



PORTLAND JACL NEWSLETTER

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

June 14

Flag Day

June 23-26

Minidoka Pilgrimage
Twin Falls, Idaho

June 25, 2:00 p.m.

Dances of Three Nations
Portland Art Museum
Free

July 4

Independence Day

July 11-14

JACL Convention
Monte Carlo, Las Vegas

July 31

Jerry Inouye Golf
Tournament
Glendever East Golf Course

August 6

Obon Festival
Oregon Buddhist Temple

August 9, 6:00 p.m.

Hiroshima/Nagasaki
Remembrance
Japanese American
Historical Plaza

August 21, Noon

Nikkei Community Picnic
Oaks Park

JAPANESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY GRADUATION BANQUET *by Heidi Kimiko Tolentino, Board Member*



The 69th Annual Japanese American Community Graduation Banquet was held at the Multnomah Athletic Club on May 1, 2016. The program was opened by Emcee, Jeff Selby, and the invocation was given by Reverend David Komeiji of the Buddhist Henjyogi Temple.

The graduates were also congratulated by the new Consul General of Japan, Kojiro Uchiyama, who encouraged the students to continue to be part of the positive relationship between Japan and the United States.

This year's keynote speaker, Ariko Iso, is the Head Football Trainer for the Oregon State football team. She joined the OSU staff in 2011 after spending nine years on the staff of the six-time Super Bowl-winning Pittsburgh Steelers. She is the first female athletic trainer in the NFL and at OSU and has distinguished herself as both a superb trainer and an inspiration to young women hoping to break into male dominated professions.

In her presentation, Ms. Iso spoke directly to the graduates. She told them that as a high school student in Japan, she aspired to be an athletic trainer, but there was no sports medicine in Japan at that time. So, with the support and encouragement of her parents, she left Japan after high school and moved to Oregon to attend Oregon State University.

Ms. Iso outlined the opportunities that she earned through her hard work and dedication that eventually led to working for multiple universities and the NFL.

She challenged the graduates to find what they love and to pursue it. To travel, learn about other cultures, learn new languages and have new experiences. She then spoke to the parents of the graduates and encouraged them to allow their children to go where they want to go, as her parents had, in pursuit of their dreams.

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The first award was the Shokookai of Portland Scholarship. This year's scholarship winner was Robert Naemura from Cleveland High School. Robert has a 4.0 G.P.A., is an IB student and has been a captain of Cleveland's Basketball team for four years. He will be majoring in Biology in college.

The Japanese Ancestral Society is a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving the Nikkei community and to promote education and fellowship among the members of the Nikkei community. JAS awards five scholarships. This year's Satsuki Azumano Scholarship recipient was Saki Nakai from West Linn High School. Saki is a member of two honor societies, has lettered in Track and Field and Cross Country and was named AllState, 1st Violin in the Orchestra. She will be majoring in Mathematics in college.

This year's winner of the Hide Naito scholarship was Youta Kashiwa of South Ridge High School. Youta has distinguished himself as an AP Scholar and an AllState Honor Band member. Youta hopes to pursue both Engineering and Music in college.

The Mary K. Naito Scholarship debuted this year and the winner was Ikumi Yano of South Ridge High School. Ikumi is a member of the National Honor Society, the Key Club and the Captain of the Southridge Varsity Volleyball team. Ikumi hopes to pursue a career in International Business.

The Alice Sumida Scholarship also debuted this year and is sponsored by Alice Sumida, who is 101 years old this year. The winner of

the Alice Sumida Scholarship was Alyssa Ono of Camas High School. Alyssa is a National Merit Commended Scholar, a member of the Key Club, and the President of Unite People, the JACL's youth group. Alyssa hopes to pursue her interest in Psychology in college.

The winner of the Tsuyu Minamoto Scholarship was Jessica Nagae of Central Catholic High School. Jessica is an accomplished soccer and softball player and she volunteers with Ikoi No Kai, a multigenerational community project that serves weekly senior lunches. Jessica hopes to study Kinesiology in college.

Portland JACL manages four scholarships.

