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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

January 22, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
JACL Installation Lunch and
Annual Meeting
Chinese Village

January 29
Mochitsuki
Scottish Rite Center

February 19
Day of Remembrance
Hoffman Hall
Portland State University

February 26
Congressional Gold Medal
Luncheon
MAC Club

March 4
Spring Bazaar
Oregon Buddhist Temple

March 11
Daylight Savings Time Begins

April 1
Sakura Sunday
100th Anniversary of Cherry
Tree Gift from Japan

April 21
JACL National Board Meeting
San Francisco

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Congressional Gold Medal Celebration, Washington, DC Oct 31st - Nov 3rd 2011



Royal Rosarians send off the Portland Area veterans (from L to R) Art Iwasaki, Ace Hiromura, Kazumi Oda, Richard Iwata and Lorry Nakatsu)

Board Members Message by Setsy Sadamoto Larouche

On May 13, 2009, Congressman Adam Schiff from California introduced the Congressional Gold Medal Bill HR 347 to award the CGM to the 100th Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team (RCT). Senator Barbara Boxer also from California introduced SB 1055 in the Senate. The National Veterans Network (NVN) began a grassroots to lobby support for the passage of the bill and an amendment was introduced to include the Military Intelligence Service. JACL was instrumental in lobbying for support for the passage of this important bill. It was finally passed on September 23,

2010 and President Obama signed into law on October 5, 2010. The Oregon Nikkei Endowment and the Oregon Nisei Veterans were part of the 25 sponsoring organizations under the leadership of Christine Sato-Yamazaki who organized the Washington, DC celebration.

We had seven veterans from Oregon attending the festivities and with widows and next of kin and other family members, we had over 90 members from Oregon in all. The Portland area veterans were Ace Hiromura, Art Iwasaki, Richard Iwata, Lorry Nakatsu and Kazumi Oda. Dange Atagi from Nysaa and Yasu Teramura from Ontario rounded out the veteran contingent.

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Eleven Royal Rosarians came to the airport on October 31st at 5 a.m. to give the veterans a very nice send off. They all received a certificate from the Rosarians and a copy of the Proclamation signed by Mayor Sam Adams that declared October 31, 2011 as Nisei Veterans Day. Pendleton generously donated a lovely blanket named "Grateful Nation" to each of the 7 veterans. Five of the veterans went on the Honor Flights which was donated by Southwest Air Lines. When they landed at Dulles Airport, they were greeted by the Honor Flight volunteers and the USO. Then they were shuttled to the Washington Hilton Hotel, home base for many of the activities.

On November 1, 2011, there were 40 bronze stars



Lynn Longfellow and Setsy Larouche stand in front of the Grateful Nation Blanket donated to each veteran by Pendleton.

awarded to veterans of 100th and 442nd for their service during WWII. A special presentation was made by the Army Chief of Staff General Raymond T. Odierno. The US Army Band played as the children from the Spark

Matsunaga Elementary School sang the National Anthem and America the Beautiful. Two Oregonians received their bronze star—Art Iwasaki and Kazumi Oda. In the afternoon, buses took our veterans to the WWII Memorial for the wreath presentation.

On Wednesday, November 2nd, we were bused in the morning to the Capitol for the CGM Ceremony. Senator Wyden was kind and invited the Oregon delegation for a reception just prior to the ceremony. We thank him and his staff for the wonderful gesture. Over 1,200 were present to witness the



Senator Wyden sponsors a reception for the Oregon Delegation prior to the Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony.

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Art Iwasaki receives a Bronze Star Medal for action during WWII

presentation of CGM by the Speaker of the House, the Honorable John Boehner. The speakers were: The Honorable Adam Schiff, The Honorable Ralph Hall, The Honorable Barbara Boxer, The Honorable John McCain, The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, The Honorable Mitch McConnell, The Honorable Harry Reid, and The Honorable John Boehner. The Honorable Daniel Inouye, President Pro Tempore of the US Senate, who received a standing ovation, said these words: "It has been a long journey but a glorious one. We wish to

thank all of you, all Americans, for this recognition...I'm certain that I speak for all assembled here, but more importantly I'm sure that those who are resting in cemeteries are pleased with this day."

