



President's Message

April 28th, 2013

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Welcome to our first newsletter of the Hollywood Japanese Cultural Institute. Our intent in creating the newsletter is to give families a chance to see what we are doing, what kind of current events we are having, and how can people get involved. We have groups of activities shown in the newsletter, and we are looking for more activities to reach out to the diverse community. Just briefly, our cultural institute started as a Buddhist church around the 1900's. Then in the 1940's the war broke out. We could have lost our property but thanks to Judge John Aiso it was not confiscated by the government. In future newsletter issues I will write more in depth of the fascinating history of the HJCI. I hope that you can come join us with your family.



Brian Yamasaki, President HJCI

< Community Topics >

◆ **Repair work of upper & lower parking areas** is projected by this summer. ◆ **Membership Drive:** Please complete your application and submit the \$20 annual fee for 2013.

Your support is vital for the sustenance of the HJCI.

◆ **Facility use** : Our classrooms and social hall are available. For more info, call Brian Yamazaki at (323) 528-4776

◆ **Mini exhibition:** "Scenery of Manzanar & W. Sierra Nevada" at social hall. **Please share your comments and suggestions.**

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Hollywood Japanese Language School

Hollywood Gakuen is one of the oldest Japanese Language Schools in the L.A. area. There are three classes: Introductory, Elementary/Intermediate, and Advanced. Students are assigned homework and participate in activities including: Jan: Oshogatsu- New Years Day,



Mar: Hinamatsuri-Girls Day/ Doll Festival, May: Kodomo No Hi- Children's Day, July: Tanabata- Star Festival, etc. • **Classes: Every Saturday 8:45 – 12:15PM** • **Students: age 6 -18** (Elementary to High school)

• **Credit Test for High School students:** California Association of Japanese Language School (CAJLS) administers the "Foreign Language Credit Test for Japanese", with which students could earn high school foreign language credit. This April, three students from our school passed the J3 credit test.

★ **Adult Class (New)** Our adult class starts this July. Everyone is welcome.

• **Classes: Saturday 8:45am – 12:15pm Term: 18 weeks** Contact: hkuwahara@socal.rr.com

★ **New student welcome!** Contact Kazue Ogino at (323) 662-7195 or Hideo Kuwahara at (818) 708-2871

Coming Events

Spring Pancake Breakfast

Fall Pancake Breakfast: 9-29-13

Coming cultural classes

★ **Adult Classical Ballet (Started)**

★ **Adult Japanese class (July)**

★ **Sushi class (planning stage)**

(Instructor: professional sushi chef)

Past Events

Movie Night "The Manzanar Fishing Club" 3-2-13 Attracted 80 viewers

New Year Party 2-9-13 80 participants

Hollywood Judo Dojo 80th Anniv. Nov.

Acting Dojo with Dom Magwill (アクティング・クラス)

Our regular acting classes consist of the following:

- Scenes and monologues – a vital component to our process because we teach in the “doing”.
- Clown work - not only supports the craft of a working actor but will also frees the expression of a non-actor.
- Improvisation and theatre games - enhances spontaneity.

Classes begin **Monday, January 14, 2013, 7PM to 10 PM.**

The session runs for **SIX (6) Mondays** at Hollywood Japanese Cultural Institute.

Tuition is \$210 for 6 weeks. The full amount can be paid the first day of class or a deposit of \$105 can be made immediately and the balance of \$105 on the first day of class. For more information, contact us via e-mail dmagwili@yahoo.com. **Class size is limited.**

Adult classical beginning ballet (クラシック・バレエ教室)

Every Wed night from 8:30 PM No experience needed.

Adult classical beginning ballet.

Stay young and fit while having fun!

For more information, contact Sayoko at (323) 422-8880



L.A.Daiku (L.A. 第九を歌う会)

L.A.Daiku is a choral group based in the greater Los Angeles, formed after the “Japan-America friendship concert of Beethoven's 9th Symphony, Ode to Joy” sponsored by Japan Business Association at Walt Disney Concert Hall on July 10, 2009. The performance was so successful that some of the singers formed the group, L.A.Daiku to keep practicing and performing.



"Daiku" means "the Ninth" in Japanese and refers to popular performances of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony that are traditionally presented during the month of December in Japan.

The mission of L.A.Daiku is to welcome all people to enjoy singing Beethoven's Ninth symphony and other songs from all over the world. L.A.Daiku has performed on more than a dozen of stages, including Beethoven's Ninth Symphony with Cal Phil at Disney Concert Hall, the Annual Daiku Concert in Naruto, Tokushima, Japan, The New Year's Daiku Concert at San Gabriel Mission Playhouse with L.A.Daiku Orchestra and other venues in the Los Angeles area.

Weekly practice: **Tuesday, 6:30PM to 9PM** at Hollywood Japanese Cultural Institute.

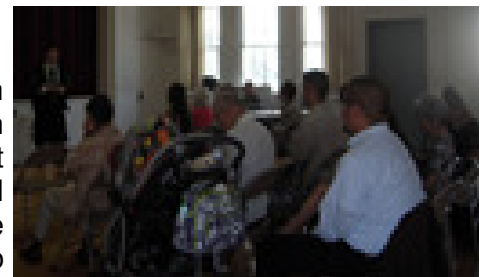
Artistic Director : Dr. Jeffrey Bernstein Vocal trainers : Dr. Lauren Buckley and Mr. Robert MacNeil

Performances are scheduled throughout the year.

