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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Beyond Marriage Equality

*Board Member Message by Kirk
Tambara*

As I ponder recent events, I wonder how different our community's lives were a mere 50 years ago. Until 1967 and the Supreme Court decision in *Loving v. Virginia*, anti-miscegenation laws could have prevented some of us from marrying the ones we love on the basis that they were not of Japanese descent. Fast forward to earlier this year, this same right was still not available for all Americans.

As a leading Civil and Human Rights Organization, JACL has made it our mission to speak out in the face of injustice for all people. In 1994 at our National Convention, the JACL passed a resolution affirming our support of the basic human right to marriage for all people, including same-sex couples.

Section One of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution reads:

"All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

To that end on June 26th in a landmark 5 to 4 decision in *Obergefell v. Hodges* (of which I am proud to say the JACL supported by joining an amicus curiae brief filed by the Anti-Defamation League), the Supreme Court of the United States ruled that the fundamental right to marry is guaranteed to same-sex couples under the Due Process and the Equal Protection Clauses of the aforementioned Amendment. As a result, marriage is now finally available to ALL people throughout the United States.

In the majority opinion, Justice Kennedy eloquently states, "No union is more profound than marriage, for it embodies the highest ideals of love, fidelity, devotion, sacrifice, and family. In forming a marital union, two people become something greater than once they were. As some of the petitioners in these cases demonstrate, marriage embodies a love that may endure even past death. It would misunderstand these men and women to say they disrespect the idea of marriage. Their plea is that they do respect it, respect it so deeply that they seek to find its fulfillment for themselves. Their hope is not to be condemned to live in loneliness, excluded from one of civilization's oldest institutions. They ask for equal dignity in the eyes of the law. The Constitution grants them that right. The judgment of the Court of Appeals

July 25 through September 27

- Yosegaki Hinomaru:
Souvenir, Heirloom or Art?
Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center

August 1

- OBON Fest
Oregon Buddhist Temple

August 2

- 25th Anniversary
Japanese American
Historical Plaza

August 6, 6pm

- Hiroshima/Nagasaki Memorial
Japanese American
Historical Plaza

August 15, 22, 29, 10am-noon

- Restoration and Cleaning Days
Rose City Cemetery

August 14

- JASO Golf Tournament
Resort at the Mountain
Info at www.jaso.org

August 16

- Nikkei Community Picnic
Oaks Park

September 13*

- Fall Take-Out Bazaar
Nichiren Buddhist Temple
*date changed from JACL
Calendar

September 26

- Minidoka Swing Band
Concert Fundraiser
Adrianna Hill Ballroom

Beyond continued

for the Sixth Circuit is reversed. It is so ordered.”

Now after attending the 2015 National Convention, I am pleased to report that we have once again taken an early role in supporting an important issue. This July, JACL passed a resolution affirming our support of the Transgender Community. This is a community which has faced broad based discrimination, bullying, and violence which in turn has led to an attempted suicide rate north of 40%. JACL has officially taken it upon ourselves to become allies to this community in crisis. As Japanese Americans, we know all too well the ugly face of discrimination. We recognize

that it is our responsibility to lend our support and compassion to all communities in need. We do this not because it is the popular thing to do, we do this because it is the right thing to do. All people, regardless of race, gender, or sexual orientation/identity, deserve to have the right to live their lives without fear of their dignity or civil and human rights being stripped away from them.

Domo Arigato Gozaimasu to those who have come before us who have had the courage and conviction to fight the good fight, we will attempt to follow in your footsteps!

O.N.E Banquet



Jean Matsumoto speaks after receiving the ONE' "Paving the Way" award at the Oregon Nikkei Endowment annual banquet, Pavilion Ballroom, Hilton Portland & Executive Tower, Portland, Oregon. Photo by Rich Iwasaki



Oregon Governor Kate Brown makes special remarks at the Oregon Nikkei Endowment annual banquet, Pavilion Ballroom, Hilton Portland & Executive Tower, Portland, Oregon. Photo by Rich Iwasaki



Doug Smith (l) presents the ONE Heart of the Community Award to Yoshio and Sawako Oda at the Oregon Nikkei Endowment annual banquet, Pavilion Ballroom, Hilton Portland & Executive Tower, Portland, Oregon. Joining the Odas was ONE Executive Director Lynn Longfellow (r) . Photo by Rich Iwasaki

