



VJCC Bowling Night by Kevin Kunisaki

On January 27, the VJCC held a **Bowling Night** fundraiser at Gardena Bowl. Sixty-four participants had fun while showing off their bowling skills at this successful event which raised over \$2,600 for the VJCC's General Fund.

Thanks go out to **Scott and Aileen Zeidman** for organizing this evening, **Gardena Bowl** for hosting the event and **Victoria and Jennifer Yamashita** for running the bake sale and 50-50 raffle. In addition, sincere appreciation is extended to our Silent Auction donors, **Kinecta Credit Union**, **Wes and Amy Shimoda**, Gardena Bowl, **Lance at South Bay Rice Things** restaurant, **Paul and Kay at I Luv Sushi** restaurant, and the **Gardena Bowl Coffee Shop** where many of the bowlers enjoyed a delicious pre-bowling meal.

The VJCC would especially like to thank all the bowlers for participating in this entertaining and successful event. 🏹



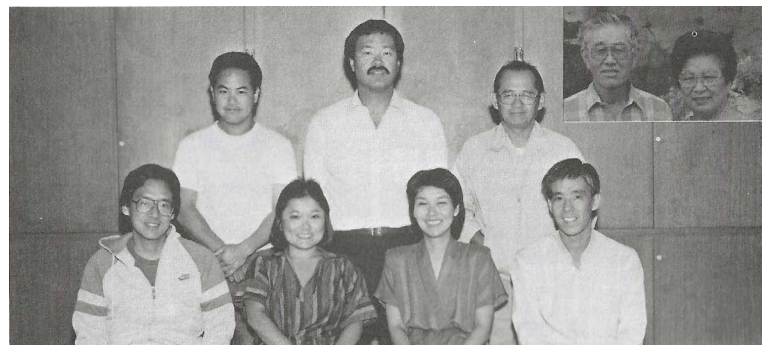
Venice Pioneer Project by Gail Sharp

Aging is an inevitability and the Project is here for Everyone.

Venice Pioneer Project was founded in 1971. In the same year, only six other tenured organizations – *Gakuen, Venice Judo Boys' Club, Boy Scout Troop 764, Marina Gardeners' Association, Venice Fishing Club and Venice Youth Council* – were listed in the Venice Japanese Community Center dedication booklet to commemorate the completion of the new gym.

The founders of Venice Pioneer Project were two *Sansei* in their early 20s, **Cliff Asai** and **Susan Sato Asai**. Their goal was to bridge the cultural gap between American-assimilated *Sansei* and the *Issei* seniors. The volunteers were young adults hoping to learn Japanese and Japanese American traditions and history from their elders before the opportunity passed.

The Project started with 15 *Sansei* volunteers and 25 *Issei* senior members. By its 15th anniversary in 1986, the membership had grown to 150 *Issei* and *Nisei* participants with support continuing from the *Sansei* volunteers. Over the years, through collaborative planning of trips and events, *Issei*, *Nisei*, *Sansei* and *Yonsei* found that they *(Continued on page 3)*



Standing 1-r: Clifford Tanigawa, Terry Takeda, Ichiro Inouye
Seated: Gordon Tani, Paula Miura, Sharon Kumagai, Eric Inouye
Missing: Cliff Asai, Dianne Belli, Joyce Shimoide, Joe Inouye

Shig Gamachi, Sonoye Gamachi



Board Visions

I would like to talk about VJCC's senior members and about myself this month.

An article about the **2024 Shinnen Kai & Keiro Kai** was posted in our February newsletter. Over 300 members and guests, including many senior members, attended the event. They enjoyed the gathering and the afternoon entertainment. Twenty-four Keiro seniors (who reached the milestone age of 80) were honored and given certificates and gifts. We also honored three Centenarians even though they were unable to attend.

I joined the VJCC in 1982 when my first daughter was two years old and my second daughter was a newborn. When I visited the **Shodo** class, there were many senior members enjoying themselves. I met **Ouchida Ryuseki Sensei** and **Ito Bokuseki Sensei** there. Since I had only moved to the US a few years before that, I didn't have many connections or acquaintances. But I was introduced to a group of kind mothers who offered to babysit my daughters during my Shodo class. These reliable mothers were members of "**Parents of Venice Gakuen**." There were many members in **Venice Gakuen**. They were active throughout the year and helped at every VJCC event. Along with VJCC pioneers, they have built the foundation of our community over these 100 years. Now, as VJCC senior members, they continue enjoying our community's programs of classes and annual events.