*For more information, contact Mr. Tanano at (310)625-4222 or LADaiku@aol.com

Jodoin Buddhist Temple of California (浄土院)

Jodoin is a local temple that is providing services in Pure Land Buddhism at the Hollywood JCI on the third Sunday of each month. Jodoin can trace its history back to 1936, when the late Bishop Reikai Nozaki first established Jodoin in Little Tokyo. Jodoin has continuously provided Pure Land Buddhism to the community since its founding. Services are conducted in both English and Japanese and everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments are served after the service.





Hollywood Judo Dojo (ハリウッド柔道道場)

Hollywood Judo Dojo, with the leadership of Sensei Mas Hase, installed much needed new mats in 2012. A subfloor was built using foam blocks under the new floor to provide cushioning, and the mat was installed on top. Among the donations made was a generous donation by Hideo Kubota, which helped to make it possible. He was a Sensei in Hollywood for many years and now lives in Japan. The Dojo celebrated their 80th anniversary in November with approximately 60 people in attendance. Several students won medals last year at Nanka tournaments, and we are in good position to win more medals in 2013. We expect to promote several Brown Belts to Black Belts this year.

Sensei Philippe Morotti was promoted to 3rd degree Black Belt in 2012. He was the champion of Sweden. His training was with several international champions and he brings that experience to the Hollywood Dojo. The instructors are Brechtje Bauker, Garard Liberman, Adrian Vulgaris, Mas Hase, Philippe Morotti, Bob Iwasaki and Gary Freeman. People from all over the world practice at Hollywood; from Asia, Europe, Africa, Central/South America, Ukraine.

The practice schedule: **Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 7:30 - 9:30 pm.**

For more information, contact [\(323\) 666-8146](tel:3236668146) or www.hollywoodjudo.com/

Hollywood Buddhist Church (ハリウッド仏教会)

HBC is a branch church of the L.A. Homba Hongwanji Buddhist Temple. HBC holds about 8 services a year to commemorate significant events of the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist calendar.

HBC has held services in the Social Hall of the Hollywood Japanese Cultural Institute (HJCI) for over the past 60 years. HBC members are also members of the LAHHBT, which is located in Little Tokyo. Additional services, classes, and activities are available at the LAHHBT. HBC was originally formed and sustained by our Issei (1st generation) and Nisei (2nd generation) Japanese American ancestors living in the Hollywood area. For more information, contact Asao Masumiya at (310) 306-7463 or asaomas@gmail.com



Karate (松濤館流空手道場)



Shotokan Karate is one of the most widely practiced forms of karate in the world today, and one of the most traditional. Introduced to Japan from Okinawa by Master Gichin Funakoshi, Shotokan puts heavy focus on kihon (basic techniques), kata (forms), and kumite (sparring) to develop a range of powerful and dynamic techniques.

Currently, 7 – 8 of our students are preparing for the upper rank test, and everybody is training seriously. Among them is a 74 year old man who survived third stage cancer several years ago. He challenges 3 Dan this time. We enjoy the training here in Hollywood dojo because the wood floor here

has very nice cushion and is beautiful. Classes: **Monday & Friday 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

For more information. contact Yuki. Otaka at (818) 618-6161

Gardener's Association (ガーデナー組合)

Meeting: 1st Friday of month except on holiday.

Contact: Brian Yamasaki (323) 661-1649 email: brama@sbcglobal.net



Yoga (ヨガ・クラス)

Class is open to people of all ages!

The class focuses on breathing and toning/sculpting your muscles throughout your entire body. The class is low-impact although highly enjoyed by those who participate. Get fit and have fun!

Class: **Wednesday 7:00 – 8:30 PM** with Takako Sato at (310) 324-3244



Facility maintenance During the past year, the HJCI Board of Directors, our caretakers (George & Keiko Sandoval), and other hard working volunteers have contributed many hours to help maintain the HJCI property and our 3 buildings.

SPECIAL THANKS: The Sandovals for their daily caretaking duties and overseeing the property.

Tok Chida for the new safety rails with help from M. Yoshida, H. Kuwahara, & A. Masumiya; **Kunio Tsuneyoshi** for shaping and trimming our Matsu (Pine) trees and other vegetation; **Board members and other volunteers** for painting the Annex Building and repairing roof leaks on the Annex and Multipurpose building. Tok Chida, M. Yoshida, H. Kuwahara, & A. Masumiya for cleaning up and recycling old metal from the large storage container / Jan. 2013

Asao Masumiya for coordinating all the maintenance works that require professional services.



OTHER REPAIRS THAT REQUIRED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:

-Heating and Air conditioning service and repair in the Multipurpose building / Feb. 2013 -Social Hall heater/ electricity repair work / Feb. 2013 -Elevator 5 year load test / (Dec. 2012) and City inspection / Feb. 2013

-Termite treatment in the Social Hall, Multipurpose building and tenting of the caretaker's residence.

-Kitchen porch expansion / Sept. 2012

DONATIONS (2012 – Present) – Thank you very much!!

Y. Okumoto (1st prize raffle cash donation), K. Ueda (cash donation for large tent)

T. Chida (safety rail parts / recycling metal),

K. Ogino (cash donation for kitchen porch expansion)

J. Tani (hams for pancake breakfast fundraising), P. Yamaguchi (cash donation)



2013 New Year Party Donations

M. Ichinose, Mr. & Mrs. Y. Hirayama, T. Mukai, Mr. & Mrs. T. Kawamoto, Mr. & Mrs. Y. Okumoto

N. Teragawa, Sachiko Tu, Karate, Hollywood Buddhist Church, Hollywood Judo Dojo, Jodoin

Donations in Memory of: Toshio Kubota / K. Wooster & Family; Hideko Nagao / Nagao Family;

Yukiko Yoshida / H. Yoshida & the Yoshida Family; Kei Yamaguchi / C. & P. Yamaguchi;

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