

HJCI Newsletter Vol. 7

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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.



President's Message

Dear Members and Friends: Happy New Year!

Year of monkey

I would like to wish everyone a Happy and prosperous year. With everyone helping we will look forward to a new year. There will be projects that we will be working on such as; extending the fence on the Northwest side of the property adjacent to Juanita St. Our goal is to give a little better security between the sidewalk and the center at night. Also we are thinking of purchasing new AC systems to cool down the Social Hall on the hot days. I am very concerned about the elderly members having to sit in such hot facility just to name a few. Also we have painted the inside and did a nice clean up job on the inside. Thanks to the volunteers who helped. Lastly, If you have any ideas or concerns please feel free to come to our board meetings every 1st Monday of every month.

Thank you, Brian Yamasaki, President of HJCI

< Community Topics > ◆Facility use : Our classrooms, annex building and social hall are available to use. For more info, call Asao Masumiya at (310) 413-6220 Please visit our website "Hollywood JCI" for our activities and the latest news.
<http://www.hollywoodjci.org/>

Hollywood Japanese Language School

"Let's speak Japanese!"

「にほんごを はなしましょう！」

- Learn how to communicate with Japanese people
- Learn about Japanese traditional and sub culture
- Learn from experienced teachers at a modest price • Small class size

★Children class (age 6 ~)

★ Credit Test for High School students: Students could earn high school foreign language credit.

★Adult /High School Student Class: Everyone is welcome!

Saturday morning 8:45—12:15 pm

★Night class (new): Adult Beginners' Class will start soon!

Monday night. 6:30-9:30 pm (Please call 818-708-2871)

-Textbooks: "Yasashii Nihongo", "Japanese for busy people", "Marugoto" and others.

“Gakuen’s100th Anniversary Book” Thank you very much for your support. It is available now. We will distribute the book on Feb. 13 at HJCI’s New Year Party.

For more info, please call Kuwahara at 818-708-2871 or mail: hkuwahara@socal.rr.com

Main Events 2016

- ★New Year's Party: 2-13 Sat. 4pm
- ★Movie Night: 3-19 Sat. 5 -7:30pm
- ★Japanese Credit Test 4-
- ★Spring Pancake: 4 –24 Sun. 8-11am
- ★Fall Pancake: 9 –25 Sun. 8-11am
- ★Udon Night: 11-12 Sat. 3-7pm
- ★Gakuen’s Mochitsuki: 12-3 Sat.10am



AIKIDO DOJO (合氣道道場)

2015 was an excellent year for Aikido Kenkyukai Los Angeles. Our adult membership grew greatly from the previous year, creating a great training environment and strong foundation for future growth.

In May, we hosted Daiyu Takeda Sensei, a 6th dan from Japan, who brought his dynamic, energetic Aikido to a weekend seminar with our head teacher, Lia Suzuki Sensei, also 6th dan. In August, we held another seminar with Lia Suzuki Sensei and Dirk Müller Sensei from Hamburg, Germany. In addition to full days of fun and sweaty training, we enjoyed showing our guests around Los Angeles and exposing many of our newer students to the ideas of other instructors, expanding their understanding of Aikido.

2016 looks equally exciting for the dojo. Over Memorial Day weekend, we'll be welcoming back Müller Sensei for a seminar with Suzuki Sensei and this time Ikeda Shihan from Boulder, Colorado. At the end of August, we're honored to be hosting a 20th Anniversary Seminar and Celebration with Yoshinobu Takeda Shihan, 8th dan, and head of our international organization. Takeda Shihan will be traveling all the way from Japan. Takeda Shihan saw great potential with the formation of Aikido Kenkyukai Los Angeles and taught a seminar in the summer of 2014 for our Grand Opening.

