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SEPTEMBER Hispanic Heritage Month

In 1968, President Lyndon Baines Johnson was called upon to issue an annual proclamation designating the week of September 15 as "National Hispanic Heritage Week." This week was approved by U.S. Congress to designate time to recognize the many contributions of Latinos to the United States. During this week people of the United States had the opportunity to plan and participate in ceremonies and activities that recognized the contributions of the many and diverse cultures within the Hispanic community. The term "Hispanic" is used to describe a very diverse group of individuals. Hispanic peoples living in the U.S. have origins from many different countries with the majority originating from Mexico.

The Hispanic Heritage Week proclamation was amended in 1988 to extend the designated time of recognition. It is celebrated every year from September 15 to October 15. This time encompasses several important days: September 15, which marks Independence Day for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua; September 16, or Mexican Independence Day; and El Día de la Raza, celebrated October 12.

Despite small settlements in Florida, the major influence of Hispanic culture on our national life and traditions started in the West where the expansion of U.S. territory resulted in the incorporation of a Mexican society. The United States first annexed Texas from Mexico in 1845. At the end of the Mexican-American War in 1848, Mexico ceded California, New Mexico, Nevada, and parts of what are now Colorado, Utah, and Arizona to the United States. Puerto Rican immigration, particularly after the Spanish-American War, also brought significant changes to U.S. culture and society.

Beginning in the 1960s, Hispanics have played an increasingly prominent role in politics and other areas of the country's life. For example, Cesar Chavez, Jose Limon, Raul Julia, and Roberto Clemente have made major contributions to civil rights, the arts, and sports. Issues related to language, education, and political representation are becoming increasingly central to the country's politics, society, and culture as Hispanics emerge as the largest minority in America. (**2000 Multicultural Resource Calendar)

Date	Event	Contact Information
thru Sept 3	NAAMI NISHAYCHT LIVING CULTURE VILLAGE. Pendleton, OR. Opening of Living Culture Village. Interpreters demonstrate ancient crafts, games & food preparation at the village, featuring several ancient styles of Native lodges.	800/654-3459 www.tamastslitk.org
Sept 1	LABOR DAY (UNITED STATES). Labor Day is celebrated all over the world. In the United States, this federal holiday takes place on the first Monday of September.	
Sept 1-30	RAMADAN. Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. For more than a billion Muslims around the world—including some 8 million in North America—Ramadan is a "month of blessing" marked by prayer, fasting, and charity. Muslims believe that during the month of Ramadan, Allah revealed the first verses of the Qur'an, the holy book of Islam. Muslims practice <i>sawm</i> , or fasting, for the entire month of Ramadan. This means that they may eat or drink nothing, including water, while the sun shines. Ramadan ends with the festival of Eid al-Fitr, which in 2006 occurs on Oct. 24. Literally the "Festival of Breaking the Fast," Eid al-Fitr is one of the two most important Islamic celebrations (the other occurs after the Hajj, or pilgrimage to Mecca).	

Sept 1	NAACP SALEM-KEIZER CHAPTER – EXECUTIVE MEETING. Executive Board Meetings are the 1 st Monday of the month from 6:30-8:00pm at Chemeketa Community College, Multi-cultural Section, 4000 Lancaster Dr. NE, Salem, Oregon. Salem/Keizer NAACP Youth Group Meetings are held every Wednesday from 6:30-8:00pm at Mano A Mano Family Center, Rm 160, Salem, Oregon. Leaders – Christian Epps & Rashad Furqan; 503/363-3909.	Sheryl A. Dash, President SherylDash6@msn.com 503/566-8876
Sept 2	VIETNAM INDEPENDENCE DAY. Marks the day in 1945 of the surrender of Japan, ending World War II, and the creation of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam.	
Sept 2	LILIUOKALANI (1838-1917). The last sovereign of Hawaii, Liliuokalani succeeded to the throne after his brother's death in 1891. The growing influence of American missionaries and sugar planters had led to a weakening of the monarchy, and she attempted to reassert the royal authority in the government and economy. When she tried to proclaim a new constitution in 1893, a group of residents, mostly Americans or descendants of Americans, set up a provisional government, declared the monarchy abolished, and applied for annexation to the United States. After a delay of several years, while Liliuokalani tried to build support for her restoration, the islands were annexed in 1898.	
Sept 4	LEWIS H. LATIMER (1848-1928). In 1882, Latimer, an African American inventor, patented the first electric light bulb with carbon filament. An employee of the Edison Company, Latimer also wrote the first textbook on Edison electric system and supervised the installation of electric lights in Philadelphia and New York City.	
Sept 4	BIRTH OF RICHARD WRIGHT (1908-1960). Wright was the most widely read African American writer of the early twentieth century. He was the author of many powerful novels, the best known of which is <i>Native Son</i> (1940), and volumes of short stories and essays. His work exposed the brutal realities of racism in the Deep South, where he was born, and the urban North, where he spent much of his adult life.	
Sept 4	AMICI D' ITALIA MONTHLY MEETING. Usually meets the first Thursday of the month. 7:30pm. St. Michael's Church, Portland, Oregon.	Jim Zuffrea 503/650-1969
Sept 5	TASHUNKA WITKO "CRAZY HORSE" (1842-1877). This American Indian (Oglala Sioux) military leader was one of the leaders of the Sioux and Cheyenne in the war of 1876. In June 1876 he defeated U.S. army forces at Rosebud and eight days later at Little Bighorn. He voluntarily surrendered to American troops in 1877. On September 5, 1877, he was assassinated by another Sioux during an argument.	
Sept 5-7	MUDDY BOOT 2008. St. Philp Neri Church, SE 18th & Division, Portland, Oregon. The annual Muddy Boot Organic Festival is a city-wide festival celebrating local organic foods and sustainable living in Portland, Oregon. Under the sunny skies of early September, people from the Portland Area will experience a vibrant and enriching event. With live music, wine, and food you will experience an event like no other in Oregon. The booths, workshops, speakers and walking tours of local sustainable projects will allow you to share in the experience of living naturally. \$5 fee for festival, children under age 12 are free. Keynote speaker, Dr. Wes Jackson, will speak on Sept. 5 th ; tickets for keynote event will be \$15.	www.muddyboot.org 503/764-7525
Sept 6	MARIE E. ZAKRZEWSKA (1820-1902). Zakrzewska, a Polish American physician, founded hospitals for women and children as well as the first American school for nurses and was known as the "Mother of the Playground Movement" for her efforts in establishing playgrounds. She was also active in the causes of women's rights and the abolition of slavery.	
Sept 6	OREGON ASSEMBLY FOR BLACK AFFAIRS BOARD MEETING. The Board meets the first Saturday of each month from 10:00-noon at the Salem WMCA, 685 Court Street NE, Salem, Oregon. Its mission is to improve the political, educational, social-health, legal, and economic status of Blacks in Oregon.	oaba@peak.org Aneesah Furqan, Secretary 503/463-0327 aneesahfurqan@msn.com
Sept 6	DAMHSA DANCE SHOW. Friendly House Community Center, NW26th and Thurman, Portland, Oregon. This performance is made possible by funding from the Regional Arts and Culture Council (RACC). The performance An Damhsa Dance Show will feature dancer Maldon Meehan and musician Johnny Connolly and present traditional Irish music, song and dance and its historical journey. The show will include new choreography and performances of Irish dance, modern dance, sean-nós dance, cape Breton step dance and American clogging. Also featured are American sean-nos dancers Kieran Jordan, Shannon Dunne, Alicia Guinn and the Maldon Meehan dancers.	www.portlandceilisociety.org
Sept 6-7	ASIAN CULTURAL FESTIVAL. Riverside Park, Grants Pass, Oregon. Music, dancing, bonsai demo, martial arts, food and vendors.	Del Saito 541/ 471-3002 www.ci.grants-pass.or.us

