



PORTLAND JACL NEWSLETTER

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

June 9

Flutes of Three Nations
3:00 p.m.

First Congregational United
Church of Christ

July 5-9

Minidoka Pilgrimage
Twin Falls, ID

July 31 - August 4

JACL National Convention
Salt Lake City, UT

August 3

Obon
3:00 p.m.
Oregon Buddhist Temple

August 6

Hiroshima/Nagasaki Day
6:00 p.m.
Japanese American
Historical Plaza

August 18

Noon
Nikkei Community Picnic
Oaks Park

Please send your community
calendar items to Jeff Selby
at:

jeff@aiwcreative.com
no later than the 16th of
each month!

COMMUNITY HONORS GRADUATES

by Heidi Tolentino, Board Member

The 2019 Japanese American
Community Graduation Banquet
By Heidi Kimiko Tolentino

The 2019 Japanese American
Community Graduation Banquet
was held at the Monarch Hotel on
May 4th.

Consul General Takashi Teraoka
congratulated all of the graduates
on their achievements and said
that he has been impressed by the
Japanese American community
and their accomplishments both
historically and today. Teraoka
noted that he was so proud to
see Japanese culture in another
country and to see the traditions
that have been passed down from
great-grandparents, grandparents
and parents; Japanese Americans
have passed the gift of being
bicultural to their descendants.

This year's keynote speaker was
Dr. Wynn Kiyama, the Executive
Director of Portland Taiko, the
Director of the Portland State
University Taiko Group, and
co-founder of PSU's Drama Dance
Drums, an annual presentation of
Japanese Theater and Taiko.

Dr. Kiyama gave a few pieces of
advice to the graduates: "Get to
know your professors. Learn from
your peers. Find your passions and
follow them. It may be connected
to your Japanese heritage or
it may be connected to your
gender identity, your religion, or
other things. Pursue and find that

passion. For me it has woven my
life together and given me inde-
scribable joy."

The presentation of the award and
scholarship winners followed Dr.
Kiyama's upbeat and entertaining
speech. The first awards and
scholarships were given by the
Oregon Nisei Veterans.

Michael Hasagawa of Hood River
Valley High School won the
outstanding male athlete award.
Alyson Miyuda of La Salle High
School won the outstanding fe-
male athlete award. The winner of
the Iwasaki/Okamoto Scholarship
was Emily Ogawa from St. Mary's
High School. The Mrs. Mark
Sumida Awards were presented
to Miles Takaguchi from Cleveland
High School, Alyson Miura of La
Salle High School, Yukaiya Nomoto
of Skyview High School and
Lauren Yanase of St. Mary's High
School.

This year's winner of the Hide
Naito scholarship was Alexandra
Tomito of St. Mary's High School.
The winner of the Mary K. Naito
Scholarship was Mili Nakamura of
Westview High School. The winner
of the Minamoto Scholarship was
Luke Wilson of Grant High School.

This year's Shokookai of Portland
Scholarship winner was Ella Hirata
of St. Mary's High School.
The winner of the Veleda
Club Scholarship was Cinclair

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GRADUATION BANQUET *continued from Page 1*

Mathies of Central Catholic High School. The winner of the Nikkei Fujinkai scholarship was Erica Pasquantonio of Clackamas High School. The winner of the Gresham-Troutdale JACL Scholarship was Kaito Wilson of Sunset High School. The winner of the Yumibe Scholarship was Isaaiah Baltzel from Jefferson High School. The winner of the Mabel Boggs/State Farm Scholarship was Leonard Tanne of Mountain View High School. The Yoshiko Kennedy Scholarship was created in her memory. The winner of the Kennedy Scholarship was Kent Ishida from Grant High School. The winner of the Masuoka Scholarship was Michael Hasegawa of Hood River Valley High School.

After the scholarships were presented, Kent Ishida of Grant High School gave the Graduate's Response. Kent thanked all of the donors and sponsors of the Graduation Banquet and told the other graduates that he was honored to represent such an amazing group of scholars. He thanked his mom and dad for making sacrifices for him and for teaching him to go 110% in everything he does. Kent also shared some wisdom from his grandparents. "Always do a little bit extra." "Your only enemy is yourself." Ken encouraged the graduates, as they enter this next chapter of their lives, to remember that if people tell them they can't do something, then do what it takes to get it done.

The banquet ended with some fun awards presented to the graduates by Ms. Elaine Yuzuriha who reminded the graduates to return to their communities after college to give back. Words after Meal were given by Reverend Eisei Ikenaga of the Nichiren Buddhist Temple. Then, Chip Larouche presented the 2019 Japanese American Graduates to the community. It was a wonderful event that reminded everyone of the importance of continuing the legacy of each of the sponsoring organizations by remembering those who have come before us and the young people that are our future.



