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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 Ox

## **President's Message**

A year has passed since we last gathered for our 2020 New Year / Shinnenkai Party. The Covid-19 pandemic has affected all of us in various ways and I hope that you and your loved ones have been able to maintain your health and well being during this most challenging time. We have missed seeing each other with the cancellation of classes, fundraisers, and other gatherings. With our conscientious efforts to wear masks, socially distance, wash hands, we protect ourselves and the people around us. With the availability of the vaccines, we hope to be able to reopen our doors for classes, fundraisers, and other activities.

I especially want to express appreciation to Hollywood Judo Dojo, Jodoin, Hollywood Buddhist Church for their continued facility orei during the past year, and to the donors noted on pg 8. If you are able to make a donation to help with our operating expenses, please forward a check payable to HJCI, 3929 Middlebury St., LA 90004. Although our doors have been temporarily closed for over a year, our financial obligations for insurance, property taxes, utilities, maintenance, other fees remain. Meanwhile, take care, get your vaccine when eligible, so can meet again!

(Asao Masumiya: President)

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If you have any questions or information,

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## **2021 Membership Application / Renewal are now due.**

- Please send completed form with check for \$20.
- Seniors who qualify for the 80+ fee exemption should also submit a Membership form.
- Membership form is on the last page of this newsletter and on the [hollywoodjci.com](http://www.hollywoodjci.com) website.
- Be sure to check your organization/group, or if you are a general member / supporter.
- Membership covers the calendar year, January to December 2021.

Please check out our new website [www.hollywoodjci.com](http://www.hollywoodjci.com) for upcoming events, current info, past and current newsletters, Membership form, classes and group activities. We welcome your suggestions, comments, and questions for future classes, activities, facility usage and how the HJCI can best serve our members and the community.

## Daito-ryu Aikijujutsu Kodokai, Los Angeles Branch Dojo (大東流合気柔術幸道会)

### Teaching Traditional Japanese Koryu Aikijujutsu

Aikijujutsu is a fascinating and effective form of self-defense for both men and women.

- Contact us to audit a class, we are always accepting new students.

- Adult classes: Friday evenings 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

Email: [kodoaiki@att.net](mailto:kodoaiki@att.net).



## 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 brotherhood of all peoples. L. A. Daiku annually gives two concerts of superior choral works from all over the world. If you think you might enjoy choral singing, with its synchronized harmonies that offers pleasure, physical and cognitive stimulation, and camaraderie, try one of the weekly rehearsals. No experience necessary. For more information, visit [LADaiku@aol.com](mailto:LADaiku@aol.com) and/or [www.ladaiku.org](http://www.ladaiku.org)



## Hollywood Japanese Language School

**New schedule started March 1st. We are still accepting, so please contact us!**  
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### ★Weekday classes and private tutoring

Adult: various levels (from your home)

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
am		private tutoring available		private tutoring available	7:45-8:45
pm	7:00-8:00 Beginner		7:00-8:00 Intermediate	7:00-8:00 Beginner	7:00-8:00 Advanced

Weekday mornings: private tutoring only: **60 min.** \$90 per month (4 classes)

Evening class: 3 to 5 students in a class: **60 min.** \$50 per month (4 classes)  
 (we need 3 students to start)

### ★Saturday morning class

9:00 – 10:00 am	10:15 -11:15 am
Teen introductory class	Adult introductory class
Adult intermediate class	Adult beginner class

\* 3 to 5 students / **60 min.** Tuition: \$50 per month. (we need 3 students to start)

★Sunday classe: Beginner class from 10 to 11am \* 3 to 5 students (we need 3 students to start)



website: [hollywoodjls.com](http://hollywoodjls.com)

Contact email: [hollywoodJLS5@gmail.com](mailto:hollywoodJLS5@gmail.com)

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

Hollywood Buddhist Church (HBC) hosted its annual Brew Ha Ha fundraiser with a twist this year, by supporting Little Tokyo Small Business.

On Saturday, October 31st, participants purchased a goodie bag and walked through Little Tokyo picking up prepaid appetizers from the following restaurants: Azay, Café Dulce, Fugetsu-Do, Kouraku, Sake Dojo, and TaNoTa Takoyaki. The goal was to bring people back into Little Tokyo to eat and shop, and have fun.

Some of the participants opted for the one-stop curbside pickup at Azay (the last stop) to show their support of Little Tokyo, sans the walking. Just like at the annual BHH,

participants chose their beer/non-alcoholic drinks and won a raffle prize. But this year, the raffle prizes included gift certificates to other Little Tokyo eateries and shops, with a few grand prizes to Sushi-Gen (Honda Plaza) or Toyo Miyatake Studios. This year's beer donors included Mutual Trading Company, Silverlake Wine, and Mark Takahashi. HBC hopes that all participants will return to the featured restaurants/shops in the near future!

