



# PORTLAND JACL NEWSLETTER

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## 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

**October 4**

O.N.E. Banquet  
MAC Club

**October 22, 11:30-2:30**

Epworth Fall Bazaar  
See order form

**October 21-22**

Matsutake Hunt  
\$55, Yachats, Oregon  
[www.oregonnikkei.org](http://www.oregonnikkei.org)

**October 28, 10 a.m.**

JACL PNW District Meeting  
Holladay Park Plaza

**October 31**

Halloween

**November 5**

Daylight Savings Time Ends

**November 7**

Election Day

**November 11**

Veterans Day

**November 23**

Thanksgiving Day

## DREAM FOR EQUALITY

*by Kirk Tambara Portland JACL Board Member*

As is the case for most Americans, our community was once an immigrant community. Not too long ago, we were the ones who were singled out because our parents looked different, spoke a language other than English, and were accused of taking American jobs. Unfortunately this topic never seems far from rearing its ugly head over and over again.

On September 5th, 2017 under orders from President Trump, Acting Secretary of Homeland Security Elaine Duke rescinded DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) which grants temporary protection from deportation for children of illegal immigrants who meet certain baseline criteria. Since the creation of DACA in 2012, some 800,000 eligible young people have been able to go to school, work lawfully, and serve our country honorably in our Armed Forces. Current DACA beneficiaries have a small window to renew their status for an additional two years, but no new applications will be accepted going forward.

With this move, the Attorneys General of several states (New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and the District of Columbia) have brought suit stating that the Trump Administration violated the due process rights of the affected immigrants by failing to safeguard the personal information they gave to enroll in DACA to begin with. Additionally,

they cite this move has a racial bias which violates our Constitution's equal protection clause as nearly 80% of those affected are of Mexican decent. Washington State Attorney General Bob Ferguson cited Trump's numerous statements slandering Mexicans as criminals and thugs which revealed a racial animus towards Mexicans. Ferguson further stated, "Ask yourself one question: If the overwhelming majority were Caucasians, does anybody really think he (President Trump) would have taken the action he took?"

This move has brought about outrage from the private sector as well. Business leaders such as Brad Smith, president of Microsoft have publicly gone on record stating their support of those people affected by the Administration ending DACA. "There is nothing that we will be pushing on more strongly for Congress to act on. We put a stake in the ground. We care about a tax reform bill. The entire business community cares about tax reform. And yet it is very clear today a tax reform bill needs to be set aside until the DREAMers are taken care of. They have a deadline that expires in six months. Tax reform can wait."

Now in the wake of the Trump Administration putting an end to the DACA program, the fate of these undocumented immigrants who were brought to our country as children will

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*Board member's Message Continued from front page:*

be put before Congress in the form of the DREAM (Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors) Act. Along with providing protection from deportation for those currently affected, it also lays out a path to include citizenship.

While on the surface, the DREAM Act seems to have broad based support on both sides of the aisle, it will still have a tough road ahead to get through Congress. Republican leaders like Speaker of House Paul Ryan have gone on record saying that they would only approve it if it contained certain border security requirements as part of an overall compromise.

As former immigrants ourselves, it is our duty to help pave the way for others to follow. This nation was founded by immigrants. Our diversity is our strength, not our weakness. Now is the time to act. I urge you to let your Congressional Representatives know that you support the DREAM Act.

Domo Arigato Gozaimasu!



Portland JACL

# 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash

February 17, 2018

- Lunch at the Aerie at Eagle Landing in Clackamas
- Entertainment by the Minidoka Swing Band

More details to come!

Pictures of David Inoue's visit to Portland



*Pictures above by Curtis Suyematsu of Reflections Photograph*

During David Inoue's visit to Portland, he was able to visit Iko No Kai and have a hot lunch soon after his plane touched down at 11 a.m. the morning of September 1st. He got to meet Chef Hiroshi Kojima who not only helped with the lunch but used to be the head Chef at Bush Garden in the past. We then headed over to the Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center where a group of us met up with David to give him a tour of the Center. George Nakata acted as a Docent and is shown above explaining the importance of Min Yasui not only to Portland and Oregon but to all of American. Afterwards, David toured the Japanese American Historical Plaza on the waterfront with Chip & Setsy Larouche and members of the Legacy Center Staff. Prior to a VIP dinner at the Portland City Grill with a dozen leaders of both the Portland and Gresham-Troutdale Chapters, he got a very quick tour of the Portland Japanese Garden that has been newly renovated in a significant capital campaign.



