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## ***Our Mission statement***

***The specific purpose of the Hollywood Japanese Cultural Institute is to preserve, share, and promote the Japanese and Japanese American culture and heritage through education, cultural programs, and activities.***



Year of the Rabbit

## **President's Message** Dear Members and Friends,

On Sunday, October 2nd, HJCI celebrated its 75th Anniversary in the Social Hall. I am deeply grateful for the support and generous donations received. Special thanks also to the HJCI cabinet, Anniversary committee, led by Linda Ikegami, and the volunteers who assisted that day. During the coming months, we will be completing some of our targeted maintenance projects, including termite extermination, Social Hall wood floor repair, repair of the double entrance doors, rekeying some of our buildings, etc. If you would like a copy of the Anniversary booklet, please forward a note to [hollywoodjci@gmail.com](mailto:hollywoodjci@gmail.com).

In July, cabinet members joined Hollywood Judo Dojo members for their 90th year celebration in the Social Hall. Long time Sensei, Gary Freeman, was recognized for his dedication over several decades in leading and guiding the dojo by Head Instructor, Philippe Morotti. In October, my wife, Kim and I, had pleasure of attending LA Daiku's 12th Annual Concert "Choral Sounds of Autumn" at the Altadena Community Church. Led by their Artistic Director, Jeffrey Bernstein, and LAD's President Yasumasa Tanano, the performance was touching and impressive. Members will be performing at the Disney Hall on December 19 at the "Messiah Sing-Along". Their 13th Annual Concert is planned for the Spring. If you have the opportunity, it's definitely worth checking out. As 2022 comes to an end, I want to thank our members, friends, Senseis and assistants for your dedication and support of the HJCI and participating groups.

Best wishes for the coming New Year, the year of the lucky Rabbit!

Stay healthy and well. Hope to see you all soon! Asao Masumiya, HJCI President

## **HJCI Officers for 2023**

- President: Asao Masumiya • Vice president: Hiro Casey Ogino
- Vice President/Fundraising Coordinator: Jerry Naito • Treasurer: Linda Ikegami
- Recording Secretary: Susan Yamasaki • Newsletter editor: Hideo Kuwahara

## **UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2023**

- HJCI's New Year/Shinnenkai Party: Saturday, February 11, 2023, 4-7pm
- Book Talk/Panel Discussion/Short Film re: life of Issei civil rights and community leader, Sei Fuji, in collaboration with Little Tokyo Historical Society: March 11th, 2023
- Spring Breakfast/Bento fundraiser: Sunday, April 23, 2023

## **2023 Membership Application / Renewal are now due.**

- Please submit your application (p11) through your organization or send directly to HJCI with your check if you are not meeting in person. Membership apps are available in the Social Hall and Annex. The app is also available on the [hollywoodjci.org](http://hollywoodjci.org) website.
- Please note a change of fee amount of \$30 or a family with a minor participant. \$20 for adult member.
- The Membership app is for the 2023 calendar year, January to December, and due by 3-31-23.

## **Daito-ryu Aikijujutsu Kodokai, Los Angeles Branch Dojo**

**(大東流合気柔術幸道会)**

### ***Teaching Traditional Japanese Koryu Aikijujutsu***

For those not familiar with our art, Daito-ryu Aikijujutsu Kodokai is an ancient Japanese art of self-defense that involves throws, controls, strikes, and blocks. It is in fact one of the most well known forms of jujutsu in Japan, and the Kodokai is one of only a handful of orthodox branches. Having been developed and refined over many generations, our methods center on the practical application of “aiki” (harmonized energy), which is why our art is known as “aikijujutsu”. In short, aikijujutsu is an advanced style of traditional jujutsu that is both fascinating and effective.



Those interested in joining are encouraged to make an appointment to meet us and view a class. Friday evenings 6:30- 8:30pm. Contact; kodoaiki@att.net or 323-369-7234

## **Hollywood Buddhist Church (HBC) Autumn Greetings**

After a very long wait and getting through COVID we finally opened with a service on Saturday, October 22nd. Due to the limited number of ministers at our mother temple (Nishi Hongwanji Buddhist Temple) it is difficult to provide services on Sundays so we had our opening service on a Saturday. There were about 30 people in attendance and it was so nice to see everyone face to face. The service was followed by HBC's famous luncheon including many homemade dishes and Amy Masumiya's delicious cupcakes. We all had such a good time that many people did not want to leave. We hope to have more regularly scheduled services in the future.

