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By Jeff Matsumoto

It's been very difficult for me to know what to say or write given this moment in time. Thirty plus years as an educator and spending a fair amount of time being around, I have heard a few things. I have also learned people say many things when they feel they are in safe spaces. Condemning political violence is a baby step in that direction. We teach our kids to "use their words", and yet, it is using words that are under attack. Words can order, command or demand. They heal, console and inspire. Words can bring hope and peace, fear and terror, sow division or unity.

We are seeing the hurtful, tragic and abominable outcomes because of words. We are seeing the current Trump Administration lay siege to what people are saying. They promised to protect and expand free speech First Amendment rights, they have done just the opposite. They have looked to withhold funding from institutions and have threatened deportation over words. They have promised to crack down on "hate" speech. How wrong. The administration's weaponization of speech looks to silence its objectors, bullying and intimidating people and celebrating the downfall of others. What hypocrisy!

The assault on our First Amendment rights and the administration's campaign of retaliation, revenge and retribution is NOT what democracy looks like.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Oct 4 Ikoi No Kai Fall Bazaar

Epworth United Methodist Church | 12 - 4pm

October 11
Gaman Past and Present
Portland Taiko with the Minidoka Swing Band
7pm(10/11) / 2pm (10/12)

October 11 Nobi's Night Out

Hōkū Events on Madison | 6pm - 9pm

October 16 Portland JACL Board Meeting

Zoom | 6:30 - 8pm

October 17 Unite People

Epworth United Methodist Church | 6:30pm

October 18-19 JAMO Matsutake Hunt

Yachats, OR

October 19
Prefecture Club

Epworth United Methodist Church | Time TBD

October 25
Centenarian Lunch

DoubleTree by Hilton | 12 - 2pm

Greater Portland Centenarian Luncheon

Date:

Location:

October 25, 2025, Saturday 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm **DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Portland**

Guest Minister: TBA

1000 NE Multnomah St. Portland, Oregon 97232

Consul General of Japan in Portland: Ken Todoriki

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

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Sponso<mark>red by Ja</mark>panese Ancestral Society of P<mark>ortla</mark>nd * Gresham-Troutdale Japanese American Citizens League * Japanese American Museum of Oregon * Portland Japanese American Citizens League * Veleda Club * Iko no kai



Annual Hood River Veterans Day Program

Featuring Oregon Nisei Veterans Historical Marker Dedication

Tuesday, November 11 at 11 a.m. River of Life Assembly Church

979 Tucker Road, Hood River Hosted by American Legion Post 22

About the Historical Marker Dedication
Highway 35 from Hood River to Government Camp
was dedicated as the Oregon Nisei Veterans WWII
Memorial Highway by Governor Brown on March
7, 2022. The highway commemorates the secondgeneration Japanese American soldiers who served
America, even as many of their families were
incarcerated in camps on American soil.

On Veterans Day 2025, a state-sponsored historical marker will be dedicated in Hood River that explains the significance of the Nisei contribution to our shared history. The event will take place on Tuesday, November 11 at 11 a.m. in conjunction with the American Legion's annual Veteran's Day event.

The one-hour program will include ringing of the peace bell, posting the colors, the national anthem, greetings from American Legion Post 22, history of Nisei service in WWII, 4th & 5th generation Japanese American descendants, comments by Former Governor Ted Kulongoski, and recognition of all veterans. Refreshments and unveiling of the historical marker to follow.



VETERANS DAY

CEREMONY

NOVEMBER 11 | 11 A.M.



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

SPECIAL DEDICATION OF THE NISEI VETERANS HISTORICAL MARKER

River of Life Assembly Church | 979 Tucker Road, Hood River

HOSTED BY THE HOOD RIVER AMERICAN LEGION POST 22











October 18 – October 19 | Yachats, Oregon

Trip Details:

- Meet at Adobe Resort in Yachats.
- Optional Friday-night meetup at the hotel.
- \$75 event fee for guided mushroom outing and some meals. The main mushroom-hunting event is on Saturday.
- October 17-19 is the annual Yachats Mushroom Festival with many additional events and exhibits.
- More details available upon registration.

Lodging:

- Lodging at the Adobe Resort can be reserved at a special rate. JAMO will email the discount code to you once you've reserved your Matsutake Hunt tickets.
- Lodging costs are not included in the event fee. Participants are responsible for securing their own rooms.

