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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### **February 20, 1-3 p.m.:**

Day of Remembrance  
Hoffman Hall, Portland State  
University  
See flyer inside for details!

### **March 1:**

Deadline for Community  
Scholarship Applications  
See [www.pdxjacl.org](http://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

### **April 1:**

Willamette University campus  
dedication honoring 10 nisei  
students forced to leave school  
at the start of WWII.

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## George Takei, Day of Remembrance and...

Vice-President's Message by Susan  
Leedham

I have some exciting news!  
George Takei of "Star Trek"  
fame has graciously agreed to  
be on our panel for our Day of  
Remembrance, "Fighting for Civil  
Rights: The Japanese-American  
and LGBT Experience. The Day  
of Remembrance, as always,  
will commemorate the signing of  
Executive Order 9066 ordering the  
incarceration of 120,000 Japanese  
Americans living on the West  
Coast during World War II, and this  
year we will be drawing parallels  
with the struggles of the LGBT  
community. We believe Mr. Takei is  
the perfect bridge, so please join us  
on February 20th at Portland State  
University, Hoffmann Hall, with the  
**new start time of 1:00 p.m.**

In our last newsletter we  
published our Board's position  
opposing the City of Portland joining  
the Joint Terrorism Task Force  
(JTTF). Mayor Sam Adams and the  
Portland City Council are having  
town halls, asking for input from  
local citizens on whether the City  
should join the Joint Terrorism Task  
Force before their scheduled vote  
on February 24th.

I attended the town hall on  
January 13, along with co-president  
Jim Kennedy and fellow board  
members Connie Masuoka and  
John Kodachi. As you may have  
read or heard in the news coverage,  
the consensus was that Portland  
should not join the JTTF.

It was interesting listening to

all of the concerns of the Muslim,  
Somali and legal communities, as  
well as concerned citizens, citing  
concerns about lack of oversight,  
civil rights violations, violation of  
Oregon law, and a distrust of the  
FBI. We heard Muslims express  
fears of the federal government but  
appreciating a good relationship  
with the Portland Police.

Brandon Mayfield, a  
past panelist on our Day of  
Remembrance, spoke about his  
horrific experience back in 2004  
when he was mistakenly identified  
as being a part of the Madrid train  
bombing. It served as an important  
reminder of why oversight is a good  
thing.

But a few did speak in favor,  
like the representative from PGE  
who was concerned about possible  
sabotage of our infrastructure.  
Others thought it wise to share  
information with other agencies.

After a general town-hall-  
style meeting, we broke out into  
groups of about ten people with a  
professional facilitator to keep us  
on task, write down our comments  
and to make sure everyone had a  
chance to talk. My group included  
Salma Ahmad, a Muslim woman  
who was on the FBI's Multicultural  
Council which worked to build a  
good relationship between the  
different ethnic and religious  
communities and the FBI. She  
worked hard to build a relationship  
built on trust. Needless to say, that  
relationship was destroyed with the

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## Board Members Message Continued

arrest of Mohamed Osman Mohamud when he tried to detonate a fake bomb at the Pioneer Square Christmas tree lighting ceremony.

Ms. Ahmad knew Mr. Mohamud, whom she described as a young man very disturbed by the breakup of his parents' marriage. Mr. Mohamud's own parents turned their son in to the FBI when he asked to go to Yemen. Ms. Ahmad wants to know why the FBI didn't get help for this obviously troubled young man instead of giving him a bomb, real or not. She was concerned about entrapment, and many in our group also voiced their concern about entrapment.

The Mayor and the City Councilors were walking around listening to the comments, and at the end all of the facilitators gave a short summary of the group discussions, and all of their notes were turned over to the City Council. The consensus was to keep Portland "weird" and be the only one of the 56 FBI field offices to not join the JTFF.

And congratulations to our 1996-1997 co-president Lynn Nakamoto on her appointment by Governor Ted Kulongoski to the Oregon Court of Appeals. Ms. Nakamoto will be the first Asian American from Oregon to serve as a judge on any state or appellate court

within Oregon.

Quoting the Governor's press release, "She has been a long-time advocate for equality, serving on the Oregon State Bar's Affirmative Action Committee and performing pro bono work for the Senior Law Project and the ACLU of Oregon, including preparing an amicus brief on the groundbreaking *Tanner v. OHSU* decision that helped secure equal benefits for same-sex domestic partners and their families in Oregon."

Lastly, I'm sure you all either listened to or heard excerpts from President Obama's eloquent and moving speech at the memorial in Tucson. He paid tribute to those who are no longer with us and those who were heroes that day.