Sept 7	BRAZIL INDEPENDENCE DAY. Unlike the other areas of South America, the region now known as Brazil was colonized by the Portuguese in 1500 led by the explorer Pedro Alvares Cabral. On this day in 1822, the son of Portugal's king, and regent of Brazil, declared Brazil independent of Portugal and himself emperor Pedro I. He was succeeded by his son Pedro II in 1831, who until his death in 1889 led the development of Brazil as a modern nation.	
Sept 7	GLENEDEN BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB BREAKFAST. 8:00-11:00am at 110 Azalea St. Gleneden Beach, Oregon. Admission: Adults \$5.00, children 4-10, \$2.50, under 4, free. Menu: ham or sausage, eggs, orange juice and all the pancakes one can eat served with coffee, tea or milk. The breakfast will be run by volunteers.	Nellie 541/764-2994 nelliejaujou@centurytel.net
Sept 7	2008 WALK FOR UNITY. 2pm at Beaverton City Park, 4950 SW Watson, Beaverton, Oregon. Join the Vision Action Network of Washington County and area residents, activists, students, and community leaders for the second annual Walk For Unity. The Walk For Unity is a 3.5 mile walk that celebrates the wonderful diversity of the Washington County community. Last year's event drew over 200 people.	Vision Action Network www.vision-west.org 503/846-5792
Sept 7-9	IFCC/ PICA: DANIEL BEATY IN RESURRECTION. Sunday through Tuesday, 6:30pm and 8:30pm. Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate Avenue, Portland, Oregon. Tickets: \$20 PICA members/\$25 general (Tickets available at the door). Resurrection is the story of six interconnected black males ages 10-60: a child scientist, a young man from the projects on his way to college, an ex-convict, a corporate executive, a health food store owner, and the bishop of a megachurch—who all experience an unexpected phenomenon on the same evening that changes their lives forever. Daniel Beaty is an award-winning actor, singer, writer, composer and poet.	503/224-PICA (7422) www.ifccarts.org
Sept 9	CONFUCIUS' DEATH (551-479 B.C.E). This day honors Confucius and is celebrated on the anniversary of his death in the People's Republic of China.	
Sept 9	SALEM HUMAN RIGHTS AND RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING. The Commission is appointed by the Mayor of Salem to advise the City Council on Human Rights issues and to hear complaints of discrimination in housing, employment and public accommodation. The public is welcome. The Commission meets the second Tuesday of the month at Salem City Hall, 555 Liberty Street SE, Room 305, Salem, Oregon.	Marilyn Johnston 503/588-6261 www.cityofsalem.net./departments/hrrac
Sept 10	ALICE BROWN DAVIS (1852-1935). Ms Davis is an American Indian (Seminole) civic activist who was prominent in tribal affairs for much of her life. She acted as an interpreter and spokesperson for her people in the courts and once as part of a delegation to Mexico that sought unsuccessfully to find a new homeland the tribe, which was under increasing economic and legal pressure from the influx of white people into Indian territory. She also served briefly as director of a tribal boarding school for girls.	
Sept 10	HISPANIC METROPOLITAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: HISPANIC HERITAGE CELEBRATION DINNER. 6:00-9:00pm at Oregon Convention Center, Portland, Oregon. Cost: \$120 Members / \$125 Non-Members.	MaryAnn Potter 503/222-0280 hmcc@qwest.net www.hmccoregon.com
Sept 10-13	2008 PENDLETON ROUND-UP. Pendleton, Oregon.	
Sept 11	HISPANIC INTERAGENCY NETWORKING TEAM (HINT) MONTHLY MEETING. The Clackamas County Hispanic Interagency Networking Team meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at the Willamette Falls Medical Center, 1500 Division Street, Oregon City, Oregon.	Diane Schwartz 503/655-2518 diane.schwartz@lasoregon.org ChiEn Montero 503/263-4944 hintmontero@hotmail.com
Sept 11	NAACP CORVALLIS-ALBANY BRANCH MEETING. Meetings are generally held the second Thursday of each month. 7-9pm. Westminster House, 101 NW 23rd Street, Corvallis, Oregon.	Zel Brook, President art@zelbrook.com 541/829-3023

<p>Sept 11-14</p>	<p>Building Cultures of Peace. Portland State University, Portland, Oregon. The Peace and Justice Studies Association (PJSA) is pleased to announce that its annual conference will be hosted at Portland State University (and in collaboration with the Peace and Conflict Studies Consortium). The conference theme of “Building Cultures of Peace” will explore historical, current and potential future elements of the local, regional, national and transnational struggles toward peace and justice by peaceable means. Keynote speakers include: Sami Rasouli, founder and director of Muslim Peacemaker Teams; Two Hibakusha (survivors of the US atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki); Betty Reardon, one of the great figures of Peace Education, emeritus from Teachers College, Columbia University; Kathy Kelly, founder of Voice for Creative Nonviolence; Mary King, UN Peace professor, author of several important books on nonviolence, and former civil rights worker with the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee; Catherine Thomasson, M.D., president of the US Physicians for Social Responsibility; Marjorie Cohn, president of the National Lawyers Guild; Stella Ting-Toomey, a world expert on intercultural conflict resolution; Stephen Zunes, University of San Francisco Politics professor and co-editor of two books on nonviolence; Jo Ann Bowman, director of Oregon Action, specializing in political empowerment of the most disenfranchised; "Bumpy" Pu'uhonua Kanahale, indigenous Hawaiian sovereignty leader sworn to Gandhian methods.</p>	<p>pjsa@usfca.edu http://www.peacejusticestudies.org/conference/registration.php</p>
<p>Sept 11-14</p>	<p>MOUNT ANGEL OKTOBERFEST. Mt. Angel, Oregon. There is no more appropriate setting for an American version of the “Old World” Oktoberfest than in Mount Angel, Oregon. The small community was settled by German pioneers in the 1800s and readily reminds one of the rich Bavarian countryside. Continuous live music on four stages. Over 30 musical groups featuring the Original Donaumusikanten from Germany Courtesy Lufthansa. Free Kindergarten with rides and shows. Much more!</p>	<p>503/845-9940 www.oktoberfest.org</p>
<p>Sept 12</p>	<p>JESSE OWENS (1913-1980). Owens is an African American athlete who won fame as the greatest track star of the century with victories in the 100-meter dash, and 400-meter relay at the 1936 Olympics held in Berlin, Germany.</p>	
<p>Sept 12</p>	<p>OAME ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL (AEPT) & CONTRACTORS' COMMITTEE MEETING. 7:30-8:00am. All minority construction businesses are welcome to participate. You will have a chance to find out current bid opportunities as well as networking with other business.</p>	<p>Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs (OAME) 503/249-7744 www.oame.org</p>
<p>Sept 12- Oct 4</p>	<p>IFCC: PRELUDE TO A KISS. Thursday through Saturday 8:00pm and Sunday 2:00pm. Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate Avenue, Portland, Oregon. \$20 general, \$15 students and seniors. <i>Prelude to a Kiss</i>, by Craig Lucas, is a romantic comedy about soul mates. Peter and Rita meet and start a whirlwind romance, where opposites do attract. On their wedding day an Old Man kisses Rita and they magically switch soul and bodies. Peter soon realizes that what is on the inside of his new bride is now different. Peter, and the audience, face the question of if we fall in love with what is on the inside, than does the packaging matter? Male or female, it is the soul with which we connect! Key Productions' mission is to open hearts and minds through theater with an emphasis on gay themes, issues, characters and artists. <i>Prelude to Kiss</i> will touch your heart and make you think about what if the person you love suddenly switched genders – would that change the feelings you have for that person?</p>	<p>503/205-0715 www.ifccarts.org</p>
<p>Sept 14</p>	<p>LOLA RODRIGUEZ DE TIO (1843-1924). This Puerto Rican poet and patriot supported the Puerto Rican independence movement. Rodriguez de Tio spent most of her life in exile in New York, where she worked with the Cuban exile Jose Marti to plan his revolutionary invasion of 1895. She wrote several volumes of poetry. Her most famous work is the patriotic verses of “La Borinqueña,” the national anthem of Puerto Rico.</p>	
<p>Sept 14</p>	<p>ANTHONY J. CELEBREZZE (1910-1998). This Italian American lawyer and politician was born in Italy, and immigrated to Cleveland with his family became mayor of the city from 1953 to 1962. In 1962, he became Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare under John F. Kennedy, the first Italian American to serve as a cabinet officer. Celebrezze later served for 30 years as a member of the United States Court of Appeals based in Cincinnati.</p>	
<p>Sept 15</p>	<p>INDEPENDENCE DAY FOR CENTRAL AMERICAN NATIONS. This commemorates the declaration of independence from Spain of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua in 1821.</p>	
<p>Sept 15</p>	<p>JAN E. MATZELIGER (1852-1889). This African American inventor produced machines that revolutionized the shoe industry. By using the machine he patented in 1883, cobblers could make 1,000 pairs of shoes in one day.</p>	

Sept 15	NAACP SALEM-KEIZER CHAPTER – GENERAL MEETING. Held the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30pm at Chemeketa Community College, Multi-cultural Section, 4000 Lancaster Dr. NE, Salem, Oregon. Salem/Keizer NAACP Youth Group Meetings. Meets every Wednesday from 6:30-8:00pm at Mano A Mano Family Center, Rm 160, Salem, Oregon. Leaders – Christian Epps & Rashad Furqan; 503/363-3909.	Sheryl A. Dash, President SherylDash6@msn.com 503/566-8876
Sept 15	HISPANIC METROPOLITAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WORKSHOP. Como Iniciar Su Negocio (in spanish). 6:00-8:00pm at the Hillsboro Library, 775 SE 10th Ave, Hillsboro, Oregon. Cost: Free.	MaryAnn Potter 503/222-0280 hmcc@qwest.net www.hmccoregon.com/events
Sept 6	MEXICAN FIESTA. Independence Amphitheater, Independence, Oregon. INFO: http://www.independencepolice.org/AMPHITHEATER/index.html	
Sept 16	RESPECT FOR THE AGED DAY (KEIRO NO HI) IN JAPAN. This is one of twelve holidays in Japan and a day for paying respect to the aged and celebrating their longevity.	
Sept 16	MEXICO INDEPENDENCE DAY (EL DIA DE INDEPENDENCIA). On September 16, 1810, in the small town of Delores, in the province of Guanajuato, a handful of people were summoned by a parish priest to take up arms against the Spanish colonial government. This began the fight for independence that ended 350 years of Spanish rule. To this day the church bell that was used to call people to revolt hangs in the National Palace in Mexico City and is rung on the eve of September 16 by the president of the Republic.	
Sept 17	JACOB LAWRENCE (1917-2000). This African American painter was one of America's leading modern figurative painters whose work chronicled the African American experience. His best known work is <i>The Migration of the American Negro</i> , depicting the mass migration of Southern Blacks to the North in search of work following World War I.	
Sept 17	PHILIPPINE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF OREGON MONTHLY MEETINGS. The monthly networking meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Holladay Park Plaza Penthouse, 1300 NE 16th Avenue, Portland, Oregon from 6:00-8:00pm. Complimentary food and refreshments are provided. Everyone is welcome.	www.pacco.org
Sept 18	CHILE INDEPENDENCE DAY. This holiday commemorates Chile's gaining independence from Spain in 1818.	
Sept 18	MID-COLUMBIA LATINO PROVIDERS NETWORK MONTHLY MEETING. This is a network of providers located in Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam and two Washington Counties. Meets the third Thursday of each month at noon. Meeting location alternates between Hood River and Wasco County, so please check.	Angeles Ramirez Families First 541/296-8118 angelesr02@hotmail.com
Sept 18	OREGON STATE HISPANIC EMPLOYEES NETWORK (OSHEN) MONTHLY MEETING. Meets on the third Thursday of each month from 1:00-3:00pm at the DAS Executive Building, Conference Room B, 155 Cottage Street, NE, Salem, Oregon.	Lily Cáceres 503/373-7241 lily.caceres@state.or.us
Sept 18	OREGON ASSOCIATION OF MINORITY ENTREPRENEURS: QUARTERLY BUSINESS AFTER HOURS NETWORKING. 5:00-7:30pm. Get the opportunity to meet with minority, women, and emerging small businesses, purchasers, buyers, lenders, key contacts from government agencies and private businesses. There will be a buffet featuring three types of ethnic food and a no host bar. OAME members - \$5 donation is requested. Non-OAME members - \$10 donation is requested. These quarterly networking meetings are held every three months and attended by approximately 100-200 businesses.	Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs (OAME) 503/249-7744 www.oame.org
Sept 18	SALEM-KEIZER INDIAN EDUCATION PARENT BOARD MEETING. Usually meets the third Thursday of each month from 5:30-7pm. Student Services Building, Rooms 1&2, 2575 Commercial SE, Salem.	Salem-Keizer School District Indian Education Program 503/399-3353
Sept 18	THE SCANDINAVIAN CLUB. Meets the third Thursday of the month at Norse Hall, 111 NE 11 th , Portland. General meeting is 7:00-9:00pm.	Cathy Bjork 503/358-5883

