



PORTLAND JACL NEWSLETTER

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Now thru March, 2019

Righting a Wrong

National Museum of American History

January 1, 2019

Happy New Year!

January 17

JASO Shinnenkai
Montgomery Park

January 21

Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

January 27, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Mochitsuki 2019
Viking Pavilion

Portland State University

February 2

National JACL Board Meeting
San Francisco

February 10, 4 p.m.

JAS Annual Meeting
Dinner at Saylor's

February 22

ACLU Liberty Dinner
Portland Convention Center

February 24, 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

Day of Remembrance
Hoffman Hall
Portland State University

March 28

Min Yasui Day

March 31, 4:30 p.m.

40th Anniversary Ikoi No Kai
Wong's King Restaurant

#NEVER AGAIN IS NOW

by Marleen Wallingford, Portland JACL President

We have just completed the 90th year of the founding of our organization, the Portland Chapter of the JACL. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to our Issei and Nisei pioneers who struggled to establish themselves in this land whose customs and language that were so different.

The United States in the early twentieth century was not a welcoming place for the Japanese. The United States had passed the Chinese Exclusion Act in 1882 so there was already strong anti-Asian sentiment. The Pacific Northwest was home to the largest KKK chapter west of the Mississippi established after Reconstruction. Their political influence fueled the passage of the Alien Land Law which was primarily directed at Japanese farmers which stated that a person ineligible for citizenship could not own land. The KKK was also able to successfully pass a measure that imposed immigration quotas, set at three percent of the total population of the foreign-born of each nationality in the United States as recorded in the 1910.

The Japanese and Japanese Americans faced the most blatant civil rights abuse in 1942 when an executive order, 9066 was signed into law. We were so grateful for the support of individuals like Reverend Sherman Burgoyne who at great personal sacrifice stood up for his Japanese American neighbors in Hood River. The Quakers helped the Nisei find schools

and jobs outside of camp.

We, the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of immigrants are well established in American life. We are fluent English speakers. We are educated. It is now our turn to reach out and support our new immigrants. We believe the strength of our country is rooted in the wonderful diversity of its people.

Immigration policy and, specifically, illegal immigration to the United States was a signature issue of Donald Trump's presidential campaign. He promised to build a wall and has also expressed support for a variety of limits on legal immigration and guest-worker visas.

As president, Trump imposed a travel ban to prohibit issuing visas to citizens of seven largely-Muslim countries. He has attempted to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, but a legal injunction has allowed the policy to continue. He imposed a "zero tolerance" policy to arrest all illegal immigrants at the border, which resulted in separating children from their families.

He has supported the RAISE Act legislation that seeks to reduce levels of legal immigration to the United States by 50% by halving the number of green cards issued. The bill would also

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impose a cap of 50,000 refugee admissions a year and would end the visa diversity lottery

Our president has made claims like, “the Mexican government is forcing their most unwanted people into the United States. They are, in many cases, criminals, drug dealers, and rapists.” Even though more than 75 years have passed, this rhetoric is so reminiscent of the inflammatory language that the media blasted to the public about our great grandparents, grandparents and parents. We strongly condemn this xenophobia. Immigrants are not the enemy. These anti-immigration measures have caused unnecessary fear and anxiety fueled by an undercurrent of suspicion and hatred of the other. We must have compassionate and equitable immigration policies and reform. We cannot allow our immigrant and refugee neighbors to be treated like the enemy. #NeverAgain is now.



A'misa Chiu is alongside her daughter, Mazzy.

The grand opening of A'misa Chiu's touching watercolors of five generations of her family was on **First Thursday, December 6 at ONLC**. A'misa is a Yonsei raised in Torrence, California and describes herself as an artist, zinester and community organizer. She took family photographs and reinterpreted the image through the painting. More information on her process can be obtained from Ms. Chiu's pamphlet: mirror images/mere images: (re)remembering the generations through family photographs. **The exhibit will be showing at ONLC through February 3, 2019.**

Akemashite Omedeto Gozaimasu!

by Sharon Takehashi, President, Japanese Ancestral Society

The Japanese Ancestral Society of Portland will be celebrating the New Year on Sunday, February 10, 2019 at Sayler's Country Kitchen at 4:00 with a board meeting, followed by the general meeting at 4:30 and dinner at 5 p.m.

