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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

July 7 - 10

JACL National Convention
Los Angeles, CA

July 29 - 30

Planning Meeting for 100th
Bn, 442nd RCT and MIS
Congressional Medal
Washington, DC

August 6

Obon Fest
Oregon Buddhist Temple

August 7

Hiroshima-Nagasaki Peace
Event
Japanese American Historical
Plaza

August 21, Noon - 4 p.m.

Nikkei Picnic
Oaks Park, Portland

September 24 - 25

Festival Japan
Uwajimaya, Beaverton

October 15

Membership deadline for 2012
Community Scholarships
Sign up you graduating
grandchildren at www.pdxjacl.org

October 2

Fall Bazaar
Epworth United Methodist
Church

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Keep Portland Weird Safe!

*Board Members Message by John
Kodachi*

Our unofficial motto of "Keep Portland Weird!" is in jeopardy. Portland's quirky image of naked bike parades, middle-aged business people playing organized kickball games, and friendly food carts on every corner is being tarnished by a rash of disturbing violence. This year alone, the city is gripping with forty-one separate incidents of gang-related shootings. And the summer just started. Additionally, we've seen several hate crimes reported recently.

On June 25th, two men were arrested in downtown after they approached a man to ask for directions. The man responded by providing them directions. The two men then asked if the man was gay. After he said "Yes," the two men reportedly called him derogatory slurs and attacked him. Minutes later, a good samaritan named Andrew Smith, who happened to be walking by, tried to intervene, but was severely beaten by the two men. Smith was hospitalized after the men kicked him in his head several times, repeatedly smashing his face into the asphalt. And on May 22nd in a separate incident, two gay men were beaten at Waterfront Park by several young men.

These recent incidents of hate crimes, which are defined as crimes that "manifest evidence of prejudice based on race, religion,

sexual orientation, or ethnicity," are certainly unsettling. Fortunately, however, the reported number of hate crimes in Portland is declining, not increasing. According to news reports, thirty-eight hate crimes were reported in Portland during 2010 versus an average of sixty-six in previous years.

This local decline is consistent with a recent study of hate crimes published last month by the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) (<http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/>). The BJS examined statistics from 2003 to 2009 and reported the following conclusions:

- The number of hate crimes declined from 239,400 in 2003 to 148,400 in 2009.
- Eighty-eight percent of hate crimes were perceived by the victims to be motivated by race, ethnicity, or both.
- Ninety-eight percent of hate crime victims reported the offender used hate-related language.
- Eighty-seven percent of hate crimes involved violence.

While it's positive to read that hate crimes are declining, the study did not explain the reason for the decline. Interestingly, Jack McDevitt, a criminology professor of Northeastern University, reportedly told the Southern Poverty Law Center, which is a civil rights organization dedicated to fighting hate and bigotry, some

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apparent reasons for the decline. McDevitt concluded it was due to the shrinking population of 16-to-24-year-olds, effective community policing strategies, and diminished use of crime-associated drugs.

Personally, I would like to think that another reason for the decline is that our society has finally embraced diversity and tolerance—that the blood, sweat, and tears of a previous generation's hard work towards equality and understanding are bearing fruit. However, it's not time to bust out the acoustic guitar and sing Kumbaya, not yet anyways.

As any history buff will tell you, rampant poverty, high unemployment, a loss of confidence in the

government, etc., can quickly foment civil unrest and extreme ideologues who look to others as scapegoats to vent their frustration and aggression.

Yes, the decline of hate crimes over the last decade is something to celebrate, but it's also a statistic we need to keep a careful eye on moving forward through this "economic recovery" we're in. Let's keep Portland weird, but let's also keep Portland safe!

Dr. Hillary Jenks of PSU Joins Oregon Nikkei Endowment Board

Portland, OR – May 24, 2011 – Hillary Jenks, Ph.D. has joined the Board of Oregon Nikkei Endowment, helping to expand the reach and message of the importance of history. Dr. Jenks is an Assistant Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies in the Honors program at Portland State University and received her Ph.D. in American Studies & Ethnicity from the University of Southern California in 2008.

