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Board Member MESSAGE

by Jeff Matsumoto

As we settle into Autumn and the new season upon us, I am forever reminded why I love this time of year. The Fall colors, The Fall Classic (The World Series), The Fall harvest being brought in. I am also reminded that it is the political season as well. Midterm or General you can count on political commercials, mailers and maybe a phone call from your friendly Board Member.

This is the time of year we fulfill our civic duty. We have seen systems fail, systems in need of change and know there are systems which need to be abolished but our democratic system cannot fail and must not fail. We have seen our democracy under assault. Election deniers attempting to usurp the power of the vote or by those that stormed the U.S. Capitol January 6.

Our democratic society is strengthened when we vote. Your voter's pamphlet and attending nonpartisan forums are useful tools in becoming more familiar with the issues in the upcoming election. Please consider joining Portland JACL and Chinese American Citizens Alliance Portland Sunday, October 16 at 3pm for a virtual conversation on the issues and measures on this year's November ballot. To register, contact Board Member, Marleen Wallingford (marleen@pdxjacl.org). Other important election dates are

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

October 4
Yom Kippur

October 10
Indigenous People's Day

October 16
Be An Informed Voter (Virtual)
3pm

October 18
Last day to register to vote for
November 2022 election in Oregon
Washington residents can register on line up to eight
days before the election and in person
on the day of the election

October 24
United Nation's Day

October 31
Halloween

November 8
Election Day

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Tue. Oct. 18, 2022

Voter registration deadline

Wed. Oct 19, 2022

Ballots mailed to voters

Tue. Nov 8, 2022

Midterm Election (Ballots CAN NOW BE postmarked Nov. 8)

After the vote, I strongly encourage you to

stay engaged. Attend your representative's town hall or forum. These are opportunities for you to voice concerns and hold the elected accountable. They want to hear from you and share with you the work happening in Salem.

Between then and now, I hope you will join me on the 16th to learn more about the issues; I hope you will join me to encourage others to vote; I hope you will join me when we reach out to those elected who work on our behalf.

❖ Apply for 2023 Scholarships ❖

It is time to be thinking about scholarships. The Japanese American Community has given out awards and scholarships since 1949. We celebrate the graduation of our high school seniors at our Graduation Banquet which will be held on April 30th, 2023 at the Monarch Hotel, Clackamas. Our community gives out over \$20,000 annually. Many of our donors are community members who are interested in supporting our youth.

The application form can be found on the Portland JACL website (www.pdxjacl.org). Applications are due March 3, 2023

You or your parents must be members of one of the following organizations by December 17, 2022 to be eligible to apply for a scholarship or a Buddhist Henjyoji Art Award

- Buddhist Henjyoji Temple
- Epworth United Methodist Church
- Gresham-Troutdale Japanese American Citizens League (JACL)
- Japanese Ancestral Society (Nikkei Jinkai)
- Japanese Women's Society (Nikkei Fujinkai)
- Nichiren Buddhist Temple of Oregon
- Oregon Buddhist Temple
- Oregon Nisei Veterans

- Portland Japanese American citizens League (Portland JACL)
- Shokookai
- Veleda

The Buddhist Henjyoji Temple will also offer an award to student who who has been engaged in one of the Japanese arts. The application will also be on the Portland JACL website.

In addition to the community scholarships, the national JACL offers over \$60,000 annually to not only graduating high school students but to college students, graduate students, financial need, law, medical school and performing arts. The student must be a member of JACL in order to apply. This is a separate application and the forms can be found at www.jacl.org.



Be an Informed Voter

October 16th - 3pm / Zoom Event

Join the Chinese American Citizens Alliance, C.A.C.A. and the Portland JACL in a voter information presentation with the League of Woman Voters. We will be given non-partisan information about Oregon Ballot measures that voters will be deciding on this election.

Title	Subject	Description	
LRCA	Measure 111	Healthcare	Amends the Oregon Constitution to add that the state "ensure that every resident of Oregon has access to cost-effective, clinically appropriate and affordable health care as a fundamental right"
LRCA	Measure 112	Constitutional Language	Repeals language allowing slavery or involuntary servitude as criminal punishments and authorizes an Oregon court or a probation or parole agency to order alternatives to incarceration for a convicted individual
CICA	Measure 113	Government Accountability	Excludes state legislators from re-election for unexcused legislative absenteeism
CISS	Measure 114	Firearms	Enacts a law outlining a procedure to apply for a permit-to-purchase a firearm and prohibits ammunition magazines capable of holding more than 10 rounds

