COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Now thru December 31, 2018
Righting a Wrong: Japanese Americans and World War II
National Museum of American History
Washington DC

Now thru October 15
American OBON: Dancing in Joy and Remembrance
Oregon Legacy Center

August 5, 3-9 p.m.
OBON Festival
Oregon Buddhist Temple

August 9, 6 p.m.
Hiroshima/Nagasaki Ceremony
JA Historical Plaza

August 19, 9 a.m. - Noon
Rose City Cemetery Cleanup and Restoration - Refreshments

August 20, Noon - 5 p.m.
Nikkei Community Picnic
Oaks Park

September 2, 10 a.m.
75th Remembrance
Puyallup Assembly Center
Washington State Fairgrounds

September 4
Labor Day

September 17, 11:30 - 2 p.m.
Nichiren Fall Take-Out Bazaar
2025 SE Yamhill

October 28, 10 a.m.
JACL PNW District Meeting
Holladay Park Plaza

2017 NATIONAL CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

by Susan Leedham Portland JACL Vice President

Resilience, Remembrance, Resolve was the theme for this year's national JACL convention in Washington, D.C. Since the two-year budget and national board members were elected to their two-year terms last year, there wasn't much business to conduct.

Our first night on July 6 we went to a private reception at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History to view Righting a Wrong: Japanese Americans and World War II. It was a very powerful, well-done exhibit, and we received news that due to its popularity, the exhibit will run through December 2018, extending its one-year run another year.

We were introduced to our long-awaited executive director, David Inoue. His last position was administrative director for Christ House, which provided healthcare to the homeless in Washington, D.C. He was very energetic and, hopefully, will be able to bring new ideas to energize our organization.

On July 7 we had an interesting plenary entitled: Resolve: A Dialogue on the Current State of AAPI Civil Rights. One of the panel participants was Zaki Barzinji, who was President Obama's liaison to Muslim-Americans, Arab-Americans, Sikh-Americans and other minority faiths. He was officed with the liaisons to the other minority groups and told us that since they shared the same office they were able to share stories and discovered how much they all had in common and how more powerful they were when they supported each other. And like Redress, all of the advocacy stories were integral to killing the Muslim Registry.

Also on the panel was Heather Skrabak, Associate Director of Policy and Advocacy with the Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations. She pointed out that she believes healthcare is a civil right. And it's no accident that Medicare, Medicaid and the Civil Rights Act were passed so close together in 1964-1965, helping end the segregation of hospitals in certain areas of the country where black doctors could only practice in black hospitals, and separation of white and black patients was common, by making compliance with the Civil Rights Act a condition of receiving federal Medicare and Medicaid funds.

The panel also pointed out that it is vital that we have a long-range plan and not the current whack-a-mole mentality of responding to the latest tweet.

The evening was spent at the Ambassador of Japan's residence, a beautiful property which has three huge dining rooms, which were all filled with wonderful food, including one sushi chef and a soba bar, plus a tea room, koi pond and a huge backyard, and, in the distance, a large swimming pool, pool house and tennis court!

At this reception JACL honored Wade

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Henderson with the Ralph L. Carr Award for Courage. Mr. Henderson was the former president and CEO of The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights which was instrumental in the reauthorization of the Voting Rights Act, passage of the Fair Sentencing Act, Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay, the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act, Dodd-Frank, the Consumer Protection Act, to name a few. In his remarks he commented on the political courage of Governor Carr and how that is so lacking today. On July 8, our final day, at the Sayonara Banquet we honored two people whose roles on the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians were instrumental to its success.

The first awardee was Angus Macbeth, who was special counsel and primary author of the final report: Personal Justice Denied. Unfortunately, he died last January, so his wife JoAnn and one of his sons Hampden were there to accept his award. JoAnn Macbeth told us that her husband accepted the position on the commission out of curiosity and how that evolved to outrage as he heard the testimony of over 750 witnesses. He continued to speak passionately about the injustice of incarceration long after his work on the commission was completed.

The other awardee was attorney Joan Bernstein. She was the only woman on the commission, and she was selected to be head of the commission because, as she said, the men felt that, since she was a woman, she would be able to meet the deadline of two years, and she did! She was an entertaining speaker, and I wish we could have heard more stories.

The takeaway was reinforcement that we are stronger and more effective working together with other groups; healthcare is a civil right, and how we are in desperate need of political courage. We need to push our elective officials to show leadership now or replace them with people who will.

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EXHIBIT - Now thru September 23rd
“Courage and Compassion: Our Shared Story of the Japanese American WWII Experience”
Willamette Heritage Center, 1313 Mill Street SE, Salem, Oregon

The food at the Smithsonian reception was great!
Former Congressman Mike Honda was at most Convention activities including the reception at the residence of the Ambassador of Japan to the United States.

