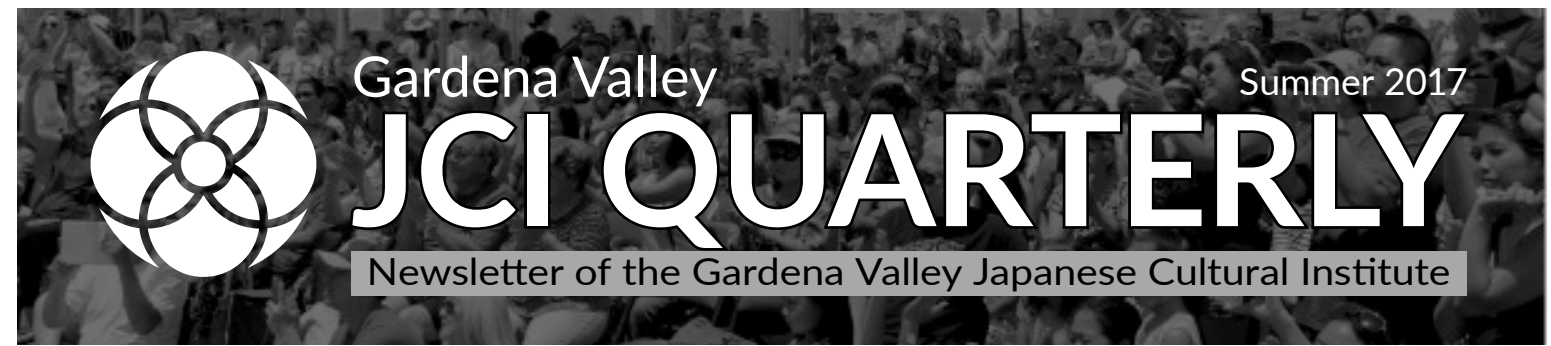




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2017 GVJCI MATSURI THANK YOU!

By Sharon Sawai, Events & Fundraising Coordinator

OR CURRENT OCCUPANT

“Don don don” rang out as the taiko drums initiated the start of the Matsuri.....
 Another fun-filled Matsuri has come to an end. We hope you were able to venture over to the GVJCI and enjoy the various festivities, yummy Matsuri dishes, and captivating entertainment that we had put together for all to enjoy.



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GARDENA VALLEY JAPANESE CULTURAL INSTITUTE

The Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute (GVJCI) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit community center providing various classes, programs, services, and facilities to the South Bay area. We also provide affordable housing through the JCI Gardens Apartments, the adjacent senior housing property.

The GVJCI's roots date back to 1912, when it was known as the Moneta Gakuen, a Japanese language school. In 1967, it was formally incorporated as the Gardena Valley Japanese Language School. Then, in 1968, the corporation changed its name to the Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute to incorporate the broader services and functions the organization offers. In 1971, Compton Gakuen, Gardena Gakuen, and Moneta Gakuen merged, opening its doors officially as the GVJCI's Japanese Language School. The GVJCI has a very proud history spanning over 100 years.

Today, we continue to provide a variety of activities, programs, and services. We are truly fortunate to have an active and well-utilized center serving people of all ages. We thank you, the community, for your active participation and for your support through donations and volunteerism that enables the GVJCI to continue.

MISSION STATEMENT

A space to engage, share, and embrace the Nikkei experience and culture.

VISION STATEMENT

The GVJCI envisions a vibrant network and a welcoming space for all persons interested in Japanese heritage and culture where history and tradition are honored, people are inspired to create action and change, and cultural pride and respect for all humanity are promoted.

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The GVJCI Matsuri Committee is always on a mission to introduce new things each year. Whether it is “fusion dishes” - banh mi chicken baos, “gourmet hot dogs” - teri mayo dog or the Hawaiian dog, or “pupus” - andagi dogs, we hope your taste buds were DAZZLED! For the first time ever, we hosted a Beer Garden, held by a relaxing koi pond, compliments of Sapporo Premium Beers. We were happy to offer ice cold beers & a place to relax, while catching up with friends & family. For the young people, we also added a traditional Matsuri game, “Yo Yo Tsuru”. Fishing for colorful water balloons using tsuri paper before it breaks, proved to be quite challenge & popular with the kids! We also included Ondo dancing once again. As this was only our 2nd year offering Ondo, there were definitely more dancers this year than prior. We hope that it continues to grow with each passing year.

