



# Newsletter

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## January Nisei Lunch: Bento Box Welcomes Year of the Snake

By Keith Yamaguchi; Photos courtesy of Janice Kunitsugu

I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season with family and friends, and I wish you all a Happy Year of the Snake!

The January Nisei Lunch meal featured a Bento Box. In years past, we have catered out the Bento from various restaurants throughout the city, however since Jim Shinbo joined our Nisei Lunch team as our in-house chef, we have relied on Jim's skills and expertise to create a Bento for the lunch. Jim did an excellent job of preparing the various condiments including teriyaki chicken, tsukemono. Umani and Liz Olschefski provided home-made takuan for the Bento.

I must mention that for this year's Bento we did cater a

special treat for our guests. We asked the folks at Onigiri Sanzan to provide the Onigiri for our lunch (see photo). Onigiri Sanzan offered two different types of fillings for the Onigiri... a Tuna mayo and a Salmon. The rice used in their Onigiri is 100% Japanese Yukiwakamaru rice imported directly from Yamagata, Japan, and one can taste the difference in the quality and texture of the rice.

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*Nisei Lunch January 3, 2025 Bento Lunch*



*Sue Uriyu (left), 101 years young birthday, Hana Konishi (right)*

### SAVE the DATE!

### NVC and NVC Foundation Annual Membership Meeting

Election of Officers and  
Board Members

**Friday, February 28, 7:00pm**  
Nisei Veterans Memorial Hall  
1212 South King Street, Seattle, WA

### NVC 80th Annual Memorial Day Service

**Monday, May 26th  
10:00am – 11:00am**

Nisei War Memorial Monument  
Lake View Cemetery  
1554 15th Ave E, Seattle, WA

### NVC & NVC FOUNDATION CALENDAR

**\*NVC — Executive Council Meeting**

**First Tuesday of the Month**

**6:00pm – 7:00pm**

**\*NVC Foundation — Board Meeting**

**TBD**

**NVC & NVC Foundation — Annual Membership Meeting and Election of Officers**

**Friday, February 28**

**7:00pm - 8:00pm**

*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](mailto:info@seattlencv.org)*

*\*HYBRID General Membership Meeting: The monthly general membership meeting is in transition. A new schedule will be published for 2025 in the near future. The General Membership meeting will continue to be held on a Hybrid basis, meaning you can either attend In-Person at the NVC Memorial Hall or participate Virtually through a Zoom Livestream online connection. Check the NVC Website and/or NVC Emails for updates on meeting dates and times.*



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## NVC Commander's Column

By Dale Watanabe



Happy New Year!

### Newsletter Mailing Crew Transition

Last month, there was a new group of volunteers who answered the call to help us

continue the monthly newsletter mailing. Those names for this first month transition are noted in the customary listing of Mailing Crew. (Apologies if I missed anyone.)

There were only a few hiccups for the first work party for the new group, largely because a delay in the newsletter printing caused a change of day for the Mail Crew. I hope some of the folks who couldn't make it last month, will help in the future.

If you are on our email list, you probably saw the email notification for this mailing. We are now back doing the mailing at the Memorial Hall, and we will be publishing the schedule for the

year either on our website or by email -- perhaps before you see this hard copy newsletter.

Again, many thanks to Paul Murakami and his crew for all the years they made sure the hard copy newsletter got published and mailed.

### Board and Officer Nominations and Election

As you'll note on the calendar in this issue, we will have the Annual Membership Meeting for both the Nisei Veterans Committee and the NVC Foundation on the last Friday in February at 7:00 pm at NVC Memorial Hall. Please plan to be there for the meeting and to vote for this next year's officers and board for both organizations and get an update on activities.

The current slate of nominations for the NVC Officers and Board include all the current officers and at-large members with two additional at-large nominations for the Board: John Ikeda and Josh Ishibashi.

If you are an NVC member and have additional nominations, please notify us by sending the nomination to [info@seattlencv.org](mailto:info@seattlencv.org) before our next Executive Committee Meeting on February 4th with information on the individual. Anyone nominated must be an NVC member in good standing.

