



Shinnen Kai & Keiro Kai

Photographs courtesy of Luke Uyeda
and Kevin Yamashita

Congratulations to 2023 Person of the Year **Gayle Hiram** and to eight of 23 new Keiro and Centenarian Honorees who attended this year's celebration: **Darlene Fujita, Rosalind Harper, Miyako Kadogawa, Delcene Kuwata, Thomas Oshima, Henry Quock, Frances Saito Oshima and Toshiko Shimizu!** And best wishes to the 2024 Board of Directors for leading us through the next year!

Thank you to everyone involved in making the 2024 Shinnen Kai & Keiro Kai a most enjoyable event, even with rain. It takes a village, and we have the best! And thank you to **Luke Uyeda** and **Kevin Yamashita** for chronicling the event in photographs. Enjoy!!!



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Summer "Natsumatsuri"
Festival

Sat. & Sun., June 23 & 24

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the latest updates.

More photos on page 4!

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- VJCC Odori
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- VJCC (Roei Kai) Shigin
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Board Visions

On January 21, the VJCC held its **Shinnen Kai & Keiro Kai** celebration--as aptly described by **Kazie Kame** in last month's Board "Vision" article--which formally welcomed in the New Year for the Community Center. Attendees enjoyed a delicious bento lunch and a program robust with entertainment and acknowledgement by local government and Japanese and Japanese American organizations. During this annual January event, **Gayle Hiram** was recognized as this year's recipient of the **VJCC Person of the Year Award**. As a volunteer managing the **Senior Wellness Program**, Gayle has worked tirelessly to ensure that our seniors are able to participate in exercise classes, nutritional lunches and social activities. Congratulations, Gayle!



Last month, the Community Center launched its inaugural (hopefully becoming an annual event) **Bowling Fun Night**. This event was held at the Gardena Bowl on Saturday, January 27. Sixteen teams of four bowlers each bowled to achieve the highest scores. In addition, a silent auction was held as a fundraiser to benefit the VJCC. Thanks to the leadership of the VJCC Operations Committee, especially **Kevin Kunisaki** and **Amy Shimoda**, and **Scott Zeidman**, a VJCC parent with experience of orchestrating bowling events to make the Bowling Fun Night a resounding success!

The Community Center continues to evolve as membership and interests change over time. While the VJCC has added **Pickleball** and **Zumba** classes to its list of club and class offerings, the closure of the VJCC campus during the Covid-19 pandemic contributed to the demise of VJCC programs, including **Line Dance** and **Karaoke**. In October, the **Ukulele** class notified the VJCC Office that it was ending its program. For the past few decades, the Ukulele program regularly performed at **Natsu Matsuri** and **Shinnen Kai**. This cultural program, along with the others mentioned, will be missed.

Looking forward into 2024, the VJCC is planning two of its longtime fundraising events. This year's annual **VJCC Golf Tournament** will be held on Monday, September 30, at the Candlewood Country Club in Whittier. We hope to see the return of **Bingo Night** sometime in the fall of this year.

With such a great start, I hope that all VJCC members and family have a wonderful 2024!

Jack Kurihara

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Legacy Tree: January 2024

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2024 Membership Dues

2024 Annual Membership are past due.

Membership application/renewals & dues should have been received by January 31, 2024 by either of the following methods:

1. Online - You may go to: www.vjcc.com/membership Instructions are provided on the website page.
2. Membership application* and check (payable to VJCC) - Form is available in this newsletter or may be printed from the website: www.vjcc.com/membership. Form and check may be mailed or dropped in the VJCC mailbox (outside the main gate) or the office mailbox (outside Room 4).

