

# PORTLANDJACL NEWSLETTER

*Founded in 1928,  
Portland JACL is one of  
the most respected civil  
rights organizations in  
the country.*



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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### July 4

- Independence Day

### July 5-8

- JACL National Convention, Bellevue, WA

### August 4

- OBON Fest, Oregon Buddhist Temple

### August 6

- Hiroshima-Nagasaki Remembrance, Japanese Historical Plaza, 6:00 p.m.

### August 10

- JASO Golf Tournament, Resort at the Mountain, [www.jaso.org](http://www.jaso.org)

### August 19

- Nikkei Community Picnic, Oaks Park

### September 16

- O.N.E. Annual Banquet Honoring Alice Sumida & Massie Hinatsu, Noon

### September 27

- JACL Annual Gala, JW Marriott Hotel, Washington D.C.

### September 29-30

- Festival Japan, Uwajimaya

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## The Gift That Keeps On Giving

*Board Members Message by Kirk Tambara*

The story goes something like this for most of us. We go out into the world to find our way, do the best we can, and at the end of it all we hope that we were able to make a positive impact for our community and the lives of those we care about. We do this through our daily interactions, whether it is letting a stranger go in front of us at the supermarket or occasionally something much larger like donating a kidney to save someone's life. Whether we give our time, talents, or treasures, most of us strive to make things better for our family, friends, and community. At the end of the day, we all want to have made a difference.

After your family and friends are taken care of, one meaningful way to make a difference is to set something aside for an organization or cause that you care about. Charitable giving plays an important role for organizations like Portland JACL as well as an estate plan. Philanthropy not only gives a great deal of personal satisfaction by supporting a cause that you care about, it can in some instances provide

individuals and their estates with favorable tax treatment as well.

One tax favored gifting strategy entails gifting highly appreciated stock positions to a charity. In this strategy, individuals can get the full market value of the position at the time the donation was made for a deduction instead of having to sell out of the position and pay taxes on the capital gains. Other strategies contain specific legal language put together by your estate planning attorney like a charitable lead/remainder trust. But while there are many ways to give, one easy method is simply naming the charity as a one of the beneficiaries in your will. However, before you consider a particular strategy, you should always consult with your Financial Advisor along with your legal and tax advisors.

The Portland chapter of JACL has been blessed over the years with an engaged and supportive membership. Whether it was a call to action to combat discrimination or support for our annual calendar, the community has always come through for us. Now as we enter the next phase of our existence, we have been blessed with a gift from one of our long time member, Mabel Boggs.

Mabel Kikue Shoji Boggs was born in Portland on August 3rd, 1920. After the bombing



*Mabel Kikue Shoji Boggs*

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## Board Members Message Continued

of Pearl Harbor, she like many other Portlanders of Japanese American descent was forced to spend the war years at the Minidoka Internment Camp. After the war, Mabel returned and met her future husband, Monte Boggs. The couple lived in Philomath where they owned and operated a pump business as well as the family farm. Even though she passed away on July 10th, 2011, Mabel continues to show her support for many of our local Nikkei organizations.

Part of Mabel's estate included a generous donation to Portland JACL. This donation will be used to continue the work that the chapter does on behalf of our community. Things like providing college scholarships to deserving local high school students, funding activities and educational opportunities for Unite People (Portland JACL youth group), providing support to groups like the Minidoka Swing Band, hosting the annual community picnic, and of course protecting the rights of Japanese Americans as well as the civil and human rights for all people.

We at Portland

**June 2012 Board Members Message Correction** - In paragraph 2 of the Japanese American Graduation Banquet recap, we incorrectly referred to guest speaker Lynn Nakamoto as Lynn Nakamura

JACL are greatly humbled by this gift. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Mabel and her family for their generosity and support over the years and pledge to be good stewards of this donation for years to come.

On behalf of Portland JACL, Domo Arigato Gozaimashita!