← *Picture on the left by Chip Larouche*

Letter to the Portland Police Force on September 11,  
2017 by Acting Chief of Police, Chris Uehara

On this day, the 16th anniversary of 9/11, I ask you to pause for a moment of silence and remember the courage that drove first responders and citizens to risk their lives as they tried to save others. In that moment it didn't matter what their political affiliation was or what religion, race or lifestyle one lived. What mattered was that a horrific tragedy was taking place in America and strangers took action to save one another. Ordinary folks who at that moment made the decision to risk their lives so that others might live.

The incredible and undeniable power of the human spirit shined brightest during the absolute worst of times. People reached their hands out willingly to help a stranger up, not caring who they saw when they looked down. Compare that to today, when people look down upon others because they don't subscribe or share their same beliefs.

What went through the minds of the countless heroes that day? First responders, firefighters, police officers, and ordinary citizens ran with each other into burning towers to save people they didn't know. What went through the minds of the brave souls led by Todd Beamer on United Flight 93 who took control of their fate so countless others on the ground could live?

We were all inspired, day after day, by the rescue workers who never gave up searching for survivors. They didn't stop until the last chunk of concrete was lifted and every steel beam removed. The loss was overwhelming. Compassion and the human spirit drove them on when it would have been easier to just quit. First responders don't know "quit": you are wired to finish no matter what.

Sixteen years have passed. Look at us today. It isn't supposed to be like this. What happened to America?

As a nation, as a city and as individuals we have to make a commitment to make things better. We have to do our part, not point fingers or long for the day when someone else will miraculously fix everything for us. This miracle isn't going to just happen. If you sit and wait for the change, you're only going to grow old while you wait.

I don't know what's going on in the world today with the countless Hurricanes, Floods, and Wild Fires. What are humans doing to each other? Whether it is a threat of a missile launch or a free speech event turned violent? Why the divide? We all need to work harder and find middle ground. This is my charge to you: do your part to right the wrong and make it better. Do not sit around waiting.

Each encounter you have with a citizen matters. Every time you help a person, every time you talk with somebody, it provides an opportunity to change the narrative of policing in our nation. Take my charge to heart and commit to it.

Stay true to yourself, to your family and to your friends. Let your heart and spirit guide your actions and never forget to remain true to your principles, your integrity and your respect for our profession. Our profession isn't easy. It wasn't supposed to be, and only a select few can do what you do.

As members of law enforcement we are defined by our actions. We are all united in our purpose to serve others. Do your very best each day and deliver service with compassion, respect, and humility.

Make a promise to yourself to never forget 9/11 and what happened to our nation.

We lost great people on that fateful day. America changed on 9/11.

Good always prevails over evil. Let's roll!

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# EPWORTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## FALL BAZAAR

**Sunday, Oct. 22**

**11:30-2:30**

**ASIAN FOOD, BAKE SALE, RUMMAGE SALE, & PRODUCE SALE**

Please use the following order form and make checks payable to Epworth United Methodist Church.  
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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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## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Puyallup Assembly Center "Camp Harmony"

The opening of the Washington State Fair was also an opportunity to remember the history 75 years ago of the site of the Puyallup Assembly Center. A standing room only crowd of 1500 people watched the opening ceremony of the state's premier fair. It was an opportunity to remember the sad history of this place where so many have gone to enjoy the exhibits, rides and games. Tom Ikeda, the founder and executive director of Densho, gave the keynote address, telling stories of what people experienced there including his family. This detention center is also known as Camp Harmony, a name that belies its history, housed 7400 ethnic Japanese during the summer of '42. Visitors to the fair had an opportunity to see a replica of the housing and a video with oral histories of the time the Japanese spent there. The Puyallup JACL partnered with the Washington State Fair to recognize and acknowledge the past.



