



# PORTLAND JACL NEWSLETTER

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### July 4

Independence Day

### July 11-14

JACL Convention  
Monte Carlo, Las Vegas

### July 15

Deadline: Kakehashi  
Application for Sept. Trip

### 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

### September 5-13

Kakehashi Trip #1

### September 8, 5:30 p.m.

O.N.E. Banquet  
MAC Club

## JACL AND THE NEW AMERICAN VOTER PROJECT

*by Jean Yamamoto, Board Member*

On June 14, Flag Day, I joined family and friends as 54 people took the Oath of Allegiance and became naturalized American citizens. There were smiles, some tears, and great pride as they held up their certificates for family photos. I was there with four other volunteers from the New American Voter Project (NAVVP) to congratulate these new citizens and help them register to vote. The NAVVP began in 2012 under the leadership of then Secretary of State Kate Brown, USCIS Portland Filed Office Director Evelyn Sahli, and the Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO). The Project won the Medallion Award from the National Association of Secretaries of State in 2013 and serves as a model for other states.

On September 21, 2015, NAVVP reached an impressive milestone of collecting 15,000 voter registrations.

At present Oregon Voice coordinates the program with volunteers from APANO, CAUSA, and Unite Oregon (formerly Center for Intercultural Organizing and Oregon Action). Oregon Voice is a network of community and advocacy organizations which serve traditionally underrepresented communities. Its role is to provide shared resources, technology and support to enable organizations to have a stronger political impact.

NAVVP volunteers are at every naturalization ceremony in the USCIS northwest Portland office, Monday through Wednesday at 2:00 pm. Every year about 6,000 become new citizens in Oregon and NAVVP's goal is to register 3,000 or more. Volunteers can help new citizens with the forms which are available for Oregon or Washington residents and in English or Spanish.

It is helpful but not necessary to speak a language other than English; sometimes just having a friendly smile and encouragement is all that is needed to help new citizens take that important step and register to vote.

Setsy Larouche, Portland JACL Board member and Membership Chair, regularly volunteers with NAVVP. She says, "Each time I watch the new immigrants take their oath of citizenship, it brings back many fond memories when I too became a U.S. citizen, and what a perfect time to sign up people to vote since it's one of the greatest privileges of citizenship."

It truly is a rewarding experience for volunteers and our newest Americans. One woman I helped on Flag Day was there with her daughter. She was so happy to finally be a citizen and be able to vote. She told me that she had never voted in her life and was so excited to have that opportunity.

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## VOTER PROJECT *continued from Page 1*

It is a great reminder during this election year that our right to vote should never be taken for granted. I've been a registered voter since I was eighteen years old and have voted in every election since. I remember walking to the polling place with my parents and watching them go inside the voting booth. Years later my husband and I took our sons to cast our ballots. Now that we live in Oregon and vote by mail, it is even easier to participate in our democracy and vote.

NAVJ is looking for more volunteers. If you want more information or are interested and can commit to at least two hours a month, please contact Dean Price, [dean@oregonvoice.org](mailto:dean@oregonvoice.org).

## JACL IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2016-2017 KAKEHASHI PROGRAM

Apply now for the 2016-2017 JACL Kakehashi Program! Up to 200 participants will be selected to participate in this year's JACL Kakehashi Program, coordinated by the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) and the Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE), and supported by funding from the Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The goal of the JACL Kakehashi Program is to build relations between Japan and Japanese Americans/Asian Americans. The program provides participants with a better understanding of Japan through a variety of fields, including politics, economics, and culture. JACL Kakehashi Program

alumni are encouraged to become effective advocates in enhancing U.S. - Japan relations.

Participants selected in a competitive process will travel to Japan for nine-days where they will visit a number of historical and educational sites, experience

traditional and cultural activities, and participate in a homestay with a local family.

