



From Venice to the Coronation Stage: My 2024 Miss Western LA & Nisei Week Journey

by Morgan Gee

Before I wore a crown or sash, I was just a kid running around the VJCC, playing basketball and winning one too many goldfish at the Summer *Natsu Matsuri* Festival (sorry, Dad!). Representing the VJCC and Venice-WLA JACL as the 2024 Miss Western LA and Nisei Week Queen has been the honor of a lifetime. But, this program isn't just about crowns or titles, it's about something deeper. It's about leadership. It's about being a cultural ambassador. It's about celebrating our heritage and continuing the legacies entrusted to us. Most of all, it's about shaping the next generation of women leaders who will continue building and strengthening our community for future generations.



This past year was filled with unforgettable experiences, from traveling to Japan, Honolulu and San Francisco, to participating in over 200 events across Southern California, including Japanese Heritage Nights, community celebrations and volunteer opportunities. These experiences weren't just fun; they helped me better understand my culture and heritage, while also allowing me to carry Venice with me through every event.

I'm grateful to the VJCC and Venice-

West LA JACL, not just for sponsoring me, but for shaping me into the person I am. *Okage sama de*, I am who I am because



of you. Growing up here taught me that true leadership often comes from those who quietly preserve traditions and build bridges across generations. My roots grounded me, inspired me, and reminded me why I joined the program: to ensure that the community I love and grew up in continues to thrive for generations.

For those who may not know, it's been more than 10 years since a Miss Western LA was raised right here within our VJCC, and I sincerely hope my journey inspires other young women in the Venice community to consider this incredible program because (Continued on page 3)

2025 VJCC Golf Tournament

by Kevin Kunisaki

The 2025 VJCC Golf Tournament, held at the Candlewood Country Club on September 22, was a great success with ALL of the proceeds going directly to the VJCC Building fund for the benefit of all members. Thank you to all the golfers who helped make the tournament a success.

This year's winning teams were:

"A" Flight

Michael Kato

Walt Futa

Eric Saiki

Ed Kono



"B" Flight

James Tsuchimori

Robert Konno

Ron Acosta

Ed Dominguez



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Board Visions

For more than 100 years, the Venice Japanese Community Center has been cared for and run by volunteers. Every club, every event, every fundraiser and even the way our center looks and feels today exists because of the time, care and hard work that generations of members have given. Volunteering is what keeps the spirit of the VJCC alive and helps it continue to be a place where families gather, lifelong friendships are formed and new generations grow up surrounded by tradition and community. Because here at the VJCC, volunteering isn't only about giving time, it's about coming together. Whether we're cooking side by side at the festival, handing out playing cards during bingo night, or scrubbing down classrooms on clean-up days, these moments of service become moments of connection. They're the bonds that make our community so strong.

Whether you have only a few minutes to spare here and there or are ready to take on a big commitment, every bit of time you share with the center makes a difference. If you're not sure where to start or are interested in bringing your expertise to a large-scale project, there's a new volunteer form available in the VJCC office. Please stop by the next time you're at the center and let us know how you'd like to help!

Thank you for being part of this incredible community. Together, we'll keep the VJCC thriving for the next 100 years and beyond.

Jolyn Brookes



2025 VJCC Golf Photos



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Annual Membership Meeting

Wednesday, December 10

Shinnen Kai & Keiro Kai

Sunday, January 18, 2026

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Photos provided by Morgan Gee

the friendships, cultural experiences and personal growth it offers are truly unmatched. And, there's nothing quite like the honor of representing the community you grew up in.

I would like to extend a special thank you to **Kazie Kame, Delcene Kuwata, Irene Osako, John Saito and Shannon Tsumaki** for your guidance and encouragement. And to all the volunteers, board members and community members, thank you for giving me the gift of my cultural identity and pride in our community. Though I have passed on the crown, I'll carry this experience with me forever. Thank you all for giving me this incredible opportunity. If you are interested in participating or learning more about the Miss Western LA program or Nisei Week, please reach out to me at morgan.m.gee@gmail.com 🍷



2025 VJCC Golf Tournament *(Continued from front page)*

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This year's volunteers at the tournament were Jennifer Emmsley, Carol Komesu, Jodi Komesu, Lola Hongo, Catherine Matsuda, Tommy Nakagiri, Natalie Nishimura, Nancy Oishi, Bob Onishi, Amy Shimoda, Wes Shimoda, Donna Shinozaki, Teri Takemoto, Barbara Wakasa, Chrissy Wakasa and Celeste Yamashita.

The 2026 VJCC Golf tournament will return to Candlewood Country Club on Monday, September 28, 2026. 🏌️



2026 Membership Dues

2026 Annual Membership will soon be due.

Membership application/renewals & dues must be received by January 31, 2026 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: 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.



