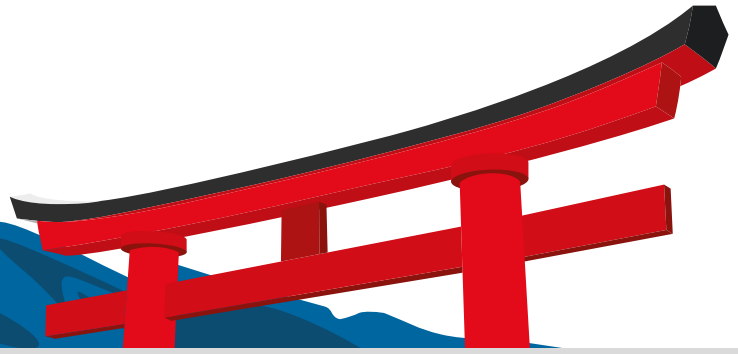




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Board Member MESSAGE

Rooted in Community: 2023 JACL National Convention Little Tokyo, Los Angeles, CA

By Christopher Lee

I'm writing this message in advance of the JACL National Convention to give our chapter an update on things happening at the national level of JACL and to share the activities, workshops, and conversations I expect will take place. This will be my first time attending our national convention and I am excited to connect with other chapters and meet people that I have only interacted with via email and zoom. The convention will have concluded by the time this newsletter is released so consider this my preview of the 2023 JACL National Convention.

The convention will be held in LA next to the Japanese American National Museum in Little Tokyo. The schedule starts with the National Board Meeting and the National Council occurring on Wednesday and Thursday. Each chapter can send two official delegates and up to two alternates to the council session. Portland will be represented by myself and our Treasure, Jillian Toda-Curie with Membership Chair, Setsy Larouche, as an alternate delegate. We will join the other Pacific Northwest District chapters, which are: Alaska, Gresham-Troutdale, Olympia, Puyallup Valley, Seattle, and Spokane. There will be three resolutions and one amendment to the Constitution and By Laws up for vote.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

August 12

AAPI Winning Together

Peggy Nagae's home (4548 NE 32nd Pl)

August 20

Portland JACL Nikkei Community Picnic

Oaks Amusement Park

12pm - 5pm

August 26, 1920

Equality Day

Women win the right to vote



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The first resolution is for Transgender and Nonbinary Equality and sponsored by the Berkeley, Florin - Sacramento Valley, Twin Cities, National Student Youth Council, NCWNP District Youth Board and San Jose chapters. If passed, National JACL will continue to advocate for legislation and funding to support the rights and well-being of the transgender and nonbinary community. The second resolution is sponsored by the Midwest District Council and opposing Alien Land Laws that discriminate based solely on country of origin. The third resolution is sponsored by the Great Los Angeles Chapter and supports the efforts of California AB 3121 Task Force to Study and Develop Reparations Proposals for African Americans.

While I won't prognosticate on the results of these votes, I am glad that these issues are being discussed at the national level. They are important conversations for our country and JACL as an organization to be having. Japanese Americans have a unique perspective on each of this year's resolutions. As a delegate it is nice to see the different chapters working together and addressing

a diversity of topics via resolutions. Despite being a national organization with dispersed membership, I appreciate that there is still space for collaboration and discourse.

The vote to change JACL's Constitution and Bylaws is one that could be more impactful to us as members. The proposed changes are tied to membership management and categories. A large part of this push is to standardize membership categories and make them more understandable. Even as a board member of our chapter, I am not sure that I could describe the current membership options offered by National outside of the standard individual and spouse/family levels.

The proposed structure will allow for easier renewals and auto-pay features. Premium and Life Trust memberships will gain the ability to make monthly payments. While I'm not allowed to share the specifics of the proposal until they are final, there are many changes that seem logical to me. There are no proposed changes to Individual and Student membership price with only a modest increase proposed for Couple/Family rates. Moving up to premium and lifetime categories, the proposed structure will create more options at varying price levels from \$100 up to \$10,000. Existing lifetime members will maintain membership at the same level even if the category is renamed.

For many of us, these membership changes won't have much of an impact at all, but I wanted to highlight the work that is being done in this area. There will be 64 JACL chapters at this year's convention and I'm sure it wasn't easy to get everybody on the same page when it comes to membership dues and money. Assuming that the amendment will be adopted with minimal changes, I'm sure you'll hear more from National with additional details. It seems that many of the proposed changes will improve transparency and reduce administration, which I think we can all appreciate.

In addition to the national council business, there will be numerous workshops and plenary sessions planned for the convention on Friday and Saturday. In total there will be 27 different options available to us as delegates with a wide range of topics. Some will be focused on the organization such as "Envisioning JAACL's Future Together" led by National President, Larry Oda or "The Next Generation of JAACL" given by the Northern California and Western Nevada Youth Board. Others will be focused on topics such as, "Hacking Viral Hate," "Supporting Reparations," or "Ethnic Enclaves." There will be sessions on activism, historical preservation, curriculums, and even one on using graphic novels.

In case you were worried that we would have any free time while in LA, there are also tours of J-town, various movie screenings, museum activities and several different receptions, meet-ups and social events being planned. Celebrities, authors, activists, and politicians will all be a part of the convention agenda and it seems like there truly will be something for everyone.

While I haven't yet attended, hopefully you can tell I am looking forward to being a part of the convention. Come find me at the Community Picnic on August 20 if you want to hear how it went. I encourage you to consider attending in the future!

AAPI Winning Together

PLEASE JOIN US!