Especially moving was his tribute to nine-year-old Christina Green. You could see him struggle, undoubtedly thinking of his younger daughter Sasha who is about the same age. President Obama spoke of wanting to live up to Christina's expectations that democracy and America are as good as she imagined it, and to urge all of us to tone down the rhetoric and listen to each other to try to find common ground. Those are words we all need to heed as we go forward.

## Clark Center Loaves & Fishes February 2011 Menu

2740 SE Powell Blvd., Portland OR

**Tuesday 1** - Chicken Provence or Submarine Sandwich

**Wednesday 2** - Beef Burgundy or Krab & Cheese Quiche

**Thursday 3** - Sliced Roast Pork or Corned Beef Sandwich

**Friday 4** - Baked Fish w/ Cucumber Dill Sauce or Liver & Onions

**Monday 7** - Cheese Ravioli or Sliced Turkey w/ Gravy

**Tuesday 8** - Tuna Tetrazinni or Egg Salad Sandwich

**Wednesday 9** - Chicken w/ Orange Glaze or Hawaiian Pizza

**Thursday 10** - Swedish Meatballs or Pastrami Sandwich

**Friday 11** - Turkey Pot Roast w/ Gravy or Fishwich

**Monday 14** - BBQ Chicken or Roast Beef w/ Gravy

**Tuesday 15** - Meat Loaf w/ Gravy or Asian Chicken Wrap

**Wednesday 16** - Sweet & Sour Pork or Mushroom & Cheese Omelet

**Thursday 17** - Spaghetti or Roast Pork Sandwich

**Friday 18** - Baked Fish w/ Tartar Sauce or Chicken Fajita

**Monday 21** - Holiday

**Tuesday 22** - Turkey Pot Roast or Chicken Salad Wrap

**Wednesday 23** - Lasagna or Chicken Fried Steak w/ Country Gravy

**Thursday 24** - Beef Stroganoff or BBQ Meatball Sandwich

**Friday 25** - Sweet & Sour Chicken or Baked Salmon w/ Lemon Dill Sauce

**Monday 28** - Beef & Macaroni Casserole or Roast Ham w/ Cranberry Sauce

PORTLAND JACL INVITES YOU TO



FEATURING GEORGE TAKEI



**Sunday, February 20, 2011**  
**1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

**Portland State University**  
George C. Hoffmann Hall  
1833 SW 11th Ave., Portland, OR

**FREE ADMISSION • OPEN TO ALL**

From American concentration camps to the continued fight for marriage equality, civil liberties have been compromised throughout our history. At this event, learn the challenges of the Japanese-American and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender communities and find out how we can learn from those experiences.

Special guest, George Takei, will tell the story of his own fight for civil rights. Marty Davis, editor of *Just Out*, and Jessica Lee from Basic Rights Oregon will also discuss parallel human rights challenges and lessons learned.

Join us for this Day of Remembrance event that honors those affected by the Japanese-American incarceration experience during World War II. Through partnerships with all communities, Portland JACL strives to educate the public about the precarious nature of human rights and how we all can play a vital role in protecting freedom.



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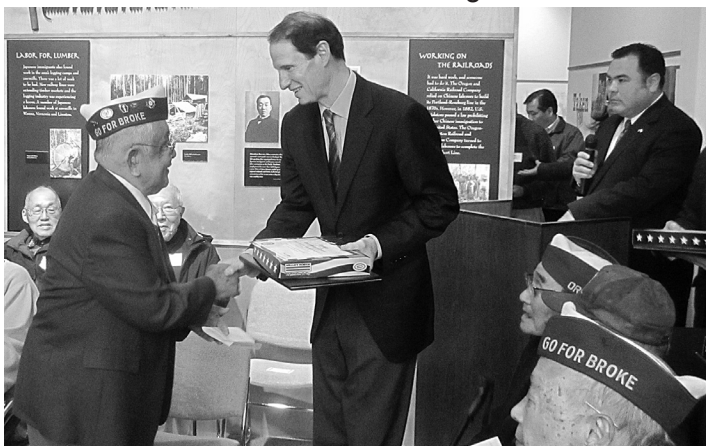


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## Veterans News by Setsy Sadamoto Larouche, Commander Oregon Nisei Veterans

