



HJCI Newsletter

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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,

I would like to express my sincerest appreciation for your support of our recent events, including the New Year Shinnenkai celebration on February 11th and recent Book Info and Film event about the life of Japanese American civil rights advocate and community leader, Sei Fujii. It is through your support, donations and participation that we are able to continue to celebrate our heritage and community. Special thanks to HJCI board member, Hiro Ogino, and HJCI/HBC member, Bruce Ibusuki, who recently donated and installed a movie screen in the Social Hall. This new addition will enhance and expand programming such as movie events for our members and the community.

I am also excited to announce that we have two major projects in progress. Firstly, we plan to repair, reseal and restripe the main asphalt parking lot. Secondly, we plan to repair and refinish the old wooden floor in the Social Hall, which will help preserve this historic space for our future use. Your support of our 75th Anniversary and your on-going support throughout the year make these improvements possible. As always, I encourage you to get involved with our organization and contribute your ideas and talents to help us continue to grow and thrive.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Asao Masumiya, HJCI President

HJCI Officers for 2023

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- Vice President/Fundraising Coordinator: Jerry Naito • Treasurer: Linda Ikegami
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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2023

- Fall Fundraiser—to be determined
- Fall Facility and Gardening Cleanup - date to be determined

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 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.

DONATIONS: JANUARY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2023

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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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 to all the members of 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 Buddhist Church (HBC)

In April, we celebrate Hanamatsuri, which in Japanese literally means “flower festival.” This is taken from the legend of the historical Buddha’s birth when his mother, Queen Maya, stopped in Lumbini’s Garden on the way back to her hometown to give birth.

It is said that all the flowers bloomed, and it rained sweet tea from the sky. Thus, we decorate the hanamido, or small altar with the statue of the baby Buddha with flowers and pour sweet tea over the statue.

Within all the rituals of Buddhism, there are multiple meanings. Some have roots in practical uses, and some have symbolic reasoning attributed to them. Depending on the sect or even just the minister you are talking to, you may get several different interpretations of any given ritual.

Pouring the tea over the baby Buddha’s head is one of them. One such interpretation is that “it is easy to wash away physical dirt, but much more difficult to cleanse one’s inner impurity of greed, anger, and ignorance.” You may recognize these three as the Three Poisons.

It’s so simple for us to wash our hands, and we have gotten a lot of practice during the pandemic. Of course, we should continue to wash our hands regularly for our safety and for the safety of those around us. How do we wash our spirit though?

One tradition during Hanamatsuri is to pour the sweet tea over the Buddha three times and while doing this, being very mindful of what you are doing and concentrating each time on one wish for yourself and the world.

First time: May I eliminate all evil thoughts.

Second time: May I cultivate good deeds.

Third time: May I help save all living beings.

Of course, as Jodo Shinshu Buddhists, we recognize that these aspirations are ideals which are impossible to achieve. However, by cultivating this mind we are blazing a trail that our actions may follow. With these wishes, the next time we are given a choice, it will be easier to choose the right path: think pure thoughts or bad thoughts, do kind deeds or selfish deeds, help others or harm others.

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Rev. Hamasaki's message is so refreshing to reflect on since spring is a time to clean and "dust off" the winter and open our doors and windows to let the fresh air into our homes. We need to also take the time to reflect on our spiritual being and to cleanse our inner impurities.

So let's all get busy with "spring cleaning" our lives!

Parents' Day Service & luncheon and in Memory of Kim Masumiya" held on June 25th



L.A. Daiku (第九を歌う会)

L.A. Daiku is a chorus that has been rehearsing weekly at HJCI since September 2009. Dr. Jeffrey Bernstein, a top ranked community chorus director in the U.S., has been leading L. A. Daiku since then. Both men and women are invited to join without an audition. L. A. Daiku's

signature piece is Beethoven's Symphony No.9 (Daiku in Japanese) that extols the brotherhood of all peoples. We annually perform one or two concerts of superior choral works in multiple languages.

After an 18-month hiatus due to Covid, we held a Fall concert in October 2022 at the Altadena Community Church led by Dr. Bernstein as shown in the attached photo.

L.A. Daiku rehearses at HJCI on Saturdays between 10:30am – 12:30pm. As we have been practicing songs for a concert in August, now is the time to join and enjoy choral singing with its synchro-



nized harmonies to improve our health and uplift our spirits. Moreover, L. A. Daiku is planning to burst forth with Beethoven's Ninth led by Dr. Bernstein with a full orchestra on January 7, 2024, at the Aratani Theatre. 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 Judo Dojo (ハリウッド柔道道場)

Hollywood Judo Dojo currently has 120 members and we began the new year with a new class schedule. We now offer a beginners youthclass ages 6-12, and a beginners adults class, led by sensei Anthony Lau. These classes are one of the best beginner programs in the USA.

We also have an Intermediate program, both for youth and for adults, with sensei Erick Mendez leading both classes, and Juan Rodriquez in charge of Saturday class. These classes are excellent and important for the growth of our dojo. The instructors are doing an amazing job. Again, a top rated program in the USA.

In our advanced program, sensei Philippe Morotti, awarded Rokudan by the United Judo Association, is teaching 4 classes per week. Our Saturday randori class brings together our best competitors and also, by reputation, we now have guests attending from Japan, Europe, and from all over the United States. Hollywood Dojo has become a designation dojo.

We also host in-house competitions both for kids and for adults, inviting Sawtelle Dojo and Goltz Dojo. These events are friendly and creative, giving our young talent an opportunity to compete and to exchange the great spirit of Judo with others. **Come 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)



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.