Sept 18	REED COLLEGE PUBLIC POLICY LECTURE SERIES: SPENCER OVERTON. "Voting Rights". 7:30 pm at Vollum lecture hall at Reed College, 3203 SE Woodstock, Portland, Oregon. Spencer Overton, professor at George Washington University Law School, was a member of the Carter-Baker Federal Election Reform Commission and dissented with the commission on the topic of voter-identification standards. He is author of Stealing Democracy: The New Politics of Voter Suppression (2006); his work has been published in a wide array of law journals. He also is an editorial board member of the Election Law Journal. Sponsored by the Elizabeth C. Ducey Political Science Lecture Fund.	503/777-7755 http://events.reed.edu/
Sept 19	HISPANIC HUMAN SERVICES COUNCIL MEETING. Open to any agency or community group that works with or provides service to the Hispanic community in Marion, Polk, and Yamhill counties. Networking session and quarterly guest presentations precede Council meetings. Meeting are held the third Friday of every month at Catholic Community Services, 3737 Portland Rd. NE, Salem. Location may change due to special events.	Araceli Avilla 503/856-7077
Sept 19	HISPANIC SERVICES ROUNDTABLE. The Hispanic Services Roundtable is a community-based organization dedicated to heightening the awareness of services available to the Hispanic communities of Washington, Multnomah, and Clackamas Counties in Oregon. Identifying gaps in service provision and developing creative solutions to fill those gaps. Fostering cross-cultural education and sensitivity; involving political public and private leadership in addressing the lack of services available to Hispanic community members. Providing education and support toward creating a healthful life for the Hispanic community of Oregon and Washington. Meetings are held at the American Red Cross Building, 3131 N. Vancouver Ave. Portland, Oregon. They are usually scheduled for the third Friday of the month, with a few exceptions. 1-3pm.	Lily Cáceres 503/981-2556 lily.caceres@state.or.us
Sept 19	PORTLAND CÉILÍ SOCIETY IRISH CÉILÍ DANCE. Lesson 8pm, dance 9pm-12:30am. PPAA Hall, 618 SE Alder St, Portland, Oregon. Everyone can try a jig or reel at this beginner-friendly dance. All steps taught and called. Beginners welcome. No partner required. Ages 13 and older. \$10 general, \$8 members, students, seniors. Music by: Bridgetown -- Johnny Connolly on Accordion, Cary Novotny on Guitar, and Dave Cory on Banjo.	Maldon Meehan 503-206-9311 www.portlandceilisociety.org
Sept 19-21	PORTLAND TAIKO: IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF OUR ANCESTORS 8:00pm Fri-Sat, 2:00pm Sun at Newmark Theatre, 1111 SW Broadway, Portland, Oregon. Celebrate Portland Taiko's 14 th Season! Enjoy the dazzling artistry of Hanayui, the taiko and dance troupe from one of Japan's cradles of modern taiko, Sado Island, in concert with Portland Taiko for the spring show, From the Village. Our year-long collaboration with Japanese master folk dancer and choreographer Shohei Kikuchi leads to our fall concert, In the Footsteps of Our Ancestors, and three Behind-the-Scenes events give a sneak peak and a chance to talk with our performers and guest artists in an informal setting!	www.portlandtaiko.org info@portlandtaiko.org 503/288-2456
Sept 20	2008 ART + SOUL. 5:30pm at SEI, 3920 N. Kerby Avenue, Portland, Oregon. This is Self Enhancement, Inc.'s annual dinner and auction. Sponsored by: Self Enhancement, Inc.	Sharon Brabenac sharonb@selfenhancement.org 503/249-1721 x264
Sept 20	53RD ANNUAL INDIAN STYLE SALMON BAKE. Depoe Bay City Park, Newport, Oregon.	541/765-2889
Sept 20-21	PORTLAND PIRATE FESTIVAL 2008. Explore tall ships, witness cannon firing and sword fighting demonstrations, and browse the wares of pirate merchants for unique gifts. This year's two-day festival will feature even more music, dance, cannon firings, piratical re-enactments, and other performance. Fine grub & grog from some of the region's best restaurants too! Portland's family-oriented celebration of NW pirate culture offers two days of history, music and adventure for the whole family under the St. Johns Bridge in historic Cathedral Park in St. Johns, Oregon.	www.portlandpiratefestival.com shuhe@portlandpiratefestival.com 503/453-7107
Sept 21	INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE. On September 7, 2001, the United Nations adopted a resolution designating September 21 of each year as an "International Day of Peace." The intention of the resolution is to have the entire world observe a full day of "global ceasefire and nonviolence." All peoples and organizations are invited to commemorate the day in an appropriate manner.	

Sept 27	NAACP PORTLAND CHAPTER MEETING. Meetings held at PCC Cascade, Terrell Hall, Room 112, 705 N. Killingsworth St., Portland, Oregon from 10:30 am - 12:00 pm. Meetings are held the 4 th Saturday of each month. “Educate. Empower. Engage.”	Charlene McGee, President charlene.mcgee@pdxnaacp.org www.pdxnaacp.org
Sept 24	EQUAL ACCESS FOR GIRLS COALITION MEETING. Generally held on the fourth Wednesday of each month from noon-2pm (please call to verify). A coalition of organizations and individuals committed to the equal access for girls and young women to all the appropriate gender-specific services and supports they need to develop their full potential. Rosemont Treatment Center & School, 9911 SE Mount Scott Boulevard, Portland. <i>INFO: Pam Patton at 503/233-4356.</i>	
Sept 26	OAME COFFEE AND ISSUES FORUM. 7:00-8:30am. “Coffee and Issues” Forums are held to maintain communications between ethnic minority owned businesses in Oregon and the general business community. “Coffee and Issues” Forums are usually held at 7:00 am on the last Friday of the month and attended by approximately 90-140 businesses.	Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs (OAME) 503/249-7744 www.oame.org
Sept 26	ALLIANCE FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITIES OF COLOR CONFERENCE. Double Tree Inn, SeaTac, Washington. A Convergence for Change: Politics, Policies & Philanthropy. This conference is designed for those concerned with the elimination of health disparities and health inequities, including health care managers and staff from community based clinics to managed care systems, health professionals in practice and education, faith based organizations, consumer and representatives from diverse communities, and individuals concerned with financing, quality improvement, policy and research. Keynote: Dr. Brian Smedley, Opportunity Agenda.	Rudy Vasquez Sea Mar Com. Health Centers 253/280-9846 RudyVasquez@seamarchc.org
Sept 26	PERFORMANCE: KEVIN BURKE AND CAL SCOTT. Royal Durst Theatre, Vancouver School of Arts & Academics, 3101 Main Street, Vancouver, Washington. Tickets: \$15 adv/\$20 at door, \$10 Seniors and Students. Tickets available August 20 and can be prepaid for will call.	360/737-0656
Sept 27	KOREAN CHUSOK FESTIVAL 2008. 5:00-8:30pm at Clackamas High School, 14486 SE 122nd Ave Clackamas, Oregon. Northwest Korean Culture Society presents this community festival to celebrate Chusok, Korean Fall Harvest. Gyeonggi Traditional Youth Orchestra from South Korea will be the main performance.. This 31 member orchestra will dazzle the audience with their musical talents. Drumming demonstrations, Tae kwon do demonstrations, traditional Korean dinner, arts and crafts for children, and a Korean Store will be available for all to enjoy. Cost: Members – \$12 adults, \$8 children. Non-members: \$14 adults, \$10 children. Pay online via paypal at www.nkcs.org .	www.nkcs.org 503/699-3342 treas@nkcs.org
Sept 27	OREGON ASSOCIATION FOR LIBERIA (OAL). Meets the last Saturday of each month from 5:30-7:30pm at the Mt. Tabor Community Church Fellowship Hall, 7412 N. Mississippi Ave, Portland, Oregon. OAL mission: To serve Liberian Community in Oregon and Southwest Washington maintain better life.	Ms. Bendu Roberts
Sept 27	ASOCIACION PERUANA DE OREGON – PERUVIAN ASSOCIATION OF OREGON. 6:30-8:30pm. Meetings are held once a month, usually on the last Saturday of each month. Call for location information. This non-for-profit corporation’s primary purpose shall be to unify and integrate Peruvians and their next-of-kin, who reside in Oregon; and thus to attempt to promote the civic, cultural, educational, professional and social advancement of its members.	Lily Cáceres 503/620-2366
Sept 27	NIGERIAN COMMUNITY IN OREGON & SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON (NCOSWA). Meets the last Saturday of each month from 6-8pm. Usually meets at the State Farm Insurance Bldg, 6527 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Suite C, Portland, Oregon. NCOSWA works to build bridges with other Nigerians, Nigerian and African Organizations, and the community.	Efosa Odighizuwa, President 503/731-4646 x2318 efosa1@aol.com www.geocities.com/ncoswa
Sept 28	WALK TO CURE DIABETES. Oaks Amusement Park, Portland, Oregon. This family friendly event features a 5k walk with plenty of entertainment, food and fun. Join over 5,000 walkers who are makinf a difference in the lives of people with Type I Diabetes. You'll have a great time, get some exercise and, most importantly, be part of the cure. Sponsored by: JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International).	503/643-1995 www.jdrf.org/oregon

