



HJCI Newsletter Vol. 9

Feb. 11th, 2017 <http://www.hollywoodjci.org/>

Our Mission statement

The specific purpose of the Hollywood Japanese Cultural Institute is to preserve, share, and promote the Japanese and Japanese American culture and heritage through education, cultural programs, and activities.



President's Message Dear members and friends,

The Hollywood Japanese Cultural Institute will be celebrating its 70th anniversary in 2017 and releasing our fundraising campaign letter soon. Major funds must be raised so that improvements can be made to our aging facility. We will need everyone's help and support in order to achieve our goal to fix our center. It has been an ongoing challenge to maintain this property. Our board is also exploring new sources of funding including the Keiro Home Foundation. HJCI is changing to accommodate future generations but will still maintain the original mission to promote Japanese cultural activities.

Thank you. Brian Yamasaki, HJCI President

< Community Topics > ♦ **Facility use** : Our classrooms, annex building and social hall are available to use. For more info, call Asao Masumiya at (310) 413-6220 Please visit our website "Hollywood JCI" for our activities and the latest news.
<http://www.hollywoodjci.org/>

Hollywood Japanese Language School

"Let's speak Japanese!"

7時に あさごはんを たべます。

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- Learn how to communicate with Japanese people
- Learn about Japanese traditional and sub culture
- Learn with Small class size and Modest price

★ **Children class (age 6+)**

★ **Credit Test for High School students:** Students could earn high school foreign language credit.

★ **Adult /High School Student Class**

Saturday morning 8:45— 12:15 pm

★ **Night class (new):** Class for Adult Beginners

Monday night from 6:00-9:00 pm (Please call 818-708-2871)

-**Textbooks:** "Yasashii Nihongo", "Japanese for busy people", "Japanese for young people" and others.

For more info, please call Kuwahara at 818-708-2871 or mail: hkuwahara@socal.rr.com

Main Events 2017 to early 2017

★ **New Year's Party Feb 11th.**

★ **Spring Pancake: 5 /7 Sun. 8-11am**

★ **Udon Night: 11/12 Sat. 3-7pm**

★ **HJCI 70th Anniversary Celebration**

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AIKIDO DOJO (合気道道場)

2016 was wonderful with exciting events such as AKI USA 20th Anniversary and Seminars thanks to the wonderful community and warm support. We're sure that 2017 is going to be even more wonderful to grow and develop the community as a place for sharing enjoyable experiences through Aikido.

As a new, ground-breaking movement for this year, we're inviting different dojos on the first Saturday of each month to broaden our positive Aikido friendship and break down the divisive nature of separate affiliations. Although our door is always open to visitors, we'll be making a concerted effort to encourage people of various backgrounds and affiliations to train and enjoy fellowship together. The first Saturday of each month (with just a couple exceptions) we're inviting a different dojo and their instructor to share the mat with us - and hopefully, share some refreshments afterwards, too! Both the visiting instructor and our own Suzuki Sensei will split the teaching, to give participants two different but complimentary perspectives.

We've already welcomed some new students to start their Aikido journey this year. Everyone from 3-year-old kids to seniors, are welcome to train with us! We have classes on Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays each week. Walk-in's are welcome but you can always reach out us by phone or text at [\(424\) 209-2083](tel:424-209-2083).

L.A. Daiku (第九を歌う会)

We will perform our 7th annual concert November 5th at Altadena Community Church featuring songs by Mendelssohn, Bach, Mozart and others.

Every December, many of our members and their friends enjoy taking part in the "Messiah Sing-Along Concert" at Walt Disney Concert Hall. It is fun and exciting to sing the Messiah with the world famous "L.A. Phil" orchestra at that special venue. Our annual New Year's Daiku concert will be performed at Aratani Theatre on January 15th with full orchestra. We will have a special guest tenor soloist from Japan for Daiku as well as his solo performance.

We will travel to Germany in March 2017 to perform in the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Daiku's introduction in Japan.

July 2017 there is another Daiku performance friendship concert "Bridge to Joy" at Walt Disney Concert Hall with other choral groups and individuals. Our door is always open and you are welcome to join our rehearsals every Tuesday night at 6:30pm.

