



PORTLAND JACL NEWSLETTER

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

September 17

Rose City Cemetery
Clean-up 9:00 to Noon

September 18

Nichiren Buddhist Temple
Take Out Bazaar

September 22

OAPABA Annual Gala Dinner
Justice Lynn Nakamoto
Award Recipient
Min Yasui – Sentinel Hotel

October 1

Applications due Oct 1, 2016
for Kakehashi Trips
See www.pdxjacl.org

October 2

Sukiyaki Bazaar, OBT
11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

October 8

PNWDC Board Meeting
Holladay Park Plaza,
Portland

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

SUMMER'S OVER ALREADY, BUT THERE'S LOTS TO DO! *by Chip Larouche, Treasurer*

If you missed the Nikkei Community Picnic at Oaks Amusement Park on Sunday, August 21st, you missed a good one. The crowd was a bit smaller than years past, perhaps 300 people, and I suspect that the closure of two bridges that day may have discouraged a few folks from the West side, but those who did make it, including Consul General of Japan, Kojiro Uchiyama and his wife Karen, were treated to a lot of fun, a lot of prizes, great food and a lovely, sunny and 80-degree afternoon.

The only element of sadness at the event was that Mrs. Nobu Masuoka wasn't in charge of the food line like she has been for more than 25 years. Mrs. Masuoka passed away earlier in the month at the age of 91. Her energy and infectious enthusiasm will certainly be missed by the entire community, and the board joins me in expressing our heartfelt condolences to the Masuoka family.

As our youth head back to school, it's not too early to start thinking about scholarships. Portland JACL has just posted the scholarship application for our local community scholarships which usually awards over \$16,000 in scholarships on its webpage (www.pdxjacl.org). These scholarships are awarded at the Community Graduation Banquet that will be held on May 7, 2017. In addition, National JACL will shortly post their scholarship application online for their annual scholarships

that normally total \$70,000. These scholarships will be awarded in August 2017. For the Community Scholarships, students or their parents must be members of one of the 11 sponsoring organizations (listed on the application) no later than October 15 this year. National JACL scholarships require the students to be members of a JACL Chapter at any time before submitting the application, but students who have been members and participated in activities for a longer period of time are more competitive for these scholarships.

Now that the Olympics are over, there will be more media attention devoted to the upcoming elections. This year, in addition to the choices we will have for the candidates themselves, there will be a number of ballot measures that are complicated enough that Portland JACL, in coordination with the Portland Lodge of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance will hold a forum on Sunday, October 23rd in the basement of the Oregon Buddhist Temple to discuss these ballot measures for everyone who is interested in having a dialog on the issues.

Even if you've already made up your mind about the ballot measures, come on down anyway for the refreshments. We hope to see many of you there!

NIKKEI COMMUNITY PICNIC *photos by Curtis Suyematsu*



The Tsugawas eagerly claim their traditional picnic prize for the less lucky attendees.



Portland Taiko runs their own version of Portland's Got Talent.



We all missed you Nobi-san.



Setsy and Lynn pose with Consul General Uchiyama and his wife Karen who had a great time at the picnic.



Setsy and Mary Ann have watermelons ready for the next lucky number.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



President Marleen Wallingford and board members Setsy and Chip Larouche join the Chinese American Citizen Alliance and APANO for a workshop to get out the vote in 2016.



Minidoka Swing Band was the lead entertainment at Oregon Buddhist Temple's Obon Festival on August 6. Unlike the sweltering temperatures of years past, this year was a very pleasant 75°.

A STAMP PROPOSAL TO HONOR NISEI AMERICAN SOLDIERS DURING WWII

There is a proposal current under consideration at the Postal Service that would honor the American patriotism of Japanese American soldiers.

The stamp subject would show the National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism During World War II. This memorial, tells the story of the Nisei soldiers in the context of the ten major American concentration camps from which many of these soldiers were recruited and where they left their families to fight for American during WWII.

How can you help? It appears right now that the effort is being focused on getting Congressman Walden of Oregon to sign on to support this proposal.

Emails supporting this stamp can either be sent to the Congressman directly via his website:

<https://walden.house.gov/contact-greg/email-me>

or to contact two either of the two Congressman's aides:

Nolan Ahern (Nolan.Ahern@mail.house.gov) or

Kristen Shatynski (Kristen.Shatynski@mail.house.gov).

We can't think of a better way to honor these Nisei soldiers at this time.

Thanks for your consideration!



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JERRY INOUE GOLF TOURNAMENT: IT'S A WRAP!

by Sharon Takahashi, Japanese Ancestral Society President

On July 31, we were blessed with great weather, good friends, and friendly competition for the Japanese Ancestral Society's Jerry Inouye Golf Tournament. Sixteen years ago, the JAS chose to honor Jerry for his community-building and unique talent of gathering volunteers for his service "army."

