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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

June 4

- 3rd Annual Drama! Dance! Drums!
PSU, Lincoln Hall, Free!

June 15

- Father's Day

June 19-20

- Minidoka Swing Band
PNW United Methodist Church
Puyallup, Washington

June 19-22

- Minidoka Pilgrimage
Twin Falls, ID
www.minidokapilgrimage.org

June 26

- JASO Annual Awards Dinner
& SakeFest
Sentinel Hotel

June 26

- League of Minority Voters
Annual Liberty & Hope
Awards Dinner
Oregon Convention Center

June 28 10am-4pm

- Skosh III: Japan Festival
Gresham Main City Park

June 28 5-9pm

- Unite People (JACL Youth)
Chili Feed
Oregon Buddhist Temple

June 28-29

- 17th Annual World Beat
Festival
Riverfront City Park, Salem

June 30 7pm

- "The Camp Without A Fence"
Kennedy School Theater

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Japanese American Graduation Banquet

*Board Member's Message by
Marleen Wallingford*

Graduating high school seniors of the class of 2014 were honored at the 67th annual community banquet on May 4th. **Jeff Selby**, a former radio announcer, was the emcee. The invocation was given by **Rev. Robin Yim** of Epworth Methodist Church.

Our keynote speaker this year was **Peggy Nagae**, a sansei who grew up on a farm in Boring, Oregon. When she was a high school senior, she attended the graduation banquet and received a scholarship. She went on to graduate from law school and became the lead attorney in one of the landmark cases in Japanese

let the voice of others opinions drown out your inner voice." She also told them to "learn and appreciate those who came before you." She did not realize as a young person, how much a product she was of her parent's example and their hopes. As future leaders, she described how they should be a whole person leader.

The Oregon Nisei Vets gave the athletic trophies to Ken Carlson, Jesuit High School. Ken has excelled in the Jesuit varsity baseball team, earning recognition and honors from the league. He has participated in basketball at Jesuit. He now plays community basketball with the Catholic Youth League and has worked as a basketball referee.

This year the Scholarship Committee headed by Michelle Sugahiro of Nikkei Jin Kai gave six scholarships to students who showed academic excellence as well as participated in athletic and community service activities. Other members of the committee included: Kay Endo, Linda Grueber, Jenny Ogawa, Heidi Tolentino, and Marleen Wallingford.

Ken Carlson, Jesuit High School, **Hide Naito Scholarship**, UO.

In addition to his athletic accomplishments, Ken has volunteered working with his mother to make fleece neck warmers and cool ties for the people of Kooriyama, Japan after the devastating earthquake and tsunami in 2011. He and his



American history, *Min Yasui v. the United States*. Little did she know when she attended the Day of Remembrance event in 1979 in Portland, that meeting Mr. Yasui would change the course of her life. She is now working towards getting him honored with the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Ms. Nagae encouraged the students to follow their heart, "don't

Japanese American Graduation Banquet continued

mother were able to hand deliver these items to the victims the following winter at the temporary housing sites. Ken was able to meet and spend time with Japanese children who were very curious about his American experience. Ken has also volunteered at the Police Activities League, worked with area youth and served food at the Blanchet House. Ken has been studying the Japanese language and is interested in pursuing a career in international business.

Lauren Doughty, Lake Oswego High School, **Tsuya Minamoto Scholarship**, St. Edwards U.

Lauren has a black belt in Tae Kwon Do and participated in cross country and track and field at her high school. She has become one of the instructors for Tae Kwon Do. For her history project in school, Lauren chose her as her topic her grandmother's experience at Tule Lake. Lauren has taken piano lessons and is interested in art.

Bradley Imai, Tigard High School, **Portland JACL Scholarship—Kiyoko Yumibe, Yoshiko Kennedy and Dr. Matthew Masuoka**, OSU

Bradley gave the graduate response this year in Japanese and English. Bradley is a member of the National Honor Society and the Japanese National Honor Society. Bradley has taken international baccalaureate courses. He has played varsity football and baseball. He has had perfect high school attendance for all four years of high school. Bradley has coached at a football camp for 3rd through 6th graders. He has volunteered at the Ikoi No Kai Senior lunch program and has worked as a fundraiser for SOLVE to help clean-up the coast from tsunami debris and helped fundraise for the Philippines. Bradley attended the Japanese International School through the fifth grade and has completed the international baccalaureate fifth year program in Japanese

Ellen Jung, Beaverton High School, **Gresham-Troutdale JACL Scholarship**, Linfield.

