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From the President

Dear Fellow Cardinal Alumni, I hope you are all doing well. I would like to start by welcoming the new students to Lincoln High school as well as the returning students to what is arguably the nicest public High School in the country. Last year the school was brand new and this year it is the athletic facility and the track and field. On September 8th the Lincoln High School Alumni Association hosted a tour of the facility prior to the home opening Football game for Alumni that registered for the event. At the time of this writing, we had 104 alumni signed up for the tour, so it should be very well attended. Since our last edition we have added two new board members to the LHSAA Board, please welcome Gustavo Cruz class of 79 and Mary Ann Walker class of 83. These are two great additions to the board, and we are lucky to have them. This edition of the alumni magazine covers many interesting topics, including the opening of the new athletic field, several articles from Alumni members, and the ongoing collaboration of the Lincoln High School Alumni Association and Friends of Lincoln. These are two very different organizations that share the same goal of supporting Lincoln High School.

As always, I want to remind our members and readers that we are a volunteer non-profit organization that relies heavily on member's dues and donations.

This magazine is expensive to publish, so any additional support you can provide is greatly needed and appreciated. In addition to financial support, we are also looking for new board members for the LHSAA and/or committee contributors. If you have any interest, please contact me or any of the current board members.

Lincoln High School's future is bright, but we cannot ignore the current challenges faced by many families in Portland. If you are wondering how, you can support the students, please consider donating time or money to Friends of Lincoln and or the LHSAA Board. Your contributions are very much appreciated and please know that all donations go to the students and or the alumni programs. We can all make a difference!

All the best.

Go Cards!



Glenn Doyle McMath

From the Principal



Principal Peyton with Queen Robin Marks '80 at First Lap event on August 31st.

Hello Cardinal Alumni! Back to School has never felt so incredible as this year with a brand new track, field and stadium. Our school now feels like an expansive college campus with views of the city skyline that are unmatched in Portland.

Watching the sun set over the "Home of the Cardinals" Mike Walsh Field as our scholar athletes compete and fans cheer is truly an incredible experience. Seeing students enjoy lunch outside in the courtyard, chatting in the green-spaces, and sitting near the new Lee Kelly statue "Pericles" which was generously donated by the Ron Ragen family, are all visions that would make any educator smile. The new Lincoln High School campus is a shining example of what all students and school communities deserve.

This year we opened with slightly over 1600 students and 100 staff including teachers, counselors, support staff and coaches. New activities include a revamped Cheer Squad and Color Guard. We hired 20 new staff members this summer in fields that include Computer Science, Advanced Mathematics, Special Education, History, and Counseling. Our new hires include LHS Alum School Psychologist Gregg Sheldrake ('80), SPED teacher Kayla

Fantz-Sands ('96), and Paraeducator Alex Blair ('15).

We have been hosting exciting events to celebrate our new campus including the "First lap around the Track" with special guest Robin Marks ('80), Lincoln's very own Track and Field PIL Hall of Fame champion and Portland's first Black Rose Festival Queen. Robin flew from Arizona where she is a 7th grade math teacher to help open the track. The event was emceed by Track & Field Head Coach Eric dettman and LHS alum and Assistant Coach Tiarra Pittman ('10) who is also a record holder. At the first home football game we hosted Alumni Tours of the outdoor athletic facilities with over 150 LHS alumni in attendance including Bob Walsh, with many alumni staying to help honor all of the former PIL coaches and athletes who were present at halftime. Later the same weekend the Baseball program and alumni hosted a Sunday Celebration of the new two story batting and pitching facility. Rain or shine spring training will happen every day at LHS.

We enjoyed reconnecting with the lovely classes of 1960, 1963, 2002, and 1973 this summer for reunion tours and events. Please let us know if your class needs help organizing activities. We love seeing all of our Lincoln alumni. Your support has been invaluable over the years and we can't thank you all enough for the dedication and support for our urban public school. Come join us for Homecoming this year on Friday, October 6th at 7:00 pm for Football v Roosevelt HS with Cheer, Dance Team, the LHS Marching Band and concessions including pizza and grilling by the LHS Culinary Program.

Go Cards!

Peyton Chapman

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MESSAGE FROM LHSAA BOARD

Greetings alums! Fall is here and our building is back in full swing – filled with students and staff! Our LHSAA Archive is on the impressive first floor library. The space offers us a place for all the wonderful artifacts that generations of Cardinals have shared to be stored and available for alumni to access. There is a large window looking in from the library. High school sweethearts, George and Molly Spencer’s mannequins (Class of 1959) stand guard at the window. George in his letterman’s sweater and Molly in her rally outfit.

Since I often leave the door to the library open students come in asking “what is this room”? When they see that we have yearbooks as far back as 1891 and years of Cardinal Times they are enthusiastic. My goal this year is to coordinate with the Journalism department to see if students can volunteer to help index the collections. Alumni are invited to volunteer also – the collections belong to all of us! Please call or email me to schedule a visit: lhsaa@lincolnalum.org or 503-952-6084.

The highlight of August was finally seeing the mural designs that artists Lynn Yarne and Shu-Ju Wang created months before come to reality! Erik Nicolaisen and his crew at Old City Artists made the design come alive. See p. 4 for in depth details explaining these beautiful murals.

Most exciting for alums and students alike is that Lincoln, once again, has our own state of the art athletic field on site!

September 8th will be the first game on the new field. Baseball/ Softball pitching

& hitting building, and lacrosse wall, and practice and color guard and PE classes keep this field busy! The concessions plaza and our new Track & Field, field for football, cheer, soccer, lacrosse, and xc teams, plus marching band and press box are awesome too. Our roses & Rose Festival Queens plaques have a special new home. It’s a great story, “A dream come true”! Thank you.

Reminder! LHSAA and the Archives are yours! If you have time to give on a committee, we would love to hear from you! lhsaa@lincolnalum.org Your generous contributions make our scholarships a reality and support the work we do through the Archive.

Thank you!

My very best, Dana



Dana Barton Cress
LHSAA Board Member
Class of 1964



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Lynn Yarne and Shu-Ju Wang's vision is becoming a reality.