The women's flight was the largest this year with 25 golfers. Katie Tamiyasu came in first with a net score of 63, followed by Pat Gilman (net 65) and Pat Schwindt (net 66). Pat Schwindt and Katie Tamiyasu tied for low gross honors with a score of 90, but a lower handicap gave Pat the honor.

In the A flight, Michael Luke, Ed Tamiyasu and Ken Saito all shot net 65, but handicaps put Michael first, Ed second, and Ken third. A tie for low gross honors pitted Hideo Kobayashi against Marcus Uchida, but Hideo's handicap (1) gave him low gross honors (a repeat for Hideo).

The B Flight golfers didn't confuse us with ties, luckily. First place went to Carl Kato (net 62), second Ron Hiromura (net 66) and third Tom Fujii (net 67). Low gross was Carl Kato with a score of 86.

The golfer with the mightiest arm who carries home the perpetual trophy for the whole year (also known as the grand champion) is Carl Kato.

This year we had 72 golfers in the field, thanks to the golf committee who networked with the Oregon Nisei Women's and Oregon Nisei Men's Golf Club. Membership in the Japanese Ancestral Society is a prerequisite for golfing in the tournament. For more information, check out our website: www.japaneseancestralsociety.org

We would like to thank the following businesses for their contributions to our event:
Broadmoor Golf, Chinese Village,
Dr. Connie Masuoka, Dr. Dale Ogata,
Eastmoreland Golf, Friends of Japan in

Oregon, Glendoveer Golf, Hakatamon, Japanese Garden Society, Japanese Ancestral Society, Kirin Brew USA, Koji Osakaya, Lewis River Golf, Meeka Restaurant, Onpoint Credit Union, Ota Family Tofu, Portland JACL, Quail Valley Golf, Rainbow Trophy, Rose City Cemetery, Rose City Golf, Sambu Restaurant, United Pacific, Yamasa Corporation, Yuuyake Shinbun, and 808 Grinds.

Community supporters included Al Abe, Jackie Alderman, Kay Endo, Joyce Fedler, Jinx Fujii, Pat Gilman, Frank and Lois Hasebe, Ace and Alice Hiromura, Ron and Joanne Hiromura, Pat and Tom Hokama, Kurtis Inouye, Nancy and Eddy Kajitsu, George Kanegae, Carl Kato, Terry Kawamoto, Ed Kawasaki, Jane Kawashima, Gordon Kondo, Bob Kurimoto, Chip and Setsy Larouche, Don Matsuda, Jim and Merianne Nagae, Gregg & Andrea Nitta, Ogata Family, Ken Ogawa, Stan Sakuma, Tomie Schmidt, Pat Schwindt, Chris Shiraishi, Wayne and Sharon Takahashi, Ed and Katie Tamiyasu, Frances Tanaka, Jess Toda, Lew Tomita, Henry Ueno, Jeff Yoshida and Shig and Yo Yuzuriha.



JAS NEEDS YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO REPLACE FENCES AT ROSE CITY CEMETERY

Japan Ancestral Society is asking for your help to replace old fencing at Rose City Cemetery.

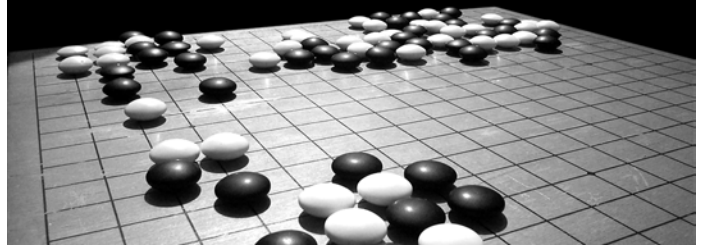
Please send donations to JAS, Japanese Ancestral Society:

Send in care of:

Cemetery Treasurer, Kay Endo.
PO Box 82443
Portland, OR 97282

The committee has been hard at work spreading barkdust and restoring lettering this summer. Thanks to all who are coming out to assist with those projects.

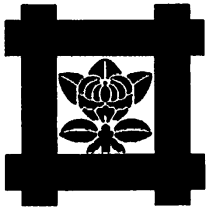
PORTLAND GO TOURNAMENT



October 15 to 16 at Lewis & Clark College.

Register at www.goclubs.org.

Email Peter Drake at drake@lclark.edu if you have any questions.



NICHIREN BUDDHIST TEMPLE 2016 Fall Take-Out Bazaar

<i>Combination Bento</i>	QUANTITY	AMOUNT
<i>Chow Mein, Chicken</i>		
<i>& Sushi</i>		
\$15.00	_____	_____

Please Pre-order **Total \$** _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Sunday, September **18**, 2016

PICK-UP 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

2025 S.E. Yamhill

Please return this pre-order form with your check by **September 11, 2016.**

Please make checks payable to:
Portland Nichiren Buddhist Temple

All proceeds benefit:
Portland Nichiren Buddhist Temple
2025 S.E. Yamhill
Portland, Oregon 97214
(503) 235-8292

Thank You for your Order

OUR CONDOLENCES

Portland JACL sends our thoughts and condolences to the Masuoka and Koida families for the loss of Nobu-san and Bill.