Senator Ron Wyden has begun presenting replicas of the Public Law to local veterans that authorizes the award of the Congressional Gold Medal collectively to 100th Battalion, the 442nd Combat Regiment and the Military Intelligence Service (MIS). On December 11th, 2010, Senator Wyden presented the replica at a ceremony that took place at the Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center, at which 12 of our local veterans were honored. These veterans are: Ed Fujii, Ace Hiromura, Art Iwasaki, Ike Iwasaki, Shizuo Kondo, Sam Naito, Leke Nakashimda, Lorry Nakatsu, Jim Onchi, Joe Onchi, and Albert Ouchi. Again on January 14, 2011 at Milwaukie High School, Senator Wyden presented the replicas to Kennie Namba, Kazumi Oda, and Dr. Kenji Yaguchi. On the same day, Bill Nakamura received his replica at the PCC Cascade Campus. On Sunday, January 16th, Richard Iwata received his replica at the Hillsboro Civic Center. On behalf of the Oregon Nisei Veterans, I would like to congratulate all our veterans for this well deserved recognition. There

are 22 organizations working diligently for the upcoming ceremony for the awarding of the Congressional Gold Medal to be held in the Fall of 2011 in Washington, D.C. Nationwide, over 1,800 veterans and next of kin have registered and expressed an interest in attending the ceremony. We have over 100 people interested in attending from the greater Portland area. The medal is still in the design phase and we are now working on national and regional fundraising. The first title sponsor is the Aratani Foundation who will donate \$50,000 to this event. For those who may not be familiar with the Aratani's, George and Sakaye Aratani are long time philanthropists in Los Angeles who support the Japanese American communities nationwide. If you have not registered and want to join in the festivities please do so ASAP. If you have already registered "NO" and change your mind and want to attend the festivities in D.C. please let me (Setsy) know by calling (503) 698-4656 or emailing at Larouche@msn.com.



Senator Wyden presents a replica of Public Law 111-254 to Art Iwasaki.



Kennie Namba in recent ceremonies in Oregon.

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

The current exhibit at the Legacy Center titled "Taken: FBI", runs through May 30, 2011. This exhibit describes the experiences of people of Japanese ancestry in the Western United States who were taken into custody and imprisoned by the FBI and the Department of Justice immediately following the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii by the Government of Japan.

Upcoming events are:

**February 11:** Friday Noon at Portland State University, Lincoln Hall, Room 219. Dr. Lon Kurashige of USC presents "From Yellow Peril to Multiculturalism: Ches-

ter Rowell and Japanese Immigration Exclusion. This is in conjunction with Day of Remembrance activities.

**February 19:** Saturday 5:00 p.m. Portland Marriott Waterfront. A fundraiser for O.N.E. featuring a talk by George Takei, known for his role in "Star Trek." Reservations deadline is February 9 for seats at \$100 per person through O.N.E. 503-224-1458 or at info@oregonnikkei.org.

**February 20:** Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Portland State University, Hoffman Hall. A Day of Remembrance event with special guest George Takei. Free and open to the public. Presented by Portland Chapter, JACL.

# NICHIREN BUDDHIST TEMPLE



## 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Mini-Bazaar

Sunday, March 27, 2011 11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. 2025 S.E.Yamhill

ITEM	PRICE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT
Special Nichiren Tonkatsu Bento <small>Available for Pre-order Only</small>	\$7.00	_____	_____
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Tofu Donburi <small>(Tofu Teriyaki over rice)</small>	\$6.00	_____	_____
Total \$			_____

Please return this pre-order form with your check by **March 21, 2011**

Please make checks payable to:  
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# Ikoï No Kai at Epworth

## 1333 SE 28th Ave, Portland

**Tuesday 1** - Sanuki Udon  
w/ fresh noodles

**Wednesday 2** - Closed

**Thursday 3** - Beef Cro-  
quet

**Friday 4** - Katsu Pork w/  
stir fried vegetables

**Monday 7** - Lemon Basil  
Pasta w/ Salmon

**Tuesday 8** - Curry Beef

**Wednesday 9** - Closed

**Thursday 10** - Yakisoba

**Friday 11** - Mar Far  
Chicken

**Monday 14** - Seafood on  
Tofu

**Tuesday 15** - Cabbage

Roll

**Wednesday 16** - Closed

**Thursday 17** - Beef

Donburi

**Friday 18** - Chicken &  
Sun-dried Tomato Pasta

**Monday 21** - Dim Sum  
Plate II

**Tuesday 22** - Birthday  
Sushi

**Wednesday 23** - Closed

**Thursday 24** - Happy

Family Rice Bowl

**Friday 25** - Swedish  
Meatballs

**Monday 28** - Shrimp  
Steak Monterey

On the 14th, Sharon Takahashi will lead sharing stories of  
parents, selves, and children. Photos welcome.

The menu item on the 24th is a traditional dish consisting of  
onion fried rice topped with chicken and egg omelet (trust  
Kashu, you'll like this).

Mark your calendars for March 3, our 32nd anniversary  
celebration lunch! A special menu by **Kashu Hamada**,  
reservations required. Watch for details.

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