Apply on-line at <http://tinyurl.com/Kakehashi2016>

Trip Date	Application Deadline	Copy of Passport Deadline	Notification of Selection
Trip 1: September 5-13, 2016	July 15, 2016	No later than August 16, 2016	Early August 2016
Trip 2: December 12-20, 2016	October 1, 2016	No later than November 25, 2016	Early November 2016
Trip 3: March 13-21, 2017	October 1, 2016	No later than December 31, 2016	Early November 2016

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## NICHIREN BUDDHIST TEMPLE OF PORTLAND



NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER: 503-235-8292

## DOES THIS RADIO LOOK FAMILIAR TO YOU? RADIO CONSERVATIONISTS WANT TO RETURN IT TO THE ORIGINAL OWNERS

We are still trying to find the owners of a Zenith radio that was left behind in 1942 when a family of Japanese descent was relocated to an incarceration camp during World War II.

The Zenith radio has been restored by Blake Dietze of the NWVRS Antique Radio Society here in Portland. We do know that Will Barnett obtained the radio from the elderly man living at 109 NE Liberty Avenue, formerly Liberty Street for \$7.00 in 1989/1990.

The elderly gentlemen obtained the radio from a neighbor before being relocated to an incarceration camp. Research so far shows that no family of Japanese descent ever lived on Liberty Avenue.

What we don't know is if the family of Japanese descent lived further away, or if the elderly gentlemen lived elsewhere in 1942. If that is the case, we can research the last name of the person who lived there in 1942 and then trace the name back to find any surviving family members or perhaps where they lived in 1942 if not on Liberty Street. All of this information is a recent development since the research on Liberty Street came to a dead end.

Sharon Nesbit, a reporter for the *Gresham Outlook* newspaper, did



*A Japanese Family in Gresham gave this radio away in 1942. Radio conservationists are looking for them and want to give it back.*

extensive research and wrote an article. Marilyn Deutsch from KPTV Fox 12, has interviewed several parties involved with the search and plans to air a segment in the near future.

If you can share this information with others, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact me for any further information and please send any comments or corrections in case I have distorted any facts.

Pat Kagi, (360) 909-7009

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## AROUND THE COMMUNITY



A reception was held for Consul General Kojiro Uchiyama and his wife, Karen, on June 14th at the Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center. Photo By Chip Larouche



Puyallup JACL Chapter scholarship banquet and Chapter board Installation dinner recently in Tacoma, Washington. Shown here with Sheldon Arakaki, PNW District Governor and Chip Larouche, JACL Vice President, Planning and Development, Elsie Taniguchi, Puyallup Chapter President, Eileen Lamphere, Vice President, Liz Dunbar and Treasurer Dudley Yamane. Photo by Setsy Larouche



On May 26th, Portland Taiko held their fund raising dinner at Wong's King Restaurant. Pictured: Rania Ayoub, Justice Lynn Nakamoto, Consul General Kojiro Uchiyama, Sho Dozono, and Wajdi Said. Photo by Setsy Larouche



On May 24th the members attending the Ikoi No Kai Senior Lunch were treated to a Magic Show by Roy "Skip" Yotsuuye and Janet Kakishita (not shown). Pictured: Elaine Taniguchi Ingram, Skip Yotsuuye, Elsie Yotsuuye Taniguchi and Harry Taniguchi Jr. Photo by Setsy Larouche

## SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

As part of the the 69th Annual Japanese American Community Graduation Banquet held in May, students were asked by the Scholarship Committee to write an essay. We will feature these essays here, through September.

Taylor Ishida, Grant High School

**Explain how the Japanese American experience, or your own experiences in working with the community, has shaped your life.**

Growing up, I believed being a part of the Nikkei community implied eating Yakisoba out of small white paper boxes at Bazaars in church basements, or dancing at the Obon with my kimono dragging along the hot cement, and the fervent beat of the taiko drum resonating throughout my entire body. It also meant listening to my grandmother's stories of the extremely limited memories she had from her time at Minidoka (she was only two-years-old when Executive Order 9066 was issued). However, despite my constant exposure to the Japanese American community, it wasn't until my junior year in high school that I began working with the community.

My involvement began when I set out to write a story about two alumni of my high school, who had been interned as very young children, for my high school's news publication. Grant Magazine. I began by interviewing the two alumni, Shirley Kanada and Joni Kimoto, both of whom were incarcerated in the Portland Assembly Center and eventually Minidoka Internment Camp. Eventually I decided to pay a visit to the Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center to find more historical information on the Japanese Internment. There, I met Todd Mayberry, Director of Collections at the museum who walked me through the entire experience of Portland Japanese Americans during the time of World War II. That visit, along with the powerful interviews I had with not only Shirley and Joni, but also other Nikkei who had survived the internment, helped me realize the importance of preserving history, so we can learn from our mistakes of the past, and appreciate the bravery and ability to endure of our predecessors.