The winner of this year's Kiyoko Yumibe scholarship was Joy Yuzuriha from Mountain View High School. Joy is an AP Scholar with Distinction, a leader in Girl Scouts, an award winning musician and a star pupil with Sahomi Tachibana's School of Dance. Joy will be majoring in Computer Science in college.

The Yoshiko Kennedy Scholarship was created in her memory. This year's winner of the Yoshiko Kennedy Scholarship was Kinai Kiyokawa of Hockinson High School. Kinai is in the school's honors program and Key Club, is the team captain of his basketball team and also plays saxophone in the Wind Ensemble, Pit Orchestra and Symphonic Band. He will be pursuing a Pharmaceutical degree in college.

The winner of the Matt Masuoka Scholarship was Lilia Jennings from Columbia River High School. Lilia is a member of the Key Club and an avid volunteer. Lilia aspires

to be a teacher and will be an education major next year.

Portland JACL administers a scholarship in the name of Mabel Shoji Boggs. The winner of the Mabel Boggs/State Farm Scholarship was Taylor Ishida of Grant High School. Taylor is an honor roll student who has worked on the staff for Grant Magazine, played soccer all four years, and volunteers at the Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center. Taylor's goal is to pursue Biomedical Engineering in college.

The winner of the Gresham/Troutdale JACL Scholarship was Andrew Asakawa of the International School of Beaverton. Andrew maintains a 4.0 G.P.A., was President and Treasurer of the Japanese National Honor Society, a Glee Club member and has volunteered his time with preparation for Mochitsuki. He will be pursuing Biomedical Engineering in college.

The Oregon Nisei Veterans manage the Art and Teri Iwasaki/Roger T. Okomoto Scholarship. The winner of the scholarship was Jonas Lamont of Lake Oswego High School. Jonas is a member of the National Honor Society and the Japanese National Honor Society, has lettered in Varsity Football and Baseball and volunteers at Nichiren Buddhist Temple and Carmen Oaks Assisted Living Center. He plans to pursue a degree in Business and Marketing.

The Buddhist Henjyoji Temple Art Award was created to provide financial aid to a deserving high school senior currently studying a Japanese art. This year's Art Award winner was Joy Yuzuriha from Mountain View High School.

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The final component of the banquet was a speech eloquently given by Robert Naemura of Cleveland High School. Robert thanked all of the attendees and noted that this was not only a celebration of the graduates' achievements, but of the support of everyone in the room.

Robert recognized that the accomplishments of the students was a team effort. He thanked his grandparents for teaching him to do his best, to persevere, and to be generous to others. He thanked the organizations involved for their generous scholarships and support of Nikkei students in the community.



Graduate Robert Naemura presents the Graduate's Response at the 2016 Japanese American Graduation Banquet, Multnomah Athletic Club, Portland, Oregon. Photo ©2016 Rich Iwasaki



Consul General of Japan Kojiro Uchiyama speaks at the 2016 Japanese American Graduation Banquet, Multnomah Athletic Club, Portland, Oregon. Photo ©2016 Rich Iwasaki



Master of Ceremonies Jeff Selby (r) welcomes attendees to the 69th annual Japanese American Graduation Banquet. Seated at the head table are (l to r), Rev. David Komeiji, keynote speaker Ariko Iso, Consul General of Japan Kojiro Uchiyama, and Karen Uchiyama. Photo ©2016 Rich Iwasaki

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NEWSLETTER (non-Board)

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KAKEHASHI PROGRAM *by Setsy Sadamoto Larouche*



Many Portland JACL youth have already participated in this wonderful program which provides Japanese American and Asian American college students (18 to 25 years old) an almost free nine-day trip to Japan. Students have to fund their own way to the hub departure cities. In the past, some of the departure cities have included San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago, and Washington, D.C.

The next Kakehashi trip is planned for September 5-13, 2016. Please check the JACL website (www.jacl.org) for the latest information. We anticipate that the new application will be posted very soon. I had the privilege of being one of the chaperones on the January 2016 trip. Our group traveled to two cities—Tokyo and Fukuoka. The second group went north to the Tohoku area. There were two-day home stays which were a highlight for the participants.