Ellen is a member of the National Honor Society and has completed over 50 hours of community service. Ellen has taken AP classes in her high school. She has successfully completed the Health Careers Program offered at her school. Ellen has earned a varsity letter in track and field. She has also played JV basketball and soccer and

this year will be in the dragon boat races.

Chie Tanaka, Southridge, **Satsuki Azumano Scholarship**, PSU.

Chie has been a member of Key Club for all four years of high school. This is a program of the Kiwanis Club International. She has volunteered over 200 hours in community activities. She is member of the NW Institute of Community Enrichment which seeks to improve communities through collaboration. She has played varsity tennis in high school. Chie has attended the Portland Japanese School since first grade. Because of her second language skills, Chie has been able to help Japanese students attending Portland Community College.

Jina Yee, Westview, **Shokookai of Portland Scholarship**, Temple.

Jina has been playing the clarinet since the 6th grade. She has been a member of the Westview High Marching Band since her freshman year and has participated in competitions, performances and parades. Jina was selected to participate in the 2013 JET Memorial Invitation Program for U.S. high school students. Thirty-two US high school students were given the opportunity to visit Japan for two weeks in the Tohoku region. Jina has learned how to speak Korean. In addition, she has been studying Japanese in her high school. Jina is interested in pursuing a degree in Asian studies.

The following students received the **Mrs. Mark Sumida Awards**. Mrs. Sumida has supported the Japanese American Graduation Banquet for many years and we appreciate her support of our youth.

Rae Fitzpatrick-Blackman, Grant, UO;
Alex Hada, Hillsboro Union; **May Hijikuro**, Southridge, UW or Wasera; **John Rojas**, Franklin, Colby-Sawyer College; **Brandon Yep**, Lakeridge, OSU.

Thank you to the Japanese American Graduation Banquet Committee headed this year by David Batchelor of Buddhist Henjyoji Temple. It takes a lot of volunteers and behind the scenes work to put on an event like this. Eleven sponsoring organizations help organize and support the annual Japanese American Graduation Banquet: Buddhist Daihonzan Henjyoji Temple, Epworth United Methodist Church, the Gresham-Troutdale JACL, Japanese

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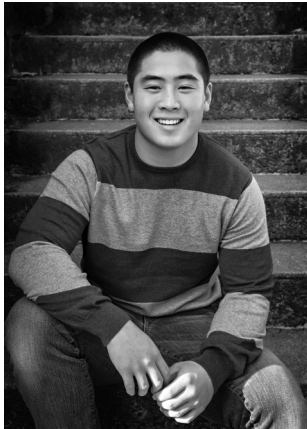
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Ancestral Society, Nichiren Buddhist Temple, Nikkei Fujinkai, Oregon Buddhist Temple, Oregon Nisei Veterans, Inc., Portland Chapter JACL, Shokookai of Portland and the Veleda Club.

The Nikkei community is proud of its youth and

proud to have a banquet that recognizes their accomplishments as they are ready to make the transition to adulthood. The Nikkei community is here to support you.

Bradley Imai's Scholarship Essay



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

My Japanese American experience began at birth with my parents and grandparents being Japanese American and my Ji-chan, first generation Isei. I was brought up to respect my elders and was close to my Ba-chan who lived with us. She taught me from an early age to listen to my parents, study hard, play hard in sports, respect others and to do the very best I could in everything I did. While probably not unique to being Japanese American, it represented what my grandparents and parents worked for; respect, caring for others and the need to excel.

This was reinforced in my early schooling as I attended The International School, a private, language immersion school in Portland through the 5th grade. We were taught in Japanese. We learned that while we were Japanese Americans, our Japanese teachers reinforced the same personal attributes that my family instilled in me. Being a Japanese American carried with it the responsibility of taking the best of being Japanese and combining them with high expectations of being American.

As I entered Tigard High School I was pleased to discover that I could continue my language studies as Japanese was offered there. I started with Japanese 2 and because of my prior education I was able to excel and was accepted into the Japanese National Honor Society that spring.

Membership in the Japanese National Honor Society and volunteering at various school and community events further exposed me to the Japanese American community. Each year, we hold our annual Japan Night, where we raise funds to help others. The first year I was a part of JNHS, we raised funds for tsunami relief in Japan. Last year we collected money to donate to SOLVE, an Oregon Coast clean up organization. Since the time the tsunami hit Japan much of it's debris ended up on our Oregon beaches so we decided to raise funds to donate to SOLVE to help clean them. This year our fundraising will benefit people in the Philippines.

