



# 100-Year Celebration by Gail Sharp

The VJCC was finally able to hold its first in-person 100-Year Anniversary event. After a stop at the health check station, approximately 180 guests, musicians and volunteers gathered in the elegantly appointed gym on the evening of Saturday, December 4.

Highlights of the celebration were a delicious bento dinner prepared by **Aki Restaurant**, live music by **Brian Yamamoto & Elemental Funk** with dancing, and a livestreamed program that included presentations to 2020 Person of the Year Awardees **Michelle Orne** and **Luke Uyeda** by **Wes Shimoda**, and 2021 Nisei Week Queen and Miss Western Los Angeles **Jaime Sunny Hasama** by **Delcene Kuwata**. Following a VJCC 1921 to 2021 history review by **Dave Hirota**, the VJCC and I, **Gail Sharp**, had the special honor of recognizing **Hitoshi Shimizu** for his countless years of dedicated service. A link to the recorded livestream can be found on the website at VJCC.com. 📺

*(More photos on page 3)*



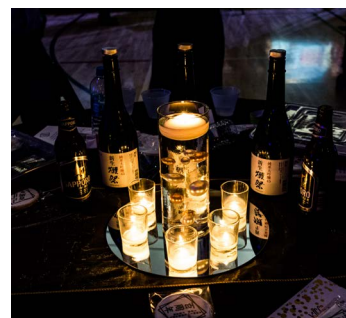
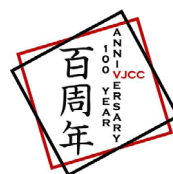
## Board Visions

*by Dave Hirota*

Happy New Year! The last couple of years have been challenging to say the least, so I hope that 2022 will be better for all of us. February 2021 marked the 100th anniversary of the founding of the VJCC. The celebration on December 4th was an evening full of VJCC history and good times and it was great to see all the attendees in person. While hearing stories about the center and the clubs, I thought about the pioneers of this organization who understood the significance of volunteerism and how their sacrifices would benefit future generations. Now, one hundred years later, we continue to benefit and can appreciate how much we as a community have grown through the



100-Year  
Celebration  
Photos by Steve  
Fujimoto



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新年あけましておめでとうございます。2022年が私たちにとってより良い年になるようお祈りいたします。2021年2月、VJCCが創設されて100年でした。12月4日の式典は、VJCCの歴史に残る夜で、良い時間となりました。実際の出席者に会うことができず、素晴らしいかったです。センターや、クラブのことについて話を聞いている間に、ボランティアの重要性について理解しているこの組織の先駆者の人たちについてや、先駆者の人たちが献身的に活動することで次世代の人たちの役に立っているかについてを考えていました。100年後も、我々は、恩恵を得続けて、コミュニティとしてVJCCを通して、どんなに成長したかを感謝することができるでしょう。皆さん、コミュニティセンターにかかわった楽しい思い出を思い起してみてください。夏祭りの間に友達と出会ったり、自分の子供や孫が武道の稽古をしたり、体育館でバスケットボールの練習をしているのを見たり、クラスで作品を仕上げたり、教室でミーティングをしたりしたことがあるでしょう。こういったことは、全て、ボランティアの人たちが陰で支えてくださっていることで実現されていることなのです。VJCCを支えるために、私たちの時間と知識と技能を役立てています。そして、特に世界的に外出禁止になったコロナ禍でも、時間と努力をボランティアに捧げてくださったコミュニティセンターの会員の皆さんに感謝の拍手を送りたいと思います。2022年も、ご支援、ご協力のほど、どうぞよろしくお願い申し上げます。

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### Board Visions (Continued from front page)

VJCC. I want everyone to think about some fond memories you have that involve the community center. It could be meeting up with your friends during the summer festival, watching your child or grandchild practice martial arts and play basketball in the gym, or perfecting your craft in classes and meetings in these classrooms. All of those things are possible because of our volunteers. We all contribute our time, knowledge and skills to sustain the VJCC, and I wanted to acknowledge and applaud our community center members for continuing to volunteer their time and efforts, especially in the midst of this COVID-19 global pandemic. We greatly value and appreciate your contributions and continued support. 🍷



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### SAVE THESE DATES

All other previously scheduled events have been cancelled until further notice.

