



October 2020 - KOREA UPDATE

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Chuseok 2020! Happy [Chuseok](#) to our Korean community and friends in Oregon! [Chuseok](#) (Korean Thanksgiving) is being celebrated in Korea from September 30 – October 2. Millions of Koreans are traveling to their hometowns to visit family, to honor their ancestors, and to celebrate the abundance of the autumn harvest. [Chuseok](#) is one of Korea’s major holidays and many in our Korean and Korean American community will be celebrating here as well. Happy [Chuseok](#) to you all!

Korean Society of Oregon Board Meeting To Be Held in October: Mr. Jung-Bang Oh, President of the [Korean Society of Oregon](#), announced plans for the [Korean Society of Oregon](#) (KSO) to hold its next board meeting at **10:00 a.m. on Monday, October 5, 2020 at the Korean Community Center at 7650 SW 81st Avenue, Portland, OR 97223**. The board meeting will be to plan for the nomination/election process at the end of 2020. Attendees will be asked to wear a mask and to socially distance.

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Selling Consumer Goods to Korea via E-commerce | Webinar
Tuesday, October 6, 2020

Expand Your Reach with New Customers in Korea!

Join Business Oregon and Lotte Mart as they host a webinar exploring a consumer opportunity in Oregon businesses. Registration is limited to 100 seats.

Seung-in Hong, Deputy Consul General of the Republic of Korea in Oregon
Andrew Yeon Jin Chu, CEO of SellerHub.Co, an online shopping hub connecting businesses with major Korean e-commerce platforms
Park Chul Won, Representative of Lotte Mart, one of the largest retailers in South Korea
Jessica Miller, Director Oregon Global Strategy and Development Manager

Webinar Details:

- Free admission and appropriate relationship between South Korea and the U.S.
- Present and interact with Korean e-commerce
- Present and interact with products in Korean
- Q&A with Korea via a translator
- Gift certificates for the product online
- Gift certificates for the food products
- Business leaders will present programs for Korean market development expansion

Webinar Includes:

- Product Products
- Food and Beverages
- Lifestyle Products
- Beauty and Skincare
- Home Decor and Gifts
- Organic Products
- DIY and Hobby Products
- Apparel and Accessories
- Home Goods

Webinar Details:

- Korea leads off in the world for e-commerce
- More to the largest export market for Oregon products and services
- 50% of pricing Korea shop online

• **Business Oregon Offers E-Commerce Webinar on Korea:** [Business Oregon](#) is offering a webinar titled “Selling Consumer Goods to Korea Via E-Commerce” on **Tuesday, October 6, 2020 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.** This is a great way for Oregon businesses to reach new customers in Korea, particularly in product categories such as **organic products, food and beverages, lifestyle products, health and beauty, home décor and gifts, garden products, DIY and hobby products, apparel and accessories and outdoor gear**. The event is free, but you must register at: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8500726125729283084>. Presenters include [Seung-in Hong](#), Deputy Consul General for the Korean Consulate in Seattle, [Andrew Yeon Jin Chu](#), CEO of [SellerHub.Co](#), an online shopping hub connecting businesses with major Korean e-commerce platforms, and [Park Chul Won](#), Representative of [Lotte Mart](#), one of the largest retailers in South Korea. The idea for the webinar came from [Sung Ho Cho](#), an intern with [Business Oregon](#) from Korea, and has been supported enthusiastically by the [Business Oregon](#) staff. Please join us for this important event!



•[Mask Dances of Three Nations To Go Virtual](#): The [Mask Dances of Three Nations](#) performance scheduled for **Sunday, October 11, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. will be held virtually**—with pre-recorded performances and live comments from each nation’s representative. This event is free and open to all, but **registration is required through Eventbrite**. You may register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mask-dances-of-three-nations-a-virtual-online-performance-tickets-118666798589>.

