



# 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

**October 8, 10 a.m.**

PNWDC Board Meeting  
Holladay Park Plaza

**October 9, 10 a.m.**

Vision & Vigilance  
The Story of Min Yasui  
Gerding Theater - Free

**October 15**

Rose City Cemetery  
Clean-up 9:00 to Noon

**October 19**

Min Yasui's 100th Birthday  
Columbia Center for the Arts  
Hood River, Oregon

**October 23, 4:30 p.m.**

Ballot Measure Discussion  
Oregon Buddhist Temple  
Refreshments - Free

**November 6, Noon**

OBT Building 50th  
Anniversary (Correction)  
Lunch - MAC Club

**November 8**

Election Day

**November 11**

Veterans Day

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

JAS Board Meeting  
Epworth

## VOTE IN THIS CRITICAL ELECTION!

*by Kirk Tambara, Board Member*

Our great nation has come a long way since the days where only land-owning white men had the right to vote. Today, eligibility to vote in the United States cannot be abridged on account of race, color, previous condition of servitude, or gender for citizens above the age of 18.

During the 2012 elections, 84.3% of all Americans who met these criteria were registered to vote. Of these registered voters, only 53.6% actually voted. In a country where the right to vote is so easily attainable now, this number seems embarrassingly small.

The upcoming Presidential election is one of the most critical of this century. We have two candidates and their respective political parties who are attempting to position their agendas as the right choice for our country for the next four years.

This new President will likely leave a lasting mark on the Supreme Court. By the time the new President takes office, four of the nine Justices will be over the age of 78 which is approaching the average age of retirement for Justices since the 1970s. This new President, by appointing several new Justices, will shape the direction of the Supreme Court for decades beyond his or her term in office.

With climate control, this new administration will either continue Obama's energy initiative under the Environmental Protection Agency's

"Clean Power Plan" or argue against the scientific findings behind it in favor of less restrictive laws aligned with Industrial Growth.

Healthcare is another hotbed topic with the two candidates. One would seek to preserve the Affordable Care Act and extend it, while the other would do the utmost to repeal it in favor of something entirely different.

There are many complex issues where the candidates have different viewpoints ranging from immigration to financial reform that the amount of information becomes almost impossible to digest. For many people, the entire process becomes too intimidating and perhaps that is why our voter turnout is so low. According to the Pew Research Center, the United States ranks 31st out of 35 for voter turnout in developed countries. Having said that, we at JACL urge you to exercise your right to vote in the upcoming 2016 elections. Whomever you chose to support, please take the time to participate in the election process.

Along those lines, JACL in partnership with CACA, is hosting a non-partisan discussion on Oregon ballot measures and candidates on October 18th at the Oregon Buddhist Temple at 3720 SE 34th Ave. This will be followed by a light supper and social conversation. Doors open at 4:15.

We hope to see you there!

# Be An Informed Voter

## Learn about the upcoming election

October 23, 2016, 4:15 p.m. doors open

Oregon Buddhist Temple, 3720 SE 34th Ave



**A ballot measure** is a piece of proposed legislation to be approved or rejected by eligible voters.

Join CACA and the Portland JACL for an evening of non-partisan discussion on the Oregon ballot measures and candidates followed by a light supper and social conversation. Please let us know if you are coming.

RSVP by October 18 to Marleen Wallingford at

[marleen@pdxjacl.org](mailto:marleen@pdxjacl.org) or 503-526-1340



## TAIKOPROJECT FROM LOS ANGELES IN ITS PORTLAND DEBUT!



Portland Taiko is proud to share the stage with the Los Angeles-based TaikoProject in its Portland debut! TaikoProject made waves when they became the first American taiko group to win the prestigious Tokyo International Taiko Contest in 2005. Since then, the group has performed with Stevie Wonder, Usher, Alicia Keys, 30 Seconds to Mars, and Quetzal, as well as taiko artists Ryutaro Kaneko and Chieko Kojima. As LA Weekly put it, "This isn't your mama's taiko, but it may be your hip younger cousin's."

The concert, entitled "Sound in Motion," will be held at Catlin Gabel School's Cabell Center Theater (8825 SW Barnes Road) on Sunday, October 16, 3:00 p.m. Tickets are available through Eventbrite (search for "Portland Taiko") or at our website: [www.portlandtaiko.org](http://www.portlandtaiko.org).

## Opening Japan: Three Centuries of Woodblock Prints



**A6 Studio & Gallery**  
**Sep 2–Nov 20, 2016**

**Opening Reception**  
Friday, September 2, 4–9 pm

**Gallery Hours**  
Monday–Friday 10–7 pm  
Saturday 10–6 pm  
Sunday 12–5 pm

The closing, then opening, of Japan to the West had a profound effect on a popular art form: the woodblock print. This exhibit presents a view of Japanese prints, featuring rare antique woodblock prints from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries. The exhibit includes master works by Hiroshige, Hasui and Yoshitoshi.

