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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2014 • VOLUME 20, ISSUE 3

Gratitude and Appreciation for “Do It” People

Now through Oct 19

- Art Behind Barbed Wire
Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center

Oct 4, 5-7 p.m.

- CACA 1882 Project Celebration
First Christian Church

Oct 5

- Fall Bazaar
Oregon Buddhist Temple

Oct 9

- JACL National Gala
Washington D.C.

Oct 10

- JACL National Board Meeting
Washington D.C.

Oct 18

- Pacific Northwest District JACL
Olympia

Oct 26

- Epworth United Methodist
Church Bazaar

Nov 2

- Daylight Savings Time Ends

Nov 2

- Oregon Nisei Veterans Service
Rose City Cemetery
Willamette National Cemetery

Nov 11

- Veterans Day

Nov 18, 6 p.m.

- Memory Wars in East Asia
PSU Smith Center, Free

Dec 13, 5 p.m.

- Children's Nikkei Holiday Party
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Board Member's Message by Chip Larouche

There are a lot of people in this world who talk about doing things. Then there are people who just “do it” to paraphrase the Nike slogan. This column is about thanking some of those people who “do it” and I’m sure I won’t name everybody (sorry!) but here are many who come to mind quickly. For instance, **Scott Sakamoto** has been doing the Portland JACL website updates for over four years, and now **Chris Lee** from our Board has volunteered to take over. My better half **Setsy Sadamoto Larouche** has been in charge of Portland JACL membership for fifteen years, helping to grow the Portland Chapter to the second largest chapter in JACL. **Rich Iwasaki** has been a volunteer on many boards, and donating his photography skills for as long as I’ve known him, which helps JACL provide members with an annual calendar with key photos of many of the community activities. And you can’t think of community activities without thinking of **Connie Masuoka** who probably puts on the best picnic in America every August with her team of dedicated volunteers. Connie is on several boards of course, and so are **Lynn Fuchigami Longfellow** and **Verne Naito** who serve not only on the Portland JACL Board but on many other community

oriented boards as well. Portland has a great community scholarship program that involves **Marleen Ikeda Wallingford** and **Heidi Tolentino**, from our Board, and **Michelle Sugahiro** from the Nikkei Jin Kai Board. I can’t forget to mention our Newsletter Editors over the years that would include most recently **Michael Yamamoto** and the current Editor **Ralph Yamamoto** who not only do the newsletter, but also help produce that Community Calendar I mentioned before. We also have to be grateful to all the past presidents of Portland JACL that include many of the names already mentioned as well as **Jean Yamamoto**, **Susan Leedham**, **Jeff Selby** and **Jim Kennedy**, **John Kodachi** and our current President, **Kirk Tambara** who all have contributed thousands of hours to “do” great things for the community. In fact, if you have a Portland JACL Community Directory, take a peek at page iv to see all the community people who have served as Portland JACL president, going back to 1928!

As I do “look back” it’s hard to think of a better group of people who understood the meaning of “do it” than the **Nisei** members of the Community. Every year Portland JACL commemorates the “**Day of Remembrance**” to remind ourselves of the events that unfolded after February 19, 1942 when Executive Order 9066

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was signed by President Roosevelt. I don't believe there is a better example of “do it” people than the **Nisei** from that moment forward. They provided critical leadership during the various stages of incarceration. They volunteered to fight for America leaving their parents and siblings in “camp” and they came back to ongoing residual discrimination while they tried to start their lives over. In my view, they were certainly the most exceptional cross-section of the *Greatest Generation*.

Our next **Day of Remembrance** will be celebrated on Sunday, February 22, 2015. Portland JACL has teamed up with the Japanese Ancestral Society (Nikkei Jin Kai) to honor our

Nisei members and thank them for all that they have done for us. More details of this event will be forthcoming, but right now, I can tell you that the luncheon will take place at the MAC Club. JACL and JAS will pick up the tab for the **Nisei** members and we hope to fill the 400 seat MAC Ballroom to capacity. Cost for non-Nisei will be \$40. We should have a “sign up” brochure in the next newsletter. We already have confirmation that **Linda Tamura**, author of *The Hood River Issei and Nisei Soldiers Break their Silence* and life member of Portland JACL will be the keynote for the event. So don't forget to mark your calendars and we look forward to seeing you there!



The 70 year old Smokey Bear poses with our 100 year old Alice Sumida at the Oregon State Fair on a recent trip by the Hyakudo Kai Club. Alice is the President of the Board for Hyakudo Kai!
Photo by Chip Larouche

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C.A.C.A. Portland Lodge 3rd Annual 1882 Project Celebration

Save The Date

WHAT: Third Annual 1882 Project Celebration

WHEN: Saturday, October 4, 2014 (5 - 7 pm)

WHERE: First Christian Church

1314 SW Park Ave., Portland, OR 97201

You are cordially invited to the third annual 1882 Project Celebration organized by C.A.C.A. Portland and co-sponsored by many partner organizations and individuals.



Martin Gold, author of *Forbidden Citizens, Chinese Exclusion and the U.S. Congress, A Legislative History* will be the presenter at this event. His book, published July 4, 2012, tells the inside story of the battle over Chinese exclusion, examining all of the exclusion laws using the words actually spoken in Senate and House debates. Martin, a senior counsel in Covington & Burling's Washington office provided pro bono service to pass the resolutions of congressional expression of regrets for the exclusion laws. In 2012, he was awarded the "Champion of Justice Award" by the Chinese American Citizens Alliance for his work on the project.

