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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

July 5-9

Minidoka Pilgrimage
Twin Falls, ID

July 28

Jerry Inouye Golf
Tournament
Glendoveer East

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 9-11

NW Taiko Conference
PSU

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!

FORT SILL AMERICAN CONCENTRATION CAMP

by Sachi Kaneko, Board Member

To the faces of my children sleeping, I will not say goodbye nor
will I forget...

Taken prisoner by the dark and furious.
On this night of endless rain.

—Muin Ozaki, Fort Sill internee during WWII and Tanka Poet

July is the month of Tanabata (七夕) a children's festival where wishes are written on pieces of paper and fastened to stalks of bamboo to flutter freely in the wind. Most of these wishes are the sweet uncomplicated yearnings of children: health, world peace, happiness for their parents, brother, sister or community. Sweet and uncomplicated, but still very much needed.

On June 11, 2019, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced their plan to use Fort Sill, an Army post in Oklahoma, as a site to hold unaccompanied migrant children coming up from the Southern border. The plan for expansion was made after the Border Patrol announced they detained more than 11,000 unaccompanied minors in May alone- the highest number since 2006. There are currently 13,350 minors already in HHS custody.

While the number of sites is increasing, the quality of these centers is deteriorating. Due to a lack of funding, the HHS announced that it would cancel its educational and recreational programs for children. Teachers can no longer expect payment for their work. Since December

2018, five children have died at the border. Due to these deaths, the quality of the border facilities is under scrutiny. It's questionable whether they meet basic levels of sanitation and shelter. "We are in a full-blown emergency, and I cannot say this stronger, the system is broken,' acting [Customs and Border Protection] Commissioner John Sanders said on a call with reporters Wednesday" (Flaherty, 2019).

During WWII, Fort Sill was also used as an American Concentration Camp to detain more than 700 Issei and Nisei. On Densho, Fort Sill is known for its 100°F temperatures during the summer, in addition to harsh winds. During WWII, an internee suffering from depression, Mr. Oshima, was shot and murdered trying to escape the camp. Examining the poor living conditions of today's shelters, the lack of appropriate access to healthcare, the discrimination and blatant racism demonstrated by government officials, parallels can be drawn between Japanese American Concentration Camps during WWII and current day migrant shelters. "It's a gut punch to us to repeat history like this,'

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David Inoue, executive director of the Japanese American Citizens League, told the World Socialist Web Site” in regard to using Fort Sill as a shelter for unaccompanied migrant children (London, 2019).

Children are our dreamers and our wish-makers. As a Japanese

American community, we have promised “never again” to concentration camps on American soil. If you’d like to help protect the rights of these children, consider contacting your local government and/or donating to the: ACLU, Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal

Services (RAICES), National Lawyers Guild, and/or Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project.

“Never again” is happening right now.

笹の葉 さらさら
軒端にゆれる
お星様 キラキラ
金銀砂子

*Bamboo leaves are rustling, rustling,
Swaying close to the roof's edge,
Oh, how the stars are twinkling, twinkling,
Gold and silver grains of sand.*

五紙器の短冊
私を書いた
お星様キラキラ
空から見てる

*Five wishes
I have written
The stars are twinkling
And watching from the sky.*

THE 2019 JAPANESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY GRADUATES

by Heidi Kimiko Tolentino, Board Member

At the 2019 Japanese American Community Graduation Banquet, seven seniors received community awards and twelve seniors received community scholarships. Each senior had an impressive resume with extensive accomplishments and awards. Here is a glimpse at some of what they have done over the past four years.

Oregon Nisei Vets Outstanding Female Athlete was Alyson Miyuda of La Salle High School. Alyson specializes in Basketball and was All-League every year and All-State for the past two years. She has earned an athletic scholarship to the University of Southern California. This year’s male athlete award winner was Michael Hasagawa of Hood River Valley High School. Michael is an

all-around athlete and participated in varsity Football, Basketball and Baseball.

