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Board Member MESSAGE

Coming Together So We All Count

By Tiffany Koyama Lane

Greetings, Portland JACL Community! I am excited to share about my recent trip to Washington, D.C., where I had the privilege of attending the annual JACL/OCA Leadership Summit. This four-day program, started by JACL in 1984, is a pivotal platform for AAPI community leaders nationwide to engage with the intricacies of policy making.

I was joined by advocates from diverse backgrounds from all across the country, including representatives from OCA - Asian Pacific American Advocates. I was inspired by so many participants, especially the high school and college students. The summit gave a helpful overview of the decision-making processes shaping our nation's policies. Throughout the summit, we participated in meetings and briefings with public officials, policymakers in Congress, and stakeholders from advocacy organizations. One of the most impactful aspects of the summit was the opportunity to engage directly with legislators and their staff.

As a public school teacher and Portland City Council candidate, advocating for the All Student Count Act held particular significance for me. The act would require the Department of Education, state education agencies, and school districts to collect and report disaggregated data for a minimum of 15 Asian American and

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May 3

Friends of JAMO Reception

How Bill Naito Shaped Portland

Lan Su Chinese Garden | 5:30 - 7:30pm

May 4

Because of Bill

Exhibit runs through September 1st

JAMO (Free admissions)

May 4 & 5

Oregon Rises Above Hate

Tour the Plaza May 4th at 2pm

Family Museum activity on May 5th

(Free admission Saturday and Sunday)

May 5, 18 and 26

Japanese American Cemetery Clean-up

9am - 12pm

May 24

Teaching the Japanese American Experience in

Oregon Using Primary Sources

Presented by OHS and JAMO Staff

May 27

Memorial Day

May 27

Memorial Day Service

Japanese American Cemetery | 1pm

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6 Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander subgroups. Currently, there is no requirement to collect data for students beyond the label “Asian”.

It was powerful to share my first hand experience as a public school teacher who knows how much data correlates to resources and supports for children. I have two students in my class currently who both fall under the category “Asian” and receive English as a Second Language support—but that term really does not encompass their family’s situations and experiences. I know that a more specific category would help the school district understand their more nuanced experiences of moving to the U.S.

I know that by mandating comprehensive data collection on student demographics, it will help policy makers and educators nationwide identify and address disparities and work towards a more inclusive and responsive educational system. At the very basic level, students deserve visibility and for their identity to be acknowledged.

Delving into discussions surrounding legislative issues affecting AAPI communities underscored the importance of our collective voice. As I reflect on my experience at the summit, I am reminded of the profound impact we can have on effecting positive change, in the policymaking arena and beyond. Together, I have hope that we are shaping a more inclusive and equitable society for generations to come.



Tiffany Koyama-Lane in center front was selected this year from the Pacific NW District to attend the Leadership Summit. Established by JAACL in 1984, the four-day annual leadership program introduces community leaders from across the nation to national policy-making.

Minidoka Pilgrimage

July 4 - 7th | Twin Falls, Idaho



General Information

- For the 2024 Minidoka Pilgrimage, priority registration will open March 1st at Noon Mountain time for Survivors, Descendants, and their Families. General registration will open April 15th, if space is available.
- Survivors over 78 years of age may attend at no cost – please select the correct registration!
- Historically, the weather for Twin Falls, ID during the time of the pilgrimage has been in the mid-80s and sunny. However temperatures have the ability to reach the mid to upper 90s but also as low as the low-70s. A cool breeze can be expected in the evening as well.
- Pilgrims are advised that personal services and devices such as wheelchairs and oxygen will not be provided. Pilgrims in need of services of a personal nature are responsible for arranging for such services prior to registering for the pilgrimage and are encouraged to travel with a companion.
- More information and additional details for the pilgrimage will be sent to participants as soon as registration forms and fees are received and confirmed.

FUNDRAISER FOR
Unite People's
Minidoka Pilgrimage

When: Friday, May 10, 2024

Where: pandaexpress.com

How: Online orders only
Apply code **922643** in the
Fundraiser Code box during
online checkout or via app

VIRTUAL COMMUNITY FUNDRAISERS



Portland Opera will present Commissions Shizue:

•• An American Story for Fall 2024 ••



Portland Opera to Go (POGO) has announced their new commission for Fall 2024, *Shizue: An American Story*, composed by Kenji Oh, with a libretto by Dmae Lo Roberts. This new piece tells the story of the life of Shizue Iwatsuki who immigrated to Hood River, Oregon and despite being busy managing an orchard became a leader in her community and a noted tanka poet. This opera is being written for 4th through 12 graders and will be presented in schools throughout Oregon. The artists are very excited about the opportunity to perform an Asian American story that celebrates our history.



