

# PORTLANDJACL NEWSLETTER

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Portland JACL is one of  
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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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### October 17 thru January 17, 2016

- GAMBATTE!  
Legacy of Enduring Spirit  
Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center

### November 1

- Daylight Savings Time Ends

### November 1

- Oregon Nisei Veterans  
Observance of Veterans Day  
2pm Rose City Cemetery  
3pm Willamette National Cemetery  
4pm Chinese Village Restaurant

### November 3

- Election Day!  
Remember to Vote!

### November 9, 7 p.m.

- Nihonmachi: The Place to be  
Portland Center Stage  
Ticket Info [www.oregonnikkei.org](http://www.oregonnikkei.org)

### November 11

- Veterans Day

### November 14, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

- Craft Fair  
Oregon Buddhist Temple

### November 26

- Thanksgiving Day

### December 5, 5 p.m.

- Nikkei Community Holiday Party  
Oregon Buddhist Temple

### December 25

- Christmas Day

### January 1

- Happy New Year!

### January 31

- Mochitsuki 2016  
Portland State University

## Pacific Citizen Going Digital

*Board Member Message by Chip Larouche  
National VP for Planning and Development*

For those of you who receive the Pacific Citizen, the official newspaper of JACL, you might have already read that we're going to be changing the way it's distributed and we're going to be heading in a digital direction.

Many of you know that the newspaper industry has been in a declining mode for years with the advent of online news and social media delivering news and information to consumers in a new business model. For those of us in Portland, we've already seen the Oregonian go from 7 day delivery to the homes to a more digital approach to only a 4 day delivery to the home with a digital delivery to your email every morning. Something similar will happen to your Pacific Citizen.

These kinds of changes are often difficult for many people. You get used to picking up your newspaper from the driveway early in the morning, and you come back in and settle down with a cup of coffee perhaps (or green tea!) and read "the news." But inevitably, times change, and the ways of doing business often have to change with the times.

For the Pacific Citizen, you might ask, "Why is this change necessary"? Here are the facts:

- JACL once had over 20,000 members. Now we have fewer than 10,000.
- Each membership contributes \$12 of its dues to the Pacific Citizen program
- The cost of production and distribution of the Pacific Citizen has gone up like most other things in life.
- Other revenue sources like the "Spring Campaign" and ad revenue haven't kept up.
- The deficit for this program had been over \$100,000 for the past couple of years
- Projections are that the deficit would reach \$200,000 soon and continue to rise
- This kind of drain on the JACL reserves could not be tolerated much longer

The National Board decided that the digitalization transition plan that had been initiated in 2010 and whose execution was delayed to 2012

## Pacific Citizen continued

and then again to 2015, could not be delayed any longer.

So starting in March 2016, the Pacific Citizen will start being delivered to member's email accounts electronically. The bi-monthly editions will be delivered at the same frequency and the content will remain the same, only the manner of distribution will change. About two months later, around June 2016, the printed edition will no longer be sent to most members. One benefit having the Pacific Citizen delivered by email will be that members in the Portland area will now receive their Pacific Citizen at the same time as the members in California who normally would receive their paper copy around a week earlier than us! That will also allow JACL to deliver late breaking news in the Japanese American community to our members more quickly, something a mailed copy of a newspaper cannot do.

There will still be some editions of the Pacific Citizen that do get delivered to your door. The Pacific Citizen Holiday Edition for instance will continue to be produced and delivered the same way, and some special editions like the Scholarship Edition will continue to be sent to the home.

For existing members who do not have email or access to a computer, a special printing of the digital edition is being planned with details yet to be developed on how that will be produced and distributed. New members to JACL will be required to have an email address if they want to receive the Pacific Citizen.

The National Board and Pacific Citizen Staff are still working out the details of the overall plan for this transition. I'm sure that as details emerge, information will be printed in the Pacific Citizen and this newsletter as well.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to email me at [chip@pdxjaci.org](mailto:chip@pdxjaci.org) or call me at 503-635-0259. Thanks!

