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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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July 3-Oct 12

- Art of Gaman
Bellevue Art Museum

July 4

- Independence Day!

July 9-12

- JACL National Convention
San Jose, California

July 11

- Center for Asian Pacific
American Women
2014 Regional Conference
World Trade Center
www.apawomen.org

July 12-Oct 19

- Art Behind Barbed Wire
Japanese American Arts
and Crafts Created in World
War II Incarceration Camps
Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center

July 19 Noon

- Lilly Ono & Alice Sumida
100th Birthday Party
Chinese Village Restaurant

July 26 11am-5pm

- Beaverton International
Celebration
THPRD Rec Complex
158th & Walker Rd

July 27 7:30am

- Jerry Inouye Golf Tournament
Glendoveer East Golf Course

July 29

- Ramadan Ends

Aug 17 Noon-5pm

- Nikkei Community Picnic
Oaks Park

Portland JACL Thanks General Eric K. Shinseki

Board Member's Message by Jean Yamamoto

Five years ago President Obama nominated General Eric Shinseki to be Secretary of Veteran Affairs and was unanimously confirmed by the Senate. General Shinseki came out of retirement and answered the call to serve once again because of his deep commitment to veterans. At that time the Walter Reed Army Medical Center neglect scandal was recently in the headlines and highlighted the pervasive and daunting problems within the military and veteran healthcare systems.



In May of this year Secretary of Veteran Affairs Eric Shinseki resigned amid scandal and corruption in the Department of Veteran Affairs. An honorable man, Secretary Shinseki trusted

his senior leaders which was misplaced. Their misconduct and gaming of the appointment system led to long waiting lists and deaths of veterans who died while awaiting care. He said, "That breach of integrity is irresponsible. It is indefensible and unacceptable to me. Leadership and integrity problems can and must be fixed – and now." However, even Speaker John Boehner said that the problems with the Veterans Affairs wasn't just about one person but the entire system underneath him.

The Portland JACL will introduce an emergency resolution at this year's JACL National Convention to recognize and thank General Eric K. Shinseki for his service to his country. Last year we had the privilege of hearing Secretary Shinseki deliver the keynote speech at the American Heroes Luncheon opening the Congressional Gold Medal traveling exhibit at the Oregon Historical Society. The Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian honor for distinguished achievements and contributions was awarded to Nisei veterans of the 100th Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team and the Military Intelligence Service.

Eric Shinseki was born in Kauai during World War II. His uncles served in the 442 which inspired him to pursue a military career. He graduated from West Point and then completed two combat tours

Portland JACL Thanks General Eric K. Shinseki continued

in Vietnam where he was awarded three Bronze Stars for valor and a Purple Heart with an Oak Leaf Cluster. In 1970, during a fierce gun battle he stepped on a mine and lost half his right foot. Although he could have retired he worked hard to return to active duty the next year.

After Vietnam, Shinseki continued up the military career ladder, serving at Schofield Barracks and Ft Shafter in Hawaii and then as an instructor at West Point. He went on to serve more than 10 years in Europe in a variety of assignments. He had important posts at the Pentagon and in 1991 was promoted to brigadier general, became the commanding general of the 1st Cavalry Division in 1994 and then was named the commander in chief of U.S. Army forces in Europe. In 1999 President Clinton named him Army chief of staff.

In February 2003, three weeks before the invasion of Iraq, General Shinseki testified before the Senate Armed Services Committee that it

would take “something on the order of several hundred thousand soldiers” to secure the country and he also warned that a post-war occupation could awaken “ethnic tensions that could lead to other problems”. Then-Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and Deputy Paul Wolfowitz scoffed at his assessment and eventually forced him out. History now shows that Shinseki was right.

When General Shinseki retired in 2003 he was the highest ranking Asian American service member.

We are grateful for General Shinseki and his 38-year military service to his country and his 5-year tenure at the Department of Veterans Affairs. Throughout his long career he has served as a positive role model for living a life of integrity and speaking truth to power. We hope that the JACL community will join us in support of a resolution to honor this war hero and inspiring public servant.

Correction to June 2014 Graduation Banquet Article



Consul General of Japan
Hiroshi Furusawa speaks at
the 2014 Japanese American
Graduation Banquet,
Multnomah Athletic Club,
Portland, Oregon
Photo By Rich Iwasaki

In last month's newsletter about the graduation banquet, Consul General Hiroshi Furusawa's presence at the banquet and his congratulatory speech to the high school seniors was inadvertently omitted. Our apologies to the Consular Office of Japan and Consul General Furusawa for our oversight. The Japanese American community is appreciative of the Japanese government's support of our graduates.

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JAPANESE ANCESTRAL SOCIETY
OF PORTLAND

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

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Save the Date!

Sunday, February 22, 2015

Day of Remembrance/Nisei Appreciation Luncheon

MAC Club

More Details to follow....

