



# Shinnen Kai & Keiro Kai

Congratulations to 2024 Person of the Year **Amy Shimoda** and to ten new Keiro Honorees who attended this year's celebration: **Harold Kittaka, Shinobu Koda, Roy Nishiyama, Cris Pineda, Tokimi Okamura, Seiko Shimabukuro, Don Sterba, Phyllis Tanisaki, George Yamada, and Sheryl Yamada.** Best of luck to the 2025 Board of Directors for their commitment to the VJCC in the coming year. And thank you to everyone who made the 2025 Shinnen Kai & Keiro Kai possible.

If a picture is worth a thousand words, these photos of Shinnen Kai & Keiro Kai are a priceless gift from **Photo Club** members **Frank Koyama, Leonore Miller, Glen Senda, and Ryan Uyematsu** to the VJCC. Enjoy! 🍷



More photos on page 3!

## Water, Food, and Supply Drive for Palisades Fire Victims

Hi VJCC friends,

Thank you all so much for allowing us to use your space for three days to collect and store donated items! The impact of VJCC's efforts to quickly round up support from its members, families and friends is as follows:

- Roughly 150 donors.
- 15 pallets of donated goods including bottled water, non-perishable food, toiletries, hygiene supplies, baby supplies, incontinence supplies, and new/used clothing.
- 13 volunteers with a combined 52 hours of service.
- \$400 raised, used to purchase additional goods and donation drive supplies.
- All donated goods went to the Westside Food Bank <https://www.wsfb.org/>.

In gratitude,

Kent Marume & Kiyomi Mitsuda 🍷



### SAVE THESE DATES

#### Bingo Night

Saturday, April 5

#### Summer "Natsu Matsuri" Festival

Sat. & Sun., June 21 & 22

#### Annual Clean-up

Sunday, August 3

Please check [VJCC.com](http://VJCC.com) for the latest updates.



# Board Visions

Hi! My name is **Dave Hirota**, board member of the VJCC since 1998. However, my earliest memories of VJCC are attending the annual summer festivals with my wife **Joyce** back in the 1970s when we first started dating. My passion and appreciation for the VJCC began with her as she was a member of the **Venice Gakuen** from the time she was a child 'til she graduated from the Gakuen as a teenager. Her family also has ties to the VJCC during war and internment camp days. After we married and had our two children, **Jolyene and Robert**, Joyce always wanted them to grow up being active at the VJCC. They started playing basketball and participated in judo in the 1990s and later **Boy Scouts** in the early 2000s. I joined the monthly executive council meetings in 1996 as a representative for the **Judo Club**. A couple of years later, another board member, **Kelvin Uyeda**, spoke with me about joining the VJCC Board of Directors and here I am today almost 30 years later writing this article for you. I was very unsure that I was “qualified” for such a position. I admired and respected all of the men and women running the VJCC at the time who were volunteering their time and efforts to keep the VJCC thriving. I decided to join the board, holding many positions on various committees and have enjoyed every bit of watching both my family and community grow. I have had the pleasure of watching my first granddaughter **Jaelynn** play basketball in the same gym as her mom and uncle and look forward to my second granddaughter **Juniper** playing here in a few years. I hope all of our VJCC members can relate or connect in their own way...to experience the nostalgia of being here at a place where we are family beyond family. Auntie and uncle are what my kids call many of Joyce and my friends, their old basketball teammates' parents, and Judo and Boy Scout families. It gives me a sense of great pride that I am a part of something in which my family and community can be one. In closing, I would like to acknowledge the past, present and hopefully many future volunteers who will keep the VJCC moving forward and the many clubs that continuously bring in new members to our community. Thank you and best wishes to all in 2025!



Dave Hirota



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*More photos on page 4 & 5!*

## 2025 Membership Dues

**2025 Annual Membership are past due.**  
 Membership application/renewals & dues should have been received by January 31, 2025 by either of the following methods:

1. Online - You may go to: [www.vjcc.com/membership](http://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](http://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)

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The VJCC gratefully acknowledges donations and pledges towards the Legacy Tree.

