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Diversity Events Calendar

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MAY

ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH began in 1978 as Asian Heritage Week, established by congressional proclamation. On October 23, 1992, President George Bush signed legislation into law proclaiming May of each year Asian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month. May was selected for the recognition because two significant events in history took place in that month: Japanese immigrants first arrived in the United States on May 7, 1843, and the transcontinental railroad was completed on May 10, 1869 (Golden Spike Day). Asian Pacific American Heritage Month is celebrated with community festivals, government-sponsored activities, and educational activities for students. *INFO: Asian/Pacific Islander Heritage Council, 703/354-5036 or www.apahc.org.*

OLDER AMERICAN MONTH was established by presidential proclamation to honor the contributions of older Americans to society in 1963. Historically, Older Americans Month has been a time to acknowledge the contributions of past and current older persons to our country, in particular those who defended our country. Every President since JFK has issued a formal proclamation during or before the month of May asking that the entire nation pay tribute in some way to older persons in their communities. Older Americans Month is celebrated across the country through ceremonies, events, fairs and other activities. The Older Americans Month theme for May 2003 will be "What We Do Makes A Difference." *INFO: U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging, www.aoa.gov/press/oam/oam.asp.*

Date	Event	Contact Information
May 1	MAY DAY , a spring festival originally connected to fertility and growth, has now become a holiday honoring working people. It is sometimes known as International Worker's Day.	
May 1	S&A'S FIRST FRIDAY LIVE IRISH MUSIC & DANCE. Ceili (Kay -Lee) is the Gaelic word for an Evening of Traditional Irish Music, Dance and FUN No Experience Necessary! First Friday of the month October- May 7pm to 11pm All ages \$10, \$5 for 18 & younger and 65 & older Includes free dance lesson the first hour. Weekly drop-in class: are offered every Thursday evening year round except for Thanksgiving and December 24, 2009. Both are in the Historic, Winona Grange #271, 8340 SW Seneca Street (two blocks east of Boones Ferry Road at the Commons), Tualatin, Oregon.	503/691-2078 Sam.Keator@verizon.net www.SandAIrishEntertainment.com

May 2	ASIAN PACIFIC HEALTH EQUITY & REFORM CONFERENCE: will take place at Portland Community College SE Center from 9am to 4pm. This event is sponsored Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon	www.apano.org
May 2	YOM HASHOAH (HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY). This day has been designated by Israel's Parliament as a memorial to the 6 million Jews killed during the Holocaust. The United States Holocaust Memorial Council, created by act of Congress in 1980, was mandated to lead the nation in civic commemorations and to encourage appropriate Remembrance observances throughout the country. Observances and Remembrance activities can occur during the week of Remembrance that runs from the Sunday before through the Sunday after the actual date. INFO: www.myjewishlearning.com/holidays/ModernHolidays.htm ; www.ushmm.org/remembrance/dor/calendar	
May 3	OREGON ASSEMBLY FOR BLACK AFFAIRS BOARD MEETING. The Oregon Assembly for Black Affairs (OABA) Board meets the first Saturday of each month from 10:00-Noon, at the Salem WMCA, 685 Court Street NE, and Salem, Oregon. Its mission is to improve the political, educational, social-health, legal, and economic status of Blacks in Oregon.	Aneesah Furqan OABA oaba@peak.org or 503/463-0327 aneesahfurqan@msn.com
May 3	ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST POLISH CONSTITUTION, enacted on the 3 rd of May 1791.	
May 3	JAPAN CONSTITUTION MEMORIAL DAY (Kempo Kinenbi). This day celebrates the post-war constitution of Japan	
May 3	VIETNAM NATIONAL LABOR DAY.	
May 4	NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER. Public prayer and national days of prayer have a long-standing and significant history in American tradition. Since the first call to prayer in 1775, when the Continental Congress asked the colonies to pray for wisdom in forming a nation, the call to prayer has continued through U.S. history, including President Lincoln's proclamation of a day of "humiliation, fasting, and prayer" in 1863. In 1952, a joint resolution by Congress, signed by President Truman, declared an annual, national day of prayer. In 1988, the law was amended and signed by President Reagan, permanently setting the day as the first Thursday of every May. Each year, the president signs a proclamation, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day. In 2003, all 50 state governors plus the governors of several U.S. territories signed similar proclamations. INFO: www.nationaldayofprayer.org	
May 5	CHILDREN'S DAY, a holiday celebrated in Korea and Japan. On this day, the children play games and receive gifts	
May 5	CINCO DE MAYO. Mexicans and Mexican Americans celebrate the triumph of Mexican forces over the French army in Mexico on May 5, 1862.	
May 5	CHEUNG CHAU BUN FESTIVAL. Also known as the "festival of the bun hills." Every year, Hong Kong's tiny island of Cheng Chau holds a celebration honoring Pak Tai, the God of the Sea. The highlight of the three-day festival involves a spectacular midnight race up steel towers that have been loaded with Chinese buns.	
May 5	2009 ANNUAL ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER HEPATITIS B FORUM: will be held at The Hong Kong Seafood Restaurant 900 S Jackson # 203, Seattle WA 98104 from 6-8:30p.m.	For Registration call 206/830-5156
May 5	HISPANIC METROPLITAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: scholarship luncheon will be held from 11:30am to 1:30pm at the Oregon Convention Center in the Heritage Ballroom. The cost the member is \$ 25 and for nonmembers \$ 30	mpotter@hmccoregon.com
May 6	NATIONAL NURSES DAY. National Nurses Day recognizes the contributions and commitment nurses make to quality health care in America. This day is always celebrated on May 6 and opens National Nurses Week, May 6-12, and concludes on the birth date of Florence Nightingale. The day and week are supported by nursing organizations such as the American Nurses Association, American Association of Colleges of Nursing, American Organization of Nurse Executives, and National League for Nursing. INFO: http://pressroom.hallmark.com/nurses_day.html .	
May 7	YOM HAZIKARON (ISRAEL MEMORIAL DAY). Israel's Independence Day is a time for Jews worldwide to celebrate Israel. For some it is a religious holiday, though its nature is still evolving. INFO: http://www.myjewishlearning.com/holidays/ModernHolidays.htm	
May 7	OREGON ASSOCIATION OF MINORITY ENTREPRENEURS: 21 st Annual conference and trade show is a face-to-forum to make sales, network and obtain contact information among small and large business.	Modena Perry 503-249-7744 Modena@oame.org