Hollywood Buddhist Church (HBC)

HBC Travels to Bay Area: On Aug. 26 – 28th HBC visited the Bay Area to express our gratitude and appreciation to our Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) headquarters in San Francisco, the Jodo Shinshu Center (JSC) in Berkeley, San Francisco Buddhist Church to visit the stupa on their roof, which contains relics of Shakyamuni Buddha and 2 of his disciples, from over 2,500 years ago. We also visited San Mateo Buddhist Temple on our way home to join Rev. Henry Adams for Sunday Service. It was a most enjoyable trip!

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Brew Ha Ha Fund Raiser

– Aug. 19th, LA Homba Hongwanji's Kaikan (gym) was alive as over 200 people joined us for “A Tasting of Beer and Food Pairing Experience”. The evening also include a Silent Auction and Raffle. We had 7 various crafted beers, and non-alcoholic beverages for the non-drinkers, paired by our friend and Certified Cicerone, Mark Takahashi, who grew up in the area, is familiar with HJCI, Hollywood Gakuen, went to Marshall HS, and played on the Hollywood Dodgers! A true ‘J-flats’ homeboy! A wonderful evening enjoyed by all! Thanks to the many generous supporters and hardworking volunteers! By HBC President Judy izumo
For further information, please contact: Rev. Koho Takata, HBC Advisor c/o Los Angeles Homba Hongwanji Buddhist Temple
(213) 680-9130



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.

Contact: Kent Kawai at mkawaiusa@netscape.net or (310) 433-4314

Hollywood Judo Dojo (ハリウッド柔道道場)

We competed at the Senior National Championships in July and won 3 gold, 3 silver and 1 bronze medals. We have been doing particularly well in the adult/senior tournaments. In fact, of all the clubs in the nation, we have won the second most medals at senior/master national tournaments. We will continue adding to the tally by competing the World Master Championships in Florida this November.

The Kids Class train continues to chug along thanks to the dedicated kids, parents and instructors. Due to overwhelming requests, kids can now train twice a week (Tuesday and Friday).

Today, September 2, is the first day of the Friday class. We hope this extra hour of training will help the kids advance their judo even further.



With financial aid from the LA84 Foundation and gi donations from Japan, we were able to launch the non-profit Teens Program in April. It is a 4 month program that is ABSOLUTELY FREE. Class fee, United States Judo Federation membership fee, HJCI membership fee is all covered by the do-jo. We even supply the gis. We're hoping the program grows to help bridge the gap between the adults and kids.

(Hollywood Judo Dojo currently has the second largest membership within Southern California judo clubs) www.hollywoodjudo.com

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Karate (松濤館流空手道場)

8月にベニス道場で行われた“*All Southern California*”のキャンプには、今回はアリゾナからもたくさんの人達が参加して、例年になく熱気にあふれたムードのうちに行われた。キャンプでは、他の道場の人達と一緒に普段とは少しちがう雰囲気の中で練習するという緊張感や新しい事も学べるという期待が入り混じった高揚した気分を感じることができます。

そういった気持ちの変化が、それぞれが上達するきっかけをつかむことにつながります。

10月に行われるテストに結果として残るように、みんな練習に励んでいる最中です。
Classes: Monday & Friday 8 –9pm. For more info. 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: byama@sbcglobal.net



Nagauta shamisen and voice ensemble Class (長唄教室)

日本でも珍しい古典ライブを作ろう！ 長唄、大和楽の三味線と唄、囃子、
どり教室

今若者達に人気。ライブの三味線、唄、小鼓、太鼓などの囃子、それにおどりの総合舞台を繰り広げます。指導は日本仕込み、それぞれ師範の渡部まり子師です。囃子-堅田喜巳扇、長唄-杵屋吉藤次、おどり-坂東麻里ふじ。どのクラスも歓迎。昔の若者もちびっ子もどうぞ。オススメは希少価値の囃子クラス。HJCIは土曜日午後、月3回、一時間\$30。



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fujijapanesemusic@gmail.com, <http://fujijapanesemusic.org/> Phone: 805-6207287

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. Practice: Wed. 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Contact: Takako Sato at (310) 387-4904 Get fit and have fun!



