



PORTLAND JACL NEWSLETTER

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Now thru December 31, 2018
Righting a Wrong

National Museum of American History

July 14 - August 5

A Soldier's Story: The Photo Album of Yukimori Okimoto
Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center

July 18-22

JACL National Convention
Philadelphia, www.jacl.org

July 29, 7:30 a.m.

Jerry Inoue Memorial Golf
Tournament- Glendoveer East

August 4

OBON Festival
Oregon Buddhist Temple

August 6, 6 p.m.

Hiroshima/Nagasaki
Remembrance
Japanese American Historical
Plaza

August 10

O.N.E. Banquet
MAC Club
Featuring John Tateishi

August 10 - November 14

*Oshu Nippo: Artifacts from
Portland's Japanese Language
Newspaper, 1909-1951*
Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center

August 19th, Noon - 4 p.m.

Nikkei Community Picnic
Oaks Park

REMEMBERING THE MAX ATTACK

by Sachi Kaneko, Portland JACL Board Member

Awakening, by Climbing Poetree

We were born right now for a reason/
We can be whatever we give ourselves the
power to be/
Give what you most deeply desire to give/
Every moment you are choosing to live or
you are waiting/
Why would a flower hesitate to open?
Now is the only moment/
Raindrop let go, become the ocean/
Possibility is as wide as the space we
create to hold it.

These words are written across the 42nd Max Station in remembrance of the attack on May 26, 2017. On this day, two men were killed, and another injured, while defending two young women, one black and the other wearing a hijab, who were being targeted based on their race and religion. The poem is written not just in English, but also in Somali, Chinese, Spanish, Russian, Vietnamese, Chinuk and Arabic- interweaving some of Portland's most widely used languages into a tapestry of unity.

I was privileged to be able to attend the one year memorial two months ago. For me, it felt personal for a litany of reasons: I took the bus daily from this max station to my high school. The stabbing occurred on my birthday. I know what it feels like to be a woman threatened by a man on the max. These more obvious associations resonated to memories still further back.

I remember making chirashi with my Obachan in her kitchen speaking about Internment. She was one of the Nissei who was open about camp and her time in Roher, Arkansas. I have numerous elementary school reports with her quotes. We were speaking of her time in camp again, as I chopped the tamago thinly and mixed the rice with vinegar and sugar. As she finished speaking about the difficulty of uprooting her life to camp she paused. "That's why I feel bad for the Muslim community right now," she said. "They are suffering in the same way [we Japanese-Americans have suffered]." I felt so proud to be her granddaughter in that moment. My 96 year old grandmother could still make connections and empathize with other communities in such a profoundly thoughtful way.

Indeed, Wajdi Said, a co-founder of the Muslim Educational Trust, and a speaker at the memorial, reminds us to grow that empathy for others. "We shouldn't condemn each other based on the color of our skin. We should learn to stand together," he orated to the crowd. Looking at the assembly his words seemed to describe the memorial. There were not only members of the muslim community, but a myriad of skin colors, genders, and religious communities. Speakers, in addition to Said, included Rabbi Debra Kolodny, from Portland's Unshul, Father Rick Paperini, from Christ the King
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Catholic Church, Sarah Farahat, the artist. The memorial finished with the ringing of the bell from Buddhist Daihonzan Henjyoji Temple. Finally, crowd members reverently laid donated carnations, tulips and roses along the sides and on top of the mural.

It was a moving ceremony, and provided an oasis to the discrimination and bigotry still present in our city. In March of last year, Portland was ranked number one in the country for hate crime by the non profit journalism website ProPublica. Having heard the story of my Obachan and Ojichan's internment countless times, and the discrimination my Jewish grandparent's faced, I have always felt a deep sense of responsibility to other minority communities who continue to struggle. It's why we, in the JACL, ally ourselves with other social justice groups like ONE OREGON and the ACLU. It's important to work for the rights of immigrants, minorities and against anti-muslim sentiment. Hate crimes toward Japanese Americans have lessened, but hate crime has not. We still live on indigenous land that is often ignored as such. What happened at the 42ndMax Station was tragic. Lives should not have been lost. As Rabbi Debra said, "it's our obligation to take care of the lives that are still living." Not in order to forget those that have passed, but in order to better honor their memory.

