



VJCC Hosts “Rebel's Outcry” Event

by Jae Toyota

More than 100 people showed up to watch the award-winning documentary short “Lil Tokyo Reporter” and learn about issei activist Sei Fujii. Our own, incredible Koshin Taiko drummers opened the event with an energized performance. Learning about Mr. Fujii's story and his fortitude in battling both internal and external social injustice was an inspiring lesson for us all. The audience was treated to a Q&A with director Jeffrey Chin and two of the film's actors, Academy Award-winner Chris Tashima and the acclaimed Eiji Ozaki. Judging by the questions, the subject matter was well received. There was plenty of swag on sale as well, including an impressive, Japanese-bound book co-authored by Chin, “A Rebel's Outcry: Biography of Issei Civil Rights Leader Sei Fujii, 1882-1954” that Chin, Tashima and Ozaki inscribed for attendees. All proceeds went to



the Little Tokyo Historical Society, helping them continue their vital work. We hope to host more events that define the Japanese and Japanese American heritage.

Special thanks to our guest speakers: Jeffrey Chin, Chris Tashima and Eiji Ozaki.

Thank you to Little Tokyo Historical Society staff and volunteers: Cindy Abrams, Karen Chu, Jerry Nakafuji, Patti and Steve Nagano, and Cindy (Continued on page 4)

2023 Memorial Day Service

Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, will be the 64th anniversary commemoration by Japanese American communities on the Los Angeles west side at the ireito – memorial tower – at Woodlawn Cemetery to honor the area's Issei pioneers and Nisei soldiers who died in WWII and the Korean War.

West LA Holiness Church is the 2023 host of the memorial service that has taken place since 1959. Ministers and representatives from Venice Free Methodist Church, Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, West LA Buddhist Temple, West LA Holiness Church and West LA United Methodist Church, along

with representatives from Venice Japanese Community Center and West LA's Japanese Institute of Sawtelle will be participating. Additionally, the Santa Monica Nikkeijin Kai, through the Santa Monica Nikkei Hall Fund via the Asian Pacific Community Fund, continues to support this very special community event.

The multi-denominational service will be conducted in both English and Japanese and will begin at 9:00 a.m. Woodlawn Cemetery is located in Santa Monica, on the corner of 14th Street and Pico Boulevard. 🗺



Board Visions

Sunday Pickleball

As we all know, the VJCC is a wonderful place for our Seniors to meet and stay active. Thanks to activities by **Pioneer Project, Senior Nutrition** and **Senior Wellness**, our Seniors are not forgotten and always welcomed at the VJCC. The VJCC has also been a great nurturing place for our young children to grow up. With youth-friendly clubs (17yo and under) like **Boy Scouts, Hula, Judo, Karate, Kendo** and VYC, many of our kids consider the VJCC a second home. However, this leaves a huge age gap from 18+ to 65 with not much to do at the VJCC.



As a kid that grew up at the VJCC in the 70s, I was active in VYC and Karate. Once I was done with these clubs, I did not return to the VJCC until my oldest son joined VYC in 2001. I once again became active at the VJCC until my youngest son reached 18yo and was out of the Boy Scouts in 2015. Since I'm too old to join martial arts and have no artistic ability, I had no reason to continue my membership and once again was ready to leave the VJCC. I know that my VJCC journey is not uncommon as many others are experiencing the same dilemma. We want to have something to do and stay active at the VJCC, but there is nothing keeping us here.

Recognizing this problem, the VJCC **Board** wants to find new fun activities that appeal to working adults (including those returning home from college) 18+yo and get them back to OUR Community Center. With that in mind and to kick things off:

OPEN PLAY PICKLEBALL RETURNS TO THE VJCC on Sunday afternoons.

Beginning **Sunday, May 7**, the VJCC **Pickleball** club will begin playing pickleball in the VJCC gym on Sunday afternoons from **2:30pm--5:30pm**. This weekend activity targets young adults 18+ as well as active empty nesters looking for something to do.

