Board Member Message by
Connie Masuoka

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And the Picnic would not be possible or as long lived without the support and leadership of our churches and organizations – Portland JACL, Gresham-Troutdale JACL, Oregon Buddhist Temple, Daihonzan Henjyoji Temple, Johrei Fellowship, Nikkei Fujin Kai, Japanese Ancestral Society, Oregon Nisei Veterans, Inc., Oregon Hiroshima Club, Veleda Club, Hyakudo Kai, Nichiren Buddhist Temple, Friends of Japan in Oregon, Oregon Nikkei Endowment, Portland Taiko, Unite People, Iko no Kai Lunch Program and Nichiren Shu Minori Kai.

At this point you might be thinking what an odd way to start a newsletter but in newspaper jargon I wanted this mention of names “above the fold” the most coveted placement for an article is the top of the front page because these are the people that make the Nikkei Community Picnic the event of the summer. It is their support and belief in community that enable us to produce this event annually.

On Sunday, August 16 under the big tent at Oaks Park, 18 organizations and churches hosted what may be currently the largest Nikkei Picnic West of the Rockies with around 300 people in attendance. The numbers spanned the demographics with the oldest person at 102 years old and a couple of infants under the age of 1 year old. There were 2 families where 4 generations were present. And we had people come from Seattle, WA, Ontario, OR, and I believe Alabama (this is Amy Peterson’s cousin) and Japan.

There was lots of terrific food but as always the sushi and spam musubi went out first. Oaks Park Special fried chicken was as I was told “finger licking good” and there was a huge array of (many looked to be homemade) noodle, vegetable, salad dishes and lots of desserts. We rounded out the afternoon with ice cold
Picnic continued

organic watermelon expertly cut by Terry Nishikawa (G-T JACL president) and artisan shave ice made by members of Unite People. Next picnic try the fully loaded shave ice with sweet red beans and condensed milk, wow.

We were entertained by a rousing performance by Portland Taiko who also held a mini workshop at the Picnic that let picnickers try their hand at wailing on the taiko. This year we got to meet with the author, Lori Whaley (George Tsugawa’s daughter) and hear about her book “The Courage of a Samurai”.

And as always there was bingo. This year expertly called by Philomena Muldoon and Chris Lee (Portland JACL board member). We also had a fabulous raffle which was run by Chip Larouche (JACL National Vice President of Planning and Development) assisted by Marleen Wallingford (Portland JACL Vice President) and Setsy Larouche (Portland JACL Membership Chair).

Now that I have given you the quick synopsis of the best event of the summer what is the message. It is great to see that the Nikkei community is robust, healthy and growing and willing to participate and support a bonding event where they can meet old friends, make new friends and create great memories for children and grandchildren. Please help us to maintain this great tradition of our community by marking your calendars and joining us Sunday, August 21, 2016 for the best Nikkei Picnic in the West.
70 Years After Hiroshima and Nagasaki: The Ever-Present Nuclear Threat

Article by Marleen Wallingford

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the dropping of the atomic bombs on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. These terrible weapons of destruction were used on civilian populations on two major cities of Japan.

Michiko Kornhauser, a survivor of the event, lived in Okayama which is a suburb of Hiroshima when the uranium fueled bomb was dropped. Twenty-five percent of her classmates died in that blast. There was a bright flash in the sky and she noticed multi-colored ash falling from above which covered the streets and houses of her neighborhood. Her family took in a teenage boy who had lost his parents and brother in the bombing. In the aftermath, he had gone into the city to search for his missing brother. He walked up and down the streets of the city not realizing that he was exposing himself to massive amounts of radiation. He eventually found his brother’s bloated body but that was not the end of the story. He began feeling tired. His hair fell out. Michiko and her parents had no idea what their young friend’s problem was. He soon died and they did not realize until much later that he had died of radiation poisoning. He and his entire family were killed. More people died of their injuries and radiation exposure than were actually killed in the blast.