The staff allows us to order individually off the menu and that is a real plus. Their menu is found online at their website saylers.com.

You are all welcome to join us for this event.
RSVPs may be emailed to:

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Gordy: ghkondo@gmail.com

Sho: shodozono@gmail.com

The deadline for RSVPs is February 4. Please join us for a good meal and lots of fun.

Let's not be boorish but enthusiastic "boars" in the coming year. 2019 is the Year of the Boar and the animal's appreciation of food and playful manner bring smiles to everyone.

For folk born under the sign of the boar, you are graced with tolerance, optimism, kindness and honesty.

On the other hand, the boar is described as self indulgent and impatient, thus having difficulty communicating and forgiving.

All of us need to keep on the good side of the boar.

Thank you to my holiday elves this year. They were Ken and Bea Saito, Kay Endo, Marleen Wallingford, Setsy Larouche, Mike Irinaga, June Schumann, Rick and Rob Shiraishi, Michiko Kornhauser, Pat Hiromura Gilman and Roger Iwasaki.

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AROUND THE COMMUNITY



Left: Fun was had by all at the Community Holiday Festival at Epworth United Methodist Church!

Below: Plenty of food at the Holiday Party at the Cherrywood Center!



Above: The Obon Society explains their mission of reuniting families with *yosegaki hinomaru* at a recent Tomodachi Kai luncheon.

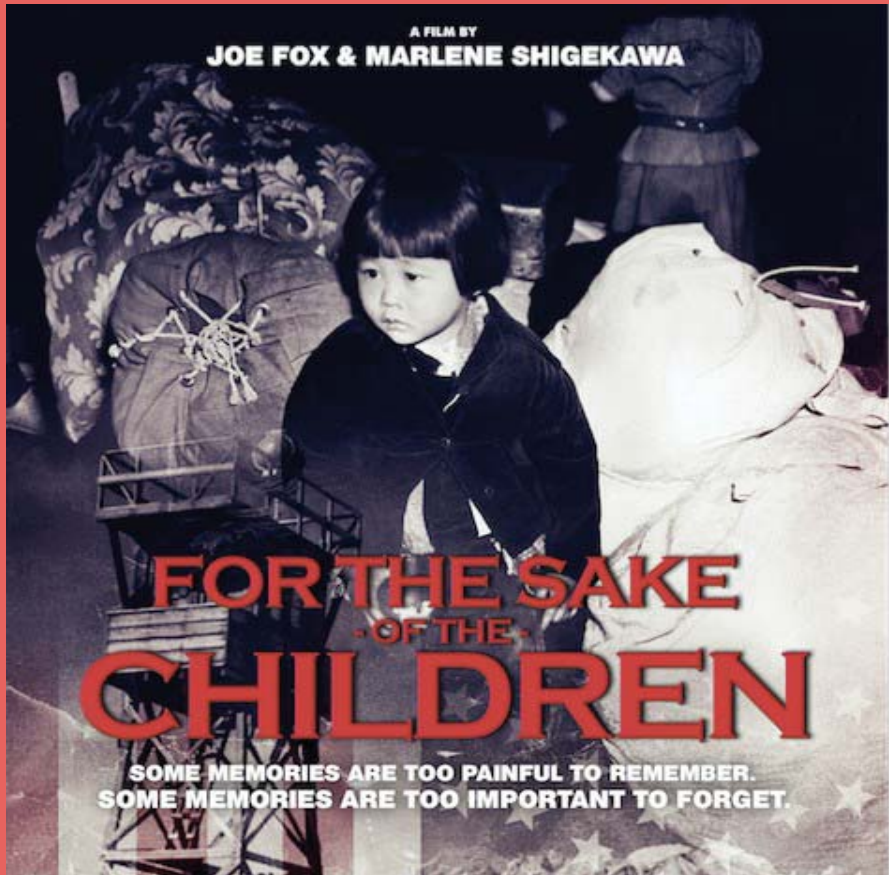


Above: Portland Taiko play for their guests at a their recent Bonenkai to thank their donors for 2018.

Right: George Nakata, Carolyn Okita and Jean Matsumoto enjoy a light dinner after the Kodomo No Tameni event on November 24th.