Students need not be JACL members to apply but we hope they become members in the future. So if you are eligible or if you know someone who may qualify, please let them know about this fantastic opportunity to visit their ancestral homeland. We are grateful to the Japanese Government for providing this wonderful opportunity for our youth.

CELEBRATING JUSTICE LYNN NAKAMOTO *by Marleen Wallingford*

Portland JACL held a reception recently for Justice Lynn R. Nakamoto who was appointed to the Oregon Supreme Court as an associate Justice on January 25.

Justice Nakamoto was appointed to the court of appeals in 2011 by Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski before being recently appointed by Governor Kate Brown as the first Japanese American to serve on Oregon's highest court.

Lynn Nakamoto was a managing shareholder at Markowitz Herbold, a Portland law firm focusing on business litigation for more than 20 years, where she gained valuable experience in litigating appeals.

She was also the vice chair of the Oregon Board of Bar Examiners in 2001 and chair of the Oregon State Bar Affirmative Action Committee in 2006. From 1985 to 1987, she worked at Bronx Legal Services in New York City.

Justice Nakamoto was the Portland JACL President in 1996-1997 and the chapter is very proud to have one of its active members now sitting on the bench of Oregon's Supreme Court.



Connie Masuoka, Setsy Larouche, Marleen Wallingford, Chip Larouche, Lynn Nakamoto. Photo: Curtis Suyematsu



Lynn Nakamoto, June Schumann, John Schumann, and Sho Dozono. Photo: Curtis Suyematsu

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OREGON BUDDHIST TEMPLE

COMMEMORATIVE LANTERN ORDER FORM TO CELEBRATE OBONFEST 2016

WHITE Lanterns

Commemorate the life of a loved one, remembering relatives, friends or even pets.



RED Lanterns

Honor a living person, organization or business.

RE-HANG a previously purchased lantern to continue this joyful remembrance.

Please use one form for each new lantern. This order form is also available on the OBT website.

Our Calligraphers would like the lantern order forms by: Tuesday, August 2, 2016.

Re-hanging lantern order deadline: Friday August 5, 2016.

WHITE COMMEMORATIVE LANTERN (\$25)

Deceased's Name (English) _____

Japanese Version (kanji/katakana) _____

Date of Passing: _____

RED COMMEMORATIVE LANTERN (\$25)

Name (English) _____

Japanese Version (kanji/katakana) _____

RE-HANGING Previously Purchased Lantern: **\$15 for the 1st order, \$10 Each additional lantern**

Name (English) _____

Name (English) _____

Name (English) _____

Name (English) _____

PURCHASER'S NAME _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Checks Payable to: **Oregon Buddhist Temple**

3720 SE 34th Avenue, Portland, OR 97202

Lanterns to be re-hung in 2017 can be stored at the temple OR purchased lanterns can be picked up Sunday following the ObonFest. Lanterns inactive for two years will be discarded.

Lanterns OBT Phone contact: 503-234-9456

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



On May 6, the Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO) presented their Minoru Yasui Voices of Change Award to Peggy Nagae. Photo: Nikki Deleon



"Inspiring Action and Igniting Justice," a symposium to honor Minoru Yasui, was held on April 23, 2016, at the World Trade Center in Portland. The symposium was opened by Peggy Nagae, lead attorney for Min Yasui's Coram Nobis case with the attendees being treated to a speech by Senator Ron Wyden (D-Oregon). The symposium was organized by Oregon Nikkei Endowment and the Min Yasui Tribute Committee with Portland JACL acting as Sustaining Sponsor.

Photo: Rich Iwasaki, Setsy Larouche and Chip Larouche, Senator Ron Wyden, Lynn Longfellow, and Peggy Nagae. Photo by Scott Guptill.



On May 9, Portland JACL began supporting voter registration of new citizens at the US Citizenship and Immigration Services building, where about 150 immigrants become new citizens every week at swearing-in ceremonies. APANO is the lead organization in this volunteer effort. Pictured are: Lee, Dean Price and Yian Saechao from APANO and Setsy Larouche from Portland JACL.



