

So starting in March 2016, the Pacific Citizen will start being delivered to member’s email accounts electronically. The bi-monthly editions will be delivered at the same frequency and the content will remain the same, only the manner of distribution will change. About two months later, around June 2016, the printed edition will no longer be sent to most members. One benefit having the Pacific Citizen delivered by email will be that members in the Portland area will now receive their Pacific Citizen at the same time as the members in California who normally would receive their paper copy around a week earlier than us! That will also allow JACL to deliver late breaking news in the Japanese American community to our members more quickly, something a mailed copy of a newspaper cannot do.

There will still be some editions of the Pacific Citizen that do get delivered to your door. The Pacific Citizen Holiday Edition for instance will continue to be produced and delivered the same way, and some special editions like the Scholarship Edition will continue to be sent to the home.

For existing members who do not have email or access to a computer, a special printing of the digital edition is being planned with details yet to be developed on how that will be produced and distributed. New members to JACL will be required to have an email address if they want to receive the Pacific Citizen.

The National Board and Pacific Citizen Staff are still working out the details of the overall plan for this transition. I’m sure that as details emerge, information will be printed in the Pacific Citizen and this newsletter as well.

If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to email me at chip@pdxjacl.org or call me at 503-635-0259. Thanks!

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Nihonmachi: The Place to Be
Special Performances in Portland
Presented by Portland JACL
Monday, November 9, noon and 7pm
at Portland Center Stage, Gerding Theater, 128 NW 11th Avenue, Portland
Tickets: Student Matinee: $10, Evening performance: $40
Tickets on sale at www.pcs.org

Nihonmachi: The Place to Be is a two-hour musical journey, originally performed in Los Angeles, that will transport audiences back in time to Nihonmachi (Japantown), the way it used to be before World War II. The play follows one Sansei’s (third generation Nikkei) story as he discovers 100 years of his family’s history, his roots in Japantown, and ultimately who he is as a Japanese American. Interspersed through the show are classic, nostalgic Japanese and American songs.

Oregon Nikkei Endowment and Portland Center Stage have partnered with Grateful Crane Ensemble to bring this production to the Gerding Theater. Two performances, a matinee for school groups (including complimentary tickets for underserved youth) and an evening performance for the general public, will introduce this history to audiences of all ages.

Tickets are on sale at Portland Center Stage (www.pcs.org or 503-445-3700). Please contact Oregon Nikkei Endowment for more information: Phone: 503-224-1458 E-mail: info@oregonnikkei.org
The Minidoka Swing Band Receives $25,000 Grant
by Laura Baxter, MSB Manager

The Minidoka Swing Band of the Portland JACL received a grant of $25,000 from the Spirit Mountain Community Fund on September 24, 2015. The grant will be used to help fund the band’s operational costs for “Sharing Our Heritage and Culture Through Music” to communities around Oregon and beyond during 2015-2016. The grant is an Educational Operational grant which will help fund the band’s outreach to other parts of Oregon to educate about the history of WWII Japanese American Incarceration. With three members of the band that actually experienced incarceration and several band members whose parents experienced incarceration, the band is in a great position to educate the public, many of whom are unaware of WWII Japanese American Incarceration or how they suffered. Educating with music of the era is, as George Takei has told the MSB, ‘My appreciation and gratitude goes to those talented musicians for keeping a dulcet part of a dark experience so melodically alive.’ Thank you to the Spirit Mountain Community Fund grant selection committee.

Left to right are Reynold Leno, Tribal Council Chairman; Larry Nobori, MSB Music Director; Laura Baxter, MSB Manager, Nola Sugai Bogle, MSB Vocalist; and Sho Dozono, Board of Trustees Chairman.
Unite People’s
Holiday Wreath Sale
Get ready for the Holidays and reduce your stress by pre-ordering winter greenery to decorate your home or office.

Let us help you decorate your home or business by ordering from our lovely selection of wreaths and holiday decorations. This year the proceeds will benefit Epworth Church who has been very supportive of Unite People by providing them a meeting space and Unite People’s summer project.

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Deadline to order is November 7, 2015

Pick-up date: Mail this form to:
Sunday, December 6, 2015 Unite People
from 11-2pm 6305 E Burnside
at Epworth United Methodist Portland, OR 97215

or
Order on line at pdxjacl.org

Please make checks payable to UNITE PEOPLE
Portland Taiko is shown kicking off their 2015-2016 season under the leadership of a new Executive Director, Wynn Kiyama. This photo was their first number at their Taiko Connections Concert held on October 18th at St. Anne’s Chapel at Marylhurst University. Photo by Chip Larouche

The National JACL Board meeting was held in Chicago on October 3rd. Shown in the photo (L to R) are Treasurer Matt Farrells, President David Lin, Executive Director Pricilla Ouchida and Legal Counsel Brandon Mita discussing some of the current issues facing JACL. Photo by Setsy Larouche
OBT 2015 Holiday Craft Fair
“Always Local, Always Handcrafted”
Saturday, Nov. 14, 2015 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
The OBT Craft Fair will feature local artists who create quality handcrafted items to share and sell. Plan ahead and add this event to your calendar so you can:

- Get a jump on your holiday SHOPPING or just treat yourself to something handmade, and fun.
- Pick up your order of APPLES & PEARs from the famous Kiyokawa Orchards. School lunches, Thanksgiving gift baskets, holiday baking or a healthy snack... don’t miss this opportunity to stock up. If a box sounds like too much, consider finding a friend to split one or baking extra pies for the freezer. (see pre-order form below)
- Treat yourself. Take home a CHICKEN BOWL for a tasty lunch or dinner after a long day of work or holiday shopping. (see pre-order form below)

For more information, see our website: http://www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com/events/2015/craftfair2015.html

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Enjoy delicious APPLES & PEARS from the Hood River Valley & support the OBT

APPLES (20-22 lbs. per box)
Granny Smith ______ boxes @ $28 ea. = $________
Fuji ______ boxes @ $28 ea. = $________
Mixed Premium ______ boxes @ $32 ea. = $________
(Mixed premium apple boxes: 4-5 varieties: Fuji, Gala, Braeburn, Granny Smith, Jonagold, Cameo, Ambrosia & Sonata)

PEARS (22-25 lbs. per box)
Anjou ______ boxes @ $28 ea. = $________
Mixed Winter* ______ boxes @ $40 ea. = $________
(Mixed boxes: 4-5 varieties: Green D’Anjou, Comice, Bosc, Packham Triumph & Taylor’s Gold)

*If specific varieties are not available, we will substitute it with a similar variety.
ALL SALES SUPPORT THE OREGON BUDDHIST TEMPLE

PREORDER: CHICKEN BOWL for “take out” Nov. 14, 2015, pick up: 11 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. during the Holiday Craft Fair

_____ Chicken Bowl “to go” @ $7.50 = $________
Quantity total $ owed

_____ Teriyaki Tofu Bowl “to go” @ $7.50 = $________
Quantity (vegetarian option) total $ owed

TOTAL DUE: $________

Mail preorder & checks payable to the OBT to the Oregon Buddhist Temple 3720 S.E. 34th Ave. Portland, OR 97202

Japanese American Community Scholarship Applications

Applications for the 2016 Japanese American Community Scholarships are now available at the JACL website www.pdxjac.org/scholarships/community-scholarships. The student or a parent must be a member of at least one of the participating organizations on October 15, 2015 or earlier.
Nikkei Community Winter Holiday Party
Saturday, December 5, 2015 starting at 5pm
Oregon Buddhist Temple Basement
3720 SE 34th, Portland, OR 97202

Please join us for the 3rd annual Nikkei BCC/HKS+* party. This will be a semi-potluck dinner where the main course will be provided and you bring a side dish of your choice.

There will be activities for kids and a visit from Santa. Start the holidays with food and fun.

For more information or to RSVP contact Connie at cmasuoka@comcast.net or 503-243-3291.

*Bodhi day, Christmas, Chanukah/Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Solstice
Iko no Kai at Epworth November 2015 Menu
1333 SE 28th Ave, Portland, 503-238-0775

Monday 2 - Tilapia kabayaki donburi
Tuesday 3 - Hoisin chicken
Wednesday 4 - Closed
Thursday 5 - Nappa w/ pork & shrimp / iridofu
Friday 6 - Chicken kara-age
Monday 9 - Chicken parmesan / lemon basil pasta
Tuesday 10 - Bill Otani’s Salmon Lunch, Reservations required
Wednesday 11 - Closed
Thursday 12 - Ground beef omelet / kinpira gobo
Friday 13 - Noodles w/ special meat dipping sauce
Monday 16 - Ginger beef / Singapore noodles
Tuesday 17 - Thai shrimp / fried rice
Wednesday 18 - Closed
Thursday 19 - Niku dango (minced pork ball) & stir fry cabbage w/ age
Friday 20 - Birthday sushi
Monday 23 - Vietnamese chicken / pho soup
Tuesday 24 - Miso pork & tofu
Wednesday 25 - Closed
Thursday 26 - Happy Thanksgiving! Closed
Friday 27 - Closed
Monday 30 - Salmon chowder / somen salad

Menu Notes:
- Meals include salad or soup and dessert
- Mondays, 12:30-2: hanafuda and bridge
- Mon-Tue, 11:30: chair exercises
- Nov 10, 10:30: Fujinkai Board Meeting
- Nov 16, 11:30: Ohana Lunch Bunch
- Nov 19, 11:30: Sing Along w/ Jerry
- Nov 20, noon: Kathryn Work piano

Your Portland JACL Newsletter comes to you thanks to DocuMart on SW Main in Portland, who prints it at a greatly reduced cost. Please consider them for your printing needs: (503) 228-6253.

A big thank you to Chris Onchi, as well, Chris has been printing our labels, making data entry changes, and assisting with the annual calendar for many years. Her business is Chris’ Mailing Service: (503) 452-6864.