L.A. Daiku (第九を歌う会)

L.A. Daiku is an active choral group all year long. Every December, interested members and choral friends attend "Messiah Sing-Along Concert" at Walt Disney Concert Hall. It was fun and exciting to sing Messiah with the world famous orchestra "L.A. Phil" at the magnificent hall. On January 10, 2016, we had the 5th New Year's Daiku Concert at Aratani Theatre. The consul general of Japan and his wife were among the audience. We performed "Fukushima Requiem" as the 5th Memorial of the

Tohoku Earthquake and Disaster. We also performed our main repertoire Beethoven's Ninth, "Ode to Joy" with L.A. Daiku Orchestra conducted by Jeffrey Bernstein, L.A. Daiku's Artsitic Director. We are planning to have a Spring Concert "the Tender Spring" at Altadena Community Church in Altadena on April 16, 2016. We will perform a suite of Japanese four seasons songs "Furusato no Shiki". Everybody is welcome to join the concert. Our mission is to sing for "Peace and Love." You are welcome to join our rehearsal on every Tuesday night at 6:30pm.

Hollywood Buddhist Church (HBC): A Century in Hollywood

On Nov. 1st, 2015, over 150 HBC members, friends, past and present ministerial advisors celebrated a special centennial commemorative service and Eitaikyo sangha memorial service in the HJCI Social Hall. HBC has held services in the historic hall since 1936 (with an interruption of several years during WW II with the incarceration of Japanese Americans on the west coast). Eitaikyo is a Japanese Buddhist observance that remembers and honor late members and loved ones. →

Summer Aikido Seminar in Los Angeles



Dirk Müller Sensei, 6th dan
Shoshin Dojo
Hamburg, Germany



Hiroshi Ikeda Shihan, 7th dan
Boulder Aikikai
Boulder, CO, USA



Lia Suzuki Sensei, 6th dan
Aikido Kenkyukai International
Los Angeles, CA, USA



The service was officiated by Rev. Kodo Umez, bishop of Buddhist Churches of America, who traveled from San Francisco for the event and L.A. Hompa Hongwanji Buddhist Temple (LAHHBT) ministers, Rimban William Briones and Rev. Koho Takata (HBC advisor). Several other former Rimbans and ministers also participated in the service.

Following the service, a luncheon was held at the main Temple in Little Tokyo, catered by renowned chef Akira Hirose, HBC member and owner of Maison Akira in Pasadena. Guests were entertained by classical Japanese dancers, including former HBC members, of Fujima Kansuma Kai, and vocalist, Hiroko Hirayama. The Councilmember for the Hollywood District 13, Mitch O'Farrell, presented a certificate of congratulations and a warm congratulatory message. O'Farrell acknowledged HBC and its members dedication and commitment to the community. HBC wishes to thank Mayor Garcetti's representative, Youmee Ha, for presenting a certificate of congratulations, and Congressman Adam Schiff for providing a congratulatory video and American Flag in honor of HBC's centennial. Additionally, many congratulatory letters were received from President Obama and several Japanese American political representatives.

HBC and its mother temple, LAHHBT, thank our former advisors, community members, guests, and business leaders for celebrating this remarkable milestone.

(If anyone is interested receiving a copy of HBC's 100th Anniversary Program book, contact asao at (310) 413-6220 or asaomas@gmail.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 or (310) 433-4314

Hollywood Judo Dojo (ハリウッド柔道道場)

Hollywood Judo Dojo finished 2015 in strong fashion. Most notably, we took home gold at the Golden State Team Championship and the Nanka Team Tournament, making us the #1 senior black belt club in the State. This generated positive momentum heading into 2016. We are currently training harder than ever with renewed focus and goals.

In October, the Swedish Judo Team for the Special Olympics visited our dojo for an evening of fun training. A TV crew from Sweden was on hand to film the events of that evening to broadcast on Swedish national TV. Our dojo has strong ties to Sweden, and we were honored to have Rikard Almlöf sensei visit us again to host a clinic.

The Women's Self Defense Class in September concluded successfully. Due to positive response, we hosted another class in December, and we now have another class scheduled for February. We are delighted this has become a recurring class.

