



# PORTLAND JACL NEWSLETTER

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Now thru December 31, 2018**

*Righting a Wrong*

National Museum of American History

**August 10 - November 14**

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

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

Fall Take Out Bazaar  
Nichiren Buddhist Temple

**September 17, 7 p.m.**

JAS Board Meeting  
Epworth

**September 22**

JACL National Board Meeting  
Washington, D.C.

**October 7, 11:30 p.m.**

Sukiyaki Bazaar  
Oregon Buddhist Temple

**October 21, 7 p.m.**

Portland Taiko Concert  
*Sticks & Strings*  
Lincoln Hall, PSU

**November 1-3**

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

**November 4**

Daylight Savings Time Ends

**November 6**

Election Day

## REST IN PEACE, ALICE

by Chip Larouche, Portland JACL Treasurer



On August 16th, everyone in the community were saddened to hear the news that Alice Sumida had died in her sleep at the age of 104 years old.

Alice was one of eight children born to Tameji and Take Eto. The couple had emigrated from Japan and settled in the rich agricultural region of California's Central Coast. Alice attended Mills College in Oakland, California, with her sister, Toshiko, then met and married Mark Sumida. The newlyweds moved to Seattle to start a new life but not long after the attack of Pearl Harbor, an FBI agent showed up at their apartment to ask Mark unsettling questions. It wasn't long before they received a letter with orders to be at Portland Assembly Center within two weeks, taking only what they could carry.

When a farmer came to the Assembly Center to recruit workers for his sugar beet farm, Alice and Mark

leapt at the chance to get out. A few nights later, they boarded a train with 18 other men (Alice was the only woman from the center); and once again, the young couple was on their way to an unknown destination and future.

The work was difficult and the days were long and hot, but when the crew finished their assignment, the farmer told them they were free to go. He advised them to stay in the country, away from cities where anti-Japanese sentiment still percolated.

When an opportunity to purchase a 200-acre farm along the Snake River became available, Mark and Alice decided to take a chance. It took some effort, but eventually they secured a loan from a banker who believed they could make something of the rocky, barren land; then they landed a government loan to build twenty houses for employees and their families. Several members of Alice's family who'd been incarcerated at Manzanar in Northern California were granted release so they could help on the farm as well.

The challenges were many but with help from their family and seasoned employees, the farm thrived. Their first crops were potatoes and Spanish onions. But the market wasn't great for these crops so Mark came up with a new strategy. They decided to grow gladiola bulbs. Within a couple years the Sumida's fields were swollen with beautiful flowers with lots of customer orders.

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After 20 years of farming the Sumidas sold the property and moved to the Portland area. There, they ran one of the first businesses to import koi fish to America until Mark died in 1981. Alice sold the business and their remaining property and moved to a condominium in downtown Portland. She got involved in many Nikkei organizations in the area and one day, a friend suggested they take a dance class. It had been years since she'd danced, but Alice became an internationally recognized ballroom dancer, winning numerous awards, starting at the young age of 88. At her last dance competition — held in Venice, Italy, as she was approaching her 100th birthday — Alice had to buy another suitcase to carry home her winnings. She had received five or six trophies and couldn't carry them all home!

In 2004, she met author and artist Allen Say, who turned her story into the children's book "Music for Alice," recounting her life and passion for dance. In July 2011, she received the foreign minister's commendation from the Japanese Consulate-General in a ceremony in Portland.

Alice Sumida was always friendly, upbeat and always kind to everyone, and her generosity to the Nikkei Community will remain legendary for a long time. We will all miss her very much.



