



Board Visions

by Jolyn Brookes



VJCC Legacy

In last month's newsletter, the Pioneer Project got its long overdue moment in the spotlight. Dedicated to preserving our history while celebrating it (and having a whole lot of fun in the process), the Pioneer Project is a testament to the enduring spirit of our community and inspires us to nurture and share it with generations to come.

One place where that spirit continues to spark anew is at the Venice *Gakuen*. Every Saturday morning, students gather to learn about the Japanese language and take part in cultural activities while forging lifelong friendships and bonds. Much of the archival work the Pioneer

Project has done makes its way into the Gakuen classrooms, where pieces of the VJCC's history live on in each lesson.

Recently, the Gakuen partnered with the new JCHC (Japanese Cultural Heritage Club) to offer workshops to all VJCC youths. They have experienced *mochitsuki*, learned the ancient art of *Shodo* and celebrated *Hinamatsuri*, with many more events planned for the months ahead.

Like so many of the clubs and classes here, the Pioneer Project, Venice Gakuen and the JCHC honor the past, embrace the present and look toward the future. Together, we all carry the VJCC's legacy forward. 🍀

A Legacy Moving Forward...

by Gail Sharp

Last month, my mother attended a delicious St. Patrick's Day luncheon hosted by her niece. In attendance were Mom, five surviving siblings, and drivers - my cousins and spouses. The atmosphere was reminiscent of years when *Jiichan*, *Baachan*, aunts, uncles and a score of cousins gathered for holidays... except now it was a cousin taking charge and all the aunts and uncles getting to relax and enjoy. Venues and menus have changed. Family members added and lost. But it is both gratifying and reassuring to know that traditions such as a holiday meal shared by extended family will continue.

Like a family, the 103-year-old VJCC has its traditions. Events like the VJCC *Natsu Matsuri* Summer Festival, which has been around since 1961, draw current and former members from all over California and across the country. For decades it seemed as though the Festival did not change except for improvements to the venue. We paved the dirt parking lot and went from raw wood and nails to welded iron pipe booths. In recent years and among other changes, we dropped popular food items due to city health regulations. (Continued on page 2)



SAVE THESE DATES

Summer "Natsu Matsuri" Festival
Sat. & Sun., June 22 & 23

Summer BINGO
Saturday, August 17

Annual Clean-up
Sunday, August 25

Arts & Crafts Fair
Saturday, September 28

Golf Tournament
Monday, September 30

Please check VJCC.com for the latest updates.



A Legacy Moving Forward *(Continued from front page)*

We experimented with hiring food trucks during the pandemic. Despite permanent and temporary changes, is the Festival still a revered VJCC tradition that we support wholeheartedly? YES!

Beginning in 2009, one of multiple mentors at the VJCC asked me to shadow her as the head of the reception committee for the annual VJCC *Shinnen Kai & Keiro Kai*. **Elinor Suzuki** is a most generous teacher. She gave me folders of information, applauded my use of Excel spreadsheets for record keeping, and walked with me through two or three Shinnen Kai & Keiro Kai events before she set me off on my own. And then she stayed on the committee and told me to assign her to work! This was one of the most rewarding collaborative mentor-mentee relationships I have experienced.

Seeing new clubs flourish and their members volunteering their time at events keeps me optimistic for the VJCC. The appearance of new members on the Board, on planning committees and leading organizations like *Gakuen* energizes me and informs me that the VJCC continues to have a bright future because there are people who want to invest their time and energy to make the VJCC as successful as it can be! ♡



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Board Vision by Jolyn Brookes – April 2024

先月のニュースレターでは、パイオニア・プロジェクトに長い間待ち望まれていたスポットライトが当てられました。私たちは長い歴史を持つパイオニアプロジェクトを祝うと共に楽しみながらコミュニティーへ、そしてこれからの世代へ永続的に共有するように育んでいきたいと思えます。