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We are in the process of establishing an after school program for local teens. Through this non-profit program, we hope to give back to the community by introducing judo to a new audience. We will have updates on this program in the next newsletter.

Lastly, we are proud to announce the promotion of Head Instructor, Gary Freeman sensei to 6-dan (6th degree black belt). Gary sensei began his judo journey in 1949, and has been our Head Instructor since 2010. Also our invulnerable Head Coach, Philippe Morotti sensei was promoted to 4-dan. Philippe sensei has been instrumental in our growth since joining us in 2010.

www.hollywoodjudo.com



Karate (松濤館流空手道場)

2015年が怪我もなく無事に過ぎました。今年も、引き続き気を引き締めて練習に精をだし、レベルアップを目指して頑張っていくつもりです。

まずは、二月に行われる、サンバレー道場のメモリアルトーナメントを皮切りに、5月のAll Southern California トーナメントには良い結果が出せるように気合を入れていきたいと思っています。毎年、年の初めに際して思うことは、「常に初心に戻って、基本を見つめ直すこと」を一番の課題とし、空手を楽しむ気持ちの余裕をもちながら、今年も一年、練習に励んでいきたいと思っています。

Classes: Monday & Friday 8 –9pm. For more info. contact Yuki Otaka at (818)-618-6161



Gardener's Association (ガーデナー組合)

Meeting: 1st Friday of month except on holiday.

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

Nagauta shamisen and voice ensemble Class (長唄教室)

This year, Fuji Japanese Music celebrates the third year in CA. In 2016, we started with the performance at the New Year Luncheon of Chado Urasenke. The next performance will be at Monterey Park in April. fujijapanesemusic@gmail.com, <http://fujijapanesemusic.org/>

Phone: 805-6207287



Yoga (ヨガ・クラス) Class is open to people of all ages!

The class focuses on breathing and toning/sculpting your muscles throughout your entire body. The class is low-impact although highly enjoyed by those who participate. Contact: Takako Sato at (310) 387-4904 Get fit and have fun!

Practice: Wed. 7:00 – 8:30 PM



Kimono Remaking Gathering (着物リメイクの会) Sat: 1—2:30 pm

Let's make an Elegant Party Dress from Old Kimono!!! Do you have old Kimono in your closet? Can you use sawing machine? Let's get together and remake kimono to something useful and beautiful. ねむっている着物で洋服を作りませんか。皆で知恵を出し合って工夫して、エレガントな服を作りましょう。

For more info: Kazuko Ueda at (818) 880-5959.



BUILDING & PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Have you noticed anything different with the exterior look of the Social Hall (our original building)? Look closely. It has a fresh coat of paint! Due to the extent of work required, a painting crew was hired to patch the cracks, apply a primer and finish coat. The work was completed in time for Hollywood Buddhist Church's 100th Commemoration service on Nov. 1st, 2015.



Work continues on increasing the height of the wrought iron fencing and concrete pilasters on the west side of the property along Juanita Ave. The purpose of this work is to discourage trespassers from hopping the fence and gate area. Under the direction of Tok Chida, the work has gradually progressed. Tok has probably put in a 100 hours of work on this project - welding extensions to each of the vertical pieces, including the 2 metal gates is time and labor intensive. With help of his neighbor, each section, about 8' in length, was removed so that Tok could complete the tedious welding work at his home. After Tok completes the tedious welding work, volunteers help to reattach the 8' sections to the concrete pilasters. Volunteers who are assisting and have assisted with this major project, include Masao, John and Takashi Yoshida, Hideo Kuwahara, Aaron Brown, Wayne Kohatsu, and Asao Masumiya. Thank you, Tok, and thanks to all of you helping hands!



Thanks also to our dedicated caretakers, Keiko and Jorge Sandoval who are on duty 7 days a week maintaining our buildings, landscape, and grounds. They make sure that each of the 3 buildings are clean and ready for each class and event. Let's continue to do our part as well to take proper care of our HJCI facilities.

