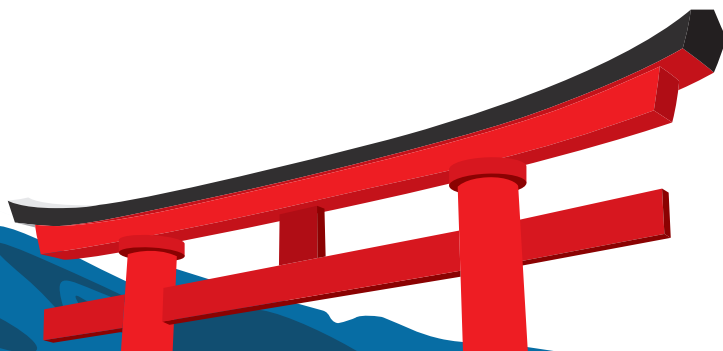




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Board Member MESSAGE

By Jeff Matsumoto

October is upon us, but before I let my memories of summer fully fade, I wish to “Thank” everyone that made the Annual Nikkei Community Picnic such a success. Be it tabling, performing, volunteering for set-up, take down or assisting with food; to providing donations of food, prizes or generous contributions which make the picnic financially feasible, the community picnic would not happen without you. Whether as individuals or community organizations, our ability to come together each year creates beloved memories of our vibrant cohesive Nikkei Community. I specifically wish to express my gratitude to Chris Lee, Unite People, the JACL Board and Picnic Chair, Connie Masaoka, all who made the day happen!

October’s arrival also compels me to remind everyone to check their voter registration status at Oregon’s Secretary of State My Vote resource. If you need to register to vote, that can be done there too. Remember, October 15 is the last day to register to vote in this year’s 2024 General Election. If you have not received your voter’s pamphlet and ballot by October 25, you should contact your county’s election office. Voting is our duty and critical to the democratic process. Portland JACL along with the Chinese American Citizens Alliance and Epworth United Methodist Church will be hosting the League of Women Voters of Portland for a ballot measure voter information session October 19 at Epworth United

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

September 28-October 5

Coming Home

220 NW 2nd Ave | 12-5pm

October 5

Matsutake Hunting Lecture

Japanese American Museum of Oregon | 1pm

October 15

Indigenous People’s Day

Voter Registration Deadline in Oregon

October 19

Ballot Measure Information

Epworth United Methodist Church | 1pm

October 31

Halloween

November 5

Election Day

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Methodist from 1pm - 3pm. Registration details are in this month's newsletter. Being an informed voter and exercising our right to vote is critical to the democratic process. It is essential to

representative governance and one of the ways we can hold the elected accountable. As the late U.S. Representative John Lewis said, ***"The vote is precious. It is almost sacred. It is the most powerful non-violent tool we have in a democracy."***

Greater Portland Centenarian Luncheon

Date:

October 26, 2024, Saturday

12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Location:

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Portland

1000 NE Multnomah St. Portland, Oregon 97232

503-281-6111

"Let us Honor our Elders who are 95 and older"

Cost: \$50 per person, checks payable to GT-JACL

Mail to 717 SW Willowbrook Ave., Gresham, Oregon 97080

For Honored guests 95 and over including the driver or caregiver, the lunch is complimentary. All others are \$50 per person.

Menu choice of chicken, fish or vegetarian

Please RSVP number of your guests and honorees (95+) and entrée choice by **October 19th** to anyone below by email or by phone call

Terry Nishikawa: terry4900@gmail.com, 971-263-2230, **Sharon Takahashi:** stakahashi509@gmail.com, 503-330-1935

Connie Masuoka: cmasuoka@comcast.net, 503-318-5839, **Jeff Matsumoto:** jeff@pdxjacl.org, 503-858-0424

Consul General of Japan in Portland: Yuzo Yoshioka

Guest Minister: Rev. Ronald Kobata

Oregon Buddhist Temple

Sponsored by Japanese Ancestral Society of Portland * Gresham-Troutdale Japanese American Citizens League * Japanese American Museum of Oregon * Portland Japanese American Citizens League * Veleda Club * Ikoi no kai

Greater Portland Centenarian Luncheon of 2023



Embassy Suite by Hilton Portland Airport, Portland, Oregon

Photo credit Rich Iwasaki

JACL Scholarship

The recipient of the 2024 Alice Yuriko Endo Memorial Scholarship

Congratulations, Lauren! The 2024 Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) is a recipient of the Alice Yuriko Endo Memorial Scholarship. The Portland JACL is also announcing that Lauren is a recipient of our Kiyoko Yumibe Scholarship.

Established by the Endo Family, this scholarship honors Alice Yuriko Endo, who was an active member of the Washington, D.C. JACL Chapter. She was an avid supporter of social causes, and she and her son, Todd, proudly marched in the legendary and historic Civil Rights March on Washington, D.C. in 1963. Established by the Endo Family, this scholarship honors Alice Yuriko Endo, who was an active member of the Washington, D.C. JACL Chapter. She was an avid supporter of social causes, and she and her son, Todd, proudly marched in the legendary and historic Civil Rights March on Washington, D.C. in 1963.

Kiyoko Yumibe was a hardworking Nisei who wanted to support young people's education. She worked for 34 years as a secretary for the US Army in Korea. In retirement, she attended the Portland Japanese American Graduation Banquet and was inspired to create this scholarship which is administered by the Portland JACL for our youth.

Here are some excerpts from her application. Lauren is currently completing her degree at Portland State University and is working towards her master's and doctorate in Asian American Studies. Lauren is from the Portland area and attended St. Mary's Academy.