Dr. Jenks specializes in the history, development, and cultural significance of cities, with particular attention to the intersecting formations of space, race, and memory in urban contexts. Her dissertation, "Home Is Little Tokyo": Race, Community, and Memory in Twentieth-Century Los Angeles, examines the spatial and memorial practices through which the state and racialized communities together, though with unequal access to power and resources, produced ethn racially-inscribed spaces such as ghettos, barrios, and ethnic enclaves in the (post) industrial American city. Her next project will explore conjunctions between land use practices and technologies of memory that em-place and re-present historical moments of exclusion, oppression, or violence.

"I'm thrilled to be joining the Board of Directors of the Oregon Nikkei Endowment," said Dr. Jenks. "This organization excels in its mission to preserve and share the Japanese American experience and promote the civil rights of all. I look forward to contributing to its creative and inclusive programming and working with the other Board members to shape O.N.E.'s agenda for the future."

Oregon Nikkei Endowment's Executive Director, Mari Watanabe, adds "Hillary brings her expertise on Japanese communities of the West coast as well as her interest in the urban historical landscape, which will continue to enhance our programs and exhibits."

Photos from May

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Setsy Larouche, (left) Commander of Oregon Nisei Veterans, speaks at the 2011 Nikkei Memorial Day Service at the Japanese Cemetery, Rose City Cemetery, Portland, Oregon



Emi Lee (left) and Ross Seeman of Unite People dance to the music of the Minidoka Swing Band, at the 2011 Memorial Tribute to Robbie Tsuboi, Epworth United Methodist Church, Portland, Oregon

Ikoi no Kai Chatter

By Loen Dozono

Being busy at Ikoi no Kai is a good thing. We are seeing new faces and some who haven't come in a long time. We appreciate the patience and understanding of our clients when "busy-ness" makes for hectic days.

Part of the busy-ness... A team of videographers came and asked people to volunteer to be part of a video for people in shelters as a result of the tsunami in Japan. Even though it wasn't an "official" Ikoi no Kai activity, it was very special to be able to have some of our senior citizens pass messages along to those hundreds and thousands who are having a difficult time, residing in shelters after losing everything they have. Thank you to those who joined in the spirit of helping others, and those who had to wait a little longer for lunches that day. When the video is finished, we hope to have a special screening at Ikoi no Kai.

Mark Vossbrink brought and assembled a special display for Children's Day, May 5. Two giant Koi kites he had as a boy in Hawaii were hung on the walls, and antique Boy's Day dolls were part of what made a very nice addition to the special bento lunch prepared by Kashu Hamada. Mark was unable to join us that day, so putting up and taking down the display took extra time and effort. If you missed it this year, we'd love to hear stories about the dolls and the folk tales at next year's event.

In Memoriam:

Guido Frederick Caramella passed away May 14. He started coming to Ikoi no Kai eleven years ago; he was then bringing his mother to lunch.

Guido was born in Portland on February 17, 1928. He worked for Social Security many years and after that for the Immigration Department ICE. He was very well read and had a huge vocabulary. He left 2 brothers, a son, Chris, and nieces and nephews as well as his very dearest friend Doris Cordi.

His brother was the one who connected Guido (Fred) and Doris.

When Fred had heart surgery his brother told him to talk to Doris Cordi because she'd had heart surgery, too, and could tell him what to expect. That was eleven years ago, and they'd been the best of friends ever since. The day before he passed, he and Doris went for one of the drives they often took, always exploring, finding something new and interesting.

According to Clem Kluthe, "He could make a silk purse out of a sow's ear". In his trunk he kept supplies for everything imaginable. Clem recalls seeing him pull out a long string with a magnet at the bottom in case he lost his keys in a rain drain!