All of these new and existing booths, including all of the “behind the scenes” tasks, could not be made possible without the hundreds of community volunteers and organizations that support the GVJCI. As the saying goes, “It takes a Village.....”. I whole heartily agree, it takes a Village and then some. To see the week of the Matsuri with everyone bustling about with excitement in the air (well, sort of), is really a sight to see. Many of our volunteers are seniors—I so admire their energy and enthusiasm. Their hard work and dedication is something to be desired. I often find myself thinking that it’s going to be extremely difficult to ever replace this generation.



Many “Thanks” & “Kansha” are in order. Thank you to the local businesses, nurseries, and individuals who generously donated raffle prizes, plants, vegetables, rummage sale items, craft items, and monetary donations. Thank you to my Matsuri Co-Chairperson Ray Shibata (my right hand man), for his continued guidance, insight, leadership, attention to detail, and patient co-chair. Thank you to our Matsuri Committee members, Alison Kochiyama, Debbie Oba, Nicole Sato, Dale Inafuku, Charlie Oyagi, Hazel Shimabukuro, & Shirley Okazaki. Your suggestions, input, hard work, and teamwork were invaluable & you all help to make the GVJCI the special place that it is. Although I can’t mention all of our hard-working volunteers individually, please know that your support does not go unnoticed. Until next time.....

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What an incredible group of supporters our Post has! From the Membership, Women's Club, Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute, North Torrance AJROTC, Family and Friends—your participation this past quarter has been awesome.

We were able to accomplish the following:

- NTHS Golden Bear Drill Competition:
- Food service for participants and attendees

Nisei VFW Reno Reunion:

- Planning, coordinating, executing activities for the entire reunion

Memorial Day Weekend:

- Planning, coordinating, executing Cemetery clean up with Boy Scout Troops 683 and 719
- Attending Memorial Day Service at the Japanese American Memorial Court, DTLA
- Planning, coordinating, executing VFW Post 1961 Memorial Day Service at Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute
- Planning, coordinating, executing VFW Post 1961 Memorial Day Service at Rose Hills Memorial Park
- Attending Memorial Day Service at Westminster Memorial Park

Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute Matsuri:

- Preparation, cooking, packing the one thousand servings of cold somen to be sold. (they were all sold out)

4th of July TNT Fireworks Stand:

- Successfully staffing and selling fireworks at our annual Fireworks fund raiser. Our Fireworks Stand this year was at the Corner of Rosecrans and Vermont in the Strawberry Square. Changing locations provided some challenges but we did it.

Within every organization, there is a core group. They make my job, as a commander, more efficient, easier, and basically doable.

Our "Special Events" Team have put in so many long hours of their personal time, provided vehicles, tools, brought food and snacks, you name it they've done it all!

We do not live in a perfect world. We do not see eye-to-eye on everything, but at the end of the day—WE MADE IT WORK!

A mere "thank you" are just words and can't even convey the extent of our gratitude and appreciation. My wife Linda and I are so blessed to have friends and family who we can count on, especially when things get tough. Your caring and

generous hearts are the reason Nisei VFW Post 1961 is still a part of this great community.

Stand tall and proud of all your accomplishments.

Steve Moriyama, Commander

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WELCOME, INTERNS!

Our conference room sounds more lively than our usual months as we welcomed four summer interns into the GVJCI family. Our interns have been hard at work with our social media, Matsuri, Tanoshii Fun Camp, and much more!

Megan Taenaka

Hi! My name is Megan Taenaka, and I am one of the social media and community outreach interns at the Gardena Valley JCI this summer. I am a rising junior at Pepperdine University, where I am majoring in sports administration. I hope to one day work in community relations, specifically in the sports industry. This internship allows me to gain experience and learn more about non-profit organizations, which are an important part of working in community relations. I have been interning at the GVJCI since May, and I have loved working alongside so many wonderful people! I look forward to continuing to meet new people and learning as much as I can while I am here. I hope to help expand the GVJCI's social media presence and interact with the community as much as possible along with my fellow interns. This experience has been so rewarding for me, so I also hope I can contribute and help the GVJCI in any way I can!