May 8	NATIONAL TEACHERS DAY is a time for honoring teachers and recognizing the lasting contributions they make to our lives. National Teacher Day is always the Tuesday of the first full week of May, so the actual date varies from year to year. May 1-7 is designated as "Teacher Appreciation Week" by the National Parent Teacher Association (PTA). INFO: http://www.nea.org/teacherday/index.html	
May 8	ASIAN PACIFIC LEGISLATIVE DAY: will be held at the Oregon State Capital Building in Salem. The cost is \$10 and includes lunch	www.apano.org
May 9	PIPERLINK TOUR 2009 this is an all family, Irish educational, cultural event in continuing the celebration of the AIC's 70 th Anniversary year. The event will take place at the Buckley Center Auditorium at the University of Portland 5000 North Willamette Boulevard, Portland 97203. This event cost \$15 for all ages	For ticket information call 503/691-2078
May 10	INAUGURATION OF NELSON MANDELA. On this day in 1994, Nelson Mandela became the first black president of South Africa, after the nation's first elections in which citizens of all races were allowed to vote.	
May 11 thur16	OHSU CENTER FOR WOMENS OHSU CENTER FOR WOMENS HEALTH is celebrating national women's health week by offering fun events to jump start the physical activity in your life. Throughout the week, complimentary fitness classes will be held at different locations throughout the Portland metro area. Classes include: Chi Qigong, Yoga, Aqua Aerobics and more. Space is limited registration is strongly suggested	503-418-4506
May 12	BUDDHA'S BIRTHDAY (c.563-483BCE).	
May 12	SALEM HUMAN RIGHTS AND RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMISSION (HRRAC) MEETING: Will be held at the Salem City Hall, 555 Liberty Street SE Room #305	Marilyn Johnston 503/588-6261 www.cityof salem/humanrights
May 12-15	NATIONAL WOMEN'S HEALTH WEEK. This is a national effort to raise awareness about manageable steps women can take to improve their health. Please check with your local health department for information on local activities. INFO: www.4woman.gov/WHW/index.htm	
May 16	30TH ANNUAL DELTA SIGMA THETA WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE LUNCHEON: This event will take place at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel 8235 NE Airport way 97220. The will be a silent auction beginning at 11 a.m. followed by the luncheon at noon. Tickets cost \$40.00	360/600-7137
May 16	PORTLANDS TAIKO'S 15TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON: This year Portland Taiko brings together favorite alumni performers from our past, contemporary Native American artist Rick Bartow, and the entire performance group for a scenic ride through taiko territory. Let PT take you on a tour of reflections and connections, revisiting our past and looking forward to the future.	Michael Griggs 503/288-2456 www.portlandtaiko.org
May 18	NATIONAL HIV VACCINE AWARENESS DAY. This day is to educate Americans about the need for vaccines to prevent HIV. This year's theme is "Real People. Real Progress." Experts believe that vaccines to prevent HIV infection offer the best hope of controlling the global pandemic and loosening its grip on the world's most vulnerable populations. Progress is being made everyday. Anyone and everyone can play an important role in building awareness for HIV vaccine research, especially among communities most affected by HIV/AIDS. INFO/TOOLKITS: http://ga1.org/ct/X119CJ71hd0c/NIAID_HIV_Vaccine_Day_default	
May 19	BIRTHDAY OF MALCOLM X (1925-1965). Civil rights leader. Malcolm little adopted the name Malcolm X when he joined the Nation of Islam (Black Muslims), a religious movement advocating Black separatism, while serving a prison term for burglary. Upon his release in 1952 he became a leading spokesman for the Muslims. In 1964, he broke with the group, rejecting racial separatism and forming his own group, the Organization of Afro-American Unity. He continued to speak out until his assassination on February 21, 1965, urging Blacks to take pride in their race and to take action to claim their civil and human rights	
May 20	U.S. ARMED FORCES DAY. This is a day to salute men and women in all branches of the service who protect the United States. On August 31, 1949 then Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of Armed Forces Day. President Harry Truman also announced the holiday in a presidential proclamation on February 20, 1950. All branches of the military were asked to celebrate on this day and they complied on the first Armed Forces Day, which was held the following year on May 20, 1950.	