Board Vision by Jolyn Brookes – October 2025

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ほんの少しの時間しか取れない方も、大きな役割を担いたい方も、センターに捧げる時間はどれも大切に意味があります。どこから始めればよいか迷っている方、専門知識を生かした大規模プロジェクトに関心のある方は、VJCC 事務局で新しいボランティア申込書を受け取れます。次に VJCC にいらっしゃる際にはぜひお立ち寄りいただき、どのような形で支援いただけるかお聞かせください！

この素晴らしいコミュニティの一員となってくださり、誠にありがとうございます。

皆様と共に、VJCC を次の 100 年、そしてその先へと発展させてまいります。

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Qualifications

- *Must be between 20 & 26 years of age on August 15, 2026, by Nisei Week Coronation Ball*
- *Must be single (not divorced or separated)*
- *Candidate must be 50 percent Japanese ancestry*
- *Application deadline – March 15, 2026*



Samantha Kimiyo Cirelli
2025 Miss Western Los Angeles

Applications and/or information:

Delcene Kuwata	kuwatadelcene@gmail.com
Irene Osako	ireneyosako@yahoo.com
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Zumba® Club at the VJCC

October 2025

Zumba Club had a break in September.
Class resumed on Sept. 30, 2025.

In Mid-October, there is going to be a birthday party for Leonore on October 14 class. We will have snacks after class. In Late October 28, just before Halloween, we will have our Halloween class events and it will have a small Polynesian theme. Come join us!

The class is great for beginners and for adults that can move and enjoy music, in a social atmosphere.

Zumba® meets @9:00 AM – at the Gym. Taught by Leonore Miller 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.

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 or Text: 310-210-2154

Leonore



VJCC Pickleball Club

October 2025

On October 1, Milnes and Kazi donned their brightest Dodger blue to celebrate L.A.'s 2025 National League West Champs.

There will be more celebrating later this month right here at VJCC when we are joined by our charter members for a special 7th Anniversary and Year-end luncheon.

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Eligibility: Applicants must be high school seniors graduating by June 2026 and must be planning to attend an accredited college or university in the academic year 2026-27. 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 November 15, 2025 on the VJCC website (vjcc.com).

Application Deadline: Applications and the required supporting documents must be emailed to scholarship@vjcc.com no later than March 13, 2026. Please read the application for submittal instructions.

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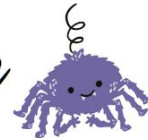
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OCTOBER 2025



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 10am-11am Young at Heart Exercise Class (MPR)	3	4
5	6 10-11am Tai Chi (MPR)	7 10am-12pm Chinese Mahjong (MPR)	8	9 10am-11am Young at Heart Exercise Class (MPR)	10	11
12	13 10-11am Tai Chi (MPR)	14 10am-12pm Chinese Mahjong (MPR) 10:15am Death Deck Activity (CL)	15	16	17	18
19	20 10-11am Tai Chi (MPR) 1pm UCLA Dream LA (VHBT)	21 10am-12pm Chinese Mahjong (MPR)	22	23 10am-11am Young at Heart Exercise Class (MPR)	24	25
26	27 10-11am Tai Chi (MPR)	28 10am-12pm Chinese Mahjong (MPR) 10:30am Halloween Bingo (CL)	29	30 10am-11am Young at Heart Exercise Class (MPR)	31 MPR= Multipurpose Room CL= Classroom VHBT = Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple	Location:

Caregiver Conference

SOUTH BAY

Saturday, October 25, 2025 | 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute
1964 W 162nd St, Gardena, CA 90247

For Keiro's second Caregiver Conference in 2025, we will be heading to the South Bay! Centered on *Building a Strong Care Foundation* through advance care planning, this event will offer valuable insights, practical strategies, and expert guidance to empower caregivers to secure not only their loved ones' futures but also their own.

Registration

Registration opens: Monday, August 18, 2025
Registration closes: Friday, October 10, 2025

Registration is required as capacity will be limited and on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, visit keiro.org/CC25.

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Death Card Activity

Tuesday, October 14, 2025 10:15am

This is a simple card game with both open ended and multiple choice prompts that engage the older adults in various topics surrounding end of life. Light lunch included. Please RSVP to the VJCC office @ 310.822.8885

Halloween Bingo

Tuesday, October 28,
2025 10:30am

Please RSVP to the
VJCC's office @
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The UCLA Easton Center & Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

Alzheimer's/Memory Care Information & Research Opportunity

Please join us on Monday, October 20th at 1PM for an informational seminar on How to Live a Brain-Healthy Lifestyle presented by Monica Moore of the Mary S. Easton Center for Alzheimer's Research and Care at UCLA. She will also discuss an opportunity to participate in a research study about brain health and memory loss- DREAM-LA.