### **Important healthcare message**

As we enter the fall season, as a healthcare provider I am reminded that we are also entering flu season. The past couple of years we have been complying with safe practices for COVID which kept the incidences of flu down, however now that the rules have relaxed or been removed and children are going back to school, the concern is now looking at preparing for another COVID surge and increase in flu cases. Our immunity to the flu is down since we have not been exposed to the virus the past couple of years so we need to get a boost by getting vaccinated. The flu season has already begun and now there is an increase of RSV (respiratory syncytial virus) in small children and older adults. Below are some tips regarding COVID and the flu.

- Get your flu vaccine - it's not too late. For those over 65 years old, check with your physician regarding the 'extra strength' vaccine. This will help to boost your immunity for the flu virus.
- Get your COVID booster—I have had my 2 COVID vaccines and 3 boosters. The latest booster helps build your immunity to the latest variant of COVID. If you have had COVID recently, please check with your physician as many of them have differing ideas of how long after having the virus you should be vaccinated or if you need to get your booster vaccine at all.
- Wash your hands—continue with good hand hygiene. Wash your hands when you go out and come back home. Wash your hands before eating. Wash your hands!
- Wear a mask whenever you are going out to an indoor area where there are people i.e., grocery store, indoor shopping, etc.
- Stay home if you are sick or have any symptoms

Remember, the vaccinations for the flu and COVID do not prevent us from getting it, but it will minimize the severity of the symptoms.

Take care, continue with safe practices, and remain healthy.

In gassho, Rosanne Takahashi RN, HBC President

## L.A. Daiku (第九を歌う会)

L.A. Daiku is a mixed choral group that has been rehearsing weekly at HJCI since September 2009. Its signature piece is Beethoven's Symphony No.9 (Daiku in Japanese) that extols the brotherhood of all peoples. L. A. Daiku annually gives one or two concerts of superior choral works from all over the world. L.A. Daiku has been rehearsing at HJCI on Saturdays from 10:30am –12:30pm. L. A. Daiku offers camaraderie and pleasures of singing together.

Try our weekly rehearsals. No experience necessary.  
For more information, please contact [LADaiku@aol.com](mailto:LADaiku@aol.com).

## Hollywood Japanese Language School (Hollywood Gakuen)

“Listening” “Conversation” “Reading”  
for teens & adults

We are one of the oldest community Japanese Language Schools in the State, established in 1915. Right now, we have online classes only, but hoping to re-start in-person classes next summer.

Since this June, we have two new teachers: Tomita-sensei and Tatebayashi-sensei. Both were born and educated in Japan and living in Los Angeles for many years.

We offer regular classes (need 3 students to start)

Time: weekday night and Saturday morning.  
Fee: \$60 for four weeks)

private tutoring ( Time: flexible. Fee:\$95 for four weeks)

For more information, please look at our site: [hollywoodjls.com](http://hollywoodjls.com)

Any question, please contact : [hollywoodJLS5@gmail.com](mailto:hollywoodJLS5@gmail.com)

Jeffrey A. Bernstein/Artistic Director & Conductor  
Josh Tan/Pianist

**L.A. Daiku presents**  
**The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Concert**  
**Altadena Community Church**  
943 E. Altadena Drive, Altadena, CA 91001

Saturday, October 29, 2022  
3:00pm (Doors open at 2:30pm)  
Free Admission/Donations are Welcome.  
L.A. Daiku Association, Inc./NPO 501c3  
[LADaiku@aol.com](mailto:LADaiku@aol.com)

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### *Choral Sounds of Autumn*

#### **Benedictus**

by Orlando di Lasso

#### **Qui sequitur me**

from "Cantiones Deorum Vocum" No.6  
by Orlando di Lasso

#### **Kyrie eleison and Gloria**

from Mass for three voices  
by William Byrd

#### **A Psalm of Comfort**

by Jeffrey Bernstein

#### **Furusato-no-Shiki (ふるさとの四季)**

arranged by Shunichiro Genda

#### **Something Told the Wild Geese**

music by Sherri Porterfield / lyrics by Rachel Field

#### **Try to Remember**

from the musical "The Fantasticks"  
music by Harvey Schmidt / lyrics by Tom Jones

#### **Jerusalem**

Stanzas from William Blake's "PROPHETIC BOOKS"  
music by Hubert Parry

#### **Peace Will Come**

by Tom Paxton

— And more musics —



75th Anniversary Celebration Photos



## Hollywood Judo Dojo (ハリウッド柔道道場)

Hollywood Dojo continues to stay very active. Attending the Nanka Tournament, the Nikkei Games and Darcel Yang's training camp. Our Class is also starting to travel to local tournaments and showing great Fighting spirit. Taira Sakamoto represented the USA in the World Championships for Cadets in Sarajebo in August. We have had a number of promotions across the board, from yellow belt to Black belt. Our youth class is growing, thanks to the hard work of sensei Mendez, sensei Lau, and all the help instructors. We will therefore start a separate beginners class for youth in early December.