Please check VJCC.com for the latest updates.



## 100-Year Celebration (Continued from front page)



# VJCC Kinecta Donation

by Kevin Kunisaki

On behalf of the Venice Japanese Community Center, President **Wesley Shimoda** accepted from **Kinecta Federal Credit Union** a \$10,000 donation which will go towards the VJCC's 100-Year Anniversary Fund. Also pictured are (L-R) **Denise Toro**, Branch Manager of the Westchester branch, **Ruth Alvarado**, Personal Financial Advocate and **Mary Yamabe**, Board Director of Kinecta Federal Credit Union.

The 100-Year Anniversary Fund is earmarked for the VJCC's major capital improvement projects such as the recently remodeled gym restrooms, renovation of the classroom building and to improve the air ventilation inside the gym. 🏢



## 2022 Membership Dues

### 2022 Annual Membership are due.

Membership application/renewals & dues must be received by January 31, 2022 by either of the following methods:

1. Online - You may go to: [www.vjcc.com/membership](http://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](http://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).

Membership year is January to December.

**\*Club or Organization Members:** Please input your club or class name(s) on your application where requested in order to properly notify your club/class of payment.

**Annual Dues:** Single Member: \$30 or Family: \$50 (Husband & wife and/or children under 18 and full-time students to age 23)

**Senior Exemption:** Age 80 or older and paid VJCC member for past 5 consecutive years.



**More Photos from  
100-Year Celebration**



**Legacy Tree Donations: Nov-Dec 2021**

The VJCC gratefully acknowledges donations and pledges towards the Legacy Tree.

Anonymous	Bronze Leaf
Michael & Melissa Hohmann	Bronze Leaf
Fujio & Katsuko Nakagawa	Bronze Leaf
<i>In Memory of Fred &amp; Nancy Ichinaga</i>	
Loraine Shimada	Small Stone
<i>In Memory of Curtis &amp; Joseph Tachiki</i>	
Norman & Yoshie Tachiki	Bronze Leaf
Venice Dolphins	Bronze Leaf

**Annual Fund Donations – Nov-Dec 2021**

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Shosuke Wada	\$300.00

**100-Year Fund Donations: Nov-Dec 2021**

Mark & Julie Akita (Pledge)	\$2,000.00
<i>In Memory of Dr. Yoshio Akiyama</i>	
Natsuko Akiyama	\$500.00
Henry & Nancy Ako	\$1,000.00
Ronald Amate (Pledge)	\$800.00
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Anonymous	\$500.00
Anonymous	\$1,000.00
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**More Photos from  
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**100-Year Fund Donations: Nov-Dec 2021 (cont.)**

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Eleanor Lee	\$100.00
Betsy Marumoto	\$200.00
Ayako Masada	\$250.00
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Jane Matsuoka	\$1,000.00
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Albert & Pauline Morita	\$500.00
Aiko Mui	\$500.00
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Howard & Carole Tsujimura	\$100.00
Roy & Rosemary Tsuneta	\$500.00
Timothy Van Loon	\$500.00
Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple	\$2,000.00
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Mae Wong	\$100.00
Claudine Wong	\$500.00
Kenneth & Betty Wong	\$100.00
Lily Yamada	\$500.00
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# Senior Wellness Program

January 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5 <b>NO CLASSES</b>	6	7	8
9	10 - 11 AM Tai Chi (MPR) 12- 2 PM Chinese Mahjong (L)	10 AM - 12 PM 11 Chinese Mahjong (L) 1-1:45 PM Virtual chair yoga (Z)	12	13 1-1:45 PM Virtual chair Zumba (Z)	14	15
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30	31 - 11 AM Tai Chi (MPR) 12- 2 PM Chinese Mahjong (L)					

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VJCC  
**Tuesday/Thursday Dates:**  
Week 1: Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Week 2: Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>  
Week 3: Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>  
Week 4: Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>  
Week 5: Mar. 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Week 6: Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>

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At the top of our birthday list: Yoneko Itow turned 104 years young (actual birthday in November) and Shig Miya is now 100!