Oregon Historical Cemetery Grant from Parks and Recreation

The Japanese Ancestral Society, JAS, has received a small grant of \$2600 to improve and maintain the Japanese Cemetery at the Rose City Cemetery. We are very appreciative to receive this grant from the Oregon Historical Cemetery funds through the Parks and Recreation.

The grant will be used to purchase cleaning and painting supplies as well as pay for specialized skill and labor for landscaping, repair of damaged and tilted gravestones, and for reproduction of faded Japanese characters on gravestones.

The Cemetery Committee of JAS will need volunteer assistance throughout the summer to fulfill the portion of Donation In Kind as an active participant. The volunteers will straighten tilting gravestones, scrub gravestones, and may also help in refurbishing faded lettering.

If you wish to volunteer, please contact Fran Sumida Palk, home 503-234-3279 or cell 503-810-3940. A volunteer cleaning and improvement schedule will be sent to you upon receiving your request.

This plea comes from the JAS Cemetery Committee Co-chairs, Ken Ono and Fran Sumida Palk.

2014 IBPA Benjamin Franklin Award in History Recognizes *Twice Heroes : America's Nisei Veterans of WWII and Korea*

Twice Heroes: America's Nisei Veterans of WWII and Korea was awarded the 2014 IBPA Benjamin Franklin Award in History, regarded as one of the highest national honors for small and independent publishers. The award was announced May 28th at a ceremony in New York City. *Twice Heroes* is the first book by writer and photographer, Tom Graves, and the first for Nassau & Witherspoon Publishers of San Francisco.

Since 1983, Independent Book Publishers Association, IBPA, the largest not-for-profit trade association of independent publishers, has been the leader for education and advocacy.

IBPA has joined readers in recognizing *Twice Heroes* as one of the most significant books on the history of Japanese Americans who fought for the United States while their families were interned during World War II. The Nisei became the most decorated soldiers in U.S. military history, and received the Congressional Gold Medal, Congress' highest civilian honor, in 2011.

Twice Heroes combines the veterans' experiences with 98 striking portraits taken by the author.

Since completing *Twice Heroes*, Tom Graves speaks with many groups on Nisei soldiers' legacy of achievement, and continues his work chronicling under-recognized veterans, and adding their chapters to our history books.

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ORDER FORM FOR COMMEMORATIVE LANTERNS

One Order Form for Each Lantern

ObonFest at the Oregon Buddhist Temple will again feature Commemorative Lanterns to celebrate our Kangi-e or "Gathering of Joy". The lanterns will be hung from lines radiating from the center of the dance area. The WHITE lanterns commemorate the life of a loved one, remembering relatives, friends, or even pets regardless of when they passed away. The RED lanterns honor a living person, organization or company. The names of the honored ones are beautifully written in English and kanji/katakana. You can re-hang a previously purchased lantern to continue this joyful remembrance. The commemorative lantern order form is also available on the OBT website.

Calligraphers would like the lanterns by July 30, 2014; Re-hanging lantern order deadline: August 2, 9 am

WHITE COMMEMORATIVE LANTERN (\$25)

Deceased's Name (English): _____

Japanese Version (kanji/katakana):

Date of Passing: _____

RED COMMEMORATIVE LANTERN (\$25)

Name (English): _____

Japanese Version (kanji/katakana): _____

RE-HANGING PREVIOUSLY PURCHASED LANTERN \$15 for the 1st order, \$10 each additional lantern

Name (English): _____

Japanese Version (kanji/katakana): _____

Purchaser's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

Please make checks payable to:
Oregon Buddhist Temple
3720 SE 34th Ave. & Powell Blvd.
Portland, OR 97202

Lanterns will be stored at the temple. Please call the temple if you want to pick up your lantern.
OBT Phone: 503-234-9456

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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:

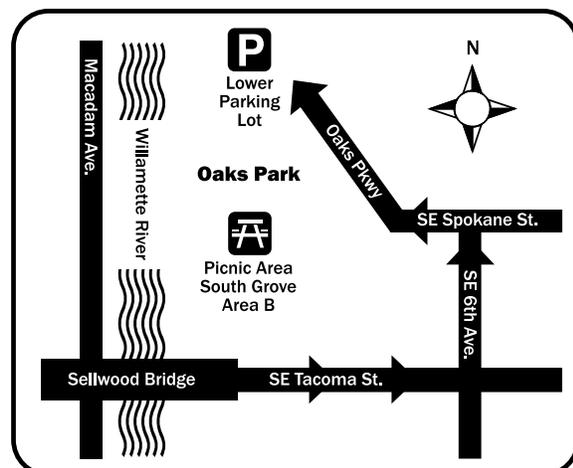
- A-Ki Rice or a noodle dish
Kl-Sa Salad or Vegetable dish
Sc-Z Dessert or Bread

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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

