

# PORTLANDJACL NEWSLETTER

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Portland JACL is one of  
the most respected civil  
rights organizations in  
the country.*



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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### November 1-3

Nisei Veterans  
Congressional Gold Medal  
Ceremony  
Washington DC

### November 6

Daylight Savings Time ends

### November 13, 2 p.m.

Veterans Day Ceremony  
Rose City Cemetery  
Willamette National Cemetery

### December 4, 11:30 a.m.

Holiday Lunch & Craft Fair  
featuring the Minidoka Swing  
Band  
Cost \$40  
Details at [www.oregonnikkei.org](http://www.oregonnikkei.org)

### December 10, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Osechi Ryori Cooking Class  
Art Institute of Portland  
Early bird price: \$55 (by 11/18)  
Phone: (503) 224-1458

### February 19

Day of Remembrance  
Hoffman Hall  
Portland State University

### February 26

Congressional Gold Medal  
Luncheon  
MAC Club

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## Make a Difference in Your Community: Become a Board Member

### *President's Message by Jeff Selby*

This is no time for apathy. From the Tea Party to the Arab Spring, to the worldwide Occupy movement, citizens are taking to the streets to demand that their voices be heard. No matter your political leanings, you are a member of Portland JACL, one of the oldest, most respected civil rights groups in America. You should remind yourself why you support this organization. You might also consider what more you could offer your community by joining the Portland JACL Board.

Personally, being a Portland JACL board member allows me to make a difference in my community by being part of a team that fights social injustice and educates the public about the unique history of the Nikkei. Over the years, we have built and fostered coalitions with the Asian, Arab and Muslim, Latino, and LGBTQ communities, sharing stories of past injustices and forming bonds to prevent those acts from happening again—to anyone. I have had the privilege of working with some of the most passionate and hard working people in our community.

What do you believe in? What is your cause? How can we make Portland JACL a more relevant force for civil rights advocacy? In light of recent events where people are taking a stand to fight for their beliefs and their communities, I am asking you to consider becoming a

board member with Portland JACL. It doesn't matter if you're new to the organization or an old friend. We need you. We need your fresh perspective and energy to keep JACL moving forward. Ours is a nationally recognized chapter that often serves as a benchmark for excellence in the national Japanese American civil rights community, and your voice is needed.

Our board members' names are undoubtedly familiar to you. You will notice that year after year, these same people organize social events, produce this newsletter, update an informational website, volunteer at festivals, represent your JACL at partner functions, raise money for scholarships, and give your JACL a credible face and voice in our community. But there may come a point in the not-so-distant future when one or more of them gets "burned out." We are always searching for passionate volunteers to join your board or to assist with events and committees. If you have a desire to help Portland JACL, please let me know. We will put you to work and you will assuredly feel great about it at the end of the day!

Your board meets on the third Thursday of every month. I know you're busy, but the future and relevance of Portland JACL depends on all of us. Is there still a need for JACL? You bet. And you can play a major role in our

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## Board Members Message Continued

success.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.  
Please feel free to e-mail me anytime with comments,  
questions, or concerns at [jeff@aiwcreative.com](mailto:jeff@aiwcreative.com)

# WE NEED YOU!

## BECOME A BOARD MEMBER



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## JACL Awards Gala Dinner

The JACL Awards Gala Dinner was held on September 29, 2011 at the JW Marriott in Washington DC. Honorees included The Honorable Eni Faleomavaega, US Congressman from Samoa, Wat Misaka, first person of color to play for the National Basketball Association, Don Wakamatsu, a native of Hood River, Oregon, first Japanese American Manager in Major League Baseball, and the late Tsuneo "Cappy" Harada who was a "baseball bridge" between American and Japan in the 1950s.

The evening was attended by over 300 dignitaries in the Washington DC area, including the Honorable Ambassador of Japan, Ichiro Fujisaki, and the Honorable Norman Mineta, former Congressman, and the Secretary of Transportation during the 9-11 attack on America.



Setsy and Chip Larouche enjoy a few moments with Don and Laura Wakamatsu during the National JACL Gala.

## Upcoming Oregon Nikkei Endowment (O.N.E.) Events

### **Holiday Lunch and Craft Fair, featuring the Minidoka Swing Band**

Sunday, December 4, 2011 at the Multnomah Athletic Club

Cost: \$40 per person, or \$20 for the craft fair and Minidoka Swing Band performance alone (does not include lunch)

Join Oregon Nikkei Endowment for a fun afternoon of food, crafts and music at the Multnomah Athletic Club on Sunday, December 4, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Learn more at [www.oregonnikkei.org](http://www.oregonnikkei.org).

If you are an artisan or know of one that would like participate in the craft fair, please contact Oregon Nikkei Endowment at (503) 224-1458.