Adobe Resort www.adoberesort.com

1555 Hwy 101, Yachats, OR 97498

Reservations: 1-800-522-3623 or (541) 547-3141

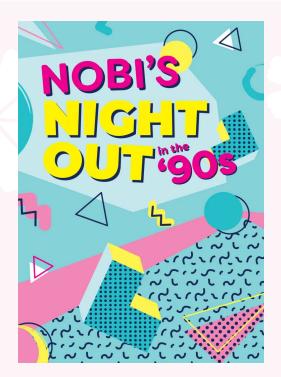
As in all harvests, the weather may dictate a change in plans, and the abundance of the harvest varies from year to year. Sign up to join us and be kept fully up to date.

Email info@jamo.org to register. All participants must be Friends of JAMO to join the trip, but you can join upon registration.

Please register no later than october 3, 2025. Call JAMO at 503-224-1458 with any questions.



Join fellow Friends of JAMO on a field trip to hunt and gather matsutake mushrooms on the Oregon Coast. You can join now if you're not yet a Friend of JAMO!



YOU'RE INVITED TO NOBI'S NIGHT OUT IN THE '90S

A 1990s Fundraiser for the Japanese American Museum of Oregon

In honor of Nobi Masuoka, beloved community auntie.

Saturday, October 11, 2025, 6pm - 9pm Hōkū Events on Madison 1125 SE Madison St. Portland, OR 97214

Tickets: \$100 per person/\$35 for 35 yrs and under. **(Only 100 available!)**

Get Tickets Here:

https://shorturl.at/UMPcc RSVP by October 3. This event is 21+

- Casino games, silent auction, and wine wall.
- Heavy hors d'oeuvres and refreshments.
- Photo booth and '90s jams.

Dress for the occasion – 1990s fashion is encouraged!



Kick off the holiday season by discovering unique handmade crafts, tasty treats, and festive treasures from over 30 local artisans!



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 seed 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	
Total		

Deadline to order is November 23, 2025

Pick-up date:	Mail this form to:	
Sunday, December 7, 2025	Unite People	
from 11-2pm	6305 E Burnside	
at Epworth United Methodist	Portland, OR 97215	
	or	
	Order online at	
	<u>pdxjacl.org</u>	

Please make checks payable to UNITE PEOPLE



Ikoi no Kai - OCTOBER 2025 1333 SE 28th Ave / 503-238-0775

MON	TUES		THURS	FRI
			2	3
			Shrimp Tempura	Cold Ginger
		X	Ramen	Chicken
			海老天ラーメン	冷やし生姜チキン
				10-11:30am Shigin
6	7		9	10
Nikujaga	Chap Chae		Kanikama Don	Pork Curry
肉じやが	チャプチェ	X	カニカマ丼	豚肉のカレー
	11am Blood Pressure		11am Blood Pressure	
11:30am Chair Yoga	11:30am Tai Chi		11am Haiku	10-11:30am Shigin
12:30pm Mahjong	12:45pm Sing-along		10:30am Ukulele	12:30pm Bingo
13	14		16	17
Pork and Shrimp	Chicken w/		Panko Fried	Wonton Mien
Shumai	Black Bean Sauce	X	Eggplant	ワンタン麺
豚肉と海老の	チキンの		ナスのパン粉焼き	
シュウマイ	豆豉醬あんかけ			
12:30pm Mahjong	12:45pm Sing-along			10-11:30am Shigin
20	21		23	24
Chinjao Rosu Beef	Kakiage Don		Agedashi Tofu	Steamed Salmon
Stir-fried Pepper Beef	かき揚げ丼	X	揚げ出し豆腐	w/ Mushrooms
青椒肉絲				きのこの蒸し鮭
			11am Blood Pressure	
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12:30pm Mahjong	12:45pm Sing-along		10:30am Ukulele	10-11:30am Shigin
27	28		30	31
Fried Rockfish	Curry Udon		Sukiyaki	Birthday Sushi
赤魚フライ	カレーうどん	X	すき焼き	お誕生日寿司
				*Reservations required
40.00	10.45 5: .			(suggested donation \$12)
12:30pm Mahjong	12:45pm Sing-along			10-11:30am Shigin

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

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



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Prefacture Club October 19th | Time TBD Epworth United Methodist Church

Prefecture Club plans for the future.