



PORTLAND JACL NEWSLETTER

Portland JACL - Supporting Civil Rights Since 1928



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Board Member MESSAGE

By Marleen Wallingford

The Portland JACL has worked hard these past years to provide a time and a place for people to celebrate and enjoy Japanese American culture and traditions. We celebrate the summer with the Nikkei Community Picnic and the holidays with our party with a Japanese Santa. We worked to clean-up the Japanese American Historical Plaza and have had voter information sessions about rank choice voting and the ballot measures Oregonians were voting on this year. We support our youth by sponsoring scholarships and providing a safe space and activities for young people to enjoy.

In the post war period, membership has steadily declined because the need to combat racism against our community also declined. Japanese Americans were welcomed into clubs and organizations that had been denied to them in the past. There didn't seem a need for advocacy, our community had needed. Unfortunately the COVID pandemic unleashed the hidden anti-Asian hate. We also saw the rise in anti-immigrant sentiment and the separation of children from their parents.

The mission of the Portland Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League is to celebrate our Japanese American culture and use lessons from our unique American experience to promote and protect human and civil rights for all.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

January 1
New Year's Day

January 5
First Free Sunday

At the Japanese American Museum of Oregon

January 20
Martin Luther King Day

January 25
Prefecture Culture Club
Oregon Buddhist Temple | 11am

January 25
Portland JACL Mochitsuki
Oregon Buddhist Temple | 12:30- 1:30 / 2-3pm

February 22
Day of Remembrance
Omoiyari
Clinton Street Theater | 2pm
omoiyarisongfilm.com

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We are proud to be the only chapter to have a monthly newsletter. We have also put together a annual calendar which highlights our activities with the help of our volunteer photographer, Rich Iwasaki. He not only takes photos of our activities but many other community activities as well. The calendar is sent to all of our members as well as the members of the Japanese Ancestral Society. Both of these benefits for our members cost us several thousand dollars to produce. Each newsletter costs at least \$3/month to print and send out. We have budgeted of \$5000. for the calendar which is only the printing and mailing costs.



The Portland JACL and our youth group, Unite People help clean-up the Japanese American Historical Plaza with Executive Director of the Japanese American Museum of Oregon, Hanako Wakatsuki-Chong

All of this activity does not happen by magic. It is the work of our hardworking, all volunteer board. We want to thank all of our Portland JACL Board members that help us support the community: President Jeff Matsumoto, Secretary Heidi Tolentino, Treasurer Jillian Toda-Currie Membership Chair, Setsy Larouche and Board members: Erika Jennings, Weston Koyama, Tiffany Koyama-Lane, Connie Masuoka, Kenneth Nitta, Spencer Uemura, Justin Sato, Marleen Ikeda Wallingford and Jenny Yamada.

We need your help. We want to be able to continue to provide our members a place to find community, a place that will advocate for civil rights for all Americans and an organization that will support activities our children and grandchildren can enjoy.

We need you.



**Congratulations to
Teacher Tiffany!**

Portland JACL member and Board Member Tiffany Koyama Lane on her historic election to the Portland City Council. She is the first Japanese American to be elected to office in Portland. Tiffany is an elementary teacher who had received a JACL Legacy Grant to create curriculum for her students about the Portland Japanese American experience during WWII. She is a Yonsei whose family comes from California.

2025 JACL National Scholarship Program

2025 JACL National Scholarship Applications Available Now!

Program Background

The JACL has been helping students achieve their educational dreams with the National Scholarship and Awards Program since 1946. The program currently offers over 30 awards, with an annual total of over \$70,000 in scholarships to qualified students nationwide.

The National Scholarship and Awards Program offers scholarships to students who are entering freshman, undergraduate, graduate, law, in the creative & performing arts, and those with financial need. All scholarships are one-time awards.

As of the 2021 scholarship cycle, the National JACL Scholarship Program will now be totally online! This means all of the applications can be done on your computer/tablet through the online application form and submitted online. NO MAILING REQUIRED! As such there will be some new guidelines and changes which you can find listed below in the 2023 Scholarship Guidelines document and on the applications themselves. Also note, the applications will NOT save if you close or reload your window, so please fill them out in one sitting!

Please note: In addition to the National JACL Scholarship Program, many JACL chapters administer their own local scholarship programs. To find out if your chapter offers additional scholarships or if you'd like to ask questions and receive insight for National Scholarships please see the list on the program website. If your chapter's scholarship contact is not listed, please find your chapter's website and contact information on the program website.

2025 CALENDAR:

December 2024 – Applications are available here on the JACL National website.

Friday, March 3, 2025 – Entering Freshman applications must be completed no later than this date at 11:59

p.m. Hawaiian Standard Time (HST). Applications must be complete and accompanied by ALL supporting documents. Incomplete application packets will NOT be considered.

