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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,

The past couple of years have been a trying and challenging time for all of us. Thankfully, with the development and continued availability of vaccines, testing, and safety protocols, we are starting to return to our new normal. We are gradually and cautiously beginning to venture out, meet in person again and get back to our pre-pandemic way of life.

Currently, Hollywood Judo, LA Daiku (choral group), Daito-ryu Aikijujutsu, and karate have resumed in person classes. A Qi gong, exercise and meditation class is available via Zoom. Please feel free to reach out and contact any of our groups that you may have an interest in and check out the Spring and Fall newsletters for further info.

By the time you read this Spring newsletter, we will have had our 2nd fundraiser in almost 2 ½ years – our Spring Takeout Pancake Breakfast on April 24th. HJCI fundraisers and your generous donations in any amount, are critically important for the HJCI to continue to offer its facilities and classes. With great appreciation and gratitude to our Isseis (1st generation to arrive from Japan) and Niseis (2nd generation), the Hollywood Community Center was built and expanded to serve the social, cultural and community needs of the local Japanese and Japanese American community. Now people from diverse backgrounds and neighborhoods are senseis (teachers) and students of the Hollywood Japanese Cultural Institute. Your support is vital to the continuity of HJCI and its programs. We appreciate your donations and participation.

In October, the HJCI will be celebrating its 75th Year Anniversary and I hope to see you then. A fundraising drive is planned in order to carry out some needed maintenance projects. More info will follow.

Please feel free to share any questions, concerns, inspirations via email or through the Contact section of the hollywoodjci.org website.

Stay healthy and well. Hope to see you all soon!

Asao Masumiya, HJCI President



HJCI Officers for 2022 • President: Asao Masumiya

- Vice president: Hiro Casey Ogino • Vice President/Auditor/Fundraising Coordinator: Jerry Naito
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2022 Membership Application / Renewal are now due.

-Please submit your application (p12) and signed COVID waiver (p11) through your organization or send directly to HJCI if you are not meeting in person.

-Please note a change of fee amount of \$30 or a family with a minor participant. \$20 for adult member.

-Seniors who qualify or the 80+, the fee exemption should also submit a membership app. and COVID waiver form (if not previously submitted).

DONATIONS: November 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022

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:

- Chang, Naomi*
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- Hirayama, Yukari*
- Hollywood Buddhist Church*
- Kadogawa, Miyako*
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- Mori, Darryl*
- Nagao, Yosh & Irene*
- Nakamura, Debbie*
- Nakano, Ken & Joanne*
- Nishikawa, Elaine*
- Ono, JoAnn*
- Otaka, Yuki*
- Catherine & Eugene Sato*
- Yamani, Frank*
- Yoshida, Ted*

And a big THANK YOU to our volunteer fix-it crew:

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!

- Anonymous*
- Aaron Brown*
- Bruce Ibusuki*
- Casey Ogino*
- Jerry Naito*
- Brian Yamazaki*
- Jay Yoshida*

Thank you for your generous support!

Please notify HJCI of any correction or omissions at our email or office phone.



Daito-ryu Aikijujutsu Kodokai, Los Angeles Branch Dojo

(大東流合気柔術幸道会)

Teaching Traditional Japanese Koryu Aikijujutsu

Happy Spring time! After some unplanned pandemic downtime, the HJCI Daito-ryu Aikijujutsu Kodokai dojo is back in full operation. Observing best practices in regards to safety protocols has not hampered our ability to train seriously again, and the majority of our members have been quick to jump back on the mats again. It's been nice to see our community center members again, and to resume activities that instill a feeling of normalcy. 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.



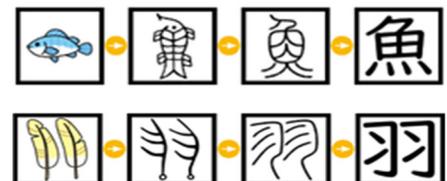
Those interested in joining are encouraged to make an appointment to meet us and view a class. Friday evenings 6:30- 8:30pm. Contact; kodoaiki@att.net or 323-369-7234

Hollywood Japanese Language School Learn faster in our small online class!

We are one of the oldest Japanese language school in the US Since COVID-19, we are doing just online classes.

Saturday class

9:00 – 10:00 am	10:30 – 11:30 am
Adult beginner class	Adult beginner class
Intermediate class	Basic Kanji class New!