During the summer I assisted at Ikoi No Kai, a Japanese American senior citizen's lunch. I helped the regular volunteers to greet the honored guests, serving lunch, pouring drinks and cleaning up. My knowledge of Japanese allowed me to speak with some of the guests, which improved my skills and honored them by speaking to them in their native language. I also organized and lead a group of Japanese Honor Society members to assist at our local Tigard Library with an origami workshop. Children of all ages were invited and the students and I went through the process of demonstrating the step-by-step process of folding origami's, thus introducing these young people to a part of Japanese culture.

Born to and raised by Japanese American parents and grandparents, continued exposure to the Japanese culture through my educational opportunities, and my involvement in Japanese National Honor Society has taught me many important life skills, but the skills that have impacted me the most are community service and the need to help others.

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FOR
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SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2014 AT NOON
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COST \$25 PER PERSON
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JAPANESE ANCESTRAL SOCIETY
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Dear Golfers and Friends:

You are cordially invited to participate in the 14th Annual Jerry Inouye Memorial Golf Tournament to be held on Sunday, July 27th, 2014 at Glendoveer Golf Course-East (14015 NE Glisan, 503.253.7507). The shotgun start will begin at 7:30 a.m. with check-in at 6:45 a.m. The Japanese Ancestral Society Golf Tournament was renamed in 2001 to honor Jerry Inouye for his many years of service promoting this event.

You must be a JAS member to participate. You can include your membership dues with your entry fee.

A perpetual trophy is awarded to low net scores in men's "A", "B" and ladies flights. Prizes will be awarded for KP's on all par 3 holes, long drive, and low gross in each flight. Ties will be broken by low score from the 18th hole backward. Everyone will ride a cart, awards and lunch will be served at Chinese Village after the event. If you have a golfing preference for your foursome, please let us know and list the names of each person. Please make sure that the golfer(s) are not duplicated in another foursome.

If you are not interested in golf but would like to donate to this annual event, please call Tom Kuge at 503.254.0231. Due to course requirements, we must collect entry fees by July 20th in order to insure our tee times and allow the course time to set up for the tournament.

**Entry fee is \$70 which includes
golf, cart and lunch**

Best regards from your golf committee – Al Abe, Jacquelyn Alderman, Kay Endo, Pat Gilman, Kurtis Inouye, Nancy Kajitsu, George Kanegae, Terry Kawamoto, Fred Kimura, Hideo Kobayashi, Bill Koida, Gordon Kondo, Tom Kuge, Chip & Setsy Larouche, Mike Landis, Yoji Matsushima, Merianne Nagae, Kurt Nakashima, Lynn Nishida, Ken Ogawa, John Ollerenshaw, Michelle Sugahiro, Sharon Takahashi, Katie Tamiyasu, Lew Tomita, Henry Ueno, Skip Yamamoto, Jeff Yoshida, Shig Yuzuriha.

Please return this form and a check for \$70(consider renewing your membership too!) made payable to: Japanese Ancestral Society -before July 20th, 2014.

____ I will play ____ I will stay for lunch ____ single JAS membership(\$25)couple(\$40)

____ I will not play ____ I will not stay for lunch _Please accept donation of \$ ____

Golfer's Name _____ m ____ f ____ GHIN# _____

USGA Handicap Index as of 7/1/2014 _____ or last five golf scores _____

PHONE# _____ Preferred partners _____

Mail form to: JAS c/o Chris Shiraishi 5200 SW Macadam #550 Portland, Or 97239

Unite People's Annual Chili Feed and Curry Too

Saturday, June 28th at 5 pm
Oregon Buddhist Temple Basement
3720 SE 34th, Portland, OR 97202

Please join us to help raise money for members of Unite People
to attend the JACL National Convention in San Jose

This will be an all you can eat Chili (meat and vegetarian) and
Chicken Curry dinner with all the fixings and Dessert Auction.
There will also be a fun silent auction. Wine and beer will be
available for purchase

Cost: Adults \$8.00; Students \$6.00; Family \$25.00

Please call Connie Masuoka if you have questions or would
like to make a reservation
503-243-291



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NIKKEI COMMUNITY PICNIC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2014

OAKS PARK

(SOUTH PARK AREA - UNDER THE LARGE STRIPED TENT)

NOON TO 5PM

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:

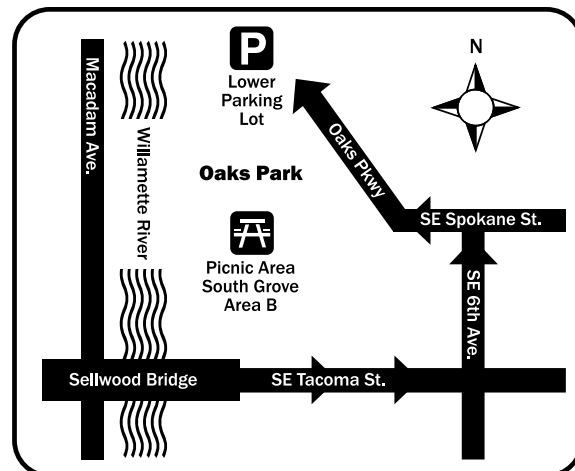
A-Ki Rice or a noodle dish
Kl-Sa Salad or Vegetable dish
Sc-Z Dessert or Bread

主催方からの供給

焼き鳥
お茶、ソウダ、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

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JAVA SEEKING DONATIONS OF ARTIFACTS TO THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY

Washington, DC. JAVA is working closely with the Center for Military History (CMH) and the Army Historical Foundation on exhibits that will relate the history of the Nisei experience during World War II. The exhibits will be displayed at the National Museum of the United States Army that is scheduled to open in June 2015. Over 40 acres of land will house the museum on Fort Belvoir, Virginia, about 20 miles south of Washington, DC. It will be the pre-eminent museum for the United States Army.

CMH plans to include a permanent exhibit honoring the 100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team but does not have any artifacts in its holdings for the permanent exhibit. The Center has asked for JAVA's help to obtain artifacts from the 100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team from the World War II era. Artifacts include items such as clothing, insignia, subsistence items, equipment, documents (other than photographs, posters, and motion pictures), artwork, and any other item that can be associated with either military unit or a member of either unit.

Donations are preferred as there are strict rules regarding loans of artifacts. Since loans are limited to only 5 years, the Center may not accept a loan given the investment that is needed to preserve the loaned artifacts. Artifacts that are accepted for donation will greatly assist in commemorating the dedication and courage of those that served in the 442nd RCT. Your donations will go a long way to ensure their recognition.

JAVA will work with CMH to see if your donation is acceptable. A photograph or description of your proposed donation would be useful. If the artifact is suitable, the Center and donor will enter into a Gift Agreement. The agreement is attached to this news release.

With respect to the National Museum of the US Army, JAVA has been informed by the Center that there will be permanent displays of the 24 Americans of Japanese Ancestry who have won the Medal of Honor (21 from World War II, one from Korea, and two from Vietnam). In addition, the Army and Society Gallery will have an exhibit telling of the Nisei experience during World War II; a commemorative brick for the 100th/442nd and Military Intelligence Service will be placed on the walkway to the Museum entrance; and individual Soldier stories will be featured on a temporary basis in the Soldiers Gallery.

If you have an artifact that you want to donate for the 100th/442nd permanent exhibit, contact Gerald Yamada, JAVA President, 10316 Mountington Court, Vienna, VA 22182; gyamada@goingforwardstrategies.com; (703) 938-3074.



Architectural Rendering of New National Museum of the US Army.
Photo furnished by Army Museum Foundation Website

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Picture Gallery



There were 11 graduating seniors honored on May 4th at the 67th Annual Japanese American Graduation Banquet.
Photo by Chip Larouche

Portland JACL board is a table sponsor at the Justice Within Reach event of the McKenzie River Gathering Foundation on May 10th. Left to right are Chip, Setsy, Nobuko, Connie, Chris and Susan.
Photo by Jeff Selby



Portland JACL Co-Sponsors a lecture with PSU Center for Japanese Studies by Dr. John Breen of Kyoto University on April 24th on the topic of the Ise Shrine. Pictured Left to Right are Setsy Larouche, Verne Naito, Dr. John Breen, Rich Iwasaki, Linda Tanaka & Bill Tanaka.
Photo by Chip Larouche



Carolyn Woody reads the biography of Alice Sumida as she is honored by Portland Taiko at their Fundraising Dinner on April 23rd.
Photo by Setsy Larouche



Portland Taiko honors their Charter Board members with Golden Bachi. Pictured left to right are Toru Watanabe, Jean Matsumoto, Michelle Fujii, Miki Yasui, June Schumann, Nobuko Masuoka and Robin Mullins.
Photo by Setsy Larouche

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“The Camp Without A Fence”: Nikkei Farm Laborers in Malheur County During World War II