November 2nd afternoon/evening: Prior to the Gala Dinner, the CGM award replica presentation was conducted in the Columbia Hall at the Hilton Hotel. Senator Inouye was presented the first replica by Lt General (Retired) Joseph Peterson and all eligible veterans and honorees received their medals at the end of the ceremony. All replica medals were

donated by Donna Fujimoto Cole, from Cole Chemical of Houston, Texas.

The Gala Dinner was attended by over 2,400 people. The keynote speaker was The Honorable Eric K. Shinseki, Secretary of Veterans Affairs who was introduced by Ann Curry of the Today Show. President Obama was in France so a video was shown of him congratulating our veterans and their families. "Gentlemen, you believed in America even when American didn't always believe in you. Many of you

have continued to serve our nation, including my good friend Senator Daniel Inouye. You are patriots pure and simple, and for that we will always owe you a profound debt of gratitude." Mr. Norman Mineta introduced Sachi Koto who was the emcee. The invocation was done by our JACL Executive Director, Floyd Mori.

November 3rd: On the final day a low-key ceremony

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Color guard presents the colors at the World War II Memorial, Washington, DC

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honoring the soldiers who never came home was held at the National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism During WWII, which includes a wall inscribed with the names of 814 Japanese American soldiers killed in action while serving in Europe with the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team or in the Pacific with the Military Intelligence Service. The memorial also has ten panels with each name of the camp inscribed and when they were built, soil from each camp was buried under them. Many dignitaries were in attendance to include

General Shinseki, Secretary Norman Mineta, and LTG Peterson. The centerpiece of the memorial is the 14 ft sculpture of two Japanese cranes entangled in barbed wire.

It was a glorious time in Washington, DC. To honor our veterans who could not travel the distance, we will have a local CGM celebration with a luncheon. Please save the date, Sunday, February 26, 2012 as we honor all those who went to Washington, DC as well as those who could not attend. The committee is hard at work planning/organizing our local celebration.

Upcoming Oregon Nikkei Endowment (O.N.E.) Events

December 4: O.N.E. Celebrates the Holidays, 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Multnomah Athletic Club, 1849 SW Salmon St. Come enjoy a delicious buffet lunch while you peruse the work of local artists and dance to the big band music of the Minidoka Swing Band. Dance and bazaar begins at 1:30 p.m. Tickets for lunch and the dance are \$40; dance only is \$15. To purchase call (503) 224-1458 or register on line at www.oregonnikkei.org.

December 10: Osechi Ryori Cooking Class, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Art Institute of Portland, Culinary School. Celebrate the Japanese New Year with tasty, time-honored recipes that represent good luck, good health and prosperity. Learn to prepare this special meal that is steeped in traditional foods and ancient lore. Traditionally these foods are made at New Year's, but you can make these delicious and healthy dishes for meals throughout the year. Cost: \$65 general, \$55 for Friends of Oregon Nikkei Endowment.

December 14: Slide show and talk on the new book **A History of Northwest Portland: From the River to the Hills** by Jane Comerford, 1 p.m., University of Oregon White Stag building room 152. This new book reveals how this riverfront land, rich in trees, creeks, and lakes, was transformed into the thriving and vibrant district of unique neighborhoods we know today. Featuring many previously unpublished photographs showing the early days when the muddy streets were filled with horse-drawn wagons, the harbor wharves welcomed sailing ships carrying goods and immigrants, and the waterfront teemed with lumber mills, manufacturing plants, businesses, saloons, hotels and boarding houses.

Books will be available for purchase for \$29.95.