May 20-22	BLACKS IN GOVERNMENT 27TH ANNUAL REGIONAL TRAINING CONFERENCE: will be held at the Clarion Hotel & Convention Center 1507 N. First St, Yakima WA 98901.	www.bignet.org
May 21	YWCA CULTURAL DIVERSITY CONFERENCE: is a one day conference that features 15 speakers from a broad range of backgrounds that offers the opportunity for education, awareness and cultural competency	www.ywcasalem.org 503/581-9922
May 23	LAG B'OMER. A measure of barley called the "Omer" was offered on the second day of Passover, marking the first day of a fifty day season where each day is counted. This Jewish festival of Shavuot occurs on the fiftieth day. In modern day Israel, Lag B'Omer campfires are pervasive among both traditional and secular Jews. INFO: www.amfi.org .	
May 25	AFRICA DAY: ZAMBIA & ZIMBABWE. This holiday commemorates these countries' independence from colonial rule	
May 25	MEMORIAL DAY. Originally a day of remembrance for those who died for the Union in the Civil War, this national holiday in the United States, honors those who gave their lives in all wars. Many American families observe Memorial Day to pay respects for deceased family members. This holiday is always observed on the last Monday in May.	
May 27	EQUAL ACCESS FOR GIRLS MEETING: held 11:30am to 1:30pm at Mina's at McNary Golf Club in Keizer (A \$20 lunch fee). 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	To register for the meeting please contact Pam at pam.patton@morrisonkids.org
May 28	EMPLOYMENT & BUSINESS FAIR will be held at the Oregon Convention Center from 1-6pm.	
May 29	ASCENSION OF BAHB'U'LLAH. This observance commemorates the anniversary of the death of the founder of the Baha'i faith in 1892.	
May 30	ASIAFEST PORTLAND will take place at the Oregon Convention Center. www.ARFoundation.net	
May 31	FOUNDING OF THE NAACP (1910). The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was formally established on this date. The NAACP is the largest membership organization supporting African American interests in the United States	

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LESBIAN & GAY PRIDE MONTH. Pride days are celebrated in communities throughout the U.S. Pride is a time for gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, or transgender (GLBT) to come together to celebrate. It is a time when people find they are not alone and can take pride in their identity and their community's history. Often featured at GLBT pride events are parades and exhibitors representing community organizations and local businesses. Though annual celebrations of GLBT pride have existed locally for many years, on June 11, 1999, Gay and Lesbian Pride Month was made a national celebration by presidential proclamation.

