



# PORTLAND JACL NEWSLETTER

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Now thru Feb 28, 2018**

*Righting a Wrong: Japanese Americans and World War II*  
National Museum of American History  
Washington DC

**February 5 - July 16**

*Yellow Terror*  
Art by Roger Shimomura  
ONLC

**April 9**

Spring Bazaar  
Oregon Buddhist Temple

**April 15**

PNWDC District Meeting  
Olympia

**April 30**

Epworth United Methodist  
Church Bazaar

**May 6, 2 - 4 p.m.**

75th Anniversary of Portland  
Assembly Center Incarceration  
Exhibition Hall "A"

**May 7, 1 p.m.**

JA Graduation Banquet  
Monarch Hotel

**May 14**

Mother's Day

**May 29, 1 p.m.**

Memorial Day Service  
Rose City Cemetery

**July 5 - 9**

JACL National Convention  
Washington, D.C.

## LOOKING FORWARD -- LOTS TO DO!

*by Setsy Larouche, Membership Chair*

As your membership chair for our Portland Chapter for many years, I want to thank everyone for their loyal support in making Portland the largest JACL Chapter in the nation. I believe it's more important than ever to continue to have a strong vibrant Asian organization in light of the current political climate. Being a member of a national organization gives us more influence and power as we come to the table. As we remember the 75th anniversary of Executive Order 9066, please participate in the many upcoming events in the greater Portland area and other parts of our nation. JACL will hold their national convention in July in Washington, D.C. You can combine the convention events with sightseeing in D.C. Their July 4th fireworks is second to none as well as their Smithsonian Folklife Festival which is held during the same week. The National Museum of American History has the latest exhibit on "Righting a Wrong—Japanese Americans and WWII" which is open now and will be available through February 2018. The Convention will be held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel, right across the street from the National Zoo which is "free" (part of the Smithsonian). The hotel also is very conveniently located on the METRO (subway) line which is a great public transportation system. I have been told the Ambassador Sasae from Japan has invited convention attendees to a reception at his residence. So please go the JACL website and register for the convention.

Closer to home, Oregon Nikkei Endowment and Portland JACL are teaming up for a Day of Remembrance at the Expo Center on Saturday, May 6th from 2-4pm. As most of you know that was formerly an Assembly Center where thousands of Nikkeis were imprisoned prior to being sent to Minidoka or other concentration camps. We will have the Minidoka Swing Band play and David Ono from Los Angeles will be the Master of Ceremony. The Keynote speaker will be Dale Minami from the San Francisco Bay area.

The very next day (May 7th), our annual Japanese American graduation luncheon honoring our high school seniors will be held at the Monarch Hotel. The luncheon is complimentary for all graduating seniors and for others it will be \$35/each. This will be our 70th year honoring our graduates. It's remarkable that the eleven sponsoring local organizations have been hosting our graduates like this for the past 70 years. Let's all continue this wonderful tradition by attending this luncheon.

The Japanese Ancestral Society (JAS) has been working very hard cleaning and maintaining the tombstones at the Rose City Cemetery. Please come to the annual Memorial Day Service which will be held on Monday, May 29th at 1pm. Let us all honor our ancestors and those who made the ultimate sacrifices for us so we may live in a great country with freedom for all.

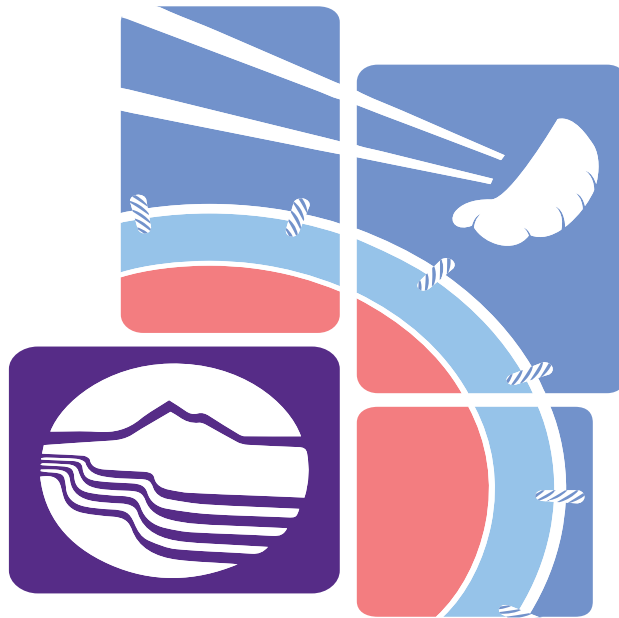
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BOARD MEMBER'S MESSAGE CONTINUED...