I have been helped by senior members for many years. I have learned from them the history of Nikkeijin (Japanese Americans) during the War, the history of VJCC, the local activities, the mutual support, etc. And now, I am thinking, "How can I return the favor to them?" I am also a senior. I really appreciate that I have lived 48 years in the USA raising my four daughters. I will try to support VJCC as best as I can to give back and return the favor to the community.

Fusako Ogasawara



SAVE THESE DATES

Summer "Natsu Matsuri" Festival Sat. & Sun., June 22 & 23	Arts & Crafts Fair Saturday, September 28
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Annual Clean-up Sunday, August 25	Golf Tournament Monday, September 30
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Legacy Tree: February 2024

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

Richard & Kay Yang	\$5,000
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Photos from VJCC Bowling Night



Pioneer Project (Continued from front page)

bridged not only a cultural gap but also a generational gap. The way they worked might differ, but their goals were the same. A greater understanding grew between the generations.

Venice Pioneer Project is entering its 53rd year and is still one of the Community Center's most enduring organizations with almost 200 members and 20 volunteers at this writing. Membership has expanded and diversified with the community. Additionally, the Venice Pioneer Project has welcomed members from neighboring communities since the dissolution or inactivity of other Pioneer Projects and Senior Associations in Los Angeles' Westside and in South Bay.

"Today, we have over 150 members, with events planned on a monthly basis by a small but dedicated group of Sansei. Our goals have changed slightly – our focus is on the Nisei and their needs. We may not be a perfect mainstream community organization in the eyes of a few people, but **our commitment to the quality of life in our community is real.**" – VJCC Booklet, 1986.



In 2024, numbers and generations have changed but Venice Pioneer Project's commitment to the quality of life for every member of our community has not. Project volunteers, some with 53 years of experience, want to share their knowledge and are looking for Gen-Xers, Millennials and beyond, with ideas and skills that will enhance the vibrancy of the Venice Pioneer Project and move it forward for another 30, 40 or 53 years!

* Interested in volunteering or offering technical skills? Contact VPP through newsletter@vjcc.com. 🍷

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).

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:

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Board Vision by Fusako Ogasawara – March 2024

今月はVJCCのシニアの方々と私のお話をします。

先月のニューズレターで2024年新年会敬老会が開催された報告がありました。会には300名以上のメンバーとゲストが集い、24名の敬老者に感謝状が手渡されました。その中には出席はされなかったのですが、3名の100歳を迎えられた方々も含まれました。

私がVJCCに入会したのは1982年で2人の娘がまだ2歳と0歳の時でした。書道のクラスを訪れると、多くのシニアメンバーの方々が熱心に書道を楽しんでおられ、大内田龍石先生や伊藤牧石先生に出会いました。まだ日本から移住して間もなかった私にはそれほど多くの知人もなかったのですが、書道が続けたい一心で、子供を預けられる人を紹介してもらい書道クラスに通うことができていました。その信頼できる方たちは皆「ベニス学園父母の会」の方たちでした。その頃「ベニス学園父母の会」にはたくさんのメンバーがおられて、VJCCの年中行事のすべてに関わり、大いに活躍をして支えておられました。他の多くの日系人のパイオニアと共にVJCC100年の礎を作ってこられたのです。今はその方々がVJCCのシニアメンバーとなられ、年中行事を楽しんでおられます。

私は長年に渡ってVJCCシニアメンバーの方々に多くの事を教えられお世話になってきました。戦前戦後の日系人の歴史、VJCCの歴史を教えられ、ベニス地域活動、人々の支えあい等々、数え上げればきりが無いほどの恩恵を受けてきました。今私が思うのは「私はどのようにしてそのシニアの方々にお礼ができるのだろうか?」ということです。私ももうシニアと呼ばれる年齢になりました。この土地で無事に4人の娘たちを育て、48年生活をしていくことができた事に感謝し、これからもできる限り皆様のお力になり恩返しをしていきたいと思っています。