Bill Naito Exhibit At JAMO

**Because of Bill: William Sumio Naito's
Legacy in Portland**

Part of the Lasting Legacy Series

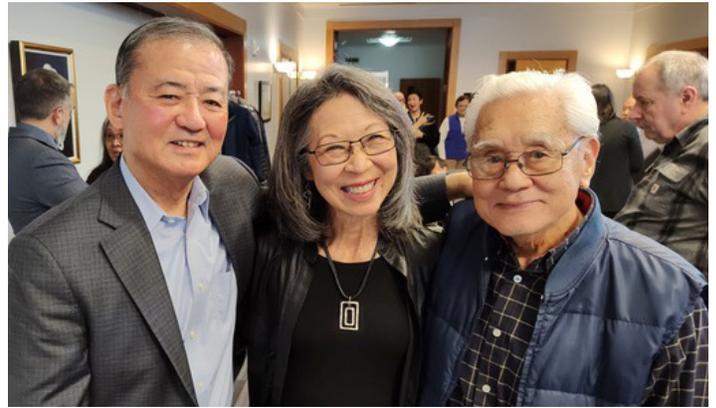
Bill Naito was a force of nature whose infinite imagination, unbridled determination, and limitless persistence transformed Portland during the second half of the 21st century. Erica Naito-Campbell's recently published book, *Portland's Audacious Champion*, informs this exhibition exploring his life, career, and how much of the Portland we know and love today is because of Bill.

May 4 through September 1, 2024

Photo Corner



Portland Taiko Artistic Director Tiffany Tamaribuchi performs at the Portland Taiko Benefit Banquet, Excellent Cuisine, Portland, Oregon. Photo by Rich Iwasaki



A public briefing was held on March 12, 2024 at the Oregon Historical Society (OHS) by the National Museum of the US Army and the National Veterans Network. They explained the project: "I Am An American", Nisei Soldier Experience Traveling Exhibit which will be displayed from November 2027 through May 2028 at OHS. General Eric K. Shinseki, (retired) 34th Chief of Staff, US Army was the distinguished speaker. Photo: General Eric Shinseki, Dr. Linda Tamura (NVN), Earl Shinseki (cousin). Photo by: Chip Larouche



Japanese American Cemetery Clean-up Schedule

April

Sat 4/13/2024

Sat 4/27/2024

May

Sun 5/5/2024: Joint cleanup with Shokookai

Sat 5/18/2024

Sun 5/26/2024

Mon 5/27/2024: Memorial Day Service

Preparation for Memorial Day, cleaning as needed

Please come anytime between 9am and 12pm.

(Except on Sunday 5/5, we will start at 10am)

Help us care for our community cemetery which is located within the boundaries of Rose City Cemetery.

Help the youth group, Unite People, attend the Minidoka Pilgrimage.



Unite People Pie & Fruit Bouquet Sale



\$20 Asian Pear Crisp*

**Recommended by Unite People*

\$20 Lemon Marionberry

\$20 Banana Cream



**\$60 Mother's Day Fruit
Bouquet**

Order at:

<https://www.pdxjacl.org/up-fundraiser/>



**Pickup is Monday, May 6th at
HUMBLE PIE 16285 SW 85th Ave
Tigard, OR 97224**



Iko no Kai - MAY 2024

1333 SE 28th Ave / 503-238-0775

MON	TUES		THURS	FRI
		X	2 Shrimp Gyoza エビ餃子 10:30 Move On Class	3 Miso Pork 味噌生姜焼き
6 Chilled Udon w/ Pork Shabu Shabu 冷やしうどん と豚しゃぶしゃぶ 11:30am Chair Yoga 12:30pm Mahjong	7 Japanese Hamburger ハンバーグ Knife Sharpening 11am Blood Pressure 12:45pm Sing-along	X	9 Sweet & Sour Sautéed Fish 魚の甘酢あんかけ 10:30am Ukelele 11am Blood Pressure 11:30am Aikido Stress Relief	10 Korean Fried Chicken Yangnyeom Chicken 韓国唐揚げ 10-11:30am Shigin 12:30pm Bingo
13 Chicken & Egg Rice Bowl Oyakodon 親子丼 12:30pm Mahjong	14 Stir-Fried Beef w/ Green Pepper 青椒肉絲 11:30am Aikido Stress Relief 12:45pm Sing-along	X	16 Tuna Burger まぐろバーガー 10:30am Move On Class 1:30pm Field Trip JAMO	17 Sukiyaki Donburi Beef Rice Bowl すき焼き丼
20 Fried Shrimp Ebi Fry エビフライ 12:30pm Mahjong	21 Bang Bang Chicken 棒棒鸡 11am Blood Pressure 11:30am Aikido Stress Relief 12:45pm Sing-along	X	23 Cod Fishball Cod Dango タラ団子 10:30am Ukelele 11am Blood Pressure 11:30am Taichi	24 Thai Chicken & Rice Khao Man Gai カオマンガイ 10-11:30am Shigin
27 CLOSED	28 Birthday Sushi お誕生日寿司 *Reservations required 12:45pm Sing-along	X	30 *Cold Noodle Salad w/ Shrimp Hiyashi Chuka 冷やし中華 Reiki	31 Shio Koji Chicken 塩麴チキン

Chefs: Naomi Molstrom-M Kyoko Adcock-Tu Rieko Shimada-Th/F

Suggested Lunch Donation: \$9 for seniors 65+ / \$11 for adults under 65 / \$ 6 kids

Reservations preferred / Indoor Dining Limited

For reservations please call and leave a message or email:

(ph) 503-238-0775 (email) ikoinokai7@gmail.com

Seating at 11:30 am with lunch served promptly at noon

*** vegetarian option available on that day - please reserve two days in advance**



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