*Ted & Michi Imori*  
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**Shinnen Kai & Keiro Kai Baked Goods Donors**

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## Board Vision by Dave Hirota – February 2025

こんにちは！1998年からVJCCの理事を務めているヒロタデーブです。私のVJCCでの一番古い思い出は、最初にデートを始めた、1970年代に妻のジョイスと一緒に毎年恒例の夏祭りに参加したことです。私のVJCCに対する情熱と感謝は、彼女が1970年代から彼女が10代で学園を卒業するまでベニス学園のメンバーだったことから始まります。

彼女の家族もまた、戦時中や収容所時代も、VJCCとつながりがあります。私たちが結婚し、ジョリーンとロバートという2人の子供が生まれた後、ジョイスは、子供たちに、VJCCで活発に参加して、成長してほしいと願っていました。子供たちはバスケットボールを始め、1990年代には柔道、2000年代初頭にはボーイスカウトに参加しました。

私は、1996年に柔道クラブの代表として毎月の役員会に参加しました。その数年後、もう一人の理事である植田ケルビンさんが、VJCC理事会への参加について誘ってくれました。

そして30年近く経った今、こうして皆さんに記事を書いています。私はこのような役職に就く「資格」があるのか、とても不安でした。当時VJCCを運営し、VJCCを繁栄させ続けるために、ボランティアとして時間と労力を費やしている人たちのことを尊敬していました。私は理事会に参加することを決めました。

様々な委員会で多くの役職を務め、家族と地域社会が成長するのを見守ることを楽しむことができました。

家族も地域社会も成長するのを見るのを楽しみました。私の最初の孫娘であるジェイリンが、母親や叔父と同じ体育館でバスケットボールをするのを見ることができたのは、私の喜びでした。VJCCのメンバー全員が、それぞれの方法で共感したり、つながったりできることを願っています。

私の子供たちは、ジョイスや私の友人や、昔のバスケットボールのチームメイトや両親、柔道やボーイスカウトの家族のことを、家族、こう呼んでいます。

家族と地域社会がひとつになれることに、私は大きな誇りを感じています。最後に、VJCCを支えてくれている過去、現在、そして願わくば未来の多くのボランティアの方々や、私たちのコミュニティに新しい会員を増やし続けてくれている多くのクラブに感謝します。

2025年もよろしく申し上げます！

ヒロタデーブ



# ANNOUNCING



## The Twenty-Fourth Annual VJCC Scholarship Award (2025)

**Eligibility:** Applicants must be high school seniors graduating by June 2025 and must be planning to attend an accredited college or university in the academic year 2025-26. 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 extra curricular activities.

**Application:** Applications will be available on or before December 20, 2024 at the VJCC office, from your VJCC affiliated club, and the VJCC website ([vjcc.com](http://vjcc.com)).

**Application Deadline:** Applications and supporting documents must be emailed to [scholarship@vjcc.com](mailto:scholarship@vjcc.com) no later than March 14, 2025. Please read the application for submittal instructions.

**Award Date:** Applications will be evaluated by the VJCC Scholarship committee and recipients notified no later than May 16, 2025.



*VJCC Photo Club outing to Will Rogers State Park. Living room of his home, two months before the Pailisades Fire completely destroyed the historic house and the stable. November 2024.*

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# VENICE KARATE CLUB

February 2025

We hope everyone and their families are doing well. The fires throughout Los Angeles shook up our friends, family, neighbors, customers, and lives almost overnight. While it will take time to fully recover, the thing that stood out was how united our city became to support each other. Businesses, organizations, and people came together, showing the strength of our city in the power of communities. During these times we hope everyone can stay safe, and know that all are always welcome at the community center.

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## Recovery with Bushido

By Tom Suzuki

Bushido, commonly known as the way of the samurai, is the code of conduct of life based on Zen teachings for samurai and martial arts practitioners. While bushido is practiced as a way of life, the Japan Karate Association describes the seven essential principles of bushido as 正義/Seigi (Justice), 勇気/Yuki (Bravery), 仁/Jin (Benevolence), 礼儀/Reigi (Courtesy), 誠/Makoto (Sincerity), 名誉/Meiyo (Honor), and 忠義/Chugi (Devotion or Loyalty).

During the Palisades and Los Angeles fires in January many of our first responders, community leaders, volunteers, and neighbors selflessly came and are still coming together for the city to recover and rebuild. Starting with the hardworking firefighters Los Angeles and California displayed and represented the principles of bushido. Thank you to the Fire Fighters, First Responders, community leaders and neighbors who have worked tirelessly and selflessly to save countless lives while risking their own. At times like these, the power of community becomes even more evident. As a club that celebrates and studies Bushido and a club that is part of the Venice Japanese Community Center we hope to continue to build a space for connection, understanding, hope, and principle as our beautiful city continues to rebuild and become stronger towards a brighter future.