I was nine years old when I received my first (unpaid) commission to do historical research. It was the summer after fourth grade and I, along with my dad's extended family, was boarding chartered tour bus heading for Cody, Wyoming. Nobody in my family had been to Cody since 1946, when my grandma and her four siblings had been incarcerated, along with her parents and grandparents at the Heart Mountain Relocation Center for four years of their youth. Now all in their late seventies and eighties, all ve Kato siblings were making the pilgrimage with their children and grandchildren back to the site of their childhood confinement. I had wanted to go to Disneyland. My mother, whose work obligations prevented her from

embarking on the two-week roadtrip, had given me a small orange notebook and matching pen when we parted.

"What's this for?" I asked.

"So you can take notes for me," Mom said, writing my name in Sharpie on the journal cover, in big, blocky letters. "I want you to interview your grandma and her brothers and sisters."

"Why?" "Because it's important that you and I know what happened to your family. Think of it like a history project. Your cousin will help you" That sounded a lot like 'summer homework' to me, but I took the little notebook and pen. "Thanks," I said. "I'll see you in two weeks." The first week on the road, the little notebook sat unopened in my day bag while I borrowed relatives' phones and tablets to play Candy Crush. Halfway through Utah, I had grown bored enough to consider doing the unimaginable: a non-school homework project during summer vacation. I set out with my notebook, pen, the doggedness of an investigative journalist and the sensitivity of a 5th grader.

Sitting by my grandma, I asked: "What was camp like?" Grandma looked at me, almost pityingly. "There were good parts and bad parts. I joined the Girl Scouts; I made lots of friends; and I learned to square dance."

"And the bad parts?" I asked, copying down her reply in my nine-year-old scrawl.

She didn't say anything for a moment. Then, she said, "I had never seen my mother cry before camp. I was afraid of the soldiers in the watchtowers who pointed their rifles at us. There was never enough food."



❖ Photo Corner ❖



A luncheon was held on August 23, 2024 at the Grants House restaurant at Fort Vancouver, WA. Friends of MacDonald (FOM) with guests from Japan and USA, joined in celebrating the 200th birthday of Ranald MacDonald who was born in Astoria, Oregon in 1824. He was the first native English speaker to teach English Language in Japan. Mr. MacDonald taught Einosuke Moriyama, one the chief Interpreter to handle the negotiations between Commodore Perry and the Tokugawa Shogunate.
Photo by Doug Richardson



Volunteers gather the second Wednesday of every month to put together Bento boxes made with love for the seniors in our community. Applications are available on the Japanese Ancestral Society website. All of the food is made and delivered by volunteers and available to anyone homebound and/or over 95. *Photo by Julie Hirai*



Photos from the 2024 JACL Community Picnic at the Oaks Park. *Photo by Rich Iwasaki*



Dr. Bruce Weitzel, Teresa's Yokota Branden and Jim Nage were among our valued helpers at the picnic.

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On September 6, 2024 JASO had their annual golf tournament at the Camas Meadows Golf Course in Camas, Washington. This year, the Japanese Ancestral Society (Nikkei Jin Kai) was invited to play in their tournament. Twenty JAS members participated and they all had a wonderful time.



On August 23, 2024, Consul General Yoshioka gave a welcoming speech to the guests at the celebration luncheon in honor of the 200th birthday of Ranald MacDonald. Mas Yatabe, President of Friends of MacDonald introduced the Consul General. The luncheon was held at Fort Vancouver, WA.

Photo by Doug Richardson



Picnic Entertainment. *Photos by Rich Iwasaki*



Iko no Kai - OCTOBER 2024

1333 SE 28th Ave / 503-238-0775

MON	TUES		THURS	FRI
	1 Pan-fried Shrimp エビの炒め物 11am Blood Pressure 12:45pm Sing-along	X	3 *Hawaiian Chili and Mac Salad ハワイ風チリ & マカロニサラダ 11am Blood Pressure 11:30am Japanese Conv.	4 Kabayaki Cod Soy-glazed Cod タラの蒲焼き 11:30am Tai Chi
7 Chicken Katsu Curry チキンカツカレー 11:30am Chair Yoga 12:30pm Mahjong	8 Shumai 焼売 12:45pm Sing-along	X	10 Agedashi Tofu and Makizushi 揚げ出し豆腐&巻き寿司 9:30 Beginner Ukulele 10:30am Ukulele/ Chair Hula 11:30am Aikido Stress Relief	11 Hawaiian Plate ハワイアンプレート 12:30pm Bingo
14 * Takikomigohan Mixed Rice 炊き込みご飯 12:30pm Mahjong	15 Mapo Tofu 麻婆豆腐 10:45am Move On 11am Blood Pressure 12:45pm Sing-along	X	17 Poké Bowl ポキ丼 10:00 am Medicare Seminar 11am Blood Pressure 11:30am Japanese Conv.	18 Kakuni Braised Pork Belly 豚の角煮
21 Fried Rockfish w/Tartar sauce 赤魚のフライ タルタルソース付き 12:30pm Mahjong	22 Chicken w/ Mushroom Sauce 鶏のきのこ餡かけ 11:30am Aikido Stress Relief 12:45pm Sing-along	X	24 Furikake Salmon 鮭のふりかけ焼き 10:30am Ukulele/ Chair Hula 11:30am Japanese Conv.	25 Ginger Chicken 鶏の生姜焼き
28 Miso Ramen 味噌ラーメン 12:30pm Mahjong	29 Birthday Sushi お誕生日寿司 (suggested donation \$12) *Reservations required 11 am Blood Pressure	X	31 Omurice オムライス 11 am Blood Pressure	

Chefs: Naomi Molstrom-M Kyoko Adcock-Tu Justin Sato -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

* vegetarian option available on that day - please reserve two days in advance



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