



# Looking For Newsletter Volunteers

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## WHO Invented the VJCC Newsletter?

by Gail Sharp

While no one person is cited to “thank” for creating the monthly publication that I’ve been associated with since 2002, the masthead from the 5th issue of the *Venice Community News* lists the following organizations as publishers:

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The 5th issue of the *Community News* is dated May 1966...which means the April 2025 issue that you are reading is not from the 51st volume of the newsletter in its full history. 51 volumes extend back only to 1975.

**WHAT** happened in 1975 to select it as year one of the newsletter?

The 165th issue of the *Community News* is dated December 1979. There is no “Volume 5” printed below the nameplate as there is in the current era newsletter. Deeper research is leading to deeper questions.

**WHY** weren’t volume numbers shown, at least, through 1979?

**WHEN** did volume numbers finally get printed in the newsletter?

**HOW** can there be only 165 issues of the newsletter by December 1979? 12 issues per year for 14 years should yield 168 issues!!!

You don’t have to be an investigative reporter to volunteer and/or write for VJCC’s *Community News*. But volunteering or writing can be fun and creative! And, it is an excellent opportunity to learn more about the VJCC, the clubs and classes, and especially the members.

**WHERE** or how can you let us know that you are interested in volunteering or writing for the *Community News*? Leave a message in the VJCC office: 310-822-8885 - or - send an email: [newsletter@vjcc.com](mailto:newsletter@vjcc.com).

p.s. – Research materials – a dozen random *Community News* issues dating between 1966 and 1979 from the collection of **Toru & Mie Ino** – were given to me for safekeeping by long-time VJCC member and friend **Stacy Ino**. Thank you, Stacy!



## Board Visions

### “Writer’s Block, Ugh!”

Hi folks...**Bob Onishi** here...your current VJCC President. I think that you see me around now and then. You already know as much as you probably want to know about me from an article I wrote back in 2022 so I won’t go over old territory. Besides, I can’t compare to **Keiichi Ono**’s autobio of his fun early years! As I’m writing this starter paragraph, I’m finding myself with complete writer’s block. Pardon the jabbering, but let me see if I can offer some trivia as I work through it.



As you may (or may not) know, the current VJCC membership is right around 2,000 people with a good mixture of young and old. Many groups have experienced a good rise in membership such as pickleball, *shodo*, *kendo*, scouts...to name a few...not intentionally leaving any group out. Generally, it’s been a great thing to observe. Among the newer VJCC members, the singular comment that I still hear is something like this... “Wow, I didn’t know that the VJCC has all these clubs!”

When you have an opportunity and if you haven’t before, please check out the VJCC website which magically comes up after simply typing VJCC. (Kudos to our web gurus!) You can easily track and plan for upcoming events like April’s Bingo Nite, June’s Summer Festival and September’s Golf Tournament to name a few. If you toggle over “classes & clubs,” you’ll see a host of different groups that might interest you. Last time I looked, there were over 30 different clubs/orgs that are available at the VJCC. Once you start getting involved and see the same faces a lot, you’ll really start to understand why I stand on my soap box and probably overuse the word “family” a lot.

There are discussions going on about possible events, including having a dance with live music, movie nite, car show, *undokai* games and picnic. Any interested volunteers to brainstorm a bit? 😊

Okay, I haven’t really picked a good topic to write about, but perhaps I’ve already written more than you planned on reading!? However, before signing off, I want to plant a seed for you...Get involved! Join a committee! No, you don’t have to be the person in charge! Take the posture: I’m going to make the most out of as many opportunities...time permitting. Young people (younger than me) with fresh new ideas are wholeheartedly welcome! Ask anyone that you know that’s on a committee or one of the Board members. They will confirm that you’ll meet a lot of refreshingly friendly people! Believe me, you won’t regret it!

Signing off...feel free to stop me and chat!