Save the Date

Oregon Nikkei Endowment 2018 Annual Banquet
Commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the Civil Liberties Act
Friday August 10, 2018

Cocktails: 5:30pm Dinner: 6:30pm

Multnomah Athletic Club

Featuring Special Keynote Speaker
John Tateishi, National JACL Redress Chairperson
Past Director of National JACL

- Honoring Kay Endo - Heart of the Community Award
 - Bob Shimabukuro - Paving the Way Award

Meet Our Newest Board Member



Margaret Lieder is a 57 year old transplant to the Portland area where she's worked at a range of non-profit organizations in administrative and fundraising roles during the past 20 years including Oregon Food Bank, Ronald McDonald House Charities and, currently, the DoveLewis Emergency Animal Hospital.

Margaret grew up in Alabama, the daughter of a white US Air Force veteran and a Japanese mother. Throughout her life, she felt a profound connection to her Japanese roots and is grateful to have found a locale where there is a Japanese American community, something she missed during her early life.

Growing up in the American South, she witnessed first-hand the urgent necessity for all citizens to stand for civil rights and social justice. Many of the greatest heroes who fought for progress were the ordinary folk who had the courage to speak truth to power and not accept the status quo. JACL's history is filled with just this type of ordinary hero, and she says that she's "humbly grateful for the opportunity to join the board of the Portland chapter."

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FACING AMERICA'S NUCLEAR LEGACY: HIROSHIMA, NAGASAKI, & THE PACIFIC ISLANDS



MONDAY, AUGUST 6TH, 2018, 6-7 PM
JAPANESE AMERICAN HISTORICAL PLAZA
PORTLAND WATERFRONT @ NW NAITO PARKWAY & COUCH STREET

FOLLOWED BY CHILDREN REMEMBER: NUCLEAR STORIES THROUGH MEMORIES, RELATIONSHIPS,
& ART EXHIBIT AT OREGON COLLEGE OF ORIENTAL MEDICINE (75 NW COUCH STREET) AT 7:30 PM



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OREGON BUDDHIST TEMPLE

COMMEMORATIVE LANTERN ORDER FORM TO CELEBRATE OBONFEST 2018

WHITE Lanterns

Commemorate the life of a loved one, remembering relatives, friends or even pets.



RED Lanterns

Honor a living person, organization or business.

RE-HANG a previously purchased lantern to continue this joyful remembrance.

Please use one form for each new lantern. This order form is also available on the OBT website.

Our Calligraphers would like the lantern order forms by: Monday, July 30, 2018.

Re-hanging lantern order deadline: Thursday, August 2, 2018.

WHITE COMMEMORATIVE LANTERN (\$25)

Deceased's Name (English) _____

Japanese Version (kanji/katakana) _____

Date of Passing: _____

RED COMMEMORATIVE LANTERN (\$25)

Name (English) _____

Japanese Version (kanji/katakana) _____

RE-HANGING Previously Purchased Lantern: \$15 for the 1st order, \$10 each additional lantern

Name (English) _____

Name (English) _____

Name (English) _____

Name (English) _____

PURCHASER'S NAME _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Checks Payable to: **Oregon Buddhist Temple**

3720 SE 34th Avenue, Portland, OR 97202

Lanterns to be re-hung in 2019 can be stored at the temple or purchased lanterns can be picked up Sunday following the ObonFest. Lanterns inactive for two years will be discarded. Lanterns OBT Phone contact: 503-234-9456

Thank you very much.

JAPANESE ANCESTRAL SOCIETY OF PORTLAND

June 2018

Dear Golfers and Friends:

You are cordially invited to participate in the 18th Annual Japanese Ancestral Society Jerry Inouye Memorial Golf Tournament to be held on Sunday, July 29, 2018 at Glendoveer Golf Course-East (14015 NE Glisan, 503.253.7507). The JAS has hosted this event for over 25 years and renamed in 2001 to honor Jerry for his many years of service in promoting this event. The shotgun start will begin at 8:30 a.m. with check-in at 7:30 a.m.

You must be a JAS member to participate. You can include your membership dues along with your entry fee.

A perpetual trophy will be awarded to the lowest net scorer among the men's "A" and "B" flights and also to the "ladies" flight. Prizes will be awarded for KP's on all par 3 holes, a longest drive hole, and low gross honors in each flight. In case of a tie, players score cards will be evaluated from the 18th hole backwards with the first low score winning. Everyone will ride a cart, and lunch will be served at Super King Buffet (following the tournament. If you have a golfing preference for your foursome, please let us know and list the names of each person of your group. If a foursome is requested, please make sure that a golfer(s) of a group is not duplicated in another foursome.