## NICHIREN BUDDHIST TEMPLE

### 2018 Fall Take-Out Bazaar

#### *Combination Bento*

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

*Thank you for your order*

**Sunday, September 16, 2018**

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

Please return this pre-order form with your check by **September 9, 2018.**

Please make checks payable to:  
**Portland Nichiren Buddhist Temple**

All proceeds benefit:  
Portland Nichiren Buddhist Temple  
2025 S.E. Yamhill  
Portland, Oregon 97214  
(503) 235-8292

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Remembering Hiroshima & Nagasaki

by Marleen Wallingford, Portland JACL President

August 6th commemorates the anniversary of the first time nuclear weapons were dropped on human populations in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Oregon Physician's for Social Responsibility a non-profit organization which works to protect human life from threats to health has partnered with local Nikkei and peace and justice organizations to remember those tragic events. Keynote speaker this year was Martin Hart-Landsberg, professor emeritus of economics at Lewis & Clark College. He spoke about the rocky relationship the United States and North Korea have had over the years. Just this past year, we have had the two leaders exchanging barbs which thankfully ended with a surprise meeting between Donald Trump and North Korean leader, Kim Jong-un. North Korea halted their nuclear weapons and missile tests, and the US canceled its war games. A four point agreement was reached but the momentum appears to be lost.

Moderator for the event was Jesse Gasper, president of the Oregon Marshallese Community and Oregon Bikini Association. Nuclear testing has been done on his island nation and places which we thought were isolated islands were not. The people can never go back to their homeland.

Invocation was given by Rev. Eisei Ikenaga of Nichiren Buddhist Temple. Unit Souzou added its powerful drumming to open and close the event. Pacific Islander youth performed, we heard remarks from artist, Yukiyo Kawano and poetry read by Patricia Hoover. The evening concluded with a parade led by Rev. Ikenaga to the nearby School of Oriental Medicine for Children Remember: Nuclear Stories Through Memories Relationship and Art. This was a moving presentation of Japanese youth interviewing the nuclear bomb survivors and interpreting their stories through art. We also heard through skype from the Hiroshima Peace Memorial, the memories of an atomic bomb survivor.

Although today was a day to remember the death and suffering of the people of Japan, today is also a day to look forward to building peaceful relations throughout the world. As Dr. Hart-Landsbury extolled us, "We need to become better educated about the history of US policy towards Korea....We need to continue our ...efforts to force the US government to adopt a foreign policy that promotes peace," not just the absence of war.



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# EPWORTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## FALL BAZAAR

**Sunday, Oct. 28, 2018**

**11:30am - 2:30pm**

**ASIAN FOOD, BAKE SALE, RUMMAGE SALE, & PRODUCE SALE**

Please use the following order form and make checks payable to Epworth United Methodist Church.  
Please mail by Oct. 23. 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>
Teriyaki Beef Bowl	\$9.00	_____	\$ _____
Chicken Udon	\$8.00	_____	\$ _____
Chowmein	\$7.00	_____	\$ _____
Inarizushi	\$6.00	_____	\$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT			\$ _____

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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.



# The Nikkei Community Picnic 2018



Did you miss this year's Nikkei Community Picnic? We had Taiko, we had Judo, we had dancing, we had prizes, and we had FOOD! Don't miss the picnic next year! Sunday August 18, 2019.

Mark your calendar! *Photos by Rich Iwasaki*





# Oregon Nikkei Endowment Banquet



The banquet included a great meal, silent and not-so-silent auctions, an exciting dessert dash, and award presentations to Bob Shimabukuro and Kay Endo. Top left is our hostess Lynn Fuchigami along with Jeff Selby, the emcee for the evening. Bottom right is Reverend Anna Cho and her family enjoying the festivities.

Photos by Curtis  
Suyematsu of Reflections  
Photography







Keynote Speaker was John Tateishi, National Redress Director for National JACL, who gave a very inspiring talk on many aspects of Redress that were behind the scenes yet crucial to its passage. As shown below, not all desserts had the same appeal as some of the others and the departing party favor announced a new upcoming capital campaign for O.N.E.

Photos by Curtis Suyematsu of Reflections Photography





## AROUND THE COMMUNITY



Martin Hart-Landsberg, Professor Emeritus of Economics at Lewis & Clark College and Adjunct Researcher at the Institute for Social Sciences, Gyeongsang National University, South Korea,, speaks at the Hiroshima-Nagasaki Remembrance event, Japanese American Historical Plaza, Tom McCall Waterfront Park, Portland, Oregon. Photo by Rich Iwasaki



Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility board member Chisao Hata (l) and exhibit organizer Artist Yukiyo Kawano introduce the program *Children Remember: Nuclear Stories Through Memories, Relationships & Art* at Oregon College of Oriental Medicine, Portland, Oregon Photo by Rich Iwasaki