Bob Onishi

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Saturday, April 5

### Summer “Natsu Matsuri” Festival

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### Annual Clean-up

Sunday, August 3

### Golf Tournament

Monday, September 22

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Saturday,  
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## Board Vision by Keiichi Ono – March 2025

「テーマに行き詰ってます！」

みなさん、こんにちは。現 VJCC 会長のオオニシボブです。皆さんは私を時々見かけると思います。私のことは、2022 年に書いた記事ですでに知り尽くしていると思うので、今回は以前書いた話題には触れません。それに、オノケイイチさんの楽しかった若い頃の自伝にはかないません！この前段を書きながら、私は完全に書くことへのスランプに陥っていることに気づきました。

ご存知かもしれませんが（あるいはご存知ないかもしれませんが）、VJCC の現在の会員数は、老若男女合わせて、2000 人前後です。ピックルボール、書道、剣道、スカウト.....挙げていくときりがありません。どのグループも意図的に外しているわけではありません。私は、今でも、新しく VJCC に入会した人たちの間で、「VJCC にはこんなにたくさんのクラブがあるんだね！」といった言葉をよく耳にします。

機会があれば、またまだの方は、コンピューターで、VJCC と入力するだけで魔法のように出てくる VJCC のウェブサイトをチェックしてみてください。（4 月のピンゴ・ナイト、6 月の夏祭り、9 月のゴルフ・トーナメントなど、今後のイベントを簡単に把握し、スケジュールを計画することができます。「クラス&クラブ」を検索していくと、興味のありそうなさまざまなグループやクラブの情報や様子が表示されます。私が最後に見たときには、VJCC には 30 を超えるクラブとサークルがありました。VJCC のクラブやイベントに参加し始め、同じ顔ぶれを何度も目にするようになれば、私がなぜ自分の意見を堂々と述べ、「家族」という言葉を多用するのが理解できるようになるでしょう。

生演奏付きダンス、映画鑑賞会、車のショー、運動会、ピクニックなど。ご興味のある方は、新しいイベントについて一緒に考えてみて、皆さんの楽しめるイベントを実行してみませんか？

さて、私はまだ良いトピックを思いついていません。とはいえ、締めくくる前に、皆さんに投げかけたいと思います...参加しましょう！委員会に参加しましょう！いや、責任者になる必要はありません！姿勢を正して、時間の許す限り、多くの機会を最大限に活用しましょう。新鮮なアイデアを持つ若者（私より若い）は心から歓迎します！委員会のメンバーや理事の知り合いに聞いて、アイデアなどを何でも提案してみてください。爽やかでフレンドリーな人たちにたくさん出会えることを確証してくれるはずです！後悔はさせません。気軽に声をかけてください。

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Please note:

There will be no Zumba class on:

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- 3.) Sept. 1 - 28, 2025
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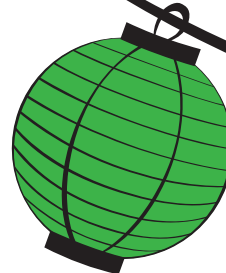
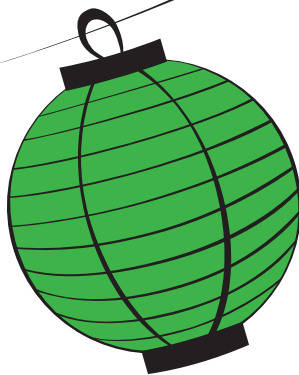
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April 2025

We hope everyone and their families are doing well. Spring has fully sprung, and cherry blossoms have begun to bloom across the city. Angelenos and the Japanese community are also excited about the baseball season starting, with the Dodgers notably bringing on new top pitcher in Roki Sasaki alongside Shohei Ohtani and Yoshinobu Yamamoto amongst a star-studded roster on the quest for a championship repeat. April is known as 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. Please read below from club instructor Vladimyr Dubuche on the various aspects of training and working with students.

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## **Goals and Approaches in Training**

By Vladimyr Dubuche

Karate is for everyone—kids and adults alike can benefit from training, provided the instructor tailors their approach to each group's physical, emotional, and mental needs. Adults require more discipline, details, and practical methods, while kids need a fun and rewarding structure to maintain focus on the lesson.

Adults often train for fitness, stress relief, or self-defense, whereas kids desire fun exercises alongside the discipline and encouragement. Instructors should use visual cues (technical demonstrations) and interactive drills to keep children engaged while making training both playful and educational. Deeper explanations of karate mechanics, applications, and philosophy should be reserved for experienced practitioners eager to understand the “why” behind techniques.

Physical and cognitive differences between adults and kids also play a role. While adults may learn faster and possess greater strength, some struggle with limited flexibility and endurance. Kids, on the other hand, require constant engagement due to shorter attention spans, along with a caring approach that instills respect and discipline that helps them develop as students and practitioners.