コミュニティーセンターにあるベニス学園は、毎週土曜日の朝、これからの世代を担う学生が集まり友情や絆を育みながらパイオニアプロジェクトの歴史を知り日本語や日本文化も学んでいます。最近、ベニス学園ではパイオニアクラブと新しい JCHC (日本文化遺産クラブ) と提携し、ワークショップを開催しています。

VJCC の若者向けに餅つきや書道をワークショップとして体験し、ひなまつりをお祝いしました。今後も多くのイベントが計画されています。

ベニス学園以外にも多くのクラスやクラブが VJCC にはあります。VJCC はパイオニアプロジェクトとして築いてきた遺産や歴史を今後も後世に皆さんと一緒に築いて行きます。

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April 2024

In March we had a few dances related to St. Patrick's Day. We danced a few Irish jigs and class was lively. Join us for a fun workout in April. Zumba dance exercise is a fun way to complete your steps for the day, while burning calories and increasing strength and balance in a feel good way.

Starting in April, regretfully, I must cancel the Wednesday night classes. There is not enough attendance to support the use of the MPR room. We will still have Tuesday 9 AM classes.

Here is the schedule and cost.

TUES. LIVE - Zumba® @9:00 AM - - at the Gym
at the VJCC (Venice Japanese Community Center)

Membership at the VJCC is required (\$30 annually until end of the year)

Fee applies - \$6 Walk-in, \$25/5 classes, or \$45/10 classes.

Liability waiver must be filled out.

Registration is ongoing. Newcomers & all levels welcome.

Bring: Wear Sturdy shoes, water, towel and energy.

Zumba at the VJCC is taught by Leonore Miller, Certified Zumba, Zumba Gold, Zumba Toning, Zumba Aqua, Zumba Step and AFAA certified.

Questions? Contact Leonore at Skyflakez@hotmail.com

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Leonore



The poster features a central yellow oval with the text "Antique Store & Yard Sale!" in blue. Surrounding the oval are various antique items: a wooden stool, a potted plant, a clock, a hat, a radio, a moka pot, and a pen. The background is white with small orange starburst graphics. At the bottom, the date and location are listed: "Saturday, May 11th, 9am-2pm" and "WLA United Methodist Church * 1913 Purdue Ave 310-479-1379". A vertical banner on the right side reads "WLAUMC Yard Sale!".

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April 2024

April 20 Sat. **JERSEY BOYS** La Mirada, 2pm - Waiting list only.
Departure - VJCC Parking lot by 12 noon for check-in. Carpool - Parking limited.

May 8 Wed. **HUNTINGTON LIBRARY & GARDEN VPP & HONGWANJI BUDDIST TEMPLE**
RESERVATION – mail-in flyer. Trip includes admission, bus, tips, and lunch (Café 1919).

May 20 - 22 **LAS VEGAS** (Monday to Wednesday)
Reservation – mail in flyer, space is limited.

June 2 Sun. **LITTLE MERMAID** La Mirada, 1:30pm.
Reservation – mail in flyer & limited tickets. Departure – VJCC parking lot by 11:30am.

June 22 - 23 **VJCC FESTIVAL** SATURDAY & SUNDAY

PIONEER PROJECT – GENERAL STORE & PLANT SALE

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SENIOR NUTRITION

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Come join us not only nutritious meals, but also for fun activities that will enhance your overall well-being in a welcoming, kind environment.

Our VJCC-sponsored programs continue to be popular with our seniors. Our volunteers' mission is to make our seniors to get up, get dressed, and get going...to look forward toward participating in these programs.



- ◆ 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.



Program highlight – Monthly Cake Day

– Seniors' birthdays are celebrated on the 3rd Friday of each month with a beautiful cake purchased from Angel Maid Bakery. We make a fuss over everyone celebrating their birthdays for the month, but particularly for those who are 100+ years of age. This is a special treat for our

seniors that was started over 30+ years ago which we hope to continue this program for many years to come.