Kimono Remaking Gathering (着物リメイクの会) Sat: 1—2:30 pm

Let's make an Elegant Party Dress from Old Kimono!!! Do you have an old Kimono in your closet? Can you use a sewing machine? Let's get together and remake kimono to something useful and beautiful. ねむっている着物で洋服を作りませんか。皆で知恵を出し合って工夫して、エレガントな服を作りましょう。

For more info: Kazuko Ueda at (818) 880-5959.



Acting Class

There is no acting class for the remainder of 2016 as Mr. Magwili teaches 4 classes at Cal State Fullerton. He'll be teaching 4 classes in the Spring as well. He will probably come back to Hollywood in the Summer of 2017.

Contact: Dom Magwili Email: dmagwili@yahoo.com

BUILDING & PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

The following work has been completed since the report in the February newsletter:

1) The big project of extending the height of the wrought iron fencing and concrete pilasters on the west side of the property along Juanita Ave. has finally been completed. The purpose of this work is to discourage trespassers from hopping the fence and side gates. The work spanned several months under the direction of long time volunteer, Tok Chida. The wrought iron fencing was also primed and painted by volunteers. Much appreciation goes out to the following volunteers who work so hard on this project: Tok, the Yoshidas (Masao, John, & Takashi), Hideo Kuwahara, Aaron Brown, Keiko & Jorge Sandoval, Wayne Kohatsu, and Asao Masumiya. A special thanks to Tok for his countless hours of welding 200 extensions to extend the height of the fencing and donating use of his welding equipment and propane fuel.



2) To improve lighting in the north side parking area by the handicapped parking space, Hideo installed 2 solar lights that have motion sensors.

3) The safety railing along the walkway from the rear entrance of the Social Hall to the Multipurpose building (where the Judo Dojo and classroom are located) required reanchoring of the base plates to the concrete walkway. The previous anchors were not strong enough to firmly hold the railing in place. Big thanks to Tok, Masao, Johnnie, Takashi, Hideo, Keiko, Jorge and Asao.



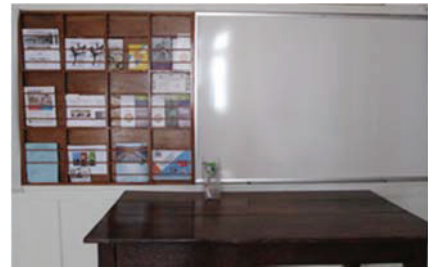
4) Johnnie and Asao replaced the garbage disposal in the Social Hall kitchen and old drain pipes beneath the sink

Thanks again to our dedicated resident caretakers, Keiko and Jorge Sandoval who are on duty 7 days a week maintaining our buildings, landscape, and grounds. They make sure that each of the 3 buildings are clean and ready to go for each class and event.

If you would like to become a volunteer, please contact, asaomas@gmail.com or leave a message at (323) 664-2070 (office #).

New Bulletin Board & Info Display Shelf

Please check out the attractive wooden pamphlet holder and 4' x 6' white magnetic eraser board in the front side of the Social Hall. Master carpenter, Mr. Shigemi Naito (still active and productive at 90+ years of age!), built the beautiful pamphlet holder for all of our affiliated groups to use. Mr. Naito also built a section to display the names of major donors to HJCI's upcoming 70th Year Fundraising Campaign.



The magnetic white eraser board can be used to display information flyers without the use of tape, tacks or staples, which can be hazardous for our barefoot karate and aikido members who use the Social Hall. So, a big thanks to Mr. Naito, his son, Jerry, Keiko, Takashi, and Asao for making this project possible.

HJCI'S 70TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY IN 2017!

