



# Puyallup Valley Chapter of JACL

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## 2025 Year in Review

### February 8

First Annual Day of Remembrance at the Remembrance Gallery.

Reserved seating for all survivors of any detention site.

Survivors led the procession to the Gallery.



### February 18 and 19

Puyallup Valley along with the Olympia and Seattle Chapters and

Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church hosted two premier showings of *Removed by Force*.

This film revealed the untold story of Japanese Hawaiians.





## February 19

Representative Sharon Tamiko Santos and Senator Bob Hasegawa hosted a Day of Remembrance in the House Chambers



## February 20

Consul General reception at the historic Nippon Kan Theater



## March 18 and 28

## April 29 and May 27

Classroom presentations at Meeker and Mill Creek Middle Schools, Edgemont Junior High, and Auburn Mountainview High School



## April 12 and 13

50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Cherry Blossom Festival at the Seattle Center



## April 15, 16, 17, and 22

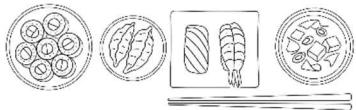
First school tours of the Remembrance Gallery: Ferrucci and Kalles Jr. High, Seabury Academy



## April 25

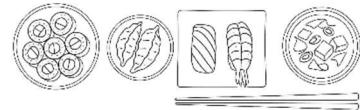
Seattle Parks and Recreation





**June 1**

Annual Banquet



#### Installation of Chapter Board:

- Eileen Yamada Lamphere, President
- Liz Dunbar, Secretary
- Cheryl Lamphere, Vice President
- Joan Yamada, Treasurer
- Leslie Soule, Membership/Scholarship



#### Graduate scholarship recipients:

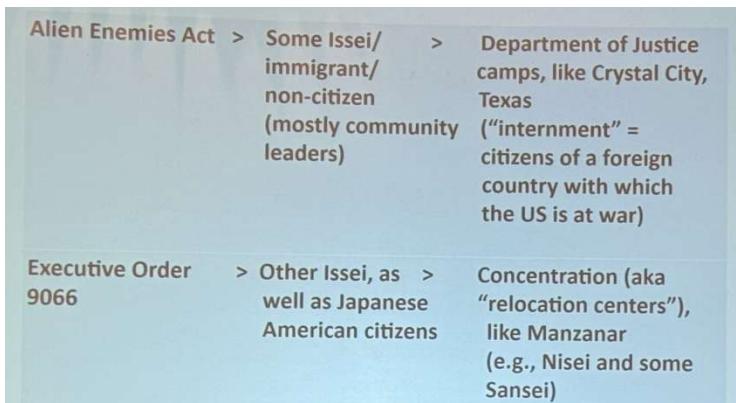
- Kai Vu, Tufts University School of Medicine
- Max Vu, University of Washington Master of Science in Computational Linguistics

**June 12 and 13**  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
JAPAN FAIR  
Legacy Award Recipient



**July 16 -20**

**National JACL Convention  
Albuquerque, New Mexico**



**August 2**

Tacoma Buddhist Temple Obon.  
Elsie Taniguchi, Puyallup Valley Past  
President, shown center.

**August 14**

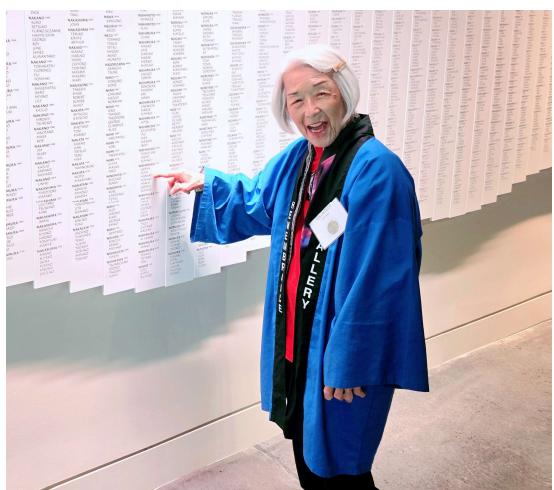
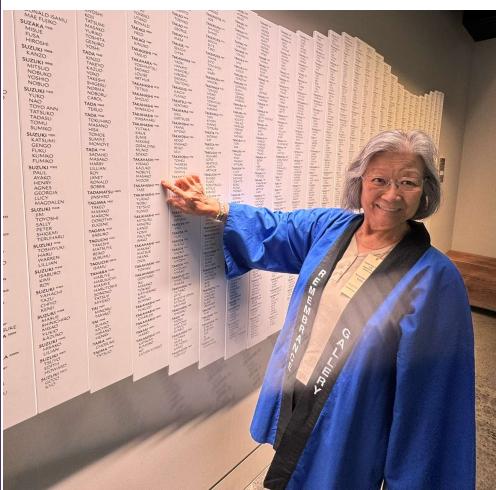
Auburn Kiwanis  
History of the Japanese  
Community  
in Auburn



## August 29 to September 20

Remembrance Gallery at the Washington State Fair

Our survivors are our best docents. They have personal stories connected to the Gallery. They are our Rock Stars!



Family activities center



There are many stories behind the names on the Monument

## October 11

History of the Japanese community in Fife at the Fife History Museum



Thank you to the entire membership of Puyallup Valley for supporting the activities of our chapter of JACL. We are a very small group of only 64 members, but we are growing. This spring we added eight new members and one transfer. Welcome to Charlene Grinolds, Anna Hasegawa, Ellen Hasegawa, Hana Konishi, Janice Kunitsugu, Ed Oyama, Sara Perrott, Linda Winthers, and Rich Hayashi from White River Valley.

2026 will be a very active year, too. In **February**, we will have our annual Day of Remembrance on the 21<sup>st</sup>. This year's tentative plans are to focus on the artists who tell the history of wartime incarceration. On **March** 27 and 28, Ireicho, the Book of Names, will come to our area. First, in Seattle at Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church, then at the Remembrance Gallery. Ireicho is a book with over 125,000 names and a new version will have over 126,000 who were detained nationwide, not just along the West Coast. **April** brings the Spring Fair, and we are always looking for volunteers. You do not need to be an authority - just welcome visitors and assist as they experience the Gallery. **May** will hopefully bring *League of Dreams*, the film about the history of the JACL, but more importantly, the history of Japanese Americans. This is the film that was postponed in October. **Summer** is a time of Obon starting in Seattle, then White River, and ending in Tacoma. The Fall Fair season is in **September**, and again volunteers add so much to the Gallery experience. Please let me know if you would like to assist.

Your Chapter Board members are available to talk with, ask questions, or just get to know. Our purpose is to serve Puyallup Valley members and advocate for the chapter. If you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns, please reach out.

- *Domo arigato for an exciting and successful 2025!*