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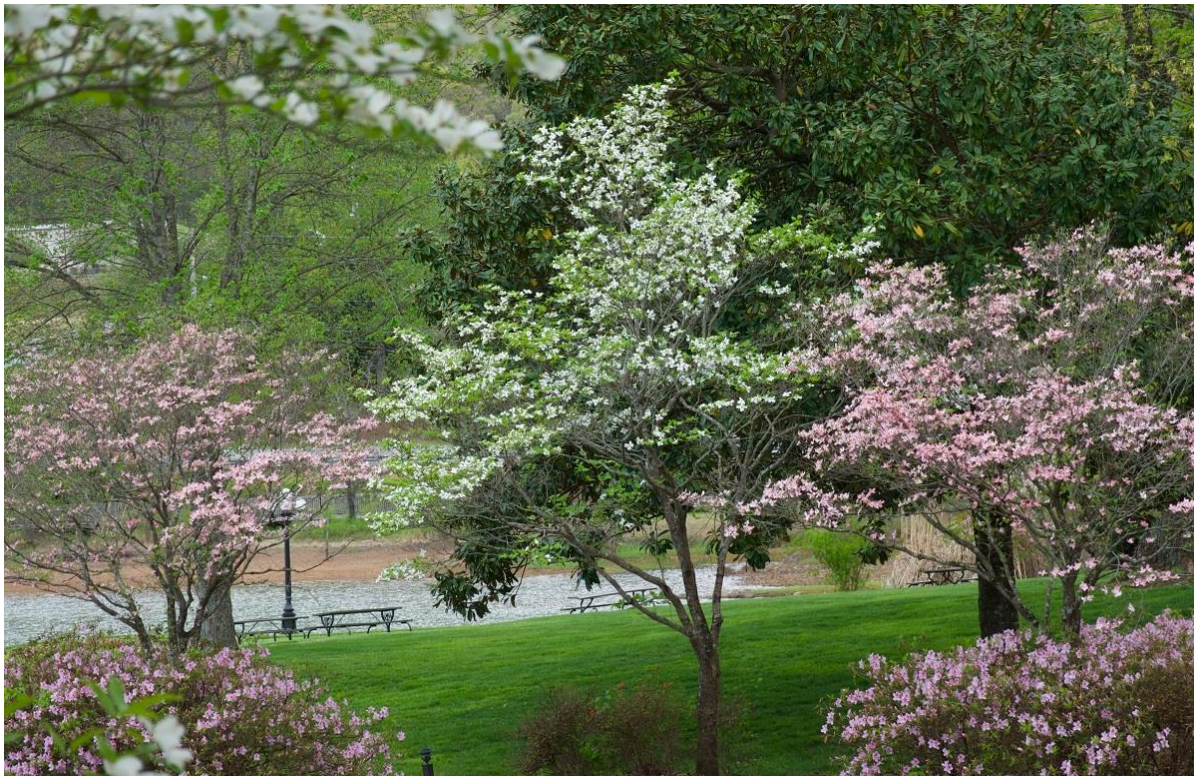
Eligibility: Applicants must be high school seniors graduating by June 2024 and must be planning to attend an accredited college or university in the academic year 2024-25. Applicants must also be a member of the VJCC or a dependent of a member of the VJCC.

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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2024

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- *Must be between 20 & 26 years of age on August 10, 2024, by Nisei Week Coronation Ball*
- *Must be single (not divorced or separated)*
- *Candidate must be 50 percent Japanese ancestry*
- *Application deadline – March 15, 2024*



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March 2024



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- ◆ Celebrating Monthly Birthdays (3rd Fri.)
- ◆ The Puzzle Center (1000+ piece puzzles)
- ◆ The Garden Market
- ◆ Monthly Bento Program (last Fri.)
- ◆ Ever-popular weekly Bingo
- ◆ Annual Holiday Party.

