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Board Member MESSAGE

By Peggy Nagae

Hi Everyone,

For several months, I have been working with Naoko Fujii and Carol Kawase and others to identify descendants of Issei who were detained under the Alien Enemies Act (AEA) during World War II. Invoked by President Roosevelt after the attack on Pearl Harbor, the AEA allowed for Issei (as well as German and Italian nationals) to be apprehended and held in Justice Department or Army-run camps without due process. We also seek descendants of Japanese Latin Americans (JLA) who were taken from Latin American countries and imprisoned in the U.S. as enemy aliens under the AEA.

Our work group has since turned into the JACL Social Justice Action Committee, and we are focusing on matters related to the Alien Enemies Act, Birthright citizenship, and Alien Land Laws. This article focuses on the descendants of the Alien Enemies Act (AEA).

The descendants of the approximately 17,000 Issei detained under the AEA will be part of our amicus brief (i.e., "friend of the court" brief by those who are not a party to the case but offer a particular perspective to help the court make their decision.) to the U.S. Supreme Court. This brief is in support of the ACLU's case challenging the use of the AEA to deport Venezuelan immigrants to El Salvador. Our goal is to prevent

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

September 5

Portland Taiko Farm Festival

Triskelere Farm | 4 - 7pm

September 17

Behind the Wok:

**Preserving the Legacy of Chinese American
Restaurants in Portland's Jade District**

Oregon Historical Society | 6 - 7pm

September 18

Portland JACL Board Meeting

Virtual | 630pm

September 19

Unite People

Epworth United Methodist Church | 630pm

September 21

Nichiren Buddhist Temple Fall Take-Out Bento

1130am - 2pm

September 25

Building Bridges 2025:

Collaboration, Transparency, and Justice

Muslim Educational Trust | 8am - 2pm

September 27

All of Us: Symposium on Immigration and Civil Rights

First Congregational Church | 10am - 4pm

September 28

Our Mr. Matura

Kiggins Theater, Vancouver, WA | 1pm

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current injustices under this antiquated law that created such devastation in our community.

The identification process has been tricky because we do not seek descendants whose Issei relatives were incarcerated solely under Executive Order 9066; the authority used to incarcerate over 120,000 Japanese Americans. That is why we ask that AEA descendants confirm their relative's name(s) in the Ireicho Book of Names: <https://ireizo.org/#>

Jeff and I would love to see as many descendants as possible from Oregon included in the amicus brief. Let's do this! Thanks so much for your consideration.

Peggy Nagae
JACL Social Justice Action Committee

Interested? Here's The Process

Please note: This is not for the 120,000 Japanese Americans who were incarcerated under Executive Order 9066 only in War Relocation Authority (WRA) camps (Amache, Gila River, Heart Mountain, Jerome, Manzanar, Minidoka, Poston, Topaz, Tule Lake, Rohwer) and Wartime Civil Control Administration (WCCA) detention centers (Fresno, Marysville, Mayer, Merced, Owens Valley, Pinedale, Pomona, Portland, Sacramento, Puyallup, Salinas, Santa Anita, Stockton, Tanforan, Tulare, Turlock).

However, this group does include Japanese Latin Americans forcibly brought to the U.S. This group also includes Japanese detained/interned in Hawai'i who were sent to Department of Justice or Army camps in the continental U.S.

To determine if you are a descendant of Issei detained under the Alien Enemies Act (AEA), Please Do The Following:

- Check for your relative's name in: <https://ireizo.org/>

- If your relative was **only in WRA and WCCA camps (underlined above)**, they are not eligible.
- If your relative was **imprisoned in city/county jails and other sites instead of or in addition to WRA/WCCA camps**, they are likely eligible. A few examples of these include the Los Angeles County Jail, Tuna Canyon, Sharp Park, Ft. Missoula, Ft. Lincoln, Santa Fe, Lordsburg, Ft. Sill, Angel Island, Camp McCoy, Camp Livingston, Ft. Meade, and Crystal City.

If it's unclear from the Ireizo entry, search your relative's name at: <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/720246>

Look for their internment card for the chronological order of camps: *(not all people will have an internment card)*

- If you believe you are a descendant and need help, contact Carol Kawase, Sonoma JACL, at sonomacojac1934@gmail.com. For Japanese Latin Americans imprisoned in the U.S., contact Bekki Shibayama bjshibayama@gmail.com

Next Steps: Sign-Up Instructions

- If you believe you are eligible and you would like to include your name in this important legal effort, please complete the Alien Enemies Act descendants sign-on form. Include all required details, including your street address, city, and state, as this is needed for a legal conflicts-of-interest check by the pro bono legal team.
- We kindly request that each relative sign up using this link: <https://shorturl.at/UDGUI>
- We are looking for **as many blood-related adult descendants of the Issei taken under the AEA as possible.**

After you sign up, in the late summer or fall, you will receive:

- A final draft of the amicus brief for your review. The draft will have already been reviewed by 5 JA attorney-descendants, including Peggy Nagae (Min Yasui coram nobis attorney) and Dale Minami (Fred Korematsu coram nobis attorney).
- You will be asked to sign a short “amici” agreement (adults only) officially confirming your permission to list your name in the amicus brief, which will be a public document and submitted to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Sign-ups are appreciated by October 27, 2025.



64TH ANNUAL

HSO GOLF TOURNAMENT

PRESENTED BY

DELTA

WITH USA VS JAPAN **FRIENDSHIP CUP** PRESENTED BY **Asahi**

**CAMAS MEADOWS GOLF CLUB
CAMAS, WA**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
9AM SHOTGUN START**

**SOMETHING FOR EVERY
LEVEL OF GOLFER TO ENJOY!**

**REGISTER YOUR
FOURSOME TODAY!**



Portland Taiko Farm Festival 2025

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2025
4 PM - 7 PM**

TRISKELEE FARM
29700 SW MOUNTAIN RD, WEST LINN, OR

❖ The 3rd Annual Centenarian Luncheon ❖



It has been said that the generation that had lived through the depression and the Second World War was the greatest generation. It could not be more true for the Niseis. On October 25th of this year we will be celebrating and honoring some of those Niseis of our community.

