



PORTLAND JACL NEWSLETTER

Founded in 1928, Portland JACL is one of the most respected civil rights organizations in the country.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

February 6

JACL National
Board Meeting, Los Angeles

February 11 - June 19

Uprooted: Japanese
American Farm Labor Camp
during WWII, ONLC

February 15 - 4 p.m.

JAS Annual Meeting
Sayler's Old Country Kitchen

February 21, 2 p.m.

Day of Remembrance,
PSU-Hoffmann Hall

February 27 - March 1

JACL/OCA Leadership
Summit, Washington D.C.

February 26

ACLU Liberty Dinner
Portland Convention Ctr

March 6

Salmon Festival
Oregon Buddhist Temple

March 1

Scholarship Application
Deadline
www.pdxjacl.org

March 28

Minoru Yasui Day

STANDING FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HONORING A HERO *Board Member Message by Marleen Wallingford*

We are now welcoming the year 2016 and I am looking forward to leading the Portland JACL for the next two years. I would not be able to do this job without the assistance of our hardworking Board. We need to thank these volunteers for all their efforts on our behalf: Rich Iwasaki, Chip Larouche, Setsy Larouche, Christopher Lee, Susan Leedham, Connie Masuoka, Verne Naito, Kirk Tambara, Heidi Tolentino, and Jean Yamamoto. I also want to recognize Jeff Selby for stepping up to put together this newsletter.

**We cannot stand by
while our brothers and
sisters are being
vilified by politicians
or the media.**

Our mission of securing and upholding civil rights for all continues to be relevant today. We had thought we had left the hateful racist rhetoric from the 1940s behind. But America is facing new challenges of terrorism and immigration. Once again a minority group is targeted. In the 40s, very few people were brave enough to stand up for the rights of Japanese Americans. Those who did were shunned by their communities, often with the pejorative phrase, "Jap lover."

Politicians who supported the rights of Japanese Americans such as Ralph Carr, the governor of Colorado, narrowly lost his re-election to office because of his stand against racial prejudice. He welcomed the Japanese into his state and said that the Japanese should have the same constitutional rights as all Americans. In contrast, Earl Warren, who was attorney general of California strongly supported the complete removal of the Japanese from the west coast which helped propel him to governorship of California and ultimately to the Supreme Court. We cannot let this happen. We cannot stand by while our brothers and sisters are being vilified by politicians or the media. We need to respond to these messages of hate with our own message of love and acceptance.

Portland JACL has been working with other organizations such as the Center for Intercultural Organizing to let our collective voices be heard. On January 16, on Martin Luther King Jr. weekend, community groups came together to #STANDFORLOVE.& #INTERRUPTHATE at Portland City Hall. Dr. King's vision resonates today: "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

At the Portland JACL annual Day of Remembrance event, we are recognizing the work in civil and human

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HONORING MIN YASUI

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rights of our native son with, Minoru Yasui: Man on a Mission. He exemplifies King's call to service. By defying the curfew imposed on ethnic Japanese, he set himself upon a lifetime path of civil rights advocacy. Yasui never lost faith that the government would ultimately do the right thing.

Throughout his life, he was an active member of JACL and was chairman of the Redress Committee. He spent countless hours traveling across the country to attend the hearings of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians (CWRIC). After the hearings, he continued to lobby for

passage of congressional legislation on redress until the day that he died in 1986.



Yasui was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2015, the highest civilian honor, by President Barack Obama.

Yasui believed, "that an injury to the least of us affects all of us." Join the Portland JACL in recognizing his life and legacy. We will be entertained with the youthful energy of en Taiko. His brother, Homer Yasui, daughter, Holly Yasui, and lead attorney who re-opened his case against the United States government, Peggy Nagae, will give us some insight into this driven man. Actor, Heath Hyun, will recreate scenes from his life.

We look forward to seeing you at 2:00 p.m. on February 21 at Portland State University's Hoffmann Hall.

NEVER GIVE UP!

Minoru Yasui and the Fight for Justice

*Please help to make
this film with your
tax-deductible
donation at:*

minoruyasuifilm.org



Min Yasui, age 5, with flag, on Mt. Hood hike

CITY OF PORTLAND SHOWCASES DR. JAMES N. YAMAZAKI *by Jeff Selby*



The City of Portland's Diverse and Empowered Employees (DEEP) group hosted a lunchtime information session last November where I had the honor of interviewing Dr. James N. Yamazaki.

Dr. Yamazaki, at the age of 33 in 1949, was the lead physician of the U.S. Atomic Bomb Medical Team assigned to Nagasaki to survey the effects of the bomb.

From that time onward, Dr. Yamazaki has charted the effects of the atomic bomb on three generations of Japanese children, women, and men. He has shared his knowledge, experience, and

insights on other nuclear explosions in the Marshall and Bikini Islands, and elsewhere in the world.

Dr. Yamazaki, now 99 years old, is a retired pediatrician and physician emeritus at UCLA, an anti-nuclear war activist, and a speaker through the United States and Asia. He chronicled his experiences in a book entitled, *Children of the Atomic Bomb* in 1995.

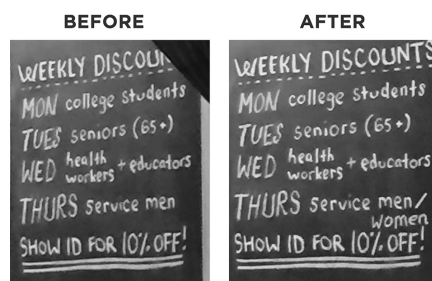
The interview may be viewed online:
<https://vimeo.com/151941116>

COMPLAINT CAMPAIGN BRINGS CHANGE

by Jeff Selby

Beard Papa, which operates independently inside in Beaverton's Uwajimaya, displays its discounts. When I brought to their attention that their "Service Men" discount excluded women warriors, they told me that the corporate office forbids them from changing their sign.