## 日系コミュニティ・ピクニック

### NIKKEI COMMUNITY PICNIC

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2012**

**OAKS PARK**

**(SOUTH PARK AREA - UNDER THE LARGE STRIPED TENT)**

**NOON TO 5PM**

**Join us for an afternoon of food and fun! The picnic is sponsored by organizations of the Nikkei community to celebrate our ethnic heritage.**

**We will provide at no cost:**

- Main dish: Fried Chicken
- Beverages: hot tea, soda, and beer
- Eating utensils: plates and napkins
- Watermelons
- Games and prizes and ride bracelets for kids high school and younger
- Parking

Please bring a side dish to share. In order to ensure a variety we suggest that you bring a side dish that corresponds to the alphabetical groupings listed below:

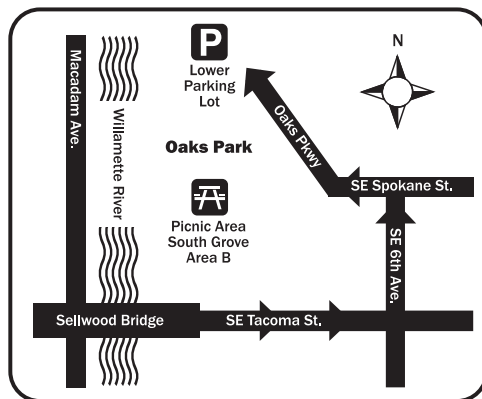
A-Ki Rice or a noodle dish  
Kl-Sa Salad or Vegetable dish  
Sc-Z Dessert or Bread

### 主催方からの供給

焼き鳥  
お茶、ソウダ、ビール  
西瓜  
遊芸と遊技の賞品  
駐車場

### 持ち合わせ品

A-Ki サラダ  
Kl-Sa ごはん  
Sc-Z デザート



This year, Kristi Fukunaga is setting recycling stations at the Nikkei Picnic as part of her Girl Scout Gold Project to create a greener environment.

**Please RSVP by August 10: Connie Masuoka at 503-243-3291**

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**Obonfest 2012**

**Saturday  
August 4th  
3-9pm**

**FREE Bon Odori  
Dance Lessons**

Tuesdays and Thursdays  
July 17<sup>th</sup> to August 2<sup>nd</sup>  
7-9 pm at the temple  
no experience necessary

**The Oregon Buddhist Temple**  
3720 SE 34<sup>th</sup> Ave. (at Powell Blvd.)  
503-234-9456  
[www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com](http://www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com)

**ORDER FORM FOR COMMEMORATIVE LANTERNS**

One Order Form for Each Lantern

ObonFest at the Oregon Buddhist Temple will again feature Commemorative Lanterns to celebrate our Kangi-e or "Gathering of Joy". The lanterns will be hung from lines radiating from the center of the dance area. The WHITE lanterns (\$25) commemorate the life of a loved one, remembering relatives, friends, or even pets regardless of when they passed away. The RED lanterns (\$25) honor a living person, organization or company. The names of the honored ones are beautifully written in English and kanji / katakana. You can re-hang a previously purchased lantern to continue this joyful remembrance (\$15).

- Have questions? Contact Edna at [RichKoy@juno.com](mailto:RichKoy@juno.com) **Lantern order deadline: Sunday, July 22, 2012.**

Please make checks payable to: **Oregon Buddhist Temple** 3720 SE 34<sup>th</sup> Ave Portland, OR 97202

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**WHITE COMMEMORATIVE LANTERN (\$25)**

Deceased's Name (English): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Passing: \_\_\_\_\_

Japanese Version (kanji/katakana): \_\_\_\_\_

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**RED COMMEMORATIVE LANTERN (\$25)**

Name (English): \_\_\_\_\_ Japanese Version (kanji/katakana): \_\_\_\_\_

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**RE-HANGING PREVIOUSLY PURCHASED LANTERN (\$15)**

Name (English): \_\_\_\_\_ Japanese Version (kanji/katakana): \_\_\_\_\_

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Purchaser's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

The commemorative lantern order form is also available on the OBT website:  
<http://www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com/documents/events/2012/lanterns2012.pdf>

Lanterns may be picked up Sunday  
August 12 or August 19 at 9:30 am

## JACL Community Snapshots!

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Jeff Selby (r), immediate past president of Portland JACL, serves as auctioneer during the dessert auction at the 2012 Unite People Chili Feed, Epworth United Methodist Church, Portland, Oregon. The event and auction was a fundraiser for Unite People, the youth group program of Portland JACL.

