



# PORTLAND JACL NEWSLETTER

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Now thru December 31, 2018**

*Righting a Wrong*

National Museum of American History

**April 12 - June 10**

Arts & Crafts from  
Incarceration Camps  
Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center

**May 6, 1 p.m.**

Graduation Banquet  
Monarch Hotel

**May 11 & 12**

Gaman Festival - PCC

**May 15**

Oregon's Primary Election  
VOTE!

**May 19, 5:30 p.m.**

APANO Voices of Change  
Wong's King Restaurant  
Tickets at  
<https://tinyurl.com/apanoTics>

**May 26, 9 a.m. - Noon**

Rose City Cemetery Cleanup

**May 28, 1 p.m.**

Memorial Day  
Rose City Cemetery

**June 18, 7 p.m.**

JAS Board Meeting  
Epworth

**July 18-22**

JACL National Convention  
Philadelphia, PA  
[www.jacl.org](http://www.jacl.org)

## VOTE IN OREGON'S PRIMARY ELECTION

*by Marleen Ikeda Wallingford, Portland JACL President*

Oregonians affiliated with political parties can vote for the candidate representing their party in the primaries. Most statewide leadership offices and state and local congressional offices are partisan. The purpose of the primaries is to select candidates for each party for the general election. Only one Oregon statewide office, the Bureau of Labor and Industries are elected on a nonpartisan basis. Many of the city and county offices are nonpartisan which means all eligible voters can vote.

One of the interesting Oregon senate races is in District 24 which includes east Portland and Happy Valley. Rod Monroe, longtime Democratic legislator is facing two other Democratic challengers, Kayse Jama, an African immigrant who is the executive director of an immigrant rights organization, Unite Oregon. The other challenger is Shemia Fagan, an employment attorney and former state representative. It will be interesting to see the outcome of this primary since conventional political wisdom would suggest that in incumbent who is facing two challengers to the position will prevail. In this case, the incumbent is facing strong opposition from the two candidates. It will be interesting to see who makes it to the general election in November.

Since the labor commissioner position is nonpartisan, any candidate who gets more than 50 percent of the primary vote wins the job by default. Three candidates are vying for the position: Jack Howard a Union County

Commissioner, Val Hoyle a former House majority leader, and Lou Ogden, the mayor of Tualatin who oversaw the development of Bridgeport Village. There are significant differences in the candidates' views. The mission of the Bureau of Labor and Industries is to protect employment rights, advance employment opportunities, and protect access to housing and public accommodations so it is important that this individual will be willing to strongly support equal access for all.

Washington County will be electing a new county chair with the retirement of longtime chair, Andy Duyck. Three candidates for the spot include: Bob Terry, currently on the Board, Katherine Harrington, a Metro Counselor and Ryan Deckert who has served in the Oregon legislature.

With the retirement of Dan Saltzman from the Portland City Council, there are several candidates who are running for his position who might shift the policies of the council. Nick Fish is re-running for his position and faces three other candidates.

Members of the Portland JACL are usually good about voting in the general election. Participation is down during the primaries. I would encourage you to read the Voter's Pamphlet. The League of Women Voters of Oregon puts out a nonpartisan guide to the candidates positions on a variety of issues. It is also helpful to find out what organizations or who is supporting certain candidates or issues. Be an informed voter and vote!

## Cliff Notes for Parents of Future High School Graduates

*By Sharon Takahashi , JAS President & Graduation Banquet Treasurer*

Leaving the Epworth Church on April 7, I thought it would be a good thing to have a quick guide for parents of high school students to help them through the “money hunt” for college. I know some have been saving forever and their kids won’t have money concerns (lucky!). But, sticker shock hits the majority of parents when they find out about travel, books, Uber fees, weekend activities, homesickness outings, and more. It all takes a toll on the parents’ pocketbooks and every little bit helps.

The Japanese American community has had a banquet honoring all high school seniors and a scholarship program for almost 70 years. Our scholarship program involves no FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and is administered locally.

**Step one:**     1. Do you have a junior in high school with Japanese American heritage? AND/OR  
                     2. Do you belong to at least one of the 11 sponsoring organizations? \*  
                     (Portland JACL scholarships do not have an ethnic requirement.)

If you answered “no” to number 2, all 11 organizations accept membership up till the **October 15, 2018** deadline. Fees and requirements differ so you may need to make a phone call or two.

**Step two:**     Check out the application on the Portland JACL’s website (pdxjacl.org). The Portland JACL has kindly posted this scholarship application for the past few years, but the banquet is the product of the 11 supporting organizations working together. Scholarship donors are the Azumano Family, Gresham Troutdale JACL, the Minamoto Family, the Sam Naito Family, the Verne Naito Family, Nikkei Fujinkai, Oregon Nisei Veterans, Portland JACL, Shokookai and the Velela Club. The Japanese Ancestral Society has been the lead organization which receives the applications, sends them on to the scholarship committee for review, and coordinates the interview process.