Sept 28	<p>AN AUTUMN EVENING: REACH FOR THE STARS! 5:30-9:00pm at Fife Restaurant, 4440 NE Fremont, Portland, Oregon. This is a Benefit Dinner and Auction for the Multicultural Integrated Kidney Education (MIKE) Program. Join MIKE Program for an evening of delicious food prepared by Marco Shaw, an irresistible array of silent and live auction items, and a generous taste of MIKE Program tidbits.</p>	<p>Jennifer Schoenbeck 503/296-7705 jennifer@mikeprogram.org www.mikeprogram.org</p>
Sept 29-31	<p>ROSH HASHANAH: JEWISH NEW YEAR. Like most Jewish holidays, Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown on the evening before the first (full) day of the holiday. This begins the Jewish New Year 5763 and the Jewish month of Tishri. Rosh Hashanah signifies the beginning of the days Awe, a period of serious reflection about the past year and year to come. This period, which continues until Yom Kippur, is a time for asking forgiveness from both God and people and for committing oneself to live a better life in the year to come. Traditionally, this is the time that God decides the fate of each Jew in the new year</p>	
Sept 30	<p>EID AL-FITR. Eid al-Fitr, also called, the Festival of Breaking the Fast is a day of rejoicing that marks the end of the month of Ramadan, which is the ninth month in the Islamic lunar calendar. It is a celebration of month-long fasting, which is one of the five pillars, or fundamental obligations, in the religion of Islam. It is a time to give thanks to God for the blessings of renewed faith, to perform acts of charity, and to share traditional food and good wishes with family and friends. Eid al-Fitr is celebrated by Muslims – followers of the faith of Islam. Currently the worldwide Muslim population is about 1.2 billion, with an estimated 7 to 10 million living in the United States.</p>	
Sept 30	<p>NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION (1962): MEXICAN AMERICAN. On this date César Chávez founded a union of agricultural laborers, most of them Mexican and Mexican American migrant workers. The event was one of the signs of a rising activism among Latinos and a new resolve to press for economic and social justice.</p>	

OCTOBER

National Disability Employment Awareness Month

American with Disabilities Act (July 26, 1990). Signed into law on this date, this milestone of U.S. civil rights legislation protects people with disabilities from discrimination in the areas of employment, transportation, and public accommodation. (Earlier legislation had addressed discrimination in housing.) The law requires a wide range of public and private establishments to make new and renovated facilities accessible to people with disabilities and to make “readily achievable” changes to existing facilities in order to increase accessibility.

National Disability Employment Awareness Month was first issued by president proclamation in 1998. The idea of setting aside a time to recognize the importance of employing disabled persons has existed since 1945, when it began as “National Employ the Handicapped Week.”

Date	Event	Contact Information
Oct 1	NIGERIA INDEPENDENCE DAY. This national holiday commemorates the nation’s achieving independence from Britain in 1960.	
Oct 1	ASIAN AMERICAN BUSINESS ALLIANCE NETWORKING. 5:30-7:00pm. Location: TBD – check website. Cost: \$25 per person (check or cash only) payable at the door.	INFO/RSVP: reservation@aabaportland.org www.aabaportland.org
Oct 2	NAT TURNER (1800-1831). In August 1831 Turner, an African American leader, led a bloody uprising in Southampton County, Virginia, in which 57 whites were killed. Nearly 100 Blacks died in the manhunt that led to his capture.	
Oct 2	AMICI D’ITALIA MONTHLY MEETING. Usually meets the first Thursday of the month. 7:30pm. St. Michael’s Church, Portland, Oregon.	Jim Zuffrea 503/650-1969
Oct 2	REED COLLEGE PUBLIC POLICY LECTURE SERIES: CAITLIN BAGGOTT ’99. “Utopian and Dystopian Visions of Youth Citizenship: Will the Next Generation Stand for Change?” 7:30 p.m., Eliot Hall chapel, Reed College, 3203 SE Woodstock, Portland, Oregon. Caitlin Baggott, co-founder of the Oregon Bus Project, and director of PolitiCorps, is a recognized innovator in voter-registration efforts. Baggott and her colleagues started the Bus Project to “engage, educate, and elect,” by creating forums for discussing current political issues, encouraging voter registration, and inspiring a lifelong commitment to social change. She has also been a contributor and guiding force behind Zephyr, a news website. Sponsored by the Mildred Twohy Benezet Memorial Lecture Fund.	503/777-7755 http://events.reed.edu/
Oct 3	NATIONAL FOUNDATION DAY (KAECHON-JOL): KOREA. This commemorates the founding of the first Korean State in 2333 B.C.E. by Tangun.	
Oct 3	OREGON KOREA FOUNDATION: 5TH ANNUAL BANQUET & AUCTION. 5:30pm at NIKE Tiger Wood Center, One Bowerman Drive, Beaverton, Portland, Oregon. Cost: \$75/person.	www.koregon.org
Oct 3	FIRST FRIDAY CEILI DANCE. 7-11pm, Winona Grange 8340 SW Seneca Street, Tualatin, Oregon. Live music with various musicians. All ages, \$10 family max \$40. Website: http://mysite.verizon.net/res0i3uk/samkeator/	Sam Keator 503/691-2078 sam.keator@verizon.net
Oct 3-4	CULTURE SHOCK FESTIVAL. Newport Performing Arts Center, Newport, Oregon. A chance to taste interesting foods, listening to interesting music and just enjoy!	www.newportnet.com
Oct 4	OREGON ASSEMBLY FOR BLACK AFFAIRS BOARD MEETING. The Board meets the first Saturday of each month from 10:00-noon at the Salem WMCA, 685 Court Street NE, Salem, Oregon. Its mission is to improve the political, educational, social-health, legal, and economic status of Blacks in Oregon.	oaba@peak.org Aneesah Furqan, Secretary 503/463-0327 aneesahfurqan@msn.com
Oct 4-5	NORTH COAST SEAFOOD FESTIVAL. Tillamook, Oregon.	503/398-5223
Oct 5	PORTUGAL REPUBLIC DAY. Holiday celebrating the establishment of the Republic of Portugal in 1910.	

Oct 5	GLENEDEN BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB BREAKFAST. 8:00-11:00am at 110 Azalea St. Gleneden Beach, Oregon. Admission: Adults \$5.00, children 4-10, \$2.50, under 4, free. Menu: ham or sausage, eggs, orange juice and all the pancakes one can eat served with coffee, tea or milk. The breakfast will be run by volunteers.	Nellie 541/764-2994 nelliejaujou@centurytel.net
Oct 6	FANNIE LOU HAMER (1917-1977). This African American civil rights leader became one of the most courageous and inspiring leaders of the civil rights movement. She spent her early life in conditions shaped by desperate poverty and the harshest forms of racial discrimination. In 1962 she became involved in the civil rights movement as one of the first African Americans to register to vote and then as an organizer. Frequently arrested and beaten, she continued her work and inspired followers with her courage, her faith, and her persistence. She was a major force in the successful effort to integrate the Democratic Party in Mississippi. She also helped to establish agricultural cooperatives, build low-income housing, and bring industry to poor rural areas.	
Oct 6	NAACP SALEM-KEIZER CHAPTER – EXECUTIVE MEETING. Executive Board Meetings are the 1 st Monday of the month from 6:30-8:00pm at Chemeketa Community College, Multi-cultural Section, 4000 Lancaster Dr. NE, Salem, Oregon. Salem/Keizer NAACP Youth Group Meetings are held every Wednesday from 6:30-8:00pm at Mano A Mano Family Center, Rm 160, Salem, Oregon. Leaders – Christian Epps & Rashad Furqan; 503/363-3909.	Sheryl A. Dash, President SherylDash6@msn.com 503/566-8876
Oct 9	HANGUL DAY IN KOREA. This commemorates the creation of the alphabet of 29 phonetic symbols called hangul by King Sejong between 1443 and 1446. Korean is one of the Ural-Altai family of languages.	
Oct 9	YOM KIPPUR: THE DAY OF ATONEMENT. The Ten Days of Awe which begin at Rosh Hashana have their climax in Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. This is the tenth day of Tishri, or the seventh month, according to the Hebrew calendar, corresponding to late September or early October on the Roman calendar. The word kippur, atonement, comes from the root kaphar, which literally means to cover, or to cancel. You might think of the words "Paid in Full" stamped across a bill, covering the amount of debt. Sin must be atoned for, that is "covered" or stamped out.	
Oct 9	HISPANIC INTERAGENCY NETWORKING TEAM (HINT) MONTHLY MEETING. The Clackamas County Hispanic Interagency Networking Team meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at the Willamette Falls Medical Center, 1500 Division Street, Oregon City, Oregon.	Diane Schwartz 503/655-2518 diane.schwartz@lasoregon.org ChiEn Montero 503/263-4944 hintmontero@hotmail.com
Oct 9	NAACP CORVALLIS-ALBANY BRANCH MEETING. Meetings are generally held the second Thursday of each month. 7-9pm. Westminster House, 101 NW 23rd Street, Corvallis, Oregon.	Zel Brook, President art@zelbrook.com 541/829-3023
Oct 10	ELIJAH MUHAMMAD (BORN ELIJAH POOLE) (1897-1975). Elijah Muhammad was the leader of the Nation of Islam (Black Muslims) in the United States from 1934 until his death. His advocacy of hard work, a puritanical moral code, and pride and solidarity among Black people attracted a large following for his movement.	
Oct 10	DOUBLE TENTH DAY (SHUANG-SHIH). This national holiday in the Republic of China commemorates the outbreak on October 10, 1911, of the revolution led by Sun Yat-sen against the Ch'ing Dynasty (Manchu), which led to the founding of the Republic of China on January 1, 1912.	
Oct 10	OAME ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL (AEPT) & CONTRACTORS' COMMITTEE MEETING. 7:30-8:00am. All minority construction businesses are welcome to participate. You will have a chance to find out current bid opportunities as well as networking with other business.	Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs (OAME) 503/249-7744 www.oame.org
Oct 10-13	HAWAII INTERNATIONAL MINI-GATHERING & FILM FESTIVAL. Korean Adoptees of Hawaii (KAHI) will host a gathering for Asian adult adoptees. Asian adoptee filmmakers are also invited to submit their adoption-themed films for consideration for the first-ever Asian Adoptee Film Festival, to be held at Doris Duke Theatre, in conjunction with the Gathering. All Asian adoptees, age 18+, as well as their significant others and children, are invited to join us in Honolulu for four days of fun and friendship, films and food, local culture and sightseeing, and of course, sand, surf and sun! Registration: \$90, \$125 (late registration 8/11-10/1).	
Oct 11-12	FALL KITE FESTIVAL. Lincoln City, Oregon.	800/452-2151