Consul General of Japan Yoichiro Yamada, Portland JACL President Marleen Wallingford, JACL Executive Director David Inoue attending the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



David Inoue with Joseph Lachlan, the new President of the Seattle JACL Chapter. Below: Teaching kids to stuff a mattress with straw.

### Camp Harmony

In 1942, roughly 7,500 Japanese Americans from Seattle, Tacoma, and nearby rural areas were forcibly removed to their homes and placed in a temporary detention facility at the Puyallup fairgrounds. Its official name was the Puyallup Assembly Center, but it became known as "Camp Harmony."

The camp consisted of 380 buildings constructed in 17 days. These tarpaper-roofed "rooms" were frequently located in areas formerly used to house livestock. Each of the 17-by-20-foot barracks was designed to hold seven families. Eight-foot-high walls divided the rooms into multiple family spaces, allowing for very little privacy among occupants.

There was little to do in such small quarters. Some Nikkei organized recreational activities and games such as kendo and softball, while others set up "vacation school" for the children at Camp Harmony. Camp residents were encouraged to work, and many did, earning \$8 to \$16 a month. The government considered the low wages as justified because residents were being supplied with shelter, food, and medical care. Inadequate sanitation, however, resulted in frequent health problems. Refrigerators were often not installed until after assembly centers were occupied, leaving the incarcerated to eat army rations and subsist on unfamiliar foods.

Camp Harmony saw the first transfer from its grounds to inland concentration camps in June 1942. Most of the center's residents left for Minidoka in August, packed into dirty, sweltering railroad cars. The last train departed on September 12, after which the site became a training facility for the duration of the war.

Four years later, the Puyallup Fair returned to the fairgrounds. Most of the physical remnants of Camp Harmony are now gone, but the memories linger for those who once called it home.



AROUND THE COMMUNITY



Gulzar Ahmed (c) speaks during the opening event of the "Architecture of Internment" exhibit at Muslim Educational Trust, Tigard, Oregon. Speakers on the panel included (l to r) Scott Sakamoto, Professor Linda Tamura, Mr. Ahmed, and moderator Sho Dozono. Photo © 2017 Rich Iwasaki



Peggy Nagae receives the inaugural Minoru Yasui Justice Award from Weston Koyama on behalf of the University of Oregon Law Alumni at a ceremony on September 8<sup>th</sup>.



The Japanese Ancestral Society (JAS), the Consulate of Japan and Shokookai participate in an annual golf event called the Goodwill Golf Tournament. This year's tournament was won by Shokookai with their Chairman, Mr. Takashi Nagasaka, accepting the championship trophy from Consul General Kochiro Uchiyama with Sharon Takahashi, President of JAS looking on. Photos by Chip Larouche



David Inoue enjoys lunch at Iko No Kai with Lynn Fuchigami, Rich Iwasaki and Chip Larouche. David was introduced to the attendees of the National JACL Convention in July as the new Executive Director. One of his first duties included coming to the Pacific Northwest to meet with the leadership of the Portland and Gresham-Troutdale Chapters and to attend the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of the Puyallup Assembly Center. – Photo by Setsy Larouche

David Inoue was born in Fort Wayne, Ind., to Tatsutoshi Inoue and Linda Moy, and he grew up near Chicago and Cincinnati. He graduated from Cornell University, having received the JACL's Mr. and Mrs. Takashi Moriuchi Scholarship. He completed his master's degree from Ohio State University. David's previous experience in the nonprofit sector includes a 10-year stint at Christ House as administrative director, the National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems as director of grassroots and government relations and at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as a social science research analyst. He is married to Kaori Kawakubo Inoue and together, they are raising their two children, Mika and Akira in the Washington, DC area.