OLD CITY ARTISTS



Erik Nicolaisen

Old City Artists was awarded the contract to bring artists Lynn Yarne and Shu-Ju Wang's vision to reality. Old City Artists was founded in 2011, by Erik Nicolaisen, a 1997 Jesuit High School graduate who went on to play football at the University of Oregon where he received a degree in Fine Arts. Erik says he was honored to have been chosen to paint this historic mural, as his Lincoln High School roots run deep: His grandfather Irv Rotenberg (class of 1942) and both of his sisters, Amy ('92) & Kelsey

(2001), all graduated from Lincoln High School. Multi-talented, Erik is a working actor when he doesn't have a paint brush in his hand (www.eriknicolaisen.com) and was recently elected to the Portland Board of SAG-AFTRA (Screen Actors Guild- American Federation of Television and Radio Artists). His wife Rachael, and he have 3 children that account for any time not spent painting or acting. Erik splits his time between Portland and Studio City, California.

Excerpt from Cardinal Times, 9/19/22 – By May Cole
 For many students, the Goose Hollow neighborhood brings to mind Lincoln High School, Providence Park or the Multnomah Athletic Club. But before any of these places existed, Goose Hollow was home to many different groups, including a community of Chinese farmers who cultivated the land. ■



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Richard Neuberger 12/26/1912 – 3/9/1960

Class of 1929

Richard Neuberger is one of the most compelling characters to pass through Lincoln High School. He was in the class of 1929. Being a Jew did not define Neuberger's life, but it was essential to understanding his origins. Neuberger was a child of the nineteenth-century German Jewish immigration to Oregon. He was a creature of 1920s and 1930s Portland – a city then dominated by family-owned businesses that ran the length of Southwest Broadway. From restaurants to clothing stores to department stores and newspapers, the city was locally-owned. The Neuberger family's business was the Bohemian Restaurant, at S.W. Ninth and Washington.

To understand Jewish Portland of those decades, my research relied upon the historian Chet Orloff (Lincoln, 1967) and Judy Margles, executive director of the Oregon Jewish Museum. For the genealogy of the Neuberger family, I relied on Neuberger's niece, Ann Goodsell (Lincoln, 1961)

There were two separate Jewish communities represented in the Lincoln student body in Neuberger's youth. German Jews inhabited Northwest Portland, Willamette Heights and Portland Heights. Russian Jews were ghettoized in South Portland – a community that was leveled by clearance urban renewal in the 1960s and 1970s.

Neuberger's story is largely unknown, even among the Portland Jewish Community. He is one of Oregon's most consequential public figures of the twentieth century. The epicenter of his life was in the decades on either side of World War II. In 1954, Neuberger became the first Democrat to win election to the United State Senate from Oregon in 40 years. He was the second Jew elected to the U.S. Senate after adoption of the seventeenth Amendment, requiring direct election of U.S. senators. He was one of America's most prolific free lance writers, publishing some 750 articles, and he wrote four books and co-authored two more before he died in 1960, at the age of 47.

His legacy was not just political. The values he nurtured – social justice, civil rights, respect for native Americans and especially conservation – were ahead of his time. Tom McCall, Oregon's most consequential governor of the twentieth century, was inspired by Neuberger's values. In the McCall biography Fire at Eden's Gate, the author Brent Walth referred to Neuberger as McCall's role model.

Most papers and materials relating to Neuberger's life are in the Special Collections of the Knight Library at the University of Oregon. Among the other repositories I've visited are the Oregon Historical Society, the Oregon Jewish Museum Library, the Franklin Roosevelt Library and the Lincoln High School Archives.

Consulting issues of the Lincoln Cardinal Times of 1928-1929 was essential to see Neuberger's early prodigious output of sportswriting. Seeing LHS yearbooks were valuable to establishing his place in the graduating class of 1929. Later yearbooks also helped me establish that Neuberger's future wife, Maurine Brown, was on the Lincoln English faculty, 1936-1946.

One of the surprises I unearthed was that Neuberger did not go directly from Lincoln to the University of Oregon. In today's parlance, he took a gap year. He worked in the sports department of the Oregonian, at

Southwest Sixth and Alder. In Neuberger's scrapbook for 1930-1931 are more than 100 sports articles he wrote for The Oregonian. He was the protégé of the sports editor L.H. Gregory, who schooled a number of fledgling journalists, including my father. Before Gregory's acolytes left work, he would assign them a topic. They were expected to go to the Central Library to research and write a 500-word article to deliver the following morning.

In 1978, before I left Portland for Washington, D.C., I interviewed members of the Neuberger family – his mother Ruth, widow Maurine, sister Jane Goodsell – and several contemporaries – politicians, campaign aides, his physician, Dr. Mort Goodman. When I spoke to a journalist of that era, Wilma Morrison, I learned that Neuberger had an intellectual capacity that was daunting when other writers witnessed it. Instead of writing an article by fits and starts, as most of us do, he was able to see the entire piece whole. That enabled him to sit down and write the piece from start to finish, uninterrupted. "It was damned intimidating to be around," said Morrison. That same capacity showed itself in the radio broadcasts and the one television appearance – Face the Nation – that are in the University of Oregon Special Collections.

Three years out of Lincoln, Neuberger and his uncle, Lt. Commander Julius Neuberger, a U.S. Navy flight surgeon, visited Germany. It was 1933. Hitler had taken power seven months prior. By visiting small towns and hamlets, where American tourists did not travel and with his uncle's help as an interpreter, Neuberger learned of the nascent thuggery and violence of Hitler's Brown Shirts. The article he subsequently wrote for The Nation magazine was the first, first-hand account from Germany, showing its true Nazi side, by an American. Ernest Gruening, the editor at The Nation who bought Neuberger's article for \$38 said "it was an epoch-making article." Neuberger's address to the Executive Committee of the American Jewish Congress in New York City was his first talk on what he had seen. Like these, an article he wrote for Opinion: A Journal of Jewish Life and Letters, contain sickening details of the violence he learned of from German Jews as well as German academics.

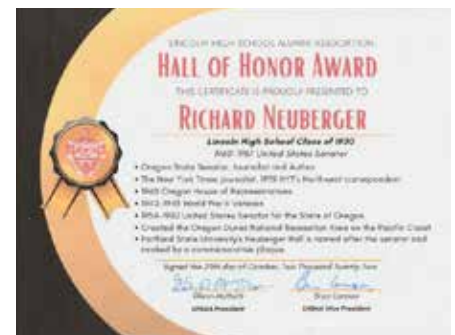
At the University of Oregon, Neuberger became editor of The Oregon Daily Emerald in his sophomore year. He quickly announced that the Emerald would not foster "Bolshevik" values. The historian Mason Drukman wrote that "Neuberger did not so much matriculate at the university as descend upon it." During the Depression, the university's enrollment dropped significantly. The Emerald advocated a dormitory housing plan and a food plan that needy students could afford. In response to his crusading on those topics and others, his opponents passed a resolution to create a fund to send Neuberger to another university.