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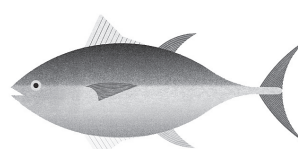
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# NVC Foundation President's Column

By Jay Deguchi



Happy New Year! I hope everyone is having a great start to the new year! Hopefully you all were able to enjoy Oshogatsu with family and friends.

My extended family celebrated with relatives and friends in our long tradition of food and drink on New Year's Day. Like most families, I'm sure, the tradition is much more important for some and not too important for others. For me, I like traditions; for my kids, not so much. To them, it's just dad requiring them to do something again...and again. They don't quite understand the relevance yet, but hopefully, at some point, it will give them a better understanding of who they are. However, that understanding might not come until they have kids themselves.

Our tradition, though, got my cousin Sandy to bring my great aunt, Auntie Miyo (Ike) who is 101, out of her senior living facility...which is no small feat. It inspired my cousins from DC and Denver to make it, as my cousin Alan so eloquently put it. 'Would you rather see her while she is alive or after she's passed?' It encouraged my daughter to stay until after New Year's Day rather than flying back to New York early for New Year's Eve.

We've been doing the New Year's Day tradition longer than I can remember. As our family ages, the roles and responsibilities are changing, bringing up questions of who will step up and bring what. Fortunately for us, my cousin Dean took the helm and organized the event, ushering in a new way of doing things. Through all the planning (and the stress), we shared so many fond memories of what we remembered as kids. The different types of food (many that we didn't like) that our bachans made, the food our parents

brought (that we did like), and the different places we went to with our dads (because our moms were cooking - this was the 60s and 70s). It brought up memories that I haven't thought about in years, and hopefully, does the same for you.

I do believe traditions are important. They bring families and people together. They connect us to something bigger, create memories, and provide consistency in a world that is constantly fluctuating. They can also push us to do more and do things now. As my cousin believes: don't

put things off as you don't know what tomorrow will bring.

The City has stepped up its presence around the Memorial Hall after defining the drug-free zones. They also clear the adjacent park three times a week. This appears to have reduced the amount of loitering and drug usage at times. I am hopeful we can have more events at the hall, and even a few in-person general membership meetings that will keep our NVC traditions alive.

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# NVC Foundation Announces 2025 Scholarship Program

By Brianna Ishihara, Chair, Scholarship Committee

The NVC and NVC Foundation Scholarship Program will award up to four (4) \$3,000 higher education scholarships and one (1) \$2,000 scholarship in May 2025. Students may apply to multiple scholarships, however, only one scholarship will be awarded per student.

Completed applications and all supporting documents must be submitted by Saturday, February 22, 2025, by 11:59 p.m. PST. Applications may be submitted via email, post, or through the Google Form provided on the NVC Scholarship website. Please visit the website for specific scholarship information and criteria: <https://nvcfoundation.org/education/scholarships/>

For questions or further information, contact the committee at: [NVCFoundationScholarship@gmail.com](mailto:NVCFoundationScholarship@gmail.com)

## NVC Women’s Auxiliary Scholarship

Amount: \$3,000

Scholarships Awarded: 1

Prior to the establishment of the Women’s Auxiliary Committee (WAC), the Nisei Veterans Committee (NVC) began as a “boys club” before evolving into the veteran, family, and community-oriented organization it is today. According to former Women’s Auxiliary member and lifetime NVC member, Louise Kashino Takisaki, the WAC supported the NVC men in, “...patriotic, social, charitable, educational, and public service within the community”.

This scholarship is open to all high school seniors, undergraduate, and graduate students. Students interested in applying to this scholarship should be prepared to engage in a critical reflection in relation to community and service.

Completed applications and all supporting documents must be submitted by Saturday, February 22, 2025, by 11:59 p.m. PST.

## NVC Foundation *Okagesama de* Scholarship

Amount: \$3,000

Scholarships Awarded: 3

*Okagesama de* in Japanese means, “I am what I am because of you”. The unconstitutional incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II inspires the mission of the NVC Foundation (NVCF): “Honor the past and educate the future”. By “honoring the past” or remembering our ancestors who faced discrimination based on race and hysteria, our goal is to “educate the future”.

This scholarship is open to all high school seniors, undergraduate, and graduate students pursuing a degree at a community, technical, or 4-year university in Washington State. Students interested in applying to this scholarship should be prepared to demonstrate a critical reflection in relation to this theme or traditional saying.