Others celebrating December birthdays include Chun Ki, Laura Mancha, Lian Ong, and Evelyn Pineda.



A special thank you to our fantastic trio — Jane Matsuzaki, Judy Nawa, and Doris Noda — who, with their adorable handmade holiday goodies, always put smiles on everyone's faces! Additional thanks to Tom Yamaguchi, with the Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple for sharing New Year's cheer with individually wrapped treats for all our seniors! Let's continue to stay safe and connected.

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# Boy Scout Troop 764

January 2022

## Summer Camp at Emerald Bay

By Kamuy Aoyagi, Scribe

The scouts came on Sunday morning, July 25, 2021, to get on the ship to Catalina Island. After half an hour, the ship got to Emerald Bay. We did a tour around the island and then did a swim test. The next morning, the scouts started merit badge classes of water sports, etc.



On Wednesday, the scouts packed up and got on a war canoe and then went to Parsons Landing. The scouts swam, snorkeled, and hiked in the day and slept at the beach in shelters at night.

The rest of the week passed and most of the scouts got their merit badges done. The Emerald Bay summer camp was an overall success.



## Broomball

By Kamuy Aoyagi, Scribe

On August 15, 2021, we first went to the Venice Japanese Community Center. We ate pizza, played dodgeball for a while, before going to the ice-skating rink. The scouts went to the ice rink, and we all went inside to put our stuff on benches and we put on knee pads, helmets, and got the hockey stick. We all got onto the ice.

The first thing we all did was slide on our knees. We all just fooled around got into teams, and then got the ball. We all just started chasing the ball making chaos. It was really fun. Everyone was laughing, sliding, and chasing the ball everywhere.

We got 2 balls. First, we played with one, then we played with 2. One was a volleyball, but we thought it was too big, so we made a ball out of tape. But we decided later to use the volleyball because the tape ball was too light and small.

I think the broomball event was very fun. Hoping to do it again.





## **Boy Scout Troop 764, Cont'd**



### **Switzer Falls Hike**

By Kamuy Aoyagi, Scribe

The scouts started the hike to Switzer Falls after everybody came around 6:30 am on September 25, 2021. The scouts that came were Aaron, Jordan, Evan, Spencer, Conrad, Zaxxon, and Hanzo, and Mr. Rehman was the leader. The Scouts made sure everyone was ready.

After about 8 miles, the scouts stopped at the top of the mountain and had lunch. After lunch the scouts then hiked back to ground level. Some scouts ran out of water and had to borrow from others. The first scouts made it back to the parking lot at around 7:00 to 7:30 pm. It took around another hour for everyone else to come back. Then the scouts circled up at around 8:30 and talked about the hike quickly and got into their cars and drove home.



### **Rock Climbing at Joshua Tree**

By Kamuy Aoyagi, Scribe

The Joshua Tree rock climbing was on October 30, 2021. The Scouts all arrived at around 7:30 am. Some people camped over the night before, but most of the people drove up from home that morning.

We started by getting into groups by patrols. Then we got our helmets, shoes, and harnesses. Most of the scouts were getting the merit badge and parents and seniors were doing free climb. We went to our walls to learn to do some knots and how to belay. We had to climb at least 3 times and practice repelling and belaying 2 times. After most of us did our climbing and belaying, we ate lunch. We learned other knots and climbing hazards. After we all finished the requirements, we packed up, went to our cars, put our gear away, and then our teacher said that we all got the merit badge.