Program highlight – The Garden Market – we're hoping for a season of abundance for our home gardeners. Our gardeners are always generous in sharing their bounty of seasonal fruits, vegetables, and plants with our seniors. Due to the heavy rains in 2023, we suspended the program off and on during the year. Let's hope 2024 will prove to be a good year for planting and picking – The Garden Market is usually open the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month – May through November (look for our carts near the community room/kitchen area).

Come in and meet Tina Grammatico who is the Meal Service Coordinator. She is an employee of the WLCAC and with the help of VJCC volunteers serve nutritious meals Mondays through Fridays (Japanese meals on Tuesdays and Thursdays). She and the volunteers go above and beyond to serve our seniors.



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Oversees 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!

Please contact the VJCC office (310) 822-8885 or office@vjcc.com for a detailed list of responsibilities.



Senior Wellness Program

MARCH 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			29 10am-12pm Matter of Balance (CL)	1	2	3
4 10-11am Tai Chi (MPR)	5 10am -12pm Chinese Mahjong (MPR)	6	7 10am-12pm Matter of Balance (CL) Last Day	8	9	10
11 10-11am Tai Chi (MPR)	12 10am -12pm Chinese Mahjong (MPR) 10:30 -11:30am Brain Exercise Activity (G)	13	14	15	16	17
18 10-11am Tai Chi (MPR)	19 10am -12pm Chinese Mahjong (MPR) 10:30am Easter Bingo (CL)	20	21	22	23	24
25 10-11am Tai Chi (MPR)	26 10am -12pm Chinese Mahjong (MPR) 10:30 -11:30am Brain Exercise Activity (G)	27	28	29	30	

Location:
MPR= VJCC Multipurpose Room
G = Gym
CL = Classroom






Easter Bingo
Tuesday, March 19th @ 10:30am
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Brain Exercise Activity
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Tuesday, March 12th
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@10:30 -11:30am
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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 Hiramí @ gayle_hiramí@yahoo.com. or call the VJCC office at 310. 822.8555.





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VENICE PIONEER PROJECT

March 2024

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June 3-5 **LAS VEGAS**, (Monday to Wednesday)

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March 2024

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VENICE KARATE CLUB

March 2024

We hope everyone and their families are doing well. Daylight Savings is upcoming, and our clocks will "spring forward". While we may all struggle to adjust and wake up "earlier" for a bit, hopefully we can "spring forward" in success and motivation in and out of the dojo as well.

Upcoming Events

March 14-17: Budo Seminar by Tatsuya Naka Shihan hosted by JKA Los Angeles Dojo

April 6: Spring Karate Learning Group Event hosted by Venice Karate Club

April 7: Spring Kyu Examination

One Concept, Infinite Approaches

By Tom Suzuki

Shotokan Karate is a global and diverse martial art in the locations it is practiced and the topics that can be taught. With instructors visiting from Japan and all over America, I've had the privilege of practicing with and under various instructors and dojos. The concepts and topics in Karate are fairly straightforward between basics, kata, and kumite, but interestingly I've noticed there are infinite approaches to teaching and understanding them. Instructors from Japan can explain and train in certain ways, and dojos in the U.S. or throughout Los Angeles may do it the exact same way or with a completely different method. This makes practicing and learning under various instructors and dojos intriguing and interesting as you not only get to learn a concept with a different method but also get insight into that instructor or dojo's "style" of teaching. It somewhat reminds me of the Japanese phrase "十人十色", read as Jyunin Toiro, which literally means ten people ten different colors. In this case ten different instructors or dojos may take the same topic but teach it in ten different ways. With our dojo's "return" to JKA, I hope our students and instructors can visit other dojos to train and experience different instructor and students' approaches while practicing their techniques.