Hollywood Japanese Language School (Hollywood Gakuen)

“Listening” “Conversation” “Reading”
for adults, teens & children above 9 yrs. old

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

We have three teachers: Tomita-sensei, Tatebayashi-sensei and Andou-sensei.

All were born and educated in Japan and living in Los Angeles for years.

Small classes —about 3 to 4 people (need 3 students to start)

Conversation & Listening —you can speak shorter time!

Our teachers know Japanese culture and custom

Inexpensive —\$15 per hour for small class and \$25 per hour for private class

(Cf. US average: \$30 to 70 for small class, \$40 to 100 for private class)

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

Any question, please contact : hollywoodJLS5@gmail.com



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



☆Spring Facility and Gardening Cleanup – May 5th

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

Pancake Breakfast 2023



Baked Salmon Croquettes

by Susan Yamasaki

14.75 ounce can pink salmon, drained and mashed	1 large egg, whisked
1 cup panko bread crumbs (or crushed crackers)	¼ cup onion, finely chopped
¼ cup celery, finely chopped	2 tablespoons mayonnaise
1 tablespoon fresh parsley, minced	1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice	¼ teaspoon kosher salt
3 tablespoons olive oil, divided	¼ teaspoon black pepper

1. Preheat the oven to 425°F & line the baking pan with parchment paper.

2. Use 2 tablespoons of olive oil to coat parchment paper.

3. In a large mixing bowl, combine the salmon, egg, panko bread crumbs, onions, celery, mayonnaise, parsley, Dijon mustard, lemon juice, salt, black pepper and 1 tablespoon of black pepper. Gently combine the ingredients.

4. Using a slightly heaping ¼ cup measuring cup, scoop the mixture and form it into 9 patties. Press them together gently but firmly so they hold their shape and don't fall apart during baking. Some people prefer to form patties with hands to ensure the patties are not too delicate.

5. Place the croquettes on the prepared baking pan and bake them in the preheated oven for 12 minutes, then flip to cook another 5 minutes until they're lightly browned and cooked through.

Notes:

This recipe is very adaptable. Feel free to substitute onions with garlic chives or celery with bell pepper. Add 2 teaspoons of Old Bay seasoning, ½ tablespoon of fresh dill or a clove of minced garlic if you like. Egg whites can be used instead of a whole egg also. If you find patties are too dry, you can use the liquid drained from the canned salmon or you may add additional egg.

If you prefer fried croquettes, use medium high heat and use enough oil to have a depth of ¼ inches. Fry at least 4 minutes on one side and then flip croquettes over and cook until browned minute or more depending on the size of your croquettes.

Serving Suggestions: Serve these with tartar sauce and lemon or a remoulade sauce. Many kids made just like them plain or with ketchup. Adjust size of croquettes if you want to have these as appetizers or as salmon burgers. In the South, salmon patties were often served with cornbread or mac and cheese.



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: kodoaiki@att.net
L.A. Daiku (LA第九)	Saturday: 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 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 LAHHTB 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	Refer to website for schedule of classes website: http://hollywoodjudo.com/
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 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) 528-40	Meeting date to be arranged email: pymurakami@gmail.com



In memory of HJCI and HBC Members, HBC volunteers at a LA

Elaine Ayako Nishikawa Jan 1953 to Nov 2022
Sachiko Ibusuki 1922 to 2022,
Kimberley Ariel Masumiya Feb.1950 to Jun 2023

HBC volunteers at Homba Hongwanji Buddhist Temple gardening cleanup

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Annual Membership: \$20 Adult Individual \$30 Family (including minors under 18 or students under 24)

Check One:

☐ NEW ☐ RENEWAL

Check One:

☐ ADULT MEMBER (18 or older) ☐ PARENT OF MINOR PARTICIPANT

☐ SENIOR EXEMPTION: 80 YEARS AND OVER

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☐ Decline If you also want a hardcopy of the newsletter, check one: ☐ U.S. Mail ☐ Pick up

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Please check Organization(s) you and your family belong(s) to:

☐ Daito Ryu Kodokai

☐ Judo

☐ Gardeners' Association

☐ Karate

☐ Hollywood Buddhist Church

☐ LA Daiku

☐ Japanese Language School

☐ Other _____

☐ Jodoin

☐ General supporter of HJCI

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For and in consideration of my being permitted to use the facilities and equipment of the Hollywood Japanese Cultural Center and any class that I attend at this location, and further to be allowed to enter, remain, and be on the premises owned, operated, supervised, or managed by the above-stated organizations, or any other place in the course of the activities of the above stated organizations, or any other place in the course of the activities of the above-stated organizations.

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, DO HEREBY EXPRESSLY WAIVE AND RELEASE all and any rights, claims, demands, actions or judgments, which I, the undersigned, ever had, now has, may have, or claimed to have, against the above-stated organizations, their officers, members, agents, or employees of any and all personal injuries and damages and any and all injuries to property, real or personal, which might be caused by the, arise out of, or result in connection with my presence on the premises of the above stated organization or otherwise by my participation in any activity organized, supervised, or conducted by the above- stated organizations or wherever located.

I HAVE READ THE CONTENTS OF THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER AND UNDERSTAND ALL ITS TERMS.

I EXECUTE THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER VOLUNTARILY WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF ITS SIGNIFICANCE.

I AGREE TO HAVE MEDICAL INSURANCE FOR EACH PARTICIPANT.

I HEREBY CONSENT TO THE USE OF MY NAME, PHOTOGRAPH AND/OR IMAGE BY THE HJCI FOR ITS PROMOTIONAL PURPOSES.

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HJCI RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS OF CLASSES AND ORGANIZATIONS

1. Each participant, parent of a minor participant (child under the age of 18 years living at the same address and/or a full time student up to the age of 23 years) and instructor must be a member of HJCI.
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.