



# PORTLAND JACL NEWSLETTER

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Now thru December 31, 2018**

*Righting a Wrong*

National Museum of American History

**August 6, 6 p.m.**

Hiroshima/Nagasaki

Remembrance

Japanese American Historical  
Plaza

**August 10**

O.N.E. Banquet

MAC Club

Featuring John Tateishi

**August 10 - November 14**

*Oshu Nippo: Artifacts from  
Portland's Japanese Language  
Newspaper, 1909-1951*

Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center

**August 18, 9 a.m. - Noon**

Community Cemetery CleanUp

Rose City Cemetery

Bring Gloves and Brushes!

**August 19th, Noon - 4 p.m.**

Nikkei Community Picnic

Oaks Park

**September 3**

Labor Day

**September 16, 11:30 a.m.**

Fall Take Out Bazaar

Nichiren Buddhist Temple

**November 1-3**

*Contested Histories: Art  
and Artifacts from the Allen  
Hendershott Eaton Collection*  
Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center

## JACL NATIONAL CONVENTION IN PHILADELPHIA

*by Susan Leedham, Portland JACL Vice President*

Redress – Redress – Reconciliation

This year marks the 30th anniversary of Redress. We had many speakers speak of the improbability of Redress. Redress started as a grassroots effort, and when it stalled, the young people stepped in, telling their elders that they needed to adopt the new tactics of protest to achieve their goal, not the old ways of not making waves. There was a Congress that worked together that had respect for the Japanese Americans they worked with. There was a lot of luck with new Democratic leadership taking over the House and the force-of-nature Barney Frank guiding the bill through committee and the House, and President Reagan being reminded of a posthumous award ceremony of a 442 hero he attended many years prior.

All speakers said Redress would never happen in this political climate. Karen Narasaki, former Executive Director of the Asian Americans Advancing Justice and former JACL representative in Washington, DC, spoke of the need for structural change, that there is too much money in elections and that gerrymandering makes a very uneven playing field.

She also spoke about how she was in charge of the Japanese Memorial project in Washington, DC. At the time, she did not think it was worth all of the hard work, but she soon saw its importance after 9/11 when it was the gathering place for interfaith ministers and civil rights leaders to remind

everyone not to act in fear and repeat our mistakes of the past.

We were urged to find a way to keep our story relevant with the passing of the Nisei generation. We must continue to tell our story because we seem determined to repeat the past. At the convention we passed a resolution directing the national board and chapters to pursue and support revisions to the US immigration policy to uphold constitutionally protected due process, equal protection rights of all persons, and to end indefinite detention of immigrants with pending immigration proceedings, and to end separation of families.

*We also passed a resolution condemning the Muslim Ban. Karen Korematsu spoke passionately about the Supreme Court decision, agreeing with Justice Sotomayor's dissent that accused the Court of overlooking the clear parallels between the Muslim Ban and Korematsu that "an ill-defined national security threat" was used to "justify an exclusionary policy of sweeping proportion" Both then and now there was "strong evidence that impermissible hostility and animus motivated the government's policy," concluding that "the Court redeploys the same dangerous logic underlying Korematsu and merely replaces one gravely wrong decision with another." Also passed was a resolution creating the National Young Professionals Caucus Standing Committee for those*

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aging out of the National Youth Student Council.

The national council also voted to have the board fill the now vacant PSW and Midwest regional director positions which have been included in the budget.

Speaking of the budget, the new budget was passed with the Pacific Citizen volunteering to deplete its \$80,000 reserves over the next two years and to increase revenue by selling more advertising, especially to the chapters. And there will be renewed efforts to get more corporate funding.

But the big takeaway from the convention is the newly elected board is all under 35 years old and all are graduates of the National Youth Council. There are still two empty positions so the board could get a little older.

Jeffrey Moy is the new president;

Matthew Farrells will begin a new term as VP of planning and development;

James Kiriara is the new secretary/treasurer;

Haruka Roudeshush continues as VP of membership;

Sarah Baker of Seattle chapter is VP of public affairs;

Kota Mizutani continues as NYSC chair.

