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

The Japanese American community has a great story and it’s not every day that you get to tell your story. It’s even more of a rarity to have your story told on a world class stage like the Smithsonian’s National American History Museum that can boast about having more than 3 million American historic artifacts with more than 11 million onsite and online visitors every year!

I’m very proud to say that National JACL has partnered with the Smithsonian to tell the story of Executive Order 9066 and how it shaped the lives of Japanese Americans during World War II and how it continues to resonate throughout America and the community today.

National JACL is currently in a fund raising effort to provide $150,000 for this effort, as their part of the partnership, to put on this exhibit that will run from February to November in 2017.

The Sacramento Chapter of JACL has jump started this effort by donating $10,000 earlier in July. Individuals or Organizations that donate $10,000 or more to this exhibit will have their name(s) on the donor’s plaque at the exhibit. Those donating other amounts will have their name(s) on the exhibit’s website page of the Smithsonian Institution. Any donation for this exhibit is tax deductible to the extent of law.

If you are as excited about donating to this Exhibit as I am, please make out your checks to JACL, mark it for “9066 Exhibit” in the Memo field, and mail the donation to Portland JACL, PO Box 86310, Portland, OR 97286 and I will forward these donations to National JACL for proper routing.

More details on this exhibit can be found on the Smithsonian website at this link: http://americanhistory.si.edu/exhibitions/executive-order-9066. Also see the flyer in this newsletter.

The Smithsonian is also looking for artifacts in addition to this Exhibit effort.

Items being sought include:

- 100th Infantry Battalion duty uniform
- Photos of Japanese American World War II veterans
- Handmade toys and children’s items from camp
Executive Order 9066 continued

- Cards and games used in camp by children and adults for leisure
- Textbooks, report cards, projects and artwork from camp schools and adult education classes
- Birth and death certificates from camp
- Camp worker documentation and records, such as salary logs
- Sports-related artifacts, photos and documents from camp
- Camp newsletters and newspapers
- Personal letters (e.g. Nisei soldiers writing to parents in camp)
- Resettlement documents
- Redress documents
- Hawai‘i internment documents

If interested in donating any of the items featured on the above list or would like additional information, please contact Noriko Sanefuji at AmericanHistoryAPAcollection@si.edu or (202) 633-3340.

Correction to the September 2015 article on 70 Years After Hiroshima and Nagasaki; The Ever Present Nuclear Threat by Marleen Wallingford

Twenty-five per cent of Michiko Kornhauser’s classmates died in a fire bombing on June 29, 1945. One hundred-thirty-eight B-29s flew over Okayama and dropped 15,000 fire bombs which destroyed 75% of the city. She lost 25% of her classmates and some teachers in that air raid.

Michiko Kornhauser did not see a bright flash. Okayama prefecture is on the east side of Hiroshima prefecture, and Okayama City is about 100 miles away from Hiroshima City. She was sent to live in the suburbs and on after the bombing of Hiroshima, she saw grayish ash where she was staying.

Full text of Michiko Kornhauser’s speech can be found on the Portland JACL website.

It’s Time to Register to Vote

National Voter Registration Day was September 22 when hundreds of organizations, including JACL, participated in a coordinated effort to register thousands of new voters, educate citizens on the importance of voting, and celebrate our democracy. If you missed it, you can still register to vote and cast your ballot on Election Day, November 3, 2015. It’s very easy to register to vote in Oregon. Just go to the Oregon Secretary of State website, www.sos.oregon.gov/voting, for more information. If you have an Oregon driver’s license or ID card you can register online. Other options are to download a paper registration form and mail it in or go to your county elections office. Just remember that the deadline to register to vote is October 13.
The Smithsonian's National Museum of American History will design an exhibition on Japanese American experiences during World War II following the passage of Executive Order 9066 in February 1942. During the war, more than 110,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry faced imprisonment resulting from President Franklin D. Roosevelt's order.

Opening in February 2017, the exhibition will feature the original Executive Order 9066 — on loan from the National Archives — and will display images and objects from the Museum's own collection, as well as material collected for this project. This exhibition will interpret how Executive Order 9066 shaped the lives of Japanese Americans during World War II and continues to resonate throughout America and the community today.

In preparation, the Museum is seeking donations for possible inclusion in the new exhibition. It is through individual artifacts that reflect personal stories like yours that the National Museum of American History is able to share the historic and current impact of Executive Order 9066.
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.

