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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### August 6

Obon Fest  
Oregon Buddhist Temple

### August 7, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

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 2

Sukiyaki Bazaar  
Oregon Buddhist Temple

### October 15

Membership deadline for 2012  
Community Scholarships  
Sign up your graduating  
grandchildren at [www.pdxjacl.org](http://www.pdxjacl.org)

JACL District Meeting  
Bellevue, WA

### October 23

Fall Bazaar  
Epworth United Methodist  
Church

### October 29

JACL National Board Meeting  
Los Angeles, CA

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## The Spirit of Nadeshiko

*Board Members Message by Lynn  
Longfellow*

Millions of viewers watched last month, as Nadeshiko Japan, the Japanese women's soccer team, won its first World Cup ever, in a stunning defeat over the highly favored U.S. team. Their triumph lifted the spirits of a stricken country and one couldn't help but feel, even if cheering for a U.S. victory, great joy for the country of Japan. The team expressed their feeling of responsibility to inspire hope, strength and power to their recovering nation.

The team is named for the frilled pink carnation flower nadeshiko that symbolizes the embodiment of the idealized Japanese woman with virtues that include loyalty, wisdom and humility. During WWII in Japan, the ideal of "Yamato-nadeshiko" was a woman who acted for the benefit and in the best interests of the family, enduring pain and/or poverty for her husband (a soldier) and country. On the other side of the ocean, those same traits were being exemplified by the Issei and Nisei women. We hear much about the amazing accomplishments of the Issei and particularly Nisei men, but very little recognition has been given to the women of these generations. Just like the celebrated soccer team, they too, embodied the ideal of nadeshiko.

Perhaps it's due to the old stereotype of the submissive Japanese woman, but we should

never underestimate the grit and courage nor overlook the accomplishments of the Issei and Nisei women. During the time of racism and hysteria of WWII, they too went on to serve their country. Approximately one hundred Japanese American women volunteered to serve in the Women's Army Corps (WAC), more than two hundred joined the Cadet Nurse Corps and almost 50 Nisei women were assigned to the Military Intelligence Service Language School (MISLS). Those incarcerated in American concentration camps endured physical, emotional and psychological hardships, and suffered personal and economic setbacks. Those fortunate enough not to be incarcerated were still victims of great prejudice and hardship.

The Nisei poet Toyo Suyemoto wrote the following poem in July of 1941 as wartime tensions rose and before her incarceration:

"Out of the anguish of my heart  
There must come gentle peace  
That will bid wayward grief  
And troubled thoughts to cease.

When one by one, old sorrows pass  
And I know my own will  
Let not the spirit fear again  
Or let my songs grow still."

Although they suffered injustice,  
mistreatment, deprivation and

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racial and gender discrimination, they endured and persevered with amazing grace to overcome adversity. Through the war years and beyond they were the glue holding families together, providing strength, security and stability and establishing themselves in the workplace and community as well. We should be indebted to them for their example and the amazing legacy that they have left and we should thank those personally that are still with us while we can.

Still active, vital and well into their 80's and 90's, you need not go far to find these amazing women, for they are still quietly and not so quietly carrying on and remain the backbone and heart of the Nikkei community. You'll find them locally at JACL events, Oregon Nikkei Endowment (ONE), Japanese Ancestral Society (JAS) and Japan-America Society of Oregon (JASO) events. Attend an Iko No Kai lunch and step into the kitchen of Epworth United Methodist Church or attend a service or event there or at the Nichiren Buddhist Temple, Oregon Buddhist Temple, or Buddhist Daihonzan Henjyoji Temple. Come to the Nikkei Community Picnic this month on Sunday,

August 21st at Oaks Park. It doesn't matter when or where you see them, but when you do, remember to thank them for who they are, the life they've led and the legacy they leave.