We look forward to seeing the energy and passion that this new young board will bring to our organization.

The Sayonara Banquet ended fittingly with the emcee quoting Valarie Kaur's Sikh prayer for America:

"In our tears and agony, we hold our children close and confront the truth: The future is dark, but my faith dares me to ask: What if this darkness is not the darkness of the tomb but the darkness of the womb? What if our America is not dead but a country still waiting to be born? What if the story of America is one long labor? What if all the mothers who came before us, who survived genocide and occupation, slavery and Jim Crow, racism and xenophobia and Islamophobia, political oppression and sexual assault are standing behind us now, whispering in our ear: You are brave? What if this is our great contraction before we birth a new future? Remember the wisdom of the midwife: 'Breathe,' she says. Then, 'Push.'

Now it is time to breathe, but soon it will be time to push; soon it will be time to fight for those we love: Muslim father, Sikh son, trans daughter, indigenous brother, immigrant sister, white worker, the poor and forgotten, and the ones who cast their vote out of resentment and fear.

Let us make an oath to fight for the soul of America -- 'The land that never has been yet and yet must be' (Langston Hughes) -- with revolutionary love and relentless optimism. And so I pray this Sikh prayer."

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## SAY NO TO BALLOT MEASURE 105 *by Marleen Wallingford, Portland JACL President*

Last week we learned that Oregonians for Immigration Reform, a group that is identified as a white supremacist organization by the Southern Poverty Law Center have turned in enough signatures to qualify their measure for the November ballot. Measure 105 would throw out Oregon's "sanctuary" law, which passed more than 30 years ago with broad support from Republicans and Democrats. The law has helped reduce racial profiling while keeping local police focused on protecting local communities. If Measure 105 passes, Oregon will be left without any of these important protections and this guidance.

Being an Oregonian means welcoming others, including those who may seem different, and building those bridges of understanding. Immigrants living in Oregon are our neighbors, friends and local business owners. Like our own families, today's immigrants journey to the United States in search of a better life, and the freedom and opportunity we offer.

In Oregon, we believe in fairness and looking out for our neighbors, but if Measure 105 passes, it could open the door to families being torn apart. This is exactly what happened to our community within days after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. The FBI came and took away our community leaders and our mothers, sons and daughters had no idea what happened to their fathers. We want to make sure our local law enforcement does not have the added burden of enforcing federal immigration law.

## Notes from the Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center

by James Rogers, Project Coordinator

### Annual Banquet:

On Friday, August 10th, 2018, Oregon Nikkei Endowment will hold its Annual Banquet at the Multnomah Athletic Club. This year we commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the Civil Liberties Act which was signed on that day thirty years ago. This legislation issued a formal apology from the U.S. government, restitution to survivors of the incarceration, and was an attempt to atone for what is considered one of the darkest chapters in our country's history. We are excited to have John Tateishi, who was the National Redress Director of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), as our keynote speaker. We will also take this time to honor and recognize individuals for their support and outstanding efforts to further the mission and work of our organization. This year we will be honoring Kay Endo with the Heart of the Community Award and Bob Shimabukuro with the Paving the Way Award. At this time, we ask if you would please consider making a donation to our raffle drawing. All proceeds go to support our mission, museum, educational and cultural programs, and to maintain the projects mentioned above. All of our donors are recognized in print materials, event program, and on our website at [www.oregonnikkei.org](http://www.oregonnikkei.org). The Price is \$125 per person (\$50 tax deductible) and RSVPs are due by August 3rd. Business attire please.

### Oshu Nippo:

The Oshu Nippo (Oregon News) and Koyama FBI Papers Project In December 2017, the Oregon Nikkei Endowment received an Oregon Heritage Grant to digitize, translate, and make available online two of its most unique and illuminating collections: 160 FBI documents from the Koyama Family and ten special issues of the Oshu Nippo (Oregon Daily News), a Japanese newspaper printed in Portland's Japantown from 1906 to 1951. Professional translators from the Portland law firm Lane Powell, volunteers from Portland, and over ninety volunteers from Sapporo, Portland's Sister City in Japan, are assisting in the Oshu Nippo project. Work includes transcribing original scans into Word, rewriting old Japanese characters into modern Japanese, and then finally translating into English. Oshu Nippo artifacts and work from the translation project will be on view from August 10th - November 4th, 2018. This project is supported in part by a grant from the Oregon Heritage Commission and the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.