Completed applications and all supporting documents must be submitted by Saturday, February 22, 2025, by 11:59 p.m. PST.

## Mark Shigihara Memorial Scholarship

Amount: \$2,000

Scholarships Awarded: 1

The Mark Shigihara Memorial Scholarship commemorates a Seattle sansei who prioritized the joy and wellness of his family and community. Shigihara’s educational and inspirational memoir, *Living Lessons - My Journey of Faith, Love, and Cutting-edge Cancer Therapy*, was shared to “...help others who face life-altering challenges”. His professional career spanned leadership roles as a clinical pharmacist, specialist in the pharmaceutical industry, and as an affiliate associate professor with the University of Washington and Washington State University Schools of Pharmacy.

Mark’s father, Ken Shigihara, and father-in-law, Ken Sato, served in the U.S. Army Military Intelligence Service. His uncle, Tom Ohtani, served in the U.S. Navy. Mark’s family members continue their generational support of the Seattle Nisei Veterans Committee.

Scholarship eligibility applies to students who are currently enrolled in the University of Washington School of Pharmacy.

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# NVC Seeks Help in Search for Families of Five Nisei MIS Veterans

By Chris Sketchley

The Nisei Veterans Committee of Seattle is trying to locate the families of five Nisei soldiers from the West Coast who perished in a plane crash on Okinawa at the end of World War II and recently were awarded the Purple Heart medal.

The Army has awarded the medal to all 31 soldiers who were killed in the crash of a C-46 transport plane which crashed while attempting to land at Naha Field, Okinawa, on August 13, 1945. An air raid alert left the field blacked out and covered by a defensive smoke screen. Researchers in Hawaii and Minnesota learned that 12 of the passengers – members of the 11th Airborne Division -- were classified "killed in action" and at least some of them were awarded the Purple Heart. The other 19 victims, including ten Nisei linguists of the Military Intelligence Service, were classified "died, non-battle" and received no recognition.

This disparity was brought to the attention of the Army, which determined an oversight occurred. To correct it, the Army is awarding all the crash victims the Purple Heart, the medal that is given to Americans who are wounded or killed in action against the enemy. The families of five Hawaii Nisei received their medals at Pearl Harbor on May 10.

[For details, see: [http://www.misveteranshawaii.com/news-announcements/#army\\_awards\\_purple\\_heart\\_medals\\_in\\_1945\\_crash](http://www.misveteranshawaii.com/news-announcements/#army_awards_purple_heart_medals_in_1945_crash)]

We are now trying to find the families of the remaining Nisei, three of whom were from Washington. We have the following information on the Nisei and their families, based on wartime records.

## T/4 Shunichi (or Shinichi) Bill Imoto

Born Feb 1915 in Harding, WA.

Buried at Evergreen Washelli, Seattle.

Inducted Sept 1941. Discharged Feb 1942. Recalled 1943.

MISLS class began July 1943.

Father: Tosuke

Married: Michiko (Nichisaka) at Hunt, ID in mid-1942

Brothers: Yoshitada Imoto and Hisakichi Tamaki, Seattle

Sister: Tokiko Kine, Japan

## T/4 Joe Yuzuru Kadoyama

Born June 1923 in Kent, WA.

Buried at Evergreen Cemetery Boyle Heights, Los Angeles, CA

Inducted May 1944, Ft. Douglas, UT

MISLS class began August 1944.

Father: Hyakumatsu Jimmy

Mother: Shina (from Census and WRA roster)

Married: Natsuko Sarah (Takatsuki) March 1942 in Kent, WA

Brother: George Nobuo

Sisters: Mary Haruko, Margaret Mitsue, and Violet Sumire

## T/4 Satoshi Ben Kurokawa

Born Oct 1922 in Guadalupe, CA.

Buried at Golden Gate Cemetery, San Bruno, CA

Inducted April 1944, Phoenix, AZ

MISLS class began Aug 1944

Parents: Hyoe and Kameko from Hiroshima, Japan

Sisters: Margarita Rose Shizuko Wakimoto,

Katherine Fusa Matsuoka, Nana Nancy, and Akiko

## Sgt. Masaki H Nakamura

Born July 1908 in Gold Bar, WA

Buried at Evergreen Washelli, Seattle

Inducted March 1941. Discharged late 1941. Recalled 1943.