The Mrs. Mark Sumida Awards are presented in memory of Alice Sumida. This year, the awards were presented to Miles Takaguchi from Cleveland High School who will be attending Vassar College, Alyson Miura of La Salle High School who will be attending the University of Southern California, Yukaiya Nomoto of Skyview High School who will be attending community college for two years and then Western Oregon University, Lauren Yanase of St. Mary’s High School who will be attending Bennington College, and Sean Cunningham of Wilson High School who will be attending Washington State University in Vancouver.

The winner of the Iwasaki/Okamoto Scholarship was Emily Ogawa from St. Mary’s High School. Emily lettered in golf and swimming in multiple years. She also helped Ikoi No Kai make cards to sell as a fundraiser and has been a volunteer for the Jerry Inouye Golf Tournament. Emily will be attending Hawaii Pacific University to major in Marine Biology.

This year’s winner of the Hide Naito scholarship was Alexandra Tomito of St. Mary’s High School. Alexandra is part of the All-State orchestra as a violinist, is on the All-State golf team, and is a concertmaster for the Marian Instruments Orchestra. She will be attending UC Davis, majoring in civil engineering and playing golf for the school.

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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
Kl-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
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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The winner of the Mary K. Naito Scholarship was Mili Nakamura of Westview High School. Mili is in the National Honor Society and a member of DECA. She is an accomplished ballet dancer who has performed across the country and won many awards. Mili will be attending UC Berkeley.

The winner of the Minamoto Scholarship was Luke Wilson of Grant High School. Luke is an active member of the National Honor Society, is the Senior class representative in the Key Club and a member of the varsity Soccer team. Luke will be attending the International Christian University in Japan after studying Japanese for thirteen years in the Japanese Magnet Program.

This year's Shokookai of Portland Scholarship winner was Ella Hirata of St. Mary's High School. Ella was a junior class officer and is the Director of Women of Color in Action. She also won the Swarthmore book award. Ella will be attending UCLA.

The winner of the Valeda Club Scholarship was Cinclair Mathies of Central Catholic High School. Cinclair is on the Tennis team and the Cheer squad. She tutors middle schoolers after school and teaches children with disabilities to ride bikes through Bike First. She was also a swim instructor at Portland Parks and Recreation. Cinclair will be attending Oregon Institute of Technology to study Diagnostic Ultrasound.

The winner of the Nikkei Fujinkai scholarship was Erica Pasquantonio of Clackamas High School. Erica is in the Anime

and Creative Writing clubs. She is a member of the Soccer and Track and Field teams. She also volunteered for Friends of Trees. Erica will attend Clackamas Community College for two years and then transfer to Oregon State University.

The winner of the Gresham-Troutdale JACL Scholarship was Kaito Wilson of Sunset High School. Kaito is an All-Star Baseball player and in the marching band. He's a member of the National Honor Society and has volunteered at Mochitsuki. Kaito completed twelve years of Japanese Language School and he will be attending Nagoya University in Japan and studying Economics.

The winner of the Yumibe Scholarship was Isaaiah Baltzel from Jefferson High School. Isaaiah played soccer, and basketball and was a lifeguard for Portland Parks and Recreation. She is the co-Student Body President at Jefferson, the President of the National Honor Society and the Vice-President of the Jefferson Volunteer Club. Isaaiah will be attending the University of Oregon.

The winner of the Mabel Boggs/State Farm Scholarship was Leonard Tanne of Mountain View High School. Leonard is the captain of the Swim Team and on the varsity Baseball team. He's also on the Robotics Team and qualified for the state competition. Leonard will be attending the University of Washington.

The winner of the Kennedy Scholarship was Kent Ishida

from Grant High School. Kent is a member of the National Honor Society and the Asian Pacific Islander Alliance. He founded the Grant High School Apple Club, is on the Soccer team and took first place in the Classroom Law Project. Kent will attend Oregon State University.

The winner of the Masuoka Scholarship was Michael Hasegawa of Hood River Valley High School. Michael played Football, Basketball and Baseball. He is the co-President of the Asian Club and a member of the National Honor Society. Michael has also volunteered for local fire departments and the Forest Service. Michael will be attending Oregon State University.