One official, United States Senate biography says Neuberger graduated from the University of Oregon. He did not earn a degree. They were formative years, but not in the usual sense of a student attending classes and laboratories and emerging with a diploma. But



Richard Neuberger
Class of 1929

“His legacy was not just political. The values he nurtured – social justice, civil rights, respect for native Americans and especially conservation – were ahead of his time.”



LHS HALL of HONOR

Our Roses and Queen's Plaques are back!

Neuberger gained life experience. He learned how to take a certain amount of public abuse, maintain his advocacy and keep fighting.

When Neuberger launched his political career as a candidate for the Oregon Legislature, the state's Democratic party was, in the words of one of his aides, "inarticulate." The young Neuberger gave the party a new voice that was highly articulate and laden with liberal values. In the Legislature he championed reapportionment, highway beautification and civil rights. He was a relatively lonely vote against a Teacher's Loyalty Oath bill that was an element of the McCarthy era. He also voted to raise teachers' salaries.

In the FBI's files on Neuberger, I could witness a dogged attempt to establish whether he was merely a liberal, a radical, "pink" or a communist.

Neuberger's 1954 Senate campaign was as significant a choice as Oregon has seen. The Republican party's hegemony was so enduring that Oregon was known as "the Vermont of the West." The choice between the avowedly liberal Neuberger and the reactionary Guy Cordon elicited strong emotions. On election day, the Neubergeres walked to Ainsworth School to cast their vote. Their niece Ann Goodsell met them in the playground. On their way across it, Ainsworth students booed Neuberger. A sobbing Ann was photographed next to her aunt and uncle at the polling station inside the school. Neuberger's victory over the Republican Senator Cordon was a nail-biter. He won by 2,462 votes – less than one vote per precinct across Oregon. An irony of the election was that rural Oregon gave Neuberger his winning margin.

In the U.S. Senate he had a very productive freshman term. The Senate passed his nascent Highway Beautification Act. He was an original sponsor of what became the National Wilderness Act of 1964. In Oregon he was able to slow the termination of the Klamath Indian Tribe so that its vast timber resources could be largely become the Winema National Forest.

Neuberger's hairsbreadth win created the modern Oregon Democratic party. His direct descendants include Portland Congressman Earl Blumenauer and others including former governors Robert Straub and John Kitzhaber and former Congressman Les AuCoin.

There is much more to Neuberger's story. It will appear in the biography whose working title is *Ahead of His Time: Richard Neuberger and the Decade that Changed Oregon*. I am about to hand that manuscript to my editor, the highly respected Marianne Keddington Lang.

Steve Forrester is an Oregon journalist. He is president and CEO of the family-owned EO Media Group, which publishes newspapers in Oregon and Washington. ■



Teufels Nursery took our roses to their nursery during construction. PPS took the Rose Festival Queen plaques. Our new school honors this tradition! The roses are in 2 raised beds bordering the athletic field and the plaques are installed in a wall below one of the beds. **Welcome home!**



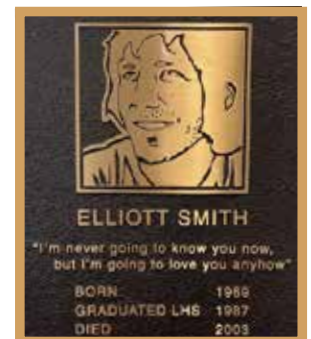
THE LHSAA BOARD APPROVES NEW PLAQUE HONORING NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED OUTSTANDING ALUMNI

The plaque shown here was moved from our "old" Lincoln and is now installed on our new LHS entry wall. Jill Ross, Lincoln's Business Manager, asked the Board if they would be interested in honoring other alums who are nationally recognized. Mrs. Ross suggested we start with Mark Rothko, regarded as one of the leading American artists of the 20th century. Darcelle will be our next plaque. We plan to honor a new nationally recognized alum each year.

Beth Bundy, Lincoln Photography and Graphic Design Teacher has invited some of her students to help with the graphic on both plaques. The LHSAA Board is very pleased to have our students involved in creating these plaques.

The cost of these plaques is \$975 each (Macadam Aluminum and Bronze). If you would like to donate to this project please use this link:

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LHSAA ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE 2023-24

INTRODUCING TWO NEW MEMBERS!

Rachel Sattler – joined July, 2023. “I graduated from Jesuit High School in 2003 and then Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio with a BA in Political Science. I love water—whether lifeguarding for Portland Parks & Rec or floating down a river on my whitewater raft. Otherwise, you can catch me cheering on the Portland Timbers!

Aaron Clark-Ginsberg – Lincoln 2004 grad –Behavioral/Social Scientist – Education: Ph.D. in humanitarian action, University College Dublin; M.S. in humanitarian action, University College Dublin; B.A. in American studies, Kenyon College; B.A. in environmental studies, Kenyon College. Aaron Clark-Ginsberg (he/him) is a behavioral/social scientist at the RAND Corporation who has been researching disasters for more than 10 years. His projects span the disasters gambit, with a recent focus on three primary areas of inquiry: disasters and community, disasters and health, and disasters and measurement. Clark-Ginsberg leads projects and has published broadly in these

areas. He also leads RAND’s Mass Migration Strategy Group, where he supports RAND’s community of researchers engaging in mass migration research.

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YOU change our student’s futures by making an invaluable donation through LHSAA scholarships! We rely on you to make a difference, each year we award 9 scholarships to Lincoln High School graduating seniors who have met the criteria set by the donor (see summer 2023 issue for details of students who received this year’s scholarships).

1. Marie Allen Service Award – Mrs. Allen served the Lincoln community for 27 years as a physical education teacher, coach, and counselor. A service award was established for the senior class upon her retirement in 1975. It is presented to a graduate who has given outstanding service to the senior class.

2. Bill Lynch Scholarship – This scholarship was established by the Alumni Association in February 2020 to honor Mr. Lynch who taught English. The scholarship is awarded to a senior in need of financial assistance who also shows “an uncommon and authentic passion for the study of literature and philosophy”, the type of student Mr. Lynch inspired.

3. Asa I Arnsberg Scholarship – Mr. Arnsberg graduated from Lincoln in 1927. This scholarship was established in 2018 by his daughter, Susan Arnsberg Diamond ‘57 and president of the Arnsberg Family Foundation and Robert L. Arnsberg ‘60 director of the foundation board. This is for a student planning to attend a two- or four-year Oregon college – primarily based on need.

4. LHSAA Leadership Scholarship – Every year the Alumni Association presents a scholarship to a student who shows leadership potential both at Lincoln and in the greater community.