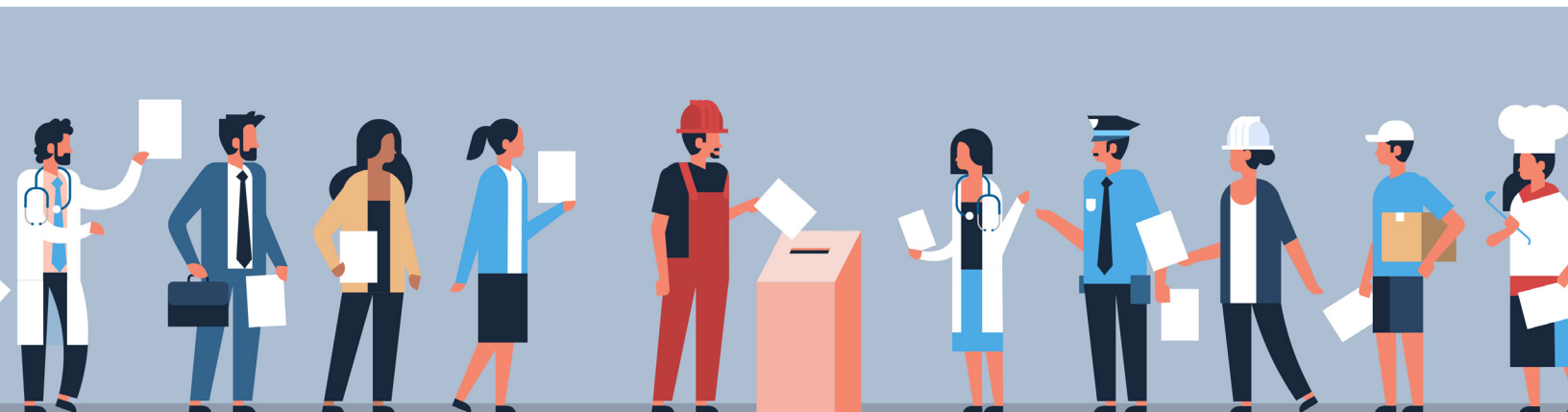
We will also learn about the Portland Charter Commission. Every ten years the city of Portland selects citizens to review the charter and make recommendations for changes. This is an opportunity for Portland residents to make changes in how city government is run. The Charter Commission has recommended the following changes that need to be approved by voters:

- Elect candidates in order of preference on the ballot (ranked choice voting)
- Establish city council districts so that our elected officials are accountable to their communities (divide Portland into four districts with three representatives each).

Currently all Portland residents vote for all four commissioners. You would be represented by geographic area.

- Hire a professional city manager to run the day to day operations of bureaus. The mayor would run the day-to-day operations of City Hall meanwhile the members of the City Council would focus on setting policy, crafting legislation and providing constituent services. Currently city commissioners are assigned bureaus to manage

You will be sent the zoom link several days before our session after you have registered at **Marleen@pdxjacl.org**



❖ Photo Corner ❖



Consul General Masaki Shiga and his wife joined our community picnic on Aug 21st. Others at his table were: Michiko Kornhauser, Juanita, and Frances Sumida Palk.



On August 8, 2022, Harvey Thorstad and Michiko Kornhauser are recognized at the annual Hiroshima/Nagasaki Memorial Service at the Japanese American Historical Plaza.



Jeff Matsumoto makes an announcement at the annual Nikkei Community Picnic at Oaks Park. The picnic on Aug 21st was well attended and enjoyed by all.



Chip Larouche gives out the raffle prizes at the annual Picnic. The Olive oil was a great hit!

❖ A BIG Thank You! ❖

A BIG Thank you to all of you who joined us for our first in person community event, the Nikkei Community Picnic 2022 and made it a fabulous party. It was a joyous affair where we were able to meet and greet our community from 103-year-old, Misao Minagi to Baby Brooker and Consul General Shiga and his wife as well as JACL member, Dale Johnson who came from Eugene to attend.

Although the start was a little rocky as we were in a new space in Oaks Park, once we got rolling it was like the two-year absence melted away. I am grateful for the people stepped up and helped set-up, organize the food tables and guide people to the new site.

Due to COVID, we lost our on-site caterer so there was no fried chicken this year and we had to substitute vegetarian chili and shoyu hot dogs. Please let me know if you have any suggestions for next year. We rounded out the afternoon with ice cold organic watermelon and artisan shave ice made to order. As always there is bingo which was led this year by Chris Lee and a fabulous raffle called by Chip Larouche. And the kids were given rides bracelets and allowed enjoy the carnival rides on the midway.

I would like to give a shout out and big thank you to: Hannah and Tom Honma, Janie Matsushima, Iwasaki Bros, Inc., Chip and Setsy Larouche, True World Foods, JFC International, Uwajimaya, and Umi Organic who provided us gift items for the raffle and bingo.