The venue for this event - The First Christian Church is a significant location for the Chinese American community as it has ties to early Chinese settlers dating back to the 1800's.

Mark your calendar and join us for an evening of enrichment and connections. A light dinner will follow the program.

Co-sponsors:



Portland Chinatown History and Museum Foundation

NW Chinese Alliance

Gloria Wong

First Christian Church of Portland, Oregon

Attention Parents and Grand Parents!

For High School Seniors to be eligible for Nikkei Community Scholarships that will be awarded in May 2015, your Senior should be a member of one of the eleven sponsoring organizations below who sponsor these scholarships no later than October 15, 2014!

- Epworth United Methodist Church
- Gresham-Troutdale Japanese American Citizens League (JACL)
- Henjyoji Buddhist Temple
- Japanese Ancestral Society (Nikkei Jinkai)
- Japanese Women's Society (Nikkei Fujinkai)
- Nichiren Buddhist Temple
- Oregon Buddhist Temple
- Oregon Nisei Veterans
- Portland Japanese American Citizens League (JACL)
- Shokookai
- Veleda

One of the easiest ways to do that is to have the Senior Join as a student member of Portland JACL.

The cost is only \$30, and that will not only qualify them for the \$16,000+ of local scholarships, but it will also make them eligible for the \$65,000+ of National JACL Scholarships that are awarded annually.

You can sign up on the Portland JACL website (www.pdxjacl.org) by clicking the Join Now Button, or sending a check for \$30 with the High School senior's name, address and phone number/email address to:

Portland JACL, PO Box 86310, Portland, OR 97286

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EPWORTH
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2014

FALL BAZAAR

11:30 AM TO 2:30 PM

LUNCH, BAKED GOODS, PRODUCE/PLANTS, & CRAFT SALE.

All food items are take-out. Please use the following order form and make checks payable to
Epworth United Methodist Church. Please mail by October 19 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 Donburi	\$7.50	_____	\$ _____
Chowmein	\$9.00	_____	\$ _____
Inarizushi	\$6.00	_____	\$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____

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.

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October-November 2014

Dear Fellow JACLeR,

The Portland JACL Board is excited to inform you that our chapter was selected to participate in a new pilot fundraising program with the National JACL Credit Union. This program is designed to help our chapter with our annual fundraising efforts, help our current and new JACL members with their auto loans, and help the National JACL Credit Union continue to grow so they can continue to support the JACL activities in the future.

This program is very simple and it does not require us to sell anything to anyone. The National JACL Credit Union is offering our chapter 70 basis points on the funded loan amount of any auto loan that our members receive from them. The loan can be for a new auto loan or a refinance of a current auto loan that is not currently at the credit union. The contribution to our chapter is from the credit union so there are no added fees to your loan.

The following is an example of the income that our chapter can receive:

No of loans	Amount Financed	70 bps
1	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 140.00
2	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 280.00
3	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 420.00

The above example is calculating amount financed at \$20K. There is no minimum or maximum loan amount. The loan amount and rate is based on each individual's credit approval.

As noted above, this is a pilot program and we would like to have our member's take advantage of this program if possible. The National JACL Credit Union has consistently beaten the rates of many other financial institutions and in many cases will save you money over the life of your auto loan.

When you contact the National JACL Credit Union please give them the promo code: **PDX Auto 14**

All contact information for the JACL National Credit Union is on their website at <https://www.jaclcu.com/>

Current Auto Loan Rate is 1.99%

Sincerely,

Portland JACL Board

Please Save the Date

2nd Annual Nikkei Community Holiday Party

Saturday, December 13, 2014 starting at 5pm

Oregon Buddhist Temple Basement

3720 SE 34th, Portland, OR 97202

Correction to Connie Masuoka's September Community Picnic article-

In my article I thanked many people for their help and support but I inadvertently left out the Japanese Garden Society for their raffle prize and Jeff Yoshida of NW Stone and Metal Works for his generous donation of \$200. To all those who helped or donated to the 2014 Picnic thank you so much it could not happen without you.

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Iko no Kai at Epworth October 2014 Menu

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

Wednesday 1 - Closed

Thursday 2 - Chicken
ramen

Friday 3 - Crispy beef /
Thai noodles

Monday 6 - Stuffed pork
tenderloin

Tuesday 7 - Cabbage roll

Wednesday 8 - Closed

Thursday 9 - Shrimp &
autumn veggies

Friday 10 - Ginger scal-
lion chicken / fried rice

Monday 13 - Cod fish &
chips

Tuesday 14 - Beef curry

Wednesday 15 - Closed

Thursday 16 - Seafood

Friday 17 - Hawaiian Kah-
lua pork plate

Monday 20 - Wonton soup
/ salad roll

Tuesday 21 - Chicken
yakisoba

Wednesday 22 - Closed

Thursday 23 - Sweet &
sour meatballs

Friday 24 - Closed for Ep-
worth bazaar

Monday 27 - Chinese
lemon chicken

Tuesday 28 - Baked pork

Wednesday 29 - Closed

Thursday 30 - Birthday
sushi

Friday 31 - Chicken parme-
san / manicotti

Menu Notes:

- Meals include salad or side dish and dessert
- **Mondays, 12:30-2:**
hanafuda and bridge
- Mon-Tue, 11:30:**
chair exercises
- Oct 10, 11:40:**
Kathryn Work on piano
- Oct 14, 10:30:**
Fujinkai Board
- Oct 20:**
Ohana Lunch Bunch

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