



# PORTLAND JACL NEWSLETTER

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## Board Member MESSAGE

By Amanda Shannahan

**“When we talk about education, it’s very important that when we say ‘all’, we mean ‘all.’”**

– Judy Heumann (1947-2023)

Judy Heumann was a disability rights activist and is often regarded as “the mother” of the Disability Rights Movement. When she was 18-months-old, Judy contracted polio and began using a wheelchair for her mobility.

Judy fought for the inclusion of people with disabilities in all aspects of life, including education. She was a leader in the historic 1977 504-sit-in, which led to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act being signed into law, and was integral in the development of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Her quote reminds me that while institutions often use the word ‘all’, the reality is that they are rarely serving everyone.

Take graduation rates in Oregon, for example. Across all Oregon schools during the 2021-22 school year, the average graduation rate was recorded at 81.3%. At the same time, just 58.6% of students experiencing homelessness graduated, 67.5% of students with disabilities, and 68.9% of American Indian and Alaska Native students.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**July 4**  
**Independence Day**

**July 5th - 9th**  
**Teacher Training**  
**Minidoka and the WWII**  
**Incarceration of**  
**Japanese Americans**  
Twin Falls, Idaho

**July 6th - 9th**  
**Minidoka Pilgrimage**

**July 19th - 23th**  
**JACL National**  
**Convention**  
Los Angeles

**July 22**  
**People of the Drum**  
**(Portland Taiko)**  
Gateway Park  
4:30pm - 6:30pm

**July 22**  
**Tiger Tiger**  
Fernhill Park  
2pm to 9:30pm

**July 29**  
**Plaza Clean-up**  
8am - 12pm

**August 5**  
**2023 Obon Fest**  
Oregon Buddhist Temple  
2pm - 9pm

**August 9**  
**Hiroshima/Nagasaki**  
**Remembrance**  
Japanese American  
Historical Plaza  
6pm - 7pm

**August 12**  
**Japanese Ancestral**  
**Society Golf Tournament**  
Glendoveer Golf Course  
7:30am

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While schools may open their doors to everyone, not everyone currently gets what they need inside of those doors. Schools and districts are striving to ensure every student has the resources and tools to reach their highest potential; however, students' outcomes and experiences indicate that we are not there yet.

### Targeted Universalism as a Promising Approach for A Better World

Targeted Universalism, a framework developed by professor John A. Powell, involves setting universal goals for an entire population, while using targeted policies to help different groups achieve that goal.

It is based in the understanding that sameness, or treating everyone equally regardless of need or circumstance, is not fairness. At the same time, it recognizes limitations in focusing solely on addressing disparities or closing gaps, since doing so can falsely assume that the highest performing groups have everything that they need to thrive.

For example, if the universal goal is for all students to graduate from high school in Oregon, the resources and support for each student group to reach that goal may be different. Student groups farthest from the goal may need more focus and resources, while those closest to the goal may need fewer resources and support to achieve the shared goal.

During this time of political divisiveness and persisting inequities, we need to embrace approaches that bridge and deepen our sense of community and responsibility to each other. Targeted Universalism is one promising approach that can help to bring people together through a shared vision for a better world, while ensuring that when we

say 'all', we can be certain that we really mean 'all'.



### Learn more about the life and legacy of Judy Heumann

- Read:  
The Life and Legacy of 'the mother' of the Disability Rights Movement
- Watch:  
Crip Camp: A Disability Revolution

### Learn more about Targeted Universalism:

- Read:  
The Othering & Belonging Institute:  
Targeted Universalism
- Watch:  
Targeted Universalism: Animated Explainer Video

### Learn more about graduation rates in Oregon:

- OPB article:  
At 81.3%, Oregon graduation rate up slightly after last year's decline

# Nikkei Community Picnic

Last year was good, but we think we can be better!

**WHEN:** Sunday, August 20, from 12 noon to 5pm

**WHERE:** Oaks Amusement Park Area 4

**COST:** Free\*

**PROVIDED:** Main dish, watermelon, beverages, eating utensils, games and prizes, and parking

\* If you are able, please bring a side dish of your choice to share or make monetary donation to help defray the cost of the rides for kids.

Cheers to you, you did great last year for the first Picnic since the Pandemic. You were able to find our location in the Park and there was twice as many people than I thought would come. You were kind and patient and everyone helped to make sure we had a good time.

This year we will again be in Area 4, which is in the middle of Park next to the Dance Pavilion. Oaks Park has changed its fee schedule for ride bracelets so I will need to make a nonrefundable bulk purchase to get a good rate. So please

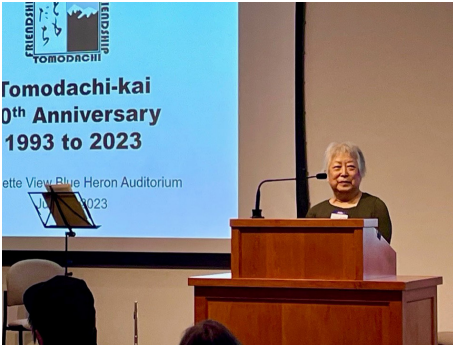
order your ride bracelets by August 10 by contacting [youth@pdxjacl.org](mailto:youth@pdxjacl.org) or calling 503-243-3291. This year ride bracelets are free for those 18 years old and under and \$30 for adults. If you do not pre-order, ride bracelets can be purchased on site (\$25 for children under 4 feet tall and \$49 for all others).

**More information will be coming in the next newsletter but feel free to contact Connie at [Youth@pdxjacl.org](mailto:Youth@pdxjacl.org) or 503-243-3291 if you have any questions or would like to make a donation.**





## Photo Corner



On June 3rd, Tomodachi-Kai celebrated their 30th Anniversary at the Willamette View Retirement Facility. Loen Dozono gave a brief history as one of the founders of the organization. A group photo was taken with one of the honored guests, Consul General Yuzo Yoshioka.