## 2017 Nikkei Community Picnic Recap

*By Connie Masuoka*

Although summer has come to a close and we are now well into Fall, I would like to take a few moments to report on the Annual Nikkei Community Picnic. Sunday, August 20 was a “Goldilocks” day for the Picnic, not too hot, not too cold it was just right. A perfect picnic day under the big tent at Oaks Park, 15 organizations and churches hosted what is largest Nikkei Picnic West of the Rockies with around 300 people in attendance. The numbers spanned the demographics with the oldest person at 105 years old and a couple of infants under the age of 1. There was a family where 4 generations were present. This year due to scheduling issues because of the oncoming total eclipse Portland Taiko opened the picnic with a rousing performance which was followed by the food line.

There was lots of terrific food and 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) of noodle, vegetable, salad dishes and lots of desserts. We rounded out the afternoon with delicious ice cold organic watermelon and artisan shave ice made to order by Weston Koyama, Jannessa Morita and Michi Stoeller, and as always there is bingo. This year we Chris Lee called the bingo games ably assisted by young Daniel Kiyama. We also had a fabulous raffle with a \$100 cash prize which was run by Chip Larouche assisted by Chris & Susan Leedham, Heidi Tolentino, Jean Yamamoto and Lynn Fuchigami-Parks. And the kids were given rides bracelets by Setsy Larouche and allowed enjoy the carnival rides on the midway.

### **With Gratitude**

Ota Family Tofu, Dr. Gary Hongo, Hannah Honma, Ken and Katie Kawazoe, Bill and Ida Sugahiro, Mae Hirata, Terry Kawamoto, Kay Endo, Dr. Jim and Amy Tsugawa, Mariko Locke, Gordon Osaka, Dr. Ray Onchi, Dr. Hatsumi Park, Kurtis Inouye, Michelle Sugahiro, Kirk Tambara, Chip and Setsy Larouche, Dr. Aimee Fujioka and Alexander Scribner, Wendy and Mark Schuares, Verne Naito, NW Stone and Metalworks, Terry Yamada, Ron Iwasaki, Dr. Dale Ogata, Dr. Shoun Ishikawa, Yoji and Martha Matsushima, Dr. Lisa Kakishita, Rich Iwasaki, Koida Nursery, Iwasaki Bros, Inc., Janie and Hiroshi Matsushima, Janet Kakishita, Cherie Yokota, Mrs Karen Uchiyama, Marleen Wallingford, Minnie Young, Ernie Takeda, Chiz Chambers, JFC International, Uwajimaya and all those who purchased raffle tickets, thank you so much for supporting the 2017 Annual Nikkei Community Picnic with your cash and item donations. It is the support of these individuals and companies that make it possible to have the extras that makes the Picnic outstanding.

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, Oregon Buddhist Temple, Daihonzan Henjyoji Temple, Johrei Fellowship, Epworth Methodist Church, Nikkei Fujin Kai, Japanese Ancestral Society, Oregon Nisei Veterans, Inc., Oregon Hiroshima Club, Veleda Club, Nichiren Buddhist Temple, Oregon Nikkei Endowment, Portland Taiko, Iko no Kai Lunch Program, Hyakudokai, and Nichiren Shu Minoru Kai. They make the Nikkei Community Picnic the event of the summer. It is their support and belief in community that allows us to produce this event annually. 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 19, 2018** for the best Nikkei Picnic in the West.

**If you enjoyed the Picnic consider joining us for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Nikkei Winter Holiday Party on Saturday, December 2, 2017 at the Oregon Buddhist Temple basement at 5pm.**

## Goodwill Golf Tournament Highlights

*By Sharon Takahashi, President, Japanese Ancestral Society*

We started with high hopes, but we couldn't bring home the bacon. Nineteen hardy souls braved a beautiful day, September 10, 2017, at Broadmoor Golf Course for some healthy competition. Hoisting the sticks for the Shokookai were Yoshiko O'Brien, Masaaki Moriya, Takashi Nagasaka, Jamie Nagasaka, Hideo Kobayashi, Chiko Kobayashi, Masayuki Onose, Mitsuaki Nishizawa and Yumi Nojima. The Ancestral Society's team was Gordon Kondo, Don Matsuda, Bea Saito, Sharon Takahashi, Henry Ueno, Stu Sawai, Chip Larouche, Mike Irinaga, Ken Saito and Ed Tamiyasu. Our chairs Ken Saito and Gordon Kondo had engineered a scoring system by which a win was almost guaranteed—NOT!