For kids, training should focus on basic techniques and dynamic games that emphasize escaping danger for example rather than realistic combat. Adult classes, however, can be more technical and direct, with a practical emphasis on self-defense.

Ultimately, a well-structured karate program recognizes these differences and adapts accordingly, ensuring that both kids and adults gain valuable skills, confidence, and a lifelong appreciation for the art.

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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.

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# VJCC SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM

April 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)\*
- ◆ 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.**

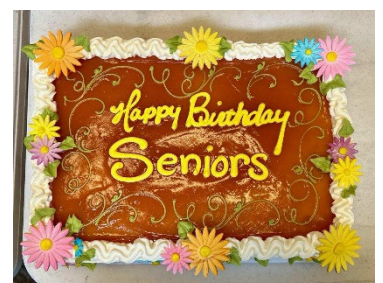
**Peggy Sugimoto**, 95, passed away peacefully on February 4, 2025. She was a devoted member of the VJCC and the VYC. Peggy was one of the "original four" (Initially Hitoshi Shimizu introduced the SNP to the VJCC. Kay Shimizu, Elinor Suzuki, Tsuyako Miyashiro, and Peggy took the reins and became the driving force that made the program what is today.) of the Senior Nutrition Program, who for over 30 years came in Monday – Friday from 8:00 - 2:00 to set up for the meal service and then with the help of volunteers served warm meals to our seniors, cleaned/sanitized the tables, floors, and pans. In between, they knitted, sewed, and baked for fundraisers to help pay for monthly birthday celebrations, Bingo prizes, volunteer appreciation luncheons, annual holiday parties, and coordinated trips to Las Vegas for our seniors. Peggy also worked very hard with the very successful udon team for the VJCC's Festival for many years which still goes on today. Thank you, Peggy, for a job well done and being such a hardworking role model for us all!



**Bingo** – Norm T. made Bingo history on Friday, March 14, with 8 wins in 4 games (this means his 2 cards won 2 times each in 4 games). Amazing! Bingo is on Fridays (10:30 – 11:30). Lots of fun and lots of prizes! Due to limited seating, it is on a first come, first served basis.



**March birthday** – Birthday celebrations take place on the third Friday of each month following Bingo. This month's cake Guava Chiffon---thank you, Angel Maid Bakery for always doing such a beautiful job for us.





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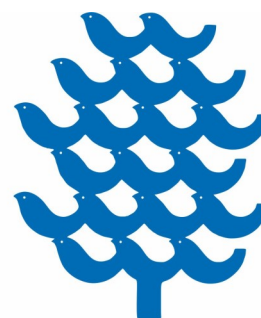
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# 2025 VJCC GOLF TOURNAMENT

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**September 22, 2025  
MONDAY**

REGISTRATION: 7:00 AM - 8:30 AM  
SHOTGUN START: 9:00 AM  
AWARDS & BUFFET LUNCH: 2:00 PM

Handicapped Four Person Team Scramble Format

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**All proceeds will go to the VJCC Building Fund.**

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





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APRIL 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 10-11am "Young at Heart" Exercise Class (MPR)	4	5 
6	7 10-11am Tai Chi (MPR)	8 10am-12pm Chinese Mahjong (MPR)	9	10 10-11am "Young at Heart" Exercise Class (MPR)	11	12
13	14 10-11am Tai Chi (MPR)	15 10am-12pm Chinese Mahjong (MPR)	16	17 No "Young at Heart Exercise Class"	18	19
20	21 10-11am Tai Chi (MPR)	22 10am-12pm Chinese Mahjong (MPR)	23	24 10-11am "Young at Heart" Exercise Class (MPR)	25	26
27	28 10-11am Tai Chi (MPR) 11:15am Understanding What is Aging Dr. Thomas Yoshikawa (CL)	29 10am-12pm Chinese Mahjong (MPR)	30	Location: MPR= Multipurpose Room CL = Classroom L = Lounge		

## UNDERSTANDING WHAT IS "AGING"

Monday, April 28th @ 11:15am  
Thomas Yoshikawa, MD  
Please RSVP

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ESTATE PLANNING PRESENTATION

Monday, May 19th @ 11:15am  
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DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ADULT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## 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 JACL (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

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 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  
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### Sports

Basketball (Adult).....Chuan Michael Chang, George Johnston  
Basketball (VYC).....Kathy Yamashita/Kazie Kame  
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