Our condolences to Guido's Ikoi no Kai friends and family, especially Doris. If you have a special Guido story, share it with us. I'm sure it accompanies a smile.

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NIKKEI COMMUNITY PICNIC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2011

OAKS PARK

(SOUTH PARK AREA - UNDER THE LARGE STRIPED TENT)

NOON TO 5PM

Join us for an afternoon of food and fun! The picnic is sponsored by organizations of the Nikkei community to celebrate our ethnic heritage.

We will provide at no cost:

- Main dish: Fried Chicken
- Beverages: hot tea, soda, and beer
- Eating utensils: plates and napkins
- Watermelons
- Games and prizes and ride bracelets for kids high school and younger
- Parking

Please bring a side dish to share. In order to ensure a variety we suggest that you bring a side dish that corresponds to the alphabetical groupings listed below:

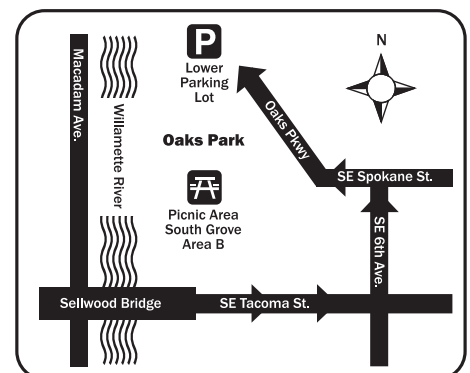
A-Ki Rice or a noodle dish
Kl-Sa Salad or Vegetable dish
Sc-Z Dessert or Bread

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遊芸と遊技の賞品
駐車場

持ち合わせ品

A-Ki サラダ
Kl-Sa ごはん
Sc-Z デザート



Performances by Portland Taiko's Camp Kids and Youth Camp!

Please RSVP by August 10: Connie Masuoka at 503-243-3291

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JAPANESE ANCESTRAL SOCIETY
OF PORTLAND

June 2011

Dear Golfers and Friends:

You are cordially invited to participate in the 11th Annual Jerry Inouye Memorial Golf Tournament to be held on Sunday, July 31, 2011 at Glendoveer Golf Course-East (14015 NE Glisan, 503.253.7507). While the JAS has hosted this event for over 20 years, the tournament was renamed in 2001 to honor and recognize Jerry for his many years of service in promoting this event. The shotgun start will begin at 7:30 a.m. with check-in at 6:45 a.m.

You must be a JAS member to participate. You can include your membership dues along with your entry fee.

A perpetual trophy will be awarded to the lowest net scorer among the men's "A" and "B" flights and also to the "ladies" flight. Prizes will be awarded for KP's on all par 3 holes, a longest drive hole, and low gross honors in each flight. In case of a tie, players score cards will be evaluated from the 18th hole backwards with the first low score winning. Everyone will ride a cart, and lunch will be served at Chinese Village following the tournament. If you have a golfing preference for your foursome, please let us know and list the names of each person of your group. If a foursome is requested, please make sure that a golfer(s) of a group is not duplicated in another foursome.

If you are not interested in golf but would like to donate to this annual event, please call Kurtis Inouye at 503 627-0740 or Merianne Nagae 503 256-2776. Due to course regulations, we must collect your entry fee by July 20, 2011 to reserve our tee times. No exceptions! **Entry fee is \$65 which includes golf, cart, and lunch.**

Best Regards from your Golf Committee

(Al Abe, Jackie Alderman, Kay Endo, Pat Gilman, Marian Hara, Ace Hiromura, Kurtis Inouye, George Kanegae, Scott Kato, Terry Kawamoto, Wimpy Kawata, Bill Koida, Gordon Kondo, Chip & Setsy Larouche, Yoji Matsushima, Merianne Nagae, Bill Nakamura, Lynn N. Nishida, Ken Ogawa, John Ollerenshaw, Sharon Takahashi, Katie Tamiyasu, Lew Tomita, Henry Ueno, Skip Yamamoto, Jeff Yoshida, Shig Yuzuriha)