### CONTESTED HISTORIES: Art and Artifacts from the Allen Hendershott Eaton Collection

Thursday, November 1st – Saturday, November 3rd

This exhibit is here for three days only and is a rare opportunity to see art, artifacts, and photographs from this collection.

The Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center will be open extended hours for First Thursdays. On Thursday, November 1st, admission is free from 3:00 – 7:00 PM. People are encouraged to share with the JANM information they know or remember about the objects including who and/or what is depicted in the many photographs or objects.

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# NICHIREN BUDDHIST TEMPLE

## 2018 Fall Take-Out Bazaar

### Combination Bento

**Sunday, September 16, 2018**

**Pick-up 11:30 am - 2:00 pm**

Chow Mein, Chicken	Quantity	\$ amount
& Sushi	\$15.00	_____
Please pre-order	Total	\$ _____

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On June 28<sup>th</sup>, Roy Wesley (left) and Diana Morita Cole (right) share personal accounts of family dispersal and incarceration at the Epworth United Methodist Church. Ms. Cole also signed copies of her book *SIDEWAYS: Memoir of a Misfit*.

*Photos by Setsy Larouche*





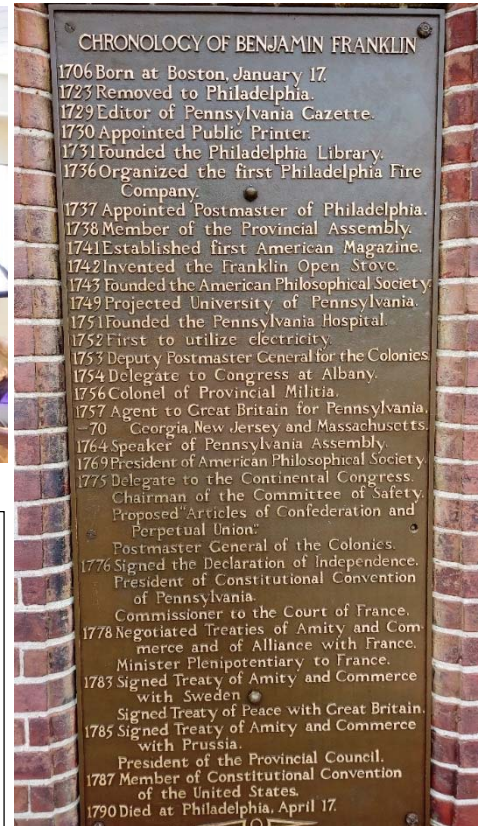
# 2018 National JACL Convention - Philadelphia



**Above:** Outgoing National JACL President Gary Mayeda administers the oath of office to the new 2018-2019 National Board.

**Left:** Portland JACL delegates at the convention pose for a photo during the Sayonara Banquet.

**Right:** Benjamin Franklin is buried in a cemetery in downtown Philadelphia with a bronze plaque showing his impressive life accomplishments.



**Below:** Delegates from 77 chapters of JACL use their pink voting cards to approve or disapprove various resolutions, bylaw changes and other important motions made during the National Council sessions at the convention.