Donations October 2015 to January 2016 - Thank You!

Monetary: Nanci Nishimura in honor of her Nisei Auntie, Ayako Fujikawa, who grew up in the Hollywood area prior to and after the Japanese American incarceration during World War II.

Asao and Kim Masumiya toward painting of the Social Hall exterior.

Jonako Donley, Nanka Judo Association, HBC, and Daiku for special facility use.

Donation of material and goods: Coast Produce for the Fall Udon fund raising event; Yoshiharu Okumoto drinks; Tok Chida toward wrought iron fence work;

***HJCI is a 501c3 nonprofit organization. Donations are tax deductible.**



< Free workshops (Financial Planning)>

Place: Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute (1964 W 162nd St, Gardena).
Parking is free. Please call at 213-473-3035 to reserve an appointment.

Estate and Financial Planning Feb. 6 Sat. 2-3:30 pm

An expert will make a presentation on Estate Planning as a tool to eliminate uncertainties and to maximize the value of the estate. The program will be presented in English with simultaneous interpretation in Japanese.

One session with a financial planner Mar. 5 Sat. 2-4:30 pm

LTSC is working with the Foundation for Financial Planning to offer free one-on-one sessions with professionals from the Financial Planning Association. There will be a limited number of 30-minute sessions. (From LTSC Newsletter) → Continues to Japanese version



相続と財政計画の無料ワークショップ 2月6日(土) 午後2時～3時半

普段抱いている財産や財政、相続などに関する疑問や不安、またそれらの価値を最大に生かすための手段などについて、専門家が分かりやすく説明します。ワークショップには日本語の同時通訳がつきます。予約は213-473-3035まで。

ファイナンシャルプランナーとの無料個人相談 3月5日(土) 2時～4時半(予約制、1人30分)

Foundation for Financial Planning協力のもと、Financial Planning Associationの専門

家との無料個人相談の時間を設けております。セッションは30分で、人数に限りがあるため、予約が必要です。213-473-3035までお電話ください。

(From LTSC Newsletter)



■Help Stop the Pending Sale of Keiro

Keiro Senior HealthCare, better known simply as Keiro, has quietly negotiated the sale of all four of its properties to Pacifica Companies, a private real-estate firm. Pacifica is only guaranteeing one year at the current established fees for residents of Keiro, after which the fee may increase at whatever rate they decide. Additionally, Pacifica has only committed to a 5 year period as far as maintaining the facilities for elderly care, after which they reserve the right to do whatever is in their best interest. Interestingly, their philosophy is to “always strive to achieve the greatest returns to the company while maintaining diversification and substantial liquidity, as well as minimizing risk to Pacifica’s and our partners’ capital.”

Seniors in residence at the various Keiro facilities are now at risk of losing their home, a place they were assured would be safe for the remainder of their lives. Detailed information leading up to the sale has not been readily available to the *public*, and meetings to discuss the future of the residents has been restricted to those who currently reside at their facilities. As such, local volunteers have established the *Ad Hoc Committee to Save Keiro* to protect the future well being of the elderly group.

The goals of the committee are to ensure the future of our Japanese-American citizens who are residents of this important facility: to convince the Attorney General to stop this sale; to compel the Keiro Board to have a **public forum** where questions, issues, and concerns can be voiced and answered; and for Keiro to give full access to all records surrounding the sale of the facilities to Pacifica, which they are obligated to provide being a non-profit organization.

But the *Ad Hoc Committee to Save Keiro* can’t do it alone and implores your help. We need everyone to petition both Keiro and the Attorney General to show the level of support and concern by the community regarding this sale. This site is designed to make this as convenient as possible.

