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Board Member MESSAGE

Two Milestones!

By Setsy Setsuko Sadamoto Larouche

This year we have two big milestones to commemorate. The first is the 19th Amendment which was passed on August 18, 1920 when Tennessee passed it which resulted in three quarters of the states ratification requirement being met. South Carolina ratified it on July 1, 1969. We must give much credit to Susan Brownell Anthony, who became one of the most visible leaders of the Women's Suffrage Movement along with Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

The Amendment is not complicated. It says: **"The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex."**

Susan B. Anthony was born on February 15, 1820 in Adams, MA. From an early age, she was inspired by the Quaker belief that everyone was equal under God. That idea guided her throughout her life. Susan Anthony and Elizabeth Stanton worked together for over 50 years fighting for women's rights. They traveled the country demanding that women be given the right to vote. When Congress passed the 14th and 15th Amendments which gave voting

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Black Lives Matter

**And why we need to be involved:
A Nikkei Community conversation**

September 19th

3 - 4:30pm on Zoom

Nichiren Buddhist Temple September Food Take-Out Bazaar

Cancelled Due to Covid-19 Restrictions

Last day to register to vote in Oregon

October 13

State of Washington residents can register to vote in person up to election day

November 3

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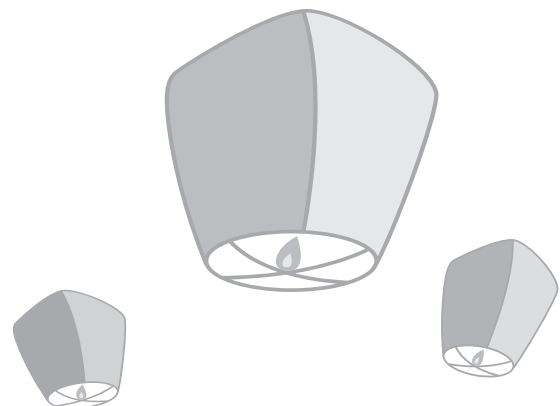
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rights to African American men, Anthony and Stanton were angry and opposed the legislation because it did not include the right to vote for women. In 1872, Anthony was arrested for voting. "Good Trouble" for her time. She was tried and fined \$100 for her crime. This made many people angry and brought national attention to the suffrage movement. In 1888, she helped to merge the two largest suffrage associations to one, the National American Women's Suffrage Association. She led the group until 1900. Anthony died in 1906, 14 years before the passage of the 19th amendment in 1920. It was an honor for me to teach for three years at the Susan B. Anthony Elementary School, located in Garden Grove Unified School District, California.

The second milestone is the 75th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan. In the early Monday morning of August 6, 1945, a B-29 bomber named Enola Gay took off from the island of Tinian and headed north to Japan. The target was Hiroshima which had a civilian population of almost 300,000 and was an important military center, containing about 43,000 soldiers. At about 8:15am, the atomic bomb was dropped on the City of Hiroshima. About half of the city population were killed or injured. The effects of radiation and other injuries are still with the survivors to this day. Relief from the outside was slow in coming. The Japanese Government did not even know for sure what had happened. Radio and telegraph communication suddenly stopped at 8:16am. Remember in 1945 we did not have smart phones, CNN Headline news, etc. By Aug 9th, the American aircraft were showering leaflets all over Japan informing its people that "We are in possession of the most destructive explosive ever devised by man. A single one of our newly developed atomic bombs is actually the equivalent in explosive power to what

2,000 of our giant B-29's can carry on a single mission. This awful fact is one for you to ponder and we solemnly assure you it is grimly accurate. We have just begun to use this weapon against your homeland. If you still have any doubt, make inquiry as to what happened to Hiroshima when just one atomic bomb fell on that city." Meanwhile, Tibbet's bomber group was simply waiting for the weather to clear in order to drop the next bomb. The second bomb was dropped on the City of Nagasaki on August 9, 1945. Japan finally surrendered. This second milestone is very close to home for me since my mother, a Kibei Nisei, was pregnant with me when the bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. Luckily, she was living in a small village in the suburb of Hiroshima and surrounding mountains saved her and me! My Mom endured the black rains and lived through the hardships of WWII. Eventually, my family returned to America in 1955. Every year a Memorial Service is held on August 6th at the Peace Memorial Park in Hiroshima. I'm grateful to have had the opportunity to attend the 25th anniversary service in 1970. In Portland, an annual memorial service is held at the Japanese American Historical Plaza but because of COVID19, this year's memorial service was done virtually on August 6th at 6pm.

As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote, let us also not forget all the victims of the atomic bomb in Hiroshima and Nagasaki.





If you could do one thing today, that would have a positive impact in your community for the next ten years, would you take that action? Of course you would and taking the 2020 Census does just that! It's easy to take. Your responses are strictly guarded and protected.

By law, census responses CANNOT be shared with other government agencies, law enforcement or landlords. Your 2020 Census data is used to:

- Allocate more than \$1.5 trillion annually in federal funds to communities. Oregon has received \$13.5 billion based on its 2010 data. Fewer participants mean fewer dollars
- Inform planning decisions like where to build a school or invest for economic opportunity and development
- Determine the number of seats Oregon will receive in the House of Representatives

Currently, Multnomah County has a 69.5% participation rate. That's just below the 2010 census response. Add to this a new September 30th deadline window to respond to the census and you can see why it is so important to become involved to ensure a

successful, accurate 2020 Census count.
So what can you do?