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the U.S. and is played with a paddle and a wiffle ball on a badminton-size court. It is slower than paddle tennis and requires much less running than tennis. The appeal of pickleball is that it is quickly learned and easy to play. Much easier to play than tennis. Within five minutes, most beginners can engage in a multi-hit rally. The intimate court size also makes pickleball a very social sport.

If **Sunday Afternoon Pickleball** proves successful in attracting VJCC members to the center, then there is an *(Continued on page 3)*

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Memorial Day Service

Woodlawn Cemetery
Monday, May 29, 9:00 a.m.

Summer "Natsu Matsuri" Festival

Saturday, June 24

Arts & Crafts Fair

Saturday, September 23

VJCC Golf Tournament

Los Serranos Golf Club
Saturday, October 14

Please check VJCC.com for the latest updates.

A Correction Talk Story!

by Chris Horii

*It is ten years since the VJCC Community News ran **Talk Story**, a feature meant to encourage the reporter in all our readers. Each month, a vintage VJCC photograph was featured. By the following month, we hoped to receive a bit of information from readers to share... who was in the photo, what were they doing, when was the photo taken?*

*The March newsletter included an article linking VJCC history to the life work of Civil Rights Activist Sei Fujii, the subject of a special event hosted by VJCC and Little Tokyo Historical Society. Mary C. Horii recognized the accomplishments but not the name of one Venice Gakuen founder. So, Mary, her son **Chris** and Chris' Auntie Mary Ushijima talked story and are sharing it here, with us!*

I am writing to you on behalf of my mother, **Mary C. Horii**. She was reading the front-page article about "Sei Fujii, the VJCC and Me."

Mom shared the article with me and pointed out the name of one of the three founders of the Venice Gakuen, Shinkichi Horii. Mom said it was interesting that a **Shinkichi Horii** was involved with the VJCC. She added that my paternal grandfather, **Nobukichi Horii**, was deeply involved with the VJCC early in its inception. Due to mom's fading memory, she suggested I call my aunt, **Mary (Horii) Ushijima**, to get further information on Shinkichi.

Auntie Mary said Shinkichi is my grandfather, Nobukichi. Auntie related that Nobukichi is one of the founders of the Gakuen and the Community Center. He spent many years, pre-war and post-war, working on the development of the VJCC.

Auntie Mary further explained the kanji for Shinkichi (信吉) is the same as Nobukichi (信吉) and is easily translated incorrectly if the translator is not aware of the given name of the subject. Both kanji meanings are "Truth; Truthfulness" and "Good; Good Luck," respectively.

The photo with Ojiichan & Obaachan (**Ikuko Horii**) was taken at their nursery, Venice Palms Nursery, at 3848 Sepulveda Blvd., Culver City.

Our family wishes to thank you and all the staff at the VJCC for preserving our heritage, acknowledging the sacrifices & achievements of our Issei & Nisei, and passing on their legacy to future generations. 🍀

Photos provided by Horii family.



Board Visions: Sunday Pickleball (Cont. from page 2)
opportunity for this to be something permanent for the working adults/empty nesters. Please note that participation on Sunday does not mean automatic inclusion into the Monday/Wednesday morning VJCC Pickleball club. The weekday morning Pickleball club is intended for retired seniors.

To accommodate different levels of players, we are going to set up three different courts:

1. Introductory pickleball -- where the rules and basic strategy will be taught
2. Beginner players -- for those who know the rules but are still learning the game
3. Experienced players -- for those who have played the game

The cost of the activity is \$4 per person per visit. Please bring cash. All proceeds will go to the VJCC Pickleball club for use of their equipment. Pickleball paddles and balls are provided. Just bring rubber-soled shoes.

This activity is open to **CURRENT** VJCC members. If your past membership has not been renewed, then the membership dues are \$30 for an individual or \$50 for a family. If you are a brand new VJCC member, then you can pay prorated dues of \$22.50 for an individual or \$37.50 for a family. Membership registration and payment of dues can be completed on the VJCC website at vjcc.com. To cut down on the paperwork on May 7, please handle the registration and payment of VJCC membership dues online prior to coming to the activity.