The rock-climbing trip was very fun and everyone got their merit badge so it was a successful trip.

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**Application Deadline:** Applications and supporting documents must be mailed by United States Postal Service certified mail and postmarked no later than March 15, 2022 or sent by email to [scholarship@vjcc.com](mailto:scholarship@vjcc.com) by March 15, 2022. 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 20, 2022.

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## VENICE PIONEER PROJECT

January 2022

**HAPPY NEW YEAR** - The Project hopes everyone had a nice and happy holiday with family & friends. For the safety and precautions of our members the Project will start events in March.

**SCHEDULE** - These events are being planned for the spring.

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| 1. March 1-3, Tues-Thurs | Las Vegas Trip - Vaccination required with mask |
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# Venice Karate Club

January 2022

Happy New Year! We hope everyone, their family, and friends had a nice and safe holiday season. Thank you to all our students and members for a successful 2021 and being flexible throughout a year of adjustments. As we utilized the holiday season to recharge, let's have a great 2022 full of Ki-Ai's.

What are your New Year's Resolutions or Goals?

This month, we'd like to give an "Oss" to the below students, who successfully made rank during the Kyu Exam in November:

Test Results – November 2021

8th kyu – Luke Fong, Ritsuko Fong, Kai Hirahara, Ami Swanson, Eric Swanson, Landon Uyeda

7th kyu – Lance Asamura, Grayson Rimer, Jason Rimer

6B kyu – Drew Nakahara, Dylan Nakahara

6th kyu – Daniel Gerasimov

4B kyu – Ria Funakoshi

4th kyu – Aidan Brady

2B kyu – Lily Miki, Garrett Sugano

2nd kyu – Luke Shimahara, Kenneth Holbert

1st kyu – Aili Goldner, Aki Goldner, Luku Goldner, Yoichi Yamamoto, Inessa Yukhtman

Many congratulations to all the students who tested, best wishes on your future success in training!

The Venice Karate Club meets every Monday and Thursday from 4-5pm, and 7:00-9:15pm. Whether you are continuing your training or are interested in starting something new this year, our Club will always welcome you.

If interested, please contact the Venice Japanese Community Center office for details.

あけましておめでとうございます。昨年は、空手クラブの稽古もオンラインから、道場での練習に戻ることができ、VJCCでのクリスマスパーティーも開催し、先生方への感謝と、昇級した会員の皆さんへの激励で1年を終えることができました。2022年が皆様にとって素晴らしい1年となりますよう心よりお祈り申し上げます。

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- I HEREBY CONSENT TO THE USE OF MY NAME, PHOTOGRAPH AND/OR IMAGE BY VJCC FOR ITS PROMOTIONAL PURPOSES.
- I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE VJCC RULES AND REGULATIONS AS PRINTED ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS PAGE.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ADULT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO MINOR PARTICIPANT \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK APPROPRIATE MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY & MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO "VJCC" CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Adult Individual Membership (18 or older) .....\$30 Dues collected by \_\_\_\_\_ (class or organization)

☐ Family Membership (including minors under 18 & full-time students under 24) ....\$50

☐ Senior (age 80 & paid member for past 5 consecutive years) Birth date (required) \_\_\_\_\_ (dues waived)

VJCC RECORD: Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

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# VENICE JAPANESE COMMUNITY CENTER