Oct 11-12 & 19-20	4TH ANNUAL PUMPKIN FESTIVAL. Oregon Hill, 32861 Pittsburg Road, St. Helens, Oregon. Saturdays from 10:00am–6:00pm; Sundays from noon – 5:00pm. Pick your own locally grown pumpkins & gourds from the pumpkin patch. Free admission, free hay rides, children’s games and activities. Pony Rides, Face Painting, Petting Zoo, Photo Spots, play area & more! Join the fun rain or shine! Local Arts, Crafts, Gifts, Music, Food, Refreshments. All charitable parking donations benefit the Amani Center (Columbia County’s Child Abuse Assessment & Treatment Program) Giving the child a voice. Fun for All Ages!	www.oregonhill.com 503/397-2791
Oct 12	NATIONAL DAY IN SPAIN. This holiday commemorates the discovery of the New World by Christopher Columbus and Spain’s gaining of a colonial empire.	
Oct 14-20	SUKKOT: FESTIVAL OF HUTS. Celebrated on the fifteenth through the 22nd days of the seventh month (i.e., Tishri), it is also called the "Feast of Tabernacles," or the "Feast of Booths." "Booth" and "Tabernacle" are attempts to translate the Hebrew word sukkah (plural Succoth) which means a makeshift shelter, or a hut.	
Oct 14	SALEM HUMAN RIGHTS AND RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING. The Commission is appointed by the Mayor of Salem to advise the City Council on Human Rights issues and to hear complaints of discrimination in housing, employment and public accommodation. The public is welcome. The Commission meets the second Tuesday of the month at Salem City Hall, 555 Liberty Street SE, Room 305, Salem, Oregon.	Marilyn Johnston 503/588-6261 www.cityofsalem.net./departments/hrrac
Oct 15	NATIONAL LATINO HIV AWARENESS DAY. The observance marks an opportunity to spread awareness of the devastating and disproportionate effects AIDS is having in the Latino community. NLAAD is sponsored by the Latino Commission on AIDS and the Hispanic Federation in partnership with a variety of local faith and community groups.	www.nlaad.org
Oct 15	DISABILITY MENTORING DAY: CAREER DEVELOPMENT FOR THE 21ST CENTURY. Disability Mentoring Day promotes career development for students and job-seekers with disabilities through job shadowing and hands-on career exploration. Disability Mentoring Day is officially commemorated on the third Wednesday of every October, but it is then implemented in locations around the country and internationally throughout the year. It is designed to benefit from local creativity, with each community planning activities to best suit the interests and abilities of its students, job-seekers and local employers.	http://www.dmd-aapd.org/docs/factsheet.php
Oct 15	PHILIPPINE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF OREGON MONTHLY MEETINGS. The monthly networking meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Holladay Park Plaza Penthouse, 1300 NE 16th Avenue, Portland, Oregon from 6:00-8:00pm. Complimentary food and refreshments are provided. Everyone is welcome.	www.pacco.org
Oct 16	OREGON STATE HISPANIC EMPLOYEES NETWORK (OSHEN) MONTHLY MEETING. Meets on the third Thursday of each month from 1:00-3:00pm at the DAS Executive Building, Conference Room B, 155 Cottage Street, NE, Salem, Oregon.	Lily Cáceres 503/373-7241 lily.caceres@state.or.us
Oct 16	MID-COLUMBIA LATINO PROVIDERS NETWORK MONTHLY MEETING. This is a network of providers located in Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam and two Washington Counties. Meets the third Thursday of each month at noon. Meeting location alternates between Hood River and Wasco County, so please check.	Angeles Ramirez Families First 541/296-8118 angelesr02@hotmail.com
Oct 16	SALEM-KEIZER INDIAN EDUCATION PARENT BOARD MEETING. Usually meets the third Thursday of each month from 5:30-7pm. Student Services Building, Rooms 1&2, 2575 Commercial SE, Salem.	Salem-Keizer School District Indian Education Program 503/399-3353
Oct 16	HISPANIC METROPOLITAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: LATINO LEADERSHIP RECEPTION. 5:30-7:00pm at Andina Restaurant, 1314 NW Glisan, Portland, Oregon. Cost: Free	MaryAnn Potter 503/222-0280 hmcc@qwest.net www.hmccoregon.com
Oct 16	HISPANIC METROPOLITAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WORKSHOP. Topic: to be determined – please check website. 6:00-7:00pm at the Hispanic Chamber Training Room, Portland, Oregon. Cost: Free	MaryAnn Potter 503/222-0280 hmcc@qwest.net www.hmccoregon.com
Oct 16	THE SCANDINAVIAN CLUB. Meets the third Thursday of the month at Norse Hall, 111 NE 11 th , Portland. General meeting is 7-9pm.	Cathy Bjork 503/358-5883

Oct 17	HISPANIC HUMAN SERVICES COUNCIL MEETING. Open to any agency or community group that works with or provides service to the Hispanic community in Marion, Polk, and Yamhill counties. Networking session and quarterly guest presentations precede Council meetings. Meeting are held the third Friday of every month at Catholic Community Services, 3737 Portland Rd. NE, Salem. Location may change due to special events.	Araceli Avilla 503/856-7077
Oct 17	HISPANIC SERVICES ROUNDTABLE. The Hispanic Services Roundtable is a community-based organization dedicated to heightening the awareness of services available to the Hispanic communities of Washington, Multnomah, and Clackamas Counties in Oregon. Identifying gaps in service provision and developing creative solutions to fill those gaps. Fostering cross-cultural education and sensitivity; involving political public and private leadership in addressing the lack of services available to Hispanic community members. Providing education and support toward creating a healthful life for the Hispanic community of Oregon and Washington. Meetings are held at the American Red Cross Building, 3131 N. Vancouver Ave. Portland, Oregon. They are usually scheduled for the third Friday of the month, with a few exceptions. 1-3pm.	Lily Cáceres 503/981-2556 lily.caceres@state.or.us
Oct 17	HEALTH DISPARITIES CONFERENCE. 11:00am-2:00pm at the Ambridge Event Center (formerly Portland Convention Center) in Northeast Portland.	503/413-1850 www.aahc-portland.org
Oct 17	PORTLAND CEILÍ SOCIETY IRISH CEILÍ DANCE. Lesson 8pm, dance 9pm-12:30am. PPAA Hall, 618 SE Alder St, Portland, Oregon. Everyone can try a jig or reel at this beginner-friendly dance. All steps taught and called. Beginners welcome. No partner required. Ages 13 and older. \$10 general, \$8 members, students, seniors. Music by: Eliot Grasso.	Maldon Meehan 503-206-9311 www.portlandceilisociety.org
Oct 17	3RD NW ECO/COMMUNITY PSYCHOLOGY CONFERENCE. Portland Community College, Sylvania Campus, Portland, Oregon. A Regional Meeting sponsored by Portland State University, University of Washington, Bothell & The Society for Community Research and Action (SCRA). This conference will provide a forum for the diverse and interdisciplinary work of students, teachers, scholars, and practitioners engaged in community research and action throughout the northwest region. The goal for the meeting is to support the development and sharing of community-based work in all stages of development, including work in progress and completed projects. This year's theme is Theory into Practice, emphasizing the necessary cycle between theory, research, and application. Cost: students: \$20/faculty: \$30/ other (e.g., community members, practitioners): \$30 by 8/15; students: \$25/faculty: \$35/other: \$35 by 9/12; students: \$35/faculty: \$45/other: \$45 on-site registration.	http://www.pdx.edu/events/19917/
Oct 18	12TH ANNUAL AFRICAN AMERICAN WELLNESS VILLAGE. 9:00am-4:00pm at Blazers Boys & Girls Club, 5250 NE MLK Jr. Blvd., Portland, Oregon. The Wellness Village unites community members, health care providers, social service agencies, sponsors and volunteers for a day of free wellness screenings, health exhibits, and fun activities.	503/413-1850 www.aahc-portland.org
Oct 18	2008 HERE + NOW – BENEFIT EVENT. 5:30-midnight at SEI, 3920 N. Kerby Avenue, Portland, Oregon. This is Self Enhancement, Inc.'s annual cocktail benefit. Help shape Portland's future at Here+Now, Self Enhancement, Inc.'s (SEI) latest blueprint for change. Designed by Portland's young hip set; inspired by Portland's next generation. Portland has perspective + style. Portland has heart + soul. This is why you live here; now find out why you give. Discover, create, motivate. Youth Potential Realized. Cost: \$50 advance (\$75 at the door); \$400 for a table of 10. Sponsored by: Self Enhancement, Inc.	Sharon Brabenac sharonb@selfenhancement.org 503/249-1721 x264
Oct 18	DASHAIN PARTY 2008. 6:30-11:00pm at Multnomah Arts Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy, Portland, Oregon.	www.nepaloregon.org
Oct 20	NAACP SALEM-KEIZER CHAPTER – GENERAL MEETING. Held the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30pm at Chemeketa Community College, Multi-cultural Section, 4000 Lancaster Dr. NE, Salem, Oregon. Salem/Keizer NAACP Youth Group Meetings. Meets every Wednesday from 6:30-8:00pm at Mano A Mano Family Center, Rm 160, Salem, Oregon. Leaders – Christian Epps & Rashad Furqan; 503/363-3909.	Sheryl A. Dash, President SherylDash6@msn.com 503/566-8876