Patty Hori

My name is Patty Hori and I am the Nikkei Community Intern at the Gardena Valley JCI. I graduated from Palos Verdes Peninsula High School and am now a rising sophomore at University of California, Davis, majoring in history and in the process of double majoring with statistics. I could not be more thrilled to be given the opportunity to work with the many staff and volunteers that make the GVJCI such an incredibly hard-working and dedicated place within the community. With the many valuable networking opportunities, I hope to utilize them in the pursuit of future careers. One day, I hope to be a lawyer and I know how precious networking can be in the search of future jobs and internships. Thus far, interning at the GVJCI has been an amazing adventure where I get a truly hands-on working experience at how the non-profit sector operates. Going forward, I wish to learn more specifics about how different jobs within the GVJCI communicate and put events together; and also look forward to whatever other tasks I am asked to complete. I am ecstatic for the rest of summer and know it will be an amazing one.

Lina Kwon

Hello, everyone! My name is Ha Eun (Lina) Kwon and I'm a rising senior at Mira Costa High School. I currently work for the Gardena Valley JCI as a community and social media outreach intern along with 3 other interns! I personally think the GVJCI is a perfect place to gain job skills such as communication skills, organizational skills and teamwork. I also enjoy volunteering at the events held at the JCI. This year's Matsuri was indeed the best one! I was overwhelmed by the number of people who came out for the event and was amazed by the effort our

staff, volunteers and sponsors had put into making this event a success. I thoroughly enjoyed my time there serving rainbow shaved ice to the customers at the booth. Through this internship, I hope to participate in more programs and events like Matsuri to help our volunteers and staff make the best out of it. I'm glad I'm working for the Gardena Valley JCI with Nicole and my awesome fellow interns and I would like to promote this wonderful internship opportunity to all of the subscribers of this newsletter!

Christy Wong

Hello! My name is Christy Wong and I am one of the social media and community outreach interns in GVJCI. I am a rising junior at the University of California, Santa Barbara majoring in Communication. I have lived in the San Gabriel Valley ever since I immigrated to the U.S. when I was in high school. By interning at GVJCI, I hope to step out of my comfort zone by exposing myself to unfamiliar places. I hope to learn more about myself and find out my strengths and weaknesses, which can help me improve and become a better person. I also hope to gain more knowledge and necessary tools, such as having hands-on experiences in organizing events and improving my interpersonal skills, that can help me succeed in the future. All in all, I am excited to work, to learn, and have fun during my time in GVJCI!



Pictured clockwise starting at top right: Megan Taenaka, Christy Wong, Lina Kwon, Patty Hori

Partial funding of our student internship program was made possible by a generous grant from the South Bay F.O.R. Thank you South Bay F.O.R. for your wonderful community partnership!



WHY I BECAME A FRIEND OF THE GVJCI

"The GVJCI has been an important part of my childhood growing up in North Torrance. I remember visiting friends and doing homework upstairs in the classroom, as well as attending award ceremonies for youth sports teams in the gym. However, my most vivid memories are from the annual Matsuri: playing games for my prized goldfish, volunteering for F.O.R., and most importantly eating dangos and chili rice! When I was young, I always took the space and these moments for granted. Now as an adult and volunteer, I realize how important a place like the GVJCI is for the community. I've attended and held meetings at GVJCI for my personal interest and my nonprofit organizations. Since returning from college, I've attended the Matsuri each year which I look forward to not only for the food, but seeing and reconnecting with old friends. I'm really grateful that the Board, staff and volunteers continue to make the space thrive and open for the community to use. It's comforting and encouraging to know the GVJCI continues to serve and support the Nikkei community and those interested in Japanese culture after all these years. I will continue to support the GVJCI as a Friend of the GVJCI and volunteer so that the future generations can experience the joy and value of the Nikkei community!"

-Derek Oye

You can also become a Friend of the GVJCI support group by making an annual pledge to continue the great work that the GVJCI is doing! Go to our website jci-gardena.org under "HOW TO HELP" and then "FRIENDS OF GVJCI" to fill out an on-line form and make an on-line contribution via PayPal, or visit our office, and be part of this South Bay treasure.