Come in to see Tina Grammatico, WLCAC Meal Service Coordinator, to sign up for the Senior Nutrition Program. She is an employee of the WLCAC and with the help of the VJCC volunteers go above and beyond to serve nutritious meals Mondays through Fridays (Japanese meals on Tuesdays and Thursdays) to our seniors.



SPRING BAKE SALE

Senior Nutrition's popular **Bake Sale will be on Monday, April 29.**

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, savory items, etc.) all tend to sell out quickly. We will also have a craft table which is also popular - in the past, we've had handcrafted greeting cards & jewelry, postcards, knitted/crocheted items (it's always a surprise what shows up).

Our fundraisers help us sponsor the VJCC Senior Nutrition programs throughout the year.

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

Looking for: Senior Nutrition Manager/Liaison to the Board of Directors (Volunteer)

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.

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.



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Café 50's Diner

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Senior Wellness Program

APRIL 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 10-11am Tai Chi (MPR)	2 10am -12pm Chinese Mahjong (MPR)	3	4	5	6
7	8 10-11am Tai Chi (MPR)	9 10am -12pm Chinese Mahjong (MPR)	10	11 10am - 12pm DSMP (CL)	12	13
14	15 10-11am Tai Chi (MPR)	16 10am -12pm Chinese Mahjong (MPR)	17	18 10am - 12pm DSMP (CL)	19	20
21	22 10-11am Tai Chi (MPR) 11:15am Memory Loss Workshop (CL)	23 10am -12pm Chinese Mahjong (MPR)	24	25 10am - 12pm DSMP (CL)	26	27
28	29 10-11am Tai Chi (MPR)	30 10am -12pm Chinese Mahjong (MPR) 10:15am Movie - Farewell to Manzanar (CL)		2 10am - 12pm DSMP (CL)	Location: MPR= Multipurpose Room CL = Classroom	

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Movie "Farewell to Manzanar" Tuesday, April 30th @ 10:15am (Please RSVP)

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Coming in May:

Spring Arts & Crafts Activity "Tissue Paper Flowers"

Monday, May 6th 11:15 – 12:30pm (light lunch will be served)

Must RSVP (limit to 20 people – walk ins may not be accommodated)

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 KARATE CLUB

April 2024

We hope everyone and their families are doing well. Spring has sprung, and cherry blossoms have begun to appear across the city. Angelenos and the Japanese community are also excited about the baseball season starting, with the Dodgers notably bringing on two top stars in Shohei Ohtani and Yoshinobu Yamamoto. April is a time of “new beginnings” in Japan with the academic and professional field, so all of us look forward to seeing these players’ (and our) new beginnings bloom.

Events Recap

On March 9th and 10th, the JKA U.S. team trials were held in New Orleans for the World Cup hosted in Japan in October. From our dojo, students Tom Suzuki and Vladimyr Dubuche were nominated to participate in the trials. They competed in the kata and kumite brackets for their respective divisions, and represented our dojo well against competitors from all over the country. Vladimyr was chosen as the alternate member for the U.S. Men’s Jukurensa Kumite team, so please cheer him on as he trains hard towards the World Cup!

From March 14 to 17, JKA Los Angeles dojo hosted kata and kumite seminars taught by Tatsuya Naka Shihan. Including our dojo’s students, many others from Santa Monica, Sun Valley, Arizona, Colorado, Texas, Washington, and Mexico attended to learn budo techniques from Naka Shihan. Examinations were also held, where Jin Kuboshima (Nidan), Sanjar Zafar (Yondan), and Tom Suzuki (Examiner certification) were respectfully promoted. Congratulations to all that tested and were promoted!