### **Osechi Ryori Cooking Class**

Saturday, December 10, 2011, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Art Institute of Portland, Culinary School

Cost: \$65 general, \$55 for Friends of Oregon

Nikkei Endowment, Early bird price: \$55 (sign up by November 18)

Celebrate the Japanese New Year with tasty, time-honored recipes that represent good luck, good health and prosperity. Learn to prepare this special meal that is steeped in traditional foods and ancient lore. Traditionally these foods are made at New Year's, but you can make these delicious and healthy dishes for meals throughout the year. Learn more on our activities page.

### **Osechi Ryori**

Celebrate New Year's with tradition foods in a beautiful Jubako box. Place your order by December 16, 2011.

Cost \$130 if you need a box, \$100 if you have your own. A portion of this is tax-deductible.

Pickup will be Saturday, December 31 at Oregon Buddhist Temple. Visit [www.oregonnikkei.org](http://www.oregonnikkei.org) for more details.

## A Message from Ikoi no Kai

*By Sharon Takahashi*

Two days in November serve as reminders that we have friends who are very special and for whom we should be very thankful. Those of us who have young children in our circles have probably been re-telling the stories of Thanksgiving and breaking bread with strangers, making friends and being open to new traditions. Children list every little thing for which they are grateful. It's a habit we older folk should copy. When we try to emulate the little kids and remember each detail, we can try to thank all the people who cross our thresholds.

For example, we are thankful for (and these are not in any order)

- Our kitchen staff, volunteers and Ikoi no Kai clients (their smiles tell it all)
- Our Friends of Ikoi no Kai donors
- Yosh Inahara, Tosh Inahara and Jane Kawashima for their health help every month
- Wayne Reynolds, Lenny Tanaka and Minnie Young for their bread runs
- The Ota Family for their many nutritious donations for our meals
- The Epworth Community for their positive helping attitude
- Yowko Richardson and Yoko Nishioka for Tai Chi and organized exercises
- Heidi Inahara and Sharon Ogata (our sharp eyed shoppers)
- Jerry Baysinger, Kristen Dozono, Reiko Isono, Clem Kluthe, John Nakada, Henry Ueno and Mas Yatabe for helping with the singalongs
- The Sansei Lunch Bunch whose laughter and games pep everybody up
- Noriko Dozono, Tosh Inahara, Hank Mishima, Frank and Ruth Nakata, Oregon Buddhist Temple, Truman Sasaki, Lury and Ron Sato, Henry Ueno, and Mark and Kazu Vossbrink, and Walt Weir for sharing their garden and ocean's bounty with us
- Betty Jean and Jessie Harry, Lil Kiyokawa, Lynn Yarne, Kashu Hamada, Yoko Nishioka, and Sharon Ogata for their dessert making
- Chris Shiraishi, our financial guide
- Rose Kasahara, Kaneko Wagar, Atsuko Richardson, and Kim Steel for birthday corsages

- The Japanese Ancestral Society for sticking with Ikoi no Kai for 32 years, almost 33 now.
- And anyone else I may have missed....

Veterans Day is also a day of gratitude. Ikoi no Kai will be open on that day and because it is a holiday, we are asking attendees to sign up in advance so we can prepare proper portions. If you are a veteran, please tell us when you RSVP. We would like to have you be our guest that day. This is a small token for the time and service you have already given to preserve our precious freedoms.

The Japanese Ancestral Society has been the parent organization of Ikoi no Kai for all these years. This year, the Ikoi no Kai Committee voted to extend a benefit to the JAS membership. If you are a JAS member and a senior (65+), your lunch cost will remain at \$3.50. If you are a member but under age 65, lunch will be \$5.25. For non-members, the lunch cost is \$4.00 and \$5.50, respectively.

Membership costs until December 31 at \$19 for individuals and \$29 for couples/family. Joining before December 31 will be recorded as 2012 membership. In 2012, a proposed membership increase will be voted on. That increase will be \$25 for individuals and \$40 for couple/family. Membership forms are available online as well as at Ikoi no Kai.

## 2012 Japanese American Community Scholarship Application

In October's newsletter only the first page of the 2012 Japanese American Community Scholarship Application was printed. Note that the application is actually two pages which we included on the next page front and back.

You can also download the application for the scholarship at <http://www.pdxjacl.org/scholarships/community-scholarships>.

Remember, the deadline for the application and required documents is Thursday, March 1, 2012. For a list of the required documents and where to send them, see the back page of the application.