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## Nihonmachi: The Place to Be

### Special Performances in Portland

*Presented by Portland JACL*

Monday, November 9, noon and 7pm

at Portland Center Stage, Gerding Theater, 128 NW 11th Avenue, Portland

Tickets: Student Matinee: \$10, Evening performance: \$40

Tickets on sale at [www.pcs.org](http://www.pcs.org)

*Nihonmachi: The Place to Be* is a two-hour musical journey, originally performed in Los Angeles, that will transport audiences back in time to Nihonmachi (Japantown), the way it used to be before World War II. The play follows one Sansei's (third generation Nikkei) story as he discovers 100 years of his family's history, his roots in Japantown, and ultimately who he is as a Japanese American. Interspersed through the show are classic, nostalgic Japanese and American songs.

Oregon Nikkei Endowment and Portland Center Stage have partnered with **Grateful Crane Ensemble** to bring this production to the Gerding Theater. Two performances, a matinee for school groups (including complimentary tickets for underserved youth) and an evening performance for the general public, will introduce this history to audiences of all ages.

Tickets are on sale at Portland Center Stage ([www.pcs.org](http://www.pcs.org) or 503-445-3700). Please contact Oregon Nikkei Endowment for more information: Phone: 503-224-1458 E-mail: [info@oregonnikkei.org](mailto:info@oregonnikkei.org)

## The Minidoka Swing Band Receives \$25,000 Grant

*by Laura Baxter, MSB Manager*

The Minidoka Swing Band of the Portland JACL received a grant of \$25,000 from the Spirit Mountain Community Fund on September 24, 2015. The grant will be used to help fund the band's operational costs for "Sharing Our Heritage and Culture Through Music" to communities around Oregon and beyond during 2015-2016. The grant is an Educational Operational grant which will help fund the band's outreach to other parts of Oregon to educate about the history of WWII Japanese American Incarceration. With three members of the band that actually experienced incarceration and several band members whose parents experienced incarceration, the band is in a great position to educate the public, many of whom are unaware of WWII Japanese American Incarceration or how they suffered. Educating with music of the era is, as George Takei has told the MSB, 'My appreciation and gratitude goes to those talented musicians for keeping a dulcet part of a dark experience so melodically alive.' Thank you to the Spirit Mountain Community Fund grant selection committee.



Left to right are Reynold Leno, Tribal Council Chairman; Larry Nobori, MSB Music Director; Laura Baxter, MSB Manager, Nola Sugai Bogle, MSB Vocalist; and Sho Dozono, Board of Trustees Chairman.



The Portland JACL Annual Membership Meeting was held October 15th in the basement of the Oregon Buddhist Temple. Shown in the photo (L to R) are President Kirk Tambara, Connie Masuoka, Heidi Tolentino, Kim Kono, Rich Iwasaki, Marleen Wallingford and Susan Leedham who are discussing the board retreat and checking their calendars. The retreat will take place on November 15th. Photo by Setsy Larouche

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**Unite People's  
Holiday Wreath Sale**

Get ready for the Holidays and reduce your stress by pre-ordering winter greenery to decorate your home or office.

Let us help you decorate your home or business by ordering from our lovely selection of wreaths and holiday decorations. This year the proceeds will benefit Epworth Church who has been very supportive of Unite People by providing them a meeting space and Unite People's summer project.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number

<b>Mixed wreaths with berries</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Total</b>
12 inch		\$20.00	
16 inch		\$26.00	
20 inch		\$32.00	
<b>Door Swag</b>		\$15.00	
<b>Candy Cane Style</b>		\$ 20.00	
<b>15 foot Garland</b>		\$20.00	
<b>Red Bow</b>		\$20.00	
<b>Mizuhiki</b>		\$20.00	
<b>Total</b>			

**Deadline to order is November 7, 2015**

Pick-up date:  
Sunday, December 6, 2015  
from 11-2pm  
at Epworth United Methodist