Please join us for a fun filled picnic at Oaks Park on Sunday, August 20th at noon. The Sellwood Bridge has been completely refurbished and is open again. Ride bracelets will be provided to children under the age of 18. Chicken, watermelon, beverages, will be provided. This is a pot luck with Bingo games and raffle prizes. Everyone wins a prize! Hope to see you there!

## 2017 Portland Taiko Benefit Banquet

Chinese Cuisine • Live Auction • Mystery Origami • Taiko Performance



**Eat! Celebrate! Support!**

Join us for a hosted NW wine and beer reception followed by a delicious 8-course, vegetarian-friendly Cantonese dinner. Enjoy an exciting program of taiko music, mystery origami leis, a live auction, and special surprises! Help keep the sound of taiko beating strong in our community!

### Thursday, May 11th

6:00 - 6:30 p.m. Hosted Wine & Beer

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Dinner & Program

### Wong's King Seafood Restaurant

8733 SE Division St Portland, OR 97266

**Tickets:** \$65 (includes \$35 tax deductible donation)

Purchase tickets online at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com)

or contact us at (503) 288-2456, [admin@portlandtaiko.org](mailto:admin@portlandtaiko.org)



## **SPRING INTO ACTION WITH THE JAS CEMETERY MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE!**

Come and join the Japanese Ancestral Society and community volunteers for monument cleaning and restoration. Each work session is followed by a potluck picnic. Bring a pail, rubber gloves, and Japanese goodie to munch on and share afterwards. Hours are 9 am to 12pm. Our location at Rose City Cemetery (57th and NE Fremont) is found by following the road until you see a cyclone fence surrounding a tall arch with the words "Japanese Cemetery" on it.

If you have questions, call Fran Sumida Palk, 503-810-3948.

### **Cleaning Schedule:**

**Sunday, May 28th, 9-12 noon, Picnic**

**Saturday, June 17th, 9-12 noon, Picnic**

**Saturday, July 15th, 9-12 noon, Picnic**

**Saturday, August 19th, 9-12 noon, Picnic**

**September, SUBJECT TO NEED.**



At their annual meeting, the JAS board including Jenny Ogawa, Sharon Takahashi and Sho Dozono were honored to have Consul General Kijiro Uchiyama and his wife Karen join them for dinner.

## **BOARD MEMBERS**

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On March 6<sup>th</sup>, the Governing Boards of the Oregon Nikkei Endowment and Portland JACL teamed up to give a reception for Chris Uehara, the new Assistant Police Chief in the Portland Police Department, the highest ranking Japanese American in the police department...so far! Chris and his family have been in the community for a while now but Assistant Chief Uehara hails from Oahu, Hawaii and looks forward to serving the greater Portland community in his new role.

These pictures were taken by **Curtis Suyematsu** of *Reflections Photography* and we are very grateful that he has allowed us to share them with you.



Assistant Chief Chris Uehara Reception

## Oregon Buddhist Temple

# Spring Bazaar 2017

Sun, April 9 11am-3pm



**Food Pre-Order**  
**Return form by April 3**

	Price	Quantity	Amount
Chow Mein	\$8	_____	\$ _____
Mar Far Chicken	\$8	_____	\$ _____
Salmon Bowl	\$9	_____	\$ _____
Tofu Bowl	\$9	_____	\$ _____
Total			\$ _____

All orders are  
pick-up only.

Tickets  
will be  
waiting at  
will-call

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Return to and make  
checks payable to:

Oregon Buddhist Temple  
3720 SE 34th Ave  
Portland, OR 97202

## New! Pre-Order Online!

go to

<https://squareup.com/store/oregon-buddhist-temple>

Questions? email us at [bazaar@oregonbuddhisttemple.com](mailto:bazaar@oregonbuddhisttemple.com) or call 503-234-9456





# EPWORTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2017**

## **SPRING BAZAAR**

**11:30 AM TO 2:30 PM**

**LUNCH TAKE-OUT, BAKE SALE, CRAFT SALE, AND PLANT SALE**

Please use the following order form and make checks payable to Epworth United Methodist Church.

Please mail by April 26 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>
Salmon/ Mar Far Chicken/ Chow Mein Bento	\$13.50	_____	\$_____
Inarizushi	\$6.00	_____	\$_____
TOTAL AMOUNT			\$_____

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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.





Assistant Chief Chris Uehara Reception

## NEW FENCE TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT THE JAPANESE CEMETERY

*by Mike Irinaga*

After a long winter, the first day of spring has finally arrived and with the new season, new things are happening at our community Japanese Cemetery, located next to the Rose City Cemetery & Funeral Home in NE Portland.

