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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Stories of Shared Struggles

January 30, Noon - 4 p.m.:
Mochitsuki Celebration
Scottish Rite Center
See Flyer inside for ticket info!

February 20, 2 p.m.:
Day of Remembrance
Hoffman Hall, Portland State
University

March 1:
Deadline for Community
Scholarship Applications
See www.pdxjacl.org for details

March 5 - 8:
JACL - OCA Leadership
Summit
Washington D.C.

March 6:
Oregon Buddhist Temple (OBT)
Spring Bazaar

March 19:
JACL Pacific Northwest District
Board Meeting
Spokane, Washington

March 27:
Nichiren Spring Mini-Bazaar

Co-President's Message by Jeff
Selby

The Japanese-American experience serves as a lesson and reminder for all that we cannot and must not take our civil liberties for granted. With our community's unique history, I believe we have a responsibility to educate the public. Your Portland JACL Board does this by vigilantly researching and taking on issues that could threaten our civil rights—Portland's potential participation in the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) is a good example. A letter from the Board to The Oregonian regarding the JTTF is included in this newsletter.

Civil rights threats and hate crimes are taking place around the country and in our own backyards. During her 2010 campaign for Florida State House of Representatives, Tea Party Candidate Marg Baker proposed incarcerating "illegal immigrants" in U.S. camps saying, "We can ship them out to the middle of the country and put up high walls and leave them there." According to the Los Angeles Times, hate crimes against the Jewish community are up 50% in California. The Portland Mercury reports that so far this year, Portland police have taken reports of 55 hate crimes, including 12 motivated by race or color and 21 motivated by gender or orientation. Crimes against members of the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender (LGBT) community are outpacing incidents against other victims in

our city.

As we begin this New Year, your JACL Board is preparing for the Day of Remembrance next month. Every year, Portland JACL strives to honor the Day of Remembrance with an event or events worthy of the day. In years past, we have partnered with groups like the Arab-Muslim and Latino communities to share our experiences and find ways to learn from our civil rights challenges. This year, as we observe the recent repeal of the discriminatory military policy known as "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," I am proud to announce that Portland JACL is honoring the Day of Remembrance with an event called, "Fighting for Civil Rights: The Japanese-American and LGBT Experience." Join us on Sunday, February 20, 2011, 2:00 p.m. at Portland State University's George C. Hoffmann Hall (1833 SW 11th Ave.).

The event will commemorate the signing of Executive Order 9066 by President Roosevelt, which led to the incarceration of Japanese Americans during WWII, and the parallel challenges our community has shared with the LGBT community.

I urge you to attend this event next month and learn more about our communities' struggles for civil rights. For more information, stop by the Portland JACL Booth at Mochitsuki on January 30, at the Scottish Rite Center on 1512 Morrison St.

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Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) - Still Not Good for Portland

Sixty years ago in the name of security, Japanese Americans were subjected to curfews, search, restrictions and finally incarceration without just cause, as a frightened public encouraged the targeted enforcement. Japanese Americans spoke out for 40 years until the nation finally recognized the discrimination and acknowledged the unlawful violation of the civil rights of Japanese Americans. Five years ago, Portland JACL spoke out in support of the city's decision to disengage from the JTTF because we were concerned for the civil rights of Portland residents and suspicious of the powers granted by the Patriot Act. Japanese Americans understand what can happen when FBI enforcement in the name of security is allowed to operate without public oversight.

The concerns about the JTTF we expressed before the City Council in 2005 remain true today. Although administrations have changed, the FBI has remained the same. Indeed, the documented abuses across the country by the FBI, especially through JTTFs, have only increased in the past few years. The FBI has placed informants in mosques and in other peaceful organizations around the country, collecting information on attendees and violating their First Amendment rights. Certainly we have seen examples of these FBI practices here in Portland.

By refusing to be part of the JTTF, Portland

ensures its police officers do not participate in information-gathering operations on Portlanders. While the Patriot Act and the FBI guidelines give the FBI powers to spy on Americans, Oregon state law prohibits its law enforcement officers from investigating citizens without suspicion of criminal activity. Without public oversight, including the Police Commissioner and City Attorney, we cannot be certain that police officers are operating within state statutes that safeguard our right to freely practice religion and engage in lawful free speech. In addition, Portland police are not excluded from engaging in anti-terror operations in specific cases where criminal suspicion warrants action. In the Portland tree-lighting sting, Chief Reese was informed of the operation and could deploy officers to assist as necessary to protect Portlanders.

Being part of the JTTF does not make Portlanders safer. It takes police officers away from community policing and places them in the position of possibly violating innocent citizens' civil rights and state law. Further, when local police officers spy on their citizens, public trust is impaired. For these reasons, the Mayor and City Council made the right choice for Portland five years ago and Portland JACL does not approve of re-joining the JTTF now.

Portland JACL Board

Comments from Oregon Nikkei Endowment (O.N.E.)