**FROM EXECUTIVE ORDER 9066
TO EXECUTIVE ORDERS TODAY**
OUR RIGHTS, OUR DEMOCRACY, OUR HUMANITY



Film Screening & Panel Discussion

February 24 – 2:00 pm

Portland State University

Hoffman Hall

1825 SW Broadway

Portland, OR 97201

sponsored by the Portland Japanese American Citizens League
& the Poston Community Alliance

View film trailer at www.forthesakeofchildren.org
www.instagram.com/sakeofchildrenfilm

Portland, Oregon
Sunday, January 27, 2019
11 AM - 4 PM



MOCHITSUKI 2019

23rd Annual Japanese American New Year Celebration | Year of the Boar

Demonstrations & hands-on activities!



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!! New Venue !!

Portland State University
Viking Pavilion at the
Peter W. Stott Center
930 SW Hall Street
Portland, Oregon 97207

Advance Ticket Sales:

\$10 Adults
\$7 Students/Seniors (62+)
\$4 Child (ages 4-12)

Tickets at the Door:

\$12 Adults
\$9 Students/Seniors (62+)
\$5 Child (ages 4-12)

Free Admission:

Children 3 and under
Honored citizens (88 +)

Family-friendly festival filled with exciting cultural experiences, tastes, and entertainment! Experience **mochi pounding**, ikebana, tea ceremony, calligraphy, children's bento making class, yukata photo booth, games, arts & crafts and much more! Take a picture with Hello Kitty!

Enjoy various **demonstrations** in martial arts, ikebana, giant calligraphy writing, and "how to" food demos. Get in line for **free mochi samples**, and explore flavors as food vendors present favorite traditional and contemporary Japanese cuisine.

Stage performances of taiko drumming, koto, Japanese dance, storytelling, acoustic rock band A-Key Kyo, and singer-violinist Joe Kye.

Live stage performances!



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Ikoï no Kai, January 2019

1333 SE 28th, 503-238-0775

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			3 Chicken karaage/ somen salad fried chicken/noodle sld <i>Mah jong: 12:30-2</i>	4 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Roast beef w/ grilled vegetables
7 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Roast pork/ Singapore noodles <i>Hanafuda & Bridge: 12:30-2</i>	8 Blood Pressure: 11:15 Dwight Onchi: Ki Deveopment <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Mar far chicken (KA)	9 X	10 Ishikari nabe/ spam musubi salmon soup <i>Mah jong: 12:30-2</i>	11 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Rick March on mandolin Tonkatsu breaded pork cutlet
14 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Salted curry koji chicken (NM)	15 Fujinkai Board: 10:30 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> BBQ pork (RS)	16 X	17 Qi Gong: 11:00 Sing Along: 11:30 Seafood pancake/ Korean chige soup <i>Mah jong: 12:30-2</i>	18 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> New Year's Special Bento**
21 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Ohana Lunch Bunch Korean beef & noodles	22 Blood Pressure: 11:15 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Wonton soup (KA)	23 X	24 <i>Qi Gong: 11:30</i> Cream Stew/ omelette rice	25 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Kathryn Work on piano Winter dry curry/ potato salad
28 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Chicken udon	29 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Miso pork (KA)	30	31 <i>Qi Gong: 11:30</i> Birthday sushi	

**Cooks: Sharon Ogata M except Jan 14 Naomi Molstrom Kyoko Adcock Tu
Rieko Shimada Th-Fri & Jan 15**

Jan 8: Dwight Onchi--Ki Development for daily life--11:30

January 11: Rick March on mandolin

January 15: Fujinkai Board: 10:30

January 17: Sing Along with Reiko & Jerry: 11:30 (Qi Gong at 11)

January 18: New Year's Special Bento Reservations Required: \$12**

January 21: Ohana Lunch Bunch--sansei gathering--11:30

January 25: Kathryn Work on piano: noon

Mo, Tu & Fr: Chair Exercises with Nobuko Kaji; Th-Qi Gong with Kathleen Kuba: 11:30

January 8 and 22: Blood pressure with Jane Kawashima



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Santa Claus (Alton Chung) listens to Christmas requests while Santa's helper (Connie Masuoka) looks on at the annual community Holiday Festival, Epworth United Methodist Church, Portland, Oregon.

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