



Newsletter

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In the Swing: 2024 NVC Golf Tournament By NVC Golf Committee

It was another great day weather wise for the 68th annual NVC Golf Tournament held at the Foster Golf Course in Tukwila, Washington.

This year's 68 participants included 12 women golfers and 8 veterans. Also golfing in the tournament was current NVC Commander Dale Watanabe and current NVC Foundation President Jay Deguchi.

The golfers were greeted and checked in by Past NVC Commander Mike Yaguchi (US Air Force - Retired) and Past NVC Foundation President Geri Lynne Egeler. Both did this last year too. After checking in all the golfers, Geri Lynne and Mike rode around the course taking pictures, chatting with the golfers, and enjoying the day.

The tournament started with the traditional drive of a golf ball to honor and remember all the past Nisei Veterans who are no longer with us. The honor of the drive was performed by Bryan Takeuchi, US Marine Corp Veteran and first Sansei NVC Commander.

After the tournament, the participants met at Nisei Vets Memorial Hall to enjoy a delicious rib steak dinner prepared by Terry Takeuchi (of Terry's Kitchen fame) and Steve Louie.

Making the golf award presentations this year was Harold Taniguchi, who has served as an "MC" for many community events over the years. As

always, Harold did a great job -- we hope he agrees to do this again next year!

- The Women's flight was won by Carol Shinbo with a net 67. Low Gross went to Asa Lee with a score of 86.
- The Men's 2nd flight was won by Mun Taketa with a net 64. Low Gross went to Steve Nakamura with a score of 79.
- The Men's 1st flight was won by Victor Yee with a net 64. Low Gross went to Victor Yee with a score of 69.
- The NVC Veteran Perpetual Trophy was won by Gary Takeuchi (US Army Veteran and NVC Life member).

Congratulations to all the winners and a BIG "Thank You" to all who participated in this year's event. See you next year!

Special thanks to all the volunteers: Shiz Kaku, Dale Kaku (Past NVC Commander), Geri Lynne Egeler (Past NVC Foundation President), Mike Yaguchi (Past NVC Commander), Harold Taniguchi, MJ Mitoma, Victor



Mizumori, Gary Takeuchi, Terry Takeuchi, Steve Louie, and Rick Takeuchi (Past NVC Commander) who helped make this year's

tournament and dinner another successful event enjoyed by all.

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NVC & NVC FOUNDATION CALENDAR

***NVC - Executive Council Meeting**
***NVC Foundation - Board Meeting**

First Tuesday of the Month
TBD

6:00pm – 7:00pm

NOTE: NVC Memorial Hall is fully open, but for the safety of our volunteers and those who use the Hall, the NVC will continue to follow CDC, State, and County Covid protocols. For additional information, email: info@seattlencv.org

**HYBRID Meeting: The monthly meetings will be held on a Hybrid basis, meaning you can either attend In-Person at the NVC Memorial Hall OR attend Virtually through a Zoom Livestream online connection. Check the NVC Website and/or NVC Emails for updates on meeting times and dates.*



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NVC Commander's Column

By Dale Watanabe



As you can see from the newslet-
ter stories, August and Sep-
tember have been filled with
traditional activities like the
annual NVC Golf Tournament and

the opening of new venues such
as the Puyallup Remembrance
Gallery. I'm grateful to the
Puyallup Valley Chapter of the
JACL for their tremendous effort
and for the donors' generos-
ity in making this a permanent
exhibit at the site of the Puyallup
Assembly Center. Like many of
you, my father's family was there
before moving on to Minidoka.
Unlike my mother's willingness
to share her family's evacua-
tion from Bainbridge Island and
incarceration in Manzanar, my
dad wouldn't talk about it. I look
forward to learning more about
his experience through the Puyal-
lup Remembrance Gallery.

Nisei Luncheon crew and volunteers

Thank you again to Nisei Lun-
cheon crew and volunteers for
another creative and fun time of
food and friendship. For those
of you who were wondering how
Chef Jim Shinbo would look in
a grass skirt and straw hat, now
you know!

Email Announcements

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only about half that many on our
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send it to me anyway.

National Veterans Network

For next month's newsletter, I'll
be updating you on the Nisei
Soldier Traveling Exhibit. By
the time you read this, the PR
announcement scheduled for
September 18th in Washing-
ton, D.C. will have taken place.
The NVC has been on the NVN
Advisory Board for many years,
and I'm honored to continue as
the NVC representative. More
next month. Check out the NVN
website at <https://nvnvets.org>

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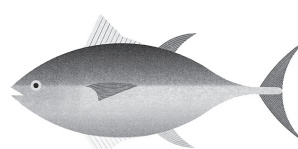
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NVC Foundation President's Column

By Jay Deguchi



We recently dropped our son off to college.