MISLS class began July 1943.

Wife: Fumiko (Takamura) of Tacoma, WA in Jan 1942.

Daughter: Sandra H., Spokane

Brothers: Kaneji and Sueki, San Jose

Sisters: Yoneko Kanemoto and Mitsu Ichishita, San Jose;

Tomeko Nishimura, Chicago

## T/4 George Takashi Yamaguchi

Born April 1918 in Portland, OR

Buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Inducted May 1944, Ft. Douglas, UT

MISLS class began Dec 1944.

Father: Shigezo

Mother: Masaye

Brother: Lloyd (who also served in the MIS)

Sister: Mary Masami Takemoto, Chicago

Education: George graduated from UW in 1942

If you have any leads or helpful information on how to find the families of these servicemen, please contact Chris Sketchley at [cjsketchley@comcast.net](mailto:cjsketchley@comcast.net).

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**Nisei Lunch: January**  
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We celebrated a very special birthday (see photo). Sue Uriyu celebrated her 101st birthday on January 2nd..... Congratulations Sue! Sue has been a regular attendee for years, and it is so nice to be able to celebrate such a significant milestone.

To our amazing Nisei Lunch guests and volunteers... Thank you for your support and wishing you a year full of success and happiness!!!



*Shinbo family volunteers  
– Jim Shinbo, Liz Olschefski, Ed Shinbo, Sharron Shinbo*



*Bento box*



*Bingo winner Michi Toyohara*



*Floral Bouquet courtesy of Ed Shinbo, Acacia Florist*

# December Nisei Lunch: A Prime Rib Feast for the Holidays

By Keith Yamaguchi; Photos courtesy of Janice Kunitsugu

The December Nisei Lunch marked a return to the “good old days” regarding attendance. We hosted 60 in-house diners and delivered 34 lunches. The number of meals served was equal to our numbers before COVID.

Without a doubt, much of the excitement generated for the December lunch is due to Terry Takeuchi's annual Prime Rib feast. Terry is the owner/operator of Terry's Kitchen in Bellevue, and he has provided our December meal since we started the Nisei Lunch program in 2015. Our longtime lunch guests look forward to Terry's Prime Rib all year long, and this year's meal did not disappoint. The Prime Rib was outstanding!

Another “special” treat for the lunch was dessert. We provided cookie assortments for all our guests. The cookies are generally home baked cookies provided by our volunteers and guests. Thank you to all our home bakers for providing such a wide variety of cookies!

We received several generous Bingo prize donations from folks in the community. I would like to thank Cathy Kiyomura for providing handmade aprons, a “Squishmallow” pillow, and an autographed copy of Lori Matsu-kawa's book, “Brave Mrs. Sato”. Other Bingo prizes included a beautifully handcrafted blanket donated by Margie Nomi, a Christmas themed musical snow globe donated by Mike Nagan, a bottle of liquor donated by Mark Sakagami, a home baked apple pie donated by Nancy Fujimoto (always a favorite Bingo prize), several hand knitted scarves



donated by Eileen Lamphere, and six lovely floral bouquets provided by Ed Shinbo (owner/operator of Acia Florist). Finally, a thank you to Mel Inouye who has donated many of the gift cards that we offer as Bingo prizes throughout the year. A heartfelt “Thank You” to all our donors!

One last thing as we close out 2024. I would like to thank Janice Kunitsugu for taking the luncheon photos throughout the year. As the saying goes, “a picture is worth a thousand words,” and Janice's photos help me bring the luncheon story to life for our readers.

Eileen Lamphere, who is a regular Nisei Lunch volunteer and is

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**Nisei Lunch: December**  
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also the President of the Puyallup Valley JACL announced the "Puyallup Assembly Center" Remembrance Gallery will be open on February 8 at 10:00am. The opening of the Gallery will be part of the Day of Remembrance program acknowledging the signing of EO 9066 by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. This program is open to everyone in the community.

The Gallery encourages an inclusive understanding of the wrong-

ful incarceration of 125,000 Japanese and Japanese Americans in the United States during WWII. The Washington State Fair provided a space to build a permanent Historic exhibit inside the Grandstand which was part of the original confinement site.