Also, I would like to recognize Mae and Lincoln Hirata, Mariko Locke, Gordon Osaka, Kurtis Inouye, Michelle Sugahiro, Dr. Aimee Fujioka and Alexander Scribner,

Mariko Locke, Ota Tofu, Dr. Lisa Kakishita, Minnie Young, Ron Iwasaki, Dr. Dale Ogata, Yoji and Martha Matsushima, Rich Iwasaki, Dr. Gary Hongo, Dale Johnson, Gary Terusaki and all those who purchased raffle tickets; thank you so much for supporting the 2022 Annual Nikkei Community Picnic with your cash donations. It is the support of these individuals and companies that make it possible to have the extras that makes the Nikkei Community Picnic outstanding. And the Picnic would not be possible or as long lived without the support and leadership of our churches and organizations – Portland JACL, Gresham-Troutdale JACL, Oregon Buddhist Temple, Japanese Ancestral Society, Oregon Nisei Veterans, Inc., Oregon Hiroshima Club, Veleda Club, Nichiren Buddhist Temple, JAMO, Portland Taiko, Iko no Kai Lunch Program; they make the Nikkei Community Picnic the event of the summer. It is their support and belief in building community that allows us to produce this event annually.

It is great to see that in spite of COVID the Nikkei community is robust, healthy, and growing and willing to participate and support a bonding event where they can meet old friends, make new friends, and create great memories for children and grandchildren. Please help us to maintain this great tradition of our community by marking your calendars and joining us Sunday, August 20, 2023, for the best Nikkei Community Picnic in the West.

P.S. As well as the Picnic went, I am sure it can be better. I would appreciate your comments and suggestions on what you would like to see or do at Picnic 2023.

- Connie Masuoka



Unite People's Holiday Wreath Sale 2022

It's early but its time to start thinking about
the Holidays and the memories you want to create

Let us help you decorate by ordering from our lovely selection of wreaths
and holiday decorations made by Iwasaki Bros. Nursery. The proceeds help
Unite People fund projects for the community.

Your Name

Phone number

Mixed wreaths with berries	Qty	Price	Total
12 inch		\$20.00	
16 inch		\$28.00	
20 inch		\$36.00	
24 inch		\$44.00	
Door Swag		\$15.00	
Candy Cane Style		\$20.00	
15 foot Cedar Garland		\$20.00	
Poinsettas 6inch pots		\$10.00	

Total _____

Deadline to order is November 18, 2022

Pick-up date:
Sunday, December 4, 2022
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

Please make checks payable to UNITE PEOPLE

**If you have any questions or requests, please contact Connie at
503-318-5839(cell/text) cmasuoka@comcast.net**



Ikoi no Kai - OCTOBER 2022

1333 SE 28th Ave / 503-238-0775

MON	TUES		THURS	FRI
3 <i>Japanese</i> Grilled Shio-Koji Chicken 12:30pm Mahjong	4 <i>Japanese</i> Tonkatsu Deep Fried Pork Cutlet 11am Blood Pressure 12:45pm Sing a Long	X	6 Shioga Yaki Ginger Pork 10:30am Move On Class 11am Blood Pressure 12:30pm Bridge/ Hanafuda	7 Meat Loaf
10 <i>Japanese</i> Fried Mackerel w/ Green Onion Sauce 11:15am Chair Yoga 12:30pm Mahjong	11 <i>Indian</i> Chicken Tikka Masala 12:45pm Sing a Long	X	13 <i>Japanese</i> Sukiyaki Beef & Vegetables 11:15am Aikido Stress 12:30pm Bridge/ Hanafuda	14 Pork Chop Bingo
17 <i>Japanese</i> Agedashi Tofu w/ Mushroom Sauce 12:30pm Mahjong	18 Panko Shrimp Buns 11am Blood Pressure 12:45pm Sing a Long	X	20 <i>Japanese</i> Miso Cod 10:30am Move On Class 11am Blood Pressure 12:30pm Bridge/ Hanafuda	21 Oyakodon Chicken & Egg Rice Bowl Ohana Lunch
24 <i>Hawaiian</i> Loco Moco Hamburger on Rice 12:30pm Mahjong	25 <i>Japanese</i> Birthday Sushi 12:45pm Sing a Long	X	27 <i>Japanese</i> Croquette 11:15am Aikido Stress Reduction with Dwight 12:30pm Bridge/ Hanafuda	28 Ebi Chili Shrimp in Chili Sauce
31 Oatmeal Shumai 12:30pm Mahjong				

Cooks: Naomi Molstrom-M Kyoko Adcock-Tu Rieko Shimada-Th/F

New Lunch Prices: \$8 for seniors 65+ / \$10 for adults under 65 / \$ 5 kids

Reservations preferred / Indoor Dining Limited

*** For reservations please call and leave a message or email:**

(ph) 503-238-0775 (email) ikoinokai7@gmail.com

Seating at 11:30 am with lunch served promptly at noon

**** vaccination card and signed COVID waiver will be required in order to dine indoors**



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