## 2018 Undokai (Field Day) at Hazelbrook Middle School



**Top:** Hundreds of Japanese kids are broken down into the Red and White Teams for a day long field day!

**Middle:** Some of the adults watching the activities included (L to R) Yohiko O'Brien, Takashi Nagasaka, George Nakata, Keiko Nakata, Henry Ueno, Atami Ueno, Masayuki Onose, Consul General Teraoka and Kay Endo

**Bottom:** Kindergarten girls sprint to the finish as the Red Team Cheerleaders cheer them on!

*Photos by Chip Larouche*



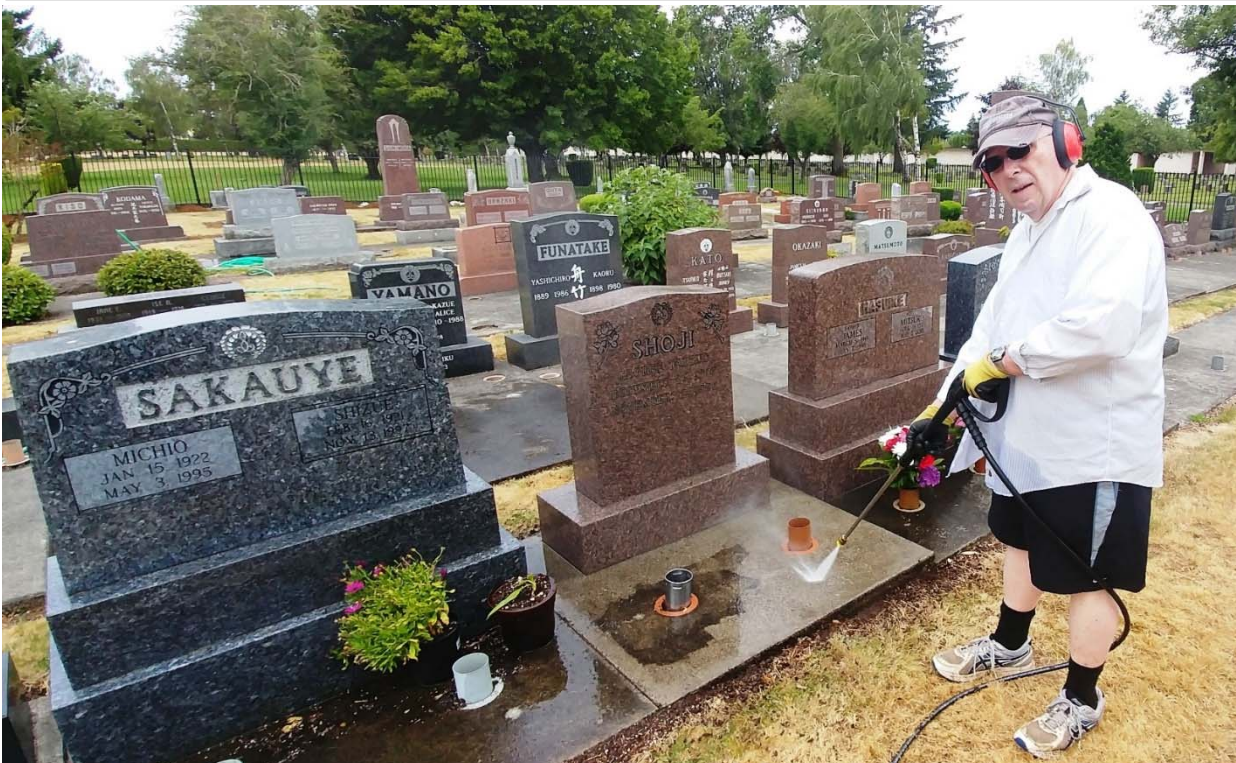
# Around the Community



**Above:** A tribute monument to Min Yasui can be found in a park at the Hood River Library that commemorates his Presidential Medal of Freedom. Min Yasui is the only Oregon native to receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

**Below:** Cemetery maintenance is never finished! Chip I seen here power washing the grave base of Mabel Shoji Boggs, a generous contributor to Portland JACL and many other Nikkei organizations in Portland.

*Photos by Setsy Larouche*





Notes from the Japanese Ancestral Society *by Sharon Takahashi, JAS President*

### **THANK YOU TO OUR STELLAR VOLUNTEER!**

The Japanese Ancestral Society board of directors recognized Fran Palk at its June 18, 2018 meeting for her outstanding service for the past six years serving as cemetery maintenance chair. Fran has been instrumental in making the spring and summer cleaning a growing proposition in our community. Not only has she amassed a loyal following, but she has made the reward factor of Japanese food and recipe sharing a steady attraction. Unfortunately, Fran has been feeling Father Time's reminders that body's age. The physical lugging and hauling have taken their toll and she is pulling back from the larger chores. So, together we have crafted a want ad to help us find someone who shares her passion. She is not disappearing but will still be available to help our new volunteer.