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## Japanese American Community Scholarship Application

# 2012

### Scholarship Donors:

Azumano, Gresham-Troutdale JACL, Minamoto, Naito, Nikkei Fujinkai, Oregon Nisei Veterans, Portland JACL, Shokookai, and Velea

- Eligible applicants and at least one of their parents must be of Japanese Ancestry **(Does not apply to Portland JACL Scholarships)**
- The parent or student must be a member of at least one of the participating organizations on October 15, 2011 or earlier.
- The student must have attended four years (or equivalency) of high school in the United States. International students are not eligible.
- The applicant must reside within Clackamas, Multnomah, Washington (OR) or Clark (WA) counties. **(Does not apply to Portland JACL Scholarships)**
- If no acceptable applicant applies, some or all of the scholarships may not be awarded.

\* Note: Grandparent information only used for appropriate acknowledgement at Graduation Banquet

Name:			
Address:			
City:		State:	ZIP:
Email:			
Phone:		High School Name:	
Parents or Legal Guardian:			
*Grandparents (Living Paternal):		*Grandparents (Living Maternal):	
GPA:	SAT – Verbal:	SAT – Writing:	SAT – Math:
ACT Score:	# of Students in Graduating Class:	Student's Rank in Class:	

### Achievements (continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

List scholastic and extra-curricular awards/achievements

### List School Activities Record (continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

School Activity	Awards/Recognition	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Student Body or Class Officer					
Service Club(s):					
Interest Club(s)					
Newsletter or Yearbook:					
Music or Art					
Athletics					
Others					

### List Community/Work Activities Record (continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

Activity	Awards/Recognition	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Religious Organizations:					
Community Organizations					
Employment					
Other:					

### Letter of Reference

Please submit one letter of reference from a teacher or a counselor	
Name:	
Address:	
Position	Phone Number



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Please check the organization(s) that you or your parent(s) are a member. (Note: To be an eligible applicant, you or your parent(s) or your legal guardian must hold membership in at least one of the following organizations listed by October 15, 2011, or earlier. Specify the number of years that you have been members.

Participating Organizations	# of Years
<input type="checkbox"/> Buddhist Daihonzan Henjyoji Temple	
<input type="checkbox"/> Epworth United Methodist Church	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gresham-Troutdale Japanese American Citizens League (JACL)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Japanese Ancestral Society (Nikkei Jinkai)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Japanese Women's Society (Nikkei Fujinkai)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Nichiren Buddhist Temple	
<input type="checkbox"/> Oregon Buddhist Temple	
<input type="checkbox"/> Oregon Nisei Veterans	
<input type="checkbox"/> Portland Japanese American Citizens League (JACL)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Shokookai	
<input type="checkbox"/> Veleda	

### Essay#1 – Pick one of the following topics and write a 250-500 word essay on separate sheet(s) of paper

1. Explain how the Japanese American experience, or your own experiences in working with the community, has shaped your life.
2. Describe a significant experience, a risk you have taken, or ethical dilemma you have faced and tell us about its impact on you.
3. American Immigration policy can have civil rights aspects to it. Do you have any ideas to resolve some of the problems? Explain.
4. What role does traditional culture play in the lives of Asian Americans? Give some examples from your experiences.

### Essay#2 – Field of Interest – In 250 words or less on a separate sheet of paper

Please describe the major field of interest you expect to pursue and why.

College you plan to attend (if known)	Name:	Major:	Accepted: (Y or N)
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### Requirements & Deadline

#### Required Documents:

- Application Form
- Sealed Transcripts
- Copy of SAT/ACT Scores
- Letter of Reference
- Two Essays

**Deadline:** Required documents must be complete and be postmarked no later than Thursday, March 1, 2012 and mailed to: Portland JACL, PO Box 86310, Portland, OR 97286

You may email any questions to [scholarship@pdxjacl.org](mailto:scholarship@pdxjacl.org)

### Agreement

- I agree to be interviewed by a selection committee. Only successful finalist will receive notification. Interview date is scheduled to be Saturday, April 7, 2012.
- I understand that I will forfeit all rights to this award if I am selected for this award but do not enter a school of higher learning.
- I understand that I must attend the Japanese American Graduation Banquet on Sunday, May 6, 2012, to receive my award.

Signature:

Date:

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## Clark Center Loaves & Fishes October 2011 Menu

2740 SE Powell Blvd., Portland OR

**Tuesday 1** - Dijon turkey or chinese chicken salad

**Wednesday 2** - Meat lasagna or tomato basil veggie burger

**Thursday 3** - Swedish meatballs or tuna stuffed salad

**Friday 4** - Chicken provence or river house salad

**Monday 7** - Beef & macaroni casserole or breakfast casserole

**Tuesday 8** - BBQ pork or shrimp louie salad

**Wednesday 9** - Baked fish w/ lemon dill or vegetable pizza

**Thursday 10** - Savory baked chicken or cobb salad

**Friday 11** - Closed for Veteran's Day Holiday

**Monday 14** - Sweet & sour chicken or mushroom & cheese omelet

**Tuesday 15** - Chili con carne or chinese chicken salad

**Wednesday 16** - Chicken a la king over biscuit or spinach lasagna

**Thursday 17** - Spaghetti w/ meatballs or roast beef sandwich

**Friday 18** - Sliced turkey w/ gravy & cranberry relish, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, bread stuffing, mandarin orange cranberry gelatin, and pumpkin pie