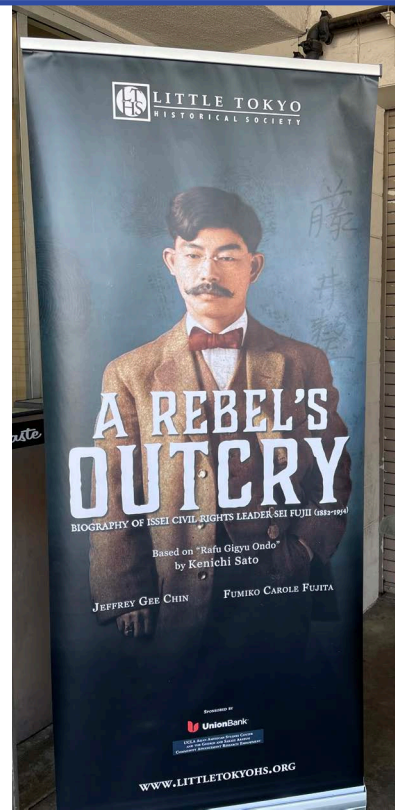
Thank you and I hope to see you on the courts.

Kevin Kunisaki

VJCC Hosts (Continued from front page)

and John Tanaka.

Thank you to the talented Koshin Taiko performers, Saturday Night VYC Basketball for all their help, Rob Cox, Kelvin Uyeda and the VJCC Operations Committee: Joy Hong, Eric Inouye, Kevin Kunisaki, Jack Kurihara, Ken Nagao, Fusako Ogasawara, Bob Onishi, Keiichi Ono, Gail Sharp, Amy and Wes Shimoda, Jae Toyota, and Celeste Yamashita. ♡



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Board Vision by Kevin Kunisaki - May 2023

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VJCC で 1970 年代に成長した子どもの一人として、私は、VYC と、空手クラブに入っていました。このクラブを抜けた後、2001 年に長男が VYC に入会するまで、VJCC に戻りませんでした。一番下の息子が 18 歳になって、2015 年にボーイスカウトから籍を外した時に、私は再び、VJCC の会員になりました。私は武道をやるには、年を取っているし、芸術的な才能もないことを分かっていたので、VJCC の会員を続けていく理由もなく、脱会するつもりでいました。私と同じような想いをされた方は、他にも何人もいらっしゃるかと思います。私たちは、VJCC で何かをしたいと思いましたが、何もやれるものはありませんでした。

この問題について考えてみたときに、VJCC の役員は、18 歳以上の人たちがコミュニティーセンターに戻ってきてくれる新しい活動について、見つけたいと思っています。手始めに、日曜日の午後に VJCC でピックルボールを始めませんか。

5 月 7 日日曜日が最初の日です。VJCC ピックルボールクラブは、午後 2 時半から、午後 5 時半まで、日曜日の午後に VJCC の体育館でピックルボールを始めます。この週末の活動は、何かすることを探している 18 歳以上の若い大人の人たちを対象にしています。

ピックルボールは、アメリカで急速に成長したスポーツで、ラケットと空洞のプラスチックのボールを使って、バドミントンのサイズのコートでするスポーツです。パドルテニス（ミニテニス）よりもゆっくりで、テニスほどは、走らなくてもいいです。ピックルボールの魅力は、すぐに楽しむことができるということです。テニスをするよりも、ずっと簡単です。5 分で、初心者の人でも、殆どの人がマルチヒットラリーに没頭することができるようになります。こじんまりしたコートのサイズがピックルボールを社交的なスポーツにしてくれています。

もしも、この日曜日の午後のピックルボールが VJCC の会員の間で、評判がよければ、若い大人の人たちにとっての永続的な何かを見つける機会があるかもしれません。月曜日と水曜日の朝のピックルボールクラブとは、日曜日の出席者は、同じではないことをお知らせさせていただきます。平日の午前中のピックルボールクラブは、高齢者の方々のためのクラブです。レベルの違う人たちのために、3 つの違うコートを用意する予定です。

