



# PORTLAND JACL NEWSLETTER

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Now - January 15, 2017**

Exhibit: Captain Hardy and the Black Ship Scroll  
Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center

**November 6**

Daylight Savings Time Ends

**November 6, Noon**  
**OBT Building 50th**

Anniversary  
Lunch - MAC Club

**November 8**

Election Day

**November 11**

Veterans Day

**November 12, 10 a.m.**

Craft Fair  
Oregon Buddhist Temple

**November 21, 7 p.m.**

JAS Board Meeting  
Epworth

**November 24**

Thanksgiving

**December 3, 5:00 p.m.**

Holiday Party  
Oregon Buddhist Temple

## HONORING MIN YASUI

*by Lynn Longfellow, Board Member*

"If you begin to erode the liberties and the freedom and the rights of the individual, then you are indeed jeopardizing the safety of our whole nation."

— Minoru Yasui

The words and deeds of a true American hero have been memorialized on the Minoru Yasui Legacy Stone that was recently unveiled on October 19th at the Hood River Library in Hood River, Oregon during a celebration marking what would have been Minoru 'Min' Yasui's 100th birthday. Family members including Min's daughters Laurie, Iris and Holly were in attendance for the celebration that was organized by members of the community under the leadership of Maija Yasui.

In addition to the unveiling of the stone, Centennial Celebration events at the library included a birthday reception, display of Min's Presidential Medal of Freedom and citation that was awarded posthumously by President Barack Obama on November 24, 2015, a traveling exhibit on the life of Minoru Yasui created by Oregon Nikkei Endowment, and the premiere film screening of Part One, Never Give Up! Minoru Yasui and the Fight for Justice at the Columbia Arts Center.

The Center also hosted the program *Vision and Vigilance: Minoru Yasui: An Oregon Civil Rights Hero*, the evening before. Organized by the Minoru Yasui Tribute Project and Oregon Nikkei Endowment, the event included an excerpted reading of Holly Yasui's play, *Citizen Min*, followed by responses and roundtable discussions facilitated by diverse community leaders and organizers. The program, which was also presented in Ontario and Portland, was made possible in part by a grant from Oregon Humanities and support from the Snake River JACL. Chisao Hata, the program's manager also directed casts in all three cities that included professional actors alongside community members.



Min deliberately violated the military curfew that was imposed on all people of Japanese ancestry under Executive Order 9066 that led to the incarceration of over 120,000 Japanese Americans, the majority of whom were U.S. citizens. He did this to initiate a case to test the constitutionality of the racially discriminatory order. He went on to

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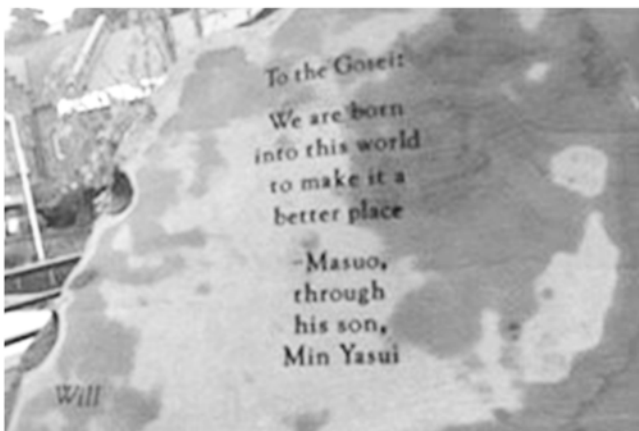
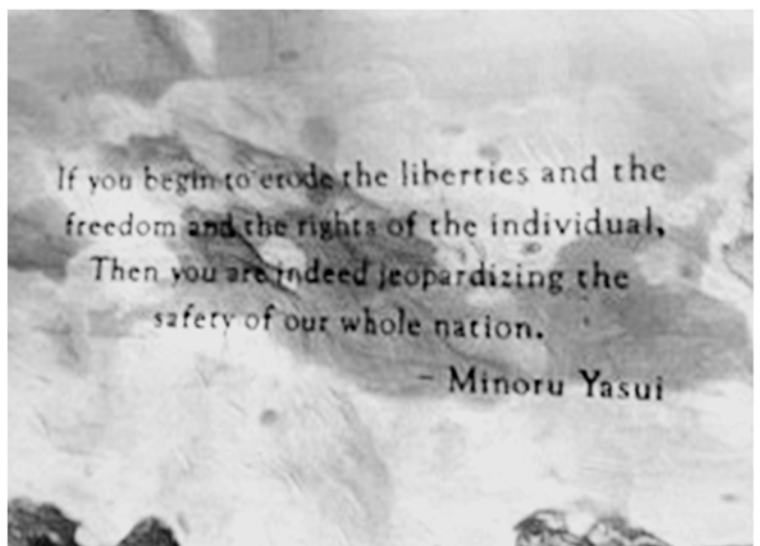
spend the rest of his life as a champion for human and civil rights and justice for all people and he is the only Oregonian to be awarded a Presidential Medal of Freedom, our nations highest civilian honor. This past spring, the Oregon legislature unanimously passed HB 4009 making every March 28th in perpetuity, Minoru Yasui day in the State of Oregon.