Over the past several months, the newly formed Japanese Cemetery Advisory Committee of the Japanese Ancestral Society met several times. Our most immediate task was to implement and provide guidance for a very generous and unsolicited donation we received from the **Samuel T. & Mary K. Naito Foundation**.

It all started when **Sam Naito** became aware that the chain-link fence surrounding the cemetery was in need of repair based on an article he read in the JACL newsletter, written by **Francis Sumida Palk**. After a few discussions, Sam thought it would be a good idea to construct an entirely new “nice fence”; and our committee heartily agreed with his idea. So in December of last year, we ordered a professional survey of the Japanese Cemetery to take place in order to start the ball rolling.

Fast forward to today. Over the next several months, visitors will see a completely new and attractive wrought iron fence being installed around the entire perimeter of the cemetery. The original, historic gateway with the words “Japanese Cemetery” overhead will be kept and maintained. In addition, the front (east) side of the cemetery will be extended approximately 16 feet with new grass areas that will allow for several more rows of burial plots. The road in front of the cemetery will also be widened with the addition of rolled gravel.

According to the contractor, **David Burton**, the work has begun and completion of the fence should be before this Memorial Day Weekend; depending on enough good weather days for his work crew. David said he doesn’t plan on construction activity during the weekends leading up to Memorial Day.

If you plan on visiting the Japanese Cemetery during the next several months please be aware that construction is indeed taking place and to be careful where you walk, so you don’t trip over debris or fence parts.

Current Members of the JAS Japanese Cemetery Advisory Committee are **Mike Irinaga**, (Chair), **Sharon Takahashi** (JAS President), **Kay Endo**; **Sho Dozono**, **Ron Iwasaki**, **Francis Sumida Palk** and **Henry Ueno** (Kumon).

We will be giving you updates on the progress of this project.

If you have any questions regarding the Japanese Cemetery, please contact:

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Sharon Takahashi: [stakahashi509@gmail.com](mailto:stakahashi509@gmail.com) 503-330-1935.



## Around the Community



**Above:** On Feb 21<sup>st</sup> PCC held a program on Remembering EO 9066. Included in the panel were Lynn Longfellow, John Shaw, Peggy Nagae, Wajdi Said, and Harry Anastasiou. Photo by Setsy

**Below:** Members of Portland JACL attend a town hall type reception for Mayor Ted Wheeler. Here Wajdi Said presents a special memento to Elder Katheleen D. Gunnell Saadat as Laila Hajoo, a 'Portland JACL member, and Mayor Ted Wheeler look on.



**Above:** Consul General Kijiro Uchiyama gives a great lecture entitled *Japan at a glance: US - Japan Relations* to about 120 students and guests as part of PSU's Asian Diplomat Lecture Series.

**Below:** JASO said good bye to one of the Japanese American community's most diligent volunteers, Yoshi Oda who has been in Portland for more than ten years while working as one of the executives at Epson Corporation. As a Portland JACL representative, Chip Larouche is also shown here presenting Oda-san with a collector's edition of *The Story of the National Japanese American Memorial*.





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## **IKOI NO KAI AT EPWORTH MENU FOR APRIL**

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

**Mon. 3** - Shumai/Crab  
Rangoon

**Tue. 4**- Mabo Dofu

**Thu. 6**- Chicken & Rice  
Ball Nabe - Origami  
workshop w/Nakagawa-  
san from Sapporo 10-2  
pm Please sign up!

**Fri. 7** - Ginger Pork

Katherine work on Piano  
**Mon. 10** - Sweet & Sour  
Pork

**Tue. 11** - Black bean  
chicken/salad rolls

**Thu. 13** - Meat Loaf Cutlet

**Fri. 14** - Sukiyaki on Rice

**Mon. 17** - Korean Beef  
and Noodles

**Tue. 18** - Clam Chowder/  
Somen Salad

**Thu. 20** - Beef w/Leek

**Fri. 21** - Chicken Stuffed  
Aburage on Udon

**Mon. 24** - Peanut Chicken/  
Pad Thai

**Tue. 25**- Birthday Sushi

**Thu. 27** - Chicken Karaage

**Fri. 28** - Closed for Bazaar  
Prep

### **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
- **Apr 11,13,21,25 11:30:**  
Blood pressure
- **Apr 6,13,20,27 11:30:**  
Qi Gong w/Katherine
- **Apr 11, 10:30:**  
Fujinkai Board
- **Apr 17, Ohana Lunch**  
Bunch

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