Mail this form to:  
Unite People  
6305 E Burnside  
Portland, OR 97215  
or

Order on line at  
[pdxjacl.org](http://pdxjacl.org)

**Please make checks payable to UNITE PEOPLE**

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Here is a photo taken at the Center for Intercultural Organizing on Sept. 24. Kate Brown signed two bills which were promoted: Stop Profiling and Ban the Box. The Portland JACL was one of the co-sponsors for Stop Profiling. The new law creates a system for people to report profiling incidents and requires law enforcement agencies to pass formal profiling bans by Jan. 1 of next year. Ban the Box is legislation restricting employers from inquiring about an applicant's criminal background during the initial stages of the application process also takes effect on January 1, 2016.



Portland JACL co-sponsored the CACA 1882 Project that promotes public awareness of the history and continuing significance of the Chinese Exclusion Laws. This year's speaker was Ms. Diane Hess in the center of the picture who is the Education Director at the Fair Housing Council of Oregon. Pictured with Diane (from L to R) are Chapter members Setsy Larouche, Susan Leedham, Connie Masuoka and Ron Sato. Photo by Chip Larouche



Portland Taiko is shown kicking off their 2015-2016 season under the leadership of a new Executive Director, Wynn Kiyama. This photo was their first number at their Taiko Connections Concert held on October 18th at St. Anne's Chapel at Marylhurst University. Photo by Chip Larouche



The 2015 Goodwill Golf Tournament between the Consulate General of Japan, Shokookai and the Japanese Ancestral Society was held on September 20th. The initial foursome included (L to R) Masaaki Moriya, Chip Larouche, Consul General Hiroshi Furusawa & Gordon Kondo.



The National JACL Board meeting was held in Chicago on October 3rd. Shown in the photo (L to R) are Treasurer Matt Farrells, President David Lin, Executive Director Pricilla Ouchida and Legal Counsel Brandon Mita discussing some of the current issues facing JACL. Photo by Setsy Larouche

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## OBT 2015 Holiday Craft Fair "Always Local, Always Handcrafted"

Saturday, Nov.14, 2015 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM



The OBT Craft Fair will feature local artists who create quality **handcrafted items** to share and sell. Plan ahead and add this event to your calendar so you can:

- Get a jump on your holiday **SHOPPING** or just treat yourself to something handmade, and fun.
- Pick up your order of **APPLES & PEARS** from the famous **Kiyokawa Orchards**. School lunches, Thanksgiving gift baskets, holiday baking or a healthy snack.. don't miss this opportunity to stock up. If a box sounds like too much, consider finding a friend to split one or baking extra pies for the freezer. (see pre-order form below)
- Treat yourself. Take home a **CHICKEN BOWL** for a tasty lunch or dinner after a long day of work or holiday shopping. (see pre-order form below)

For more information, see our website: <http://www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com/events/2015/craftfair2015.html>

**Enjoy delicious APPLES & PEARS from the Hood River Valley & support the OBT**



### APPLES (20-22 lbs. per box)

Granny Smith \_\_\_\_\_ boxes @ \$28 ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Fuji \_\_\_\_\_ boxes @ \$28 ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mixed Premium \_\_\_\_\_ boxes @ \$32 ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(\*Mixed premium apple boxes: 4-5 varieties: Fuji, Gala, Braeburn, Granny Smith, Jonagold, Cameo, Ambrosia & Sonata)



### PEARS (22-25 lbs. per box)

Anjou \_\_\_\_\_ boxes @ \$28 ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mixed Winter\* \_\_\_\_\_ boxes @ \$40 ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(\*Mixed boxes: 4-5 varieties:

Green D'Anjou, Comice, Bosc, Packham Triumph & Taylor's Gold)

\*if specific varieties are not available, we will substitute it with a similar variety.