WHEN: August 12th | Noon to 3pm
WHERE: 4548 NE 32nd Pl, Portland, OR

AAPIs Winning Together began in November of 2021 to increase our civic engagement. We're sponsoring a summer backyard get together, "Celebrating AAPIs: Recognizing Achievements, Current Issues and Opportunities for Civic Engagement" on **August 12 from Noon to 3 pm at Peggy Nagae's home** (4548 NE 32nd Place, Portland). This is an opportunity for you to meet newly elected AAPI Oregon state representatives, and others serving on local city councils, educational boards, and in other key governmental positions.

One goal for this event is to build a stronger sense of community by highlighting the efforts of those who are currently serving in office AND recognizing those in leadership positions within and outside the AAPI community, including AAPI youth. Another goal is to increase our awareness of current issues as well as to

identify opportunities for greater involvement.

With good food and good conversations, you'll meet new folks and renew past relationships. In short, come have fun, strengthen community ties, celebrate achievements, and share your experiences!

Eat, Meet, Talk, Enjoy!

Please RSVP with this QR code. Alternatively click on:

AAPIs:
Achievements, Issues &
Opportunities

- **Teresa Brandon,**
Jim Nagae &
Peggy Nagae



Consul General of Japan Visits Portland JACL

On July 10, Consul General of Japan, Yuzo Yoshioka, paid a courtesy visit to Portland JACL. Meeting with him were President Jeff Matsumoto, Membership Chair, Setsy Larouche and members Chip Larouche, Ken Nitta and Unite People and Grant High School student, Clair Coffee. The Consul General arrived in Portland this past Spring to serve Oregon and southwest Idaho.

During his visit Consul General Yoshioka and the members discussed various ways to engage the Japanese community through cultural festivals, Japanese immersion programs and addressing the safety concerns for our ANHPI (Asian, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander) communities. We look forward to the work ahead in meeting our common interests discussed with Consul General Yoshioka.



Consul General Yuzo Yoshioka visits with Newberg Mayor Bill Rosacker

Community Reach Out

Our hearts go out to Paul Goodman who has just been given a third cancer diagnosis. The cancer has relapsed into his bone marrow.

We were honored in February 2023 to be able to host



Paul and his creative team by showing his film, "No No Girl."

Follow [@notsogoodman](#) for occasional updates and please please please send him some love right now.

Seeking Nominations for Portland JACL Board Positions



If you are interested or have questions about becoming a board member please contact Chris Lee at chris@pdxjacl.org. There are five officer positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Chair. Additionally, there are ten at large board positions that compose the Portland JACL Board. The deadline for all nominations is October 15, 2023.

Thank you for your consideration!

Nominations Committee

Christopher Lee
Heidi Tolentino
Sachi Kaneko

Attention Members!

Portland JACL will be conducting its election for chapter officers and board members this upcoming Fall 2023. Be on the lookout for details on our website and in September's newsletter.

Remembering Hiroshima & Nagasaki

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 9TH, 2023
6PM - 7PM

NIKKEI COMMUNITY PICNIC “THE CELEBRATION RETURNS”

Sunday, August 20, noon to 5 pm
Oaks Amusement Park, Area 4
**\$5 parking fee payable on site

FOOD, FUN, RIDES FOR KIDS*; PRIZES AND SURPRISES
JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FOOD AND FUN!

THE PICNIC IS SPONSERED BY ORGANIZATIONS AND
BUSINESSES OF THE NIKKEI COMMUNITY TO CELEBRATE
OUR ETHNIC HERITAGE.

We will provide at no cost:

- Main Dish: Fried chicken and vegetarian entrée
- Water
- Eating utensils; plates and napkins
- Watermelon
- Shave Ice
- Games and prizes
- *Ride bracelets for kids high school and younger if you call/email to reserve them before August 15, otherwise they can be purchased for \$30 day of.

RSVP at youth@pdxjacl.org or call Connie at 503-243-3291

Please bring your favorite dish to share or
make a monetary donation to help defray
the costs.



Iko no Kai - AUGUST 2023

1333 SE 28th Ave / 503-238-0775

MON	TUES		THURS	FRI
	1 Bang Bang Chicken Salad <i>Knife Sharpening</i> <i>10:45 am Dementia Prevention Presentation</i>	X	3 Seafood Pad Thai	4 Dry Curry
7 Yaki Udon <i>*vegetarian option</i> <i>11:30am Chair Yoga</i> <i>12:30pm Mahjong</i>	8 Cold Ramen w/ Miso Pork <i>12:45pm Sing a Long</i>	X	10 Niku Miso Don <i>Pork Belly Rice Bowl</i> <i>11:30am Aikido Stress Relief</i>	11 Grilled Saba <i>Bingo</i>
14 Pork Gyoza <i>12:30pm Mahjong</i>	15 Shiso Chicken Tempura <i>11am Blood Pressure</i> <i>12:45pm Sing a Long</i>	X	17 Korean Karaage <i>11am Blood Pressure</i>	18 Yaki Niku <i>Ohana Lunch</i>
21 Loco Moco <i>12:30pm Mahjong</i>	22 Panko Fried Fish Tacos <i>12:45pm Sing a Long</i>	X	24 Okonomiyaki <i>11:30am Aikido Stress Relief</i>	25 Katsu Roll
28 Ebi Fry <i>Panko Fried Shrimp</i> <i>12:30pm Mahjong</i>	29 Lemon Basil Chicken <i>11am Blood Pressure</i> <i>12:45pm Sing a Long</i>	X	31 Birthday Sushi <i>*Reservations required</i> <i>11am Blood Pressure</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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