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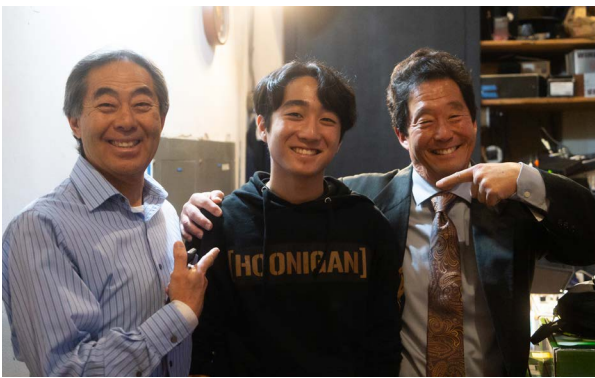
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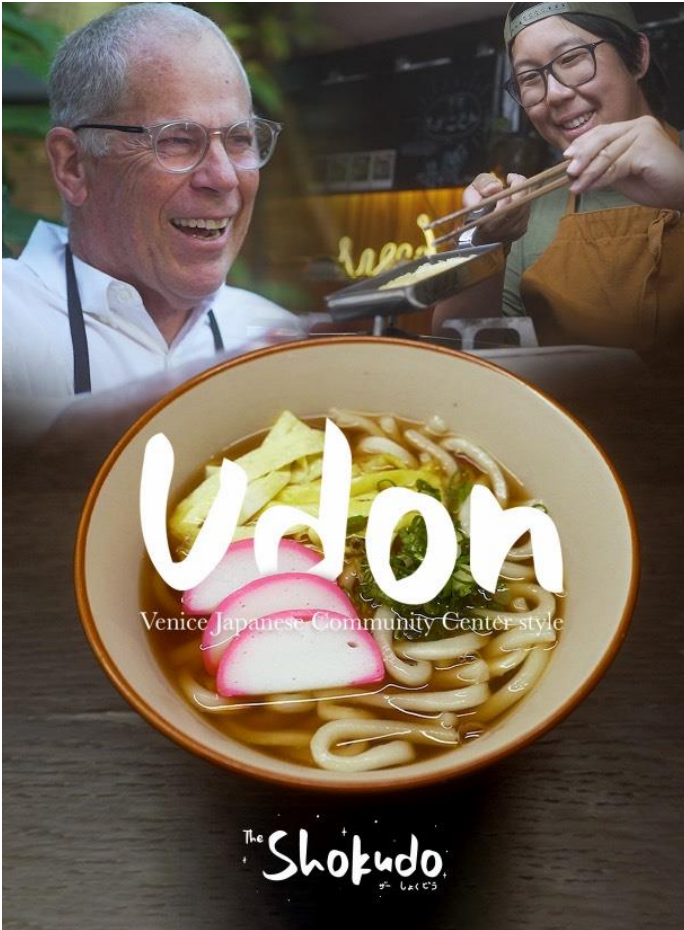
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Age 80 or older and paid VJCC member for past 5 consecutive years.



Photos from Shinnen Kai & Keiro Kai

Photographs courtesy of Luke Uyeda and Kevin Yamashita





Did you know that a key piece of cooking equipment for the VJCC's udon is a stick with a line on it? In the newest episode of "The Shokudo Series", Luke Uyeda and Jon Kenzo Okeya talk to Joe Belli about how to make the udon served every year at the VJCC Annual Summer Natsumatsuri and the community spirit that keeps traditions like these going generation after generation. You can watch the entire episode here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AxfEqXlq6Jk>.

Jon Kenzo Okeya is an artist by day and a curious chef by night. With his friends Luke Uyeda the videographer and Michael Murata the producer/composer, Jon has built a secret backyard diner called "The Shokudo". By learning family recipes and cooking the foods that have defined their unique culture, this motley crew of fourth generation Japanese Americans are on a journey to learn about and preserve their culture and community history by documenting family stories before they are lost to time. You can also see what else is going on at the Shokudo by visiting their Linktree here: <https://linktr.ee/theshokudoseries>.

VENICE PIONEER PROJECT

February 2024

HAPPY NEW YEAR - The Project wishes all a healthy and good 2024.

Feb. 18 Sun **DIM SUM LUNCHEON** - The Chinese luncheon specialties will be served free.

At 12:30 pm lunch will start with BINGO to follow. Reservation – by mail-in flyer only.

March 4-6, MONDAY-WEDNESDAY **LAS VEGAS TRIP**

Departure – MONDAY (not Tues) be at the VJCC parking lot by 9:30 for check-in. Parking is limited, please carpool if possible. Reservation – by mail-in flyer. Space is limited, first come basis.

April 20 Sat. **JERSEY BOYS** - Live Broadway musical at the La Mirada Theater.