Please return this information from and a check for \$65 (consider renewing your membership too!) made payable to Japanese Ancestral Society of Portland, **no later than July 20, 2011**

_____ I will play _____ I will stay for lunch _____ Single JAS membership (\$19)

_____ I will **not** play _____ I will **not** stay for lunch _____ Couple JAS membership (\$29)

_____ Please accept my tax deductible donation of \$ _____

Golfer's Name _____ (circle) **Male** **Female**

Golfer's Phone # _____ USGA GHIN Number _____

USGA Handicap Index as of July 1, 2010 _____ or List last 5 golf scores (18 holes) _____

If playing with a group, please add names _____

Mail form to: JAS, c/o Chris Shiraishi, 5200 SW Macadam #550, Portland, OR 97239

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Annual Oregon Nikkei Endowment (O.N.E.) Fundraiser

Oregon Nikkei Endowment held their annual fundraising banquet on June 18, 2011 at the Multnomah Athletic Club with over 200 in attendance. Dr. Homer and Miyuki Yasui were honored for their tremendous contributions to the community with the Paving The Way Award and Mr. Albert Abe was awarded a new award, The Sakura Award, for his achievements in serving so many Japanese American organizations. All three were instrumental in launching the Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center, a history and culture organization specializing in educating about the Japanese American World War II experience and the protections of civil rights, a project founded by the

Oregon Nikkei Endowment in 1998.

Oregon Attorney General John Kroger was the keynote speaker along with Mistress of Ceremony, Kendall Clawson. Katalina Thakur, an Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center volunteer, won the Oregon Nikkei Endowment Founder's scholarship award of \$1,000 generously donated by Dr. Carl Nomura.

Special thanks to our table sponsors: Delta Airlines, Dr. Homer and Miyuki Yasui, Albert Abe, The Bill Naito Company, Nobuko Masuoka, Bill and Linda Tanaka, Akira and Mary Iwasaki, Brian and Sera Kimura, The Boeing Company.

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John Kroger (right), Attorney General of Oregon, presents the keynote address at the 2011 Oregon Nikkei Endowment banquet



Al Abe acknowledges the audience after receiving the Sakura Award at the 2011 Oregon Nikkei Endowment banquet, Multnomah Athletic Club, Portland, Oregon



Students from The International School perform at the 2011 Oregon Nikkei Endowment banquet



Homer and Miki Yasui (foreground), recipients of the Paving the Way Award, react to commentary by Joan Yasui Emerson (back).

Obon Fest 2011

Saturday
August 6th
3-9pm

Portland Taiko
Children's booth
Food and Crafts
Entertainment
Beer garden

Admission is FREE

Bon Odori Dancing
6:30 pm

LIVE music by
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Spirit Mountain Community Fund Awards Grant

On June 15, 2011, the Spirit Mountain Community Fund, which has given more than \$54 million to non profits in 11 Oregon counties, awarded a major grant to the Japanese Ancestral Society's Ikoi no Kai community lunch program. The grant of \$49,813 was one of 36 presented on the Grand Ronde campus that day. There are 807 non-profits in Oregon serving various sectors of Oregon communities.

For 32 years, the Ikoi no Kai lunch program has provided meals for our community's elders. The program was previously funded by Multnomah County through an Aging Services contract. County funding ceased in 2009.

In February 2011, a team composed of temporary site manager Loen Dozono, treasurer Chris Shiraishi and retired Beaverton School administrator Teresa Brandon submitted a grant to Spirit Mountain Community Fund. The grant application addressed building a stronger sense of community in the Sansei and Yonsei (third and forth generation) by increasing multi generational involvement & leadership and by providing a broader spectrum of social and cultural activities at lunch.

