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BOARD MEMBER MESSAGE

MOCHITSUKI 2020
More space and a new record!
Christopher Lee

It seems like every year more and more people come to celebrate New Year's at Mochitsuki. This year was no different, as we set another record for attendance in the event's 24th year. On Sunday, January 26th, Mochitsuki returned to PSU's Viking Pavilion presented by Portland JACL, Portland Taiko, The Japanese American Museum of Oregon, Konko Church of Portland, and PSU's Asian Studies Department. This is a tremendous undertaking by our community, and I want to thank everybody that is involved. Especially the members of the planning committee that begin work in the summer and fall to make it happen.

As it was the second year at the Viking Pavilion, we had a lot of improvements we wanted to make and new ideas to try. One major change is that we worked with PSU to identify additional space in the adjacent practice gym. By putting some of the hands-on activities there we alleviated a lot of the over-crowding that we experienced in 2019. Although there were over 3,000 people that attended Mochitsuki, it felt a lot less cramped in 2020.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March 6th

Japanese American Scholarship
Applications Due

March 15th

11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Annual Spring Bazaar
Nichiren Buddhist Temple

March 15th

JACL National Board Meeting in San
Francisco

March 28th

Min Yasui Day: Beyond the Refugee Crisis
10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
University Oregon,
Portland White Stage Building

April 4 - 5th

10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Cherry Blossom Bazaar

April 19th

11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Spring Bazaar
Oregon Buddhist Temple

April 25th

PNWDC District Meeting
Centennial Spokane Hotel
Hosted by Spokane Chapter

April 28th

Last Day for Voter Registration

May 3rd

JA Graduation Banquet
Monarch Hotel

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I was easily able to get from one side of the building to the other.

On the main stage we increased the number of stage sets from three to four. As always there was taiko, mochi pounding, storytelling, dance, and music. The fourth set gave us a chance to branch out and include a chorus and cover band as well. PSU installed new sound dampening since 2019 and that seemed to have a small but noticeable impact on noise levels throughout the arena. It was still a busy event, like always, but more comfortable for our vendors and guests. Some other changes for 2020 were the

addition of new food vendors, an increase in the number of volunteers, more vendors accepting credit cards, faster ticketing, and now we even have Instagram! (@**mochitsukipdx** if you want to follow us). All this culminated in a wonderful way to ring in the New Year and celebrate the Year of the Rat.

It is hard to believe that next year will be the 25th Mochitsuki in Portland. What started as a small event in the basement of the Oregon Buddhist Temple is now a city-wide festival. I hope you'll join us in 2021 for our milestone anniversary and help us set another record!