**Step three:**   Have the student start filling out the application, preferably not the night before date it is due. It takes time and attention to do the job well. Parents can nag about GPA, taking the SAT, and pursuing interests (sports, clubs, community, church, job, etc.) but now the ball is in your child’s court. You can keep track of their service and volunteer activities and help them present it in an organized fashion. The same lecture applies to the essays. Have them take time to write, proofread, edit and polish. The application requests a reference/recommendation. Advise your student to pick carefully and follow directions. The interview committee is looking for prognosis for success in college so it must come from a coach, teacher or principal. Give the chosen advisor or teacher ample time to do a good job. Having read a few rushed recommendations with no specifics, I could tell it was a last minute “ask.”

**Step four:**     Mail the application on the date indicated. No exceptions are allowed.  
I hope I have helped one parent of a student in the class of 2019.

\* **Buddhist Henjyoji Temple, Epworth United Methodist Church, Gresham Troutdale Japanese American Citizens League, Japanese Ancestral Society (Nikkei Jinkai), Japanese Women’s Society (Nikkei Fujinkai), Portland Nichiren Buddhist Temple, Oregon Buddhist Temple, Oregon Nisei Veterans, Portland Japanese American Citizens League, Shokookai and Velela Club.**

## 16th Annual Minidoka Pilgrimage July 5-8, 2018

This year Kay Endo and I will be leading the Portland contingent of the Minidoka Pilgrimage. This is a Pilgrimage plus trip where we will visit the Four Rivers Museum in Ontario, Oregon, visit scenic and historic sites near Minidoka, and also include a trip to Jackpot, NV for those who are so inclined in addition to attending the educational and emotional Pilgrimage.

This tour is arranged to accommodate people of all ages and abilities. We will help you make all the arrangements including registration. For those who are 80 years old or older and were incarcerated in a camp there is a senior scholarship available to you that will cover the registration for the Pilgrimage and accommodations.

Please contact me, Connie, at [cmasuoka@comcast.net](mailto:cmasuoka@comcast.net) or 503-318-5839 (cell).

If you would like more information or would like to travel on your own I can help or you can learn more at [www.minidokapilgrimage.org](http://www.minidokapilgrimage.org)

## GAMAN FEST 2018 Reclaiming Identity Through Art & Activism MAY 11-12, 2018

Portland Community College  
Cascade Campus  
Moriarty Auditorium & Student Union  
705 N. Killingsworth Street  
Portland OR 97217

Friday May 11th, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

- Film Screenings
- 80s J-Pop Kick Off

Saturday May 12th, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

- Performances by
- Nobuko Miyamoto
- No-No Boy
- The Slants

Saturday, May 26, 9 a.m. - Noon  
Rose City Cemetary Cleanup

Bring food to share, gloves, buckets and brooms.  
Extra hoes and rakes are appreciated.

Memorial Day Service, Monday, May 28th, at 1 p.m.

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## Why Portland needs to leave the JTTF

*by Susan Leedham, Portland JACL Vice President*

On April 17, 2018, Mike German, formerly of the FBI, and the panel pictured below spoke in support of the city of Portland's withdrawal from the JTTF.

It was a sobering night of Mr. German laying out all of the problems with the JTTF, mainly stemming from a total lack of oversight and an ever decreasing standard for opening an investigation. You no longer need probable cause or a reasonable expectation of a future criminal event, which directly violates Oregon law requiring reasonable suspicion.

Mr. German said the JTTF is necessary to the FBI because with only 1300 agents nationwide, they rely heavily on local jurisdictions, with each jurisdiction providing two officers who are free to the FBI but which are paid for locally. And with Portland's shortage of officers, we are paying for two officers who now work for the FBI.

The city of San Francisco recently withdrew from the JTTF, and the city of Oakland is expected to follow suit.

Zakir Kahn of CAIR related that no federal hate crime charges have been filed since Trump, and he talked about how his community is afraid and suffering from trauma and vicarious trauma, choosing to stay isolated in their own communities, which just compounds the problem.

Mr. German was also troubled by the JTTF's reliance on manufactured plots, like Portland's own would-be Christmas tree bomber, Mr. Mohomud, from a few years ago. He talked about how Mr. Mohomud didn't even own a gun, and with the FBI spending so much time and resources on manufactured plots, they are not focusing on real plots.

We need transparency to prevent overreach, like Mr. Mayfield experienced when he was unjustly accused of being the Madrid train bomber, and the JTTF only works in secret.

As of now, only Amada Fritz is strongly in favor of withdrawing from the JTTF. Hopefully, after the upcoming City Council election, we will have the votes to withdraw.



Panel for the April 17<sup>th</sup> presentation included (l to r) Marleen Wallingford, Brandon Mayfield, Kimberly McCullough of the ACLU, Zakir Kahn of CAIR and Mike German, Fellow with the Brennan Center for Justice, Liberty and National Security Program



AROUND THE COMMUNITY



Top Left: Marleen Wallingford is pictured with Hanako Wakatsuki, Chief of Interpretation and Education of the Minidoka National Historic site and Dr. Wade Vagias, Superintendent of Craters of the Moon National Monument. The National Park Service shared the rough cut of the film that will be shown at the Minidoka Interpretative Center near Twin Falls, Idaho.