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May 22 thru June 7	PORTLAND ROSE FESTIVAL. For one hundred years, the Portland Rose Festival has served families and individuals from Oregon and beyond with events and programs that spotlight the riches of our Pacific Northwest heritage and environment while offering colorful examples of many international cultures.	503/227-2681 www.rosefestival.org
June 2	YOM YERUSHALAYIM (JERUSALEM DAY). This is the most recent addition to the Hebrew calendar. It is celebrated on the 28th day of Iyar (six weeks after the Passover seder, one week before the eve of Shavuot). Although Jerusalem has been considered the capital city of the Jewish people since the time of King David--who conquered it and built it as the seat of his monarchy in approximately 1000 B.C.E.--there has never been a special day in honor of the city until the Israeli army took over the ancient, eastern part of the city on the third day of the Six-Day War in June 1967. Info: http://www.myjewishlearning.com/holidays/Modern_Holidays/Yom_Yerushalayim.htm	
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June 7	ROSE FESTIVAL GRAND FLORAL PARADE. 10:00 am. The Portland Rose Festival's flagship event, the Grand Floral Parade is the second largest of its kind after the Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena. Sponsored by: Rose Festival Association and Key Bank.	
June 8	"10 STEPS TO STARTING A BUSINESS": will take place at Midland Library 805 SE 122 nd Ave, Portland, Oregon 97233. The workshop is free to the public from 5:00-7:30pm.	
June 8	CULTURAL ART NIGHTS: From 6 to 8pm this is a time for Native American/Alaskan Native community to come together to learn and to share their culture. This event will be held at NAYA Family Center 5135 NE Columbia Blvd Portland, OR	Melissa Waggoner 503/288-8177x 220
June 9 thru 10	SHAVUOT (FESTIVAL OF WEEKS). Because Shavuot has few distinct practices, it is among the least-observed Jewish holidays today. But the holiday is deeply meaningful, and makes up in theology what it lacks in ritual. Shavuot commemorates the revelation at Sinai, and so a custom has developed of spending the first night of the festival studying Torah. Info: http://www.myjewishlearning.com/holidays/Shavuot.htm	
June 11	SAY HEY NW will take place at 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Wieden & Kennedy. This event is to welcome new professionals of color to the Northwest	nakashimav@mac.com
June 12	PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY. The movement for Philippine independence started soon after the Spanish gained sovereignty in the Philippines. Initially, it manifested itself in the local uprisings against the Spanish government but soon spread nationwide. After almost three hundred and fifty years of Spanish domination, the Filipinos, gained their independence in 1898. The Independence day is formally celebrated on the 12th June every year.	
June 12	LOVING DECISION CELEBRATION. June 12, 1967, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of Richard and Mildred Loving and overturned all laws that prevented interracial marriages. The Loving Decision Celebration is the annual event organized by OCMA to commemorate the historic court decision. We are dedicated to building community among families and individuals acting on values of equality, diversity and multiculturalism. INFO: www.ocma-multiracial.org	
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June 19	JUNETEENTH. This commemorates the emancipation of all slaves in Texas by the Union general Gordon Grange. It symbolizes the end of slavery. It serves as a historical milestone reminding Americans of the triumph of the human spirit over the cruelty of slavery. It honors those African-Americans ancestors who survived the inhumane institution of bondage, as well as demonstrating pride in the marvelous legacy of resistance and perseverance they left.	
June 22	CHAMBER MUSIC NORTHWEST SUMMER FESTIVAL: Some of the world's finest musicians come together again this summer in Portland to collaborate in a vibrant festival of chamber music, performing favorite masterworks alongside less familiar gems.	
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June 27	BIRTHDAY OF HELEN KELLER (1880-1968). Author and educator. Left deaf and blind by illness at the age of 19 months. Helen Keller learned to speak and then to read and write Braille with the help of her remarkable teacher, Annie Sullivan. After graduating cum laude from Radcliff College in 1904, she devoted her life to writing and social activism, particularly in aid of people with one or both of her disabilities. She traveled throughout the world, spoke out on public issues, and wrote numerous books, including the Story of My Life (1902) and Helen Keller's Journal (1938). Her extraordinary achievements made her an international heroine and an inspiration to millions.	

June 30	HISPANIC METROPOLITAIN CHAMER: Annual membership meeting luncheon will take place at the Benson Hotel located at 309 SW Broadway, 97205. The cost is \$25 for members & \$30 for non members, keynote speaker will be Thomas Bruener, President, American Red Cross
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