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MANZANAR IMMERSIVE

This fall, the GVJCI will debut the production of Manzanar Immersive, an "interactive theater escape room" experience that will share important lessons about the Japanese American World War II history in a hands-on, engaging environment.

Manzanar Immersive is an in-person "empathy" experience in which people collaborate to solve puzzles, complete activities, and interact with character actors as they proceed through the narrative of a Japanese American family living through the wartime experience.

In order to create this unique educational project, we need to raise some funds to pay for sets, props, materials, audio/video media, actors, and design. Please help support this project by making a donation through our fundraising page at <https://chuffed.org/project/manzanarimmersive>. Thank you for your support!



Want to help us out in other ways?

We are looking for the following items:

- Old suitcase
- Old clothes - shirts, coats, hats, scarf
- Cots (with or without mattress)
- Old blankets and sheets
- Old floor rug
- Old Army uniform
- Old boots
- Old bookshelf

Note: Everything should look like it can be from the 1940s.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE

The GVJCI Board of Directors are pleased to welcome Alvin Takamori as a new addition to our board. Alvin is not a new face at GVJCI—he has had a long history as a GVJCI supporter in many capacities. Alvin has been a longtime active volunteer in our programs, events, and creator of our quarterly Tokonoma displays in The Bridge: JCI Heritage Center. He recently curated and installed the Day of Remembrance Art Exhibit: Visions of the Japanese American Incarceration 1942-2017 at the GVJCI in April 2017 with an amazing selection of artists' works on the camp theme. On a professional capacity, Alvin's designs can be seen in our graphic materials for our Day of Remembrance events, Matsuri, and annual GVJCI



Calendar. Alvin currently works part-time with Stacy Dukes Design and part-time as a freelance graphic designer. He lives in Torrance with his wife Debbie Mochidome, who is also an active GVJCI volunteer.

HEY ICHIKAWA NEIGHBORS!

Did you know that the city of Gardena has a sister city in Japan? Yup, we do, all the way in Ichikawa city of Chiba prefecture ever since 1962. Every year, Gardena and Ichikawa switch off and some lucky students go to each respective city as part of a foreign exchange program. However, every five years, the citizen's delegation comes to visit as well as the officials of each city. This year being the 55th anniversary, the Ichikawa Delegation came to the city of Gardena, and even took time out of their busy schedule to visit the GVJCI and our Tanoshii Fun Camp!

During their visit, they were able to see our facility and what we do here at the GVJCI. The delegation seemed to be interested in the preservation of Japanese culture in the United States as well as the different generations of Japanese members in our community.



Tomo No Kai Corner

Thanks to all of the Tomo No Kai (TNK) members that helped with the GVJCI Matsuri, food prep and during the two days of the Matsuri. The SPAM Musubi group really appreciated all of the different groups that assisted in the cooking and wrapping.

TNK membership is 644

Thanks to all of you who have signed up as new or renewed TNK members. Dues are \$10 and payment can be either at the class you attend or at the GVJCI office.

TNK Fundraisers

TNK has been fortunate in that the local casinos "love" GVJCI TNK members and because of that, we have been able to arrange trips almost on a monthly basis. The funds received go to supporting GVJCI senior programs, so please continue to support the TNK fundraisers. The next trip will be on Labor Day.

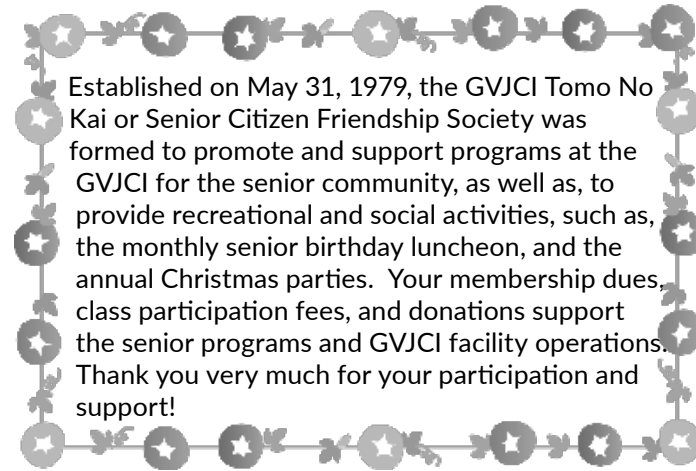
New classes added:

"Move Dance and Grove" Mondays and Wednesdays. Monday at 12:05PM - 12:45 PM, Wednesday at 12:15 PM - 1PM in the GVJCI Main Hall.