Oregon Nikkei Endowment celebrated the last event of its 20th anniversary year with the opening of Taken: FBI on December 7. Nearly 100 subscribers and special guests joined in a preview of the exhibit along with a panel discussion held at the University of Oregon's White Stag Building. The panel was moderated by Tim DuRoche of the World Affairs Council and featured Dr. Tetsuden Kashima from the University of Washington, Justice W. Michael Gillette of the Oregon Supreme Court and community members Yone Hara, Yoji Matsushima and Homer Yasui.

Upcoming events and programs include:

January 12: Dr. Brian Hayashi of Kyoto University speaks on Asian Americans in the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) during World War II. Lecture at Portland State University at the Smith Student Union in room 327/8 between 6:00-7:30PM.

February 11: Day of Remembrance, held yearly on February 19th, commemorates the signing of Executive Order 9066 which led to the incarceration of over 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry during World War II. In conjunction with Day of Remembrance activities, on February 11th. Dr. Lon Kurashige of USC will present "From Yellow Peril to Multiculturalism: Chester Rowell and Japanese Immigration Exclusion." Lecture at Portland State University at Noon.

February 25: PSU Professor Kenneth Ruoff will present a lecture on his new book, Imperial Japan at its Zenith: The Wartime Celebration of the Empire's 2600th Anniversary, Friday, February 25 from 6:00-7:30PM in Lincoln Hall, room 75 on the Portland State University campus. A book signing reception will follow. After 5:00 pm on Fridays, free parking is available in all three of the PSU parking garages.

JOIN THE FESTIVITIES

15th Annual Japanese American New Year Celebration

Mochitsuki 2011

Sunday - January 30, 2011 - 11am to 4 pm

Scottish Rite Center - 1512 SW Morrison Street, Portland

(15th & Morrison, on the MAX line @ the PGE Park Stop)



Interactive Cultural and Food Fair:

Mochi Sampling, Sushi,
Japanese and Hawaiian food,

Demonstrations and hands-on
activities for all ages:
mochi pounding, mochi making,
ikebana, origami, games
and much more!

Presented by:

Japanese American Citizens League,
Oregon Nikkei Endowment,
Portland Taiko,
Konko Church of Portland

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Three Terrific Stage Shows:

Noon
Storytelling by Robert Kikuchi-Yngojo,
The Minidoka Swing Band

2:00pm
Portland Taiko, Koto by Mitsuki Dazai,
Sahomi Tachibana Dancers,
Hip Hop by Hippoh Project,
J-pop by Yarashi & AKB48, Team LC,
and mochi pounding by Utsuki-kai

4:00pm
Robert Kikuchi-Yngojo,
dance by Fujinami-kai,
Nanda Acrobaticists,
Epworth Breakdancers, Utsuki-kai,
Portland and Tanuki Taiko

**Admission includes cultural fair
and one stage performance.**

Advance Tickets: Adults \$7,
Students/Seniors \$5, Age 12 & under \$3,
2 & under free

Day Of Tickets: Adults \$9,
Students/Seniors \$7, Age 12 & under \$4,
2 & under free

Inquiries?

Contact the Event Coordinator Malia Acohido

Email: malia@eightbridgesdesign.com

Advance tickets sold online:
www.boxofficetickets.com – 1-800-494-8497
and at these locations: Oregon Nikkei Endowment
at 121 NW 2nd Ave, Portland, OR 97209,
(503) 224-1455 and Lyrik Coffee Shop at
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Portland JACL would like to thank everyone listed below for their generous donations during the past year to our programs which include the Nikkei Community Picnic, our ongoing programs for civil rights advocacy, our youth program and scholarships, the Minidoka Swing Band, the Nikkei Community Directory, our annual calendar, the monthly newsletter, and

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Asian Americans in the American Spy Service in Asia



By Brian Hayashi
Professor, Kyoto University

How did Chinese, Japanese, and Korean Americans affect the larger political developments in East Asia during and after World War II? Given their small numerical presence in the United States and the fact that they were distrusted by federal government officials blinded by anti-Asian stereotypes, one would expect a little, if any impact on the larger picture of the imposition of the American order on East Asia during and after World War II. However, through an analysis of dozens of Asian American spies, if you will, working for the Office of Strategic Services (forerunner of the CIA today), a very different picture emerges. Asian Americans played a significant role in shaping the type of democracy that did and did not take root in East Asia through their service in the United States' first centralized intelligence agency as spies, interpreters, propaganda writers, and guerrilla warfare specialists.

When: Wednesday, January 12

Time: 6:00-7:30PM

Location: Smith Student Union 327/8

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Happy New Year From All of Us at Ikoï No Kai!

Last year was one of gratitude for the senior lunch program started 32 years ago. It was our first year of managing without Multnomah County funding and we are surviving...and thriving.

Our parent organization is the Japanese Ancestral Society. Interim site manager volunteer Loen Dozono handles cooking chores when we are not staffed, as well as all the administrative duties which creep up. We are blessed with the "kitchen magician" Kashu Hamada, our chef on Tuesdays and Thursdays (our Japanese food days). Our other talented cooks are Skip Yamamoto, Sharon Ogata and Lil Okazaki. Donations of funds, desserts, pantry items and a lot of elbow grease remind us that this is a true community endeavor.