The Pacific Northwest District was well represented in Washington DC with all seven chapters sending delegates.

Secretary Mineta and his wife Deni are always regulars at the National JACL Convention.

All the participants of the Kakehashi Program took a moment for a group shot during the Sayonara Banquet at the National Convention.
Our very own 103 years “young” Alice Sumida enjoys ballroom dancing with her instructor, and several parties hosted by many of her friends and family during the week of July 18th.

Marleen introduces Director Jason Matsumoto at the Hidden Histories showing at the Hollywood Theater.

Ambassador Nagae and Thomas Lauderdale play at the JASO Dinner.

(Left) Portland contingent to the convention included Janice Okamoto, Susan Leedham, Mitzi Loftus, Setsy Larouche, Marleen Wallingford, Chip Larouche and Fran Sumida Palk. (Below) Stephanie Nitahara, Associate Director of JACL, addresses the attendees at the Smithsonian reception. National fireworks at the Mall were a bonus at convention.
The summer obon festival is an eagerly anticipated event within Nikkei communities throughout North America. People come for the memorial observance, camaraderie, cultural performances, and food, but perhaps the most iconic element of the obon festival occurs when participants gather in a circle for the bon odori (obon dancing).

Reverend Yoshio Iwanaga introduced this tradition to numerous Nikkei communities along the West Coast in the 1930’s, and now, his pioneering activities will be celebrated in an exhibit at the Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center.

*American Obon* will trace the development of bon odori in North America through archival photographs, audio, and rare video footage on loan from the Iwanaga family, dance scholar Linda Akiyama and Buddhist Churches of America.

**Preview for Friends of O.N.E.** – Friday, July 28, 4-6:30pm, RSVP by July 26.

**Obon Dance Workshop** – Saturday, July 29, 6-8pm, Japanese American Historical Plaza
Free and open to the public.

**First Thursday**  August 3, 4-7 pm
Free and open to the public.

The Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center is located at 121 NW 2nd Avenue, Portland, Oregon. The exhibit will be open **Tue-Sat 11AM-3 PM and Sun 12-3 PM**. Admission is $5 for adults, $3 for seniors and students, and free to members of the Oregon Nikkei Endowment. Updates on affiliated exhibit programs can be found on the organization’s website at [www.oregonnikkei.org](http://www.oregonnikkei.org). For more information, call (503) 224-1458.

*Bill Manbo, Heart Mountain, 1944, American Heritage Center, University of Wyoming*
## NICHIREN BUDDHIST TEMPLE
### 2017 Fall Take-Out Bazaar

**Combination Bento**

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2025 S.E. Yamhill

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## Save the Date!

Portland JACL

### 90th Birthday Bash

February 17, 2018

More details to come!
NIKKEI COMMUNITY PICNIC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2017
OAKS PARK
(SOUTH PARK AREA - UNDER THE LARGE STRIPED TENT)
NOON TO 5PM

Food, Fun, Rides for the Kids; Prizes and Performance by Portland Taiko

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 8: Connie Masuoka at 503-243-3291
IKOI NO KAI AT EPWORTH MENU FOR AUGUST
1333 SE 28th Ave, Portland, 503-238-0775

Tue. 1 - Shumai/Pork
Thu. 3 - Tori Soboro-Meshi - Chicken with sweet sauce on rice
Fri. 4 - Chicken Katsu
Mon. 7 - Calamari Salad/Mapodofu
Tue. 8 - Crispy Beef Bibimbap
Thu. 10 - Shoyu Ramen
Fri. 11 - Ingen Shinodamaki - Green bean w/bean curd roll
Mon. 14 - Cioppino - Seafood Stew
Tue. 15 - Hoisin Chicken/Singapore Noodles
Thu. 17 - Chu-Ka-Don, Chinese Stir Fry - Meat, Seafood, Vegetables
Fri. 18 - Bo-Gyoza
Mon. 21 - Lemon Grass Chicken/Thai Noodle Salad
Tue. 22 - Tempura Shrimp
Thu. 24 - Buta-Niku Kaori-Age, Fried Pork w/sauce
Fri. 25 - Gomoku-Kamameshi, Meat, Seafood, Vegetables, rice
Mon. 28 - Clam Chowder/Somen Salad
Tue. 29 - Tomato Beef Chow Mein
Thu. 31 - Birthday Sushi

Menu Notes:
• Meals include salad or soup and dessert
• Closed Wednesdays
• Mondays, 12:30-2: Hanafuda and bridge
• Mon-Tue-Fri, 11:30: Chair Exercises
• Aug 8, 12 11:15: Blood pressure
• Thursdays 11:30: Qi Gong w/Kathleen
• Aug 17, OHSU Nursing Students
• Aug 21, Ohana Lunch Bunch

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