The event was opened and closed with the drums of Portland Taiko. Our emcee was Polo Catalani from the Office of Equity and Human Rights. The Tomodachi Chorus performed as well as Joy Yuzuriha, a student of Sahomi Tachibana. Two other speakers shared their stories. Joe Enlet, president of the COFA Alliance National Network talked about his home the Marshall Islands and the effect nuclear testing has had on this homeland. He spoke about the horror of mothers giving birth to jellyfish babies, infants who are born with no bones. Peace and anti-nuclear activist, Carol Urner who helped organize the first Hiroshima and Nagasaki commemoration, urged support of the Iran nuclear agreement and expressed hope for the future.

Remembering this awful event in our history’s past reminds us that nuclear weaponry’s power has the ability to destroy our enemy but also ourselves.
Concordia University Exhibit
HIROSHIMA – Never Again

Article by Marleen Wallingford

The Wholistic Peace Institute and Hiroshima Ground Zero Museum presented a travelling exhibit from Hiroshima, Japan at the George R. White Library and Learning Center on the Concordia University campus. On August 6, there was a commemoration ceremony of the 70th anniversary of the bombing and the opening of the exhibit. Prayers were given for the 250,000 who perished and to reduce and eliminate nuclear weapons in the world. A representative from the City of Portland read a Proclamation joining Mayors for Peace supporting never using nuclear weapons again. The exhibit includes posters and photographs of the atomic bomb damage. Artist Yukiyo Kawano exhibited journals, fine art, and replicas of the atomic bombs Fat Man and Little Boy. The exhibit runs at the library though September 30, 2015.

The ceremony was concluded with a luncheon featuring Mr. Ed Kawasaki, Hiroshima atom bomb survivor who spoke about what it was like to be in the city of Hiroshima when the bomb exploded. He was very fortunate to survive this horrific event.

Ed Kawasaki, longtime Portland JACL member, poses near the replica of the bomb dropped on Hiroshima. Ed, a Hiroshima survivor, was the keynote for this event held at Concordia University. Photo by Setsy Larouche

Consul General Hiroshi Furusawa poses with Portland JACL VP Marleen Wallingford at Wholistic Peace Institute’s recent exhibit of HIROSHIMA – Never Again at Concordia University. Photo by Setsy Larouche

Group photo at Wholistic Peace Institute’s recent exhibit of HIROSHIMA – Never Again at Concordia University.
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.

Jerry Inouye Tournament Results and Thank You

The 15th Japanese Ancestral Society Jerry Inouye Memorial Golf Tournament was held on July 26, 2015 at East Glendoveer Golf Course in Portland. Sixty four golfers turned out for the event, with cooler temperatures and no rain. Results reflected great golf weather. The overall tournament winner was Ken Ogawa, golfing in the B flight, with a low net score of 61.

Low gross honors went to Alan Baehm (A flight) with a 71, Ken Saito (B flight) with 90, and Reiko Isono (Ladies flight) with an 87. All ties were resolved by handicaps.

A flight winners were: 1st Kurt Nakashima (net 62), 2nd Alan Baehm (net 65) and 3rd Jeff Yoshida (net 65). In the B flight, it was 1st Ken Ogawa (net 61), 2nd Carl Kato (net 66), and 3rd Chip Larouche (net 68). The ladies flight had 22 golfers and 1st place was Andrea Nitta (net 66), 2nd Frances Tanaka (net 67) and 3rd Reiko Isono (net 69).


Our business community friends who donated gift cards and products included: Broadmoor Golf, Chinese Village, Friends of Japan, Hakatamon, Ichidai, Portland JACL, Japanese Garden Society, Japanese Ancestral Society, Kirin Brew, Koida Greenhouses, Meeka Restaurant, Oregon Hazelnut Growers, Ota Family Tofu, Quail Valley Golf, Rainbow Trophy, Rose City Cemetery, Rose City Golf, Sambi Restaurant, Shokookai or Portland, Sho’s Restaurant, United Pacific Corp., Uwajimaya, and Yamasa Corporation. A special partnership donation was the meeting space and time given by the Konko Church of Portland. Nancy Kajitsu and I would like to thank the golf committee for their great efforts at securing sponsors, scouting out prizes and bringing out a great team of golfers. Serving on this year’s golf committee were Jackie Alderman, Kay Endo, Pat Gilman, Ron Hiromura, Kurtis Inouye, George Kanegae, Terry Kawamoto, Fred Kimura, Bill Koida, Gordon Kondo, Bob Kurimoto, Tom Kuge, Chip & Setsy Larouche, Don Matsuda, Merianne Nagae, Lynn Nishida, Ken Ogawa, Jon Ollerenshaw, Wayne Takahashi, Ed & Katie Tamiyasu, Lew Tomita, Henry Ueno, Skip Yamamoto, Jeff Yoshida, and Shig Yuzuriha. We especially want to thank Tom Kuge, last year’s chair, and Kurtis Inouye, chair for 13 previous tournaments, for their guidance. It was definitely a learning experience.