5. Cardinal STEM-Dickey Scholarship – Lyle Dickey ‘47 was a skilled math and economics student and a national record holder in the pole vault. During his Navy career in the 1960’s, Mr. Dickey worked on the first manned space capsule to the moon. In 2012 his cousin Sally Hathaway, ‘54 established this scholarship in his name. It is awarded to a senior interested in science, technology, engineering, math, or economics.

6. Dr. Shirley Malcom Scholarship – Dr. Malcom taught English and Humanities at Lincoln for 5 years. She was visionary teacher for four decades who brought creative thinking and new ideas to education, including creation of the district’s first computerized writing lab, and established in International Studies Center. This scholarship was established in 2014. It is presented to the student who exhibits the highest integrity, a

love for learning, and a respect for all individuals.

7. Bertha Hunter Language Scholarship – Miss Hunter began her career at Lincoln in 1923 and retired in 1952. She taught Latin, French, English, and Mathematics. To honor Miss Hunter, Rex (Jim) Bates ‘41 established the Bertha Hunter Language Scholarship in 2007.

8. Ruth Arbuckle Scholarship – Ruth Arbuckle was a member of the Lincoln community for more than six decades, beginning with her enrollment in 1917. She devoted her life to Lincoln as an English teacher and long-time college counselor, gaining nation recognition for her guidance of students into the post high school world. This scholarship was established in 2018 by Elde V. (Bud) Toly ‘56 and is presented annually at commencement to a senior what has shown sustained academic interest, thoughtful concern for others, and a warm regard for Lincoln. This scholarship is awarded to a graduate planning to attend an Oregon public college or university.

9. Resiliency Scholarship – Lincoln High School Alumni Association and the Endowment Committee recognized the need to reward students who are identified by school counselors and staff as showing promise if given the opportunity to attend college or a trade school. The first scholarship was awarded in 2023.

If you and/or your family are interested in establishing a scholarship, please contact a member of the LHSAA Board or the Endowment Committee.

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Portland Park Blocks

By Chet Orloff



Portland Park Blocks *By Chet Orloff, class of 1967*

While America's premier landscape architect, Frederick Law Olmsted, traveled the country in the mid-nineteenth century, encouraging mayors and town councils to add parks to their growing cities, early Portlanders were already setting aside land for parks. In 1852, a year after incorporation, Portland accepted a dedication of a row of twenty-four narrow blocks west of town from developer Daniel Lowndale. Lowndale, whose native Louisville had a similar row of "park" blocks, may have intended the blocks to serve as both a promenade and a firebreak between his real estate investment and the wooded hills above the new town.

After the death of the Lowndales—Daniel and his wife Nancy in 1862—Portland's claim to the twenty-four blocks gave rise to a tortuous, two-decades-long legal fight between the Lowndale heirs and the city. The city's title to the blocks was subsequently held insufficient, because Nancy Lowndale had not signed any documents transferring ownership. Six of the central park blocks were lost to development in 1873, because the city council was unwilling to purchase them from the Lowndale children. Two years earlier, the city had purchased the land that would become Washington Park and was not disposed to put up more money—which it likely didn't have anyway—to purchase the blocks.

By the 1870s, the South Park Blocks had become a prestigious residential district lined with Italianate mansions and churches. Through the end of the nineteenth century, the Park Blocks developed as a "promenade ground," complete with Dutch elms planted in rows and even, briefly, a racetrack.

The blocks north of Burnside Street adjoined an early Portland slum and never developed like the blocks to the south. Nevertheless, by 1906, Portland had joined other cities in embracing the "Playground Movement" and the recreational enthusiasm for park planning. Despite the mud—or perhaps because of it—children by the hundreds swarmed into the two North Park Blocks

in December 1906 to inaugurate Portland's first playground. Swings; a climbing rope; sandboxes and seesaws; horizontal, parallel, and vaulting bars; and a great slide gave outlet to young energy. Boys and girls each had their own area, and it was soon deemed necessary to build a fence around the boys' playground to keep out the men who were setting up boxing matches, gambling, and having a generally "pernicious influence."

In 1908, Parks Superintendent Emanuel Mische put his groundsmen to work transforming the South Park Blocks into a showplace for shrubs and flowerbeds, planting colorful ornamentals and roses and improving the walkways and benches. Such formality and color, he deemed, were appropriate to a park that edged the city's downtown core. Heroic statues of Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln and the elegant, diminutive Rebecca at the Well were donated to the city to add art and history to the Park Blocks.

By the 1960s, the South Park Blocks had become home to the Portland Art Museum, Portland State

University, and the Oregon Historical Society. In the 1980s, the Portland Center for the Performing Arts joined what had come to be known as the Cultural District. The North Park Blocks will soon become home to the Pacific Northwest College of Art.

A spine of great and growing institutions, public art and plazas, diverse architecture, and open space, the Park Blocks support, inform, and energize the culture of the city. They are among the elemental Portland spaces.

The Oregon Encyclopedia https://www.oregonencyclopedia.org/articles/portland_park_blocks/



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FIRST FOOTBALL GAME ON

September 8, 2023



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MIKE WALSH FIELD!



GO BIG RED
LINCOLN CARDINAL FOOTBALL

History of Mike Walsh Field
In the early 2000s, the "Lincoln Field Project," a committee of Lincoln parents, had a vision for a new athletic field. In 2002, Lincoln parents made plans for a new athletic field. In 2002, Lincoln parents made plans for a new athletic field. In 2002, Lincoln parents made plans for a new athletic field.

2023 Varsity Game Schedule

DATE	LOCAL TIME	OPPONENT
8/11/23	6 pm	LAJ Beavert
8/18/23	6 pm	LAJ Marvick
8/25/23	6 pm	LAJ West Salem
9/1/23	6 pm	LAJ Lincoln
9/8/23	6 pm	LAJ Troutdale
9/15/23	6 pm	LAJ Cannon Beach
9/22/23	6 pm	LAJ Cannon Beach
9/29/23	6 pm	LAJ Cannon Beach
10/6/23	6 pm	LAJ Cannon Beach
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2023 VARSITY CARDINAL FOOTBALL