December 30 and 31: Osechi Ryori - Japanese New Year's Food. Support the Oregon Nikkei Endowment and enjoy traditional Japanese New Year's foods (osechi ryori) prepared by our Nikkei community cooks, displayed in a three-tiered lacquer box (jubako). The jubako will include traditional foods, such as nishime, kimpira gobo, and makizushi, as well as treats from the Pacific Northwest. The cost is \$130 for the entire osechi ryori (or \$100 if you provide your own jubako), of which \$60 is tax-deductible. Order at our website: www.oregonnikkei.org Your order will be available for pick-up on Saturday between 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., December 31, 2011. We also need volunteers to help prepare food and boxes for pickup. If you would like to volunteer or order, please contact Oregon Nikkei Endowment at (503) 224-1458.

January 27 – April 15, 2012: Kokeshi: From Tradition to Today. This exhibit explores the intriguing and simply decorated wooden figures which have been described as religious symbols and fetish dolls to simple children's playthings. Over the years the dolls have taken traveled the path from a cherished traditional art-form collected by many, to a mass-produced souvenir and inspiration for the newest high-tech toys. We explore the changes in Kokeshi since their beginnings over 200 years ago, and their continued popularity today. Programs and events throughout the exhibit.

January 29: Mochitsuki at the Scottish Rite Center, 1512 SW Morrison St. Come celebrate the Year of the Dragon at the Community Fair: 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Enjoy free mochi samples,

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Upcoming O.N.E. Events Continued

demonstrations and hands-on activities for all ages including: mochi pounding, mochi making, ikebana, origami, games and much more! Mochitsuki Stage Performances: 11:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. This year

Mochitsuki will feature open seating in the auditorium. Seats will be available on a first come first served basis. Details and ticket info at www.mochipdx.org.

Thank You

By Sharon Takahashi

The community suffered a devastating loss on the sudden passing of Masako Hinatsu in Washington, DC on November 17. Massie was on the Medal of Honor trip when she fell ill. Our condolences to her family and the numerous organizations Massie graced with her organized voluntarism and energies. We were blessed having her in our community.

Ikoi No Kai staff and volunteers truly care about our clients and rejoice at their good news and share in the bad times. It is not just the meal prep that fills our short day but the fellowship at the table, too. Smiles and hugs are dispensed without limits. Thank yous, as they leave, are numerous and our crew always thanks them for coming.

My parents were great RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) volunteers in Hawaii and both posted their year end recognition certificates proudly on the refrigerator. Our Ikoi No Kai committee was not as organized so we will do it in this public way and hope that we didn't miss anyone. (In the last column, The Tamura Family and Pam Oja were missed. They have provided healthy veggies for us for many years. My apologies.)

Friends of Ikoi no Kai were donors of \$240, or \$20 a month or more:

Alaska Tanker Co., Anonymous (2010- 2, 2011-2), Diane Arakaki, George & Nobi Azumano, Verta & Bill DeBellis, Robert & Noriko Dozono, Sho & Loen Dozono, Kay Endo, Emiko Fujimoto, Pat Hiromura Gilman, Dan & Massie Hinatsu, Sally Hinatsu, Eisaku & Alice Hiromura, Hiroko Hodgkin, Ralph & Pat Iboshi, Gordon Kondo, Seichi & Shu Konno, Don & Diana Matsuda, Sumi Murakami, Bill Nakamura, Obukan Judo Dojo, Yowko Ichioka Richardson, Shuko Sakai, Chris Shiraishi, Wayne & Sharon Takahashi, Ed & Katie Tamiyasu, Lennie Tanaka, Transpacific Women's Society, Henry & Atami Ueno, Dick & Barbara Uyesugi, Lily Uyetake, Nancy Yim (IMO parents).

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Ikoi No Kai is a not for profit entity operating under the Japanese Ancestral Society's 501(c)(3) status. If we missed acknowledging your donation with a receipt, please let us know.

The Ikoi No Kai crew would like to wish all of you a happy and healthy holiday season. We follow the closure lead of the Portland Public Schools in inclement weather and will use the emergency call list during the school breaks.

Enjoy each day and treasure those memories.