With no luck getting a response initially, I contacted the corporate office via a Twitter campaign, and in one week, the sign was revised.



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NIKKEI COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE MARCH 1ST



PHOTO: CURTIS SUYEMATSU

Portland Japanese American Community 2016 Scholarship Application materials are available online at pdxjacl.org. Applicants or their parents must be a member of one of the sponsoring Japanese American organizations.

Required documents must be complete and be postmarked no later than March 1st, 2016.

Common Mistakes in Applying for a Scholarship

- Filling out the scholarship application for the incorrect year. Each year a new application form is available.
- Application is not postmarked by the due date. All applications that are late are rejected.
- Filling out the incorrect form. Students have filled out the national application form for JACL when they intended to apply for the local scholarship.
- Part of the application is missing.
- All paperwork needs to be completed: application form, SAT/ACT scores, official transcript, one essay and one short answer and one letter of recommendation



Susan Leedham, Jean Yamamoto, and Marleen Wallingford attended the #STANDFORLOVE & #INTERRUPTHATE rally at Portland City Hall on January 16.



Linda Tamura is joined by Alice and "Ace" Hiromura, Lynn Longfellow, and Setsy Larouche at a recent presentation at the Touchmark at Fairway Village. The staff and residents were enlightened that Ace Hiromura was a member of the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team, a Decorated American World War II fighting unit, and not a "foreign veteran" as he was introduced at their Veterans Day ceremony.

JOIN US AS WE HONOR A HUMAN RIGHTS HERO

MINORU YASUI: Man On a Mission

A PORTLAND JACL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE EVENT

Min Yasui spent his life working working for human rights.

As a young Oregon attorney, he challenged Executive Order 9066, signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, which led to the forced removal and incarceration of over 120,000 Japanese Americans during World War II.

In the subsequent legal battle that went to the United States Supreme Court, his U.S. citizenship was revoked and his loyalty to America was questioned.

After the war, Yasui was a co-founder and board member of the Urban League of Denver and a leader in the Denver JACL.

President Barack Obama honored Yasui posthumously with the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2015, the highest civilian award in the United States.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of Yasui's birth. Join Portland JACL, his family, and colleagues, as we honor the life and legacy of this uncompromising man who never gave up.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2016 at 2:00 P.M.

Portland State University | George C. Hoffmann Hall

1833 SW 11th Ave., Portland, OR

FREE ADMISSION - OPEN TO ALL



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NICHIREN

BUDDHIST TEMPLE



24th Annual Spring Bazaar

Sunday, April 3, 2016 11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. 2025 S.E. Yamhill

ITEM	PRICE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT
Special Nichiren Tonkatsu (pork) Bento (Available for Pre-order Only)	\$ 9.00	_____	_____
Chicken Donburi (Chicken Teriyaki over rice)	\$ 8.00	_____	_____
Chow Mein	\$ 8.00	_____	_____
Veggie Chow Mein	\$ 8.00	_____	_____
Tofu Donburi (Tofu Teriyaki over rice)	\$ 8.00	_____	_____
Total \$			_____

Please return this pre-order form with
your check by **March 26, 2016**

Please make checks payable to:
Portland Nichiren Buddhist Temple

All proceeds benefit:
Portland Nichiren Buddhist Temple
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An envelope with your pre-paid tickets
will be ready for you at the Will-Call line.



SalmonSushiFest

Sunday, March 6th

11:00 AM to 6:00 PM

\$15.00



Oregon Buddhist Temple

3720 SE 34th Ave. Portland, OR

www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com

(preorder form)



SalmonSushiFest



Sunday, March 6, 2016 11 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

meal includes: salmon, marfar chicken, vegetable, salad & rice

also available for purchase: SUSHI (makisushi, inari sushi, & CA rolls), Marfar Chicken (ala carte), wine & beer

Salmon Dinners _____ X \$15 = \$ _____
quantity total \$ salmon

name : _____
please print

Sushi Assortment _____ X \$7.50 = \$ _____
quantity total \$ sushi

phone # : _____

Marfar Chicken _____ x \$7.50 = \$ _____
(ala carte: chicken only) quantity total \$ marfar

email : _____
optional

TOTAL \$ amount enclosed = \$ _____

Oregon Buddhist Temple 3720 S.E.34th Ave. Portland, OR 97202

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IKOI NO KAI AT EPWORTH FEBRUARY MENU

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

Mon. 1 - Chicken pad
thai

Tue. 2 - Sweet-sour pork
tenderloin

Thu. 4 - Beef nira-itame

Fri. 5 - Mizutaki chicken
nabe

Mon. 8 - Fried shrimp
bun/shumai

Tue. 9 - Black bean
chicken

Thu. 11 - Chuka-don

Fri. 12 - Naporitan

Mon. 15 - Wor wonton
soup

Tue. 16 - Crispy beef
bibimbap

Thu. 18 - Chirashi sushi

Fri. 19 - Oyako don

Mon. 22 - Miso chicken
and tofu

Tue. 23 - Anniversary Ben-
to (reservations req.)

Thu. 25 - Tempura udon

Fri. 26 - Ishikari nabe

Mon. 29 - Birthday sushi

Menu Notes:

- Meals include salad or soup and dessert
- Closed on Wednesdays
- **Mondays, 12:30-2:** hanafuda and bridge
- **Mon-Tue, 11:30:** chair exercises
- **Feb. 9, 10:30:** Fujinkai Board Meeting
- **Feb. 15, 11:30:** Ohana Lunch Bunch

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