In closing, the month of August is the traditional time for Obon, where the departed (deceased) spirits of one's ancestors are honored. Locally, there are Obon fests scheduled at the Oregon Buddhist Temple on Saturday, August 6th and Monday, August 15th at the Portland Japanese Garden, but perhaps more important than observing this annual tradition, is to honor your ancestors, living and deceased, by stepping up as they have. If you are a Nikkei, carry the torch that is passed on. For others, be inspired by the strength and perseverance of the Issei and Nisei generations and their motivation for living life as they did--that of living a worthwhile life. Be active, engaged and serve in whatever manner you can. And like the Japanese women's soccer team, inspire hope for the future, act in the best interests of your family and country, and persevere throughout adversity with courage, humility and grace. Male or female, we can all be inspired by the spirit of nadeshiko.

## Capt. Kari Asai from Vancouver, WA at the Paris Air Show

Captain Kari Asai from Vancouver Washington spent a week at the famed Paris Air Show representing the United States Air Force and the F-15 Strike Eagle jet aircraft. She is the Weapons System Officer (WSO) who operates from the back seat of the fighter jet. Capt. Asai met many dignitaries while she was there, but most notable for her was Senator Daniel Inouye. Kari graduated from Washington State University and was commissioned into the Air Force in 2007. She is currently stationed at RAF Lakenheath, England.



Captain Kari Asai with Hawaii Senator Daniel Inouye



Captain Kari Asai in front of her F-15 Strike Eagle aircraft at the Paris Air Show.

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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:

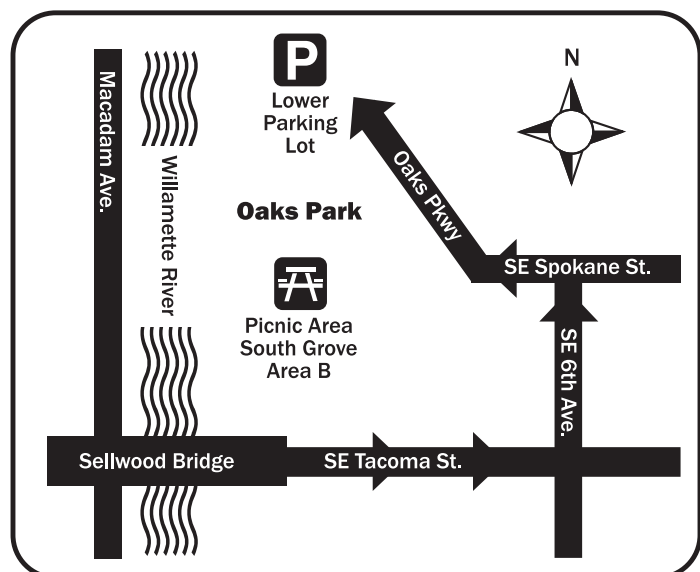
A-Ki Rice or a noodle dish  
Kl-Sa Salad or Vegetable dish  
Sc-Z Dessert or Bread

### 主催方からの供給

焼き鳥  
お茶、ソウダ、ビール  
西瓜  
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**



## Minidoka Pilgrimage

By Emily Hanako Momohara

June 30-July 3, almost 200 people journeyed to the annual Minidoka pilgrimage. This year was special for two very important reasons. First, the Minidoka Honor Roll was re-established at the entrance to the park. The Honor Roll was created during WWII by Japanese Americans incarcerated at Minidoka. It contained the names of young men and women who served in the US Military, who were from or had family in Minidoka.

There was a ribbon cutting ceremony and the names of the Minidoka fallen soldiers were read by Kay Endo, a WWII Nisei veteran.

There were many tears and cheers as the ribbon was cut. Friends of Minidoka board member, Bill Vaughn, a retired architect was the project manager and worked closely with Superintendent Wendy Janssen to make this project happen. It was paid for by a Confinement Sites Grant written by the Friends of Minidoka and matched

noticeable changes to the park itself. NPS staff have been hard at work. The walking trail with waysides explaining different aspects of camp is nearly complete. A full barrack has been brought back to Minidoka and placed at the exact location of Block 22. Since the pilgrimage, NPS staff also moved a mess hall back to Block 22.