HEAD COACH CODY SCHNAUFER

PLAYERS	#	POS	CL	PLAYERS	#	POS	CL
Conrad Kelly	1	WR	12	Kenton Kade	33	WR	9
Enzo Oxford	2	TE	12	Owen Hendon	34	OL	11
Sasha Cummings	3	WR	11	Nayden Rogers	35	RB	11
Emil Botherath	4	WR	11	Max Shihata	37	WR	9
Emmett Fogg	5	RB	12	Richie Pizark	43	RB	12
Riker Barnett	6	WR	12	Nathan Bickelle	45	WR	9
Lucas Winner	7	WR	11	Crew Drake	49	OL	11
AJ Kevelman	8	TE	11	Owen Moawad	51	OL	9
Oliver Matthews	9	WR	12	Robby Ryan	52	OL	11
Albe Blackman	10	RB	11	Jedzejczyk	57	OL	11
Carman Rank	11	TE	12	Robbie "G"	60	OL	11
Finn Davies	12	QB	10	Robert "G"	61	OL	9
Jan Colton	14	RB	10	Wesley	62	OL	11
Isaac Biedrige	15	QB	11	Brady Holland	63	OL	11
Emmanuel	16	QB	9	Cullen O'Dell	64	OL	11
Wilson Jackson	17	WR	12	Sammie Christian	66	OL	9
Reynolds	18	WR	9	Vilwender Ross	72	OL	10
Alexander Meier	19	WR	9	Jason Barber	73	OL	11
Reed Biedrige	20	WR	11	Finian Lohr	73	OL	11
Eliwood Gordon	21	WR	9	Blake Timothy	81	WR	10
Kal Bradley	22	WR	11	Sam Fore	89	WR	9
Marcelus Curtis	23	RB	9	Romeo Mackton	*	OL	9
Gus Pflum	24	K	12	Eagan Evers	*	OL	11
Lance Ricker	24	K	12	Ben Averard	*	OL	9
Grady Wilmat	25	WR	9	Ellen Feltton	*	OL	9
August Henry	26	WR	9	Garrett Schmolke	*	OL	12
Greyson Muff	27	TE	9				
Edwyn Meier	32	WR	12				

HALL OF FAME

Akpla	Elvis	2007	Clmsted	Deke	1945
Anderson	Ron	1957	Polk	Jordan	2008
Cress	Scott	1964	Sotolich	Jim	1958
Defreitas	Eddie	1937	Sotolich	Richard	1954
Dunn	Ron	1945	Scates	Ken	1939
Dunn	Jack	1947	Schwartz	Avery	1964
East	Ron	1961	Sigler	Bob	1940
East	Bob	1963	Stevens	Greg	1967
Franzane	Frank	1945	Spencer	George	1959
Fuman	Henry	2010	Walsh	Tom	1958
Glover	David	1964	Walsh	Mike	1960
Goddard	Paul	1958	Williams	Peter	2011
Hoag	Karl	1958	Wolfe	Dee	1964
Hoffman	Gavin	2011			
Holt	John	1978			
Kanaraugh	Wayne	1968			
Karaberg	Elmer	1935			
Kolberg	Jeff	1967			
Lalonde	Andre	1957			
Lalich Sr.	Frank	1941			
Mays	John	1969			
Mays	Tom	1969			



- 8** Board member Emily Duden Pinkerton created special programs!
- 9** Students were given tee shirts for game!
- 10** Principal Chapman ready to cheer on her Cards!
- 11** Event Chair Alum Greg Leo '70 with the student guides for tour of athletic facility.



Jordan Polk, Class of 2008, his wife Stephanie, and 3 beautiful daughters came to the September 8th first game at Lincoln's Mike Walsh field. Jordan was honored as a PIL Football Hall of Fame alumni. Jordan earned 3 football letters, 2 basketball letters, 4 track & field letters and was inducted into the PIL Hall of Fame in 2018. Today Jordan and his family own and run a popular and successful waffle and donut shop at 211 SW 6th in downtown Portland. YUM!

HISTORY OF MIKE WALSH FIELD

In the early 2000's the "Lincoln Field Project" a committee of Lincoln parents had made plans for a new athletic field. In 2002 that dream came true with dedication of the Mike Walsh Field. Within five years, more than \$1 million, in mostly private money, provided Lincoln with Portland's first all-weather turf field, followed by a new track and concession stand. Seed money was donated by the Walsh family in memory of Mike '60, who was a star athlete for the Cardinals. His brothers Tom '58 and Bob '63 also played for Lincoln. It was the largest fund-raising project in school history. The new field still carries his name and honors his legacy.

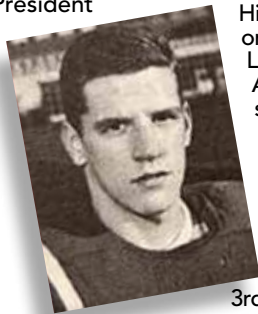
Mr. Walsh, a specialist at turning around troubled companies. He became the CEO at Tenneco in September 1991 and set to work revamping the conglomerate. He launched a major restructuring to sell assets and cut costs and stockholders' dividends. The company, which recorded losses in 1991 and 1992, posted a profit in 1993. Mr. Walsh had been a prominent supporter of President Clinton. Upon learning of the executive's death, the president issued a statement saying that he and his wife, Hillary, were "deeply saddened to hear of the death of our good friend Mike Walsh. His friendship and advice will be sorely missed." Mr. Walsh was born in Binghamton, N.Y., and grew up in Portland, Ore. He was a 1964 economics graduate of Stanford University, which he had attended on a football scholarship, and a 1969 graduate of Yale University law school. In 1965, he was a White House fellow. In 1969, he became a San Diego public defender. In 1977, he was named U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of California by President Carter. In 1980, he became a vice president for international manufacturing of the Cummins Engine Co. in Indiana. He became the company's executive vice president and a corporate director before joining the Union Pacific railroad as board chairman and chief executive officer in 1986. There, and at Tenneco, he gained a reputation as an executive who could turn companies around through cost-cutting measures. Tenneco's stock rose about \$ 20 a share from December 1991 to about \$ 47 a share at the time of his death. Mr. Walsh was a founder of Common Cause. Survivors include his wife, Joan, of Houston; three children; his mother; two brothers; and a sister. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/archive/1994/05/08/michael-h-walsh-51-dies/07e6a21a-5f10-4523-8947-1cfad39841f9/>



Mike Walsh, Spring Student Body President



Best Athlete, Mike Walsh



High School Honors: 3-year Football Letterman. 1st team All-PIL, junior and senior. 1st team All-State, senior, PIL & State rushing leader and Shrine Game MVP, senior, 3-year Track Letterman, PIL 880 champion; 3rd in State senior



Family and friends of Mike Walsh gather for dedication of the field in his name, 2002

David Bailey, retired coach and longtime Lincoln teacher sent the following football side note: "Decades back, Lincoln's practice field was in the park adjacent to Strobeckers. Midst some controversy, District paid for a bus to haul the athletes from school. A few years later, and following negotiations with the Jacob Kamm family, players had access to what was known as Kamm Field, where the new school now stands. A field house in the northwest corner where the new library is accommodated lockers, showers, and space to store equipment. Such a history that property holds."