Monday, April 4, 2025 – JACL chapters must send the names of ONLY their most outstanding freshman applicants to scholarships@jacl.org no later than this date at 11:59 p.m. Hawaiian Standard Time (HST)

Monday, April 4, 2025 – All other applications (undergraduate, graduate, law, arts, and financial aid) must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. Hawaiian Standard Time (HST) on this date. Applications must be complete and accompanied by ALL supporting documents. Incomplete application packets will NOT be considered.

Late August 2025 – Scholarship award recipients will be notified.

For More Information, Visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/jaclnationalscholarships>

The Portland Japanese American Community are also available at pdxjacl.org.

Applications Now Open!

2025 JACL National Scholarship Program

jacl.org/scholarships



Ring in the Year of the Snake
and join us for our annual
Nikkei New Years Party and
Mochi Demonstration!

Space is limited!
Please RSVP here:
<https://forms.gle/b7YARLRiyaUUPYcV7>

Date:
Saturday,
January 25th, 2025

Times:
12:30 PM to 1:30 PM
2 PM to 3 PM

Location:
Oregon Buddhist Temple
3720 SE 34th Ave,
Portland, OR 97202

Ozoni will be available for purchase
Please use the RSVP Google Form



Year
of the
snake
おけまして
おめでとう
ございませ
2025

Free First Sunday at JAMO

Sunday, January 5, 11am-4pm

Japanese American Museum of Oregon

Free admission to the final day of the Ikoi
no Kai exhibition, as well as a special
Year of the Snake activity.

For More Information, Visit:
[https://jamo.org/free-sunday-
January-2025](https://jamo.org/free-sunday-january-2025)



Taken from Their Families:

Japanese American Incarceration
on Angel Island During World War II
Exhibition on view Jan 18-April 6

Japanese American
Museum of Oregon

411 NW Flanders St., Portland

Exhibition preview for Friends of JAMO
on Jan 17.

To RSVP, Visit:

[https://jamo.org/taken-reception.](https://jamo.org/taken-reception)

❖ Photo Corner ❖



Photos from the JACL Holiday Party on 12/14/2024



Centenarian lunch photos by Rich Iwasaki.

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PREFECTURE CULTURE CLUB

Oregon Buddhist Temple
11-11:45AM

Kick off the New Year with the brand-new JAACL Prefecture Culture Club. Celebrate with us: taste different prefectures' Ozoni (New Year's Mochi Soup), participate in a mochitsuki demonstration, and choose the next prefecture we explore. Pre-register now for free entry!

The Prefecture Culture Club was created to help reconnect Japanese Americans with their home prefectures through food and culture. During regular monthly events we will explore different prefectures of Japan through foods, culture, and live cooking demonstrations with Japanese chefs

Register now by emailing jaclpdxyt@gmail.com!



Ikoi no Kai - JANUARY 2025

1333 SE 28th Ave / 503-238-0775

MON	TUES	THURS	FRI
		1 X	2 CLOSED
			3 CLOSED
6 Ozoni New Year's Mochi Soup お雑煮 11:30am Chair Yoga 12:30pm Mahjong	7 Pork Katsu Curry カツカレー 11:30am Taichi 12:45pm Sing-along	X	9 Cod Kabayaki Marinated Glazed Cod タラの蒲焼き 10:30am Ukulele 11am Blood Pressure
			10 Tonkotsu Ramen 豚骨ラーメン 10-11:30am Shigin 12:30pm Bingo
13 Grilled Saba Grilled Mackerel 鯖の塩焼き 12:30pm Mahjong	14 Wonton Soup ワンタンスープ 11am Blood Pressure 12:45pm Sing a Long	X	16 Bibimbap ビビンバ 11am Blood Pressure
			17 Ebi Fry Panko Fried Shrimp エビフライ
20 Chicken Chanko Nabe Chicken Hot Pot 鶏のちゃんこ鍋 11:30am Taichi 12:30pm Mahjong	21 Teriyaki Miso Chicken チキン照り焼き 12:45pm Sing-along	X	23 Osechi New Year's Meal お節 *Reservations required seniors \$12 / Adults \$15 10:30am Ukulele
			24 Teriyaki Nikudango Teriyaki Meatballs 肉団子 10-11:30am Shigin
27 Birthday Sushi お誕生日寿司 *Reservations required (suggested donation \$12) 12:30pm Mahjong	28 Ganmodoki Tofu Fritters がんもどき 11am Blood Pressure 12:45pm Sing-along		30 Minced Meat Curry キーマカレー 11am Blood Pressure
			31 Chinese BBQ Pork チャーシュー

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



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❖ Time to Renew the Paper Newsletter ❖

Please fill out the form below if you would like to continue receiving the newsletter by postal mail. We are asking for a suggested donation of \$25 for those that can afford it for 2025. 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 JAACL
PO Box 86310, Portland, OR 97286

or email marleen@pdxjacl.org.

Thank you for your support!

Name of JAACL Member		Preferred Phone	
		Circle One: (Home / Cell)	
Current Address			
Street Address			
Street Address (Line 2)			
City	State	Zip Code	
New Address (if changing)			
Street Address			
Street Address (Line 2)			
City	State	Zip Code	