Unit Souzou provided the opening and closing music for the 2018 commemoration ceremony in remembrance of the atomic bombs that were dropped on the Cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Photo by Chip Larouche



**Top Left:** Rev. Eisei Ikenaga, Nichiren Buddhist Temple, chants before an altar during the viewing of children's artwork at the event *Children Remember: Nuclear Stories Through Memories, Relationships, & Art*, Oregon College of Oriental Medicine, Portland, Oregon. The exhibit, organized by artist Yukiyo Kawano, featured art pieces that resulted from year-long conversations between high school students living in Hiroshima and the hibakusha (atomic bomb survivors)

**Top Right:** Rev. Eisei Ikenaga, Nichiren Buddhist Temple, leads a procession from the Hiroshima-Nagasaki Remembrance event, Japanese American Historical Plaza, Tom McCall Waterfront Park, Portland, Oregon. The procession led to the event at the Oregon College of Oriental Medicine entitled *Children Remember: Nuclear Stories Through Memories, Relationships, and Art*. Photos by Rich Iwasaki



## Weather blessings and exceptional golf

*by Sharon Takahashi, Japanese Ancestral Society President*

The field of 45 Japanese Ancestral Society golfers enjoyed cooler weather and inspiration as they participated in the 18<sup>th</sup> annual JAS Jerry Inouye Golf Tournament. The tournament is dedicated to Jerry Inouye, a past president who passed away in 2000. His commitment to fostering friendship and organizational collaboration on the golf course is still with us today.

The women's flight first place winner was Jackie Alderman, with a score of net 68. She was followed by Andrea Nitta, net 69 and Emily Ogawa, the youngest golfer in the group (18 years old) with a net 69, also. In case of ties, the lower handicap finishes higher in the standings. Low gross honors went to Andrea Nitta who shot 89.

The men's B flight was won by Jon Ollerenshaw, who shot a net 65. Coming in second and third respectively were Jess Toda, net 66 and Gordon Kondo, net 67. Low gross honors went to Jess Toda who carded a 90. The A flight was composed of 11 golfers. First place honor went to Jeff Yoshida, net 63, followed by second place Ed Tamiyasu, net 65 and third place Ken Saito, net 65. Again, the lower handicap finishes higher in the standings. Low gross honor went to Jeff Yoshida who shot a 74.

Grand champion for 2018 is Jeff Yoshida.

Committee chairs Sharon Takahashi and Nancy Kajitsu would like to thank the golf committee for all their hard work in pulling together a very successful tournament: Jackie Alderman, Kay Endo, Pat Gilman, Ron Hiromura, Kurtis Inouye, Nancy Kajitsu, Carl Kato, Terry Kawamoto, Gordon Kondo, Bob Kurimoto, Chip Larouche, Setsy Sadamoto Larouche, Don Matsuda, Merianne Nagae, Ken Ogawa, Jon Ollerenshaw, Sharon & Wayne Takahashi, Katie Tamiyasu, Frances Tanaka, Henry Ueno and Jeff Yoshida.



Sharon Takahashi presents the ladies champion trophy to Jackie Alderman and to the A-Flight men's champion Jeff Yoshida.

**Right:** Jon Ollerenshaw receives his plaque for being the men's B-Flight Champion.

*Photos by Kay Endo*



## 2018 Sukiyaki Bazaar

Sunday, October 7, 2018, from 11:30am-3:30pm

Oregon Buddhist Temple 3720 SE 34<sup>th</sup> Ave., Portland, OR 97202

Fall is fast approaching and we are seeing cooler weather and the warm meal of sukiyaki. This year's Sukiyaki Bazaar will again comfort you with familiar foods, familiar company, and familiar surroundings. Come and enjoy the delicious, warm and soothing sukiyaki with fresh tofu courtesy of Ota Tofu Company. Our chow Mein and chicken bento are always crowd favorites. Cultural displays will be set up to enjoy and reflect upon. Omiyage (gifts) will be tastefully presented for your shopping pleasure and snacks will be for sale by our own Dharma School to help support the young ones and teach them about working together. We look forward to seeing old friends, meeting new friends and coming to dine at this annual fall fundraiser.