Again, thank you, Fran for a visible product of sweat and dedication: our very attractive cemetery.

### **WANTED: CEMETERY MAINTENANCE CHAIR OR CO-CHAIR**

The Japanese Ancestral Society is seeking volunteer(s) who have a special penchant for keeping our forebears' resting place maintained.

#### **Job Description: Management and Coordination**

1. Coordinate and manage volunteer group work crews 4-5 times in spring and summer. (We host a large community Memorial Day Service each year.)  
(Organizing supplies and equipment takes 1-2 weeks. A locked storage cabinet is located on the premises.)
2. Publicize each date in the monthly Portland JACL newsletter, board meetings and current volunteers. Various Nikkei organizations and school groups are asked to assist us.

On site supervision: Usual job assignments start from 9-11:30 am. If it is too warm or wet, we re-schedule. Our closing snack and chat time officially starts about 11:30 am.

1. Pick up dead plants and flowers.
2. Scrub bird droppings off each gravestone.
3. Clean/scrub moss, mold and blackened gravestones and concrete bases. (Rubber glove and ammonia should be used. Sweep bases.)
4. Spread bark dust around graves to keep weeds down.
5. Weed grass. Plant necessary plants. Clip shrubs and groom living plants.
6. Water plants and trees. Important during hot weather.
7. If volunteers are new, share part of the history with them. (Available in hard copy.)
8. Send thank you notes to organizations and service hour acknowledgments for students.

Because this cemetery is owned by the Japanese Ancestral Society, we want to keep it attractive and safe for all who visit. Some tasks, such as calligraphy restoration and enhancing, are left to special volunteers.

If you are interested and have further questions, please call Fran Palk, (503.810-3948) or Sharon Takahashi (503.330-1935).

**\*Note: there is a standing cemetery committee who are out monthly taking care of gardening and calligraphy. This crew is truly dedicated to our Japanese Cemetery.**



## Keep Families Together Rally *by Jeff Selby, former Portland JACL President*

Five thousand people, including hundreds of children and their families, gathered in Portland on June 30 as part of more than 750 national events protesting the Trump administration's cruel and abusive immigration policies separating children from their families and placing families in indefinite detention. The Families Belong Together event featured speakers from several communities. Past Portland JACL President, Jeff Selby, was invited to speak as a member of the Nikkei community. His speech:

"I come here today, humbled to join you as part of this national outcry, as we demand justice. As Japanese Americans, my community knows that government policies based on racism, ignorance, and hysteria are antithetical to what our country should stand for.

Seventy-six years ago, with the stroke of his pen, an American President ordered the forced removal of 120,000 Americans of Japanese Ancestry from their homes to be incarcerated in American Concentration Camps.

With that grave injustice, even during the hysteria of World War II, children were not separated from their parents by any measurable scale.

But the causes of the Japanese American incarceration and the horrors that so many families are experiencing today, are the same. In 1982, the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians concluded that the incarceration of Japanese Americans was a "grave injustice." Their report determined that the decision was wrongly based on "racial prejudice, wartime hysteria, and a failure of political leadership."

Children are being torn from their parents on our border and in our own backyards thanks to these despicable policies. Today, on behalf of the Japanese American community, I join you as we come together to condemn the human rights abuses of this administration. We demand that all families be reunited and released from detention.

As the honorable Norm Mineta said recently, "America is at its best when it applies its democratic values, a can-do spirit, an open heart and a helping hand to problems like these. It is at its worst when it forgets those values and acts like a frightened, angry nation with a second-rate political leader."

We must do better. We can do better."