ALL SALES SUPPORT THE OREGON BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

total \$ enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Checks payable to the Oregon Buddhist Temple)

Mail order form & payment to the OBT  
3720 S.E. 34<sup>th</sup> Ave. Portland, Oregon 97202

**Deadline for orders: Nov. 5, 2015**

All orders available for pick up

**Sat. Nov.14, 2015 10 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.**  
during the OBT Holiday Craft Fair



### PREORDER: CHICKEN BOWL for "take out"

**Nov. 14, 2015, pick up: 11 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.**  
during the Holiday Craft Fair

\_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Bowl "to go" @ \$7.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Quantity total \$ owed

\_\_\_\_\_ Teriyaki Tofu Bowl "to go" @ \$7.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Quantity (vegetarian option) total \$ owed

All orders packed for takeout.

TOTAL DUE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Name – please print

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phone number

\_\_\_\_\_  
email address

Mail preorder & checks payable to the OBT to the Oregon Buddhist Temple 3720 S.E. 34<sup>th</sup> Ave. Portland, OR 97202

## Japanese American Community Scholarship Applications

Applications for the 2016 Japanese American Community Scholarships are now available at the JACL website [www.pdxjacl.org/scholarships/community-scholarships](http://www.pdxjacl.org/scholarships/community-scholarships). The student or a parent must be a member of at least one of the participating organizations on October 15, 2015 or earlier.

## **Nikkei Community Winter Holiday Party**

Saturday, December 5, 2015 starting at 5pm

Oregon Buddhist Temple Basement

3720 SE 34<sup>th</sup>, Portland, OR 97202

Please join us for the 3rd annual Nikkei BCC/HKS+\* party.  
This will be a semi-potluck dinner where the main course  
will be provided and you bring a side dish of your choice.

There will be activities for kids and a visit from Santa.  
Start the holidays with food and fun.

For more information or to RSVP contact Connie  
at [cmasuoka@comcast.net](mailto:cmasuoka@comcast.net) or 503-243-3291.

\*Bodhi day, Christmas, Chanukah/Hanukkah, Kwanzaa,  
Solstice

### **YOUR PORTLAND JACL BOARD**

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## **Ikoi no Kai at Epworth November 2015 Menu**

1333 SE 28th Ave, Portland, 503-238-0775

**Monday 2** - Tilapia kabayaki donburi

**Tuesday 3** - Hoisin chicken

**Wednesday 4** - Closed

**Thursday 5** - Nappa w/ pork & shrimp / iridofu

**Friday 6** - Chicken kara-age

**Monday 9** - Chicken parmesan / lemon basil pasta

**Tuesday 10** - Bill Otani's Salmon Lunch, Reservations required

**Wednesday 11** - Closed

**Thursday 12** - Ground beef omelet / kinpira gobo

**Friday 13** - Noodles w/ special meat dipping sauce

**Monday 16** - Ginger beef / Singapore noodles

**Tuesday 17** - Thai shrimp / fried rice

**Wednesday 18** - Closed

**Thursday 19** - Niku dango (minced pork ball) & stir fry cabbage w/ age

**Friday 20** - Birthday sushi

**Monday 23** - Vietnamese chicken / pho soup

**Tuesday 24** - Miso pork & tofu

**Wednesday 25** - Closed

**Thursday 26** - Happy Thanksgiving! Closed

**Friday 27** - Closed

**Monday 30** - Salmon chowder / somen salad

### **Menu Notes:**

- Meals include salad or soup and dessert
- Mondays, 12:30-2:**  
hanafuda and bridge
- Mon-Tue, 11:30:**  
chair exercises
- Nov 10, 10:30:**  
Fujinkai Board Meeting
- Nov 16, 11:30:**  
Ohana Lunch Bunch
- Nov 19, 11:30:**  
Sing Along w/ Jerry
- Nov 20, noon:**  
Kathryn Work piano

**DocuMart**  
Copies & Printing

Your Portland JACL Newsletter comes to you thanks to DocuMart on SW Main in Portland, who prints it at a greatly reduced cost. Please consider them for your printing needs: (503) 228-6253.

A big thank you to Chris Onchi, as well, Chris has been printing our labels, making data entry changes, and assisting with the annual calendar for many years. Her business is Chris' Mailing Service: (503) 452-6864.