Your Name                  Phone number

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Deadline to order is November 7, 2015

Pick-up date:
Sunday, December 6, 2015
from 11-2pm
at Epworth United Methodist

Mail this form to:
Unite People
6305 E Burnside
Portland, OR 97215

or
Order on line at
pdxjacl.org

Please make checks payable to UNITE PEOPLE
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
Gambatte! Legacy of an Enduring Spirit
October 17, 2015 – January 17, 2016

Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center
121 NW 2nd Avenue | Portland, OR 97214
503-224-1458 | www.oregonnikkei.org

This all-new traveling exhibit from the Bay Area displays historic images captured in 1942 by War Relocation Authority staff photographers including Dorothea Lange. Seventy years later, Gambatte! Legacy of an Enduring Spirit features photojournalist Paul Kitagaki Jr.’s contemporary portraits of the same individuals and families. Join us for this visual exploration of the Japanese concept of gambatte, or to triumph over adversity, and discover the ways in which generations of Japanese Americans persevered through their incarceration during World War II.

Gambatte! was organized by the Tanforan Assembly Center Memorial Committee with support from the Contra Costa JACL and the National Park Service. All Portland JACL members are invited to attend an exhibit preview and special reception at the Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center which will be held on Thursday, October 15, 4:30-7:30 PM. Please help us welcome our guests from the Bay Area!

Mary Ann Yahiro, right, and Helene Nakamoto return in 2007 to what used to be Raphael Weill School in San Francisco, 65 years after Dorothea Lange took their picture. Courtesy of Paul Kitagaki Jr.

Children of the Raphael Weill public school, from the so-called international settlement in San Francisco, CA, shown in a flag pledge ceremony in April 1942. This photograph was taken by War Relocation Authority photographer Dorothea Lange shortly before the forced removal of all persons of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast. Courtesy of Library of Congress.

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

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

APPLES (20-22 lbs. per box)
Granny Smith _____ boxes @ $28 ea. = $_______
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Anjou _____ boxes @ $28 ea. = $_______
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*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”

Quantity _______ Chicken Bowl “to go” @ $7.50 = $_______
Quantity _______ Teriyaki Tofu Bowl “to go” @ $7.50 = $_______

All orders packed for takeout.

TOTAL DUE: $___________

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

Japanese American Community Scholarship Applications

Applications for the 2016 Japanese American Community Scholarships are now available at the JACL website www.pdxjacl.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.
Portland’s Old Japan Town
A Charity Event For Tsunami Recovery In Japan

History of Portland’s Old Japan Town as told by a former resident of Old Japan Town
Performance by Jon Nakamatsu, a world-renowned Japanese American pianist and Gold Medalist of the Tenth Van Cliburn International Piano Competition

Featured Speaker
George Nakata
"Japan Town was my home"
Award-Winning Pianist
Jon Nakamatsu

Thursday, October 22, 2015
Doors open at 6 p.m. Event starts at 7 p.m.
Lincoln Recital Hall, Portland State University
General admission: $32 / person, Student admission: $17 / person
Tickets available at www.pdx.edu/boxoffice

Sponsored by: Jon Nakamatsu
Darren Nakata and Perkins Cole
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For additional information, contact PJG at portlandjapangirls@gmail.com

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In cooperation with: Portland Kimono Club, Oregon Nikkei Endowment
EPWORTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FALL BAZAAR
OCTOBER 25, 2015  11:30 AM - 2:30 PM
PRODUCE - IMAGAWAYAKI - BAKED GOODS - CRAFTS

Please use the following order form and make checks payable to Epworth United Methodist Church.
Please send in your order form by October 19 to:  Epworth United Methodist Church
1333 SE 28th Avenue
Portland, OR 97214
Phone #: (503)232-5253

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You may pick up your tickets on the day of the bazaar at the Pre-Sale ticket area.
All proceeds benefit Epworth United Methodist Church.

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

Thursday 1 - Saba shioyaki / daikon soboro ankake
Friday 2 - Mabodofu / chicken yoshinozu-ae
Monday 5 - Thai noodle soup / peanut chicken
Tuesday 6 - Ed’s salmon
Wednesday 7 - Closed
Thursday 8 - Curry with pork
Friday 9 - Sushi variety / onion korokke

Monday 12 - Crispy beef bibimbap
Tuesday 13 - Sweet & sour pork
Wednesday 14 - Closed
Thursday 15 - Oyako donburi
Friday 16 - Tempura udon / norimaki-age
Monday 19 - Wonton soup / salad rolls
Tuesday 20 - Chicken tikka masala
Wednesday 21 - Closed
Thursday 22 - Pork ramen / spinach & pear salad
Friday 23 - Nasu-kabayaki / konnyaku-menchikatsu
Monday 26 - Black bean chicken
Tuesday 27 - Tonkatsu
Wednesday 28 - Closed
Thursday 29 - Birthday sushi
Friday 30 - Salmon-saiyos-miso / meatball soup

Menu Notes:
- Meals include salad or soup and dessert
- Mondays, 12:30-2: hanafuda and bridge
- Mon-Tue, 11:30: chair exercises
- Oct 9, noon: Kathryn Work piano
- Oct 13, 10:30: Fujinkai Board Meeting
- Oct 15, 11:30: Sing Along
- Oct 19, 11:30: Ohana Lunch Bunch

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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.