History Pub Monday at Kennedy School

- Kennedy School Theater
- Monday, June 30, 2014
- 7 p.m.
- Free
- All ages welcome



On May 20, 1942 the War Relocation Authority granted permission for 400 Japanese and Japanese Americans to move from the Portland Assembly Center to Malheur County, Oregon to provide critical labor for that year's sugar beet crop, which numbered more than 12,000 acres. From May until October, the majority who volunteered for beet labor were housed in a Farm Security Administration tent camp, just outside the town of Nyssa, on the Snake River. It was the first such labor camp created during the World War II incarceration of Nikkei. By the end of the 1945, thousands, nearly 12% of the 120,000 incarcerated during the war, worked in the beet fields across the Pacific Northwest and Rocky Mountain states.

About the Speaker

Morgen Young is a consulting historian in Portland, Oregon. She serves as the project director of "Uprooted: Japanese American Farm Labor Camps During World War II," an Oregon Cultural Heritage Commission sponsored traveling exhibition that will debut September 12, 2014 at the Four Rivers Cultural Center in Ontario, Oregon. The exhibition will continue to appear at cultural institutions across the Pacific Northwest and beyond.

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2014 Regional Conference
Comes to Portland!

Friday, July 11

8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

World Trade Center

121 SW Salmon Street

More info: www.apawomen.org

Featuring local and national APA women leaders, including:

- **Phyllis Campbell**, Chairman, JPMorgan Chase Pacific Northwest
- **Carol Jue**, Head Coach, Chapman University Panthers (NCAA champions)

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The Legacy of Heart Mountain

On March 5, Oregon Nikkei Endowment was thrilled to screen "Witness: The Legacy of Heart Mountain" at the Hollywood Theatre. This award-winning feature length documentary on Heart Mountain made its Portland debut thanks in part to sponsorship from the Portland Japanese American Citizens League and the Japanese Ancestral Society of Portland. A segment of "Witness" is featured prominently in the current exhibition "Capturing a Generation through the Eye of a Lens: The Photographs of Frank C. Hirahara: 1948-54" which is on display through June 15 at the Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center. As part of this special evening, attendees were able to meet the filmmakers, Los Angeles ABC Channel 7 News Anchor David Ono and nine time Emmy Award winner Jeff MacIntyre, along with Frank Hirahara's daughter Patti. A heartfelt thank you goes out to the Hirahara family for bringing us all together for this amazing event and congratulations to the filmmakers for recently being honored with an Edward R. Murrow Regional Award for their outstanding documentary!



(l to r) Jeff MacIntyre, David Ono, and Patti Hirahara participate in a panel discussion following the screening of the film "Witness: The Legacy of Heart Mountain" at Hollywood Theatre, Portland, Oregon. The screening was sponsored by ONE and Portland JACL. Photo by Rich Iwasaki



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Please see our website mochipdx.org for a job posting coming June 1st!"*

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Iko no Kai at Epworth June 2014 Menu

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Monday 2 - Seafood,
reservation required

Tuesday 3 - Beef Meat-
balls

Wednesday 4 - Closed

Thursday 5 - Pork & veg-
gies, sukiyaki style

Friday 6 - Orange peel
chicken

Monday 9 - Wonton soup
/ shrimp salad

Tuesday 10 - Seafood
tempura

Wednesday 11 - Closed

Thursday 12 - Teriyaki
chicken

Friday 13 - Roast pork /
sticky rice

Monday 16 - Crispy beef
bibimbop

Tuesday 17 - Cold
somen noodles

Wednesday 18 - Closed

Thursday 19 - Tonkatsu

Friday 20 - Garlic herb
chicken / rice salad

Monday 23 - Cod fish fry

Tuesday 24 - Chicken
Kara-age

Wednesday 25 - Closed

Thursday 26 - Birthday
sushi topped with unagi

Friday 27 - Korean beef &
noodles

Monday 30 - Thai pork /
pad thai

Menu Notes:

- Meals include salad or side dish and dessert

- **Mondays, 12:30-2:**
hanafuda and bridge

Mon-Tue, 11:30:

chair exercises

June 10, 10:30:

Fujinkai Board meeting

June 12, 11:00:

Hyakudokai Meeting

June 26: Sing Along
with Reiko and Jerry

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A big thank you to Chris Onchi, as well, Chris has been printing our labels, making data entry changes, and assisting with the annual calendar for many years. Her business is Chris' Mailing Service: (503) 452-6864.