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## Scenes from Recent Events



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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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2025

## *Miss Western Los Angeles Queen Contest*

### *Qualifications*

- *Must be between 20 & 26 years of age on August 9, 2025, by Nisei Week Coronation Ball*
- *Must be single (not divorced or separated)*
- *Candidate must be 50 percent Japanese ancestry*
- *Application deadline – March 15, 2025*



*Morgan Mayuko Gee*  
*2024 Miss Western Los Angeles*  
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February 2025

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Departure – Be at the VJCC parking lot by 9:30 for check in. Parking limited-please carpool.

### March 16, Sun. DIM SUM LUNCHEON – Free luncheon with BINGO prizes. Starts at 12:30.

Reservation – required with mail-in flyer.

### April 5, Sat. VJCC BINGO

### April 7 or 14, Mon. DESCANSO GARDENS with lunch & shopping at Santa Anita Mall.

### April 26, Sat. LEGALLY BLONDE at La Mirada, Live Broadway show.

Reservation by mail-in flyer, space limited.

### June 8, Sun. FROZEN at La Mirada, Live Broadway show.

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### June 21 & 22 VJCC FESTIVAL

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### March 2025 Class Schedule

- **Heritage Meets Healthy Eating**  
with Kristine Yada, MS, RDN  
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# VJCC ANNUAL BINGO NIGHT



## APRIL 5, 2025 SATURDAY

**\*1st Game Begins @ 5:00 pm, 20 Games To Be Played\***

**Bingo Packet Includes:**



- 1 Book of 20 Games (#1-#20), 3 Cards per Game
- 1 Raffle Ticket for mini prizes
- 1 Ink Dauber

## LIMITED SEATING

- Pre-sale online or at VJCC office (by April 2, 2025) - \$30
- On day of event - \$40
- Bingo Packets will be distributed at the event.
- After purchase of Bingo Packet, additional game books will be available to buy at the event.
- Be sure to arrive on-time!

**Troop 764 will be pre-selling karaage chicken & salmon bentos for \$15.00 until *March 26th*.**

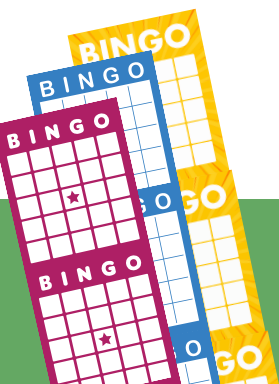
**Limited bentos will be sold that night, starting at 4:30 pm. Desserts and Refreshments will also be available for sale.**

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# BINGO SPONSORSHIPS

## GOLD: \$1,000

- Name/Logo on VJCC banner displayed as "Gold Sponsor"
- Name displayed as "Gold Sponsor" throughout the event night
- Acknowledgement in the May edition of the newsletter
- 8 Bingo Packets, 8 Blackout Game Cards, 16 Raffle Tickets and 1 Reserved Gold Sponsor Table
- 8 Complimentary Bentos
- 8 Complimentary Refreshments

## SILVER: \$500

- Name/Logo on VJCC banner
- Name displayed as "Silver Sponsor" throughout the event night
- Acknowledgement in the May edition of the newsletter
- 4 Bingo Packets and 8 Raffle Tickets
- 4 Complimentary Bentos
- 4 Complimentary Refreshments

## BRONZE: \$250

- Name listed on VJCC banner
- Name displayed as "Bronze Sponsor" throughout the event night
- Acknowledgement in the May edition of the newsletter
- 2 Bingo Packets and 4 Raffle Tickets
- 2 Complimentary Bentos
- 2 Complimentary Refreshments

## GAME SPONSOR: \$100

- Name displayed throughout the event night and announced at beginning of one game
- 1 Bingo Packet
- 1 Complimentary Refreshment

## Sponsorship Registration

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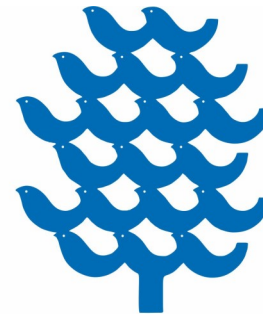


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# VJCC SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM

February 2025

**Come join us not only for nutritious meals, but also for fun activities in a warm and welcoming environment to enhance your overall health and well-being.**