Reflecting on 2024 and the Nisei Lunch in particular, I am thankful and grateful for the opportunity I have had to meet many new people and to renew old friendships during our special Nisei Lunch. I also recall the many fond memories of my interactions with those that have passed during the year. Although they may not be with us physically, they are certainly with us in spirit.

I'd like to close the December Nisei Lunch report by wishing everyone a wonderful and blessed New Year. May you find peace and happiness in the coming year.

(more images on pg.9)



*Nisei Lunch: December  
(continued from pg.8)*



## Cooking Oil Recycling at NVC Memorial Hall



There is now a Cooking Oil Recycling Receptacle at NVC Memorial Hall. Please bring your used cooking oil and deposit it there; it is a free service to the NVC. In fact, the NVC can get a recycling rebate from the recycling company for the used cooking oil deposited.



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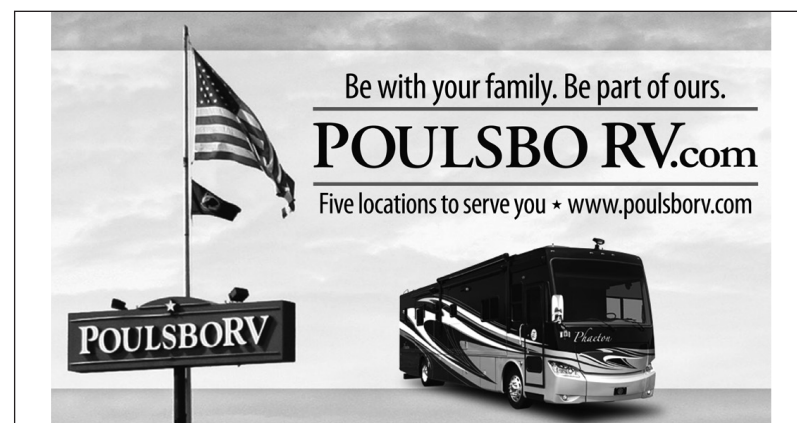
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# Thank You for a Cup of Joe! By Keith Yamaguchi

NVC has joined "Cup of Joe for a Joe", a Green Beans Coffee program that allows you to thank a member of the armed forces for their service with a hot, fresh cup of Green Beans Coffee and a personal message at over three dozen overseas bases where Green Beans Coffee has an outlet.



Here are some of the messages the NVC has received from Troops wanting to thank you for sending them a Cup of Joe!

## Thank you

—Kenneth serving in Djibouti

## Thank you very much!

—Service member serving in United Arab Emirates

## Thank you, appreciate it.

—Service member serving in Kuwait

## Thank you for this cup of Joe and your support!!

—Service member serving in Iraq

## Thank you for the coffee

—Service member serving in Qatar

## Thank you - I hope you have a wonderful start to your new year.

—Service member serving in United Arab Emirates

## Today is Christmas and I received your thoughtful gift! Thank you very much for your support and bringing me a bright spot in my day!

—Beth serving in Iraq

## Thanks for the coffee; it is very appreciated!

—Service member serving in Kuwait

*Thank you very much, I hope you have a good and safe Christmas!*

—Service member serving in Djibouti

*Thank you for your kind gift.*

—Service member serving in Qatar

*Thank you for the cup of coffee. It made my day! Merry Christmas from Kuwait.*

—Rachel serving in Kuwait

*Merry Christmas and thank you for the cup of Joe. It is greatly appreciated.*

—Deprece serving in Kuwait

*Thank you so much for the coffee. It was the perfect warm beverage to heat me up in the cold!*

—Justin serving in Qatar

Acknowledgements also received from service members serving in:  
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SAN FRANCISCO, CA. -- The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) announced that the 2025 National Scholarship and Awards Program is now underway. The JACL annually offers approximately 30 college scholarships for students who are incoming college freshmen, undergraduates and graduates, and those specializing in law and the creative/performing arts. There are also financial aid scholarships for those demonstrating a need for financial assistance.

Scholarship Program guidelines, instructions, and applications have been posted on the JACL website, [www.jacl.org](http://www.jacl.org), and can be accessed by clicking the "Youth" tab on the menu bar. As in previous years, the application forms for the scholarship program will be completely online.

