

# 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

### Jan 1

- Happy New Year!

### Jan 4

- New Year's Luncheon  
OBT

### Jan 18

- Hiroshima Club Oshogatsu  
Chinese Village

### Jan 25, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

- Mochitsuki  
Smith Hall, PSU

### Feb 7

- JACL National Board Meeting  
San Francisco

### Feb 8, 4:30 p.m.

- JAS General  
Membership Meeting  
Saylor's Steak House  
Restaurant

### Feb 11

- General Membership Meeting  
Nichiren

### Feb 19

- Chinese New Year  
Year of the Goat

### Feb 22

- Day of Remembrance/  
Nisei Appreciation Luncheon  
MAC Club

### March 8

- Daylight Savings Time Begins

### March 15

- Spring Bazaar, Nichiren

### March 28, 10 a.m.

- PNW District Meeting  
Holladay Park Plaza

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## 2014 Wrap-Up

*Board Members Message by  
Susan Leedham*

As I write this article it's almost time to say goodbye to 2014 and usher in a new year. I hope 2014 was good to you.

Our chapter hummed along with a very successful Day of Remembrance where we partnered with NAYA, Native American Youth and Family Center, and shared our experiences with injustice in a lively panel discussion. And we had Native American drummers and Portland Taiko open our program. There is something very primal about drumming, and I think we all can feel the connection.

We awarded scholarships to deserving high school graduates, remembered Hiroshima and Nagasaki, worked with our community partners on Mochitsuki and other community events, hosted our annual picnic and attended our national convention in San Jose.

2014 has also seen a lot of demonstrations regarding the

deaths of young black men at the hands of the police. Maybe Michael Brown is not the perfect messenger but when our President and Attorney General both say that they have experienced racial profiling by the police, it is obvious that racism is alive and well in this country and much still needs to be done.

There is also much to be done regarding immigration reform, fighting the repeal of voting rights and income inequality. I'm glad that we have a national voice that speaks to these important issues.

Our 2015 Day of Remembrance will honor our Nisei who gave so much to our community and our nation as part of, to quote Tom Brokaw, the greatest generation. I hope you will be able to come and honor this generation on February 22nd. The information is in this newsletter.

Here's to a 2015 that has dialogue and at least an attempt at understanding instead of the posturing we've witnessed for far too long.

Best wishes for a peaceful 2015.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

# MOCHITSUKI 2015

*The Year of the Sheep*

19th Annual Japanese American New Year Celebration

**Sunday, January 25, 2015 • 11 AM-4 PM**

***New Location!***

**Smith Memorial Student Union (SMSU)**

**Portland State University**

**1825 SW Broadway • Portland, OR 97207**



[www.mochipdx.org](http://www.mochipdx.org)

Come celebrate the incoming New Year with Japanese American traditions at the Mochitsuki Community Festival! Experience family-friendly hands-on events, demonstrations, and activities with mochi pounding, calligraphy, origami, tea ceremony, ikebana, and games. Enjoy traditional Japanese dancing, drumming, and musical guests from Portland Taiko, Takohachi, Unit Souzou, Sahomi Tachibana Dancers, and many others! Presented by Portland JACL, and co-produced by Konko Church of Portland, Oregon Nikkei Endowment, and Portland Taiko.

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The US Government told them to pack up, sell their businesses and get ready to leave their homes. **They did.** The same Government classified the men as enemy aliens but then asked them to leave their loved ones behind the barbed wire and volunteer to fight the war. **They did.** Their story forms an exceptional part of what we have labeled *The Greatest Generation*. **They are the Nisei.** For the 2015 Day of Remembrance event, Portland JACL and the Japanese Ancestral Society are co-sponsoring a Nisei Appreciation Luncheon to honor this generation of Japanese Americans and thank them for their contributions to the community and to America.



## 2015 Day of Remembrance/Nisei Appreciation Luncheon

**Sunday, February 22, 1-4 p.m. Multnomah Athletic Club**

**Cost: Complimentary for Nisei members of Portland JACL or JAS who are 75 or older**

**Others: \$40 per person. Reservations Required.**

For Nisei Guests, circle whether you are a JAS member or Portland JACL member, or both.  
For All, Circle if you want vegetarian meal rather than regular chicken entrée.

