PORTLAND JACL STANDS AGAINST IP 22

by Marleen Ikeda Wallingford, Portland JACL President

The Portland JACL is standing by our immigrant and refugee neighbors. We are asking our members not to support Initiative Petition 22. This petition would repeal Oregon’s 30 year old sanctuary law that was passed to address problems with discrimination and profiling by local law enforcement. Our sanctuary law helps ensure that all Oregonians rights are protected and no one is unfairly targeted because of their perceived ethnic or religious heritage. Our ethnic heritage was used against us 76 years ago and we were forcibly removed from our homes on the west coast in the interest of military necessity. There was absolutely no evidence that any person of Japanese ancestry was engaging in sabotage but war hysteria and fear fed the flames of racism. We cannot stand-by and let this happen again.

We have joined One Oregon which is a statewide coalition that defends against anti-immigrant and anti-Muslim policies and ballot measures. The coalition has over 75 organizational members including: ACLU, APANO, Causa, Basic Rights Oregon, and Unite Oregon. We want to ensure that all Oregonians regardless of country of birth are treated with dignity and respect. IP22 will make our communities less safe as it will shift our public resources from community safety to enforcing federal immigration laws without adding new money, necessary trainings, equipment or tools.

IP 22 is being proposed by a group in Oregon called OFIR, Oregonians for Immigration Reform. OFIR takes credit for 2008 bill which required proof of citizenship to obtain on Oregon driver’s license, and the defeat of bills granting instate tuition undocumented immigrants, Dreamers. OFIR has received funding from a national organization, Federation for Immigration Reform (FAIR). This organization has been described as a white nationalist organization by the Southern Poverty Law Center. The goals of both organizations is to limit the number of immigrants who come into the United States in what has been described in the interest of sustainability. We reject their nativist agenda.

Paid petition gatherers have been seen at various locations throughout the state. There have been reports that some of these petition gatherers have been mis-representing the petition saying it would make sure that Oregon’s sanctuary law would not be repealed. That is not true. If you encounter a person trying to get you to sign IP 22, make sure they are giving out the correct information and have their badge or paperwork stating they are a circulator. Do not sign the petition. Report violations to the Secretary of State’s office.

Take action. You can reject racism and fear by going to the One Oregon site, www.oneoregon.org/ and signing up to be a supporter. You can also send me your name, email address and zip code and I will add your name to the list of people who reject anti-immigrant policies. Almost 50% of the people who attended our Birthday Bash have already signed on. We know what it’s like to be banned. #NeverAgain.
OBT Spring Fundraiser
SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018, 11AM - 3PM
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Oregon Buddhist Temple
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Sun, April 22, 2018, 11am-3pm

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What does Justice look like? - “Gambatte Be Strong”

Date: Friday, May 11, 6:00pm - 9:00pm
Location: Agnes Flanagan Chapel, Lewis & Clark

RSVP: https://tinyurl.com/GambateB

Gaman Festival

Date: Friday, May 11, 6:00pm - 9:00pm (Film Showing)
Saturday, May 12, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm (Art Booths)
Location: PCC Cascade, Albina & Killingsworth
Event: Gaman Fest is an intergenerationally inspired event showcasing art as activism
Sponsored by O.N.E. and Portland JACL
If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Sachi Kaneko at sachi@pdxjacl.org

Teachable Moments
by Sharon Takahashi, Japanese Ancestral Society President

I lost my only brother in Sept. 2017. With his death, our family line and name came to an end and I have been “living in the past.” I tell many stories about my mom who fancied herself to be a Benjamin Franklin quote expert. One she always paraphrased was “the only certain things in this life are death and taxes.” (1789) Well, she gave credit to the wrong author. In 1726, it was Daniel Defoe who wrote, “Things as certain as death and taxes, can be more firmly believed.” Sorry, Mom, you fell off the pedestal on this one.

As April 15th is rapidly approaches, I hear friends say “if I were dead I wouldn’t have to pay taxes.” True and false: you don’t have to pay the taxes owed, but whoever you put in charge of your affairs does. To add insult to injury, after the taxes are paid for the part of the year you lived (in my bro’s case, January till September), then the estate pays taxes on his gains after he passed. What a rude awakening for those tending to the final details.

After that downer, I looked for some positives. While helping with the church’s spring bazaar, I noticed the cookies baked by Alice and wondered if a child or grandchild has this recipe. That is a hot seller and if missing, will leave a void at the bake sale. I cannot imagine a bazaar without those cookies or the Hobara teriyaki chicken sauce.

There were many children and grandchildren helping out and that was uplifting. There were processes and procedures in customer service, health and safety, and common courtesy being taught throughout the weekend. I know this is not peculiar to this church and that this happens in many places in our Japanese American community. Hopefully, we older folk took the time to tell the young ones that we are grateful for their participation and we consider them our greatest asset. We are “banking” what we hope they will carry on. Our ethnic traditions are unique (though subject to modernization).

What an upper spring is—it revitalizes the soul! Enjoy!
AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Right: Consul General Uchiyama, and his wife Karen receive gifts from Lynn Fuchigami and Sharon Takahashi at their farewell.

Left: Gabi Nakashima and Grace Shimizu pose prior to their presentation at Epworth recently describing the initiatives to get redress for Japanese Latin Americans.

Above: Hula dancers entertain at Ikoi No Kai on February 26th. Francis Doo plays the ukulele with the Kapa Hula O Kanaiaupuni dancers. Photo by Setsy Larouche

Above: Angela Davis is the keynote speaker at this year’s ACLU Liberty Dinner. Portland JACL was again a table sponsor for the event.

Left: Representing Portland JACL at the Liberty Dinner were Jean and Ralph Yamamoto, Susan & Chris Leedham, June & John Schumann, Setsy Larouche, Peggy Nagae & Connie Masuoka.

Photos by Chip Larouche

Left: Larry Nabori, Music Director for the Minidoka Swing Band plays the clarinet during the Birthday Bash

Right: The Buffet Lunch featured stuffed chicken and Prime Rib preceded by Shrimp and Cheeseburger Slider appetizers.

More 90th Anniversary pictures. A big thank you to Curtis Suyematsu of Reflections Photography for covering our event with photography!
### Epworth United Methodist Church

**SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2018**

**SPRING BAZAAR**  
11:30 AM TO 2:30 PM

LUNCH TAKE-OUT, BAKE SALE, & PLANT AND PRODUCE SALE

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Please use the following order form and make checks payable to Epworth United Methodist Church. Please mail by April 26 to: 

**Epworth United Methodist Church**  
1333 SE 28th Avenue  
Portland, OR 97214  
Phone #: (503)232-5253

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Food is take-out only.  
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.
# Iko no Kai, April 2018

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Cooks: Sharon Ogata M-Tu
Noriko Dozono, Judy Yamauchi, Haruyo Takei & Nobuko Wedick Th-Fri

Apr 10: Fujinkai Board: 10:30
Apr 13: Kathryn Work on the piano: Noon
Apr 16: Ohana Lunch Bunch: Sansei gathering, reconnecting, networking: 11:30
Apr 17: Sage Circle: 10:30
Apr 20: Japanese Pottery Sale, 10-2, the collection of Maurice Holcombe
Apr 26: Sing Along with Reiko & Jerry
Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays: Chair Exercises with Nobuko Kaji: 11:30
Thursdays: Qi Gong with Kathleen Kuba: 11:30
Blood pressure with Jane Kawashima: April 10
Consul General Kojiro Uchiyama delivers a heartfelt farewell message to the Japanese American Community in Portland as he and his wife Karen head off to their next assignment in India.

IKOI NO KAI MENU MOVED INSIDE!

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