デイライトセービングが始まります。時計を1時間早く進めましょう。しばらくの間、体のリズムを調節しないとイケないかもしれませんが、これも鍛錬の1つだと思って頑張りましょう。

今年の行事

3月14日～17日 中達也師範による武道セミナー (JKAロサンゼルス道場にて)

4月6日 春季空手グループイベント (ベニス道場にて)

4月7日 春季昇級テスト



[1つの概念、無限のアプローチ]についてインストラクターの鈴木徹さんが記事を書いてくださいましたので、概要を紹介します。

松濤館空手は、その稽古場所や指導内容において、グローバルで多様性に富んだ武道です。日本やアメリカ全土から指導者が訪れる中、私は様々な指導者や道場で稽古をする機会に恵まれました。空手の概念やトピックは、基本、型、組手の間でかなり単純ですが、興味深いことに、それらを教え、理解するアプローチが無限にあることに気づきました。日本の指導者はある特定の 방법으로説明し、稽古することができますし、アメリカやロサンゼルス道場は全く同じ方法で稽古することもあれば、全く違う方法で稽古することもあります。様々なインストラクターや道場のもとで、異なるメソッドで概念を学ぶだけでなく、そのインストラクターや道場の"スタイル"を知ることができるからです。十人十色という言葉思い出します。この場合、十人十色の指導者や道場は、同じテーマでも十人十色の教え方をします。当道場がJKAに"復帰"したことで、生徒や指導者が他の道場を訪れ、様々な指導者や生徒のやり方を体験しながら稽古に励むことを願っています。

空手クラブでは、毎週月曜日と木曜日午後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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MARINA BONSAI CLUB

March 2024

Frank Goya

By Lloyd Garver

Sadly, our beloved sensei Frank Goya passed away on January 5th. He was 100. He died peacefully at home, surrounded by his loving family. That's the way he wanted it to be.

Frank's family came from Okinawa, which of course has the highest population in the world of people who are 100 years and older. So, it's not surprising that Frank had got those Okinawa genes from his family.

Of course, those who felt like they were part of his "family" are so numerous that they could not have possibly fit into his house. For decades, he was a teacher and friend to countless people who got to know him through bonsai or just by being neighbors or working in a local store. He treated everyone the same, whether you were an Academy Award winner (as was one of his students) or someone who couldn't afford to spend money on going to the movies. He treated everyone with respect and interest. Frank loved to meet new people, and that's one of the reasons he continued to teach even after his 100th birthday.

He was born in California's Imperial Valley in 1923. When World War II broke out, like so many of his generation, he was sent to an internment camp. Before being taken away, he was asked to sign a document denying all faithfulness to Japan, and declaring loyalty only to the United State. He would not sign it. He could not totally deny the country of his heritage any more than he could deny the country of his citizenship. As a result of this stance, they sent him to several internment camps, always the worst ones.

When the War was over, many of the people who had been interned had nowhere to go, nowhere to live. Some of them came to the VJCC and slept and lived there until they had homes to go to. Because of this, Frank said that he considered the VJCC "hallowed ground."

Following the war, Frank was drafted into the United States Army. He was sent to Japan where, among other things, he worked as an interpreter. While there, he was decorated with the Occupation Medal, and after serving in Korea, he received the Korean Service Medal. Later, he received special recognition from the Japanese Department of Agriculture for his work on improving relations between the US and Japan through agriculture (bonsai).

While pursuing bonsai, Frank became especially interested in an offshoot of bonsai – the art of saikei. Saikei is a living landscape, using small trees to represent a forest, beautiful stones to represent mountains, and sand to represent a water feature. He became the Number One saikei artist in America.

He received many honors during his bonsai career. Among them, he was given the Circle of Sensei Award, and was honored as one of the Five Iron Men of Bonsai.

The United States government honored Frank by asking him to donate some of his work to be displayed at the National Arboretum in Washington D.C.

In getting that honor from the United States government to display examples of an important Japanese art form, Frank accomplished what he had always wanted to accomplish – simultaneously honoring his Japanese heritage and his American citizenship.

Frank will be sorely missed, but happily remembered by everyone whose lives he touched.



Venice Gakuen

Japanese Language School for K-12

February 2024

Venice Gakuen students learned about Setsubun, made oni masks and warded away the oni by doing *mame-maki* (bean-throwing).

We all yelled “鬼はそと、福はうち” (*oni wa soto, fuku wa uchi*) as we threw roasted soybeans. The soybeans are edible, so we snacked on the ones we didn't throw at the oni.

Y1 class folded origami hearts for Valentine's Day.
J1 class mastered their kendama skills.