Hollywood dojo hosts an in-house team tournament every 4 months, competing against Sawtelle Dojo and Goltz Dojo. This event is becoming very popular and is streamed on social media. Sensei's Rodriguez and Lau have a Podcast called Tatami Talk, where they also promote our dojo. Sensei Morotti will be the Coaching Director for the winter Nationals in December, and we will end the year with our Holiday party on December 11. If you want to join Hollywood Judo, go to [hollywoodjudo.com](http://hollywoodjudo.com)

## Jodoin Buddhist Temple of California (浄土院)

Jodoin is a local temple that is providing services in Pure Land Buddhism at the Hollywood JCI on the third Sunday of each month. Jodoin can trace its history back to 1936, when the late Bishop Reikai Nozaki first established Jodoin in Little Tokyo. Jodoin has continuously provided Pure Land Buddhism to the community since its founding. Services are conducted in both English and Japanese and everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments are served after the service.



Contact: Kent Kawai at [mkawaiusa@netscape.net](mailto:mkawaiusa@netscape.net) or (310) 433-4314

## Shotokan Karate (松濤館流空手道場)

Shotokan Karate was founded in 1928 by Gichin Funakoshi. Shotokan Karate promotes respect, compassion and both inward and outward calmness. As Funakoshi said, "The ultimate goal of Karate lies not in victory or in defeat, but in perfection..." It also promotes perfection of character, be faithful, endeavor to excel, respect others and refrain from violent behaviors. Under the guidance of Sensei Yukitoshi Otaka, students learn:

**Kihon:** basic techniques in Shotokan Karate, including stance, block, punch and kick.

**Kata:** described as a sequence of Karate moves organized into a prearranged match against imaginal opponents.

**Kumite:** principal application of **Kihon** and **Kata** to real opponents.

Shotokan Karate fosters self-discipline, physical fitness, spiritual wellness and enhancement while respecting others and following Shotokan traditions.

★Classes are held in the HJCI Social Hall on Tuesdays and Fridays, 8 – 9pm.

Students of all ages are welcome to join.

For more information contact Mr. T. Suzuki at (626) 374-4119.



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## Gardener's Association (ガーデナー組合)

Contact: Brian Yamasaki (323) 661-1649 email: byama@sbcglobal.net

## Qi gong light exercise and meditation class

This class is currently meeting virtually via Zoom on the 1st and 3rd Thursday from 7 to 8 pm For more information, contact Asao at hollywoodjci@gmail.com

## ☆Fall Facility and Gardening Cleanup – September 25th

Special thanks to the members and organizations who helped with the cleanup of each of our 3 buildings and spruce up of our Landscape.



## Executive Committee members of Hollywood Gakuen's new building in 1936



(Names of the above members --front line from left-) Sukesaku Ozawa, Denshiro Nishimoto, Jutaro Narumi, Shoji Nagumo, Tominosuke Ozamoto, Kenji Ogawa, Takaji Shitakubo, Seiji Hara, Saku Inoue, (the second line from left-) Kinkichi Shibuya, Toshiro Heyamoto, Truji Ohtsuka, Kenta Nakamura  
(The photo is donated from Mr. Okumoto's son)



## Hollywood JCI Celebrates 75th Anniversary

On Sunday, October 2nd, 2022 the Hollywood Japanese Cultural Institute celebrated its 75th Anniversary in its main social hall. Many member group representatives from Hollywood Judo Dojo, Hollywood Buddhist Church, Aikijujitsu Kodokai, Hollywood Gakuen, and LA Daiku attended. Also, in attendance, were past members and friends who participated as youngsters and teens, such as the former Boy Scout Troop 90. This was the first major in-person event organized by the HJCI board after a two-year absence due to Covid-19.



Check-in and reception began at 12 noon, followed by a 15-minute performance by taiko drummers to announce the event's commencement. Master of ceremonies Gavin Masumiya welcomed and introduced his father, HJCI Board President Asao Masumiya to those present. President Masumiya noted a framed Los Angeles City Proclamation which honored the Hollywood Cultural Institute for its 75th anniversary and for preserving the culture and legacy of its Issei and Nisei pioneers. The proclamation was framed and displayed in front of the stage. Later, introduction of the honored guests proceeded along with a toast made by Brian Yamasaki.

Brian Yamasaki's toast was not just the standard congratulations for the 75th. Yamasaki declared, "Kanpai to the Hollywood Japanese Cultural Institute and congratulations for this 75th anniversary". He also challenged us to continue another 75 years and for HJCI to be able to celebrate their 150th anniversary. HJCI's mission is to preserve, share, and promote the Japanese and Japanese American culture and heritage through education, cultural programs, and activities. Yamasaki's wish is quite a challenge since our most active members and donors are senior citizens.

