

FAMILY AND MINORU YASUI TRIBUTE PROJECT SUPPORTERS SEATED IN GALLERY FOR HB 4009

Wednesday, February 24, 2016

- Joan Yasui Emerson is Min Yasui's niece. Her father Ray Yasui of Hood River was his older brother. She was born at Tule Lake Camp and now lives in Hood River.
- Maija Yasui is married to Min Yasui's nephew and a Hood River native. She is a Yasui family historian and worked with Lauren Kessler on the book *Stubborn Twig*, which tells the story of three generations of the Yasui family.
- Matthew Yasui is a great nephew of Min Yasui. He is a graduate of Oregon State University and a current MBA candidate at Willamette University.
- Kendra Wilkins is a great great niece of Min Yasui. She is a freshman at Hood River Valley High School.
- Aunika Yasui is a great great niece of Min Yasui. She is an 8th grader at Wy'east Middle School in Hood River.
- Jim Azumano, nephew of Roku and Rae Yasui; Roku was one of Min Yasui's brother's. Board member of the Friends of Minidoka, 501 c(3) which supports projects at the Minidoka Internment National Monument in Idaho and a member of the Minidoka Pilgrimage Committee. Jim is a former policy advisor to Governor Ted Kulongoski as the Director of Rural Policy.
- George Nakata is a Nisei and native Oregonian. He was incarcerated during World War II and is a U.S. Army veteran. He knew Minoru Yasui and is a friend of the Yasui family.
- Darren Nakata is a native Oregonian and business attorney with Perkins Coie in Portland. He is the son of George Nakata.
- Lynn Fuchigami Longfellow is Executive Director of the Oregon Nikkei Endowment
- Kimberly McCullough, Legislative Director for the ACLU of Oregon
- Reverend Doctor Barbara A. Bellus is the former Pastor of Asbury United Methodist Church in Hood River. She knew Min Yasui during his life and led his memorial services after his death. She wrote her doctoral dissertation on Min Yasui and continues to write about him to this day.
- Chip and Setsy Larouche: Setsy is the Membership Chair of the Portland Japanese American Citizens League. She and her husband Chip are friends of the Yasuis.
- Carol Suzuki works in the Senate Majority Office and has been a longtime advocate on issues supporting Asian Pacific Islander community. The Suzuki and Yasui families were both held at Minidoka and have been long time family friends.

From the Desk of Senate Majority Leader

Ginny Burdick