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## Japanese American Document Collection Available at Millar Library

**Editor's Note:** This article was originally published in Portland State University's Vanguard May 16, 2012, see <http://psuvanguard.com/news/japanese-american-document-collection-available-at-millar-library>. If you'd like to support the Portland JACL Collection please consider sending a monetary donation or donating materials to the Collection.

*By Shanna Cranston*

Last year, the Portland Japanese American Citizens League donated documents to Portland State containing information on Japanese American civil rights dating from 1941 to the 1980s. After a long process involving proper storage and cataloging, the Millar Library recently announced that the documents are now available to PSU students, faculty and staff.

"The Portland State Library is so pleased and honored to be selected by the Portland JACL to be the repository for their collection," said Head of Special Collections and University Archivist Cristine Paschild. "Already, we've seen a lot of interest from our students in using the documents in their research. It's a wonderful collaboration for us."

The Portland chapter is part of the larger national JACL organization. According to its website, its mission is "to secure and uphold the human and civil rights of Americans of Japanese ancestry and others to promote and preserve the cultural heritage and values of Japanese Americans." Founded in 1928, the national organization is the oldest

Japanese American group to champion human rights.

The Portland chapter, founded in 1930, is involved in multiple civil rights issues within the Portland area, such as the city's withdrawal from the Joint Terrorism Task Force, and works closely with other civil rights groups, including documenting more than 80 years of involvement in Oregon. Also attending events such as the Mochitsuki Festival in January, the Portland chapter has become a large part of the local Japanese American community.

Students may also get involved with JACL through Unite People, a youth group that meets the third Friday of each month at the Epworth United Methodist Church. Regardless of race or ethnicity, anyone interested in promoting universal civil and human rights is encouraged to join.

The Portland JACL has been documenting events since the establishment of the Portland Japanese American community and its forced relocation during WWII. Viewing the struggles and achievements of Japanese Americans during the resettlement period, the organization became dedicated

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## JA Document Collection Available at Millar Library Continued

to preserving the rights of American citizens as well as honoring those who had experienced such injustice in the past. It holds annual events like the Day of Remembrance around Feb. 19 in recognition of the 1942 signing of Executive Order 9066, which authorized the forced relocation of all people of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast.

"We receive many inquiries from the community, individuals, media and students about the experience of Japanese Americans in Oregon," Portland JACL Co-President Jean Yamamoto said. "Some questions are about the forced relocation during World War II to internment camp, Nisei veterans and their heroic service during WWII, redress or about cultural events that we sponsor," she said.

In 2010, PSU graduate student Robert Hedgewood had been looking for documents on civil rights and redress efforts dating between 1945 and 1955 and contacted JACL. "All our records were kept in a rented storage unit, and Robert spent considerable time looking through the boxes," Yamamoto said. "He suggested that we connect with PSU to see if they might be interested in the collection. Last year we deeded the collection to the library."

Special Collections is a department of the Millar Library that oversees rare books and manuscripts and historical records from the university and community archives. These collections are available to students by appointment. The JACL-donated collection includes correspondence to

legislative groups regarding the Alien Land Law Act and the Civil Rights Act, documents on supported services that assisted Japanese Americans returning to the region after WWII, programs of cultural events and youth clubs after internment, and business and membership directories that map out the changes of the community over an 80-year span.