From Portland, the small but lively group included fearless leader Connie Masuoka, Mari Watanabe, Nobi Masuoka, Kay Endo, Carrie Saito, Al Abe, Kurtis Chaney, Kerry Chaney, Schafer Durgan, Kristi Fukunaga, Misa Sakai, Johnny Rojas, Patti Tamura Smith, and Richard Tamura.

Next year's pilgrimage will be the third weekend in June. More infrastructure and progress will again be made in the upcoming year. Please mark your calendars and go on the pilgrimage next year.

## A Special Request from Ikoi no Kai

This month we are including a survey regarding Ikoi no Kai in the newsletter (see next page). Please take a few minutes to complete the survey and return it to us. We are trying to reach all organizations (churches, clubs and recreational sports leagues) and get as much feedback as we can about community needs, improvements and expansion. Though you may see the survey and receive multiple copies, please submit one response per person.

Surveys can be mailed to Ikoi no Kai, 1333 SE 28th Ave., Portland, OR 97214 or dropped off at the facility. Advisory committee members can also collect surveys.

### Ikoi no Kai Advisory Committee

Gordon Kondo and Sharon Takahashi (Chairs), Pat Gilman (Secretary), Chris Shiraishi (Treasurer), Noriko Dozono, Marian Hara, Dan Hinatsu, Seichi Konno, Connie Masuoka, Shig Oka, Katie Tamiyasu, and Henry Ueno,



## Ikoï no Kai Survey

**Please return to Ikoi no Kai, 1333 SE 28th, Portland, OR 97214**

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

Upcoming FREE programs in conjunction with our current exhibit, kip fulbeck: part asian, 100% hapa feature local and national scholars, artists and authors and include—

**August 4:** Lecture and Critical Mixed Race Studies scholars and artists Laura Kina (DePaul University), Emily Momohara (Art Academy of Cincinnati) and Dmae Roberts (Executive producer of MEDIARITES) and moderated by Tim DuRoche of the World Affairs Council. Held at the University of Oregon White Stag Building located at 70 NW Couch St from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

**September 10:** Join artist and photographer Julie Keefe as she brings her Hello Neighbor workshop to Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center, September 10 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Hello Neighbor pairs two individuals who interview and produce photographs of each other, which will be shown at the Legacy Center alongside our kip fulbeck exhibit part asian: 100% hapa. Hello Neighbor centers on finding out about someone else you might not be apt to talk to, recognizing similarities and differences, and highlighting our cultural diversity. From a participant, "We were trying to show the community it's members. To show the cultural diversity they have & that sometimes you have to look underneath the underneath. You can't judge a book by its cover. I learned that I am more open around people than I thought. I thought I would be shy & uncomfortable

around people, but after an interview or two I opened up & it wasn't a very big deal anymore." A free workshop, but you must pre-register at [info@oregonnikkei.org](mailto:info@oregonnikkei.org) or (503) 224-1458.

**September 21:** Join us for a Portland Timbers soccer game versus the San Jose Earthquakes on Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at JELD-WEN Field in Portland. The game starts at 7:00 p.m. We are currently accepting ticket reservations. There are a limited number of tickets, so please reserve your spot soon. Tickets can be purchased for \$25 through our online gift shop. A portion of the ticket sales will benefit Oregon Nikkei Endowment. Contact Oregon Nikkei Endowment for tickets or more information.

**October 20:** Hapa Diversity Workshop, facilitated by Dr. Linda Isako Angst, Cultural Anthropologist of Japan How do we understand who we are in relation to others? What assumptions do we make about "us" and "them" in the course of everyday life? Taking its cue from the perspective of cultural anthropology, this workshop will ask participants to think--and then unthink--assumptions we hold about ourselves and thereby examine the stereotypes we create about cultural others. While we celebrate the diversity each of us holds as culturally situated individuals, we must also learn how to honor and support the proliferation of ethnicities within our midst. 5 p.m. at Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center. A free workshop, but you must pre-register at [info@oregonnikkei.org](mailto:info@oregonnikkei.org) or (503) 224-1458.