A visually appealing and satisfying bento lunch was catered by community restaurant favorite, Azay. Dessert was an assortment of mochi pieces from Mahalo Mochi.

Around 2 PM, raffle tickets were drawn and prizes announced. Audience members were excited to receive the gift cards and prizes donated by the Hollywood Buddhist Church and Mutual Trading Company's Atsuko Kanai. Attendees also received an anniversary booklet that listed all the proud sponsors and included letters from Congressman Adam Schiff, Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, and Mayor Eric Garcetti.

In the closing remarks, HJCI's board of directors thanked all the friends and families that donated financially and came out to celebrate this anniversary. Proceeds from the Anniversary will be used for long overdue facility maintenance projects.

Submitted by Susan Yamasaki, HJCI Secretary

*75th Anniversary Celebration Photos*



## 2023 SCHEDULE OF CULTURAL ACTIVITIES (2023年度の定例文化活動)

ACTIVITY (団体名/連絡先)	DAY/TIME (週/月の定例活動)
Daito-ryu Aikijujutsu (大東流合気柔術幸道会) Contact: Destrie Roy	Friday evenings 6:30pm to 8:30pm Adults Email: <a href="mailto:kodoaiki@att.net">kodoaiki@att.net</a>
L.A. Daiku (LA第九)	Saturday: 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 email: <a href="mailto:LADaiku@aol.com">LADaiku@aol.com</a>
Gardeners' Association (ガーデナー組合) Contact: Brian Yamasaki (323) 661-1649	Email: <a href="mailto:sanborn3693@gmail.com">sanborn3693@gmail.com</a>
Hollywood Buddhist Church (ハリウッド仏教会) Contact: Rosanne Takahashi, President email: <a href="mailto:tallbridge4@aol.com">tallbridge4@aol.com</a> Los Angeles Homba Hongwanji Buddhist Temple (213) 680-9130	Contact Rosanne or LAHHBT for more information
Japanese Language School (ハリウッド学園) Contact: <a href="mailto:hollywoodjls5@gmail.com">hollywoodjls5@gmail.com</a>	Website: <a href="https://www.hollywoodjls.com">https://www.hollywoodjls.com</a>
Jodoin (浄土院) Contact: Kent Kawai (310) 371-0321	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month email: <a href="mailto:mkawaiusa@netscape.net">mkawaiusa@netscape.net</a>
Hollywood Judo Dojo (ハリウッド柔道道場) Contact: <a href="mailto:hollywoodjudo@gmail.com">hollywoodjudo@gmail.com</a>	Refer to website for schedule of classes website: <a href="http://hollywoodjudo.com/">http://hollywoodjudo.com/</a>
Karate (ハリウッド松涛館空手道場) Contact: T. Suzuki (626)-374-4119	Tuesday & Friday: 8 – 9 p.m.
Qi Gong, light exercise and meditation Contact: Asao at <a href="mailto:hollywoodjci@gmail.com">hollywoodjci@gmail.com</a>	Presently, the class meets virtually via Zoom on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month from 7 to 8 pm
Girl Scout Troop 3795 Contact: Patty Murakami (323) 528-40	Meeting date to be arranged email: <a href="mailto:pymurakami@gmail.com">pymurakami@gmail.com</a>

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HJCI depends on your generous donations to sustain our facilities, and to ensure the community center is available to the groups who support us. We thank everyone who contributes by supporting our fundraisers and also who donate additional funds towards our organization:

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We work together to maintain our facilities, and our members donate their time and professional expertise to help us save money by performing some of the maintenance ourselves. If you are able to contribute in this manner, we welcome your assistance!

***HIRO OGINO FOR REPAIR OF TRANSOM WINDOW IN THE SOCIAL HALL***

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2. Each adult and minor participant must be covered by medical insurance.
3. Anyone suffering an injury must immediately report this to the instructor or responsible adult.
4. Each organization must have a responsible adult (instructor or organization officer) present during all practices, meetings or classes. If a responsible adult is not present, the class shall be cancelled.
5. The responsible adult shall have the authority to cancel all activities when the building, dojo, classrooms or other facilities are found to be unsafe.
6. The responsible adult shall see that each participant is in only authorized areas of the building. Unauthorized areas are those areas that are not pertinent to the activities, such as the stage, stairways, etc.
7. Each participant shall be responsible for leaving the room clean and in order.
8. As class or organization members, each participant is encouraged to help in HJCI- sponsored events, fundraisers, clean-up, etc.
9. The HJCI Membership/Waiver form must be completed annually by each participant and instructor for each calendar year, January to December.