Sharon Takahashi
Minidoka Swing Band goes to Japan
Wine, Dessert, Auction and Live Music

Date: Oct. 3, 2015
Time: 7-9:30pm
Place: Adrianna Hill Ballroom
        918 SW Yamhill St. #2
        Portland, OR 97205

Cost: Tickets will be cost $15 and $20 (tickets will be available in advance at www.TicketTomato.com )

Description of Event: Blake Sakamoto Productions will present a very special evening to help the not-for-profit Minidoka Swing Band and their 21 musicians and vocalists raise funds for their upcoming Concert Tour to Japan. It will be an evening of Dessert, Hors d’oeuvres, Wine, Beer, and a Silent Auction. The very special program presentation that will be presented in Japan by the Minidoka Swing Band will have a special guest entertainer during the social hour and then the Minidoka Swing band will share their special program that will be presented in Japan. Help these volunteer musicians with this special project to Japan!

The Minidoka Swing Band will be presenting 4 Concerts and several Jazz Seminars in Japan during their goodwill tour “Sharing Our Heritage and Culture to Japan – A Sentimental Journey”. The MSB will use this goodwill tour as a means of sharing Japanese American history of WWII Japanese American Internment on the 70th Anniversary of the end of WWII. The MSB will share a 90 minute program with pictures and music of the era to educate about what happened to Americans of Japanese heritage here on the West Coast because of Executive Order No. 9066. We will share experiences between our two countries and survivors of WWII. All venues are donated by the hosts and admission is free to the public. The Minidoka Swing Band will receive not monetary compensation for their concerts. Here is the schedule for the special trip:

Nov. 8, 2015 - Tama University Japanese Festival in Fujisawa
Nov. 10, 2015 - Franciscan Chapel Center in Roppongi
Nov. 13, 2015 - Friendship Exchange in Minamisoma (Sister City of Pendleton, OR)
Nov. 14, 2015 - AM-Jazz Seminar at civic center
Nov. 14, 2015 - Afternoon-Performance at shopping mall in Minamisoma
Nov. 15, 2015 - AM-meet with members of Osaka Grant Committee
Nov. 15, 2015 - Afternoon-Performance at Civic Hall in Gotemba (Sister City of Beaverton, OR)
Nov. 15, 2015 – PM – Reception with invited dignitaries.

The Minidoka Swing Band would like to thank The Japan World Exposition 1970 Commemorative Fund, KANSAI OSAKE 21st Century Association for their generous support and grant of $24,000 that helped start the fundraising efforts for the musical and educational goodwill concert tour to Japan. Total funds needed for the planned trip is $67,000 and the band is a little more than halfway there. Many thanks to the ones who already have made a tax-deductible donation for the trip through the Portland JACL. If you would like to make a donation to help the volunteer musicians with their expenses you can mail your donation to:
Minidoka Swing Band of the Portland JACL, PO Box 86310, Portland, OR 97286

If you’d like to join the Band in Japan, make arrangements by contacting Daniel L. Winters, JTB USA, Inc. 19700 Mariner Avenue Torrance, CA 90503 Tel. (310) 406-3211 - Direct (310) 406-3024
E-mail: dwinters@jtbusa.com; Website: www.jtbusa.com
C.A.C.A. Portland Lodge

4th Annual 1882 Project Celebration

WHAT: Fourth Annual 1882 Project Celebration
WHEN: Saturday, October 17, 2015 (5 - 7 pm)
WHERE: Airbnb Portland Office
34 NW 1st Ave, Portland, OR 97209

You are cordially invited to the forth annual 1882 Project Celebration organized by C.A.C.A. Portland and co-sponsored by many partner organizations and individuals.