UCLA's DREAM-LA (Dementia Research Education and Advancement in Los Angeles) community advisory board represents the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander (AANHPI) community, working to provide educational information on Alzheimer's and other dementia-related research and advancements. The research opportunity is aimed at collecting information specific to members of the AANHPI community.

The research activity will take place on Monday, October 27th between 10AM and 3PM. Participants will take part in a confidential, non-invasive process- no individual results will be disclosed. Qualified participants (adults ages 45 and older) who complete the study will receive compensation for completing the process. Note that you do not have to have cognitive impairment to participate.



Both events will take place at the Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, 12371 Braddock Drive, Culver City. Light refreshments will be served. To RSVP for the informational session on October 20th, please email yhbtlive@gmail.com or call the Temple at 310-391-4351 or the VJCC Office at 310-822-8885.

You may sign up for the research study (space is limited) at <https://www.signuugenius.com/go/10C0C4AA5A2A1FFC25-58430779-ucja> or call 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 may 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 310.822.8885.



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October 2025

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Our VJCC SNP-sponsored programs continue to be popular with our seniors. The VJCC Senior Nutrition Program's mission is to have our seniors get up, get dressed, and get going...to look forward to spending time with old friends, making new ones in a place that is welcoming and fun, and to encourage them to join in other VJCC activities, classes, and clubs (Senior Wellness Programs, The Pioneer Project, Pickle Ball, Ikebana, Bonsai, and many more). **The following VJCC Senior Nutrition Program-sponsored activities support the Senior Meals Program (WLCAC):**

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

➤ Come in to sign up with Tina Grammatico, WLCAC Meal Service Coordinator of the **Senior Meals Program** and to pick up a menu (monthly menus are also posted on the VJCC website). Tina is an employee of the WLCAC and with the help of the VJCC volunteers stands ready to package up nutritious grab'n'go meals Monday through Friday. **You are encouraged to try out the warm and nutritious meals whenever you wish. You also might want to "Buy one to share one" with other seniors to help them with an extra meal for dinner or for over the weekend.**

***Note: You must be a VJCC member AND sign up for the Senior Meals Program to attend the Annual Holiday Party.**

Senior Meals Program – Reminder: On Bento Fridays (last Friday of the month) see Tina G if you would like to pick up a WLCAC meal along with your bento if you are signed up with the WLCAC Senior Meals Program. Great to use as an extra meal for the day or for the weekend!



FALL BAKE SALE



The VJCC Senior Nutrition's popular **Fall Bake Sale will be on Monday, October 27**. We will be open from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 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.

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VENICE KARATE CLUB

October 2025

We hope everyone and their families are doing well. School is fully in session, the Football season is off to a fast start for Chargers fans, and playoffs for Major League Baseball is underway with the Dodgers looking to defend their championship. Club wise, students are learning and working hard with their senpai and instructors their kata and kihon, relieving and releasing their school and work stress in kumite. While school and extracurriculars are picking up, we hope all our students and members continue to train hard with good spirit for spooky season!

Rank Promotion

Please give a round of applause and congratulations to the following student for their promotion in rank:

6th Kyu : Mare Ito

Congratulations Mare on your promotion, let's continue to train hard!

Below is the 11th part of the Niju Kun in Shotokan Karate, precepts formed by the founder as foundation for Karate-Do.

一、空手は湯の如し絶えず熱度を与えざれば元の水に還る

Karate Wa Yu No Gotoku Taezu Netsu O Atae Zareba Motono Mizuni Kaeru

Karate is just like hot water; if you do not give it continuous heat, it will become cold.

The Venice Karate Club meets every Monday and Thursday from 7:00-9:15 pm in the MPR.

Whether you are continuing your training or are interested in starting something new, our Club will always welcome you.

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

空手クラブでは、毎週月曜日と木曜日午後7時から9時15分、空手の稽古をしています。何か新しいことや運動を始めたいと思っている方は、是非一度見学にいらしてください。

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VENICE PIONEER PROJECT

October 2025

Sept. Outing **BOWER MUSEUM – TERRACOTTA WARRIORS.** New Archaeological discovery from Shaanxi, China. Joint trip with the HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE & VPP. A buffet lunch, bus, & docent-led tour was included.

Oct. 12, Sun. **SANTA MARIA BBQ LUNCHEON.** Lunch starts at 12:30 & BINGO to follow. **Reservation** is required by mail-in flyer. If cancellation PLEASE notify us, since each lunch is paid.

Nov. 3-5 **LAS VEGAS TRIP,** Monday to Wednesday. CALIFORNIA HOTEL – 3 days and 2 nights which includes bus, gratuity and food coupons that cover most meals. RESERVATIONS – mail in flyer. DEPARTURE – 9:30 am for check-in & departs soon after.