Top Right: Rich Iwasaki, (center) is one of many community members participating at the full house Ikoi No Kai's 39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon. Picture by Setsu Larouche

Left: Setsu officially bids farewell to Consul General and Karen Uchiyama at Portland International Airport as they leave our community too soon to head to India for their next assignment.



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Top: Attorneys Dale Minami (l) and Peggy Nagae (c) participate on a panel discussion of landmark cases involving the incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II at South Chapel, Lewis & Clark Graduate School - Center for Community Engagement, Portland, Oregon. Jim Oleske (r), Associate Professor of Law, Lewis & Clark Law School, served as moderator. The event entitled "Can a law right a wrong?" was part of the series "What Does Justice Look Like?", co-sponsored by Oregon Nikkei Endowment, Lewis & Clark Graduate School Center for Community Engagement, and The Office of Diversity & Inclusion

Left: Jean Matsumoto (l), Etsu Osaki (r), and George Nakata (not shown) share personal recollections of the Japanese American incarceration on a panel discussion at South Chapel, Lewis & Clark Graduate School Center for Community Engagement, Portland, Oregon. The event "Remember Us" was part of the series "What Does Justice Look Like?", co-sponsored by Oregon Nikkei Endowment, Lewis & Clark Graduate School Center for Community Engagement, and The Office of Diversity & Inclusion.

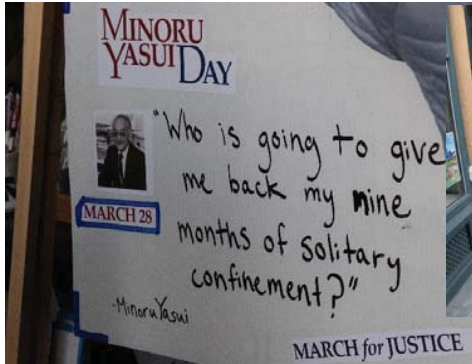
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# Ikoï no Kai, May 2018

1333 SE 28th, 503-238-0775

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<b>1</b> Sage Circle: 10:30 Chair Exercises: 11:30 <b>Pineapple chckn/ fried rice</b>	<b>2</b> X	<b>3</b> Qi Gong: 11:30 <b>Teriyaki chicken</b> (N.D)	<b>4</b> Chair Exercises: 11:30 Kathryn Work-piano-noon <b>Soboro donburi/ shira ae</b> (HT)
<b>7</b> Chair Exercises: 11:30 <b>Clam chowder/ salad rolls</b> Hanafuda & Bridge: 12:30-2	<b>8</b> Fujinkai Board:10:30 Blood pressure: 11:15 Chair Exercises: 11:30 <b>Roast pork/ Singapore ndls</b>	<b>9</b> X	<b>10</b> Qi Gong: 11:30 <b>Gyudon</b> (JY)	<b>11</b> Chair Exercises: 11:30 Rick March-Accordion <b>Gomoku sushi</b> (ND)
<b>14</b> Chair Exercises: 11:30 <b>Hoisin chicken</b> Hanafuda & Bridge: 12:30-2	<b>15</b> Chair Exercises: 11:30 <b>Annual Magic Show Dim sum plate</b>	<b>16</b> X	<b>17</b> Qi Gong: 11:00 Sing Along: 11:30 <b>Yakisoba/tofu</b> (ND)	<b>18</b> Chair Exercises: 11:30 <b>Lemon chicken/ fried rice</b> (JY)
<b>21</b> Chair Exercises: 11:30 Ohana Lunch Bunch <b>Chckn parmesan/ artichk rice sald</b> Hanafuda & Bridge: 12:30-2	<b>22</b> Blood pressure: 11:15 Chair Exercises: 11:30 <b>Beef chow fun</b>	<b>23</b> X	<b>24</b> Sing Along: 11:30 <b>Mazegohan/fish</b> (HT)	<b>25</b> ied <b>Tonkatsu</b> (JY)
<b>28</b> <b>CLOSED Memorial Day</b>	<b>29</b> Chair Exercises: 11:30 <b>Birthday sushi</b>	<b>30</b> X	<b>31</b> Qi Gong: 11:00 <b>Seafood pilaf</b> (ND)	

**Cooks: Sharon Ogata M-Tu Noriko Dozono, Judy Yamauchi & Haruyo Takei Th-F**

**May 1: Sage Circle**

**May 4: Kathryn Work on piano: noon**

**May 8: Fujinkai Board Meeting: 10:30**

**May 11: Rick March on accordion: noon**

**May 15: Annual Ikoï no Kai Magic Show--featuring the Amazing Skippini: Reserv. Req.-\$7**

**May 21: Ohana Lunch Bunch: Sansei gathering: 11:30**

**Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays: Chair Exercises with Nobuko Kaji: 11:30**

**Thursdays: Qi Gong with Kathleen Kuba: 11:30**

**Blood pressure with Jane Kawashima: May 8 & 22**





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