- Freshman applications must be submitted directly by the applicant to National JACL through the online form no later than **Monday, March 3, 2025, 11:59 p.m. Hawaiian Standard Time (HST).**
- Applications for the non-freshman scholarship categories (undergraduate, graduate, law, creative/performing arts, and financial aid) must be submitted directly by the applicant to National JACL through the online form no later than **Friday, April 4, 2025, 11:59 p.m. Hawaiian Standard Time (HST).**

All those applying to the National JACL Scholarship Program must be a youth/student or individual member of the JACL; a couple/family membership held by a parent does NOT meet this requirement.

Applicants must be enrolled in school in Fall 2025 to be eligible for a scholarship.

If a student has received two National scholarship awards previously, they are no longer eligible to apply as the limit is two national awards per person.

For more information on the National JACL Scholarship Program, contact Scholarship Program Manager, Matthew Weisbly at: [scholarships@jacl.org](mailto:scholarships@jacl.org)

Or visit the website at: <https://jacl.org/scholarships>

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## Community NEWS

**Bellevue College – To Repair 修理**  
Tuesday, January 31, 2:30pm - 3:30pm  
Room D106, Bellevue College, Bellevue

Artist Erin Shigaki discusses her work including *To Repair 修理* where she and her friend Chris Rabb explore their respective Japanese American and African American histories, finding common ground and building solidarity. Shigaki's work was recently displayed at the Wing Luke Museum as part of "Resisters: Legacy of Movement from Japanese American Incarceration" and her "Never Again is Now" persists in the Bellevue College courtyard on the THIRD anniversary of the defacement.

Refreshments will be served. Attend in-person OR via Zoom. Contact Sunny for more information or Zoom link:  
[apistudents-ac@bellevuecollege.edu](mailto:apistudents-ac@bellevuecollege.edu)

**Puyallup Valley JACL**  
– **Day of Remembrance at the Remembrance Gallery**  
Saturday, February 8, 10:00am -  
Doors open; 10:30am - Program starts  
Expo Hall, Washington State Fairgrounds, Puyallup

Commemorate the 83rd anniversary of the signing of EO 9066 that authorized the US Army to remove all persons of Japanese descent from the West Coast in 1942 without charge or trial. Visit the newly opened Remembrance Gallery documenting the nearly 8,000 people detained in horse stalls, livestock exhibition halls, and tarpaper barracks on the Puyallup Fairgrounds in 1942. And learn how history may be repeating today. You are invited to the Puyallup Valley JACL Day Of Remembrance event that will include speakers, procession to the Remembrance Gallery, viewing of the Silent Fair video and more. Co-Sponsors: Seattle JACL, Tsuru for Solidarity, Densho. For details, please visit <https://puyallupvalleyjACL.org/gallery/gallery-events/>

**ICHS – Health Care for All: Lunar New Year Luncheon**  
Thursday, February 13, 11:00am – 1:00pm  
Hilton Motif, 1415 5th Avenue, Seattle

For over 50 years, International Community Health Services, a nonprofit community health care system, has been at the forefront of advancing health equity for low income, uninsured, and underinsured patients, including immigrants and refugees, in King County. Luncheon benefit proceeds go directly to providing low-cost health services for low-income, underinsured or uninsured children, adults and older adults.

Visit ICHS Website for more information:  
<https://www.ichs.com/healthcare-for-all-benefit>

**Minidoka Pilgrimage Planning Committee**  
– **Day of Remembrance Program**  
Sunday, February 16, 1:00pm  
Pigott Auditorium, Seattle University

Taiko and culture, information and exhibits, updates and action items on the Lava Ridge Wind Farm project, and more to Remember and Do. Contact MPPC for more Information:  
[minidokapilgrimage@gmail.com](mailto:minidokapilgrimage@gmail.com)

**Tsuru for Solidarity**  
– **Stop Repeating History:**  
**A Day of Remembrance and Resistance**  
Wednesday, February 19, 10:00am – 11:00am  
Pike Place Market, First Ave & Pike St Entrance, Seattle