ベニス学園で節分行事のことを習いました。鬼のお面を作ったり、豆まきをしたり。来年は恵方巻きも食べたいですね！

Y1 クラスはバレンタインデーの工作でハート折り紙を作りました。J1 クラスはけん玉で遊びました。

Venice Gakuen Classes

Y1: beginner, ages 5-7

Learn to read/write hiragana; Learn basic words and phrases through games and songs

J1: beg/int, ages 12-17

Learn more complex sentence structures through games and roleplay. Must know hiragana & katakana, some basic words and simple sentences.

NEW! Y2: beginner, ages 8-12

Every Saturdays, 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Possibly starting in March 2024. Please email venicegakuen.office@gmail.com for more information



Established in 1925, Venice Gakuen teaches Japanese language and culture to students K-12 every Saturday. Instruction runs Aug - June with a monthly tuition of \$90.

Venice Gakuen | Saturdays 9am - 12pm
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Japanese Cultural Heritage Club



February 2024 Recap • 2月レポート

JCHC set up the Setsubun information in both VJCC Room 3 and Room 5. Setsubun is a celebration of the coming spring, and we drive away evil spirits by doing *mame-maki* (bean-throwing). Eating *ehoumaki* (futomaki) during Setsubun is also a ritual to bring good fortune for the new year.

2月は節分の歴史、豆まきや恵方巻を紹介するエリアを3号室と5号室に作りました。



JCHC coordinated the mame-maki for the Gakuen students and the local community. Thanks to our local high school students for volunteering to dress up as the oni!

さらに、ベニス学園の子供たちと豆まきをしました。カルバー高校の生徒たちが鬼役を引き受けてくれました。ありがとうございます！

March Events

3/02 (Sat) Hinamatsuri

Follow our Instagram account for updates on all our events!



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Japanese Cultural Heritage Club

What is Setsubun?

Setsubun (節分・せつぶん) is a Japanese celebration ritual for the end of winter, and the start of spring and the New Year.

It was thought that evil spirits try to infiltrate the human world during the change of seasons, and oni (demon) became to symbolize the evil spirit.

There are five different colored oni - one for each of the vices of humankind.
Red = greed
Blue = sadness / anger
Green = sluggishness
Black = indecisiveness
Yellow = selfishness



Sources: <https://hoiclue.jp/1545.html>
<https://japanswitch.com/ultimate-guide-to-setsun/>



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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 gym, 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 and the stairways of the gym, etc.
7. Each participant shall be responsible for leaving the room clean and in order.
8. As class or organization members, each participant is expected to help in VJCC-sponsored events (e.g., clean-up, festival, bingo, etc.).
9. This form must be completed annually.

VENICE JAPANESE COMMUNITY CENTER

2024 ONGOING PROGRAMS & CLASSES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
▼ 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 ▼
Same as Week 1	Same as Week 1	Same as Week 1 ▼ 7:00 Boy Scout Parents 7:00 Photo Club (3 rd Tues)	Same as Week 1 ▼ 7:00 CBO (3 rd Wed) 7:30 VJCC Exec Council	Same as Week 1 ▼ 5:30 Japanese as Sec. Lang. (Before Beginner, Beginner)	Same as Week 1 ▼ 7:00 Japanese as Second Language (Intermediate)	Same as Week 1
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

2024 REPRESENTATIVES

Arts & Crafts

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

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

Japanese Culture

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

Japanese Language

Gakuen (Youth)..... Shizuki Yamashita
 Adults (as a 2nd language)..... Fusako Ogasawara

Martial Arts

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

Music

Koto..... Eiko Idota
 Shigin (Roeikai)..... Kosei Yamamura
 Taiko (Koshin)..... Lori Miyakawa

RAP..... Carolyn Komoto

Seniors

Nutrition..... Tina Grammatico
 Pioneer Project..... Eric Inouye
 Senior Wellness Program..... Gayle Hiram

Sports

Basketball (Adult)..... Chuan Michael Chang, George Johnston
 Basketball (VYC)..... Kathy Yamashita/Kazie Kame
 Pickleball (Adult)..... Mil Kurashige/Ken Rosengrant
 Volleyball (Adult)..... Stephen Fujimoto

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