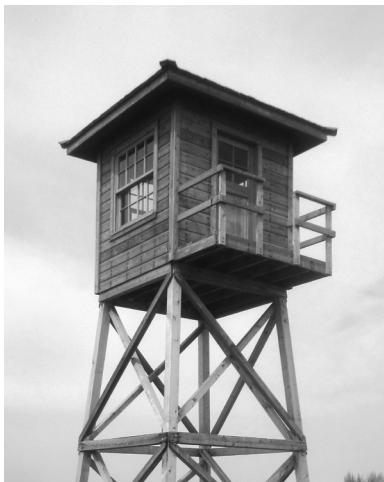
Minidoka Pilgrimage

Article by Marleen Wallingford

The Minidoka Pilgrimage has been an annual event for the past 13 years. Led by our leader, Dr. Connie Masuoka, Portland group attended the Civil Rights Symposium at Idaho State University in Boise and Traveled on to Twin Falls, Idaho. This was the year I finally was able to see the camp my mom and dad and grandparents had talked about. It was never referred to as Minidoka but as camp. After the war ended, the land was divided into farms and given by lottery to returning GIs. Japanese Americans were not eligible to enter the drawing for this land giveaway. Each lottery winner was given two of the barracks that were the former homes of the incarcerated Japanese Americans. Since Minidoka has become a national historic site, the park service has been working hard to recreate some of the buildings. There is a mile and a half trail around the property with a few buildings: fire house, cafeteria, barracks, baseball diamond, barbed wired fences, the wall of honor, and a recently completed replica of a guard tower. We can see the site of the former swimming hole which later became a garbage dump.

As a child and even as a teenager, I did not understand the grievous injustice and violation of civil rights that my family endured. As I looked over the hot, dry landscape, I imagined being able to go

to their block and finding their unit and knocking on the door. They would be so surprised to see their granddaughter and try to speak in broken English because of my non-existent Japanese. I felt angry about what my grandparents and parents had lost but also amazed about how resilient they were. After the war ended, Japanese Americans were not wanted back into their west coast communities. My mother's father had sold his farm prior to leaving Hood River so in his early 50's, he had to scramble to find a job and start all over again. Many Nisei were unable to find jobs because companies were not hiring anybody with Japanese heritage. My father was determined to start his own business so he wouldn't have to ask anyone for a job. The Issei and Nisei of the early 20th century are truly our Great Generation. The incarceration of Japanese and Japanese Americans during WWII is one of the darkest events in American history but it provided that generation of immigrants and their children a common experience which developed into tight community bonds. The Japanese spirit of family, the belief in education and *ganbatte*, always striving to do your best, lives on in the future generations of Americans. We should be proud of our Japanese heritage and appreciate how our grandparents and parents paved the way for us as well as the future immigrants who came to pursue their American dream.



Guard Tower at the entrance to Minidoka Concentration Camp. Photo by Kay Endo



Minidoka barracks. Photo by Kay Endo

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Photo Gallery

Minidoka



This is a reconstructed version of the Honor Roll at Minidoka Concentration Camp. Photo by Kay Endo



Here is the Portland delegation at the Minidoka Pilgrimage: Left to Right: Todd Mayberry, Chip Larouche, Kay Endo, Julia, Tokiwa, Karen Fujimoto, Yoshiro Tokiwa, Gary Okino, Marleen Wallingford, Lynn Longfellow, Nobuko Masuoka, Emi Hirsh, Kurt Acterman, Connie Masuoka, Nancy Clayton and Setsy Larouche. Photo by unknown passerby

JACL National Convention



Chip Larouche, Kirk Tambara, Jessica Asai and Setsy Larouche were the delegates representing Portland JACL at this year's National Convention in Las Vegas. Photo by unknown delegate



Pictured here is the Pacific Northwest Delegation using their voting cards to vote on various issues at the National Council deliberation at the Convention. Photo by Setsy Larouche

Nikkei Fujinkai Anniversary



Michiko Kornhauser looks on as President Michi Uzunoe cuts the anniversary cake with special guests Alice Sumida and Consul General Hiroshi Furusawa. Photo by Dr. Ishikawa



Consul General Furusawa, Sho Dozono representing JAS and Loen Dozono representing Ikoi No Kai Lunch Program were among the invited special guests. Photo by Dr. Ishikawa

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July 2015

Dear Portland JACL Members,

There will be a **General Membership Meeting** on **October 15, 2015 at 7 p.m.** in the basement of the Oregon Buddhist Temple.

On June 18th, the Portland JACL board voted to send a number of amendments to the Chapter Constitution and Bylaws that are summarized below, and these amendments will be discussed and voted upon at this General Membership Meeting.

We have posted a copy of what the amended Constitution and Bylaws will look like in a “track changes” format so that you can see what was deleted and what was added or changed from the previous versions.

If you do not have computer access and would like to receive a paper copy of this 14 page document, just call the Portland JACL phone number (877-843-6914) and leave a message with your name and address, and we will mail you a copy.

Thank you!