**Free Admission**  
541.330.8759 / [atelier6000.org](http://atelier6000.org)  
550 SW Industrial Way #180, Bend, OR 97702

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# VISION AND VIGILANCE

MINORU YASUI, AN OREGONIAN CIVIL RIGHTS HERO |  
2015 RECIPIENT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM.

Experience the story Minoru Yasui, who purposely violated the military curfew imposed under Executive Order 9066 to test its constitutionality. He was imprisoned for his trust and belief in the American constitution.

- Play Reading "Citizen Min"
- Film Excerpt "Never Give Up"
- Photo Exhibit
- Community Discussion

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9  
10AM-12PM 2016**

128 NW 11th Ave. Portland, OR

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## AROUND THE COMMUNITY



The O.N.E. annual banquet also was graced with special VIPs. The Honorable Norman Y. Mineta, was the keynote speaker for the event with special remarks given by Consul General of Japan in Portland, Kojiro Uchiyama, pictured here with his wife Karen and Secretary Mineta. Photo by Setsy Larouche



Shokookai of Portland celebrated its 50th Anniversary with a Gala at the Hilton Hotel on Tuesday, September 13th. The Portland JACL board were invited as guests to join in the festivities. Pictured here is President Marleen Wallingford sharing her dinner with Kyle Iboshi, award winning reporter with KGW news in Portland. Photo by Chip Larouche



The Oregon Nikkei Endowment annual banquet was held at the MAC Club on September 8th. The "Paving the Way" Award was presented to the Iwasaki Brothers, Inc., with remarks by James Iwasaki pictured here with Jere Okada who was presented with the "Heart of the Community Award". Photo by Setsy Larouche



### MINORU YASUI Hood River, Oregon

Tuesday, October 18  
7:00-9:00 pm Columbia Center for the Arts,  
215 Cascade Avenue  
"Vision and Vigilance," READINGS from the  
play *Citizen Min*, followed by DISCUSSION



Wednesday, October 19

9:00 am - 8:00 pm Hood River Library, 502 State Street  
EXHIBIT on Minoru Yasui – courtesy of the Oregon Nikkei  
Endowment

4:00 pm Library Lawn above Oak Street  
Unveiling of LEGACY STONE and reception (birthday party!)

7:00 pm Columbia Center for the Arts, 215 Cascade Avenue  
FILM screening – premiere of Part One, *Never Give Up! Minoru  
Yasui and the Fight for Justice*, and TALK on Min Yasui's Oregon legacy



# EPWORTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## FALL BAZAAR

**Sunday, Oct. 23**

**11:30-2:30**

LUNCH TAKE-OUT, BAKE SALE, RUMMAGE SALE, & PRODUCE SALE

Please use the following order form and make checks payable to Epworth United Methodist Church.  
Please mail by Oct. 16 to: *Epworth United Methodist Church*  
1333 SE 28th Avenue  
Portland, OR 97214  
Phone #: (503)232-5253

<u>Item</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Chicken and Chowmein Bento	\$12.00	_____	\$_____
Inarizushi	\$6.00	_____	\$_____
TOTAL AMOUNT			\$_____

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Food is take-out only.

You may pick up your tickets on the day of the bazaar at the Pre-Sale ticket area.

All proceeds benefit Epworth United Methodist Church.



## 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

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

**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  
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Order on line at  
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## IKOI NO KAI AT EPWORTH MENU FOR OCTOBER

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

**Mon. 3** - Tomato beef  
chow mein

**Tue. 4** - Chicken donburi

**Thu. 6** - Tuna fry

**Fri. 7** - Hayashi

**Mon. 10** - Thai peanut  
chicken

**Tue. 11** - Mabo tofu

**Thu. 13** - Curry

**Fri. 14** - Shrimp tempura

**Mon. 17** - Cioppino

**Tue. 18** - Sweet & Sour

Pork

**Thu. 20** - Teriyaki chicken

**Fri. 21** - Closed for bazaar

**Mon. 24** - Pork ramen

**Tue. 25** - Bill's salmon

**Thu. 27** - Tofu & shrimp  
gyoza

**Fri. 28** - Tori-kamameshi

**Mon. 31** - 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
- **Oct 11, 10:30:** Fujinkai Board
- **Oct 14, Noon:** Kathryn Work on piano
- **Oct 17, 12:30:** Ohana Lunch Bunch
- **Oct 20, 11:30:** Sing-along-Reiko and Jerry

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