Reservation – limited number of tickets will be available by mail-in. Departure – Be at the VJCC parking lot by 12 noon.

DONATIONS

\$100 – Kenji & Lynn Onishi, Eleanor Lee, Darleen Fujita

Other – Takako Ikegami



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Important VJCC Events

3rd Weds: Monthly Executive Council Meeting

- January 21 Shinnen Kai & Keiro Kai
- January 27 Bowling Fun Night
- June 22 & 23 Festival
- August 25 Annual Clean Up
- September 28 Arts & Crafts Fair
- September 30 Golf Tournament
- December 11 Annual Membership Meeting
- January 19, 2025 Shinnen Kai & Keiro Kai

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Board Vision by Jack Kurihara – January 2024

先月の理事会からの記事でカメカジーさんがご説明した通り 1月21日、VJCCで新年会が開催されました。参加者は、おいしいお弁当と、エンターテイメントや日系・日系人団体による謝辞など、充実したプログラムを楽しみました。

ヒラミゲイルさんが今年のVJCC パーソン・オブ・ザ・イヤーを受賞しました。シニア・ウェルネス・プログラムの運営ボランティアとして、ゲイルさんはシニアの方々のために、シニアがエクササイズ・クラス、栄養ランチ、ソーシャル・アクティビティに参加できるように、精力的に活動しています。ゲイルさんおめでとうございます。

先月、コミュニティ・センターは第1回目の（できれば、今後毎年恒例にしたい）イベントを開始しました。ボーリング・ファン・ナイトです。このイベントは、1月27日（土）にガーデナ・ボウルで開催されました。16チームが参加し、最高スコアを競いました。また、サイレント・オークションも開催され、VJCCのための資金調達となりました。VJCC 運営委員会のリーダーシップに感謝いたします。

特にクニサキケビンさんとシモダエイミーさん、そしてボウリング・イベントの運営に携わった経験を持つゼイドマンスコットさんのリーダーシップに感謝します。

ボーリング・ファン・ナイトを大成功に導くことができました。

コミュニティ・センターは、時代とともに会員や関心事が変化する中で進化し続けています。VJCCはクラブやクラスのリストにピククルボールやズンバのクラスを加えましたが、コロナの大流行の間VJCCが閉鎖されたため、ライダダンスやカラオケを含む、いくつかのVJCCプログラムは廃止されました。

10月には、ウクレレ・クラスがVJCC事務局にプログラム終了を通知しました。過去数十年間、ウクレレ・プログラムは夏祭りと新年会で定期的に演奏してきましたが、この文化プログラムは、他のプログラムとともに、惜しまれつつも終了することになりました。

2024年に向けて、VJCCは2つの長年の資金調達イベントを計画しています。今年の毎年恒例のVJCCゴルフ・トーナメントは、9月30日（月）にウィットティアのキャンドルウッド・カントリークラブで開催される予定です。

今年の秋には、ビンゴ・ナイトが復活する予定です。

このような素晴らしいスタートを切ったVJCC会員とご家族の皆様にとって、2024年が素晴らしい年となりますようにお祈り申し上げます。

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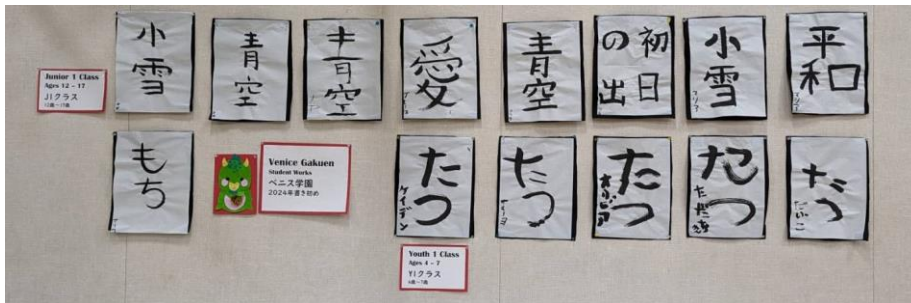
Venice Gakuen

Japanese Language School for K-12

January 2024



In January, Venice Gakuen students did *kakizome* (New Year's calligraphy) for 2024 and their works were on display at Shinnenkai.