2025 marks the 83rd year since the signing of EO 9066 that authorized the military to forcibly remove and indefinitely detain the entire Japanese American population on the West Coast without charge or hearing. 2025 is also the 80th anniversary of the closing of most of the WRA and DOJ Camps where JAs were held behind barbed wire during WWII. Today, the treatment of Japanese Americans during WWII is being promoted as a precedent and a model for the removal, detention, and deportation of millions of immigrants. Tsuru for Solidarity will highlight the links between our history and current day government actions and propose ways we can resist injustice. All are welcome to join Tsuru in saying: Stop Repeating History! For more information, contact Tsuru at: [sktaiko1@mac.com](mailto:sktaiko1@mac.com)

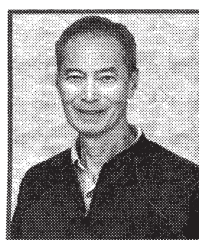
**Washington State Legislature**  
– **Day of Remembrance Resolution**  
Wednesday, February 19, 10:00am  
House Chambers, Washington State Capitol, Olympia

Representative Sharon Tomiko Santos and Senator Bob Hasegawa sponsor an annual resolution in the Washington State Legislature to remember the impact and effect of EO 9066 on Japanese Americans and others in our state during WWII. Seating is limited. RSVP to: [SharonTomiko.Santos@leg.wa.gov](mailto:SharonTomiko.Santos@leg.wa.gov)

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**Seattle JACL, Puyallup Valley JACL, Olympia JACL,  
Blaine Memorial UMC**

**– DOR Film Premier: *Removed by Force***

Wednesday, February 19, 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Sanctuary, Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church,  
3001 24th Ave S, Seattle

*Removed by Force: The Eviction of Hawai'i's Japanese Americans During World II* is a film that sheds light on the relatively unknown experiences of the 1,500 Americans of Japanese ancestry from 23 geographic areas in Hawai'i who were evicted, but not interned, during World War II. After the film showing, stay for a panel discussion with the filmmaker Ryan Kawamoto and co-producer William Kaneko. Film Previews: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-FTbDR2GGk>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ncid24RsGWU>  
More information at: [info@seattlejacl.org](mailto:info@seattlejacl.org)

**City of Bellevue & King County Library System**  
**– *Emerging Radiance: DOR Opening Reception***

Wednesday, February 19, 6:00pm – 9:00pm

King County Library System, 15600 NE 8th St, Ste K11, Bellevue

The City of Bellevue, in partnership with the King County Library System, is proud to present *Emerging Radiance: Farmhouse*, an augmented reality interactive artwork honoring the stories of Japanese American farmers who lived in Bellevue between 1920 and World War II. This powerful installation will be on display at the Bellevue Library through February 2027. Join them for the opening reception coinciding with the *Day of Remembrance*. This special evening will feature remarks from artists Michelle Kumata and Tani Ikeda, City Councilmember Dave Hamilton, KCLS Executive Director Heidi Daniels, and other distinguished speakers. Guests will have the opportunity to explore the interactive artwork, attend a 7:30 p.m.

breakout session with the artists, and view the *Emerging Radiance* documentary. This event highlights the resilience and contributions of Japanese American families, connecting their legacy to our present through innovative storytelling.

**Nikkei Student Union (NSU)**

**– Day of Remembrance:**

***Learning from the Past, Fighting for the Future***

Saturday, February 22, 3:00pm - 5:00pm

Intellectual House, University of Washington, Seattle

NSU is a UW student organization whose mission is to foster a sense of community and unity among Nikkei students and honor our shared history. The Nikkei Student Union at UW commemorates Day of Remembrance with a program featuring speakers and a taiko performance. The public is invited to attend! For information, visit the NSU at UW Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/nsuuw>

**Tacoma Buddhist Temple– *Sukiyaki Fundraiser***

Sunday, March 2, 11:00am – 4:00pm

Tacoma Buddhist Temple, 1717 S Fawcett Ave, Tacoma

Mark your calendar for the Tacoma Buddhist Temple sukiyaki fundraiser that they've held for over 60 years! The traditional way of cooking each sukiyaki in individual pans is unique to the Tacoma temple. Choose to dine-in or drive-thru to enjoy our special beef or vegetarian sukiyaki for \$24 OR a chicken teriyaki meal for \$20. Each will be served as a combo with our mochi cupcake, Japanese rice and tsukemono. Hot tea will be offered for the dine-in experience.

Dine-In: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm (1:00pm is the last seating).

Drive-Thru: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm (please come only during your selected pick-up time)

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