The decision to go virtual was reached at a recent meeting of the organizing committee composed of representatives from the [Oregon China Council](#), [the Consular Office of Japan in Portland](#), and the Honorary Consulate for the Republic of Korea in Portland. This popular annual event, featuring performances from Korea, China and Japan, will be held for the sixth time in as many years. Korea will be represented by the “Seattle Songpa Sandae Nori” troupe from our northern neighbor. This traditional mask drama was handed down from the neighborhoods of Songpa-dong in modern Seoul. The dance/drama translates to “street shamanistic ritual” and “street performance.” The group of four performers wear masks and costumes and perform to a type of Korean traditional music. Seattle Songpa Sandae Nori group is well known in the Pacific Northwest for its skill and craft. Once you are registered for the event, you will receive the link to the YouTube Channel. [Please join us!](#)

Interested in Studying Korean Language: The [Oregon Korean School](#) is offering an Adult Beginners Online Class (on Zoom) this fall. Classes will be on **Tuesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. for 10 weeks beginning on October 13, 2020. Class will be offered on 10/13, 10/20, 10/27, 11/3, 11/10, 11/17, 11/24, 12/1, 12/8 and 12/15.** Tuition for the course is \$130 (\$30 is a non-refundable registration fee). If you are interested in the class, please fill out this short survey to receive a registration link for the class. You can also use this link to get on the mailing list for the [Oregon Korean School](#). Here is the link: <https://forms.gle/GyFSoXegb9jHjE536>. For more information, please contact Janet Kyung, the instructor for the class, at oregonkoreanschool@gmail.com.

•[API Forward Leadership Program Application – Deadline Coming Soon](#): [API Forward Foundation](#) is excited to announce the launch of the third year of its [Forward Leadership Program](#), a four-month long project-based curriculum for undergraduate API (Asian and Pacific Islander) college students in Oregon and southwest Washington. Students selected to be part of the [Forward Leadership Program](#) work in teams on a diversity-related project for a local organization or agency, while attending monthly leadership training courses. It also comprises a mentorship and volunteering element. **Deadline to apply is October 16, 2020. To apply and for more information, please go to:** <http://us12.forward-to-friend.com/forward/show?u=88ce78bcb37265b9885f1794a&id=a71f6ae333>. **Let’s encourage some of our Korean American community young people to take advantage of this terrific training and program.**

•[KWMFO launches a GoFundMe Page](#): At the suggestion of David Penaflor and with the help of Jenny Kim and Chuck Lusardi, all members of the [Korean War Memorial Foundation of Oregon \(KWMFO\)](#), [KWMFO](#) launched a new “[GoFundMe](#)” page for the Interpretive Center on the KWMFO web page. As reported in the past, we have begun our campaign to raise \$150,000 to design and build a [Korean War Memorial Interpretive Center](#) in the Parks and Recreation Building in Wilsonville. We launched the “[GoFundMe](#)” page particularly to reach donors outside of Oregon who might want to contribute to the Interpretive Center. Chuck Lusardi made a video to accompany the page. [Take a look!](#)

[Korean Consulate in Seattle to Send Face Masks to US Friends of the ROK](#): The [Korean Consulate in Seattle](#) is preparing to send protective masks to US citizens who have lived, studied or worked in Korea—a group we

often call "Friends of the Republic of Korea." The group includes Peace Corps volunteers, Fulbright Scholars, ESL teachers, students, or others who have lived in the Republic of Korea in the past. Masks will be sent by mail around the second half of October. [Consul General Hyung Jong Lee](#) launched this program to thank all of those US citizens who have served in some way in Korea. A similar program earlier this year provided masks for Korean War veterans who fought in the Korean War. Thank you [Consul General Lee](#) for your kindness!

[KAC Launches New Website for Voter Registration and Census](#): The Korean American Coalition has made it easy **for Korean Americans to sign up for the 2020 US Census** and **to register for the election** on November 3, 2020. According to KAC "We need every Korean American organization to join our collective efforts to get counted and to be heard!" You organization can also sign up to work as a partnering organization. Please go to this link: <http://kavote.org/> and remember to vote and be heard!