Kirk Tambara
President

Summary of Proposed Changes to Portland JACL Constitution and Bylaws

Constitution

- **Preamble:** Language changes to match protected categories of National Constitution
- **Article III, Section 1:** Changes membership qualifications to permit non-citizens
- **Article IV, Section 2:** Changes Composition of Chapter Board to up to 15 elected and up to five appointed
- **Article V, Section 2:** Makes the Membership Chair an officer rather than the historian
- **Article V, Section 3:** Makes the default delegates the President and Vice-President with accommodation to have board votes for delegates if officers chose not to serve.
- **Article VI, Section 6:** Adds the Chapter website as a place to post amendments

Bylaws

- **Article I, Section 1:** Removes **mentioning** the Pacific Citizen as a specific organizational benefit (doesn't remove the benefit)
- **Article I, Section 2:** Simplifies membership paragraph by aligning it with National's definitions including the elimination of Special (alien) Membership
- **Article I, Section 3:** Makes the Youth/Student membership language consistent with National
- **Article I, Section 4:** Removes never used Senior membership
- **Article I, New Section 3:** Adds National Supporting Members without specifics, leaving that to the National Bylaws
- **Article I, Section 5:** Removes the never used JAY membership
- **Article I, Section 7:** Makes cosmetic Booster Membership language changes
- **Article II Section 2-3:** Makes Changes to Composition to Chapter Board to be consistent with Constitution Changes above
- **Article II, Section 4:** Removes the requirement for the President to make all his nominations for board members in January.
- **Article II, Sect 5:** Makes the appointment of an board member who leaves by resignation, death, etc., as optional
- **Article II, Section 6:** Allows Board consensus to skip monthly meeting without a formal vote
- **Article III, Section 1:** Removes Historian as an officer
- **Article III, Section 1:** Provides for two delegates per National rules
- **Article V, Section 1:** Modifies how many non-board members are on the nominating committee
- **Article V, Section 1:** Provides for a slate to be provided for in the newsletter

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NIKKEI COMMUNITY PICNIC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2015

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:

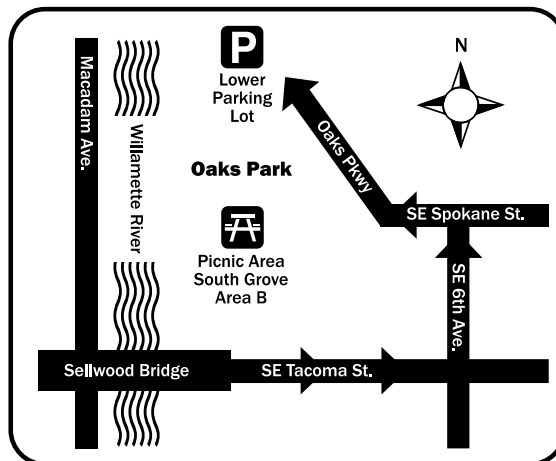
A-Ki Rice or a noodle dish
Kl-Sa Salad or Vegetable dish
Sc-Z Dessert or Bread

主催方からの供給

焼き鳥
お茶、ソーダ、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



Please RSVP by August 7: Connie Masuoka at 503-243-3291

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NICHIREN BUDDHIST TEMPLE 2015 Fall Take-Out Bazaar

	QUANTITY	AMOUNT
Combination Bento		
Chow Mein, Chicken \$12.00	_____	_____
Chow Mein, Chicken & Sushi		
\$15.00	_____	_____
Please Pre-order	Total \$	_____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Sunday, September **13**, 2015

PICK-UP 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
2025 S.E. Yamhill

Please return this pre-order form with
your check by **September 7, 2015**

Please make checks payable to:
Portland Nichiren Buddhist Temple

All proceeds benefit:
Portland Nichiren Buddhist Temple
2025 S.E. Yamhill
Portland, Oregon 97214
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Thank You for your Order

Save the Date!
Portland JACL
General Membership Meeting
Thursday, October 15, 2015
7 p.m.
Refreshments will be served

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Iko no Kai at Epworth August 2015 Menu

1333 SE 28th Ave, Portland, 503-238-0775

Monday 3 - Ginger
chicken / salad rolls

Tuesday 4 - Sweet &
sour pork tenderloin

Wednesday 5 - Closed

Thursday 6 - Mabo tofu
& cucumber salad w/
wakame

Friday 7 - Cold ramen /
sweet miso maki

Monday 10 - Thai shrimp
/ fried rice

Tuesday 11 - Cashew
chicken

Wednesday 12 - Closed / miso eggplant

Thursday 13 - Curry meat
korokke hijiki w/ kidney
beans

Friday 14 - Beef nira stir fry
/ deep fried tofu nimonono

Monday 17 - Summer
chicken donburi

Tuesday 18 - Pho soup /
tofu salmon salad

Wednesday 19 - Closed

Thursday 20 - Kushi katsu

Friday 21 - Chinese stir-fry

Monday 24 - Roast pork /
Singapore noodles

Tuesday 25 - General Tso
chicken

Wednesday 26 - Closed

Thursday 27 - Saucy egg &
shrimp kabocha soup

Friday 28 - Birthday salmon
oshizushi / buta-kakuni

Monday 31 - Cod fish &
chips

Menu Notes:

- Meals include salad
or soup and dessert

Mondays, 12:30-2:

hanafuda and bridge

Mon-Tue, 11:30:

chair exercises

August 14:

Kathryn Work
on the piano

August 17:

Ohana Lunch Bunch

August 20, 11:30:

Sing Along with Reiko
& Jerry

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