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この活動は、VJCCの会員の方のための活動です。もしも会員を更新されていच्छゃらない場合は、個人の年会費は、30ドル、家族での年会費は、50ドルです。新規の会員の方は、月割りで、個人の場合は、\$22.50、家族の場合は、\$37.50です。会員登録と会費の支払いは、VJCCのウェブサイトからオンラインで申請することができます。5月7日に、ピククルボールクラブに参加される前に、オンラインで手続きを完了されることをお勧めいたします。コートで皆さんとお会いできるのを楽しみにしております。

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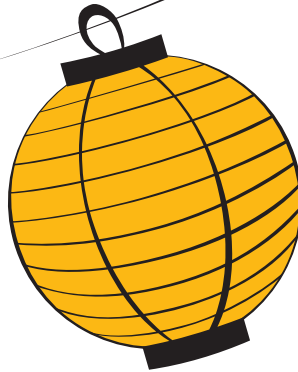


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This golf tournament is one of many events held by the Venice Japanese Community Center that allows us to gather with our friends, family, and supporters.

The Venice Japanese Community Center recently had its 100-year anniversary. Along with our mission statement, it is this sense of community which continues to keep our center relevant.

The funds raised by the tournament will be used for future renovation projects.

The success of the tournament is dependent on individual, club, organization, and corporate sponsorships, as well as prize donations.

Sponsors, participants, and donors will all be helping to build the future for the VJCC. We invite you to participate in the VJCC Golf Tournament.

20th Annual VJCC Golf Tournament

Saturday, October 14, 2023
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Last year, for the first time, we held a Golf Ball Roll. Based on the success and feedback from our participants, we decided to do this again.

The cost is \$10.00 per golf ball. At the course, the golf balls will be rolled toward a designated hole. Any ball(s) falling into the hole will be declared the winner(s).

Every paid entry will receive a number that has a corresponding numbered ball to be rolled at the tournament. The ball closest to the pin will be declared the winner in the event that no ball rolls into the hole.

50% of the net proceeds will be split evenly and awarded to the winner(s). Results of the event will be posted on the internet immediately after the event.

Your name and number(s) will be posted on the VJCC website – www.VJCC.com – prior to the Golf Ball Roll event.

Thank you for your continued support,
The VJCC Golf Tournament Committee

20th Annual VJCC Golf Tournament



DATE: Saturday, October 14, 2023

PLACE: Los Serranos Golf Club
15656 Yorba Avenue
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(909) 597-1769

TIME: 6:15 a.m. Registration
7:45 a.m. Shotgun Start
1:00 p.m. Awards Lunch

COST: \$180.00 includes:
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Awards Lunch Buffet
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FLIGHTS: Flights TBD & Callaway
4 Person Team Scramble

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
August 26, 2023

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Senior Wellness Program

MAY 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	10-11am Tai Chi (MPR) ¹ 12-2pm Chinese Mahjong (L)	10-12pm MOB (MPR) Last day! ² 10-12pm Chinese Mahjong (L) 1:15 - 2pm Virtual Chair Yoga (Z)	3	4	5	6
7	10-11am Tai Chi (MPR) ⁸ 12-2pm Chinese Mahjong (L)	10-11am AE Class (MPR) ⁹ 10-12pm Chinese Mahjong (L)	10	11 10-11am AE Class (MPR)	12	13
14	10-11am Tai Chi (MPR) ¹⁵ 11:15am -12:15pm Watercolor Demo (CR) 12-2pm Chinese Mahjong (L)	10-11am AE Class (MPR) ¹⁶ 10-12pm Chinese Mahjong (L) 1:15 - 2pm Virtual Chair Yoga (Z)	17	18 10-11am AE Class (MPR)	19	20
21	10-11am Tai Chi (MPR) ²² 12-2pm Chinese Mahjong (L)	10-11am AE Class (MPR) ²³ 10-12pm Chinese Mahjong (L)	24	25 10-11am AE Class (MPR)	26	27
28	10-11am Tai Chi (MPR) ²⁹ 11:30am -12:45pm VHS Activity (CR) 12-2pm Chinese Mahjong (L)	10-11am AE Class (MPR) ³⁰ 10-12pm Chinese Mahjong (L) 1:15 - 2pm Virtual Chair Yoga (Z) 11-12:15pm Sumie Demo (CR)	31	1 10-11am AE Class (MPR)	Location: L = VJCC Lounge MPR= VJCC Multipurpose Room ³ Z= Zoom CR = VJCC Conference Room	

BECOME A PENPAL

Come join us on May 29, 2023 at 11:30 am - 12:45 pm in the Conference room for a welcoming activity and light lunch.