ベニス学園の新学期は書き初めて始まりました。みんな上手に書けたので、VJCC 新年会で展示させてもらいました。



At Venice Gakuen, we start our Saturdays with radio exercise. Then we study Japanese by writing, reading story books and playing games. We end the day with Japanese cultural learning during the third period.



For January, we made kado-matsu and had a mochitsuki event.

ベニス学園の朝はラジオ体操で始まります。日本語は読み書きのほか、ゲーム性のある学びで楽しく勉強します。3時間目は日本文化にふれあう時間です。



Japanese Cultural Heritage Club



January 2024 Recap・1月レポ

JCHC put up a Japanese New Year's (Oshogatsu) information board in VJCC Room 3. Venice Gakuen students made a green dragon to celebrate the Year of the Dragon. Information on *Toshikoshi* and New Year's traditions, food, decorations, and games played were put on display.

1月はお正月の食べ物・飾り・遊びを紹介するエリアを3号室に作りました。ベニス学園 J1 クラスの生徒が飾り付けを手伝ってくれました。

JCHC brought mochitsuki back to Venice Gakuen! We hope to make it an annual tradition for the students.

さらに、JCHC とベニス学園で餅つき大会を開催しました。みんなで美味しいお餅を食べました。



UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2024 Events ・ 2月の行事

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VENICE KARATE CLUB

February 2024

We hope everyone and their families are doing well. It felt especially cold to start the year, but unlike the temperature our students' and instructors' spirits have been high. A few of them participated in Kangeiko hosted at Santa Monica Dojo, braving the cold and 6am start times. Newly certified JKA instructors Kelvin Uyeda and Tom Suzuki each taught classes during the week of training. Attendees came from all over Los Angeles, as well as Arizona, Colorado, Indiana, Washington, Italy, and Dubai via Zoom, so they were able to represent our Dojo well!

Kyu Promotion

Luke Fong - Promoted to 4th Kyu

Karate Training

By Kei Fukuda Sensei

Training in Karate consists of three types of practice. They are designated as Kihon, Kata and Kumite. Kihon can be thought of as the practice of basic techniques. It is the means by which techniques are introduced and improved through repetition. Kata is the traditional means by which Karate was practiced for centuries. The movements of Kata consists of defense and counter attacks against a series of opponents. Kumite consists of training or sparring with a partner(s). Kumite training enables a karateka to develop timing and control with an opponent.

All three types of practice require the student to utilize a strong spirit. Spirit, effort and execution of technique must be the same in Kumite, Kata and Kihon. Kumite will have an opponent. However, training in Kata and Kihon must be performed as if an opponent is present. The Karateka must always look strongly at the opponent and perform techniques the same way whether sparring with an actual opponent or perceived in Kata and Kihon. Spirit, intense effort and mental concentration is critical.

A teaching of Master Funakoshi –“The true essence of Karate do is to keep training, keep training.”

今年は今明け早々、寒い日が続いていますが、空手クラブのインストラクターも生徒の皆さんも気合を入れて頑張っています。サンタモニカ道場では1週間に渡って毎日朝6時から1時間寒稽古が、行われました。出席者は、ロサンゼルスだけではなく、アリゾナ州、コロラド州、インディアナ州、ワシントン州、遠くはイタリアやドバイからズームを使っての参加もありました。当クラブからは、植田ケルビン先生と鈴木徹さんが、公認のインストラクターとして指導にあたりました。

☆ フォング ルークさんが4級に昇級しました。

☆ 福田先生が空手の稽古についての記事を書いてくださいましたので概要を紹介します。

空手の稽古は基本、型、組手の3種類に分けられる。基本は基本技の稽古と考えることができる。型は、空手が何世紀にもわたって練習されてきた伝統的な手段である。型の動きは、一連の相手に対する防御と反撃からなる。組手とは、パートナーとの稽古やスパーリングのことである。組手の稽古により、空手家は相手との間合いとコントロール力を養うことができる。

この3種類の練習はすべて、生徒が強い精神を活用することを必要とする。精神、努力、そして組手、形、稽古のいずれにおいても、技の出し方は同じでなければならない。組手には相手がいる。しかし、型と基本の稽古は、相手がいるものとして行わなければならない。空手家は常に相手を強く見て技をかけなければならない。気迫、努力、精神集中が重要である。

空手クラブでは、毎週月曜日と木曜日午後4時から5時と、6時から9時15分に空手の練習をしています。是非一度見学にいらしてください。



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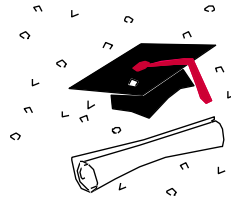
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Criteria: Criteria for awards include academic excellence, community service, and extracurricular activities.

