



PORTLAND JACL NEWSLETTER

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Now thru December 31, 2018

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

Now thru January 8, 2018

Only the Oaks Remain: The Story of Tuna Canyon Detention Station
Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center

January 18, 2018 6:30 p.m.

A New Moon over Tohoku
Portland JACL Annual Meeting
Epworth United Methodist
(see flyer)

January 28, 2018

Mochitsuki Festival
Portland State University
(see flyer)

February 3, 2018

JACL National Board Meeting
San Francisco, CA

February 11, 2018, 4 p.m.

JAS Annual Meeting
Dinner: 5 p.m.

February 17, 2018, 11:30 p.m.

Portland JACL 90th Anniversary
Birthday Bash
(see flyer)

March 1, 2018

Application Deadline for JACL
& Community Scholarship

March 9

ACLU Liberty Dinner

OREGON SPECIAL ELECTION, JANUARY 23RD

by Marleen Ikeda Wallingford, Portland JACL President

Vote Yes on Measure 101.

The Portland JACL is proud to join over 90 organizations, including groups like the Kaiser, Legacy, Providence hospitals, Oregon Nurses Association, AARP, and the Oregon Medical Association in endorsing Ballot Measure 101 for a healthy Oregon. Measure 101 guarantees healthcare for Oregon's most vulnerable – children, seniors and people with disabilities – who otherwise wouldn't be able to see a nurse or doctor when they get sick. The legislature spent six months deliberating this issue and no one has been able to come up with an alternative to this plan.

Measure 101 provides healthcare coverage to low-income children, seniors, people with disabilities and working families. More than 400,000 Oregon kids count on the Oregon Health Plan, which will be funded with Measure 101. This is a win-win for both consumers and healthcare providers. One million vulnerable Oregonians see no reduction in their healthcare benefits. Premiums for 210,000 people will be ½% lower. Healthcare providers will also be eligible for reimbursements for services from federal funds so this tax on providers will more than pay for itself.

Without Measure 101, the state legislature will be forced to make hard budgetary choices, potentially jeopardizing funding. They will have to make up for \$1.3 billion in cuts to the state healthcare budget. That Oregonians will lose coverage or

essential services.

The Portland JACL urges all of our members to be informed voters and remind us all that voting is the privilege and responsibility of living in a democracy. Our vote determines what kinds of services and programs we want. I was talking to a neighbor and I tried to explain the benefits that M 101 for our community. His response was that he did not care about the people who did not have enough money for healthcare. It did not affect him so he didn't think we should be spending money on poor people. This is very short sighted thinking because we do end up paying for people who do not have healthcare coverage.

The stakes have never been higher: 350,000 Oregonians rely on the funding that Measure 101 secures in order to keep their healthcare. I hope you'll join us in voting YES on Measure 101 for healthcare on January. Annual Meeting on January 18, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., Epworth United Methodist Church

Join us for light refreshments and a screening of a movie, *New Moon Over Tohoku*, a documentary about the aftermath of the devastating tsunami and nuclear disaster in northern Japan. Linda Ohana, a Canadian Japanese filmmaker interviews survivors and residents of the devastated area.

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Board Member's Message Continued

Birthday Bash on February 17, 2018 at 11:30 a.m., Airie at Eagle Landing

You are all invited to celebrate the 90th year of the founding of our organization. A group of civic minded Nisei wanted to begin an organization that would help Japanese Americans understand and utilize all of their rights as citizens. This was a time that the Issei were not allowed to become citizens and this did not change until the Walter-McCarran Act of 1952.

This Act abolished racial restrictions found in the US immigration and naturalizations statues going back to 1790. I can remember my grandfather and grandmother took citizenship classes with other Issei and became proud American citizens as soon as they were allowed to. Kyle Iboshi, KGW investigative reporter will be our emcee. We will hear about the challenges we faced in the last 90 years.

We have asked some of our former presidents to tell a short story of events that happened while they were in office. Discrimination and prejudice are not the same as it was before but Asian Americans continue to face challenges. We have seen the rise of the white supremacist movement reminiscent of the KKK during the 20s. We will not stand by and let our civil rights become secondary to military necessity or national security.

Thanksgiving -- Every Month of the Year *by Sharon Takahashi, President Japanese Ancestral Society*

Now that must have confused a bunch of you who are celebrating the New Year as this newsletter arrives at your home. Thanksgiving was in November, a very busy month in our house, as well as many of yours, I'm sure. A death in the family added to the "busyness" and the 19th (our deadline) blended into the 20th. So, the message was filed in the computer... The past year heaped great blessings on the Japanese Ancestral Society. Our organization was able to sponsor Mochitsuki in January, speech contests with the Consular Office of Japan in Portland in April, and the Return and Remembrance event in May, commemorating the 75th anniversary of Executive Order 9066. We were able to do this because of membership dues collection and donations from many in our community. Our board looks at the requests for funds and is very careful about its grants.