First, if you're not sure your household has completed a census questionnaire - ask your family members and if the answer is "No," complete the census at: **my2020census.gov**. Just use your street address. You can also speak to someone at **844-330-2020** to participate. Finally, be on the lookout for census takers in your neighborhood dropping off questionnaires and interviewing people, of course adhering to Covid-19 protocols.

If your household did complete a 2020 Census survey, "Thank you!" What you can do next is really simple. Ask your relatives and family members in other households if they have completed their census. Ask your friends and neighbors if they have. With your help we can amplify our voice. We can transform our communities with better services and resources.

We can stand up, stand out, be visible and be counted.

For more information about how the 2020 Census impacts Asian and Pacific Islander communities visit our website - pdxjacl.org

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UNCONVENTIONAL BAZAAR FOR UNCONVENTIONAL TIMES....

BAKED GOODS CARDS PRODUCE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Epworth United Methodist Church

(More details to come in October newsletter.)

Pick-up or delivery available.



Please provide your name, email and phone number so we can notify you if you win and to keep you updated with JACL events.

The Census is required every 4 years.

True or False

You can still complete the census on-line even if you don't have a 12 digit ID from the Census Bureau.

True or False

Only U.S. Citizens should complete the census

True or False

By law census answers CANNOT be shared with other government agencies, law enforcement or landlords.

True or False

The census data impacts

- ☐ representational voice in politics
- ☐ critical decisions made that affect our communities
- ☐ spending on federal programs for health, education and nutritional services.
- ☐ All of the above

Return this quiz by Sept. 30th for a chance to win a coffee gift card.

Online Quiz: pdxjacl.org

Mail to:

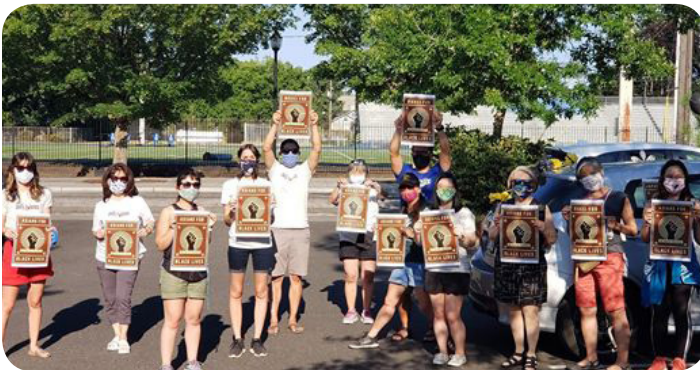
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Portland Car Caravan Protest

Portland JACL brought 13 cars to the Car Caravan Protest on July 29.



Sparked by the murder of George Floyd and in honor of her grandson Quanice Hayes, Donna Hayes and her best friend launched a protest for justice and in support of Black Lives for people who are health cautious because of Covid 19 and also may have limited mobility. Hundreds of Portlanders have participated since June 6. Above Portland JACL Board Member, Jenny Yamada was the lead car for our group.

PDX CAR CARAVAN PROTEST

BLACK LIVES MATTER! 🖐️
END POLICE BRUTALITY!
NO JUSTICE, NO PEACE!



AUGUST

Wednesdays/Fridays

5/7, 12/14, 19/21, 26/28

September TBA

Motorcycles & Scooters Welcome

MEET AT 5:30. DEPART PROMPTLY AT 6:00.

BACK LOT PCC CASCADE OFF ALBINA

ROUTE ONLINE EVE OF PROTEST. PLEASE PRINT ROUTES VARY.

Facebook: PDX Car Caravan Protest

Twitter @pdxcarcaravan

pdxcarprotest@gmail.com

Tadaima

Virtual Pilgrimage



New location:
Japanese American Museum of Oregon
411 NW Flanders Street
Portland, Oregon 97209

www.jamo.org



The board members of the Japanese American Museum of Oregon share their stories of involvement with the museum during the Tadaima Virtual Pilgrimage.

Top to bottom, L to R: Dr. Connie Masuoka, Lynn Fuchigami Parks, Chisao Hata, Rich Iwasaki, Sean Egusa, Curtis Suyematsu, Ted Takamura, Raynette Yoshida and Brian Kimura.



Photo By Mrs. Sato

L to R: Chip Larouche, Consul General Masaki Shiga, Setsy Larouche, Fran Sumida Palk, Consul Hiroaki Sato and his children. The new Consul General Shiga visited the Japanese Cemetery on August 16, 2020 in observance of Obon.

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BLACK LIVES MATTER

AND WHY WE NEED TO BE INVOLVED: A NIKKEI COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 3-430PM

PANELISTS



VICKI NAKASHIMA



SARA ONITSUKA



REV. KOSHO FINCH



CHISAO HATA

Today, communities are coming together to rise up against injustices. What is the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement? Where do Japanese Americans fit in? Join the Portland JACL for this virtual event to hear from community members about why the BLM movement is necessary and how it affects the Nikkei community. We will have time for Q&A after the panel.

Registration is required to receive the link for the Zoom event.
You can submit questions for the panel in advance during registration.
RSVP by Friday, September 18th at
<https://tinyurl.com/Nikkei4BLM>