Korean War Veterans Monthly Meetings

(IMPORTANT NEW MEETING INFORMATION THIS MONTH!)



- [Chosin Few](#) **Monthly Meeting**: The Chosin Few **plans to hold its monthly meeting at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2020 at the High Rocks Restaurant at 915 E Arlington Street, Gladstone, OR 97024**. This will be the first meeting of the group in many months and will be an "experiment" to gauge interest and availability. Don Mason, President, has spoken with a number of members who plan to attend. If you have not spoken to Don Mason and would like to attend the October meeting, please call him first because he has to be careful about following Oregon guidelines. His number is 503-641-2383. The Chosin Few group normally meets on the second Thursday of each month.

- Korean War Veterans' Meeting/Richard L. Quatier Chapter/Vancouver**: The [Richard L. Quatier Chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association](#) plans to hold its monthly meeting **at 10:00 a.m. (coffee and donuts are served from 9:00 a.m.) on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 in the Boxcar Room at the "40 et 8 Bingo Parlor" at 7607 NE 26th Avenue, Vancouver, WA 98665**. This will be the first meeting of the group in many months. Following the meeting, the group meets for lunch at American Legion Post 14 for lunch. For more information, contact Ed Barnes, Commander, at 360-695-2180 or Bob Sumrill at 360-931-9208 or at Melloyd59@yahoo.com. The group's website can be found at: <http://nwkoreanveterans.com/>. The group usually meets the third Wednesday of each month.

- Korean War Veterans' Meeting/Oregon Trail Chapter**: The [Oregon Trail Chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association](#) usually holds its **monthly meeting at 12:00 noon on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Denny's in Clackamas at 15815 SE 82nd Drive, Clackamas, OR 97015**. Because of the COVID-19 virus, the **October meeting has been canceled**. For more information about the lunch/presentation, contact Mary Gifford, KWVA Secretary/Treasurer, at megifford@comcast.net or at 503-655-2778.

- Veterans' Families: Inscribe a Brick for A Loved One**: The [Korean War Memorial Foundation of Oregon](#) (KWMFO) will soon begin to inscribing bricks again at the [Korean War Memorial in Wilsonville](#). The bricks can display the name of a beloved veteran or family member, or the name of the donor. The bricks cost \$75 and all profits will go to the building of the [Korean War Memorial Interpretive Center](#). If you would like to honor or remember a family member, please go to: [Inscribe a Brick](#) at: <https://www.kwmfo.org/inscribe-a-brick/inscribe-a-brick>. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Mary Gifford,

KWVA/Oregon Trail Chapter, mgifford@comcast.net or Greg Caldwell, Honorary Consul, at caldwell@lclark.edu.

Noteworthy News



A Conversation with [Ambassador Kathleen Stephens](#): Last month the [honorable Kathleen Stephens](#), former U.S. Ambassador to Korea, spoke via a Zoom webinar to high school and university students interested in careers in the U.S. Foreign Service and in Ambassador Stephens' experiences in Korea. One hundred guests signed up for the webinar which was initiated and hosted by two high school students at Lincoln High School, Elliot Shin and Kate Bingham (both of whom are studying Korean language). Ambassador Stephens provided some very valuable and interesting responses to questions about her experiences in Korea, her career with the U.S. Foreign Service, and her advice to high school and university students interested in a diplomatic career. The webinar was recorded and is available on YouTube at this link: <https://youtu.be/irkHcB8RVjc>. **Congratulations to Elliot and Kate for a job well done! Thank you to Ambassador Stephens for her excellent advice to students!**