**Monday 21** - Chicken w/ orange glaze or vegetarian chili

**Tuesday 22** - Cheese ravioli or vegetable pizza

**Wednesday 23** - Salisbury steak w/ gravy or shrimp salad

**Thursday 24** - Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

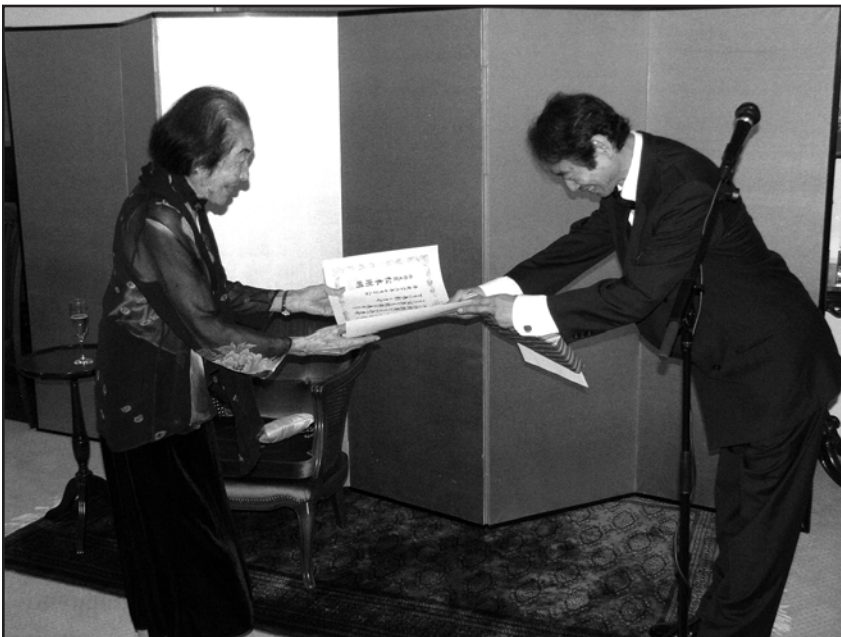
**Friday 25** - Baked fish w/ cucumber dill or chicken fajita

**Monday 28** - Chicken in peach sauce or mushroom veggie burger

**Tuesday 29** - Baked chicken w/ gravy or taco salad

**Wednesday 30** - Open face sloppy joe or bean & rice burrito

## Foreign Minister's Commendation Award Presented to Alice Sumida



Presenting the award is Consul General Takamichi Okabe to Alice who is a lifetime member of Portland JACL and a treasure to the Japanese American Community in Portland.



Alice Sumida received the prestigious Foreign Minister's Commendation Award at a ceremony at the Consul General of Japan's residence on Friday, September 30, 2011.

## Ikoi No Kai at Epworth

1333 SE 28th Ave, Portland

**Tuesday 1** - Butadofu  
(sliced pork w/ nappa)  
**Wednesday 2** - Closed  
**Thursday 3** - Curry  
**Friday 4** - Croquettes

**Monday 7** - Salad rolls;  
beef & broccoli  
**Tuesday 8** - Shrimp  
tempura  
**Wednesday 9** - Closed  
**Thursday 10** - Salmon  
(baked in sea salt)  
**Friday 11** - Wonton soup;  
mochiko chicken plate

**Monday 14** - Singapore  
soup; chicken lettuce  
wraps  
**Tuesday 15** - Naga-  
saki champon (seafood

noodles)  
**Wednesday 16** - Closed  
**Thursday 17** - Birthday  
sushi  
**Friday 18** - Chow mein

**Monday 21** - Halibut fish  
fry  
**Tuesday 22** - Mapodofu  
(tofu w/ spicy meat  
sauce)  
**Wednesday 23** - Closed  
**Thursday 24** - Closed for  
Thanksgiving  
**Friday 25** - Closed

**Monday 28** - Mexican  
corn soup; beef fajitas  
**Tuesday 29** - Oyako don-  
buri (chicken donburi)  
**Wednesday 30** - Closed

### Ikoi No Kai November 2011 Menu Notes:

November 10th - Salmon donated by Truman & Norma Sasaki in honor of Masae Sasaki's 99th birthday, Oct. 8th

November 11th - Veterans Free. Reservations by Nov. 8th, Support them @ \$4.00 and \$4.50, \$5.50 and \$6.00

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