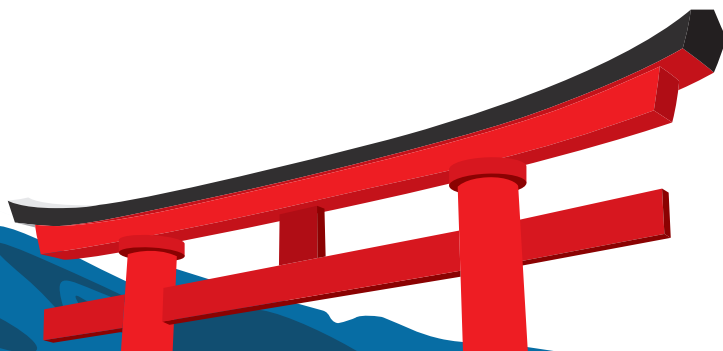




# PORTLAND JACL NEWSLETTER

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## Board Member MESSAGE

By Setsy Sadamoto Larouche  
(Membership Chair)

I would like to thank all the members and boosters of our Portland Chapter who have been very loyal members for many years. Please help us continue to be the largest chapter in the U.S. and Tokyo. (Yoroshiku Onegai Shimasu)

In July at the 2024 National Convention in Philadelphia, JACL passed an amendment for changing the "Premium" and "Life Membership" categories effective January 1, 2025. The Standard Memberships for "Students", "Regular/Individual" and "Couple/Family" have remained the same and their dues have NOT changed. Most of us are in these categories, however, if you would like to upgrade your membership to the "Premium" or "Life Trust" level, please visit: [bit.ly/jaclnewcategories](https://bit.ly/jaclnewcategories). If you are already "Thousand Life Trust" (life member), you'll automatically be moved to the "Sapphire Life Trust" with no additional fees. If you have any membership questions, send me a note at: [membership@PDXJACL.org](mailto:membership@PDXJACL.org).

On a different topic, November 11th is Veterans' Day, where we honor all veterans for their service to our country. Veterans will be honored at a special luncheon at Iko No Kai on Monday, November 11th starting at 11:30am. All are welcome. Veteran lunches are complimentary.

On September 18, 2024, plans for "I AM An

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**November 5**  
**Election Day**

**November 11**  
**Veteran's Day**

**November 16**  
**Taiko 30th Anniversary Concert**  
Lincoln Hall, PSU | 7pm

**November 28**  
**Thanksgiving**

**December 10**  
**Mochi orders due to Oregon Buddhist Temple**

**December 14**  
**Holiday Pot Luck**  
Oregon Buddhist Temple | 5pm

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American," the first traveling exhibit of the National Museum of the US Army, in partnership with the National Veterans Network and The Army Historical Foundation was presented. The exhibit will travel to 11 cities over a five year period. The exhibit will highlight 25-35 wartime objects to represent the services of the US Army 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and the Military Intelligence Service (MIS). The first stop will be at Presidio MIS Historic Learning Center in San Francisco in February 2026. The next stop will be at the Bishop Museum in Honolulu, followed by Oregon Historical Society in Portland, and Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles.

Retired General Eric K. Shinseki spoke at this presentation and said: "American Soldiers

of Japanese Ancestry delivered a powerful lesson in citizenship during World War II. Their values—loyalty, courage, patriotism—are timeless statements about being an American. Rising above fear and prejudice, they wrote an unrivaled battle history that remains legendary, even today. It's an American story for the ages."

An estimated 19,000 Nisei soldiers served in the European Theater. Another 6,000 Japanese Americans served as translators and interpreters in the MIS.

The Army Historical Foundation is supporting the production of the traveling exhibit. A special Gallery on the Nisei experience will be displayed at the National Museum of the US Army at Fort Belvoir, Virginia until 2025. Portland JACL has made a significant donation in support of this traveling exhibit.

## ❖ Time to Renew the Paper Newsletter ❖

Please let us know if you would like to continue receiving the paper copy of the newsletter instead of reading the issue on-line. We are asking for a suggested donation of \$25 for those that can afford it for 2025. Please fill out the form below if you would like to continue receiving the newsletter by postal mail. By changing to mostly on-line newsletters we have been able to save a significant amount of our costs. We have gotten feedback that many of you feel that our

newsletter is a valuable service for our community.

**Return the following information to the:**

**Portland Chapter JACL**  
**PO Box 86310, Portland, OR 97286**  
**or email [marleen@pdxjacl.org](mailto:marleen@pdxjacl.org).**

**Thank you for your support!**

<b>Name of JACL Member</b>		<b>Preferred Phone</b>	
		Circle One: ( Home / Cell )	
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Please return this form to Portland Chapter JACL, PO Box 86310, Portland, OR 97286  
A suggested donation of \$25 per year will help us cover costs.

## Oregon Buddhist Temple Mochitsuki 2024

- Mochi Rice Cakes \$6 per pound
- Order by December 10, 2024
- Pick up your order on Sunday, December 15, 2024 between 3:00 to 4:30 PM at
- Oregon Buddhist Temple basement
- Please use the form below and mail or return to OBT with check payment to

**Oregon Buddhist Temple  
c/o Mochitsuki  
3720 SE 34<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Portland, OR 97202**

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Pick up your order on Sunday  
December 15 from 3 to 4:30 pm  
at temple basement.