The values and principles that Min fought and stood for are more important now than ever before given the discourse

in our country today, as expressed by President Obama when he awarded Min's Presidential Medal of Freedom to his family. "Today, Min's legacy has never been more important. It is a call to our national conscience, a reminder of our enduring obligation to be the land of the free and the home of the brave, an America worthy of his sacrifices."

Let us all answer the call to carry on Min's legacy and fight for justice for all!

## MINORU YASUI 100TH BIRTHDAY ACTIVITIES



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE 3RD ANNUAL  
NIKKEI BCC/HKS+\* PARTY!**

*Nikkei Community  
Winter Holiday Party*

**Saturday, December 3, 2016  
Oregon Buddhist Temple Basement  
starting at 5 p.m.**

This will be a semi-potluck dinner where the main course will be provided and you bring a side dish of your choice.

There will be activities for kids and a visit from Santa.

Start the holidays with food and fun!

For more information or to RSVP,  
contact Connie at  
cmasuoka@comcast.net or 503-243-3291

*\*Bodhi day, Christmas, C/Hanukkah, Kawanzaa, Solistice*



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## AROUND THE COMMUNITY



Cherie Yokota and Setsy Larouche pose with Junki Yoshida after a tour of the Yoshida Sauce factory on October 7th. Photo by Sanae Ota



Portland JACL works with Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO) on the program, "New American Voters Project" (NAVVP), where new immigrants are sworn in as new U.S. Citizens. On September 27th, National Voter Registration Day, Oregon Secretary of State, Jeanne Atkins joined in the celebration and was the keynote speaker at the event. Photo L to R: Setsy Larouche, Oregon Secretary of State Jeanne Atkins, and Dean Price, NAVP Coordinator.



The Pacific Northwest District Council of JACL held their Fall meeting in Portland, hosted by the Gresham-Troutdale Chapter. Shown here during a working lunch (L to R) are Terry Nishikawa President of the Gresham-Troutdale Chapter, Bob Nakamura Delegate for the Olympia Chapter, Vice Governor for Chapter Development, Bill Tashima from the Seattle Chapter, Governor Sheldon Arakaki from the Seattle Chapter, Stan Shikuma, PNW Education Chair from the Seattle Chapter, Sarah Baker President of the Seattle Chapter, Paul Tashima, PNW Secretary, Marleen Wallingford, President of Portland JACL, Eileen Yamada-Lamphere, PNW Historian, Elsie Taniguchi, President of the Puyallup Chapter and Setsy Larouche, Vice Governor for Membership from Portland JACL. Photo by Chip Larouche