He is our last of three children, and it was sad but exciting as he embarks on his new adventure to be filled with so many experiences.

At 18 years old, his excitement and apprehension made me reflect on what our ancestors must have felt as they embarked on their quite different journeys

of armed service or removal to detention camps. How different it must have been to not have a choice and to not know where you are going.

I could not help but feel so grateful for his opportunity, as well as mine, and how our situations are so very different because of those that paved the way. In our busy lives it is easy to get wrapped up in the stresses of

day-to-day issues that tend to seem overwhelmingly important. It is easy to lose perspective.

I encourage you to take a moment and reflect.

Reflection and perspective are why the NVC and Foundation are so valuable.

I am so grateful.

"The Minidoka Story"

by Sat Ichikawa

A publication from the NVC Foundation. Designed and created especially for elementary school students



What Happened to Americans of Japanese Ancestry during World War II? A picture story of the lives of Minidoka camp survivors. The booklet's colorful graphics and simple but poignant words can be easily appreciated by all.

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Puyallup Remembrance Gallery Opens to the Public By Shawn Brinsfield

The 'Puyallup Assembly Center' Remembrance Gallery opened to the public on August 30th, the first day of the Washington State Fair. It will continue for most weekdays and Saturdays while the Fair is ongoing. The Gallery

is located under the historical Grandstand at the fairgrounds in a space donated by the Washington State Fair.

This permanent production is both a memorial and a history lesson concerning the Nikkei of Washington State who were affected by Executive Order 9066.

The narration makes history more real through immersive-media digital touch screens, interpretive displays, and interactive maps. A visitor will also experience a replica 1942 horse stall living quarter. A background audio track simulating neighbors in other stalls chatting, whispering, sneezing, cough-



Refurbished horse stall recreation



Sharon Sobie-Seymour and Eileen Yamada Lamphere

ing, and babies crying conveys a discomforting lack of privacy.

The gallery extends the story to include information about all the temporary centers and the 10 large permanent camps nationwide. The production also expands its relevance to current issues of racism and immigration. Visitor Pat V. from Seattle, said "The exhibit nicely ties into other instances of historic and ongoing oppression."

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Retired Public Defender Pat V.

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Puyallup Remembrance Gallery
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A highlight is the long, artfully shaped and illuminated white wall which lists the 7,600 plus names of the people who were incarcerated at the "Puyallup Assembly Center".

The technology being used in the gallery allows for changes, edits, and additions. For example, Puyallup Assembly Center survivor, Cho Shimizu, always ready with his sketchbook, is trying to find other survivors who can remember what the layout was under the grandstands during the incarceration.

Puyallup Valley Chapter JACL President Eileen Yamada Lamphere, Project Director Sharon Sobie-Seymour, Finance Chair

Liz Dunbar, volunteer consultant Barbara Mizoguchi, and JACL members, along with many other volunteers, have been working selflessly for a long time to make this particular memorialization and remembrance of American history happen. In addition to educating the public, it is an homage and loving tribute to all the souls and ancestors who were unjustly incarcerated and who shared their experience together at the Puyallup Assembly Center.

For the gallery to come into existence, there was hard-earned successful fund raising. And it is fitting to note that the Honorary Co-Chairs are Bill Weyerhaeuser and Frank & Penny Fukui.



Remembrance gallery names

The Remembrance Gallery's organizers have plans for future teacher workshops and school tours which will take place

outside of the Fair grounds. Any possible future opening hours are being discussed with the Fair.



Three visitors



Visitors walking through



Recorded interviews

2024 NVC Golf Tournament
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KP:

Women:

Hole 9: 1st Linda Nakagawa – 8’; 2nd Nancy Fukuhara – 30’8”
Hole 16: 1st Diane Taniguchi – 22’7”; 2nd Carol Shinbo – 48’5”

Men 2nd Flight:

Hole 9: 1st Brandon Fukano – 8’6”; 2nd Harry Yoshihara – 56’6”
Hole 16: 1st Shane Deguchi – 9’1”; 2nd Harry Yoshihara – 26’7”

Men 1st Flight:

Hole 9: 1st Matt Kohler – 10’3”; 2nd None
Hole 16: 1st Matt Kohler – 12’10”; 2nd Alan Fukuyama – 49’2”

Low Gross:

Women: Asa Lee: 86
Men 2nd Flight: Steve Nakamura: 79
Men 1st Flight: Victor Yee: 69

Low Net:

Women:

1st Carol Shinbo: 67
2nd Asa Lee: 71
3rd Chikako Gaboury: 74
4th Linda Nakagawa: 75
5th Nancy Fukuhara: 79

Men 2nd Flight:

1st Mun Taketa: 64
2nd Steve Nakamura: 65
3rd Steve Woo: 66
4th Gary Takeuchi: 67 (won tiebreaker)
5th Roger Nakamura: 67

Men 1st Flight:

1st Victor Yee: 64
2nd Jeff Ko: 65
3rd Kevin Wakasa: 69 (won tiebreaker)
4th Ty Lee: 69 (won tiebreaker)
5th Matt Kohler: 69



Nisei Lunch September: Loco Moco Explained

By Keith Yamaguchi

The September Nisei Lunch featured a favorite Hawaiian dish, “Loco Moco”. For those of you that are unfamiliar with this Hawaiian favorite (I find that hard to believe—everyone knows what Loco Moco is ... right?), I have provided a description of the dish and a brief history lesson.

A fun fact that I bet most of you didn’t know (I didn’t know): “The dish was reportedly created at the Lincoln Grill restaurants in Hilo, Hawaii, in 1949 by its proprietors, Richard Inouye and his wife, Nancy, at the request of teenagers from the Lincoln Wreckers Sports club seeking something that differed from a sandwich, was inexpensive, and yet could be quickly prepared and served. They asked Nancy to put some rice in a bowl, a hamburger patty over the rice, and then top it with brown gravy. The egg came later. The teenagers named the dish Loco Moco after one of their members, George Okimoto, whose nickname was “Crazy” because of his crazy antics. George Takahashi, who was studying Spanish at Hilo High School, suggested using Loco, which is Spanish for crazy. They tacked on



Jim Shinbo

“moco” which “rhymed with loco and sounded good”. That’s it for the history lesson -- and Jim Shinbo’s (NVC Chef) NVC version of the Loco Moco was delicious.

As always, I can’t say enough about a job well done by our Nisei Lunch volunteers. It is a thankless job at times. However, I do want to recognize all the volunteers for their hard work and dedication. I know our guests echo that sentiment — Thank You!



Joan Hall, Ruth Shimano, and Carol Nichols



Gym Lights Get a Lift By Dale Kaku



Approximately 6 years ago, the mercury vapor lights in the NVC gym were replaced with LED light fixtures. The new LED lighting system allowed for brighter lighting, better efficiency and eliminated electrical interference with our audio system during events in the gym. The LED lights work immediately, rather than waiting 5 to 10 minutes for the old mercury vapor lights.

However, during the past 6 years, 6 of the LED lights stopped working. The lights were under warranty, but the warranty only covered the cost of the new light bulbs. To replace the lights, a vertical lift was rented, and Chris Sketchley volunteered to operate the lift.

The most difficult part of the bulb replacement was maneuvering the electrical lift up the narrow handicap ramp into the NVC entrance. The actual replacement of the six bulbs required less than an hour. With the lift in place, Chris also did some dusting of the upper levels of the gym.

Thanks to Chris Sketchley, the gym is now back to full illumination for our gym users.

NVC TAPS

TED TAKASHI YASUDA

August 17, 1922 – June 24, 2024

Ted Takashi Yasuda departed us on June 24, 2024, at the age of 101 years old. He was a dad, grandpa, and great-grandfather who began his life in Turlock, California on August 17, 1922, as the fourth child out of six. His parents were Shingoro and Tsuchino Yasuda.

From June 1944 thru July 1946, Ted served in the 3rd Battalion Headquarters Company of the U.S. Army, 442nd Regimental Combat team, mainly in the Livorno, Italy area. He trained at Camp Blanding, Florida, and then went to LeHarve, France.

Ted graduated from the University of Washington in 1950 and worked for Boeing, until 1987. His wife, Margaret, predeceased him in 2009. He is survived by his children Roderick (Roxanne Marie) Yasuda, Beverly (Thomas) Ikeda, and Roxanne (Eric) Guion; seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.