These students are to be congratulated for what they have accomplished during their high school careers. Their volunteer, musical, athletic and linguistic endeavors are commendable, especially considering their impressive and rigorous academic undertakings. The Japanese American community can be proud of what this group of students has accomplished. Congratulations to the Class of 2019; the community wishes them all the best as they step into their collegiate careers and knows they will continue to strive for excellence.

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



Wesleigh Ogle (middle) of KATU was the emcee at the JASO 63rd annual dinner on May 23rd at the Hilton Hotel. She is joined by Setsy and Chip Larouche.



Part of the Minidoka Swing Band played for the Tomodachi-Kai group on June 7th at Holladay Park Plaza. L to R are: Yasuyo Strassmaier, Lonny Doi (piano), David Thompson (bass), Larry Nobori, (saxophone), Nola Bogle (singer). Photo by Setsy Larouche.

JAPANESE ANCESTRAL SOCIETY OF PORTLAND

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.

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.



IKOI NO KAI AT EPWORTH SENIOR LUNCH PROGRAM

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Chicken w/ hoisin sauce <i>Hanafuda & Bridge: 12:30-2</i>	2 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Miso ginger pork	3 X	4 Happy July 4th CLOSED	5 CLOSED
8 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Shrimp & coconut curry <i>Hanafuda & Bridge: 12:30-2</i>	9 Fujinkai Board: 10:30 Blood pressure: 11:15 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Tonkatsu pork cutlet	10 X	11 <i>Qi Gong: 11:30</i> Seafood Omelette <i>Mah jong: 12:30-2</i>	12 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Teriyaki chkn
15 Ohana Lunch Bunch <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Beef & broccoli <i>Hanafuda & Bridge: 12:30-2</i>	16 Sage Circle: 10 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Salmon balls	17 X	18 <i>Qi Gong: 11:30</i> Fried cod <i>Mah jong: 12:30-2</i>	19 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Hiru Gohan Gurupu Mabo eggplant with pork
22 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Croquette <i>Hanafuda & Bridge: 12:30-2</i>	23 Blood pressure: 11:15 Ki Development: 11:30 Shrimp salad rolls	24 X	25 <i>Qi Gong: 11</i> Sing Along: 11:30 Birthday sushi <i>Mah jong: 12:30-2</i>	26 Nisei Day <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Tempura soba
29 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Cold shabu shabu chilled pork salad <i>Hanafuda & Bridge: 12:30-2</i>	30 <i>Chair Exercises: 11:30</i> Gyoza pot stickers	31 X		

Cooks: Kyoko Adcock-M/Tu, except July 29 Naomi Molstrom Rieko Shimada-Th/F

July 4th & 5th: Closed for National Holiday

July 9: Fujinkai Board meeting: 10:30

July 15: Ohana Lunch Bunch: 11:30

July 16: Sage Circle: Japanese language discussion group re: herbal uses: 10

July 19: Hiru Gohan Gurupu: Rick, John & Mary perform

July 23: Ki--Breathing & Meditation for Stress Reduction: Dwight Onchi: 11:30

July 25: Sing Along with Reiko & Jerry: 11:30

July 26: Nisei Day with Bingo following: 11:30

M,Tu&F:Chair Exercises with Nobuko Kaji:11:30; Th:Qi Gong with Kathleen Kuba:11:30

Blood Pressure: July 9-Jane Kawashima, July 23-Ellen Iwasaki



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AROUND THE COMMUNITY



Installation of the Puyallup board was administered by PNW District Governor, Chip Larouche on June 1, 2019 in Tacoma, WA. New board members are Eileen Lamphere (President), Cheryl Lamphere (Vice-President), Liz Dunbar (Secretary), Leslie Soule (Membership), Elsie Taniguchi (past President), and Joan Yamada (Treasurer).
Photo by Setsy Larouche.



Si Young Kim of Korea played his flute at the Flutes of Three Nations event, organized by the Consular Office of Japan in Portland, Oregon China Council, and the Consulate for the Republic of Korea. Larry Tyrrell (right) played the Shakuhachi.



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