PORTLAND INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

HALL OF FAME

- Elvis Akpla 2007
- Ron Anderson 1957
- Scott Cress 1964
- Eddie DeFreitas 1937
- Ron Dunn 1945
- Jack Dunn 1947
- Ron East 1961
- Bob Flowery 1963
- Frank Franzone 1965
- Henry Furman 2010
- David Glover 1964
- Paul Goddard 1958
- Karl Haag 1958
- Gavin Hoffman 2011
- John Holt 1978
- Wayne Karney 1968
- Connor Kavanaugh 2007
- Elmer Kolberg 1935
- Jeff Kolberg 1967
- Andre LaBorde 1957
- Frank Lolich Sr. 1941
- John Mays 1969
- Tom Mays 1969
- Deke Olmsted 1965
- Jordan Polk 2008
- Jim Satalich 1958
- Richard Satalich 1954
- Ken Scales 1959
- Avery Schwartz 1964
- Bob Signer 1940
- Greg Slavens 1967
- George Spencer 1959
- Tom Walsh 1958
- Mike Walsh 1960
- Peter Williams 2011
- Dee Wolfe 1964

FOOD DRIVE

STUDENTS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

As the Holiday season approaches, the Lincoln Alumni is getting ready to again provide Holiday Food boxes to families in the Portland area. After providing gift cards to different organizations that focus on food security the last couple years, we are ready to get back to assembling boxes!

Alumni, Lincoln students and parents will once again gather to make over 500 boxes of food and deliver them to families in need of food assistance over the holidays.

A little history about Lincoln's food drive: Many Lincoln families were participating in Jesuit's annual food drive, which has been providing food boxes and gift cards to the Metro area for around 30 years. In 2013 Lincoln partnered with Jesuit and Lincoln's Black Student Union to establish the Lincoln Alumni food drive. Jesuit has been very instrumental in getting our food drive off the ground and continue to provide support. The Lincoln Alumni goal is to continue to support this project and raise enough money to pay our fair share, 500 boxes x \$60 a box or \$30,000. The Jesuit led food drive overall hopes to deliver over 3800 boxes food throughout Washington and Multnomah County. We are asking our alumni, students, parents, and the Lincoln community to support us financially and with assembling the boxes on Friday afternoon December 22nd and delivering the boxes the morning of Saturday, December 23rd.

100 % of each dollar raised goes toward the purchase of food. Thank you to local partners that either donate food or sell food to the overall food drive at a reduced price to help stretch our dollars. Please join us in the effort to fight hunger in our community and to help ensure a brighter holiday season for hundreds of our fellow citizens.

This is a great way to show that Card's Care!



– By Brian Lamson
LHSAA Board – *Food Drive Chairman*

Donate now: Send you tax-deductible gift today to Lincoln Alumni Food Drive, 1750 SW Salmon Street, Portland OR, 97225. Or visit the Lincoln Alumni Website at <https://www.lincolnalum.org/>

Join us on Facebook: <http://fb.me/LHSfoodrive>

For more information, contact Brian Lamson at blamjan@gmail.com

Volunteer Sign-up:
www.lincolnalum.org/event-5410989

Alums donate funding with credit Card:
www.lincolnalum.org/2023-Holiday-Food-Drive-Donation-Form.



2023 HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

As the Holiday season approaches, LHSAA and LHS students are organizing and planning to provide Holiday Food Boxes to families in the Portland area.

Alumni, Lincoln students and Cardinal families will once again gather to make over 500 boxes of food and deliver them to families in need of food assistance this holiday season. Registering to volunteer, and donating funding for canned provisions is easy to do with online volunteer & and donation processing links for the 2023 Holiday Food Drive at www.lincolnalum.org/News-Events.

DECEMBER 22nd - FRIDAY AFTERNOON:

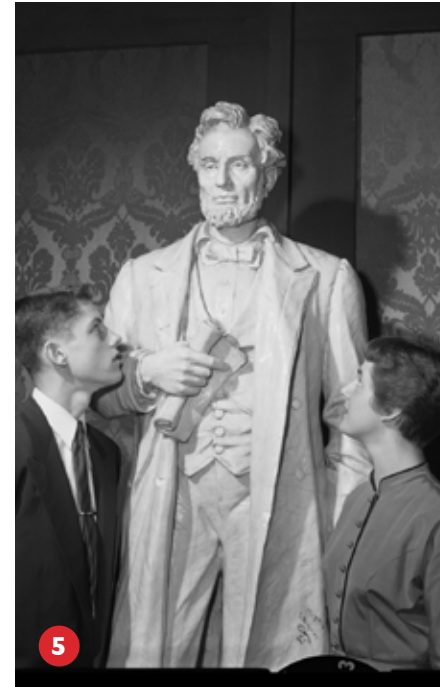
Volunteers needed to assemble boxes with canned food .

DECEMBER 23rd - SATURDAY MORNING:

Volunteer assistance for delivering food boxes to families in the community.

For more information, contact Brian Lamson at blamjan@gmail.com

LINCOLN'S STATUE of ABRAHAM LINCOLN



1. “Our Lincoln statue’s heritage is a rich yet troubled one. Today **The President** stands tall in Lincoln’s 2nd floor east windows.

2. A group of Lincoln’s 2023 students are welcomed back to school!

3. The history: Artist George Fite Waters studied sculpture under Auguste Rodin in Paris. Portland’s **The President** is his most impressive, surviving, public artwork. Cast from wax in bronze probably in 1924 or 1925 at the C. Valsuani foundry, bought from Waters in Paris, shipped in 1926 and

donated to Portland in 1928 by psychiatrist and progressive booster Henry Waldo Coe and unveiled in 1928, this looming bronze figure has been destination of a thousand rendezvous.

A strange caveat to the deal. Waters sold **the President** an original, with an agreement it may never be duplicated.

Lincoln High School students traditionally have cared for the sculpture. There’s a scale duplicate in white plaster on a little wheeled pedestal at Lincoln. Go piracy!