Oct 22	EQUAL ACCESS FOR GIRLS COALITION MEETING. Generally held on the fourth Wednesday of each month from noon-2pm (please call to verify). A coalition of organizations and individuals committed to the equal access for girls and young women to all the appropriate gender-specific services and supports they need to develop their full potential. Rosemont Treatment Center & School, 9911 SE Mount Scott Boulevard, Portland.	Pam Patton 503/233-4356
Oct 22	BILLI ODEGAARD PUBLIC HEALTH GENIUS AWARDS LUNCHEON. Sponsored by: Community Health Partnership.	503/227-5502 ebony@communityhealthpartnership.org www.communityhealthpartnership.org
Oct 22	BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES: OREGON'S AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY. Topic: Portland Black History. 12:00-1:00pm at Black United Fund of Oregon, Conference Room, 2828 NE Alberta Street, Portland, Oregon. Spend time feeding your brain and your body. Bring your lunch and learn about how African Americans have impacted the state of Oregon.	RSVP/INFO www.bufor.org Selena sbryant@bufor.org 503/282-7973
Oct 24-26	ASTORIA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL. Astoria, Oregon.	503/484-5122
Oct 25	NAACP PORTLAND CHAPTER MEETING. Meetings held at PCC Cascade, Terrell Hall, Room 112, 705 N. Killingsworth St., Portland, Oregon from 10:30 am - 12:00 pm. Meetings are held the 4 th Saturday of each month. "Educate. Empower. Engage."	Charlene McGee, President charlene.mcgee@pdxnaacp.org www.pdxnaacp.org
Oct 25	OREGON ASSOCIATION FOR LIBERIA (OAL). Meets the last Saturday of each month from 5:30-7:30pm at the Mt. Tabor Community Church Fellowship Hall, 7412 N. Mississippi Ave, Portland, Oregon. OAL mission: To serve Liberian Community in Oregon and Southwest Washington maintain better life.	Ms. Bendu Roberts
Oct 25	ASOCIACION PERUANA DE OREGON – PERUVIAN ASSOCIATION OF OREGON. 6:30-8:30pm. Meetings are held once a month, usually on the last Saturday of each month. Call for location information. This non-for-profit corporation's primary purpose shall be to unify and integrate Peruvians and their next-of-kin, who reside in Oregon; and thus to attempt to promote the civic, cultural, educational, professional and social advancement of its members.	Lily Cáceres 503/620-2366
Oct 25	NIGERIAN COMMUNITY IN OREGON & SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON (NCOSWA). Meets the last Saturday of each month from 6-8pm. Usually meets at the State Farm Insurance Bldg, 6527 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Suite C, Portland, Oregon. NCOSWA works to build bridges with other Nigerians, Nigerian and African Organizations, and the community.	Efosa Odighizuwa, President 503/731-4646 x2318 efosa1@aol.com www.geocities.com/ncoswa
Oct 28	DIWALI. This Hindu festival is recognized as one of the most important festivals of the year. This five day event combines a number of festivals to celebrate different gods and goddesses and events in their lives as described in Hindu tradition. The day before Diwali is spent cleaning house, shopping, and decorating with flowers. As design is painted in white in front of the door of the house to bring good luck.	
Oct 28	HISPANIC METROPOLITAN CHAMBER OF MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON. 11:30am-1:30pm at the Benson Hotel, downtown Portland, Oregon. Keynote Speaker: David Bragdon, Metro Council President Warm Up Speaker: Diane Childs - Identity Theft Program Coordinator Cost: \$25 Members / \$30 Non-Members. Sponsor: Port of Portland.	MaryAnn Potter 503/222-0280 hmcc@qwest.net www.hmccoregon.com
Oct 31	REFORMATION DAY. This day commemorates the Protestant Reformation, the movement that led to the establishment of the Protestant denominations of Christianity. Reformation Day is the anniversary of the act that began the movement in 1517- Martin Luther's nailing of the manuscript of his 95 theses to the door of the palace church in Wittenberg, Germany. These statements denounced a number of practices than common in the Roman Catholic Church, including the selling of "indulgences," or documents granting the forgiveness of sins. This is a public holiday in Protestant parts of Germany.	
Oct 31	OAME COFFEE AND ISSUES FORUM. 7:00 - 8:30am. "Coffee and Issues" Forums are held to maintain communications between ethnic minority owned businesses in Oregon and the general business community. "Coffee and Issues" Forums are usually held at 7:00 am on the last Friday of the month and attended by approximately 90-140 businesses.	Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs (OAME) 503/249-7744 www.oame.org

Oct 31	<p>HISPANIC METROPOLITAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON. 11:30am-1:30pm at the Benson Hotel, Portland, Oregon. Warm Up: Former Governor John Kitzhaber. Keynote Speaker: Chief Rosie Sizer, Portland Police Bureau. Cost: \$18.00/members, \$20.00/non-members.</p>	<p>MaryAnn Potter 503/222-0280 hmcc@qwest.net www.hmccoregon.com/events/events.htm</p>
Oct 31	<p>UNDER PRESSURE: WOMEN, OPPRESSION, AND LEADERSHIP. Portland State Smith Memorial Student Union, Portland, Oregon. This conference will consist of both workshops and roundtable discussions designed to illuminate how gender oppression cannot be addressed without understanding oppression based on race, class, ethnicity, and sexuality. Workshops will examine how oppressions intersect to further marginalize and disenfranchise women, and address how marginalization hinders women from achieving their full potential. The conference will also provide a forum to build coalitions between campus groups working for social justice. Students, staff, and community members of all genders are invited to participate in the conference. Registration opens August 11. The Feminisms Conference is a student-led conference designed to bring together people from Portland State University and the greater Portland community in an effort to explore the many forms of feminism in relationship to current events and concerns. Sponsored by: PSU Women's Resource Center.</p>	<p>503/725-5672 www.wrc.px.edu</p>

NOVEMBER

National American Indian Heritage Month

The term “American Indian” incorporates hundreds of different tribes and approximately 250 languages. Starting in 1976 as Native American Indian Week, the period was expanded by Congress and approved by President Bush in August 1990 by designating the month of November as National American Indian Heritage Month. In his proclamation for 1996, President Clinton noted, “Throughout our history, American Indian and Alaska Native peoples have been an integral part of the American character. Against all odds, America’s first people have endured, and they remain a vital cultural, political, social, and moral presence.” For more information, contact the Bureau of Indian Affairs at 202/219-4150.