Consul General Kojiro Uchiyama hoists the annual rotating trophy for the Goodwill Golf Tournament held on October 2nd. The trophy shows that this tournament has occurred annually since 1997 between the members of the Japanese Ancestral Society, Shokookai and the Japanese Consulate. Photo by Chip Larouche



On October 9th the Oregon Hiroshima Club visited Kiyokawa Orchards in Parkdale, that is owned and operated by Portland JACL member, Randy Kiyokawa who posed with the group (far right) after briefing them on U-Pick techniques and locations of several fresh varieties of apples and pears in their orchards that have been family. Randy also gave the history of the family Orchard that has been in business since 1911. Photo by Chip Larouche



September 27th, National Voter Registration Day, Portland JACL in partnership with Chinese American Citizens Alliance, (C.A.C.A.) participated in registering over 20 new Asian voters at the Fubonn Supermarket in Southeast Portland. The volunteers pictured are Victor Leo, Siu Ling Wong, Randy Choy, Setsy Larouche, and Franklin Quan. Photo taken by: Rosaline Hui, Editor of Chinese Times.

## Unite People's Holiday Wreath Sale

Get ready for the Holidays and reduce your stress by pre-ordering winter greenery to decorate your home or office.

Let us help you decorate your home or business by ordering from our lovely selection of wreaths and holiday decorations. This year the proceeds will benefit Epworth Church who has been very supportive of Unite People by providing them a meeting space and Unite People's summer project.

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Your Name

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Phone number

Mixed wreaths with berries	Qty	Price	Total
12 inch		\$20.00	
16 inch		\$26.00	
20 inch		\$32.00	
Door Swag		\$15.00	
Candy Cane Style		\$20.00	
15 foot Garland		\$20.00	
Red Bow		\$ 5.00	
Mizuhiki		\$ 5.00	
Total			

**Deadline to order is November 7, 2016**

Pick-up date:  
Sunday, December 4, 2016  
from 11-2pm  
at Epworth United Methodist

Mail this form to:  
Unite People  
6305 E Burnside  
Portland, OR 97215  
or  
Order on line at  
[pdxjacl.org](http://pdxjacl.org)

**Please make checks payable to UNITE PEOPLE**

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Thank you to Curtis Suyetmatsu for his photos of the Portland performance and roundtable discussions.



Chisao Hata\*, Scott Sakamoto\*, Soren Gillaspay, Jerry Foster, Heath Hyun Houghton, Sumi Wu, Michiko Kornhauser, Joe Wahl\*, Jeff Selby\*  
\*denotes former Portland JACL President



Chisao Hata, Sumi Wu, Heath Hyun Houghton



Lynn Longfellow





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## IKOI NO KAI AT EPWORTH MENU FOR NOVEMBER

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

**Tue. 1** - Tonkatsu  
**Thu. 3** - Miso ramen  
**Fri. 4** - Kiritanpo-nabe  
**Mon. 7** - Halibut & chips  
**Tue. 8** - Mabo tofu  
**Thu. 10** - Curry  
**Fri. 11** - Sukiyaki  
(reservations required)

**Mon. 14** - Burmese  
chicken  
**Tue. 15** - BBQ Pork/  
Singapore noodles  
**Thu. 17** - Nasu-ankake-  
don  
**Fri. 18** - Chicken teriyaki

**Mon. 21** - Pork & shrimp  
buns  
**Tue. 22** - Black bean  
chicken  
**Thu. 24** - Thanksgiving  
**Mon. 28** - Bibimbop  
**Mon. 29** - Birthday sushi

### Menu Notes:

- Meals include salad or soup and dessert
- Closed Wednesdays
- **Mondays, 12:30-2:** hanafuda and bridge
- **Mon-Tue-Fri, 11:30:** chair exercises
- **Nov 8, 10:30:** Fujinkai Board
- **Nov 17, 11:30:** Sing-along-Reiko and Jerry
- **Nov 18, Noon:** Kathryn Work on piano
- **Nov 21, 12:30:** Ohana Lunch Bunch

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