SAVE THE DATE - **Sunday, JANUARY 29th** -

*and plan to enjoy
the 16th annual Japanese
New Year's celebration*

MOCHITSUKI



Usher in the Year of the Dragon with delectable Japanese food, a cultural fair full of family activities, and ongoing performances throughout the day, including drumming by Portland Taiko.

January 29th from 11 am to 4 pm at the Scottish Rite Center, 709 SW 15th, conveniently located near the JELD WEN Field MAX stop.

Advance tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for seniors and students, and \$4 for children 12 and under; tickets on the day are \$12 for adults, \$9 for seniors and students, and \$5 for children. Please visit www.mochipdx.org to learn more.

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BOARD MEMBER VOTING BALLOT

Here is the slate for new Board Members for the 2012-2014 term. The following have been submitted for consideration by the nominating committee:

- ☐ Susan Leedham - Co-president
- ☐ Jean Yamamoto - Co-president
- ☐ Kirk Tambara - Vice President
- ☐ Diana Akasaka - Secretary
- ☐ Chip Larouche - Treasurer
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

Please vote or write-in suggested officers. Please send your completed ballot choices to jacl@pdxjacl.org or PO Box 86310 Portland, OR 97286 by 12/15/11.

Clark Center Loaves & Fishes December 2011 Menu

2740 SE Powell Blvd., Portland OR

Thursday 1 - Swedish meatballs or open face seafood sandwich

Friday 2 - Curried pork or broccoli quiche

Monday 5 - BBQ chicken or tortellini

Tuesday 6 - Meat loaf w/ gravy or fish filet sandwich

Wednesday 7 - Sweet & sour pork or breakfast casserole

Thursday 8 - Spaghetti w/ meatballs or turkey cranberry cream cheese sandwich

Friday 9 - Baked fish w/ tartar or greek salad

Monday 12 - Salisbury steak w/ gravy or tortellini salad

Tuesday 13 - Dijon turkey or Mediterranean sandwich

Wednesday 14 - Meat lasagna or tomato basil veggie burger

Thursday 15 - Meatball stew or chicken enchilada casserole

Friday 16 - Chicken provence or veggie lasagna

Monday 19 - Beef & macaroni casserole or grilled chicken breast sandwich

Tuesday 20 - Sliced roast turkey w/ gravy or curry pork

Wednesday 21 - Baked fish w/ lemon dill or veggie pizza

Thursday 22 - Savory baked chicken or french dip sandwich

Friday 23 - Sliced roast beef w/ burgundy gravy, scalloped potatoes, capri veggies, and layered salad

Monday 26 - Closed, Holiday

Tuesday 27 - Salisbury steak or Chinese chicken salad

Wednesday 28 - Chicken a la king or spinach lasagna

Thursday 29 - Spaghetti w/ meat sauce or open face turkey sandwich

Friday 30 - Breaded tilapia or chicken enchilada casserole

Ikoi no Kai at Epworth

1333 SE 28th Ave, Portland

Thursday 1 - Shumai & steamed meat ball

Friday 2 - Sticky rice & crab rangoon

Monday 5 - Thai noodle salad / thai peanut chicken

Tuesday 6 - Pork misoyaki (miso marinated)

Wednesday 7 - Closed

Thursday 8 - Pork tenderloin w/ mushroom & veggie skewer

Friday 9 - Holiday Meal, reservations required (no coupons)

Monday 12 - Salmon chowder / lemon basil pasta

Tuesday 13 - Oden (traditional hearty soup)

Wednesday 14 - Closed

Thursday 15 - Sukiyaki

Friday 16 - Mar far chicken

Monday 19 - Panko shrimp donburi style

Tuesday 20 - Yakisoba

Wednesday 21 - Closed

Thursday 22 - Chicken teriyaki

Friday 23 - Meatloaf / holiday dessert

Monday 26 - Closed (national holiday)

Tuesday 27 - Birthday sushi

Wednesday 28 - Closed

Thursday 29 - Toshikoshi soba

Friday 30 - Dim sum plate

Ikoi no Kai December 2011 Menu Notes:

Only the main dish is listed. Menu also includes soup or salad, side dish, and dessert.

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