Date	Event	Contact Information
Nov 1	ALL SAINTS DAY. This Christian holiday celebrates the memory of all the early martyrs and saints.	
Nov 1	“DIA DE LOS MUERTOS” as we know it, began thousands of years ago in a valley of Southern México where the Mayas, Zapotecas, Mixtecas and Aztecas honored their dead with elaborate ceremonies, dances, and rituals. In the 16th century when Cortez conquered México and Catholicism was introduced, the religious All Saints Day and All Souls Day coincided with the indigenous celebrations it provided us with altars, food, art, candles, flowers and photographs of the deceased alongside those of saints. On November 1, the dead children come back to visit their homes, and on November 2, the souls of deceased adults return. Families shoot off strips of firecrackers to help the children find their way home. In some villages, shining yellow petals of marigolds, the flower of the dead from pre-Hispanic times, mark a bright path from the graveyard.	
Nov 1	OREGON ASSEMBLY FOR BLACK AFFAIRS BOARD MEETING. The Board meets the first Saturday of each month from 10:00-noon at the Salem WMCA, 685 Court Street NE, Salem, Oregon. Its mission is to improve the political, educational, social-health, legal, and economic status of Blacks in Oregon. OABA Quarterly membership meetings are held in March, June, September, and December.	oaba@peak.org Aneesah Furqan, Secretary 503/463-0327 aneesahfurqan@msn.com
Nov 2	ALL SOULS DAY (DAY OF THE DEAD). This Christian holiday remembers those who have died.	
Nov 2	GLENEDEN BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB BREAKFAST. 8:00-11:00am at 110 Azalea St. Gleneden Beach, Oregon. Admission: Adults \$5.00, children 4-10, \$2.50, under 4, free. Menu: ham or sausage, eggs, orange juice and all the pancakes one can eat served with coffee, tea or milk. The breakfast will be run by volunteers.	Nellie 541/764-2994 nelliejaujou@centurytel.net
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Nov 4	CULTURE DAY (BUNKA NO HI) IN JAPAN. This public holiday was established in 1948 to promote the appreciation of peace and culture. The emperor awards Cultural Orders of Merit to those who have made major contributions to Japanese culture.	
Nov 4	ELECTION DAY.	
Nov 6	OYSTER CLOYSTER FESTIVAL. Newport Aquarium, Newport, Oregon.	A.T. Ronan at 541/574-7131
Nov 6	AMICI D’ITALIA MONTHLY MEETING. Usually meets the first Thursday of the month. 7:30pm. St. Michael’s Church, Portland, Oregon.	Remo Minato 503/665-4723 remom@earthlink.net
Nov 7	FIRST FRIDAY CEILI DANCE. 7-11pm, Winona Grange 8340 SW Seneca Street, Tualatin, Oregon. Live music with various musicians. All ages, \$10 family max \$40. Website: http://mysite.verizon.net/res0i3uk/samkeator/	Sam Keator 503/691-2078 sam.keator@verizon.net
Nov 7-9	WORDSTOCK FESTIVAL 2008. Oregon Convention Center, Portland, Oregon.	www.wordstockfestival.com

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Nov 11	VETERANS DAY. This day of observance commemorates the signing of the armistice that ended World War I in 1918. This day honors those that died in the war and serve as a day of reflection and rededication to world peace. Veteran's Day is also observed in Belgium and France.	
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Nov 12-16	INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK. Is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. This joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education is part of efforts to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn, and exchange experiences in the United States. Participation of all individuals and institutions interested in international education and exchange activities including schools, colleges, universities, business associations, and community organizations are highly encouraged. Info: http://iew.state.gov/ .	
Nov 13-15	IFCC: GRUB. Thursday through Saturday, 7:00pm and 9:00pm at Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate Avenue, Portland, Oregon. General Admission \$15. A collaborative, multimedia dance performance, Grub explores the complexities, oddities, and layers of group dynamics, human relationships, and the relationship to self. In a world where human contact is no longer a necessity for survival, disconnection and isolation thrive, causing individual existence to drift and obscure from reality and manufactured experiences become dominant.	www.ifccarts.org
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Nov 14	DUTCH AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY. On Nov 14, 1991, President Bush signed a proclamation establishing this day to recognize the contributions made by people of Dutch ancestry to the United States. The Dutch settled in North America in the 1600's, creating in 1625 the colony of New Amsterdam in what is now Manhattan.	
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Nov 14- Dec 6	THEATRE: MRS. BOB CRATCHIT'S WILD CHRISTMAS BINGE. Pentacle Theatre, Salem, Oregon.	www.pentacletheatre.org 503/485-4300
Nov 15	SEVEN, FIVE, THREE (SHICHI-GO-SAN) FESTIVAL IN JAPAN. This day is celebrated by children who are seven, five and three years old. The children are given bags of "thousand-year" candy to ensure a long, happy and healthy life.	
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Nov 17-18	2008 GOVERNOR'S SUMMIT ON ELIMINATING DISPROPORTIONATE MINORITY CONTACT. Red Lion Hotel Jantzen Beach, Portland, Oregon. This year's theme: "Building Momentum for the Next Decade, Strengthening Collaborations, & Affirming Milestones". Will identify issues facing minority youth, and identify achievement stories that have proven successful. This year we are collaborating with the Coalition for Juvenile Justice, from Washington, D.C., and Multnomah Counties Local Public Safety Coordinating Council.	Dianna Brainard Office of Minority Service Oregon Youth Authority 503/378-4667 dianna.brainard@oya.state.or.us
Nov 19	BIRTHDAY OF GURU NANAK JI (1469-1539). Nanak was the founder of Sikhism, which comes from the Hindi word <i>shik</i> , meaning "disciple".	
Nov 19	DISCOVERY DAY – Puerto Rico, 1493. Christopher Columbus named this island Borinquen when he "discovered" it on his second voyage to the new world.	
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Nov 21-23	IFCC: COBALT GLANCE – A DANCE THEATRE PIECE. Friday and Saturday, 8pm and Sunday at 2pm. \$15 general and \$10 Deaf, youth, disabled, seniors. Location: Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate Avenue, Portland, Oregon. Impetus Arts presents Cobalt Glance, a suite of dances exploring aspects of experiencing cobalt: mood, elements, pigment, and kobolds (mischievous imps). We include artists in our events not in spite of their disabilities, race, culture, gender or other identity, but because their perspective will add to the power of our work. Cobalt Glance uses the singular rich hue as a jumping off point for a riveting multi-media performance featuring artists from 4 different cities.	www.ifccarts.org 503/205-0715
Nov 22	NAACP PORTLAND CHAPTER MEETING. Meetings held at PCC Cascade, Terrell Hall, Room 112, 705 N. Killingsworth St., Portland, Oregon from 10:30 am - 12:00 pm. Meetings are held the 4 th Saturday of each month. “Educate. Empower. Engage.”	Charlene McGee, President charlene.mcgee@pdxnaacp.org www.pdxnaacp.org
Nov 23	LABOUR THANKSGIVING DAY (KINRO KANSHA NO HI). A nat’l holiday for honoring labor in Japan.	
Nov 23	BIRTHDAY OF CARLOS BULOSAN (1913-1956). Arriving in the United States from the Philippines at the age of 17, Bulosan worked as a migrant agricultural laborer and eventually became involved in efforts to organize packing-house and cannery workers. With the coming of World War II and the involvement of the United States in combat in the Philippines, Bulosan rose to literary prominence, publishing poetry and essays in magazines and volumes of poetry and autobiographies. His most famous work, his memoir <i>American is in the Heart</i> , speaks eloquently of the economic exploitation and ethnic discrimination suffered by poor Filipinos in his adopted country.	
Nov 26	BIRTHDAY OF SOJOURNER TRUTH (1797-1883). Born a slave, Isabella Baumfree fled her slave master in 1826 and became free in 1828 under the New York state Anti-Slavery Act. In 1843 Isabella experienced what she regarded as a command from God to preach. She changed her name to Sojourner Truth and became a traveling speaker and an eloquent advocate of the abolition of slavery and the granting of civil rights to women. Sojourner visited President Abraham Lincoln in the White House in 1864. After the Civil War, she settled in Washington, D.C., and worked to help impoverished former slaves.	
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Nov 27	THANKSGIVING. This legal holiday in all territories of the United States is a time for giving thanks for the harvest and for the blessings the year has brought. Although the celebration at Plymouth in 1621 is considered the first American thanksgiving observance, the idea was not a new one; harvest festivals and days of thanksgiving had long been observed in many cultures. The first nationwide observance occurred in 1863, when Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation designating the fourth Thursday in November as a day of national thanksgiving. In 1941 Congress made Thanksgiving Day a federal holiday.	
Nov 28- Dec 30	THE GROTTO’S CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS. Portland, Oregon. Light displays, choral concerts and more.	503/261-2400
Nov 29	OREGON ASSOCIATION FOR LIBERIA (OAL). Meets the last Saturday of each month from 5:30-7:30pm at the Mt. Tabor Community Church Fellowship Hall, 7412 N. Mississippi Ave, Portland, Oregon. OAL mission: To serve Liberian Community in Oregon and Southwest Washington maintain better life.	Ms. Bendu Roberts
Nov 29	ASOCIACION PERUANA DE OREGON – PERUVIAN ASSOCIATION OF OREGON. 6:30-8:30pm. Meetings are held once a month, usually on the last Saturday of each month. Call for location information. This non-for-profit corporation’s primary purpose shall be to unify and integrate Peruvians and their next-of-kin, who reside in Oregon; and thus to attempt to promote the civic, cultural, educational, professional and social advancement of its members.	Lily Cáceres 503/620-2366
Nov 29	NIGERIAN COMMUNITY IN OREGON & SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON (NCOSWA). Meets the last Saturday of each month from 6-8pm. Usually meets at the State Farm Insurance Bldg, 6527 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Suite C, Portland, Oregon. NCOSWA works to build bridges with other Nigerians, Nigerian and African Organizations, and the community.	Efosa Odighizuwa, President 503/731-4646 x2318 efosa1@aol.com www.geocities.com/ncoswa
Nov 30	BONIFACIO’S DAY. This holiday commemorates the birth in 1863 of Andres Bonifacio, leader of the Philippines revolt against Spain in 1896.	
Nov 30	ADVENT, meaning “arrival,” begins the Christmas season and includes four Sundays before Christmas.	