Dec. 7, Sun. **HOLIDAY PARTY**

This is the biggest event of the year to start the holiday season with no charge to our members. The party includes a special luncheon, cake, favorites, raffle prizes, gifts, & entertainment. Reservations – mail in your postcards.

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VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Interests: Please check all that apply.

- ☐ Center Volunteer (administrative tasks)
- ☐ Working with Seniors (Sr. Meals, Sr. Wellness Program)
- ☐ Classroom Aide Volunteer (Japanese Youth Language Class)
- ☐ Fundraising, Event Planning
- ☐ Special Events: Bingo, Summer Festival, Annual Clean up
- ☐ Gardening, Landscaping, Handy Work, Electrical
- ☐ Other _____

Any special skills: _____

Fluent in language(s) other than English: _____

Please indicate days available:

☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
M	T	W	Th	F	S

Times available: _____

Any physical limitations? _____

Emergency contact name & phone number:

As a volunteer of our organization, I agree to become a VJCC member. I also agree to abide by the policies and procedures. I understand that I will be volunteering at my own risk and that the organization, its employees and affiliates, cannot assume any responsibility for any liability for any accident, injury or health problem which may arise from any volunteer work I perform for the organization. I agree that all the work I do is on a volunteer basis and I am not eligible to receive any monetary payment or reward.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Guardian if under 18 years old:

Relationship to minor

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Information is for VJCC use only

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☐ ADULT MEMBER ☐ PARENT OF MINOR PARTICIPANT

PLEASE PRINT

Primary Member _____ Birth Date _____ Club _____

Spouse (if applicable) _____ Birth Date _____ Club _____

Minor Participant _____ Birth Date _____ Club _____

Minor Participant _____ Birth Date _____ Club _____

Minor Participant _____ Birth Date _____ Club _____

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EMERGENCY CONTACT: Name _____ Phone _____ Relationship _____

LIABILITY RELEASE AND WAIVER

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I, THE UNDERSIGNED, DO HEREBY EXPRESSLY WAIVE AND RELEASE all and any rights, claims, demands, actions, or judgments which I, the undersigned, ever had, now has, may have, or claimed to have, against the above-stated organizations, their officers, members, agents or employees of any and all personal injuries and damages and any and all injuries to property, real or personal, which might be caused by the, arise out of, or result in connection with my presence on the premises of the above-stated organizations or otherwise by my participation in any activity organized, supervised, or conducted by the above-stated organizations or wherever located.

- I HAVE READ THE CONTENTS OF THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER AND UNDERSTAND ALL ITS TERMS.
- I EXECUTE THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER VOLUNTARILY WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF ITS SIGNIFICANCE.
- I AGREE TO HAVE MEDICAL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR EACH PARTICIPANT.
- I HEREBY CONSENT TO THE USE OF MY NAME, PHOTOGRAPH AND/OR IMAGE BY THE 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 _____

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CHECK APPROPRIATE MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY & MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO "VJCC" CHECK # _____

☐ **Individual** Membership (18 or older)....\$30 **Dues collected by** _____

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

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

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VJCC RECORD: Treasurer _____

DB POSTED _____ DUES POSTED _____

VENICE JAPANESE COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS OF CLASSES AND ORGANIZATIONS

1. Each participant, parent of a minor participant (child under the age of 18 years living at the same address and/or a full-time student up to the age of 23 years) and instructor must be a member of VJCC.
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

2025 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 4:30 Basketball VYC 6:30 Aikido 7:00 Del Rey H/O (1 st Mon,Zoom) 7:00 Karate	09:00 Adult Zumba 10:30 Sr. Nutrition 10:00 Sr. Wellness ▼ 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	10:30 Sr. Nutrition ▼ 12:30 Ballroom Dance * 4:00 Basketball VYC 6:00 Aikido 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 6:00 Hula 7:00 Japanese as Second Language (Intermediate) 7:00 Judo 7:00 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 1:00 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 1:00 Iaido ▼
Same as Week 1	Same as Week 1	Same as Week 1 ▼ 7:00 Boy Scout Parents	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 Photo Club (4 th Tues) 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 1:00 Iaido ▼

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* class has not yet resumed

2025 REPRESENTATIVES

Arts & Crafts

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

BSA Troop 764

Scoutmaster.....Dan Regan
Parents' Club..... Elton Doi

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

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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..... Kelvin Uyeda
Kendo..... Kevin Fujikami

Music

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

RAP..... Carolyn Komoto

Seniors

VJCC Sr. Nutrition..... Kats Nishimoto
- Senior Meal Service (M-F) .. 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)..... Todd Nakamoto

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FOR CLASS INFO, CALL VJCC OFFICE (310) 822-8885 OR EMAIL OFFICE@VJCC.COM
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