MOCHITSUKI 2020

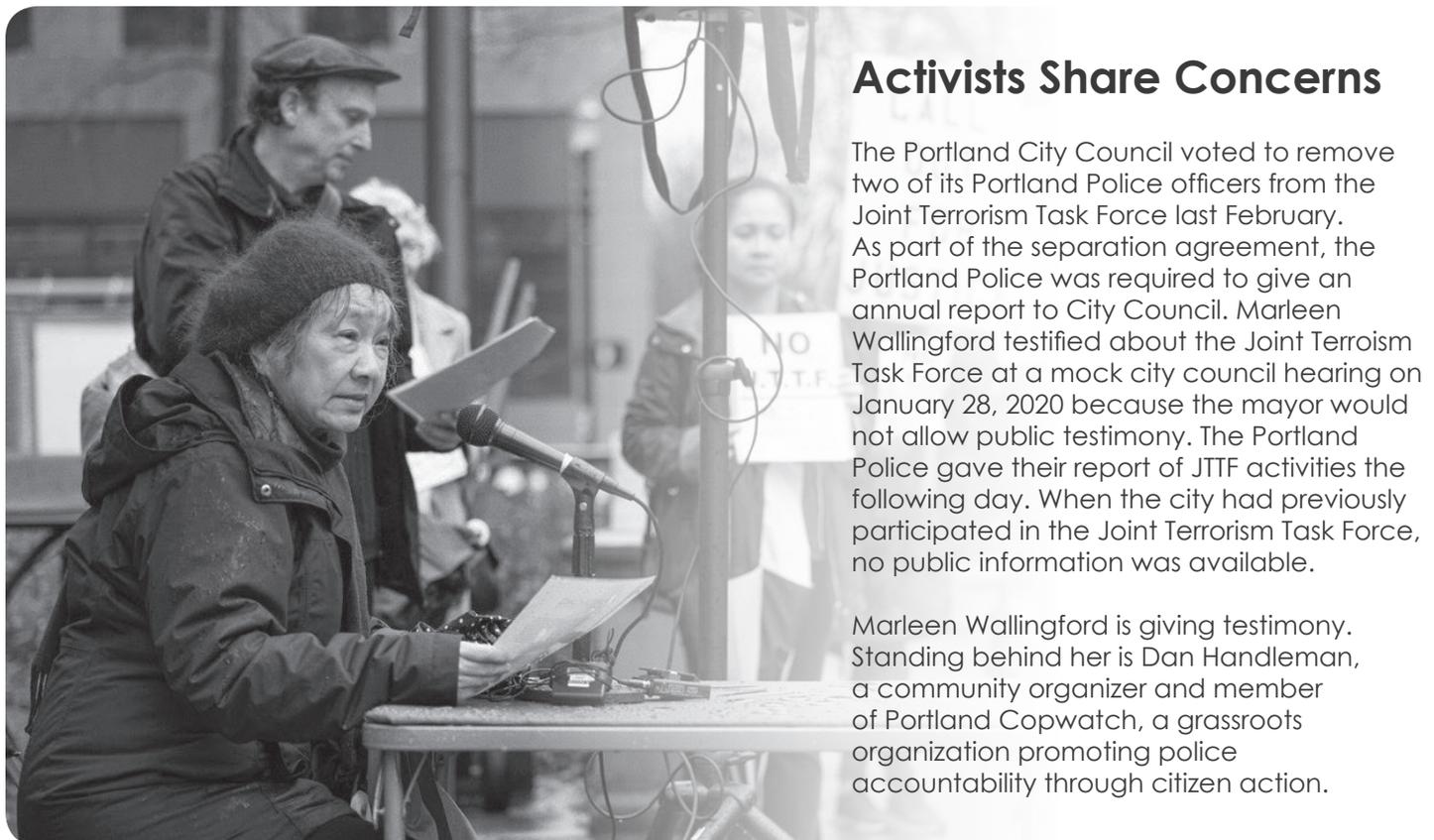
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Changes at Ikoi No Kai

Judy Furukawa and Tracey Yotsuuye are the short term site managers for Ikoi No Kai. Both of them have recently retired and were recruited to assist with the daily operations by Loen Dozono when she started developing health problems. Loen is no longer able to work and we miss her beautiful presence. Ikoi No Kai is now looking for an individual to take over the day to day management of the beloved senior lunch program. If you are interested in working in a very supportive community environment, please contact Judy or Tracey and the leadership of the Japanese Ancestral Society.



Activists Share Concerns

The Portland City Council voted to remove two of its Portland Police officers from the Joint Terrorism Task Force last February. As part of the separation agreement, the Portland Police was required to give an annual report to City Council. Marleen Wallingford testified about the Joint Terrorism Task Force at a mock city council hearing on January 28, 2020 because the mayor would not allow public testimony. The Portland Police gave their report of JTTF activities the following day. When the city had previously participated in the Joint Terrorism Task Force, no public information was available.

Marleen Wallingford is giving testimony. Standing behind her is Dan Handleman, a community organizer and member of Portland Copwatch, a grassroots organization promoting police accountability through citizen action.

JAPANESE AMERICAN MUSEUM OF OREGON PRESENTS
**CHERRY BLOSSOM
BAZAAR**

A Rummage Sale of Japanese Treasures

**Saturday & Sunday
April 4th & 5th, 2020
10 am – 4 pm**

**139 NW 2nd Avenue
Portland, OR 97209**

**Special Preview Night Benefit
Friday, April 3rd, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm**

**Early Shoppers Admission with food and drink:
Friends of Japanese American Museum of Oregon: \$25
General: \$50**

RSVP to info@oregonnikkei.org
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objects, and furniture.

Items from 25 cents!

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- Kitchen & Cooking Items
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- Textiles
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Donate your Japanese items

Drop off items in gently
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NEWSLETTER UPDATE

I promised to provide a monthly update on the status of our newsletter and wanted to follow up with a quick report. This month's update will be short since there are no major changes yet. Our board is still discussing and exploring what options may be available for maintaining a print newsletter long-term in some capacity. In addition to cost there is a resource consideration for having a content editor and somebody that can coordinate the printing and shipping on a monthly basis. We are making progress on creating an email version of the newsletter and have already starting to do some testing internally. I expect that you will receive an email from

Portland JACL at some point soon. We are hoping to send the April newsletter in print and via email if everything goes smoothly. One of our next steps as a board will be to get your opinion and collect feedback from our members and others that receive our newsletter. We want to make sure that we are inclusive in our decision-making process. Once we have a better plan and an idea of the types of options we can offer, then we'll let you know. I'll provide another update next month as things progress.