## Alice Sumida's 97th Birthday!

We celebrated Alice Sumida's 97th birthday on Wednesday, July 20th at the Clark Center. (Her actual birthday is July 18th). We look forward to celebrating many more birthdays with Alice.



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Homer Yasui plays the harmonica, accompanied by his son Kip on guitar, in celebration of the 97th birthday of Alice Sumida (far right), at the Clark Center Loaves & Fishes



Alice Sumida celebrates her 97th birthday

# CHOKING

solo performance by Michelle Fujii  
weaving taiko, dance & video

august 05

7:45 pm interactive gallery + performance

8:30 pm performance entry

august 06

tickets \$16 online / \$20 at door

[www.mi-fu.me](http://www.mi-fu.me)

august 12

Ethos at IFCC

august 13

5340 N Interstate Ave



Regional Arts & Culture Council

## Clark Center Loaves & Fishes August 2011 Menu

2740 SE Powell Blvd., Portland OR

**Monday 1** - BBQ chicken or tortellini w/ tomato basil sauce

**Tuesday 2** - Meatloaf w/ gravy or chicken caesar salad

**Wednesday 3** - Sasha's cold soba or veggie lasagna

**Thursday 4** - Sasha's meatloaf cabbage strudel or river house salad

**Friday 5** - Baked fish or crisper summer salad

**Monday 8** - Chicken w/ noodles or veggie pizza

**Tuesday 9** - Dijon turkey or chicken caesar salad

**Wednesday 10** - Sasha's teriyaki chicken or tomato basil veggie burger

**Thursday 11** - Sasha's spanikopita or tuna stuffed salad

**Friday 12** - Chicken provence or river house salad

**Monday 15** - Beef macaroni casserole or breakfast casserole

**Tuesday 16** - Sliced roast turkey w/ gravy or shrimp louie salad

**Wednesday 17** - Sasha's curried chicken w/ rice or veggie pizza

**Thursday 18** - Sasha's veggie yakisoba or cobb salad

**Friday 19** - Roast pork or chinese chicken salad

**Monday 22** - Veggie lasagna or mushroom & cheese omelet

**Tuesday 23** - Turkey pot roast or tortellini salad

**Wednesday 24** - Sasha's roast pork or veggie chili

**Thursday 25** - Sasha's baked cod or crisper summer salad

**Friday 26** - Breader tilapia or chicken bean salad

**Monday 29** - Sloppy joe or bean & rice burrito

**Tuesday 30** - Meatloaf w/gravy or shrimp salad

**Wednesday 31** - Sasha's fried rice or veggie pizza



## Ikoi No Kai at Epworth

1333 SE 28th Ave, Portland

**Monday 1** - Shrimp salad  
rolls thai chicken

**Tuesday 2** - Salmon  
shioyaki

**Wednesday 3** - Closed

**Thursday 4** - Yakisoba

**Friday 5** - Shanghai style  
pork tenderloin

**Monday 8** - Szechuan  
shrimp and snow peas

**Tuesday 9** - Steamed  
pork

**Wednesday 10** - Closed

**Thursday 11** - Tonkatsu

**Friday 12** - Mar far  
chicken

**Monday 15** - Spring roll  
chicken salad w/ hoisin  
dressing

**Tuesday 16** - Beef curry

**Wednesday 17** - Closed

**Thursday 18** - Hiya  
somen

**Friday 19** - Lemon  
chicken

**Monday 22** - Shumai  
panko shrimp buns

**Tuesday 23** - Summer  
nishime

**Wednesday 24** - Closed

**Thursday 25** - Beef  
donburi

**Friday 26** - Soba salad  
ginger scallion chicken

**Monday 29** - Salmon  
lemon basil pasta

**Tuesday 30** - Birthday  
sushi

**Wednesday 31** - Closed

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### Ikoi No Kai August 2011 Menu Notes:

#### Cooking Schedule:

Kashu Hamada: Tuesdays and Thursdays

Sharon Ogata: Mondays and Fridays (except Aug. 12)

Lil Okazaki: August 12

Skip Yamamoto: on leave for August

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