To put on this Sukiyaki Bazaar, we would love to have your help! You are welcome to come and learn food preparation from 9am Thursday, 10/4, Friday, 10/5 and Saturday, 10/6. End times will vary, so call if you can only come in the afternoon. Thank you in advance for your time, dedication, and generosity, but mostly for coming to visit with friends and family and to enjoy the delicious Sukiyaki Dinner in support of Oregon Buddhist Temple.

Carolyn Saiget and Elaine Yuzuriha (360)513-0315

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### SUKIYAKI BAZAAR ORDER FORM

Pre-Ordering is highly recommended

You may also pre-order at [www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com](http://www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com) using credit card.

Item	Price	To Go Qty.	Dine In Qty.	Total Qty.	Total \$ Amount
Beef Sukiyaki	\$14				
Vegetarian Sukiyaki	\$14				
Chicken Bento	\$10				
Chow Mein	\$8				
Total \$:					

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Ikoï no Kai, September 2018

1333 SE 28th, 503-238-0775

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>3</b>  <b>Closed</b> <b>Enjoy Labor Day!</b>	<b>4</b> Fujinkai Board: 10:30 Chair Exercises: 11:30 <b>Vietnamese pork /noodle salad</b>	<b>5</b>  <b>X</b>	<b>6</b> Qi Gong: 11:30 <b>Miso chicken katsu</b>  Mah jong: 12:30-2	<b>7</b> Chair Exercises: 11:30 <b>Foil baked cod</b>
<b>10</b> Chair Exercises: 11:30 <b>Peanut chicken/ pad Thai</b>  Hanafuda & Bridge: 12:30-2	<b>11</b> "Cats of Mirikitani"-10 Blood Pressure: 11:15 Chair Exercises: 11:30 <b>Shrimp in lobster sauce</b>	<b>12</b>  <b>X</b>	<b>13</b> Qi Gong: 11:30 <b>Tsukune</b> ground pork meatballs  Mah jong: 12:30-2	<b>14</b> Chair Exercises: 11:30 Rick March on accordion <b>Karaage</b>
<b>17</b> Chair Exercises: 11:30 Ohana Lunch Bunch <b>Sukiyaki</b>  Hanafuda & Bridge: 12:30-2	<b>18</b>  Chair Exercises: 11:30 <b>Ginger chicken/ fried rice</b>	<b>19</b>  <b>X</b>	<b>20</b> Qi Gong: 11:00 Sing Along: 11:30 <b>Kanitama Don</b> crab omelette Mah jong: 12:30-2	<b>21</b> Chair Exercises: 11:30 <b>Yakisoba</b>
<b>24</b> Chair Exercises: 11:30 <b>Shrimp tofu balls</b>  Hanafuda & Bridge: 12:30-2	<b>25</b> Sage Circle: 10:30 Blood Pressure: 11:15 Chair Exercises: 11:30 <b>Miso ginger pork with veggies</b>	<b>26</b>  <b>X</b>	<b>27</b> Qi Gong: 11:30 <b>Beef curry</b>  Mah jong: 12:30-2	<b>28</b> Chair Exercises: 11:30 Kathryn Work on piano <b>Birthday sushi</b>

**Cooks: Sharon Ogata M-Tu except Sept 24,25 Kyoko Adcock Rieko Shimada Th-Fri**

**Sept 3: Closed for Labor Day**

**Sept 4: Fujinkai Board: 10:30**

**Sept 11: "Cats of Mirikitani"-film showing at 10:15**

**Sept 14: Rick March on accordion: noon**

**Sept 17: Ohana Lunch Bunch: Sansei gathering: 11:30**

**Sept 20: Sing Along with Reiko & Jerry: 11:30**

**Sept 28: Kathryn Work on piano: noon**

**Mon,Tu & Fri Exercises with Nobuko Kaji: 11:30; Thur Qi Gong with Katherine Kuba**

**Mon - Hanafuda & Bridge 12:30-2; Thurs - Mah jong 12:30-2**

**Blood pressure with Jane Kawashima: Sept 11 & 25**





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