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 (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday)\*
- ◆ Monthly Bento Program (last Friday)\*
- ◆ The Puzzle Center (1000+ piece puzzles)
- ◆ Ever-popular weekly Bingo \*
- ◆ Annual Holiday Party.\*

➤ 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 meals (grab 'n' go) 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.**

## HOORAY!

Thank you, Keiro, for awarding the VJCC Senior Nutrition Program a grant to help support and fund some of our programs for nine months in 2025. This means that the VJCC Senior Nutrition Program (which **supports** the Senior Meals Program) can continue to enhance our current **VJCC SNP-sponsored** programs as well as develop new programs that will benefit the overall health and wellbeing of our seniors. If you have any suggestions or ideas for the VJCC SNP-sponsored programs, please put them in writing or let one of the volunteers know and they will pass them along the proper channels. 2) If you have suggestions for the Senior Meals Program, please let Tina know so she can pass them along to the WLCAC.

The VJCC SNP volunteers look forward to another great year of serving you nutritious meals and delivering programs that enhance your overall wellbeing.



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January Bento Pictures

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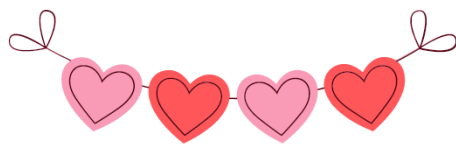
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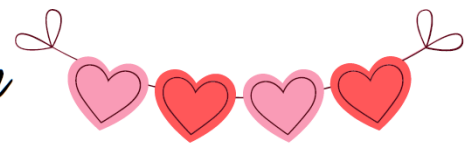
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# Senior Wellness Program



FEBRUARY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 10-11am Tai Chi (MPR)	4 10am-12pm Chinese Mahjong (MPR)	5	6 10-11am Young At Heart Exercise Class (MPR)	7	8
9	10 10-11am Tai Chi (MPR) 11:15-12pm Valentine's Day Bingo (CL)	11 10am-12pm Chinese Mahjong (MPR)	12	13 10-11am Young At Heart Exercise Class (MPR)	14	15
16	17 10-11am Tai Chi (MPR)	18 10am-12pm Chinese Mahjong (MPR)	19	20	21 <b>Location:</b> MPR= Multipurpose Room CL = Classroom	22
23	24 10-11am Tai Chi (MPR) 10-11am Memory & Aging (CL)	25 10am-12pm Chinese Mahjong (MPR)	26	27 10-11am Young At Heart Exercise Class (MPR)	28	



**Monday, February 10th @ 11:15am**  
(Please RSVP)  
Come play Valentine's Day bingo and win free prizes



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**Mary S. Easton Center for Alzheimer's Disease Research and Care at UCLA**  
Monday, February 24, 2025 @ 11:15am  
(Please RSVP)



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](mailto:gayle_hiramí@yahoo.com). or call the VJCC office at 310. 822.8885.





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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

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Primary Member _____	Birth Date _____	Club _____
Spouse (if applicable) _____	Birth Date _____	Club _____
Minor Participant _____	Birth Date _____	Club _____
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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.

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DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ADULT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO MINOR PARTICIPANT \_\_\_\_\_

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# **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 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 6:30 Aikido 7:00 Del Rey H/O (1 <sup>st</sup> 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 JAACL (1 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> Wed)	Same as Week 1	Same as Week 1 ▼ 7:00 Bonsai (2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Tues) 7:00 Bonsai (4 <sup>th</sup> Tues)	Same as Week 1 ▼ 7:00 RAP (4 <sup>th</sup> 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

**JAACL (Venice/WLA)**.....John Saito

### Japanese Culture

Bonsai..... Shig Miya, Shinya Miyakoshi  
 Ikebana.....Satsuki Palter  
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 Shodo.....Fusako Ogasawara  
 Sumi-e..... Jane Shibata

### Japanese Language

Gakuen (Youth)..... Shizuki Yamashita  
 Adults (as a 2<sup>nd</sup> language).....Fusako Ogasawara

### Martial Arts

Aikido..... Tom Scheir  
 Iaido..... Harry Mott  
 Judo..... Trace Nishiyama  
 Karate..... Ron Sugano  
 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

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 Basketball (VYC).....Kathy Yamashita/Kazie Kame  
 Pickleball (Adult)..... Mil Kurashige/Ken Rosengrant  
 Volleyball (Adult)..... Todd Nakamoto

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