Christopher Lee

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If you would like to contact the Board,
their email address is **First Name@pdxjacl.org**

NICHIREN

BUDDHIST TEMPLE



28th Annual Spring Bazaar

Sunday, March 15, 2020 11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. 2025 S.E. Yamhill

ITEM	PRICE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT
Special Nichiren Tonkatsu (pork) Bento (Available for Pre-order Only)	\$10.00	_____	_____
Chicken Donburi (Chicken Teriyaki over rice)	\$ 9.00	_____	_____
Chow Mein	\$ 9.00	_____	_____
Veggie Chow Mein	\$ 9.00	_____	_____
Tofu Donburi (Tofu Teriyaki over rice)	\$ 9.00	_____	_____
Total \$			_____

Please return this pre-order form with
your check by **March 10, 2020**

Please make checks payable to:
Portland Nichiren Buddhist Temple

All proceeds benefit:
Portland Nichiren Buddhist Temple
2025 S.E. Yamhill
Portland, Oregon 97214
503-235-8292

Name: _____

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR ORDER

An envelope with your pre-paid tickets
will be ready for you at the Will-Call line.

Iko no Kai, March 2020

1333 SE 28th Avenue, 503-238-0775

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Agedashi Tofu (with stir-fried lotus roots and bacon) <i>Hanafuda & Bridge: 12:30-2</i>	3 Blood Pressure: 11:15 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Pork Ramen	4 X	5 <i>Qi Gong: 11:30</i> Tofu Curry Soup with Meatballs <i>Mah jong: 12:30-2</i>	6 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Karaage Chicken** (Fried Chicken)
9 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Nasu Hasamiage (Fried eggplant with pork patties; green salad) <i>Hanafuda & Bridge: 12:30-2</i>	10 Fujinkai Board: 10:30 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Oyakodon (Chicken and egg bowl)	11 X	12 Sing Along: 11:30 Gyoza (Pork and vegetables) <i>Mah jong: 12:30-2</i>	13 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Hiru Gohan Gurupu: 12 Turkey Salad and Soup
16 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Ohana Lunch Bunch Hayashi Rice (Hash beef stew with rice) <i>Hanafuda & Bridge: 12:30-2</i>	17 St. Patrick's Day Sage Circle: 10:30 Blood Pressure: 11:15 <i>Ki Development: 11:30</i> Shumai (Chinese pork dumpling)	18 X	19 <i>Qi Gong: 11:30</i> Kathryn Work -- noon Shrimp Tempura Soba <i>Mah jong: 12:30-2</i>	20 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Mar Far Chicken
23 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Eggplant with Shiso & Ground Pork <i>Hanafuda & Bridge: 12:30-2</i>	24 Blood Pressure: 11:15 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Panko Shrimp with Singapore Noodles	25 X	26 <i>Qi Gong: 11:30</i> Chicken Pad Thai <i>Mah jong 12:30-2</i>	27 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Nisei Day Fried Cod
30 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Birthday Sushi <i>Hanafuda & Bridge: 12:30-2</i>	31 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Spring Roll			

Cooks: Naomi Molstrom - Mon Kyoko Adcock - Tues Rieko Shimada - Thurs/Fri

**** Mar 6:** Chicken Karaage lunch, reservations required, please

Mar 10: Fujinkai Board: 10:30am

Mar 12: Sing Along with Rie/Rieko & Jerry: 11:30am

Mar 13: Hiru Gohan Gurupu (in-house band) -- Rick, John, Mary, Ellen & Hiroshi: noon

Mar 16: Ohana Lunch Bunch; sansei gathering

Mar 17: Sage Circle: 10:30am; Ki Development with Dwight Onchi: 11:30am

Mar 19: Kathryn Work on piano: noon

Mar 27: Nisei Day; Bingo: 12:30pm

Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays: Chair Exercises with Nobuko Kaji: 11:30am

Thursdays: Qi Gong with Kathleen Kuba: 11:30am, except on Sing Along day

Blood pressure: Mar 10 with Ellen Iwasaki, **Mar 24** with Jane Kawashima: 11:15am