Members of Our Korean Community Star in [Netflix Movie](#): A new Netflix offering titled "[All Together Now](#)" features a group of "Korean Divas" from our Portland Korean community. The film is about Amber, a bubbly and kind American high school girl who is homeless, but talented in many ways. Amber also teaches an English as a Second Language (ESL) class of Korean ladies: Seung-Hee Ji, Hae-Sung Park, Eun-Shil Gwak, Kyung-Hee Ghim, Eun-Chung Han—all members of the [Oregon Korea Performing Arts \(OKPA\) dance group](#), accompanied by Maria Park. The Korean Divas are first featured in the ESL class at the very beginning of the film (some with speaking parts), then again in the middle of the film, and finally in the grand finale where they sing and dance! Congratulations to the "Korean Divas" on their film debut. They can officially add "actress" to their resumes. They did a fantastic job. Please watch "[All Together Now](#)" on your Netflix channel!



Photographer Rami Hyun Visits Oregon To Deliver Photos from Warm Springs: Rami Hyun, the Korean professional photographer who has been taking photos of Korean War veterans around the world, made a short visit to the Oregon Korean War Memorial on September 30th. Rami delivered about a dozen photographs of Korean War veterans taken last year in Warm Springs, OR. Because of a recent injury to his back, Rami was unable to deliver the photos to Warm Springs, but he presented them to Greg Caldwell, Honorary Consul, to be delivered in the near future. While at the memorial, Rami was greeted by Chuck Lusardi, President, and David Penafior, Vice-President, of the Korean War Veterans Association/Oregon Trail Chapter. They presented a check for \$1,0000 to Rami in support of his "Project Soldier" work. In return, Rami presented a Korean flag to the KWVA/Oregon Trail Chapter. Thank you to the KWVA/Oregon Trail Chapter for their gift in support of Rami's work. And, thank you to Rami Hyun for the great work that he continues to do!



Peace Corps Group K-1 Gets Together Via Zoom: Rosemary Kirwin-Alvord and Dian Odell are both former Peace Corps volunteers in Korea and members of K-1, the first Peace Corps group which entered Korea in 1966. They mentioned recently that the K-1 group gets together every other Saturday on Zoom and they schedule the time so that other members, no matter where they live, can join. They explained that at each Zoom meeting, between 30 and 40 of their group attend! They usually begin

with a presentation (e.g. a member shows photos from the 60's and compares then and now in Korea, or another member speaks about Shijo poetry) and then they break out into groups of four or five and for a half hour on a specific topic. But, often, they explained, the topic is simply catching up and finding out what people have been doing for the last 52 years! This sounds like a wonderful model for other Peace Corps groups to follow. Congratulations to the K-1 group who are still leading us with great ideas!

Good Eats – Korean Style

Even though most of us are stuck at home during the COVID-19 crisis, friends often ask me for a list of good Korean restaurants. So, let's start a list of some of you favorites. Most offer "take out" meals as well. Let's hear about your favorites!

•**Nick Baty**, a former resident of Seoul and a graduate of Portland State University, recommends [Chimaek Town](#) at **2330 NW Thurman Street, Portland, OR 97210. Phone: 503-242-6404**. You can also order online. "Chi maek," in case you don't know is a combination of the English and Korean words "Chi" for "chicken" and "Maek" for "Maekchu" (beer). Lots of young people in Korea enjoy "chimeak" or Korean fried chicken and beer. Chimaek Town offers various versions from \$12 to \$18, but they also offer "Bibimbap," "Galbi," and various Korean hot pots.

•**Greg Caldwell**, honorary consul, likes "Always Spring," which is located on **the second floor of G-Mart, a Korean market, at 3975 SW 114th Ave., Beaverton, OR 97005. Phone: 503-641-3670**. Always Spring offers "eat in" or "take out" options. The restaurant is closed on Mondays. The restaurant offers a wide selection of Korean dishes—Bibimbap, Bulgogi, Japchae, Soon tubu, Kimchi Chigae, and many others. Delicious food at a good price. A little hard to find unless you are adventurous. If you can't find the restaurant, ask someone inside of G-Mart!

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If you know of upcoming Korea-related events, please contact Greg Caldwell. 503-265-8703 | caldwell@lclark.edu.