Our volunteer group also has a new dimension. With pride we salute Lisa Furumasu (who volunteers with her grandmother), Rodney Ninomiya (who chauffeurs his mom and does dishes), Sharon Ogata (who volunteers with her mom and puts together tasty plate lunches), Gary Onchi (who brings his dad and does yeoman's duty at the sink), Kristin and Sho Dozono (who serve and visit with grandma/mom), the Suyematsu boys who tag along with mom Mary Ann, and the list goes on with intergenerational ties. Some are volunteering just because they saw a need and have those valuable commodities to give—time and energy. We continue our blood pressure clinics, board game instruction, cultural sharing (hanafuda instruction is coming and hashi Olympics was challenging), and more programs are on tap. Our knitting needle surplus exchange and yarn buckets have motivated some ladies to produce little projects.

Harmonica players Ed Kawasaki and Henry Ueno serenaded us with a few selections on Tuesday, Dec. 21. Ed's repertoire was varied, with classics and a taste of Hawaii. Henry touched the nostalgic cord with a children's song. It was ALMOST a singalong. What a showcase of talent and cultural sharing!

Our mission is to provide nutritious lunches, socialization and involvement for all. Come share a meal with us. Our lunch prices are \$3.50 for those 60+, \$5.25 for those under 60, and \$1.75 for children. We are located at 1333 SE 28th Avenue in the basement of Epworth United Methodist Church and serve meals on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Sharon Takahashi
Ikoï no Kai Advisory Committee



Tom Tone and Harue Ninomiya mimic Harue's commercial for the Oregon Lottery's Thanksgiving Raffle.

Clark Center Loaves & Fishes January 2011 Menu

Monday 3 - BBQ Chicken or Roast Beef w/ Gravy

Tuesday 4 - Meat Loaf w/ Gravy or Asian Chicken Wrap

Wednesday 5 - Spaghetti or Roast Pork Sandwich

Thursday 6 - Sweet & Sour Pork or Mushroom & Cheese Omelet

Friday 7 - Baked Fish w/ Tartar Sauce or Chicken Fajita

Monday 10 - Chicken w/ Noodles or Canadian Bacon & Cheese Quiche

Tuesday 11 - Turkey Pot Roast or Chicken Salad Wrap

Wednesday 12 - Lasagna or Chicken Fried Steak

Thursday 13 - Beef Stroganoff or BBQ Meatball Sandwich

Friday 14 - Sweet & Sour Chicken or Baked Salmon

Monday 17 - Beef & Macaroni Casserole or Roasted Ham w/ Cranberry Sauce

Tuesday 18 - Sliced Roast Turkey or Roast Beef & Cheese Sandwich

Wednesday 19 - Baked Fish or Sour Cream Chicken

Thursday 20 - Savory Baked Chicken or Tuna Salad Sandwich

Friday 21 - Roast Pork w/ Gravy or Chili Dog

Monday 24 - Vegetable Lasagna or Breakfast Casserole

Tuesday 25 - Bread Tilapia or Ham & Cheese Sandwich

Wednesday 26 - Chicken a la King or Vegetarian Pizza

Thursday 27 - Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce or Sliced Turkey Sandwich

Friday 28 - Dijon Turkey or Swiss & Mushroom Burger

Monday 31 - Open Faced Sloppy Joe or Chicken Basil Sausage

Ikoï No Kai at Epworth

1333 SE 28th Ave, Portland

Monday 3 - Roast Pork

Tuesday 4 - Namasu
Chicken Teriyaki

Wednesday 5 - Closed

Thursday 6 - Ozoni

Chicken Karaage

Friday 7 - Beef Teriyaki

Monday 10 - Almond
Chicken

Tuesday 11 - Nappa
Salad Sukiyaki

Wednesday 12 - Closed

Thursday 13 - Kuchitori
Chinese Baked Pork

Friday 14 - Chow Mein

Monday 17 - Stuffed
Chicken

Tuesday 18 - Kuromame

Satsuma Tonjiru

Wednesday 19 - Closed

Thursday 20 - Nishime

Osekihan

Friday 21 - Stuffed

Shrimp

Monday 24 - Thai Chick-
en Noodles

Tuesday 25 - Sweet &
Sour Meatballs

Wednesday 26 - Closed

Thursday 27 - Birthday
Sushi

Friday 28 - Picadillo

Monday 31 - Calamari

In January **Kashu Hamada** will be featuring New Year's traditional dishes. Most of them are symbolic and auspicious signs for the year ahead.

New Year's *Namasu* is made of long strands of daikon and carrot to symbolize longevity. *Ozoni* is eaten always on the 1st day of the New Year for fulfillment - being free of hunger & want. *Kuchitori* is a phrase used for New Year's foods that symbolize fertility. *Kuroname* are eaten to bring good fortune. *Nishime* is made of 7 grasses/vegetables for good luck. *Sekihan* is the red rice always served on occasions of celebration for longevity & good luck.

Skip Yamamoto is back w/ us again on January 3, 7, 17, 21, and 31. **Sharon Ogata** will be cooking for you on January 10 & 24. **Lil Okazaki** will be preparing chow mein on January 14. **Loen** will fill in on January 28.

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