"The relevance of the collection is not just in one or two documents but in the processes and interactions that the documents represent in their relationship to each other," Paschild said. "You can see the steps and negotiations that needed to take place to make change happen... There is a receipt for a flag set from Meier and Frank, a department store in Portland, that is dated December 8, 1941, the day after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. This one item says so much about the despair and fear the community felt as they tried to emphasize to their neighbors that they too were, first and foremost, Americans," Paschild added.

To view the Special Collections, contact the department for an appointment by calling (503) 725-9883, or via email at [specialcollections@lists.pdx.edu](mailto:specialcollections@lists.pdx.edu). The archives can be searched online and appointments can also be made at [library.pdx.edu/specialcollections.html](http://library.pdx.edu/specialcollections.html). For more information on the Unite People group, email [UP@JACL.org](mailto:UP@JACL.org) or check out the JACL's website at [www.pdxjacl.org](http://www.pdxjacl.org).

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## Clark Center Loaves & Fishes July 2012 Menu

2740 SE Powell Blvd., Portland OR

**Monday 2** - Spaghetti & meatballs or turkey, cranberry & cream cheese sandwich

**Tuesday 3** - BBQ chicken or fish sandwich

**Wednesday 4** - Closed for Independence Day

**Thursday 5** - Meat loaf w/ gravy or tortellini w/ creamy tomato sauce

**Friday 6** - Baked fish w/ tartar sauce or greek salad

**Monday 9** - Chicken fried steak w/ country gravy or tuna stuffed salad

**Tuesday 10** - Chicken tacos or Mediterranean sandwich

**Wednesday 11** - Yakisoba

**Thursday 12** - Dijon turkey or chicken enchilada casserole

**Friday 13** - Teriyaki chicken or veggie lasagna

**Monday 16** - Chicken breast sandwich

**Tuesday 17** - Savory baked chicken or roast pork w/ gravy

**Wednesday 18** - Asian spicy fish

**Thursday 19** - Veggie pizza or french dip sandwich

**Friday 20** - Breaded pork w/ gravy or tuna stuffed tomato

**Monday 23** - Sweet & sour chicken or mushroom & cheese omelet

**Tuesday 24** - Turkey pot roast or Chinese chicken salad

**Wednesday 25** - Beef enchiladas or spinach lasagna

**Thursday 26** - Spaghetti w/ meat sauce or open face turkey sandwich

**Friday 27** - Breaded tilapia or swedish meatballs

**Monday 30** - Ginger chicken or veggie chili

**Tuesday 31** - Meat loaf w/ gravy or veggie pizza

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## JACL Community Snapshots!

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Kaz Oda and Katie Namba at the Canby High School Memorial Day Assembly on May 31, 2012



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People gather at the Rose City Cemetery for the Memorial Day Ceremony on May 28, 2012.



Governor Chip Larouche swears in the Puyallup Chapter JACL Board.



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Professor Linda Tamura at teacher in-service day at Washougal, Washington on May 24, 2012.

Randy Choy (center, back) facilitates the Portland JACL board retreat at Multnomah Athletic Club, Portland, Oregon. The first annual board retreat was coordinated by chapter co-presidents Susan Leedham and Jean Yamamoto (left).



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## JAPANESE ANCESTRAL SOCIETY OF PORTLAND

June 2012

Dear Golfers and Friends:

You are cordially invited to participate in the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Jerry Inouye Memorial Golf Tournament to be held on Sunday, July 29, 2012 at Glendoveer Golf Course-East (14015 NE Glisan, 503.253.7507). While the JAS has hosted this event for over 20 years, the tournament was renamed in 2001 to honor and recognize Jerry for his many years of service in promoting this event. The shotgun start will begin at 7:30 a.m. with check-in at 6:45 a.m.