4. Standing tall at Lincoln High School in the Park Blocks c.1940

5. Moved from his home at Lincoln at what is now Portland State University. Lincoln students Mac Cross and Jo Ballam with Lincoln’s statue. 2-12-1954. Photographer Alfred Anthony Monner, the artist who created Lincoln’s statue. <https://staff.digitalcollections.ohs.org/monner-alfred-a-1908-1998>

6. May 2013. A century-old statue of Abraham Lincoln at Lincoln High school was beheaded in a senior prank. On Thursday, the students responsible came forward and admitted the statue was damaged when their prank went wrong. The students had tied a rope and pulley around the statue in an attempt to move him into the gymnasium.



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FIRST LAP | August 31, 2023

Review from Principal Peyton's Facebook page: School athletic facilities build & sustain urban communities! The first lap around the new LHS track with emcee coaches Eric Dettman & Tiara Pittman, as well as LHS alum PIL Hall of Fame track star Queen Robin Marks, elected officials and LHS Superintendent Guadalupe Guerrero & PPS AD Marshall Haskins, LHS staff, plus 400 students and LHS Cheer, Football, Soccer & XC teams. Cutest Culinary Arts mini cupcakes too with lemonade. So entirely wholesome! Can't wait until ALL Portland Public Schools are modernized completely. Don't Stop Can't Stop! Go Portland! Go PPS!



Jill Ross & LHSAA Board member, Brian Lamson, share the track



Guadalupe Guerrero, Superintendent of PPS (front left) is ready for Robin to wave the go flag!



Principal Peyton with Queen Robin Marks '80, PIL Hall of Fame **High School Honors:** Letter winner in track and field. Two-time State Champion in 200; State Champion in long jump; two-time member of State Champion mile relay team; member of State Championship team. Letter winner in basketball. Member PIL Championship team.



Emcees Track Coaches Eric Dettman and Tiara Pittman with the new rally!



Melanie Hammericksen's Culinary Class serve mini cupcakes



<https://lincolnhighschooldrama.com>

76th annual Popcycles

Lincoln's extraordinary variety show starring theatre, choir, and band!

October 27 & 28

Lincoln Theater

Lincoln High School Open Drive for Used Tin

Lincoln High School students won a city-wide school contest to collect the most scrap paper and metal.

During World War II, the federal government encouraged students to show their patriotism by collecting recyclable

Special MEMORY from 1942

metals, paper, and other material. Students also bought war bonds, received training to work in war-related industries, and volunteered with government agencies to help on the “home front.”

In Portland, the school district responded enthusiastically with war-related programs. Between 1941 and 1943, the Portland Teacher’s Credit Union collected close to \$100,000 by selling war stamps and bonds to students. Administrators also changed the classroom curriculum during the war, emphasizing subjects that might help students contribute to the war effort including science, electricity, the practical use of machinery, and even aviation-related mathematics.

– Written by Sarah Griffith, © Oregon Historical Society, 2002.

“*During World War II, the federal government encouraged students to show their patriotism by collecting recyclable metals, paper, and other material.*”



An Oregon photographer took this Feb. 4, 1942, photograph of Lincoln High School students (left to right) Jeri Lesh, Bettedale Simonton, and Shirley Schneider. The trio dressed as tin tubes, commonly used at that time for toothpaste and shaving cream, and sang “Any Tubes Today,” at a kick off for Lincoln’s used tube collection drive. The student-made costumes featured images of a shivering Adolf Hitler trying to warm himself by a fire, but instead lighting his boot on fire. The costumes were labeled “Col’gate,” “Warmgate,” and “Hotgate.” In early 1943,

Principal Chapman’s 2023-24 Admin Team!



From left to right: Vice President Maude Lamont, Vice President Steve Pape (LHS parent of a sophomore), Principal Peyton Chapman (parent of 3 LHS alum!), Vice Principal Travis Johnson (LHS parent of a freshmen) Office, Jill Ross, Lincoln Business Manager (pictured below – Jill was busy the day of the group shot!)



WE REMEMBER

"We are the poorer for the loss of their company, but are well served that they were once among us." – Anonymous



Karen Vedvei Atiyeh
5/15/1924 – 6/19/2023
Class of 1941



Max Irving Peizner
4/12/1927 – 7/28/2023
Class of 1945 or 46



Roberta Smallen Schmechel
8/1929 – 6/15/2023
Class of 1947



John W. "Jack" Schiffer
12/23/1930 – 10/4/2022
Class of 1948



Elise Masae Onishi
12/22/1933 – 6/14/2023
Class of 1951



Yoji Julius Matsushima
1/31/1933 – 4/29/2023
Class of 1952



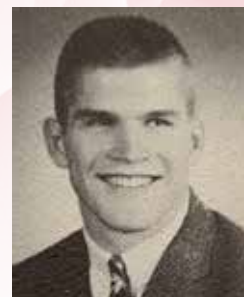
Joan Elizabeth Holding Raz
1/8/1936 – 8/4/2023
Class of 1953



Margaret (Becky) Birdwell Peterson
4/25/1938 – 6/15/2023
Class of 1956



Arnold H. Zidell
1939 – 6/2023
Class of 1956



Dr. Anson B "Jake" Jackson
3/17/1941 – 1/2/2023
Class of 1959



Jerrold (Jerry) N. Packard
5/14/1943 – 7/3/2023
Class of 1961



Martin B. Vidgoff
1/30/1943 – 6/19/2023
Class of 1961



Janie Knowlton
4/26/1945 – 8/23/2023
Class of 1963



Robert (Bob) Wilson
4/17/49 – 5/23/2023
Class of 1967

This list includes known deaths since our Summer 2023 magazine. We depend on our alumni to help provide us with obituaries/notices that we have missed.

One of the last remaining Nisei

Yoji Julius Matsushima passed away while in Hospice Care in his Portland home with family at his side on April 29, 2023. He was one of the last remaining Nisei (first generation American born citizens) who lived in Portland's Nihonmachi (Japan Town) when it existed. He now moves on to rejoin his parents (Umata and Fumi), siblings (Masaki, Shigeko, and Hiroshi), and his many friends who have passed on before him.

Born in Portland in 1933, he spent six of his first eight years growing up and

being educated in or near Nihonmachi (historically encompassing the current Chinatown/Old Town neighborhood). It was there he met and formed a lifelong friendship with George Nakata. As was typical for their generation, they attended "regular" school (Couch Street School) during the day and Japanese language school afterward. Founded in the same year as Fred Meyer's, the family business, the

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Yoji Julius Matsushima
1/31/1933 – 4-29-2023
Class of 1952

CORRECTIONS

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Eurgel G. Martel
6/18/1929 – 4/29/2023
Class of 1948
(corrected photo)



Clarke Bingham
6/20/1939 – 3/27/2023
Class of 1957
(corrected birth date)

Teikoku Trading Company, was successful and poised for bigger things to come.