I do want to thank the board members who have given their time to serve all year. They are Sho Dozono (first vice-pres), Mike Irinaga (second vice-pre), Chris Shiraishi (treasurer), and Jenny Inouye and Michelle Sugahiro (co-secretaries), Kay Endo, Linda Guerber, Kurtis Inouye, Rich Iwasaki, Ron Iwasaki, Nancy Kajitsu, Gordon Kondo, Michiko Kornhauser, Chip & Setsy Larouche, Donald Matsuda, Verne Naito, Terry Nishikawa, Janice Okamoto, Ken Ono, Fran Palk, Lynn Fuchigami Parks, Ken Saito, Stu Sawai, June Schumann, Rick Shiraishi, Ernest Takeda, Katie Tamiyasu, Marleen Wallingford, and the komon corps (Ai Abe, Yoji Matsushima, Sam Naito and Henry Ueno). For those of you not familiar with the term, komon denotes honored advisors. Thank you all.

Our Japanese Cemetery at Rose City Cemetery received a gift from the Sam and Mary Naito Foundation of a new wrought iron perimeter fence. Along with that came some new young cherry trees donated from David Burton, the fence contractor. Families who visit their forebears at the cemetery have commented about how the beautiful appearance of the cemetery. Mike Irinaga heads up the advisory committee and Fran Palk shoulders the maintenance and upkeep group. In the background, Kay Endo is the Endowment Fund Treasurer who communicates with our money managers who keep our funds safe. None of these board volunteers are paid to keep the cemetery functioning smoothly.

The cemetery endowment fund received donations from the following in 2017: Ron & Linda Iwasaki, Kay Endo, Yoshie Kagawa, Toy Hirata, Misao Minagi, Mary Watari, Chip & Setsy Larouche, Eisaku "Ace Hiromura, Tom Fujii, Yoichi "Cannon Kitayama, Taka Mizote, Uoneko Tsurusaki, Kashu Hamada, Yoneko Hara, Dr. Connie Masuoka, Sally Hinatsu, Jean Matsu-moto, Lynn Longfellow, Richard Nishimoto, Rick Shiraishi, Ricki Ninomiya, Jean Tateishi, Ota Family Tofu, Henry Ueno, Paul Sumida, Kem & Bea Sato, Marleen Wallingford and Linda Yoshino. We really appreciate your help in keeping this project afloat. Kay Endo always reminds us that "Every donation goes a long way."

Learn and write about Oregon's own civil rights leader, Minoru Yasui.

The ESSAY CONTEST is open to all high-school and middle-school students in Oregon, who can win cash prizes and travel expense paid to Portland for the Minoru Yasui Day awards ceremony.

Essay prompt:

Explain the lessons learned from the life story and legacy of Minoru Yasui and the Japanese American incarceration during World War II. How do those lessons inform your position on current US policies on immigration and national security?

Essay Length: 500-1000 words

Submissions Accepted: January 1 - March 1, 2018

Finalists selected: March 15

Winners Announced: March 21

Award Ceremony: March 28

Cash Prizes: - 1st prize - \$250 (high school), \$150 (middle school)
- runners-up - \$150 (high school), \$50 (middle school)

How to Enter: Register at MinYasui.EssayContest@gmail.com

Essays will be submitted electronically as Microsoft Word or Adobe Acrobat documents to that email address with the subject line: "Min Yasui Day Essay Contest." There is no entry fee.

While not required for middle school essays, proper citation of sources will be evaluated by the judges. Footnotes and bibliographies will not be included in the word count.

Please see resources at www.minoruyasuitribute.org

REGISTER NOW! MinYasui.EssayContest@gmail.com

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contact: minyasuitribute@gmail.com

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A New Moon Over Tohoku

A Film about the Recovery of the Japanese Spirit by Linda Ohama

Thursday, January 18, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

Epworth United Methodist Church

1333 SE 28th Avenue, Portland

Please Join us for refreshments, a short Portland JACL business meeting, followed by the documentary

'Tohoku no Shingetsu: A New Moon Over Tohoku' is a moving story of love, survival and Japanese tradition in the aftermath of the 2011 earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disaster in Northeastern Japan.

Shot on location over 2.5 years in the coastal villages of Miyagi, Iwate and Fukushima, this film chronicles a healing journey of both the Canadian-Japanese filmmaker and the Japanese residents affected by the disaster.

For the first time voices from the Tohoku people speak out, breaking away from their cultural silence to share their own stories. They speak of the profound, mystical understanding that strength has always come from their ancestors, and that they too now hold a unique place in the Japanese cultural continuum of survival. A young boy with a dream for the future and an old samurai with a new battle to fight: both discover something intangible and yet so essential to human life.

'Shingetsu' is a Japanese word meaning 'new moon', the moon that cannot be seen, yet still exists with all its power in the darkness of the night sky.

'Tohoku no Shingetsu: A New Moon Over Tohoku', the voices from Miyagi, Iwate and Fukushima

Portland, Oregon
Sunday, January 28, 2018
11 AM - 4 PM

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MOCHITSUKI 2018

22nd Annual Japanese American New Year Celebration | Year of the Dog

Demonstrations & hands-on activities!