Welcome reception for the Japanese American Museums's new Executive Director Hanako Wakatsuki - Chong.



## Plaza Clean-up

**Support the Community!**

Join us for our next plaza clean-up!

**WHEN:** July 30 | 8am - 12pm

**WHERE:** Japanese American Plaza

# O'BON Fest 2023

Saturday, August 5, 2023  
2:00 - 9:00p.m.



**Oregon Buddhist Temple**  
3720 SE 34th Ave.  
Portland, Oregon  
[www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com](http://www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com)  
Find us on Facebook and Instagram

*Attendance is FREE  
All are welcome!*

Temple Talks, Performances, Displays,  
Food and Beverage, Youth and Children's  
Activities, and so much more!

## JAPANESE ANCESTRAL SOCIETY OF PORTLAND

Dear Golfers and Friends,

You are cordially invited to participate in The 2023 Japanese Ancestral Society Golf Tournament to be held on Saturday, August 12, 2023, at Glendoveer Golf Course- West. (14015 NE Glisan, 503.253.7505). The JAS has hosted this event for over 25 years and was renamed in 2001 to honor Jerry for his many years of service in promoting this event. The shotgun start will begin at 8:30 a.m. with check-in at 7:30 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 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 18th hole backwards with the first low score winning. Everyone will ride a cart, and lunch will be served by Von Ebert's Brewing + Kitchen following the tournament. If you have a golfing preference for your foursome, please let us know and list the names of each person in 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 Nancy Kajitsu at 503.665.4589. Due to course regulations, we must collect your entry fee by July 15, 2023 to reserve our tee times. No exceptions! Entry fee is \$100.00, which includes golf, cart, and lunch.

Best Regards from your Golf Committee

**Please return this form and a check for \$100 (green fee) and your membership fee, unless you are already a JAS member, made payable to the Japanese Ancestral Society of Portland, no later than July 15, 2023**

☐ I will play      ☐ I will not play      ☐ I will stay for lunch  
☐ I will not stay for lunch      ☐ I (We) will come for lunch only. (\$20.00)

**Membership**    ☐ Single JAS Membership (\$25).    ☐ Family JAS Membership (\$40)

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

**Golfer's Name**\_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #**\_\_\_\_\_

**USGA GHIN Number**\_\_\_\_\_ **USGA Handicap Index as of July 15, 2023 or list last 5 golf scores (18 holes)**

**For golfers without established GHIN, maximum handicap allowed is 40 for women and 36 for men.**

**If golfing with a group, please list names.**

Mail form to: JAS c/o Nancy Kajitsu, 2332 SW Thomas Pl., Gresham, OR. 97080-6350



## Iko no Kai - JULY 2023

1333 SE 28th Ave / 503-238-0775

MON	TUES		THURS	FRI
<b>3</b>  <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>4</b>  <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>6</b>  <b>Boiled Gyoza</b>  <i>11am Blood Pressure 10:45am Move On Class</i>	<b>7</b>  <b>Tonkatsu</b>
<b>10</b> <b>Kakiage Don</b> Shredded Vegetable Tempura Rice Bowl <i>11:15am Chair Yoga 12:30pm Mahjong</i>	<b>11</b> <b>Somen Noodle Salad</b> <i>Knife Sharpening 12:45pm Sing a Long</i>	<b>X</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Teriyaki Salmon</b>  <i>11:30am Aikido Stress Relief</i>	<b>14</b> <b>Chicken Meatballs</b>  <i>Bingo</i>
<b>17</b> <b>Singapore Noodles w/ Shrimp</b>  <i>12:30pm Mahjong</i>	<b>18</b> <b>Chicken w/ Ume Sauce</b> * vegetarian option <i>11am Blood Pressure 12:45pm Sing a Long</i>	<b>X</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Happosai</b>  <i>11am Blood Pressure 10:45am Move On Class</i>	<b>21</b> <b>Oyakodon</b> Chicken & Egg Rice Bowl <i>Ohana Lunch</i>
<b>24</b> <b>Curry Rice w/ Chicken</b>  <i>12:30pm Mahjong</i>	<b>25</b> <b>Croquette</b>  <i>12:45pm Sing a Long</i>	<b>X</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Chicken Adobo</b>  <i>11:30am Aikido Stress Relief</i>	<b>28</b> <b>Shoyu Butter Cod</b>
<b>31</b> <b>Birthday Sushi</b> *Reservations required  <i>12:30pm Mahjong</i>				

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

**Suggested Lunch Donation: \$9 for seniors 65+ / \$11 for adults under 65 / \$ 6 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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## ❖ Change in Policy ❖

**Oregon changes release policy for bias crimes following anti-Asian hate incident**



Thanks to advocacy from our community defendants charged with the first degree bias crime will not be allowed to walk out of jail the same day. Oregon Chief Justice Megan Flynn signed an order on May 30, 2023.

Last summer a physician and his family from Japan were visiting Portland. Dylan Kesterson punched the man numerous times and also attacked his five year old daughter when he accosted them as they were riding bicycles along the Eastbank Esplanade. Unfortunately Kesterson was released from jail within hours after the attack. With the publicity this attack received, victims came forward with reports of at least three other attacks against Asian Americans perpetrated by Kesterson. Former Portland JACL President John Kodachi help lead efforts to change the statewide policy which had required that individuals charged with offenses like, violent felonies, sex crimes and domestic violence felonies or misdemeanors not be released until they appear before a judge. Unfortunately accused perpetrators of bias crimes were not on the list.