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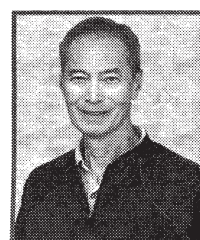


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October 3-6, 2024 (Starting at 1:00pm on October 3rd, ending by 1:00pm on October 6th)

Japanese American National Museum & DoubleTree by Hilton Los Angeles Downtown

A first of its kind gathering for Japanese Americans focused on intergenerational trauma and repair. As a metaphor of the precious celadon bowl, fractured and repaired, and thus, more treasured than ever, this gathering for Japanese Americans is focused on understanding our community trauma and exploring healing practices now and for the future. The program will take place in historic Little Tokyo, Los Angeles and will feature speakers, workshops, and restorative practices. Participants will also have ample time in intentional discussion and reflection groups to process their experiences. Over the course of four days, participants will learn more about what intergenerational trauma is, and how Nikkei have understood and responded to intergenerational trauma. We will engage in practices of repair and see solidarity action as one of those practices. As a means of further strengthening our community we will also learn from other communities engaged in reparative work. Registration information: <https://tsuruforsolidarity.org/current-campaigns/kintsugi/>

Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church: Annual Bazaar

Saturday, October 5, 11:00am – 6:00pm /

Take-out Only (Limited Seating)

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All are welcome to Blaine's annual fundraiser dinner! Choose from a menu of BBQ Salmon, Vegetarian Yakisoba, Curry, Pie, BBQ Chicken, and Sumo Dogs. Also enjoy a Farmer's Market, Bake Sale, and Ohagi! A portion of the proceeds will benefit Mission Guatemala. Pre-order your favorite foods here: <https://blaineevents.square.site/>

2024 SCIDpda Annual Fundraiser: Preserving Legacy, Block by Block

Friday, October 11, 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Washington Hall, 153 14th Ave Seattle, WA 98122

Formed by the community in 1975, SCIDpda is a community development organization and steward of the Chinatown International District (CID). This work includes providing affordable housing for low-income residents, support to small businesses, and community-minded real estate development that increases the availability of much-needed housing and resources for communities in our area. This year's fundraiser honors the small businesses that give this neighborhood its vibrant identity. By attending the 2024 SCIDpda Annual Fundraiser, you can support their mission and contribute to the economic growth of small businesses. Emcee is Aleksa Manila. "Together, we can preserve the CID's legacy, block by block."

Register: <https://scidpda.cheerfulgiving.com/e/2024-scidpda-annual-fundraiser-event?tab=tickets>

ACRS Benefit Gala

Saturday, October 12, 5:00pm – 8:30pm

Hyatt Regency Bellevue on Seattle's Eastside

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Join ACRS's first-ever live concert gala, celebrating the intersection of music and social justice with the theme: "Our Voice Changes the Future." Participate in an exciting night of live music with MC, artist and activist Daniel Pak and storytelling, highlighting the mobilizers for social justice across generations and spheres of society. Hear inspiring stories by youth and experience the words and sounds of change, healing, and empowerment within our communities. Come together in community while raising funds for ACRS programs and services that support more than 35,000 individuals and families each year. Help transform the lives of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, immigrants, refugees, and other communities facing disparities.

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**Reparations: Building Solidarity and Community
Seattle JACL Film Showing and Panel Discussion with
Filmmaker Jon Osaki**

Wednesday, October 30, 6:00pm

Seattle Central College, 1701 Broadway, Seattle

The 30-minute documentary from Jon Osaki, *Reparations*, explores the four-century struggle to seek repair and atonement for slavery in the United States. Black and Asian Americans reflect on the legacy of slavery, the inequities that persists, and the critical role that solidarity between communities has in acknowledging and addressing systemic racism in America. This story is told by Black and Asian Americans who believe that our collective liberation can only be achieved by standing with one another. *Reparations* seeks to raise awareness of the Black reparations struggle and how vital it is to healing this country. Watch the film and hear from filmmaker Jon Osaki and a panel of local activists working on Black Reparations. Co-sponsored by Seattle Central College AANAPISI Center and Tsuru for Solidarity.

Information: <https://www.facebook.com/SeattleJACL/>

Ayame Kai Holiday Market

Saturday, November 16, 10:00am – 2:00pm

Blaine Memorial UMC, 3001 - 24th Avenue South,
Seattle WA 98144

Join Ayame Kai's annual Holiday Market! This festive event features a wide array of vendors and artisans offering one-of-a-kind, hand-crafted gifts, mouth-watering baked goods, unique Asian-inspired finds, and delightful local flavors. Whether you're shopping for the perfect holiday present or indulging in Ayame Kai's famous treats, there's something for everyone. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to support Keiro Northwest and local creators. Proceeds benefit Keiro Northwest's culturally tailored eldercare services: Nikkei Manor assisted living and respite care and Kokoro Kai adult day program. To eventually be "cash free", all major credit cards and Apple Pay are accepted and encouraged.

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