APANO and Vote Network hosted a roundtable with leading candidates for Mayor of Portland on April 20. The roundtable was a nonpartisan educational forum and an opportunity to strengthen relationships among communities. No endorsements were made. Invited candidates included Jules Bailey, Sarah Innarone and Ted Wheeler. Each candidate had the opportunity to answer questions about Old Town Chinatown, engaging the API community, Islamophobic political rhetoric, displacement and the Jade District. The forum was hosted by the Lee Family Association. Current Mayor-elect Ted Wheeler is pictured here with Anita Yap.

NICHIREN BUDDHIST TEMPLE OF PORTLAND



NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER: 503-235-8292

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NEWSLETTER

JAPANESE ANCESTRAL SOCIETY
OF PORTLAND

June 2016

Dear Golfers and Friends:

You are cordially invited to participate in the 16th Annual Jerry Inouye Memorial Golf Tournament to be held on Sunday, July 31, 2016 at Glendoveer Golf Course-East (14015 NE Glisan, 503.253.7507). While the JAS has hosted this event for over 25 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 Nancy Kajitsu at 503.665.4589. Due to course regulations, we must collect your entry fee by July 15, 2016 to reserve our tee times. No exceptions! **Entry fee is \$75, which includes golf, cart, and lunch.**

Best Regards from your Golf Committee

(Ken Ogawa, Kurt Nakashima, Andrea Nitta, Jacquelyn Alderman, Kay Endo, Pat Gilman, Ron Hiromura, Kurtis Inouye, Nancy Kajitsu, George Kanegae, Terry Kawamoto, Fred Kimura, Hideo Kobayashi, Bill Koida, Gordon Kondo, Bob Kurimoto, Tom Kuge, Chip & Setsy Larouche, Don Matsuda, Merianne Nagae, Lynn N. Nishida, John Ollerenshaw, Sharon Takahashi, Katie Tamiyasu, Lew Tomita, Henry Ueno, Jeff Yoshida and Shig Yuzuriha)

Please return this information from and a check for \$75 (consider renewing your membership, too!) made payable to Japanese Ancestral Society of Portland, **no later than July 15, 2016**

_____ I will play _____ I will stay for lunch _____ Single JAS membership (\$25)
_____ I will **not** play _____ I will **not** stay for lunch _____ Family JAS membership (\$40)
_____ I (We) will come for lunch only. (\$15 per attendee)

_____ 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, 2015 _____ or List last 5 golf scores (18 holes) _____

For golfers without established GHIN, maximum handicap allowed is 40 for women and 36 for men.

If playing with a group, please add names _____

Mail form to: JAS, c/o Sharon Takahashi, 7610 SW Cherry Drive, Tigard, OR 97223-8043.



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IKOI NO KAI AT EPWORTH MENU FOR JUNE

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

Mon. 6 - Cioppino
fisherman stew

Tue. 7 - Pineapple
chicken fried rice

Thu. 9 - Gyu-don beef

Fri. 10 - Sweet sour pork

Mon. 13 - Korean beef &
noodles

Tue. 14 - Shrimp in
lobster sauce

Thu. 16 - Beef, onion
croquette

Fri. 17 - Fried tofu
omelette (vegetarian)

Mon. 20 - Lemon plum
sauce chicken

Tue. 21 - Miso pork tofu

Thu. 23 - Chicken-chiri
rice

Fri. 24 - Nira nabe

Mon. 27 - Shumai & shrimp
bun

Tue. 28 - Garlic herb
chicken pasta

Thu. 30 - Birthday sushi

Menu Notes:

- Meals include salad or soup and dessert
- Closed Wednesdays
- **Mondays, 12:30-2:**
hanafuda and bridge
- **Mon-Tue, 11:30:** chair exercises
- **Thursdays**, Ping Pong
- **Jun 14, 10:30:**
Fujinkai Board Meeting
- **Jun 20, 11:30:**
Ohana Lunch Bunch
- **June 23**, Sing-along with Reiko and Jerry

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