Long-time Little Tokyo families who owned businesses during wartime sent generous monetary donations, remembering the struggles they had starting their businesses during such uncertain times. To name a few: the Isojiro Terasawa family, who owned Tenri Restaurant on East 1st Street (before WWII) and the Tom K. Taira family who owned New York Hotel (and who housed many families after WWII). As an affiliate of LA Homba Hongwanji in Little Tokyo, HBC is committed to preserving the LittleTokyo community and is grateful to all participants for their donation towards Little Tokyo Small Business.



## Hollywood Judo Dojo (ハリウッド柔道道場)

<https://www.facebook.com/Hollywood-Judo-Dojo-117642594918858/>  
<https://dojos.info/Hollywood-Judo-Dojo/>



## 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)



★Classes are held in the Social Hall on Mondays and Fridays,  
from 8:00PM to 9:00PM.

For more info. contact Yuki Otaka at (818)-618-6161

### Gardener's Association (ガーデナー組合)

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



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

[fujijapanesemusic@gmail.com](mailto:fujijapanesemusic@gmail.com), <http://fujijapanesemusic.org/>  
Phone: 805-477-8303



## 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.  
Practice: Wed. 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Contact: Takako Sato at (310) 387-4904 Get fit and have fun!



### Qi gong, light exercise and meditation class

Class is being planned for when HJCI can safely re-open.  
If you are interested, please provide your contact info at

[hollywoodjci@gmail.com](mailto:hollywoodjci@gmail.com)



You will be notified when the class schedule (probably 2xs a month) is confirmed.  
The class will be facilitated by Asao Masumiya.

# Memory of Mr. Chida

Mr. Chida passed away last December. This short article is my memory of him. I first met Mr. Chida about ten years ago at HJCI's regular clean-up. He was in his late 80's at that time, but he was active and his movement was light. He had a lot of curiosity and had organized them in his mind neatly. I was interested in him and wanted to know more about his life. So five years ago, I interviewed him several times with my friend Atsuko. He was born and raised in Santa Paula, CA.

During WW II, his family was put in several concentration camps including Manzanar, Gila (Arizona) and Heart Mountain. As he was a teenager at that time, he said he rather enjoyed camp life. After the war, He moved to Los Angeles and worked as gardener, factory worker, etc. When he was working at a plastic factory, he made many improvements on the products, which brought many patents to the company. Later he worked on welding jobs, fixing fences, gates, etc. He carried welding equipment every where. He helped fix the HJCI's fence too.



His family 1943



Baseball team 1945



Members of Gila High School of 1947 gather for group photo at the Gila River reunion Saturday at Las Vegas (5/10, 2006)



*rows are Japanese eggplants, 1st row has the bristles on which are the "bristles" close. All 1st row is covered and during egg probably pulled, and streamer right during the corn taste the best.*



He made a new plow for his Guatemalan friend #####

*I made and installed steel handles instead of wood because it's stronger. Repairs are difficult in Guatemala where this plow will be used. Far in the mountain farm.*

He made a organic vegetable garden from the soil in his backyard and planted many Japanese vegetables such as eggplant, tomato, carrot, hakusai, corn, etc., which were very healthy and delicious. In his late-70s to mid-80s he helped his friend with his job by towing trucks from coast to coast. Also, he helped another friend transporting big trucks from LA to Guatemala for about 10 years. "I liked adventures" he said. He was an amazing person!

Toku-san, may your soul rest in peace!

(From H.K and A.D)

<b>MONETARY DONATIONS from April 2020 to February 2021:</b>			
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<b>THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!</b>			
<b>THE HJCI APPRECIATES YOUR DONATION DURING THIS MOST CHALLENGING TIME.</b>			
Please notify HJCI of any corrections or omissions at our email or office phone.			



**2021 SCHEDULE OF CULTURAL ACTIVITIES (2021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: .	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) Contact:	Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. 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 ( <a href="tel:2136809130">213) 680-9130</a>	Service are held 8xs a year to commemorate special Buddhist traditions
Japanese Language School (ハリウッド学園) Contact: <a href="mailto:hideo.kuwahara@gmail.com">hideo.kuwahara@gmail.com</a>	Saturday: 8:45 – 10:30 am /10:45 – 12:00 pm (Sat. only) (323) 664-2070
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>	Mon, Wed., Fri, Sat. 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. website: <a href="http://hollywoodjudo.com/">http://hollywoodjudo.com/</a>
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	Sat. afternoon t.b.a. email: <a href="mailto:fujijapanesemusic@gmail.com">fujijapanesemusic@gmail.com</a> ,
Yoga(ヨガ) Contact: Takako Sato (310) 387-4904	Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Girl Scout Troop 3795 Contact: Patty Murakami (323) 528-4070	Meeting date to be arranged email: <a href="mailto:pymurakami@gmai.com">pymurakami@gmai.com</a>

## ***Ted Yoshida's Delicious Vegetable Soup Recipe***

Hello Everyone, the winter chill is on; so, here's a recipe for a big pot of soup to warm you up. The following vegetable soup recipe was made in a 7.25 qt pot. It is a lot of soup. You can adjust your measurements and the vegetable ingredients to meet your needs and tastes. Cut your vegetables to a size that will easily fit on a spoon - 1/4" to 1/2" squares.