2017 will mark the 70th year of the Hollywood Japanese Community Center (HJCC), subsequently, renamed Hollywood Japanese Cultural Institute (HJCI). The HJCC was established by our Issei (1st generation) and Nisei (2nd generation) Japanese American community members during a time when racial prejudice and limited social and economic opportunities prevailed. The Social Hall is the original building where the Japanese language school (Gakuen), Hollywood Buddhist Church, and other groups could gather. The HJCI was established as the HJCC in 1947; however, the Center's building was built by the parents of the former Hollywood Japanese School in 1937 before World War II. While the Japanese Americans were interned in the relocation camps during the war, the building was used by the L.A. County Board of Education as a nursery school. After the war, as the Japanese Americans returned to the Hollywood area, the late Judge John Aiso pursued legal means to reclaim the building and property with a court order in March 1952. Judge Aiso was a board member of the Community Center. The HJCC was one of many community centers formed throughout California and beyond.

The HJCI Board decided to embark on a **major fundraising campaign** to make possible some long needed improvements to our facilities and property. **Our goal is to raise \$70,000.** A fund raising letter with more details will be sent to our members, friends, and potential supporters. Your generous support will be most appreciated and will help to ensure HJCI's service to the community through its Japanese language, martial arts, and social / cultural classes and groups.

A very generous donation was recently made by long time HBC and HJCI member, **Mrs. Miyuki Ichinose**, in anticipation of the 70th Year funding raising campaign. Thank you, Mrs. Ichinose!

All donors will be acknowledged in our semi-annual newsletter and 70th Year Anniversary program book. Donors of \$500 and up will have their names recognized in a specially created section in the Social Hall, adjacent to our new information display shelf and bulletin board.

A special celebration and luncheon is being planned in the Fall of 2017. If you have any old or current photos or a personal story or memory to share, please forward to HJCI via mail, e mail or drop off. Additionally, please contact Asao Masumiya, or any of our board members, if you are interested in volunteering in anyway.

***HJCI is a 501c3 nonprofit organization. Donations are tax deductible.**

Historical Outline of HJCI (First twenty years: 1947 to 1967)

- July 1947 Hollywood Japanese Community Center was established. It assumed the entire school asset and administrative duties of the property located at 3929 Middlebury St. Los Angeles, CA
- Sept. 1951 Hollywood Judo Dojo started operating under the auspices of the community Center.
- March 1952 During WWII, the Center was used by the Board of Education to hold Kindergarten classes and was not returned promptly to the Japanese community. It was finally restored through the dedicated efforts of John Aiso.
- Sept. 1952 Hollywood Gakuen was reopened as one of the schools of the Japanese Language School Unified System.
- Jan. 1954 Hollywood Buddhist Church Sunday School was reopened.
- July 1955 Hollywood Gardener's Association was newly organized.
- Sept. 1959 Community Coordinating Council was formed consisting of Hollywood JACL, Gardener's Association, Gakuen PTA, Independent Church, Buddhist Church, Judo Dojo, Boy Scouts, Christ Presbyterian Church.
- Aug. 1963 Samuels Property located at 514 North Juanita Ave. was purchased (\$17,600)
- July 1966 First picnic was held at Bellevue Park.
- Feb. 1966 New name of Hollywood Japanese Cultural Institute was adopted in conjunction with corporate structural changes of organization owned and operated by Hollywood Japanese Community Center.

(Source: 40th Anniversary of HJCI)



□ Budokan of Los Angeles ロサンゼルス 武道館

The Budokan of Los Angeles (BoLA) is a multi-purpose sports facility that will be located in Little Tokyo in downtown Los Angeles at 237-249 S. Los Angeles Street (between 2nd and 3rd Street), adjacent to Vibiana (formerly the St. Vibiana Cathedral) and Little Tokyo Branch Library.

The concept of a recreation center in Little Tokyo to help revive the area has been around for close to four decades. In 1994, after a series of community planning sessions, the Little Tokyo Service Center (LTSC) was assigned the task to help identify a site for the facility.

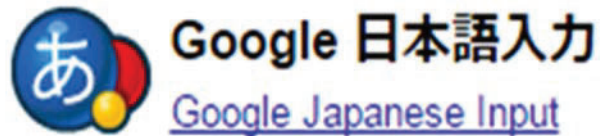


After searching for over seventeen years for a suitable site, the City of Los Angeles on May 17, 2011, granted LTSC with a long-term lease for city owned land located in Little Tokyo, Downtown Los Angeles.