The Ikoi no Kai committee will begin gathering information from volunteers, organizations, churches and the community at large regarding the direction of our outreach. We will be looking for individuals

willing to donate driving services, organizing carpools, sharing talents and skills, and helping Ikoi no Kai grow. Singalongs, a choral presentation, games, origami, craft, cultural arts, displays, stories, etc. have added to the interest and social mingling that happens before and after meals.

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

The new exhibit, kip fulbeck: part asian, 100% hapa opened June 10 and runs through the end of the year. The exhibit comes from the Japanese American National Museum and addresses in words and images the one question that Hapa are frequently asked: What are you? Photographs, personal reflections and drawings are featured in this provocative exhibit offering a complex perspective on the changing reality of contemporary America.

Upcoming programs in conjunction with the exhibit include a book reading by Noriko Nakada on July 14 at 5pm at ONLC, and a lecture on August 4 by Laura Kina, Emily Momohara and Dmae Roberts at 5pm at the University of Oregon White Stag building. Additional programs will follow, so check our website for dates and times.

Clark Center Loaves & Fishes July 2011 Menu

2740 SE Powell Blvd., Portland OR

Friday 1 - BBQ chicken or river house salad

Monday 4 - Closed: Independence Day holiday

Tuesday 5 - Sliced roast turkey with gravy or chinese chicken salad

Wednesday 6 - Sasha's teriyaki chicken or veggie pizza

Thursday 7 - Sasha's meatloaf cabbage strudel w/ cheddar & bacon or cobb salad

Friday 8 - Roast pork w/ gravy or shrimp louie salad

Monday 11 - Veggie lasagna or mushroom & cheese omelet

Tuesday 12 - Turkey dijon or chicken white bean salad

Wednesday 13 - Sasha's roast pork or veggie chili

Thursday 14 - Sasha's baked cod w/ panko or crisper summer salad

Friday 15 - Breaded tilapia or tortellini salad

Monday 18 - Open faced sloppy joe or bean & rice burrito

Tuesday 19 - Meatloaf w/ gravy or shrimp salad

Wednesday 20 - Sasha's spanikopita, big green salad or veggie pizza

Thursday 21 - Sasha's curried chicken and rice or chef salad

Friday 22 - Baked fish w/ cucumber dill or chicken grape salad

Monday 25 - Cheese ravioli or mushroom veggie burger

Tuesday 26 - Chicken spaghetti or taco salad

Wednesday 27 - Sasha's cold soba w/ shrimp or spinach lasagna

Thursday 28 - Sasha's bisteya w/ chicken or greek salad

Friday 29 - Baked chicken w/ country gravy or trio salad

Ikoi No Kai at Epworth

1333 SE 28th Ave, Portland

Friday 1 - Chicken quesadilla jicama slaw

Monday 4 - Closed

Tuesday 5 - Chicken katsu

Wednesday 6 - Closed

Thursday 7 - Pork shabu shabu w/ salad

Friday 8 - Chow mein

Monday 11 - California style chirashi-zushi

Tuesday 12 - Shu mai

Wednesday 13 - Closed

Thursday 14 - Shinodamaki

Friday 15 - Pork in black bean saute

Monday 18 - Greek seared shrimp w/ penne

pasta

Tuesday 19 - Daikon & beef cooked in white miso sauce

Wednesday 20 - Closed

Thursday 21 - Summer

vegetable w/ seafood

Friday 22 - Mexican soup & taco salad

Monday 25 - Orange peel chicken

Tuesday 26 - Somen topped w/ shrimp & chicken

Wednesday 27 - Closed

Thursday 28 - Birthday sushi

Friday 29 - Calamari

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Ikoi No Kai July 2011 Menu Notes:

Cooking Schedule:

Kashu Hamada: Tuesdays and Thursdays

Skip Yamamoto: Fridays

Sharon Ogata: Mondays

Lil Okazaki: July 8

Come eat with us and share your time! (\$3.50 for 60+, \$5.25 for those under 60, \$1.75 for children.)

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