Application: Applications will be available on or before December 18, 2023 at the VJCC office, from your VJCC affiliated club, and the VJCC website (vjcc.com).

Application Deadline: Applications and supporting documents must be emailed to scholarship@vjcc.com no later than March 15, 2024. Please read the application for submittal instructions.

Award Date: Applications will be evaluated by the VJCC Scholarship committee and recipients notified no later than May 19, 2024.



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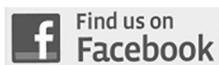


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SENIOR NUTRITION

February 2024



The VJCC Senior Nutrition Program provides not only nutritious meals, but also continues to provide and develop activities that enhance the lives of our seniors – healthy bodies, minds, and the overall wellbeing of an important segment of our community – in a welcoming, kind environment. Tina Grammatico is the VJCC Meal Service Coordinator. She is an employee of the WLCAC and along with VJCC volunteers serve nutritious meals Mondays through Fridays (Japanese meals on Tuesdays and Thursdays).

We celebrated January birthdays on the 19th. Our “Queen for the Day (and always)” is Otome Nagano. Otome celebrated her 103rd birthday this year. She stands tall without any help and recently renewed her drivers’ license.

Thank you VJCC for helping make this day special for Otome.



We held our annual Senior Nutrition Volunteer Appreciation luncheon on January 15.

The program relies on our volunteers for the success of the program. Once again thank you for choosing us: Kats Nishimoto, Sharon Okimoto, Melissa Lee, Robyn Shimizu-Cohen, Cris Pineda, Carolyn Komoto, Lois Tateishi, Jean Inada, Tini Ibrahim, Dinky Shintaku, Beverly Yahata, Carol Yokoyama, Yoshiko Nickerson, Linda Takahashi, Karen Tipton, Sheri Nagata, Victoria Yamashita, Dillon Udagawa.

◆ Celebrating Monthly Birthdays (3rd Friday)

◆ The Puzzle Center (1000+ piece puzzles)

◆ The Garden Market

◆ Monthly Bento Program (last Friday)

◆ Ever-popular weekly Bingo

◆ Annual Holiday Party

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This position serves as a liaison between the Senior Nutrition Program (WLCAC meal service program which provides meals to seniors at the VJCC site) and the VJCC Board of Directors. Works with the Meal Service Coordinator (and the WLCAC) to ensure the needs/requirements of the VJCC, the volunteers, and the meal service program are being met.

Responsible for/monitors those programs sponsored by the VJCC (Bingo Fridays, monthly birthday celebrations, monthly Bento Program, Home Garden Market, The Puzzle Center, Annual Holiday Party, and the Volunteer Appreciation luncheon). (Note: Volunteers administer/run most of these programs).

If you are a current VJCC member, possess good communication/administrative skills, and like volunteering with people of all ages in a fun, caring, and satisfying environment, this position is for you!

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Senior Wellness Program

FEBRUARY 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 10-12pm Matter of Balance (CR)	2	3 
4	5 10-11am Tai Chi (MPR)	6 10-12pm Chinese Mahjong (MPR)	7	8 10-12pm Matter of Balance (CR)	9	10
11	12 10-11am Tai Chi (MPR)	13 10-12pm Chinese Mahjong (MPR) 10:30-11:30am Valentine's Bingo (CR)	14	15 10-12pm Matter of Balance (CR)	16	17
18	19 10-11am Tai Chi (MPR)	20 10-12pm Chinese Mahjong (MPR)	21	22 10-12pm Matter of Balance (CR)	23	24
25	26 10-11am Tai Chi (MPR)	27 10-12pm Chinese Mahjong (MPR) 10:30am Movie - Hachiko (L)	28	29 10-12pm Matter of Balance (CR)	Location: MPR= VJCC Multipurpose Room CR = VJCC Conference Room L= VJCC Lounge	

Valentine's Day Bingo Tuesday, February 13th @ 10:30am (Please RSVP)

Come play Valentine's Day bingo and win prizes.