## 2022 ONGOING PROGRAMS & CLASSES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
▼ 12:30 Taiko 3:30 Virtual Sunday Yoga 6:00 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 4:00 Basketball VYC 4:00 Karate (Beginner) 4:30 Hula (5-12 yrs) 6:30 Aikido 7:00 Del Rey H/O (1 <sup>st</sup> Mon) 7:00 Karate	10:30 Sr. Nutrition ▼ 1:00 Virtual Chair Yoga (Sr. Wellness) 4:00 Basketball VYC 7:00 Taiko 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Judo	9:00 Pickleball 10:00 Shigin-Kinyukai 10:30 Sr. Nutrition ▼ 4:00 Basketball VYC 7:30 JACL (1 <sup>st</sup> Wed) 7:00 Kendo	10:30 Sr. Nutrition ▼ 12:30 Ballroom Dance 12:45 Ukulele (Inter. I & II) 1:00 Virtual Chair Zumba (Sr. Wellness) 4:00 Basketball VYC 4:00 Karate (Beginner) 6:30 Aikido 7:00 Ikebana 7:00 Karate	9:30 Sumi-e 10:30 Sr. Nutrition ▼ 4:00 Basketball VYC 7:00 Japanese as Second Language 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 <sup>nd</sup> Wed)	Same as Week 1	Same as Week 1 ▼ 7:00 Bonsai (2 <sup>nd</sup> Fri)	Same as Week 1 3:00 Iaido ▼
Same as Week 1	Same as Week 1	Same as Week 1 ▼ 7:00 Boy Scout Parents 7:00 Photo Club (3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues)	Same as Week 1 ▼ 7:00 CBO (3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed) 7:30 VJCC Exec Council	Same as Week 1	Same as Week 1 ▼ 7:00 Karaoke (3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri)	Same as Week 1
Same as Week 1	Same as Week 1 10:00 Watercolor	Same as Week 1 ▼ 11:30 Podiatrist (last Tues only) 7:00 Bonsai (4 <sup>th</sup> Tues)	Same as Week 1 ▼ 7:00 RAP (4 <sup>th</sup> Wed)	Same as Week 1	Same as Week 1	Same as Week 1 3:00 Iaido ▼

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## 2022 REPRESENTATIVES

### Arts & Crafts

Craft Workshop ..... Masako Ido  
Photo Club ..... June Inai  
Watercolor ..... Ko Yoshida

### Boy Scouts

Scoutmaster ..... Bill Conroy  
Parents' Club ..... Ted Nishimura

### Exercise

Yoga ..... Leslie Masuda

### Dance

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

JACL (Venice/WLA) ..... John Saito

### Japanese Culture

Bonsai ..... Shig Miya, Shinya Miyakoshi  
Ikebana ..... Satsuki Palter  
Calligraphy (Japanese Brush Writing)  
Shodo ..... Fusako Ogasawara  
Sumi-e ..... June Lee-Chin

### Japanese Language

Gakuen (Youth) ..... Jolyn Brookes  
Adults (as a 2<sup>nd</sup> language) ..... Fusako Ogasawara

### Martial Arts

Aikido ..... Tom Scheir  
Iaido ..... Harry Mott  
Judo ..... Trace Nishiyama  
Karate ..... Ron Sugano  
Kendo ..... Kenji Arai

### Music

Karaoke ..... William Ota  
Koto ..... Eiko Idota  
Shigin (Kinyu Kai) ..... Kyoko Yamamura  
Taiko (Koshin) ..... Lori Miyakawa  
Ukulele ..... Kay Kawano

### Podiatrist (Dr. Kenneth Teshima)

RAP ..... Carolyn Komoto

### Seniors

Nutrition ..... Jae Toyota  
Pioneer Project ..... Eric Inouye  
Senior Wellness Program ..... Gayle Hiram

### Sports

Basketball (Adult) ..... David Ifuku  
Basketball (VYC) ..... Kazie Kame  
Pickleball (Adult) ..... Mil Kurashige/Ken Rosengrant  
Volleyball (Adult) ..... Stephen Fujimoto

Venice Youth Council (Mtg) ..... Harry Sagara

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FOR CLASS INFO, CALL VJCC OFFICE (310) 822-8885 OR EMAIL OFFICE@VJCC.COM  
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Due to compliance with social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic, all other previously scheduled events have been cancelled until further notice.

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