DECEMBER

Date	Event	Contact Information
Dec 1	ROSA PARK'S DAY. On this day in 1955, Rosa Parks, a Montgomery, Alabama, seamstress and member of the local chapter of the NAACP, refused to surrender her seat to a white man, defying the established practice of racial segregation in public transportation. After her arrest, African Americans in the city organized to boycott the buses, causing the bus company's profits to drop by 65 percent. The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. first came to national prominence as a leader of the boycott. After a Supreme Court decision in November 1956, the boycott was ended and integrated service began.	
Dec 1	IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT OF 1965. This law revised the immigration system that had been in effect since 1924. The former system set specific ceilings on the number of immigrants who could enter the United States from a particular country.	
Dec 1	WORLD AIDS DAY. Also known as United Nations World AIDS Day. This day has been declared by the World Health Organization as a time to increase education and awareness of AIDS. Please check with your local health department of special events. For more information, please visit: www.worldaidsday.org .	
Dec 1	LIGHTED BOAT PARADE. 5:00-6:30pm at Yaquina Bay, Newport, Oregon. Come and enjoy the holiday season and view the wonderful lighted boat parade in the Bay. Many area fisherman deck their boats with holiday lights and decorations for fun evening to kick off the holiday season.	800/903-2628
Dec 1	NAACP SALEM-KEIZER CHAPTER – EXECUTIVE MEETING. Executive Board Meetings are the 1 st Monday of the month from 6:30-8:00pm at Chemeketa Community College, Multi-cultural Section, 4000 Lancaster Dr. NE, Salem, Oregon. Salem/Keizer NAACP Youth Group Meetings are held every Wednesday from 6:30-8:00pm at Mano A Mano Family Center, Rm 160, Salem, Oregon. Leaders – Christian Epps & Rashad Furqan; 503/363-3909.	Sheryl A. Dash, President SherylDash6@msn.com 503/566-8876
Dec 3	ASIAN AMERICAN BUSINESS ALLIANCE NETWORKING. 5:30-7:00pm. Location: TBD – check website. Cost: \$25 per person (check or cash only) payable at the door.	INFO/RSVP: reservation@aabaportland.org www.aabaportland.org
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Dec 5	KING'S BIRTHDAY. This national holiday is celebrated in Thailand to celebrate the birthday of King Bhumibol Adulyadej.	
Dec 5	HISPANIC METROPOLITAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: HOLIDAY SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING. 6:00-10:00pm at the Oregon Convention Center, Portland, Oregon. Music by: Cana Sol. Cost: \$100 Members / \$110 Non-Members.	MaryAnn Potter 503/222-0280 hmcc@qwest.net www.hmccoregon.com
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Dec 5-6	PEKING ACROBATS. Chinook Winds Casino, Oregon. Show times: 3pm and 8pm. The internationally reknown troupe returns to the beach for three breath taking shows. Admission \$10 - \$20.	www.chinookwindscasino.com
Dec 6	OREGON ASSEMBLY FOR BLACK AFFAIRS BOARD MEETING. The Board meets the first Saturday of each month from 10:00-noon at the Salem WMCA, 685 Court Street NE, Salem, Oregon. Its mission is to improve the political, educational, social-health, legal, and economic status of Blacks in Oregon. OABA Quarterly membership meetings are held in March, June, September, and December.	oaba@peak.org Aneesah Furqan, Secretary 503/463-0327 aneesahfurqan@msn.com
Dec 7	GLENEDEN BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB BREAKFAST. 8:00-11:00am at 110 Azalea St. Gleneden Beach, Oregon. Admission: Adults \$5.00, children 4-10, \$2.50, under 4, free. Menu: ham or sausage, eggs, orange juice and all the pancakes one can eat served with coffee, tea or milk. The breakfast will be run by volunteers.	Nellie 541/764-2994 nelliejaujou@centurytel.net

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Dec 13-14	CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL. Silver Falls State Park, Silverton, Oregon. 11am-4pm. \$3 per car. Engage in various Christmastime crafts--make a wreath, gingerbread house, cards and ornaments. Learn how the park changes during the winter. Enjoy storytelling for kids and music from the RoundHouse band. Special appearances by JR Beaver and Santa.	503/873-8681 x21
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Dec 16	VICTORY DAY IN BANGLADESH. This marks the day in 1971 that Bangladesh won independence from Pakistan.	
Dec 16-24	LAS POSADAS. Spanish for “the inn”, Las Posadas is a traditional Mexican festival which re-enacts Joseph’s search for room at the inn. Each Christmas season, a processional carrying a doll representing the Christ Child and images of Joseph and Mary riding a burro walks through the community streets. The processional stops at a previously selected home and asks for lodging for the night. The people are invited in to read scriptures and sing Christmas carols called “villancicos.” Refreshments are provided by the hosts.	
Dec 17	REPEAL OF THE CHINESE EXCLUSION ACT. On December 17, 1943, the Chinese Exclusion Act was repealed, allowing persons of Chinese descent to enter the United States and also become naturalized citizens. Immigrants from Asia have had a long history of discrimination in the United States, since the first Chinese came to the United States in the early 1800s and throughout the California Gold Rush in the 1840s and 1850s. After the Gold Rush, Chinese immigrants filled the need for labor in western railroad and industrial development projects. However, widespread resentment grew towards the Chinese as the numbers steadily rose and as the country entered a period of economic depression. In 1882, Congress passed the Chinese Exclusion Act, which suspended further immigration of laborers from China and also stated that Chinese were not able to become naturalized U.S. citizens. This was only the first of several laws excluding immigration from China and eventually, all Asian countries.	

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Dec 22-29	HANUKKAH. This holiday commemorates the victory of the Jewish people, led by the Maccabee family, over the Syrian Greeks in 165 B.C.E. This victory marked the end of a three-year period of religious persecution, restored Jewish independence, and ensured the survival of monotheism. According to legend, when the Jews returned to cleanse their temple, which had been defiled by pagan worship, they discovered only enough consecrated oil to keep the holy lamp burning for one day. However, the oil miraculously lasted eight days, the time needed to secure a new supply. Hanukkah is celebrated by lighting a candle on each of the eight days of celebration. On the first night, one candle is lit in a branched candlestick called the Menorah, and an additional candle is lit each night until the eighth night. This ceremony has given the holiday the additional name of "Festival of Lights." Hanukkah is joyfully celebrated. Special Hebrew hymns, including "Rock of Ages," are sung, family members exchange gifts, and children play with a dreidel, a four-sided top inscribed with the Hebrew letters for "a great miracle happened there." Potato pancakes (latkes) are a traditional food treat, with the oil used for cooking recalling the oil in the sacred lamp.	
Dec 23	EMPEROR'S BIRTHDAY IN JAPAN. This is the day of national festivities to honor the birthday of the current emperor. The emperor gives speeches throughout the day, and houses and buildings are decorated with the national flag.	
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Dec 25	CHRISTMAS. Followers of all Christian faiths observe Christmas to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Christmas is a family-oriented holiday with special foods, colorful decorations, and exchange of gifts. Families have their own traditions, especially concerning when gifts are exchanged and what foods are served.	
Dec 26	BOXING DAY. Observed in many of the territories that belonged to the old British Empire, this is the day to throw away the boxes in which one received Christmas gifts. It was the day when a box was passed for small holiday donations to be given to trades people.	
Dec 26	DAY OF GOODWILL. Observed in South Africa.	
Dec 26	OAME COFFEE AND ISSUES FORUM. 4:00pm. "Coffee and Issues" Forums are held to maintain communications between ethnic minority owned businesses in Oregon and the general business community. "Coffee and Issues" Forums are usually held at 7:00 am on the last Friday of the month and attended by approximately 90-140 businesses.	Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs (OAME) 503/249-7744 www.oame.org
Dec 26- Jan 1	KWANZAA. Celebrated from Dec 26-Jan 1, Kwanzaa began in the U.S. in 1966 and is patterned after an East African harvest festival. Symbols of Kwanzaa are set upon a low table laden with tropical fruits and vegetables. Kwanzaa colors are traditionally red, black and green. The Kwanzaa observance includes storytelling about the seven principles of Kwanzaa: Umoja (unity), Kujichagulia (self-determination), Ujima (collective work and responsibility), Ujamaa (cooperative economics), Nia (purpose), Kuumba (creativity) and Imani (faith).	
Dec 27	NAACP PORTLAND CHAPTER MEETING. Meetings held at PCC Cascade, Terrell Hall, Room 112, 705 N. Killingsworth St., Portland, Oregon from 10:30 am - 12:00 pm. Meetings are held the 4 th Saturday of each month. "Educate. Empower. Engage."	Charlene McGee, President charlene.mcgee@pdxnaacp.org www.pdxnaacp.org
Dec 27	ASOCIACION PERUANA DE OREGON – PERUVIAN ASSOCIATION OF OREGON. 6:30-8:30pm. Meetings are held once a month, usually on the last Saturday of each month. Call for location information. This non-for-profit corporation's primary purpose shall be to unify and integrate Peruvians and their next-of-kin, who reside in Oregon; and thus to attempt to promote the civic, cultural, educational, professional and social advancement of its members.	Lily Cáceres 503/620-2366
Dec 27	NIGERIAN COMMUNITY IN OREGON & SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON (NCOSWA). Meets the last Saturday of each month from 6-8pm. Usually meets at the State Farm Insurance Bldg, 6527 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Suite C, Portland, Oregon. NCOSWA works to build bridges with other Nigerians, Nigerian and African Organizations, and the community.	Efosa Odighizuwa, President 503/731-4646 x2318 efosa1@aol.com www.geocities.com/ncoswa
Dec 29	OREGON ASSOCIATION FOR LIBERIA (OAL). Meets the last Saturday of each month from 5:30-7:30pm at the Mt. Tabor Community Church Fellowship Hall, 7412 N. Mississippi Ave, Portland, Oregon. OAL mission: To serve Liberian Community in Oregon and Southwest Washington maintain better life.	Ms. Bendu Roberts
Dec 31	NEW YEARS EVE. It has become a tradition to celebrate leaving an old year behind and welcoming in a new year during this time. Many people use this occasion to make resolutions to improve their behavior or to change their lives since they feel starting a new year gives them a "clean slate."	

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