Orders must be received by Tuesday, December 10		How many pounds?	Total \$ Amount
Mochi per pound (in 1 pound increments)	\$6		
First NAME:		Last NAME:	
PHONE:		EMAIL:	

Please contact [obtmochitsuki24@gmail.com](mailto:obtmochitsuki24@gmail.com) to learn about volunteering opportunity for mochitsuki.



## ❖ Photo Corner ❖



A gathering was held at the Taborspace Event Center on September 21st to learn about Tiffany Koyama Lane, who is seeking election to the Portland City Council. Tiffany is a Yonsei who is a teacher and serves on the Portland JACL Board.



Portland Opera performs Shizue at the Brunish Theater. Shizue tells the story of Shizue Iwatsuki who was a noted poet who lived in Hood River. The show will be performed in at least 50 schools and community centers throughout the state of Oregon



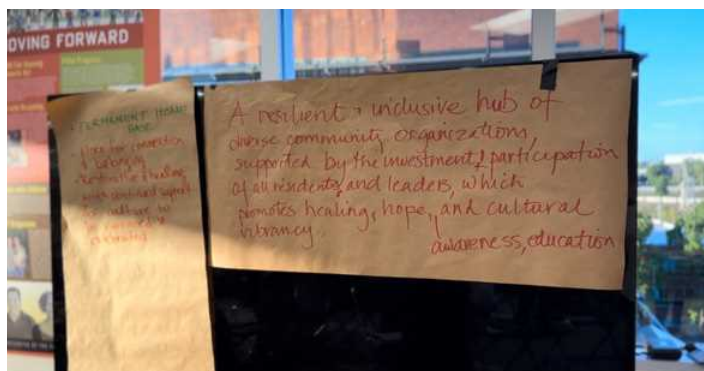
## ❖ Photo Corner ❖



On September 20, 2024, a reception was held to celebrate the 45 anniversary of Ikoi No Kai. Lucy Capehart, Director of Collections and Exhibitions gave a brief presentation as she introduced the exhibit at the Japanese American Museum of Oregon. Photo by Setsy Larouche



On September 24, we celebrated Jean Matsumoto's 90th birthday and Kay Endo's 91st birthday at Ikoi No Kai. Photo by Setsy Larouche



On Oct 5th, as part of the Coming Home Vanport Mosaic Festival, Sussefusse International Folk Dance Troupe performed in Portland's Historic Old town. The closing ceremony also included, Portland Taiko, Dr. S. Renee Mitchell/Soul Restoration, and Chisao Hata. The 2025 Vanport Mosaic Festival will be held from May 17-June 1st at the Portland Expo. Photo by Setsy Larouche

## 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.

This is a fundraiser activity for Unite People, a youth driven community and social justice group. The proceeds will help fund projects to educate youth and community projects.

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

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

Mixed wreaths with berries	Qty	Price	Total
12 inch		\$21.00	
16 inch		\$29.00	
20 inch		\$45.00	
24 inch		\$55.00	
30 inch Candy Cane Style with berries		\$20.00	
30 inch Cascade with berries		\$20.00	
15 foot Garland		\$23.00	
Red Bow		\$ 6.00	
Poinsettas 6 inch pots		\$12.00	
<b>Total</b>			

**Deadline to order is November 23, 2024**

Pick-up date:  
Sunday, December 8, 2024  
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**



## Iko no Kai - NOVEMBER 2024

1333 SE 28th Ave / 503-238-0775

MON	TUES		THURS	FRI
X	X		X	1 <b>Mapo Tofu</b> 麻婆豆腐
4 <b>Kabocha Soup &amp; Hamburg Steak</b> かぼちゃスープ とハンバーグ 11:30am Chair Yoga 12:30pm Mahjong	5 <b>Mar Far Chicken</b> 麻花チキン 11am Blood Pressure 12:45pm Sing-along	X	7 <b>Bibimbap</b> ビビンバ 9:30 Beginner Ukulele 10:30am Ukulele/ Chair Hula 11:30am Aikido Stress Relief 1:30pm Field Trip P.A.M.	8 <b>Braised Beef Shortribs</b> 牛肉ショートリブ 煮込み 10-11:30am Shigin 12:30pm Bingo
11 <b>Tonjiru Udon</b> 豚汁うどん Veterans Day Lunch *Reservations Required 12:30pm Mahjong	12 <b>Pork w/ Ginger Miso Sauce</b> 味噌生姜焼き 12:45pm Sing-along	X	14 <b>Mategai Furai</b> 馬刀貝フライ Fried Razor Clams *Reservations Required 10:30am Ukulele	15 <b>Chicken and Fall Veg Curry</b> チキンカレー 10:30 am Medicare Seminar
18 <b>Croquette</b> w/ Meat and Potato コロッケ 12:30pm Mahjong	19 <b>Tenshin Don</b> Crab Omelette 天津丼 11:30am Aikido Stress Relief 12:45pm Sing-along	X	21 <b>Yosenabe</b> Japanese Hot Pot 寄せ鍋 11:30am Japanese Conv.	22 <b>Birthday Sushi</b> お誕生日寿司 (suggested donation \$12) *Reservations required 10-11:30am Shigin
25 <b>Seafood Cream Stew</b> 海鮮クリーム シチュー 12:30pm Mahjong	26 <b>Spam Musubi</b> スパムむすび 11am Blood Pressure 12:45pm Sing-along	X	28 <b>CLOSED</b>	29 <b>CLOSED</b>

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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