You'll meet high school students who could be your penpal. We hope to share with, get to know and make new friends through old fashion writing. Please RSVP by Friday, 5/26 at the VJCC office at (310) 825-8885.

Arthritis Exercise from Partners in Care

Beginning on Tuesday, May 9th 10 – 11am (meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays) for six weeks

Watercolor "Cherry Blossom" demonstration with Nan Yoshida (VJCC Watercolor Instructor)

Monday, May 15th 11:15 -12:30pm

Sumie "black ink painting" demonstration with Jane Shibata (VJCC Sumie Instructor) Tuesday, May

30th 11-12:15pm.

Upcoming events:

Keiro First Aid Presentation

Friday, June 9th 1-2pm at VBHT. Please rsvp to the VBHT office @ 310.391.4351

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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SENIOR NUTRITION

April 2023

The Senior Nutrition Program continues to thrive and grow...



Bingo Fridays are always fun for our seniors and doubly so when it falls on Cake Day where we celebrate the monthly birthdays of our seniors/volunteers and on Bento Day. These programs require a lot of planning and coordination, but our volunteers are always up to the task! They cheerfully make sure these programs are run smoothly and seamlessly for our seniors.

Tina G, our WLCAC Meal Service Coordinator, has even added ice cream to Cake Day. The seniors love it!!!! Thank you, Tina!



Join us for our “Fun Friday” activities:

Bingo – every Friday for 10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Cake Day – Celebrate birthdays on the 3rd Friday of every month except December

Bento Day – last Friday of every month except December

The Garden Market – 1st and 3rd Mondays (May – November) – share your garden bounty and/or pick up some home-grown vegetables, fruits, herbs, etc. while they are in season.

Spring Bake Sale



Senior Nutrition’s popular **Bake Sale will be on Monday, May 22.** We will be open from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Do come early as our baked goods (as well as other items – jelly, snack goods, mochi, etc.) sell out quickly. We will also have a craft table which is also very popular - in the past, we’ve had handcrafted greeting cards & jewelry, postcards, knitted/crocheted items. These small, new and unused items sell very well.



We’d love to have you join us at our Spring Bake Sale!!

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★テストとトレーニング

4月16日に空手の昇級テストがありました。

結果を以下に、お知らせします。

8級 クニシマカイルさん、ロペス アンドレスさん、ロペス リカルドさん、ロペス リリカさん、シラノ ニッコロさん、サダニ マイレスさん、ウエハラ ノアさん

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2級B 船越理亜さん、ヨシカワ クロエさん

再テスト ゲラシモフ ダニエルさん

おめでとうございます。昇級は、稽古での上達具合を見る良い機会になります。

テストをすることで、指導者は、その生徒のこういった部分が今後、強化する必要があるかを検討する機会になり、また、生徒にとっては、先輩の人たちが型や組手をやっているのを見る良い機会となります。

まだ、テストを受けるときではなくても、テストの時に来て、こういったことが行われているかを生徒やその家族が見学に来るだけでも、色んな面で学ぶことがあると思います。

★今後の行事予定

6月9日から19日 ISKF 松濤館空手マスターキャンプ(ペンシルバニア州 グリーンレーン)

6月22日から25日 JKA WF アメリカキャンプとトーナメント(チャペルヒル ノースキャロライナ大学)

6月24日 VJCC 夏祭り

空手クラブでは、毎週月曜日と木曜日の午後4時から5時と、7時から9時15分、多目的教室で稽古をしています。体力づくりを始めたいとお考えの方は、是非、見学にいらしてください。詳細は、VJCCのオフィスにお問い合わせください。

VENICE KARATE CLUB

May 2023

We hope everyone and their families are doing well. As we approach Memorial Day it is starting to feel more and more like Summer. For NHL and NBA fans the playoffs are intensifying, and for non-sports fans the Summer events we look forward to each year are fast approaching.