**Photo Credit: Amit Zinman**



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## NIKKEI COMMUNITY PICNIC

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2018**

**OAKS PARK**

**(SOUTH PARK AREA - UNDER THE LARGE STRIPED TENT)**

**NOON TO 5PM**

**Food, Fun, Rides for the Kids; Prizes and Performance by Portland Taiko**

**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:

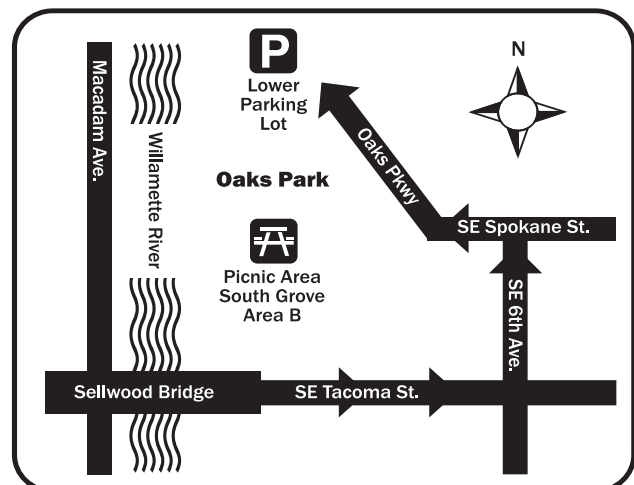
A-Ki Rice or a noodle dish  
Kl-Sa Salad or Vegetable dish  
Sc-Z Dessert or Bread

### 主催方からの供給

焼き鳥  
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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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**Iko no Kai, August 2018**

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1  X	2  <i>Qi Gong: 11:30</i> <b>Chicken katsu/ somen salad</b>  (Nancy Kajitsu)	3  <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> <b>Chikuzen-ni</b> chicken w/ Japanese veggies  (JY)
6  <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> <b>Hoisin chicken/ harusame salad</b>  <i>Hanafuda &amp; Bridge: 12:30-2</i>	7  <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Blood pressure: 11:15 <b>Lemongrass pork/ fried rice</b>	8  X	9  <i>Qi Gong: 11:30</i> <b>Hiyashi chuka</b> cold egg noodle salad	10  <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> <b>Zaru soba</b>  (HT)
13  <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> <b>Bay shrimp cakes/ zaru soba</b>  <i>Hanafuda &amp; Bridge: 12:30-2</i>	14  <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> <b>Corn chowder/ salad rolls</b>	15  X	16  <i>Qi Gong: 11:00</i> Sing Along: 11:30 <b>Gomokuzushi</b> 5 ingredient sushi	17  <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Rick March on accordion <b>Gyudon</b> beef or pork bowl (JY)
20  <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Ohana Lunch Bunch <b>Tofu salmon sld/ ginger chicken soup</b> <i>Hanafuda &amp; Bridge: 12:30-2</i>	21  Sage Circle: 10:30 Blood pressure: 11:15 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> <b>Tomato beef chow mein</b>	22  X	23  <i>Qi Gong: 11:30</i> <b>Gyoza/cucumber salad</b>	24  <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Kathryn Work on piano <b>Seafood curry pilaf</b> (HT)
27  <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> <b>Birthday Sushi</b>  <i>Hanafuda &amp; Bridge: 12:30-2</i>	28  <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> <b>Lemon pasta/ garlic chicken</b>	29  X	30  <i>Qi Gong: 11:30</i> <b>Okonomiyaki/ chicken salad</b>	31  <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> <b>Chicken karaage</b>  (JY)

**Cooks: Sharon Ogata M-Tu Noriko Dozono Th Judy Yamauchi & Haruyo Takei Alt. Fri**

**August 14: NO Fujinkai Board Meeting in August**

**August 16: Sing Along with Jerry: 11:30**

**August 16: Visit from OHSU Nursing Students**

**August 17: Rick March on Accordion: noon**

**August 20: Ohana Lunch Bunch: 11:30 -- Sansei gathering**

**August 21: Sage Circle: 10:30**

**August 24: Kathryn Work on piano: noon**

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

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

**Blood pressure with Jane Kawashima: August 7 & 21**



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