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.

Andrew Asakawa, International School of Beaverton

What do you think is the most pressing political or social issue currently facing the Japanese American and/or Asian American community?

One of the most pressing, current social issues facing the Asian American community is the growing loss of cultural identity, as Asian minorities try and blend into American society. This issue is especially acute with Japanese Americans, historically one of the oldest, and most prominent Asian minorities in the United States. Japanese Americans, according to the recent census, have the highest proportion of mixed raced individuals. The combination of being third, or fourth generation born in the United States and often being mixed race makes it difficult for people to truly identify with their common Japanese culture. Further as Japanese Americans "Americanize" people also forget what their ancestors have done to raise the position of Japanese Americans in society, which is a major sociocultural issue.

Further, this issue doesn't only affect the leaders of the community, or the older generation, within my life I have struggled with my Japanese American identity. Often, it is easy to forget my roots and cultural background because it seems so far removed from my daily life. Being yosei means that my family doesn't uphold traditional cultural practices, or speak Japanese at home, and thus to fill these gaps in my identity I had find these aspects of culture in other areas of my life.

at the ability to learn more about my Japanese ancestry. For seven years I have been taking Japanese language courses, and gone to an international school that focuses on world understanding and cultural exploration. For instance, I have immersed myself in my school's Japanese National Honor Society, which focuses on exploring and sharing Japanese culture with the local Beaverton community. Language and culture aside I have also had the opportunity to understand the history of Japan and the historical significance of relations between Japan and America and of Japanese Americans. Through these various experiences, and a trip to Japan with peers a few years prior, I have pieced together my identity as Japanese American.

However, not all Japanese Americans are presented the opportunities that I have utilized to form my Japanese identity. It is through the educational opportunities and cultural events that I have attended that allowed me to shape my Japanese American identity. Therefore, I believe that in order to face this challenge the Japanese American community leaders should increase sociocultural educational opportunities. For instance, offering Japanese learning programs that are run by community volunteers would allow the younger Japanese American generation to identify with their common heritage.

Additionally, events held by the Japanese community that celebrate Japanese culture and identity would greatly help the issues of cultural and social identity. These actions are of great significance, since if current trends for identity continue the Japanese American community will slowly disappear. It is important that the Japanese American community retains its rich culture and history, and celebrates it, as we progress into the future.

Oregon Buddhist Temple would like to invite you to its annual

SUKIYAKI BAZAAR

Sunday, October 2, 2016, 11:30am-3:30pm, at Oregon Buddhist Temple
3720 SE 34th Avenue, Portland OR 97202

Come and enjoy Sukiyaki (beef or vegetarian), Chow Mein and Chicken Bento.
There will also be plants, ikebana and calligraphy displays,
snack bar, omiyage (gift) shop, and more...

For information, please call Mie McGraw at 971-227-7240
or email miemcgraw3@gmail.com

SUKIYAKI BAZAAR ORDER FORM

Pre-Ordering is highly recommended

Item	Price	To Go Qty.	Dine In Qty.	Total Qty.	Total \$ Amount
Beef Sukiyaki *	\$12				
Vegetarian Sukiyaki *	\$12				
Chicken Bento	\$10				
Chow Mein	\$8				
Total \$:					

*additional \$1 for To-Go orders of Sukiyaki. OBT will supply container.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Please make checks payable to and mail to: Oregon Buddhist Temple
3720 SE 34th Avenue
Portland, OR 97202-3037

Please return orders forms by Wednesday, September 28, 2016



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IKOI NO KAI AT EPWORTH MENU FOR SEPTEMBER

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

Thu. 1 - Tori-kamameshi

Fri. 2 - Okonomiyaki

Tue. 6 - Beef Bibimbop

Thu. 8 - Tori-mizutaki
nabe

Fri. 9 - Tofu-chige nabe

Mon. 12 - Shrimp with
lobster sauce

Tue. 13 - Ginger chicken
fried rice

Thu. 15 - Stick gyoza

Fri. 16 - Chicken chiri
sauce

Mon. 19 - Korean beef and
noodles

Tue. 20 - Saba

Thu. 22 - Mar Far chicken

Fri. 23 - Beef kurokke

Mon. 26 - Panko cod

Tue. 27 - Chicken curry

Thu. 29 - Tempura udon

Fri. 30 - Lemon Plum
Sauce Chicken

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
- **Sep 19, 12:30:** Ohana Lunch Bunch
- **Sep 22, 11:30:** Piano Duet performance by Reiko Isono & Noriko Roper

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