Front Row (L to R) Luke Wilson, Emily Ogawa, Lauren Yanase, Alexandra Tomita, Cinclair Mathies, Mili Nakamura, Erica Pasquantonio, Leonard Tanne, Michael Hasegawa Back Row (L to R) Kent Ishida, Ella Hirata, Alyson Miura, Isaaiah Baltzel, Sean Cunningham, Yukaiya Nomoto, Kaito Wilson, Miles Takiguchi

Photo: Curtis Suyematsu

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NIKKEI COMMUNITY PICNIC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2019

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:

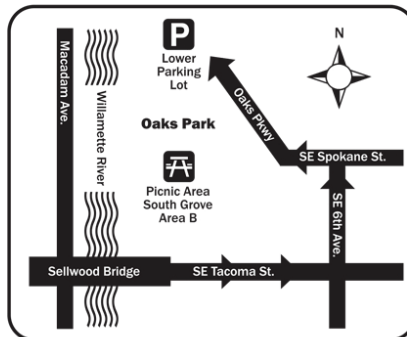
- A-Ki Rice or a noodle dish
 KI-Sa Salad or Vegetable dish
 Sc-Z Dessert or Bread

主催方からの供給

焼き鳥
 お茶、ソウダ、ビール
 西瓜
 遊芸と遊技の賞品
 駐車場

持ち合わせ品

A-Ki サラダ
 KI-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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JAPANESE ANCESTRAL SOCIETY OF PORTLAND

June 2019

Dear Golfers and Friends:

You are cordially invited to participate in the 19th Annual Japanese Ancestral Society Jerry Inouye Memorial Golf Tournament to be held on Sunday, July 28, 2019 at Glendoveer Golf Course-East (14015 NE Glisan, 503.253.7507). The JAS has hosted this event for over 25 years and renamed in 2001 to honor Jerry for his many years of service in promoting this event. The shotgun start will begin at 8:30 a.m. with check-in at 7:30 a.m.

You must be a JAS member to participate. You can include your membership dues along with your entry fee.

A perpetual trophy will be awarded to the lowest net scorer among the men's "A" and "B" flights and also to the "ladies" flight. Prizes will be awarded for KP's on all par 3 holes, a longest drive hole, and low gross honors in each flight. In case of a tie, players score cards will be evaluated from the 18th hole backwards with the first low score winning. Everyone will ride a cart, and lunch will be served at Super King Buffet (following the tournament. If you have a golfing preference for your foursome, please let us know and list the names of each person of your group. If a foursome is requested, please make sure that a golfer(s) of a group is not duplicated in another foursome.

If you are not interested in golf but would like to donate to this annual event, please call Nancy Kajitsu at 503.665.4589. Due to course regulations, we must collect your entry fee by July 21, 2019 to reserve our tee times. No exceptions! **Entry fee is \$80, which includes golf, cart, and lunch.**

Best Regards from your Golf Committee,

(Jacquelyn Alderman, Sho Dozono, Kay Endo, Pat Gilman, Ron Hiromura, Kurtis Inouye, Nancy Kajitsu, Carl Kato, Terry Kawamoto, Hideo Kobayashi, Gordon Kondo, Bob Kurimoto, Chip & Setsy Larouche, Don Matsuda, Merianne Nagae, Andrea Nitta, Ken Ogawa, John Ollerenshaw, Sharon Takahashi, Katie Tamiyasu, Frances Tanaka, Lew Tomita, Henry Ueno, and Jeff Yoshida.

Please return this form and a check for \$80 (green fee) and your membership fee, unless you are already a JAS member, made payable to the Japanese Ancestral Society of Portland, **no later than July 21, 2019.**

_____ I will play _____ I will stay for lunch _____ Single JAS membership (\$25)
_____ I will **not** play _____ I will **not** stay for lunch _____ Family JAS membership (\$40)
_____ I (We) will come for lunch only. (\$15 per attendee)

_____ Please accept my tax deductible donation of \$ _____

Golfer's Name _____ (circle) **Male** **Female**

Golfer's Phone # _____ USGA GHIN Number _____

USGA Handicap Index as of July 1, 2019 _____ or List last 5 golf scores (18 holes) _____

For golfers without established GHIN, maximum handicap allowed is 40 for women and 36 for men.

If golfing with a group, please list names _____

Mail form to: JAS, c/o Kurtis Inouye, 31112 SW Willamette Way West, Wilsonville, OR 97070.

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OREGON BUDDHIST TEMPLE

OBON MEMORIAL LANTERN ORDER FORM TO CELEBRATE OBONFEST 2019

WHITE Lanterns

Commemorate the life of a loved one, remembering relatives, friends or even pets.



RED Lanterns

Honor a living person, organization or business.

RE-HANG a previously purchased lantern to continue this joyful remembrance.

Please use one form for each new lantern. This order form is also available on the OBT website.

WHITE COMMEMORATIVE LANTERN (\$25) Deadline to order by: **Monday, July 29, 2019.**

Deceased's First Name (English) _____ Last name _____

Japanese Version/ Buddhist name (Kanji/Katakana) will be on Lantern _____

Date of Passing (if known): _____

RED COMMEMORATIVE LANTERN (\$25) Deadline to order by: **Monday, July 29, 2019.**

First name/business/
organization in English _____ LastName _____

Japanese Version (Kanji/Katakana) on lantern _____

RE-HANGING Previously Purchased Lantern: **\$15 for the 1st order, \$10 Each additional lantern**

Deadline to order by: **Thursday, August 1, 2019**

Name (English) _____

Name (English) _____

Name (English) _____

Name (English) _____

Just in case we have a question about the lantern:

PURCHASER'S NAME _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Checks Payable to: **Oregon Buddhist Temple**

3720 SE 34th Avenue. Portland, OR 97202

Lanterns to be re-hung in 2020 can be stored at the temple OR purchased lanterns can be picked up Sunday following the ObonFest. Lanterns inactive for two years will be discarded.