3月9日と10日に、日本で開催される世界大会へ出場する日本松濤館協会アメリカチームの予選が行われました。当空手クラブからは、鈴木徹さんとデュビッチェブラッディミアさんが予選に出場し、熟年の部でブラッディミアさんの日本大会進出が決まりました。ブラッディミアさん、おめでとうございます。

3月14日から17日は、JKA ロサンゼルス道場にて中達也師範による武道セミナーが開催されました。ロサンゼルスの道場だけでなく、他州やメキシコからも参加されました。当クラブでは、久保島仁さんが二段に昇段、ザファーサンジャーさんが4段に昇段、鈴木徹さんが級テストの審査官に合格しました。

今年の行事

- 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

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2024 VJCC GOLF TOURNAMENT

Candlewood Country Club
14000 Telegraph Rd.
Whittier, CA 90604



SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

MONDAY

Handicapped Four Person Team Scramble Format

REGISTRATION: 7:00 AM - 8:30 AM

SHOTGUN START: 9:00 AM

AWARDS & BUFFET LUNCH: 2:00 PM

COST: \$180 PER PERSON INCLUDES

- Green Fee & 1/2 Cart
- Buffet Lunch
- Gift Bag
- Side Games
- Range Balls
- 1 Raffle Ticket

REGISTER NOW AT:



OR AT: VJCC.COM

Limited Spaces Available

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
SEPTEMBER 20, 2024

Need More Info? Please email or call:

Golf@VJCC.com
(310) 822-8885

All proceeds will go to the VJCC Building Fund.

Dress Code: Collared shirts, business casual attire/golf attire acceptable. Shirts must be tucked in. NO cargo pants/shorts, denim or blue jean apparel, spandex apparel or athletic/gym apparel. NO hats in the dining room. NO metal spikes.

SPONSORSHIPS

PLATINUM: \$2,000

- Entry for 4 Golfers
- Free 1/4 Page Ad in VJCC Newsletter for One Year
- 3 Tee Sponsorships on Golf Course
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- Entry for 1 Golfer
- 1 Tee Sponsorship on Golf Course
- Special Recognition at Awards Banquet

TEE SPONSORSHIP: \$100

- 1 Tee Sponsorship on Golf Course





Venice Gakuen

Japanese Language School for K-12

March 2024

Venice Gakuen students celebrated Hinamatsuri or Girls' Day on Saturday, March 2nd.

Every year, the J1 students assemble the 7-tier ひなだん (*hina-dan* / doll display). On top are めびな (*mebina* / female hina) and おびな (*obina* / male hina), or more commonly known as *ohina-sama*.

J1, Y1 and Y2 students enjoyed chirashi-zushi, ama-zake, hina-arare and other sweets together.

ベニス学園でひな祭りを祝いました。

J1 クラスの生徒が立派なひな壇を準備し、
Y1 と Y2 クラスの生徒と一緒に ちらし寿司、
甘酒、ひなあられ などのお菓子を食べました。



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: Japanese Basics, ages 8-17

Every Saturdays, 12:30pm - 2:30pm | Tuition: \$60 per month

Perfect for older children who want to learn hiragana & basic Japanese sentences.

Please email venicegakuen.office@gmail.com for more information



Venice Gakuen | Saturdays 9am - 12pm | Email: venicegakuen.office@gmail.com
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.

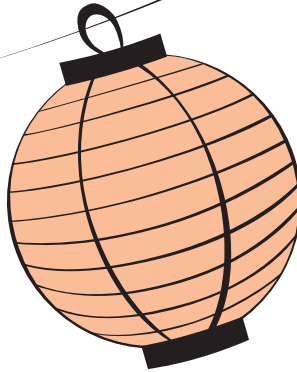
夏祭り
ベニス日系人会

June 22 & 23

2024

SAT ♦ 12PM ~ 9PM

SUN ♦ 11AM ~ 8PM



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The VJCC Lost & Found is located inside
the gym, near the northeast entrance.
Depending on their condition, all items
will be discarded or donated quarterly -
at the end of March, June, September,
and December.

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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FOR CLASS INFO, CALL VJCC OFFICE (310) 822-8885 OR EMAIL OFFICE@VJCC.COM
 MESSAGES WILL BE RELAYED TO APPROPRIATE PARTIES



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