But time is running short. The sale may close at any time so we must get the Attorney General to act, and act NOW! As an individual, you may feel one voice is too little to be heard. But collectively, we can make a difference. (Source: <http://savekeiro.org/>)

敬老シニアヘルスケア—略称の敬老としてよく知られていますがーは、敬老が運営する全4施設をパシフィカ・カンパニーズー私営の不動産会社ーに売却しようと水面下で交渉を進めています。パシフィカは、現在の敬老施設居住者に対して、わずか1年間だけ現行の居住費を維持するとしか保証していません。1年後には居住費の値上げが予想され、パシフィカはいくらでも好きな額を設定できるのです。さらにパシフィカは、5年間しか高齢者ケアの施設を運営することを保証していません。5年後にパシフィカがどのように施設を業態転換するかは、彼らに一任されているのです。興味深いことに、パシフィカの経営理念は「経営の多角化と堅固な流動性資産を保持しながら、同時にパシフィカ社とその提携会社のリスクを最小限に保ちながら、常に会社（パシフィカ社）が最大の利益を得られるよう努力する」というものです。次ページへ→

敬老のさまざまな施設に入居している高齢者たちは、今や住居—余生を安全に過ごせると確信していた場所—を失うという危機に直面しています。この売却についての詳しい情報は、分りやすい形では世間に公開されておらず、入居者の今後に関する説明会は現在の入居者だけの参加に限られています。このような状況から、地域の有志が敬老を守る会特別委員会を立ち上げ、入居している高齢者たちの将来を守ろうと奮闘しています。

敬老を守る会特別委員会は、現在入居している日系アメリカ人市民の将来を確実に守るために以下のことを目標にしています。司法長官に対して売却の中止を請願し、敬老の理事会に対して質問・問題点や懸念が回答される公開討論会の開催を要求し、敬老の運営側に対しては、非営利団体として義務付けられているパシフィカ社への売却に関連する総ての書類を制限なく閲覧できるよう要請します。

ただし、敬老を守る会特別委員会は、単独でこのような活動はできません。皆さんのご協力をお願ひいたします。皆さんに司法長官宛の請願書と敬老側宛の要請書にご署名いただくことで、地域社会の敬老施設売却に反対する意思と反対運動への支持が表明できるのです。このウェブサイトは、できるだけ簡単に署名活動ができるようデザインされています。

一個人としての意見なんて小さすぎてとても通るはずがない、と感じられるかもしれません。でも、小さな声が集まることで違いを生み出すことができます。(Source: <http://savekeiro.org/>)

□Norman Mineta speaks out to oppose the sale of senior facilities

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bhtl9q4uxJY>

Community meeting on January 23 at the Centenary United Methodist Church in Little Tokyo.-----

For three hours, more than 20 people spoke out their concerns about current and future conditions of Keiro facilities which serve about 600 seniors. More than 200 people including Robert Sumner, Special Counsel for Legislation of California State Department of Justice, from Sacramento, attended the public meeting.



Former U.S. cabinet member Norman Mineta, 84-year-old, appeared in the meeting and spoke out as following:..... I have always taking interest in housing issues and also taking positions on my jobs that to speak out for those who are under representative or not representative at all.....

.... I try to listen all explanations about buy and close of Keiro. None of them seems to make any sense.....I will like to let my voice to oppose the closing Keiro and help and support residences and trying to make it sure proper thought is given to all issue. In this morning, I had talked with Congress member Judy Chu. I will also be in touch with Attorney General Kamala Harris. So I am proud to be with you here today and proud to join all of you speaking out to save Keiro.

(Source:Cultural News Video 2016)

敬老施設の売却に反対するノーマン・ミネタ氏のスピーチ (youtube)をご覧ください。

学園百周年記念パーティ



Mrs. Kawamoto played Chikuzen-Biwa

筑前琵琶を演奏する川本夫人

琵琶:

日本への仏教の到来に伴い、雅楽も一緒に日本へもたらされ、その後、雅楽琵琶が楽器として独立して演奏される様になった。その後、盲目の僧侶により諸行無常の物語が街で語られたり、武士達が戦場に持参して演奏したりと琵琶は人々に普及した。明治に入って、薩摩琵琶の男性的な琵琶を、女性にも演奏出来る様にと三味線の音を考慮し改善され生まれたのが筑前琵琶で、現在に至るまで男性女性の隔たり無く、多くの人々を魅了している。