The 1941 Attack on Pearl Harbor by the Armed Forces of the Japanese Empire was a bewildering shock to the generation of young Nisei. Angered and horrified their county had been attacked, made worse by the fact that the enemy looked like the person staring back at them in the mirror, spoke the same language used within their community, and many had close relatives or even immediate family members living in Japan. Few could have guessed of the coming turmoil and hardship.

Yoji's father and many other community leaders were arrested and held without cause and in isolation for two years. The family's business license was revoked by the City of Portland, followed shortly by a US Government forced liquidation and seizure of all resulting assets. Internment followed. First to the Portland Assembly Center at the Portland Livestock Exposition site (the current Portland Expo Center). Then on to the desolation of the Minidoka War Relocation Camp in Central Idaho in whose irrigation canals he learned to swim. Unlike the many other families at Minidoka, their wartime journey was not over. A secretive 1943 train ride to New York for a reunion with his father, but the shock that the US Government intended to deport them. Saved only by a chance administrative error, they became a historical footnote, temporarily housed in the then unused immigrant holding area at all places, Ellis Island. Their final wartime destination, the United States Enemy Alien Family Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas. There they remained, under constant threat of deportation until they were finally released in April 1946, nearly a full year after the return of most other Japanese American internees.

Yoji resumed his "regular" schooling, first at the Vanport School, then back to Couch School a few months later. His parents struggled to restart the business, further hampered by a ban of the use of the word Teikoku which when translated means "Imperial". Only through the generosity of several non-Japanese fellow first-generation immigrant grocers with whom Umata had a fostered good working relationships with prior to the war, a bit of pre-war legal maneuvering that had allowed the family to retain the store property at SW 2nd and SW Davis, and a good friend in Japan who lent him his company's name to use, Anzen Importers was created.

Anzen Importers was a family business, centered not only on retail sales, but also addressing the unique needs of the Japanese American community. In the immediate time after reopening, Yoji gained his lifelong devotion to public service as the family and those working for them set about helping fellow returned Nihonmachi community members send tailored aid packages to relatives in post war Japan. Hard to source Asian food staples and merchandise made way

to critically needed American made foods, medicines, clothing, and other needs. After the initial waves of individual aid, the efforts grew to cross cultural lines as the family and Anzen played a major role in Portland Metro area wide organization and coordination of large-scale supply and funding relief drives to benefit the Japanese people as a whole as their nation worked to rebuild.

Yoji graduated from Lincoln High School, lettering in swimming. Inspired towards a future in foreign service, he enrolled in the University of Oregon with a partial athletic scholarship granted for collegiate swimming. To cover the rest of his college expenses, he spent his summers in Alaska fighting wildland fires with the USDA Forest Service. After having enough college related fun, he graduated from the University of Oregon with a lifelong loyalty to his Ducks and a degree in East Asian History in 1956.

Having no luck in finding a foreign service job and realizing his draft number was rapidly approaching, Yoji enlisted in the United States Army. In his active-duty time, he was assigned to the 25th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks, Oahu, Hawaii. Once the Base Commander found out about his swimming skills, he was immediately assigned to the base pool as the primary lifeguard and to teach swim lessons mainly to the base's dependent children. During off hours, the unit's Hawaiian Japanese American contingent took him under their collective wings and into their homes; an honorary Islander. He fondly called Hawaii his most favorite place to go back to whenever he could. He separated from active service in 1958, returning to Portland and finishing out his duty obligation in the United States Army Reserve in early 1962.

Upon his return, he went to work for Anzen Importers in earnest. He was also not so subtly informed that he was already far older than his parents and many of his peers then when they married. With George and Keiko Nakata's timely assistance, he courted Martha, a farmgirl who became his wife.

In 1970 Anzen Importers moved to its iconic location at 738 NE MLK (Union) Boulevard. Umata went into retirement from the day-to-day business operations, turning it over to sons Yoji and Hiroshi. The business did well, and in a reflection of the Metro area's growing and demographically changing Asian community, branched out from strictly Japanese goods to a pan-Asian selection. Under the umbrella of the Anzen Pacific Corporation, the business grew ultimately to four retail locations and a central warehouse that supplied not only those stores, but also the Asian based needs of stores and restaurants in the region.

Throughout, Yoji was an active member of a number of professional business organizations and associations (Portland Chamber of Commerce, Portland Business Alliance, United

Grocers, etc.). He was often called upon as a facilitator between regional and local businesses in the United States who wished to do business in Japan, and vice versa. The Japanese Counsel General of Portland's Office often requested his assistance for the promotion of cultural exchanges and strengthening ties between the two nations. Yoji was later recognized for this work, receiving a relatively rare Commendation from the Japan Foreign Ministry.

He was also active in a number of national and local service clubs and organizations (Bentham Lion's Club, Scouts USA, etc.), and supported many others via donations.

He did this while maintaining his close ties, service, and personal obligations to the Japanese American community (the Japanese Ancestral Society of Oregon, Japanese American Museum of Oregon, Japanese American Citizens' League, Nichiren Buddhist Temple, Oregon Buddhist Temple, Epworth Methodist Church, Japanese Garden Society, etc.). In retirement he scaled back his obligations to focus on volunteering at the Iko No Kai Senior Lunch Program and the Portland Public School Japanese Magnet Program at Richmond Elementary School.

The Japanese American Museum of Oregon (formerly the Nikkei Legacy Center) several years ago realized that many of Yoji's generation were passing on without any formal record made of their unique life experiences. In partnership with Portland State University, the Museum recorded interviews of the surviving area original Issei and Nisei residents to compile an oral history of the Japanese American community from its earliest beginnings to the dissolution of Nihonmachi during and in the wake of World War II. He wholeheartedly supported and participated in the project, and we are fortunate that his recollections and those of his peers are publicly available for free via the Museum online.

Yoji is survived by his wife Martha, their two sons, their wives, five Grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. Per his request, he was cremated shortly after his passing. In June 2023, a portion of his ashes were interred at the Matsushima family gravesite in Okayama Prefecture, Japan. The remainder to be interred at the historic Japanese Section of the Rose City Cemetery in a private family ceremony in the near future.

He requested no public memorial services be held, but that in lieu of flowers or other remembrances, instead donations be made to the Japanese American Museum of Oregon, the Iko No Kai Program, and/or the PPS Japanese Magnet Program.

<https://www.tributearchive.com/obituaries/28716553/yoji-julius-matsushima>



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