(Source: LTSC)

Let's write Japanese using your PC

Google Japanese Input (Google 日本語入力 *Gūguru Nihongo Nyūryoku?*) is an input method published by Google for the entry of Japanese text on a computer. Since its dictionaries are generated automatically from the Internet, it is much easier to type personal names, Internet slang, neologisms and related terms.



How to use the keyboard: You need to know how Hiragana and Katakana (the Japanese alphabet) is pronounced.

Follow these steps:

1. Click Japanese input icon on the task bar, and choose Japanese input.
2. If the letter "A" appears, click it again and the letter "あ" will appear.
3. Japanese pronunciation is basically made by consonant + vowel: eg. ka is か.
4. If you want to type "Konnichiwa" (Hello) in Japanese, just type "Konnichiwa" and you'll get "こんにちは".

For more info, please go to the following site
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yBMqiOsd1A4>

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2016 SCHEDULE OF CULTURAL ACTIVITIES (2016年度の定例文化活動)

ACTIVITY (団体名/連絡先)	DAY/TIME (週/月の定例活動)
Acting Dojo (アクティング・クラス) Contact: Dom Magwili	The class is temporary closed email: dmagwili@yahoo.com
Aikido Dojo (合気道) Contact: (424) 209-2083 call/text website: www.AikidoLosAngeles.org	Thursday: Children:4:30 p.m. Twins & Teens: 5:30 p.m. Adult:6:30 p.m. Saturday: 10am to 1pm
L.A. Daiku (LA第九) Contact: Sayoko Takasue	Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. email: LADaiku@aol.com website: www.ladaiku.org
Gardeners' Association (ガーデナー組合) Contact: Brian Yamasaki (323) 661-1649	1st Friday of month except on holiday email: byama@sbcglobal.net
Hollywood Buddhist Church (ハリウッド仏教会) Contact: Rev. Koho Takata, HBC Advisor c/o Los Angeles Hampa Hongwanji Buddhist Temple (213) 680-9130	Family services once a month, officiated by a reverend from the L.A. Betsuin email: Judy Izumo, email: jsizumo@juno.com
Japanese Language School ハリウッド学園 Contact: Kuwahara (818) 708-2871	Saturday: 8:45 am – 12:15 pm hkuwahara@socal.rr.com (Sat.) (323) 664-2070
Jodoin (浄土院) Contact: Kent Kawaii(310) 371-0321	3 rd Sunday of month email: mkawaiusa@netscape.net
Hollywood Judo Dojo (ハリウッド柔道道場) Contact: hollywoodjudo@gmail.com	Mon, Wed., Fri, Sat. 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. website: http://hollywoodjudo.com/
Karate (ハリウッド松涛館空手道場) Contact: Yuki Otaka (818) 618-6161	Monday & Friday: 8 – 9 p.m.
Nagauta shamisen and voice ensemble class (長唄教室) Contact: 805-620-7287,	Sat. afternoon 3 times a month email: fujijapanesemusic@gmail.com ,
Yoga (ヨガ) Contact: Takako Sato (310) 390-3244	Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Kimono Remaking Gathering 着物リメイクの会 contact Kazuko Ueda at (818) 880-5959	Saturday: 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. email: kueda279@yahoo.com



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2016 Membership Drive

Please complete and return the Membership application through your organization or directly to HJCI via mail or mailbox on southwest side of the Social Hall at the bottom of the steps.

Membership fees help to support our operating costs. Thanks for your support!

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3929 Middlebury Street, Los Angeles, CA 90004			
Contact: Brian Yamasaki (323) 661-1649 or Asao Masumiya (310) 413-6220			
Website: http://www.hollywoodjci.org e-mail: hollywoodjci@yahoo.com			
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☐ Gardeners' Association	☐ LA Daiku		
☐ Hollywood Buddhist Church	☐ Nagauta Shamisen & Voice		
☐ Japanese Language School	☐ Yoga		
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