Movie "Hachiko"

Tuesday, February 27th @ 10:30am
(Please RSVP)



This movie is based on the real Japanese Akita dog Hachiko, who was born in Odate, Japan in 1923. After the death of his owner, Ueno Hidesaburo in 1925, Hachiko returned to the Shibuya train station the next day and every day after that for the next nine years until he died in March 1935.

All classes and activities are FREE to all VJCC members 60 years and older. Our number one priority is the safety of our participants. All classes and activities still follow strict CDC protocols. e.g., face covering. Participants must be fully vaccinated and had taken first booster shot. Scheduled events can change without notice. Any questions or to RSVP please contact Gayle Hiram @ gayle_hiram@yahoo.com. or call the VJCC office at 310. 822.8555.



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- *Application deadline – March 15, 2024*



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▼ 12:30 Taiko 3:30 Virtual Sunday Yoga 5:30 Volleyball Adult 8:00 Basketball Adult	9:00 Pickleball 10:00 Tai Chi (60+) (Senior Wellness Program) 10:30 Sr. Nutrition ▼ 1:00 Craft Workshop 4:30 Basketball VYC 6:00 Karate (Beginner) 6:30 Aikido 7:00 Del Rey H/O (1 st Mon,Zoom) 7:00 Karate	09:00 Adult Zumba 10:30 Sr. Nutrition ▼ 4:00 Basketball VYC 7:00 Taiko 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Judo	9:00 Pickleball 10:00 Roeikai-Shigin 10:30 Sr. Nutrition ▼ 4:30 Basketball VYC 7:30 JACL (1 st Wed) 7:00 Kendo 7:00 Adult Zumba	10:30 Sr. Nutrition ▼ 12:30 Ballroom Dance * 4:00 Basketball VYC 6:00 Karate (Beginner) 6:00 Aikido 6:30 Hula 7:00 Ikebana 5:30 Japanese as Sec. Lang. (Before Beginner, Beginner) 7:00 Karate	9:30 Sumi-e 10:30 Sr. Nutrition ▼ 4:00 Basketball VYC 7:00 Japanese as Second Language (Intermediate) 7:00 Judo 7:30 Kendo	7:15 Aikido 9:00 Japanese Language (Children's) 9:30 Japanese Dance* 9:30 Basketball VYC ▼ 1:00 Koto* 2:00 Bunka Shodo 2:00 Iaido
Same as Week 1	Same as Week 1 10:00 Watercolor ▼	Same as Week 1	Same as Week 1 ▼ 7:30 VYC Mtg (2 nd Wed)	Same as Week 1	Same as Week 1 ▼ 7:00 Bonsai (2 nd Fri)	Same as Week 1 3:00 Iaido ▼
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Same as Week 1	Same as Week 1 10:00 Watercolor	Same as Week 1 ▼ 7:00 Bonsai (4 th Tues)	Same as Week 1 ▼ 7:00 RAP (4 th Wed)	Same as Week 1	Same as Week 1	Same as Week 1 3:00 Iaido ▼

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* class has not yet resumed

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Craft Workshop..... Ruby Kita
 Photo Club..... June Inai
 Watercolor..... Ko Yoshida

Boy Scouts

Scoutmaster..... Eric Gadai
 Parents' Club..... Ted Nishimura

Exercise

Yoga..... Leslie Masuda
 Zumba..... Leonore Miller

Dance

Ballroom Dance..... Gayle Hiram
 Hula..... Wen-Chia Parker
 Japanese Odori..... Dianne Fukuwa

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 Ikebana..... Satsuki Palter
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 Iaido..... Harry Mott
 Judo..... Trace Nishiyama
 Karate..... Ron Sugano
 Kendo..... Kenji Arai

Music

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 Taiko (Koshin)..... Lori Miyakawa

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