Thank you very much!

Lanterns OBT Phone contact: 503-234-9456

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



Joe X. Jiang and Simon Tam presented a talk at Portland City Hall on May 7, 2019. The presentation was centered on Simon's new book, *Slanted: How an Asian American Troublemaker Took on the Supreme Court*. The event was hosted by the City's Hapa, Asian, and Pacific Islander employee affinity group otherwise known as H.A.P.I. On the right are Jeff Selby and Simon Tam.



Larry Kominz, Rei Barnes, and Toshimi Tanaka performed at Epworth Methodist Church for Tomodachi-Kai. Photo by Setsy Larouche



The City of Hillsboro planted a Hiroshima Peace Tree, which grew from a Gingko tree destroyed in the bombing of Hiroshima. It was planted at the entrance at Jackson Bottom Wetlands. Setsy Larouche, representing the Hiroshima Club, unveils the plaque with Mayor Steve Calloway on Arbor Day.



Valerie Otani, Matthew Kertesz, Megumi Uehara and Kelsey Furuta enjoying intermission at Japanorama, a Fear No Music production on May 6. This was a celebration of the ongoing influence of Japanese culture with classical musicians and Portland Taiko.



Sachi Kaneko, Toa Suruki, Connie Masuoka, Jean Yamamoto, Marleen Wallingford, Chong Sim, Nicole Kendrick, and Ryan Nakano attended APANO's Voices of Change banquet.



IKOI NO KAI AT EPWORTH SENIOR LUNCH PROGRAM

JUNE 2019 | 1333 SE 28th Ave. | 503-238-0775

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Chair Exercises: 11:30am; SHIO YAKISOBA w/ UMI ORGANIC NOODLES; Hanafuda & Bridge: 12:30pm-2pm	Chair Exercises: 11:30am; PORK MEATBALL in SWEET & SOUR SAUCE	CLOSED	Qi Gong: 11:30am; MABO TOFU; Mahjong: 12:30pm-2pm	Chair Exercises: 11:30am; LEMON CHICKEN	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Chair Exercises: 11:30am; SEAFOOD SURPRISE; RESERVATIONS ONLY!; Hanafuda & Bridge: 12:30pm- 2pm	Fujinkai Board: 10:30am; Blood Pressure: 11:15am; Chair Exercises: 11:30am; BLACK BEAN CHICKEN	CLOSED	Qi Gong: 11:30am; POKE DON (Sashimi on rice, Hawaiian style); Mahjong: 12:30pm-2pm	Chair Exercises: 11:30am; PORK SHIOYAKI	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Chair Exercises: 11:30am; Ohana Lunch Bunch; KARA-AGE (Japanese Fried Chicken); Hanafuda & Bridge: 12:30pm- 2pm	Sage Circle: 10am; Chair Exercises: 11:30am; WON TON SOUP	CLOSED	Qi Gong: 11:30am; BBQ PORK; Mahjong: 12:30pm-2pm	Chair Exercises: 11:30am; Hiru Gohan Gurupu: 11:45am and after lunch; EBI & IKA FRY (Shrimp & Calamari)	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Chair Exercises: 11:30am; CLAM CHOWDER & SOMEN SALAD; Hanafuda & Bridge: 12:30pm-2pm	Blood Pressure: 11:15am; Chair Exercises: 11:30am; BIRTHDAY SUSHI	CLOSED	Qi Gong: 11am; Sing Along: 11:30am; HIYASHI CHUKA (Cold Ramen) ; Mahjong: 12:30pm-2pm	Nisei Day; Chair Exercises: 11:30am; LOCO MOCO DON (Hamburger egg & gravy on rice, Hawaiian Style)	
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Cooks: Naomi Molstrom – Mon; Kyoko Adcock – Tu; Rieko Shimada – Th/Fri

May 14: Fujinkai Board Meeting: 10:30am

May 16: Annual Magic Show by Skip**: 11:30am — Reservations Required; Regular Price

May 17: Hiru Gohan Gurupu (Rick March, Mary & John Crull): noon and after lunch

May 20: Ohana Lunch Bunch: sansei gathering: 11:30am

May 21: Sage Circle: 10:00am; Dwight Onchi – Ki Development for Life: 11:30am

May 23: Sing Along with Reiko Isono & Jerry Baysinger: 11:30am

May 24: Nisei Day: Nisei gathering to re-connect, meet

May 31: Kathryn Work on piano: noon

Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays: Chair exercises with Nobuko Kaji: 11:30am

Thursdays: Qi Gong with Kathleen Kuba: 11:30am, except on May 23: 11:00am

Blood Pressure: May 14 - Jane Kawashima; May 28 - Ellen Iwasaki: 11:15am



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