Weekday class

- *Private tutoring*: Thursday, Friday from 9 am to 10 am
- *Evening class*: Monday, Thursday from 7 to 8 pm

For more information, please look at our site: hollywoodjls.com

Any question, please contact : hollywoodJLS5@gmail.com



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. The last concert was held in November 2019 at Altadena Community Church with a variety of music in multiple languages. After a long hiatus due to Covid, we had a Year End Music mini concert, led by Dr. Jeffrey Bernstein in December 2021. Dr. Bernstein has been director of L.A. Daiku



since its inception. He has been top ranked among all the US community chorus directors. L.A. Daiku has been rehearsing at HJCI on Saturdays from 10:30am –12:30pm. As we will soon start practicing songs for the fall concert, now is the time to enjoy choral singing with its synchronized harmonies to uplift our spirit and health. 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.

Hollywood Buddhist Church (HBC) Happy Spring!

Spring is a time for us to celebrate Hanamatsuri (flower festival) which is the birth of the Buddha. We also celebrate Ohigan which is the "vernal equinox day" During the equinox, days and nights are of equal length, and this period is thought to be when the world of the living and the world of the dead become close. This changing of the season becomes a time for personal reflection and for remembering and honoring the dead. While many of you think about spring flowers, baseball (Go Dodgers!), and warmer weather, also take a moment to reflect on those who have gone before you with gratitude.

Although we have not had any formal church services as of yet, we are beginning to come together with our first activity to the Japanese American National Museum (JANM) to visit the exhibit "Sutra and Bible" which is a display of the artifacts and items created during the incarceration of the Japanese Americans during World War II and how religion was continued during these times. We had the opportunity of having one of the co-curators, Rev. Duncan Williams give us a tour of the exhibit which gave the exhibit deeper meaning and insight.



We hope to be able to come together for services very soon. Until then, we will continue to "attend" services through zoom and listen to the teachings of the Buddha Dharma.

Continue to stay healthy, safe and vaccinated....

In gassho and gratitude,
Rosanne Takahashi

Hollywood Judo Dojo (ハリウッド柔道道場)

Hollywood Dojo has one of the best facilities and programs in the USA. Our partnership with the JCI has not only taken us through the pandemic. It had made us grow strong for the future. Youth classes and Adults Beginners class under the leadership of Sensei's Mendez, Rodriguez and Lau are showing great progress. Some of the students are already moving up to the advanced class. Head Instructor Sensei Morotti is in charge of our advanced program and our competitors, and he certifies coaches on a national level. Our Dojo hosted a 3 club team tournament in December, and again in March, including Hollywood Dojo, Goltz and Sawtelle dojo's.

The event was streamed live on social media, and Hollywood took gold on both occasions.

Hollywood Dojo was founded in 1932, we will be celebrating its 90th birthday in May. We are not only a dojo, we are a unique group of people embracing the philosophy and the teachings of judo.

You can join us at; 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 or (310) 433-4314



Shotokan Karate (松濤館流空手道場)

松濤館
Shotokan Karate Dojo at HJCI has resumed practicing while following Covid-19 safety guidelines. Shotokan karate has a long history; it was founded in 1928 by Gichin Funakoshi. Shotokan promotes respect, compassion, patience and both an inward and outward calmness. As Funakoshi said, "The ultimate aim of Karate lies not in victory or defeat, but in the perfection..." It also promotes seeking 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 fight against imaginary opponents. The Kata consists of kicks, sweeps, strikes and blocks. Kata is a demonstration/performance of Shotokan Karate skills. There are 27 Katas (26 Katas are mostly practiced)

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 Mondays and Fridays, 8 – 9pm.

Students of all ages are welcome to join.

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





Shamisen, Voice and Hayashi Class (長唄、大和楽、囃子教室)

fujijapanesemusic@gmail.com, <http://fujijapanesemusic.org/>
Phone: 805-477-8303

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



HJCI is not currently offering Yoga.

Please contact hollywoodjci@gmail.com if you are interested in a future class or know of a possible instructor.

In Memory of Bishop Satoru Ryosho Kawai

Respectfully submitted by Asao Masumiya



On behalf of the HJCI Board, I extend our condolences to the family of Bishop Satoru Kawai who passed peacefully at the age of 88, on February 15, 2022. Bishop Kawai and his son, Rev. Masaru Kent Kawaii, lead the Jodo-In Buddhist group. They met monthly at the HJCI for several years. If you attended HJCI's New Year/Shinnenkai celebration, Bishop Kawai and Rev. Kawai, were often present.