**Questions?**  
**Call Setsy at 503-698-4656**  
**or**  
**Email: Larouche@msn.com**

Guest Name _____	JAS or JACL _____	Vegetarian Meal? _____
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Send Reservation Form with check payable to JACL: JACL c/o Chip & Setsy Larouche,  
12811 SE Hawks Crest Pl, Happy Valley, OR 97086

**Deadline for Reservations is January 31, 2015!**

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### Thank You from Portland JACL!

Portland JACL would like to thank everyone listed below for their generous donations during the past year (through November 2014) to our programs which include the Nikkei Community Picnic, our ongoing programs for civil rights advocacy, our youth program and scholarships, the Minidoka Swing Band, the Nikkei Community Directory, our annual calendar, the monthly newsletter, and the Pacific Citizen Holiday Issue advertising.

Domo Arigato Gozaimashita!

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Pictured are Jean Matsumoto, Jayne Ichikawa and Marilyn Achterman at the Oregon Buddhist Temple Holiday Craft Fair.  
Photo by Chip Larouche

## Photo Gallery



Several members of the Pacific Northwest District Council attended the Tacoma Buddhist Temple Mochitsuki event that also included saying "Thank You" and Farewell to Karen Yoshitomi who was the Regional Director of PWNDC of JACL for almost 25 years. She is now the Executive Director for the Japanese Cultural & Community Center of Washington. Pictured left to right are: Paul Tashima, Setsy Larouche, Bob Nakamura, Chip Larouche, Karen Yoshitomi, Elsie Taniguchi, Eileen Lamphere, Kaila Yoshitomi and Andy So.



Consul General Hiroshi Furusawa is pictured here with the Minidoka Swing Band leaders Laura Baxter (center) and Yasuyo Strassmaier (left) at the Columbia Edgewater Country Club where the Tomodachi Kai group held their Holiday Party.  
Photo By Setsy Larouche



The Portland JACL board were honored to attend the celebration of the Emperor of Japan's birthday on December 10th at the Hilton Hotel. Pictured here are Chip Larouche, the host, Consul General Hiroshi Furusawa and Portland JACL President, Kirk Tambara.  
Photo by Setsy Larouche

## Nikkei Holiday Party



Santa Claus (r) speaks to a youngster as Santa's helper looks on at the 2014 Nikkei Christmas Party, Oregon Buddhist Temple, Portland, Oregon. Chief Coordinator Connie Masuoka organized the potluck event for the second year in a row. Photo By Rich Iwasaki

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## **Iko no Kai at Epworth January 2015 Menu**

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**Monday 5** - Beef & broccoli

**Tuesday 6** - Chikara udon

**Wednesday 7** - Closed

**Thursday 8** - Kasujiru

**Friday 9** - Lasagna

**Monday 12** - Cod fish & chips

**Tuesday 13** - Tonkatsu

**Wednesday 14** - Closed

**Thursday 15** - Bruce's salmon

**Friday 16** - Crispy beef bibimbap

**Monday 19** - Ginger scal-  
lion chicken / fried rice

**Tuesday 20** - Meatballs

**Wednesday 21** - Closed

**Thursday 22** - New Year's  
special bento: Reserva-  
tions required: + \$2

**Friday 23** - Thai peanut  
chicken pad thai

**Monday 26** - Roast pork /  
Singapore noodles

**Tuesday 27** - Sukiyaki

**Wednesday 28** - Closed

**Thursday 29** - Birthday  
Sushi

**Friday 30** - Wonton soup

### **Menu Notes:**

- Meals include salad or soup and dessert

- **Mondays, 12:30-2:**  
hanafuda and bridge

**Mon-Tue, 11:30:**

chair exercises

**Jan 13, 10:30:**

Fujinkai Board

**Jan 15, 11:**

Hyakudokai

**Jan 19, 11:30:**

Ohana Lunch Bunch

**Jan 22, 11:** Oregon

Koto Kai Concert

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