The Karate Club held its Kyu Advancement Exams on April 16th.

Below are the results from the Exam:

Test Results – April 2023

8th kyu – Kyle Kunishima, Andres Lopez, Ricardo Lopez, Ririka Lopez, Niccolo Schirano, Myles Thadani, Noah Uehara

7th kyu – Kai Knox Evelyn Kodsy, Lauren Sasaki

7B kyu – Eli Kodsy, Tyler Ido Portillo

5th kyu – Luke Fong, Ritsuko Fong, Ami Swanson. Eric Swanson, Kayla Yamada

2B kyu – Ria Funakoshi, Chloe Yoshikawa

Re-exam Daniel Gerasimov

Congratulations to all students that tested on your new ranks!

Promotion in rank reflects the students' improvement in skill level, which in turn is a result of their efforts in training. Testing also allows students and instructors to see what areas need to be worked on in training, and for Kohai (junior students) to see Senpai (senior students) perform their Kata, Kihon, and Kumite.

Even those that are not testing, such as parents and students not yet ready for testing, can learn from the Exams just by watching and seeing the different ways students practice and perform Karate.

Upcoming Notable Club Related Events

June 9-16: ISKF Master Camp (At Camp Green Lane, PA)

June 22-25: JKA WF America National Camp & Tournament
(University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)

June 24: Summer "Natsumatsuri" Festival

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, our Club will always welcome you.

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Thursday June 8

Saturday June 10

Thursday June 15

Saturday June 17

Thursday June 22

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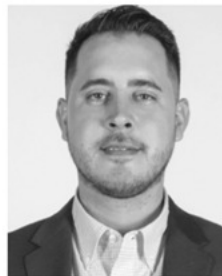
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
▼ 12:30 Taiko 3:30 Virtual Sunday Yoga 5:30 Volleyball Adult 8:00 Basketball Adult	9:00 Pickleball 10:00 Tai Chi (60+) (Senior Wellness Program) 10:30 Sr. Nutrition ▼ 1:00 Craft Workshop 4:00 Basketball VYC 4:00 Karate (Beginner) 6:30 Aikido 7:00 Del Rey H/O (1 st Mon) 7:00 Karate	09:00 Adult Zumba 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 Seigin-Kai 10:30 Sr. Nutrition 10:30 Chair Zumba (Sr. Wellness) ▼ 4:00 Basketball VYC 7:30 JACL (1 st Wed) 7:00 Kendo	10:30 Sr. Nutrition ▼ 12:30 Ballroom Dance * 12:45 Ukulele* (Inter.I & II) 4:00 Basketball VYC 4:00 Karate (Beginner) 6:30 Aikido 7:00 Ikebana 7:00 Japanese as Sec. Lang. (Beginner) 7:00 Karate	9:30 Sumi-e 10:30 Sr. Nutrition ▼ 4:00 Basketball VYC 5:30 Hula 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 ▼ 7:00 Japanese as Sec. Lang. (Beginner)	Same as Week 1 ▼ 7:00 Japanese as Second Language (Intermediate) 7:00 Karaoke* (3 rd Fri. only)	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

2023 REPRESENTATIVES

Arts & Crafts

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

Boy Scouts

Scoutmaster..... Bill Conroy
 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..... June Lee-Chin

Japanese Language

Gakuen (Youth)..... Jolyn Brookes
 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

Karaoke..... William Ota
 Koto..... Eiko Idota
 Shigin (Seigin-Kai)..... Kosei 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)..... 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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FOR CLASS INFO, CALL VJCC OFFICE (310) 822-8885 OR EMAIL OFFICE@VJCC.COM
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Memorial Day Service

Woodlawn Cemetery
Monday, May 29, 9:00 a.m.

Summer “Natsu Matsuri” Festival

Saturday, June 24

Arts & Crafts Fair

Saturday, September 23

VJCC Golf Tournament

Los Serranos Golf Club
Saturday, October 14

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