These Elders are those who are 95 years old

and older. This will be the third annual event. Please come and support by honoring them. They may be your friend, neighbor or relative. They have served all of us in the community by their gallant lives that they lead. Every year we are losing one or more from the community. Let us honor them while they are alive and not just attending afterwards. Please see the flyer and make your place be known.

Greater Portland Centenarian Luncheon

Date:

October 25, 2025, Saturday

12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Location:

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Portland

1000 NE Multnomah St. Portland, Oregon 97232

503-281-6111

“Honoring 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: Ken Todoriki

Guest Minister: TBA

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 * Iko no kai

Photo Corner



1. L to R: Katherine Wilson, Mayor Keith Wilson, Chip Larouche, Setsy Larouche, Tiffany Koyama-Lane, Dr. Connie Masuoka, Heidi Tolentino welcome Mayor Wilson and his wife to our annual Nikkei Community Picnic at Oaks Park on August 17, 2025.
2. Tiffany Koyama-Lane, Mayor Keith Wilson, and Jeff Matsumoto attend our annual Nikkei Community Picnic at Oaks Park on August 17, 2025. Photo by Setsy Larouche



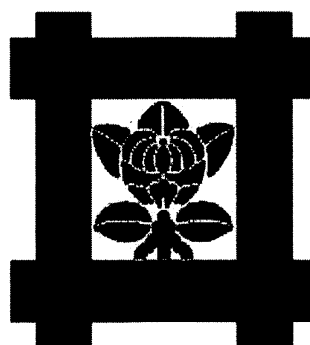
Portland JACL donated 100 Succulents for the monthly bento program for seniors. They were included as part of the "Goody Bag" with the delicious lunch deliveries.

Photo by: Dee Matsuda



On Sunday 7/13/25, the Minidoka Swing Band collaborated with members of Portland Taiko at a summer concert sponsored by Portland Parks and Recreation at Ventura Park. Photo by Todd Yururiha

NICHIREN BUDDHIST TEMPLE Fall Fundraiser



31st Annual Fall Take-Out Bento
Sunday, September 21, 2025 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Pre-Order Form

of orders \$ amount

Special Bento \$22.00

Chow Mein, Chicken, Yasaimono

Chow Mein \$12.00

(Quantities are limited)

(Orders accepted in order received)

Total Amount (enclosed):

Please return this pre-order form with
your check by **Sept. 14, 2025**

Make checks payable to:
Portland Nichiren Buddhist Temple

All proceeds benefit:
Portland Nichiren Buddhist Temple
2025 SE Yamhill Street
Portland, Oregon 97214
503-235-8292

Name: _____

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Your order will be ready for you at the "Will-Call" line



Iko no Kai - SEPT 2025

1333 SE 28th Ave / 503-238-0775

MON	TUES		THURS	FRI
1 CLOSED	2 Chicken Salad チキンサラダ <i>12:45pm Sing-along</i>	X	4 Fried Rice Omurice オムチャーハン	5 Misoyaki Fish Miso Glazed Fish 白身魚の味噌焼き <i>10-11:30am Shigin</i> <i>11:30am Tai Chi</i>
8 Grilled Chicken w/ Tomato Sauce 焼き鳥トマト <i>11:30am Chair Yoga</i> <i>12:30pm Mahjong</i>	9 Pork Salad Rolls 豚肉の生春巻き <i>11am Blood Pressure</i> <i>12:45pm Sing-along</i>	X	11 Shirasu Don Whitebait Rice Bowl しらす丼 <i>11am Blood Pressure</i> <i>11am Haiku</i> <i>10:30am Ukulele</i>	12 Minute Chicken on Cake Noodle かた焼きそばの パパッとチキンのせ <i>10-11:30am Shigin</i> <i>12:30pm Bingo</i>
15 Agedashi Tofu and Osekihan お赤飯と 揚げ出し豆腐 [Keiro no Hi] <i>12:30pm Mahjong</i>	16 Shrimp w/ Chili Sauce エビチリ <i>12:45pm Sing-along</i>	X	18 * Nanban Chicken Fried Chicken w/ Tartar Sauce チキン南蛮	19 Char Siu Chinese BBQ Pork チャーシュー <i>10-11:30am Shigin</i>
22 Ebi Fry Panko Fried Shrimp エビフライ [Kashu Hamada Day] <i>11am Reiki</i> <i>12:30pm Mahjong</i>	23 Chicken w/ Sesame Miso Sauce 鶏のごま味噌ダレ <i>11:30am Tai Chi</i> <i>11am Blood Pressure</i> <i>12:45pm Sing-along</i>	X	25 * Lettuce Wraps レタス巻き <i>11am Blood Pressure</i> <i>11am Haiku</i> <i>10:30am Ukulele</i>	26 Poke Bowl ポキ丼 <i>10-11:30am Shigin</i>
29 Birthday Sushi お誕生日寿司 *Reservations required (suggested donation \$12) <i>12:30pm Mahjong</i>	30 Sweet and Sour Meatballs 肉団子の甘酢あん <i>12:45pm Sing-along</i>	X		

Chefs: Naomi Molstrom/ Keiko Azuma- M Kyoko Adcock- Tu Justin Sato/ Andrea Hoyt- Th/F

Suggested Lunch Donation: \$9 for seniors 65+ / \$12 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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