In December, I was given the opportunity to present research I had been conducting over the past seven months through the Legacy Center, at an event called "Letters from Beyond the Fence." The research was on two letter that Ida Nakamura, who was interned as a high schooler, had sent to her classmates at Parkrose High School from behind the iron gates of Minidoka. My research involved interviewing her family members, and tracing her experiences specifically leading up to the internment. Prior to this experience, for the most part I had only heard in depth interment stories of young children and their parents, which is why I feel I connected with Ida particularly, because she was the same age as me when she and her family were forced to evacuate their homes and settle into the Portland Assembly Center. In fact, our birthdays were only one day apart.

While I haven't always been able to recognize it, the Japanese American experience and community has shaped my life by providing three traits to strive to embody. The first, is resilience, something I have learned from not only the ability to endure from all Japanese who were incarcerated, but also the bravery of my grandmother, who immigrated to the United States from China, to provide my mother and her five siblings with better opportunities. Second, is hard work, a trait my parents have certainly emphasized, coupled with determination and a dash of stubbornness. And last, the ability to be observant and to willingly provide welcoming ears is a trait I have come to appreciate especially, from the entire Japanese American community.

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### **RED COMMEMORATIVE LANTERN** (\$25)

Name (English) \_\_\_\_\_

Japanese Version (kanji/katakana) \_\_\_\_\_

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#### **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

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## NIKKEI COMMUNITY PICNIC

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2016**

**OAKS PARK**

**(SOUTH PARK AREA - UNDER THE LARGE STRIPED TENT)**

**NOON TO 5PM**

**Food, Fun, Rides for the Kids; Prizes and Performance by Portland Taiko**

**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:

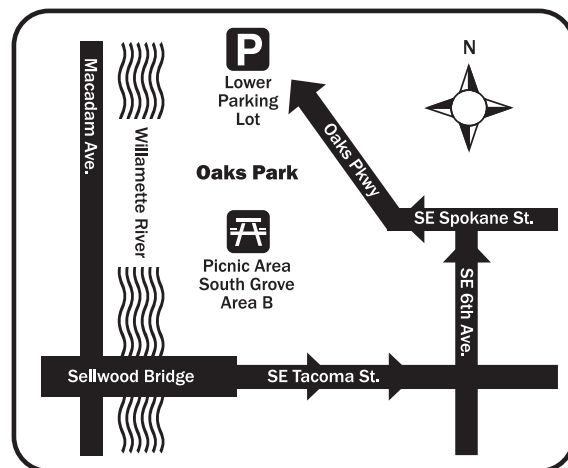
A-Ki Rice or a noodle dish  
Kl-Sa Salad or Vegetable dish  
Sc-Z Dessert or Bread

### 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 8: Connie Masuoka at 503-243-3291**

# JAPANESE ANCESTRAL SOCIETY OF PORTLAND

June 2016

Dear Golfers and Friends:

You are cordially invited to participate in the 16<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 JULY

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

**Mon. 4** - Closed

**Tue. 5** - Roast Pork

Singapore Noodles

**Thu. 7** - Niku-yasai itame

**Fri. 8** - Hiyamugi

**Mon. 11** - Ginger Scallion

Chicken

**Tue. 12** - Bill &

Mike's Razor Clams

(Reservations, only)

**Thu. 14** - Kaki-Age Don

**Fri. 15** - Beef niratame

**Mon. 18** - Crispy Beef

Bibimbop

**Tue. 19** - Hoisin Chicken

Salad Rolls

**Thu. 21** - Curry Udon -

Pork

**Fri. 22** - Chicken Karaage

**Mon. 25** - Birthday Sushi

**Tue. 26** - Orange Peel

Chicken

**Thu. 28** - Kaba-yaki

**Fri. 29** - Hanbagu Suteki

### 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
- **Jul 12, 10:30:** Fujinkai Board Meeting
- **Jul 18, 11:30:** Ohana Lunch Bunch
- **Jul 21,** Sing-along with Reiko and Jerry

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