**You must be a JAS member to participate. You can include your membership dues along with your entry fee.**

A perpetual trophy will be awarded to the lowest net scorer among the men's "A" and "B" flights and also to the "ladies" flight. Prizes will be awarded for KP's on all par 3 holes, a longest drive hole, and low gross honors in each flight. In case of a tie, players score cards will be evaluated from the 18<sup>th</sup> hole backwards with the first low score winning. Everyone will ride a cart, and lunch will be served at Chinese Village following the tournament. If you have a golfing preference for your foursome, please let us know and list the names of each person of your group. If a foursome is requested, please make sure that a golfer(s) of a group is not duplicated in another foursome.

**If you are not interested in golf but would like to donate to this annual event**, please call Kurtis Inouye at 503 627-0740 or Pat Gilman 503 317-2939. Due to course regulations, we must collect your entry fee by July 18, 2012 to reserve our tee times. No exceptions! **Entry fee is \$65 which includes golf, cart, and lunch.**

Best Regards from your Golf Committee

(Al Abe, Joe Dyer, Kay Endo, Pat Gilman, Marian Hara (IMO), Ace Hiromura, Joann Hiromura, Kurtis Inouye, George Kanegae, Terry Kawamoto, Wimpy Kawata, Hideo Kobayashi, Bill Koida, Gordon Kondo, Chip & Setsy Larouche, Yoji Matsushima, Merianne Nagae, Bill Nakamura, Kurt Nakashima, Lynn N. Nishida, Ken Ogawa, John Ollerenshaw, Sharon Takahashi, Katie Tamiyasu, Lew Tomita, Henry Ueno, Skip Yamamoto, Jeff Yoshida, Shig Yuzuriha)

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Please return this information from and a check for \$65 (consider renewing your membership too!) made payable to Japanese Ancestral Society of Portland, **no later than July 18, 2012**

\_\_\_\_\_ I will play      \_\_\_\_\_ I will stay for lunch      \_\_\_\_\_ Single JAS membership (\$25)

\_\_\_\_\_ I will **not** play      \_\_\_\_\_ I will **not** stay for lunch      \_\_\_\_\_ Couple JAS membership (\$40)

\_\_\_\_\_ Please accept my tax deductible donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer's Name \_\_\_\_\_ (circle) **Male** **Female**

Golfer's Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ USGA GHIN Number \_\_\_\_\_

USGA Handicap Index as of July 1, 2012 \_\_\_\_\_ or List last 5 golf scores (18 holes) \_\_\_\_\_

If playing with a group, please add names \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail form to: JAS, c/o Chris Shiraishi, 5200 SW Macadam #550, Portland, OR 97239**



## Iko no Kai at Epworth

1333 SE 28th Ave, Portland

**Monday 2** - California  
chirashizushi

**Tuesday 3** - Beer curry

**Wednesday 4** - Closed  
Happy July Fourth!

**Thursday 5** - Thin sliced  
pork & summer veggies

**Friday 6** - Ginger scallion  
chicken

**Monday 9** - BBQ pork  
chow mein

**Tuesday 10** - Sweet &  
sour meatballs

**Wednesday 11** - Closed

**Thursday 12** - Chicken  
karaage

**Friday 13** - Lemon basil  
pasta w/ cod

**Monday 16** - Hoisin  
chicken / mixed musubi

**Tuesday 17** - Bow gyoza

**Wednesday 18** - Closed

**Thursday 19** - Spring  
chinook salmon

**Friday 20** - Beef w/ black  
mushrooms

**Monday 23** - Thai shrimp

salad & fried rice

**Tuesday 24** - Hiyashi  
chuka ramen

**Wednesday 25** - Closed

**Thursday 26** - Sukiyaki  
donburi

**Friday 27** - Oven fried  
chicken & potato salad

**Monday 30** - Chicken &  
veggie skewers

**Tuesday 31** - Birthday  
sushi

### Iko no Kai July 2012 Menu Notes:

- Only the entrée is listed. Each day's menu includes a salad or side dish & dessert
- Hanafuda: July 9 & 23
- Health consultation: 1st Thursday w/ Dr. Tosh Inahara, bring list of medications

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