Because the Consulate General of Japan did not field a team this year, a five-peat was not in the works. This year's winner was the Shokookai, with an aggregate score under a modified Callaway, of 49.2. Our team managed an aggregate 51.2 and our stalwart golfer Henry Ueno had his birdie and other good holes eliminated from the scoring. (Bummer!)

The overall champion this year was Yoshiko O'Brien, executive director of Shokookai. We are grateful to Mike Irinaga, who tied for second with Chiko Kobayashi and Masayuki Onose, and prevented a total annihilation. Alas, Consul General Kojiro Uchiyama joined us for dinner and pledged a team for next year, so the Japanese Ancestral Society will have two opponents to beat. Many thanks go to photographer Kay Endo, Board member Setsy Larouche and Vice Consul Suda for coming to dinner at Saylor's Country Kitchen. A resounding thank you goes to Pacific Nutrition and Yamasa provided shoyu and tofu for the golfers. The Shokookai contributed generously to the golfers' prize pool. We look for better golf results next year!

## Plaque Installation in Chinatown

*By Marleen Ikeda Wallingford, President Portland JAACL*



Between 1863 and 1900, there were over 5,000 Chinese living, working and doing business on SW 2nd Avenue between Taylor and Burnside, the City's original Chinatown. The plaque, placed on 2nd and Pine, designed by urban designer Suenn Ho, recognizes the contributions of these early settlers and memorializes their history for future generations.

"The Chinese American community has a long and storied history in Portland," said Commissioner Dan Saltzman. "The plaque commemorates this rich history and we deeply appreciate this gift to Portland."

"I would like to quote Alan Spears of National Park Conservation Association who said, 'The absence of our people in the historical landscape of our country is in itself a civil rights matter,' said Helen Ying, Portland Lodge Board Director and Old Town Chinatown Community Association Chair. "We are simply elated to gift the bronze plaque to the City and mark the history and contributions of the Chinese

American community to Portland." Betty Jean Lee, Portland Lodge Board Director, added, "It has taken over a century to finally have the first Chinese community in Oregon documented. Now we can share it with the whole world."



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**IKOI NO KAI AT EPWORTH MENU FOR OCTOBER**  
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| <b>Mon. 2</b> - Cod Fish & Chips                   | green onions  | Fried Rice   |
| <b>Tue. 3</b> - Chicken Tikka Marsala              | <b>Fri. 13</b> - Menchi Katsu-Salisbury Steak         | <b>Thu. 26</b> - Ishikari-Nabe -Salmon                           |
| <b>Thu. 5</b> - Teriyaki Pork                      | <b>Mon. 16</b> - Korean Beef & Noodles                | <b>Fri. 27</b> - Birthday Sushi                                  |
| <b>Fri. 6</b> - Harumaki - Spring Rolls            | <b>Tue. 17</b> - Clam Chowder/ Somen Salad            | <b>Mon. 30</b> - Sukiyaki  |
| <b>Mon. 9</b> - Shumai/Crab Rangoon                | <b>Thu. 19</b> - Asparagus Beef Roll w/Fried Potatoes | <b>Tue. 31</b> - Hoisin Pork Buns                                |
| <b>Tue. 10</b> - Garlic Chicken/ Singapore Noodles | <b>Fri. 20</b> - Closed for Bazaar Prep               | • <b>Oct 6</b> , Kathryn Work on Piano                           |
| <b>Thu. 12</b> - Mushi Dori Negi-Don - Chicken w/  | <b>Mon. 23</b> - Pork Udon                            | • <b>Oct 17, 10:30:</b> Sage Circle - Study Group of Herbal Uses |
|  | <b>Tue. 24</b> - Ginger Chicken/                      | • <b>Oct 12, 11:30</b> Sing Along with Jerry & Friends!          |

**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
- **Oct 10 & 24 11:15:** Blood pressure
- **Thursdays 11:30:** Qi Gong w/Kathleen
- **Oct 10** Fujinkai Board
- **Oct 16**, Ohana Lunch Bunch

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