### ***Ingredients for Vegetable Soup:***

Around 2.5 to 3 qt of beef stock - "Better than Bouillon" for chicken or beef stock is a great product for a quick, rich stock

- 4 large carrots    • 1 large onion
- 2 bell peppers—whichever color combination you prefer
- 8 oz of mushrooms - whichever you prefer. I usually use white, crimini, or bella
- 5 medium cloves of garlic    • 2 medium potatoes peeled
- 1 large zucchini peeled    • 1/4 to 1/3 coarsely chopped cabbage
- salt to taste
- Around 2 to 4 Tablespoons of extra virgin olive oil for the browning of the vegetables.



### **Preparation:**

Wash, peel and cut **all** the ingredients before the start of cooking.

Start by browning the onions, carrots and bell peppers with olive oil in the soup pot first.

The point of browning is to develop the sweetness of the vegetables and to create the fond on the bottom of the pot. These two elements - the browned vegetables and the fond - along with the olive oil and salt will add flavor and texture to the finished soup.

If you follow the full recipe above, you will need to brown the vegetables **in the soup pot** in two batches. Divide the onions, carrots and garlic into two batches.

The first batch of onion, carrots and bell peppers should be a little larger than the second batch because the second batch of browning will also include the mushrooms and garlic. Don't over-brown the fond on the bottom of the pot when cooking the first batch of vegetables or the fond will start to burn when cooking the 2nd batch of vegetables.

Add olive oil to the pan before browning the second batch of vegetables and add more oil while cooking if necessary.

After cooking the second batch of vegetables, the fond should be a deep dark brown but not black. Remember to season with salt and taste as you are browning. Combine all the browned vegetables in the soup pot. Add the beef stock to the browned vegetables in the soup pot and bring the soup up to a light boil. Add the potatoes and zucchini and simmer until potatoes are tender, 10-15 minutes, then add cabbage. When cabbage is tender the soup is ready for a final seasoning and then ready to be served.

The soup will benefit from being allowed to sit in the refrigerator overnight. It is a surprising transformation. Enjoy!

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**azay**

Azay is the homecoming of Chef Akira as he explores the intersection of history, cuisine, and community in the former space of Anzen Hardware, Little Tokyo.

Born and raised in Kyoto, Japan, Akira trained in the French countryside of Azay-le-Rideau and Paris, having worked at Maxim's de Paris and the hotel Nikko under Joël Robuchon. After being recruited to work at the esteemed L'Orangerie in Los Angeles, he and his wife opened a French restaurant in Kyoto, Japan. They then opened Maison Akira in Pasadena, California. It closed in March, 2019, after celebrating 20 successful years.

The new menu at Azay celebrate Akira's experiences professionally in the kitchens, gardens, and communities of the culinary world, as well as the personal relationships he made along the way.

Presently, the restaurant is open for take-out and special family style orders.

Jo Ann grew up in the Hollywood area and attended the Hollywood Gakuen and is a member of the HJCI and HBC.



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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 form must be completed annually.

For General Supporters, who are not a member of an affiliate group, the app is also on the rear page of the newsletter. Thank you for your support!

### Announcement of dissolution

California Association of Japanese Language School (CAJLS) hereby announces it has ceased the operation as of June 30, 2020. Date October 27, 2020, the office of Attorney General of California waive objection to the disposition of the assets of the captioned corporation upon dissolution.

The assets of CAJLS are to be divided and granted to the legally qualified member schools of CAJLS and UCLA Asian American Studies Center. CAJLS will also donate its records and papers to the UCLA AASC Archives on the Japanese American Community History for the provision of management and guidance toward the preservation of their historical significance.

CAJLS Board of Directors extend their heart-felt thanks to the JA communities throughout California, as well as to those individuals and institutions/organizations that have assisted and contributed both materially and spiritually over the period of 57 years since its inception in 1963.

CAJLS Board of Directors December 29, 2020

### <Relation to HJCI>

Since Hollywood Gakuen had been the main office of CAJLS, HJCI provided storage space textbook and supplies distributed as needed to other JLS and as an annual testing site for public school credit, and as a meeting space.

Hollywood Gakuen is not affected by this closure. Gakuen continues teaching Japanese classes.



Ueda-sensei's students show the new text books that California Association of Japanese Language Schools (CAJLS) made. 1996

加州日本語学園教会が編纂した新しいテキストを見せる生徒達と上田先生

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