Mr. Shimizu



■ “Movie Night”: March, 19th(Sat) 5 -7:30pm

「ドス・パロスの碧空」(SEED *the life of the “Rice King” and his Kin*)

ロスからフリーウェイ 5 を北へ約 5 時間の田舎町「ドス・パロス」。そこに、カリフォルニアで最も歴史が古い日系家族の米農場、国府田ファームズ（コウダ農場）がある。創設者 国府田敬三郎は、1882年福島県いわき市の精米業を営む家庭に生まれた。渡米してからは、戦前戦後のあらゆる試練に耐え抜き、ライス・キングとして世に知られる。現在も日系三世の孫たち、ロス氏とロビン氏がその王位を立派に継承している。

このドキュメンタリーは、一代目のタネから三代目のタネのライフストーリーであり、創設者、敬三郎氏へのオマージュでもある。

In Dos Palos, a small town with big farm lands, in San Joaquin Valley in Central California, there is the oldest family-owned and operated rice farm called the “Koda Farms.” The founder of the Koda Farms is originally from Iwaki city, Fukushima, Japan, born in 1882. His name is Keisaburo Koda, who was widely known amongst Japanese Americans as the “Rice King” whose throne has been carried on by his grandchildren, Ross and Robin. This documentary is about perseverance, persistence, and passion of the Koda Farms through various hardships since the 1920's and also a tribute to Keisaburo, the original seed of the Koda Farms. Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/141634569?from=outro-embed>

■当⽇はコウダ米（オーガニック）の販売も致します。

Koda Rice (organic) will be sold at “movie night”.



2016 SCHEDULE OF CULTURAL ACTIVITIES (2016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)
Acting Dojo (アクティング・クラス) Contact: Dom Magwili	The class is temporary closed email: dmagwili@yahoo.com
Aikido Dojo (合気道) Contact: (424) 209-2083 call/text	Thursday: Children:4:30 p.m. Tweens & Teens: 5:30 p.m. Adult:6:30 p.m. website: www.AikidoLosAngeles.org
L.A. Daiku (LA第九) Contact: Yasumasa (Yasu) Tanano (310) 625-4222	Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. email: tanachin99@aol.com website: www.ladaiku.org
Gardeners' Association (ガーデナー組合) Contact: Brian Yamasaki (323) 661-1649	1st Friday of month except on holiday email: byama@sbcglobal.net
Hollywood Buddhist Church (ハリウッド仏教会) Contact: Asao Masumiya (310) 306-7463	Family services once a month, officiated by a reverend from the L.A. Betsuin email: asaomas@gmail.com
Japanese Language School ハリウッド学園 Contact: Kuwahara (818) 708-2871	Saturday: 8:45 am – 12:15 pm hkuwahara@socal.rr.com (Sat.) (323) 664-2070
Jodo-in (浄土院) Contact: Kent Kawaii (310) 371-0321	3rd Sunday of month email: mkawaiusa@netscape.net
Hollywood Judo Dojo (ハリウッド柔道道場) Contact: hollywoodjudo@gmail.com	Mon, Wed., Fri, Sat. 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. website: http://hollywoodjudo.com/
Karate (ハリウッド松涛館空手道場) Contact: Yuki Otaka (818) 618-6161	Monday & Friday: 8 – 9 p.m.
Nagauta shamisen and voice ensemble class (長唄教室) Contact: 805-620-7287,	Sat. afternoon 3 times a month email: fujijapanesemusic@gmail.com ,
Yoga (ヨガ) Contact: Takako Sato (310) 390-3244	Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Kimono Remaking Gathering 着物リメイクの会 contact Kazuko Ueda at (818) 880-5959	Saturday: 1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m. email: kueda279@yahoo.com



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