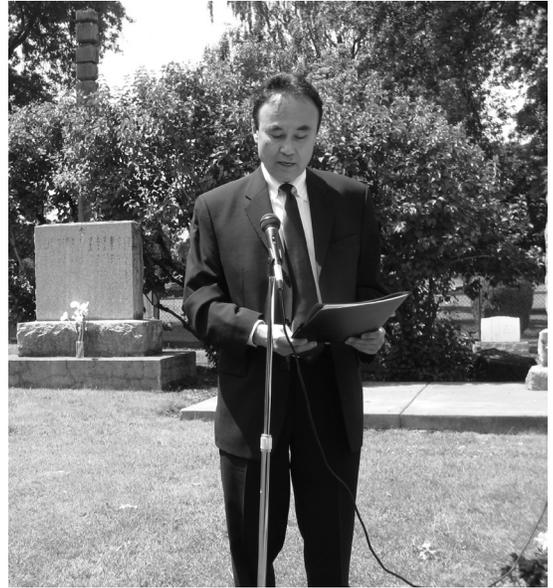
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Picture Gallery



Reverend Gregory Gibbs (left) Leads the community service at the Rose City Cemetery on Memorial Day commemoration to honor our veterans who paid the ultimate price to guarantee our freedom and way of life.

Photo By Setsy Larouche



Consul General of Japan, the Honorable Hiroshi Furusawa, addresses the Nikkei Community at the Memorial Day Service at Rose City Cemetery, highlighting the honor and respect of the soldiers that we commemorate and expressing appreciation and gratitude for the special friendship and cooperation that continues to be enjoyed by the Citizens of Japan and those of the United States.

Photo By Setsy Larouche



On June 4, Portland JACL supported the PSU Center for Japanese Studies Third Annual Taiko Boom performance. Pictured here is a scene from the Dance Azuma Hakkei performed by Professor Wynn Kiyama with support from Angela and Akemi Kanegae, students of Sensei Sahomi Tachibana.

Photo by Setsy Larouche

The Pacific Northwest District Council held a pre-convention meeting on May 31st. They were honored to have the National President, David Lin (front row left) in attendance who shared his vision for JACL in his quest for re-election to that position. Also running for National Office is Chip Larouche (front row, 2nd from left) who is running for Vice President for Planning and Development, and Nicole Gaddie (front row, 3rd from left) who is running for National Youth/ Student Council Chair.



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4th Annual Beaverton INTERNATIONAL Celebration

The International Celebration is a free, fun, family-friendly event showcasing our many cultures through music, dance, interactive activities, food, art and more! In 2013, more than 8,000 people attended Party in the Park, many of whom came especially for the Beaverton International Celebration.

This year, over 40 exhibitors and 11 stage performers from local cultural groups and organizations will showcase crafts, music, dance, art, traditional dress, food and more!

The **4th Annual Beaverton International Celebration** showcases the many cultures of our community on Saturday, July 26, 2014 from 11 am to 5 pm, THPRD Rec Complex 158th & Walker Rd.

Stage Performance Schedule for 2014: Stage 1

11:00 to 11:30 am
NW Dragon and Lion Dance Association

12:00 to 12:30 pm
Hula Halau 'Ohana Holo'oko'a

1:00 to 1:30 pm
Mathias Galley African Dance Ensemble

2:00 to 2:30 pm
Cambodian Dance Troupe of Oregon

3:00 to 3:30 pm
Koto Melodies

4:30 to 5:00 pm
Jayanthi Raman's NATYA Dance Academy

Stage Performance Schedule for 2014: Stage 2

11:30 to 12:00 pm
Rio Con Brio

12:30 to 1:00 pm
Grupo Ritual Azteca Huitzilopochtli

1:30 to 2:00 pm Stage 2
S&A Irish Entertainment

3:30 to 4:30 pm
Chayag



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Ikoi no Kai at Epworth July 2014 Menu

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

Tuesday 1 - Ramen

Wednesday 2 - Closed

Thursday 3 - Chicken
tonkatsu

**Friday 4 - Happy July
4th!** Closed

Monday 7 - California
Chirashizushi

Tuesday 8 - Beef donburi

Wednesday 9 - Closed

Thursday 10 - Nishime

Friday 11 - Hoisin chick-
en / chowmein

Monday 14 - Shrimp in
lobster sauce

Tuesday 15 - Chicken
yakisoba

Wednesday 16 - Closed

Thursday 17 - As-
sorted deep fry

(fish, chicken, chikuwa)

Friday 18 - Ginger beef

Monday 21 - Dim sum
plate

Tuesday 22 - Baked fish

Wednesday 23 - Closed

Thursday 24 - Somen
noodles

Friday 25 - Roast pork /
Singapore noodles

Monday 28 - Thai pea-
nut chicken & salad rolls

Tuesday 29 - Birthday
sushi

Wednesday 30 - Closed

Thursday 31 - Beef curry

Menu Notes:

- Meals include salad or side dish and dessert
- **Mondays, 12:30-2:**
hanafuda and bridge
- Mon-Tue, 11:30:**
chair exercises
- July 8, 10:30:**
Fujinkai Board meeting
- July 17, 11:30:**
Sing Along
- July 24, 11:30:**
Samisen Show

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