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Smith Memorial
Student Union (SMSU)
Portland State University
1825 SW Broadway
Portland, Oregon

Advance Ticket Sales:

\$10 Adults
\$7 Students/Seniors (62+)
\$4 Child (ages 4-12)

Door Tickets:

\$12 Adults
\$9 Students/Seniors (62+)
\$3 Child (ages 4-12)

Free Admission:

Children under 3 years of age
Honored citizens 88 & older

Family-friendly festival offers a wealth of cultural experiences, tastes, and entertainment! Enjoy demonstrations, activities, displays, and **Japanese food** vendors. Experience **mochi pounding**, ikebana, tea ceremony, calligraphy, origami, children's bento making class, games, arts & crafts and **much more!**

Pass through the ongoing cultural performances to see taiko drumming, Japanese music, live dance, storytelling by **Alton Takiyama-Chung**, music by violinist **Tomoki Martens**.

Mochitsuki needs Volunteers!

We invite you to volunteer for the celebration while enjoying the great food, activities, and performances presented at Mochitsuki. We need volunteers to help with all aspects of the event including setup, ticketing, ushering, stage assistants, activity aides, and tear down. Volunteers from the community are what make Mochitsuki a success. Please consider lending a hand to this year's celebration. In exchange, all Mochitsuki volunteers receive free general admission entrance to Mochitsuki before and after their shift. We can also provide letters of recognition for your community service to your school or organization.

To signup, please visit: <https://mochipdx.ivolunteer.com/2018>

For more information on Mochitsuki please visit our main website at <http://mochipdx.org>

If you have questions please send an email to volunteer@mochipdx.org

Buy tickets online at www.boxofficetickets.com | www.mochipdx.org

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



Top & Left: The Nikkei Community Holiday party was again a fun time with kids waiting their turn patiently for Santa Claus. Marleen and Roger Wallingford help out Santa's favorite Elf, Connie Masuoka! Photos by Kay Endo

Below: Valerie Otani briefs a full house at a recent lecture entitled Voices of Remembrance at PSU. Photo by Chip Larouche



Left: Consul General Uchiyama and Governor Brown toast the Emperor and the President after the National Anthems of both countries are played on the Koto and Shakuhachi. Photos by Chip Larouche

Right: A large group attended the annual Ikoi No Kai Thanksgiving Lunch including their newest member, Ian, with his Mom Michelle Sugahiro. Photos by Setsy Larouche

PORTLAND **JACL**
NEWSLETTER

December 1, 2017

The Portland JACL is very excited to celebrate the 90th year of our organization. It will be held on February 17, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. at the Aerie at Eagle Landing, 10220 SE Causey, Happy Valley, Or. Our early history will be shared and some of our former presidents will tell stories of their tenure in office. We will also enjoy the music of the Minidoka Swing Band. Please let us know if you will be able to come.

Sincerely,

Marleen Wallingford,
President



Portland JACL 90th Birthday Bash

February 17 ~ Aerie at Eagle Landing, 10220 SE Causey, Happy Valley, Or
11:30 a.m. Luncheon

Directions to Aerie at Eagle Landing

From I-205 N, take exit 14, Sunnybrook Blvd, right on Sunnyside Rd., left on Stevens, right on Causey
From I 205 S, take exit 16 to SE Johnson Creek Blvd., right on 92nd, left on Causey

SEND THIS FORM AND CHECK, MADE OUT TO Portland JACL
Setsy Larouche 12811 SE Hawks Crest Place, Happy Valley, Or 97086
503-698-4656

RSVP by February 1, 2018

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Birthday Bash Tickets

February 17, 2018 at Aerie at Eagle Landing

Name _____ Number _____ x \$50 = _____

Guest Name(s) _____ Number _____ x \$50= _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

Email address for confirmation (please print) _____
or phone number _____

Please note dietary needs _____



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IKOI NO KAI AT EPWORTH MENU FOR JANUARY
1333 SE 28th Ave, Portland, 503-238-0775

Mon. 1 - Closed	and Noodles
Tue. 2 - Closed	Thu. 18 - Ten-don/Daikon Dengaku
Thu. 4 - Seafood Fry	Fri. 19 - Salmon Teriyaki/ oden, Squash/Sweet Potato Side Dish
Fri. 5 - Mizutaki-nabe	Mon. 22 - Shumai/Fried Shrimp Bun
Mon 8 - Cioppino	Tue. 23 - Pork Udon
Tue. 9 - Mabodofu	Thu. 25 - Sukiyaki
Thu. 11 - Shoyu-Ramen Gyoza	Fri. 26 - New Year's Bento Reservations Required
Fri. 12 - Hamburger Steak	\$10
Mon. 15 - Wor Wonton Soup	
Tue. 16 - Korean Beef	

Mon. 29 - Garlic Chicken/
Clam Sauce Pasta
Tue. 30 - Birthday Sushi

- **Jan 12**, Kathryn Work on Piano
- **Jan 16, 10:30:**
Sage Circle - Herbal Uses
- **Jan 25, 11:30** Sing Along with Jerry

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
- **Jan 9 & 23, 11:15:**
Blood pressure
- **Thursdays 11:30:**
Qi Gong w/Kathleen
- **Jan 9** - Fujinkai Board
- **Jan 15** Ohana Lunch Bunch

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