If you are not interested in golf but would like to donate to this annual event, please call Nancy Kajitsu at 503.665.4589. Due to course regulations, we must collect your entry fee by July 15, 2018 to reserve our tee times. No exceptions! **Entry fee is \$80, which includes golf, cart, and lunch.**

Best Regards from your Golf Committee,

(Jacquelyn Alderman, Kay Endo, Pat Gilman, Ron Hiromura, Kurtis Inouye, Nancy Kajitsu, Carl Kato, Terry Kawamoto, Hideo Kobayashi, Gordon Kondo, Bob Kurimoto, Chip & Setsy Larouche, Don Matsuda, Merianne Nagae, Andrea Nitta, Ken Ogawa, John Ollerenshaw, Sharon Takahashi, Katie Tamiyasu, Frances Tanaka, Lew Tomita, Henry Ueno, and Jeff Yoshida.

Please return this form and a check for \$80 (green fee) and your membership fee, unless you are already a JAS member, made payable to the Japanese Ancestral Society of Portland, **no later than July 15, 2018.**

I will play I will stay for lunch Single JAS membership (\$25)
 I will **not** play I will **not** stay for lunch Family JAS membership (\$40)
 I (We) will come for lunch only. (\$15 per attendee)

Please accept my tax deductible donation of \$ _____

Golfer's Name _____ (circle) Male Female

Golfer's Phone # _____ USGA GHIN Number _____

USGA Handicap Index as of July 1, 2018 _____ or List last 5 golf scores (18 holes) _____

For golfers without established GHIN, maximum handicap allowed is 40 for women and 36 for men.

If golfing with a group, please list names _____

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Iko no Kai, July 2018

1333 SE 28th, 503-238-0775

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Mar far chicken <i>Hanafuda & Bridge: 12:30-2</i>	3 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Shrimp w/honey walnut sauce	X	5 <i>Qi Gong: 11:30</i> Oyako donburi (chicken & egg on rice) <i>Mah Jong: 12:30-2</i>	6 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Nikujaga (JY)
9 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Gyoza (potstickers) <i>Hanafuda & Bridge: 12:30-2</i>	10 Fujinkai Board: 10:30 Blood pressure: 11:15 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Sukiyaki	X	12 <i>Qi Gong: 11:30</i> Seafood & veggie curry <i>Mah Jong: 12:30-2</i>	13 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Croquettes (HT)
16 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Ohana Lunch Bunch Ginger chicken/ yakisoba <i>Hanafuda & Bridge: 12:30-2</i>	17 Sage Circle: 10:30 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Clam chowder/ somen salad	X	19 Sing Along: 11:30 Chicken karaage/ bean sprout salad <i>Mah Jong: 12:30-2</i>	20 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Rick March-Accordion Sweet & sour spareribs (JY)
23 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Bill's razor clams **Res. Req <i>Hanafuda & Bridge: 12:30-2</i>	24 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Lemon plum chicken	X	26 <i>Qi Gong: 11:30</i> Birthday Sushi <i>Mah Jong: 12:30-2</i>	27 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Shumai/Agedashi (HT)
30 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Chicken & tofu stir fry <i>Hanafuda & Bridge: 12:30-2</i>	31 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Roast pork/ Singapore ndles			

Cooks: Sharon Ogata M-Tu Noriko Dozono Th Haruyo Takei & Judy Yamauchi F

July 10: Fujinkai Board Meeting: 10:30

July 16: Ohana Lunch Bunch: Sansei networking-- 11:30

July 17: Sage Circle: 10:15

July 19: Sing Along with Jerry: 11:30

July 20: Rick March on Accordion: Noon

July 23: Bill's Razor Clams \$9: Reservations open July 1, regular clients only**

Chair Exercises with Nobuko Kaji: M,Tu, Fri at 11:30

Mondays: Hanafuda & bridge: 12:30-2

Thursdays: Qi Gong with Kathleen Kuba: 11:30 Mah Jong beginners: 12:30-2

Blood pressure with Jane Kawashima: July 10



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Bishop Zuigaku Kodachi (c) speaks at the Nikkei Memorial Day Service at the Japanese Cemetery, Rose City Cemetery, Portland, Oregon.

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