Diane Hess, Education Director at the Fair Housing Council of Oregon, will be the featured speaker at the event. She will be presenting "Anywhere but Here: The History of Housing Discrimination in Oregon." Diane will take us through Oregon’s hidden history of discrimination, segregation and displacement and facilitate a discussion of how the ghosts of our past continue to influence our lives today. The Fair Housing Council of Oregon is a statewide civil rights organization whose mission is to eliminate housing discrimination through access to enforcement and education. Diane has a deep passion for furthering community education about fair housing and the continuing struggle for equity.

The venue for this event - Airbnb Portland Office is a significant location for the Chinese American community as it is located in Old Town Chinatown with ties to early Chinese settlers dating back to the 1800’s.

Mark your calendar and join us for an evening of enrichment and connections. A light dinner will follow the program.

Co-sponsors:

Airbnb Portland Office
Carol Gwo and Ralph Smith
Gloria Wong
Portland Chinatown History and Museum Foundation

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Portland Lee’s Association
Photo Gallery

The Oregon Buddhist Women’s Association recently Welcomed youth exchange students from Japan. Pictured l to R is Kana Nishida from Osaka District, Kristi Fukunaga a Portland JACL student member who is hosting the two students, and Midori Kunisaki from the Hokkaido District.
Photo by Setsy Larouche

Japanese American Historical Plaza 25th Anniversary

Actor and activist George Takei gives the keynote address at the Japanese American Historical Plaza 25th Anniversary celebration, Tom McCall Waterfront Park, Portland, Oregon.
Photo by Rich Iwasaki

Sho Dozono and Charles King at Wholistic Peace Institute’s recent exhibit of HIROSHIMA – Never Again at Concordia University.

Musician Thomas Lauderdale of Pink Martini performs aboard the Portland Spirit during the dinner cruise hosted by Oregon Nikkei Endowment, Willamette River, Portland, Oregon. The cruise was part of the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Japanese American Historical Plaza.
Photo by Rich Iwasaki
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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Sunday, October 4, 2015, 11:30AM to 3:30PM, at Oregon Buddhist Temple

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For information, please call Angie Hughes at 503-367-2650 or email hughesang@hotmail.com

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- Please return order forms by Wednesday, September 30, 2015.

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Thank You for your Order

Save the Date!
Portland JACL
General Membership Meeting
Thursday, October 15, 2015
7 p.m.
Refreshments will be served
Iko no Kai at Epworth September 2015 Menu
1333 SE 28th Ave, Portland, 503-238-0775

Tuesday 1 - Lemongrass pork / papaya salad
Wednesday 2 - Closed
Thursday 3 - Yakisoba / black beans, avocado & tomato salad
Friday 4 - Curry rice / chicken & potato side dish
Monday 7 - Closed for Labor Day
Tuesday 8 - Tomato beef chow mein
Wednesday 9 - Closed

Thursday 10 - Agedashi tofu / chicken teriyaki
Friday 11 - Mabo hirusame / sliced beef in ponzu
Monday 14 - Garlic herb chicken
Tuesday 15 - Honey walnut shrimp
Wednesday 16 - Closed
Thursday 17 - Seafood hokusai soup / fried tofu
Friday 18 - Pork & Veggie itame / Chicken negimaki

Monday 21 - Sticky rice / dim sum
Tuesday 22 - Korean chicken & noodles
Wednesday 23 - Closed
Thursday 24 - Moussaka / couscous salad
Friday 25 - Yaki-niku / deep fried konnyaku
Monday 28 - Roast pork ramen
Tuesday 29 - Birthday sushi
Wednesday 30 - Closed

Menu Notes:
- Meals include salad or soup and dessert
- Mondays, 12:30-2: hanafuda and bridge
- Mon-Tue, 11:30: chair exercises
- Sept 8, 10:30: Fujinkai Board Meeting
- Sept 17, 11:30: Sing Along with Reiko & Jerry
- Sept 21, 11:30: Ohana Lunch Bunch
- Sept 25, noon: Kathryn Work piano