Per excerpts from his obituary in the Rafu Shimpo, Bishop Kawai was appointed as Bishop of the North America Buddhist Missions in 1979 and tasked with the job of moving the temple from the Jefferson Blvd location back to Little Tokyo (3rd Street). This became the future site of Jodo Shu Betsuin. The dedication ceremony was held on June 28, 1992.

"He dedicated his life to spreading the teachings of the Buddha and building bridges of understanding within the community, educational institutions, and religious organizations. After an accomplished and rich career in the Buddhist ministry, Bishop Satoru Ryosho Kawai retired on July 31, 2001."

Bishop Kawai is survived by his son, Masaru Kent, and many family members in the U.S. Hawaii and Japan.

Spring Facility & Gardening Cleanup – April 9th & 10th

Special thanks to the members and organizations who helped with the cleanup of each of our 3 buildings and spruce up of our landscape. The 3 bonsai style Matsu (pine) trees in the back of the Social Hall looks great! The tedious work involved several volunteers completed during the Fall and Spring cleanup.

Thanks also to Linda Ikegami for providing McDonald egg & sausage breakfast sandwiches and to Gary & Ann Freeman for providing donuts at the Sunday, April 10th cleanup day.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MRS. IBUSUKI!!

Long time Hollywood Buddhist Church and HJCI member, Sachiko Ibusuki turned 100 on March 20th. She celebrated her birthday with her son, Bruce, and senior members, Yasumasa/Hiroko Hirayama and Yoshiharu Okumoto.



Kiyomizu temple (Kyoto)



2022 SCHEDULE OF CULTURAL ACTIVITIES (2022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: kodoaiki@att.net
L.A. Daiku (LA第九)	Saturday: 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 email: LADaiku@aol.com
Gardeners' Association (ガーデナー組合) Contact: Brian Yamasaki (323) 661-1649	Email: sanborn3693@gmail.com
Hollywood Buddhist Church (ハリウッド仏教会) Contact: Rosanne Takahashi, President email: tallbridge4@aol.com 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: hollywoodjls5@gmail.com	Website: https://www.hollywoodjls.com
Jodoin (浄土院) Contact: Kent Kawai (310) 371-0321	3 rd 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.
Shamisen, Voice and Hayashi class (長唄教室) Contact: 805-477-8303 Mariko Watanabe	email: fujijapanesemusic@gmail.com ,
Qi Gong, light exercise and meditation Contact: Asao at hollywoodjci@gmail.com	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) 528-4070	Meeting date to be arranged email: pymurakami@gmai.com

Mushroom Noodle Soup with Tofu (serves 6)

Ingredients

- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 tsp ginger, minced
- 1 tbsp sesame oil
- 1/2 sweet onion, chopped
- Shiitake, enoki, and oyster mushrooms, halved
- 1 package tofu (medium firm), cubed
- 1/2 head of napa cabbage, chopped
- 1/2 package rice noodles
- 4 tbsp. miso paste
- 1 pack of Japanese dashi/soup flavoring (bonito, seaweed-flavored) - can sub more miso paste if you don't have
- 4 tbsp ponzu or soy sauce
- Season with salt, chili oil, pepper, furikake, and red pepper flakes to taste



(The picture is just for an image)

Instructions

1. Sauté garlic, ginger, red pepper flakes, and chopped onion in sesame oil in a large soup pot until onion softens
2. Stir in mushrooms, ponzu, chili oil and salt and pepper
3. Add dashi flavoring, miso, and 8 cups of water. Bring to a boil and let cook for 5-10 minutes with cover on
4. Add rice noodles, napa, tofu and let cook until noodles are softened
5. Season with furikake and shichimi pepper or chili oil if you like it more spicy.

Enjoy!

Cheers,

Maryn Masumiya

Note: Feel free to substitute with ingredients that you have available, ie, udon, soba, or spaghetti noodles for rice noodles. Same for the mushrooms, etc.

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CHOICE OF LAW

This Release shall be governed by the laws of the State of California, and any disputes arising out of or in connection with this Release shall be under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of California.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS RELEASE, AND FREELY AND KNOWINGLY ASSUME THE RISK AND WAIVE MY RIGHTS CONCERNING LIABILITY AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

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- Gardeners' Association
- Hollywood Buddhist Church
- Japanese Language School
- Jodoin
- Judo
- Karate
- LA Daiku
- Other _____
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