"Senior Wellness Class" (starting Aug 3) Thursdays 10AM-11AM in the GVJCI Nisei Veterans Memorial Hall.

June/July Birthdays will be celebrated on the 28th of July.

Also reminder that TNK Bingo is every Monday and Wednesday 12:15-1:15PM.



Established on May 31, 1979, the GVJCI Tomo No Kai or Senior Citizen Friendship Society was formed to promote and support programs at the GVJCI for the senior community, as well as, to provide recreational and social activities, such as, the monthly senior birthday luncheon, and the annual Christmas parties. Your membership dues, class participation fees, and donations support the senior programs and GVJCI facility operations. Thank you very much for your participation and support!

GVJCI CAR DONATION PROGRAM



Thinking of donating your car to charity? Now, you can, and at the same time, support the GVJCI! We have teamed up with Harold's Car Donation Service (HCDS).

Here's the Easy Steps:

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2017 GVJCI Scholarship Recipients

The collection of applications that we receive every year is so impressive, leaving the scholarship committee's selection a very difficult one. It had truly been a pleasure learning of the tremendous academic and community achievements, talents and aspirations of all of the applicants. We are very proud of the youth who have been affiliated with GVJCI over the years through various associations, projects and activities. This is very encouraging to us as we continue to strive to best serve the community, and to engage with the youth of today, as well as in the future. Congratulations to the following 2017 GVJCI Scholarship recipients!

Michelle Higa, Gardena Valley Gardeners Association Legacy Scholarship

North High School graduate and entering University of California, Berkeley

"This scholarship means a lot to me, giving me the opportunity to pursue my passion with everything I have. I am so grateful, being able to be supported by the GVJCI, which has not only brought together the community, but also allowed me to create great memories with friends and family. I will forever be thankful for this, thank you."

Lauren Hoshiko, Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute Scholarship

North High School graduate and entering University of California, Irvine

"The GVJCI has provided me with the opportunities and resources necessary to better myself as a tutor, volunteer and person. I've learned and improved so many valuable skills such as communication and time management as a result from being involved with the GVJCI. I feel extremely honored to be receiving this award from an organization that has taught me so much."

Bryce Kitagawa, Gardena Valley Japanese American Citizens League Scholarship

Palos Verdes Peninsula High School graduate and entering Babson College, MA

"I am so honored and grateful to receive the GV JACL scholarship and I appreciate how much the Japanese American community has done for me."

Justin Yokota, Gary Hori Memorial Scholarship

Torrance High School graduate and entering University of California, Berkeley

"Volunteering at the JCI has been a fun and fulfilling experience, and I feel grateful to have been a part of the JCI family. Receiving this scholarship has made me feel that I was able to make a difference in the Japanese-American community."

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To make a donation to the GVJCI Legacy Scholarship or for more information, please contact the GVJCI Office or visit our website (jci-gardena.org). The GVJCI awards annual scholarships to high school seniors, and GVJCI Japanese Language School graduates. Applicants must have been directly involved with the GVJCI or its member organizations that hold regular activity at the GVJCI. Emphasis is placed upon GVJCI and other community involvement, volunteerism and future goals. High school students must have a minimum of a 2.5 GPA and have post-secondary educational plans.



Pictured from left: Charlie Oyagi, GVJCI president; Gardena Valley Gardeners Association Legacy Scholarship recipient Michelle Higa; Gardena Valley JACL Scholarship recipient Bryce Kitagawa; GVJCI Scholarship recipient Lauren Hoshiko; Gary Hori Memorial Scholarship recipient Justin Yokota; Larry Hada, GVJCI Board of Directors; Alison Kochiyama, GVJCI Executive Director.



Save the Date!

Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute

Kaisha Craft Show

Sunday, September 24, 2017
9AM-3PM

Looking for new craft vendors to join us for this fun, community-oriented craft show!

Call Sharon Sawai at (310) 324-6611 or email s_sawai@jci-gardena.org for more information.

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AUG

MEDITATION WORKSHOP SAT, AUG 19, 10:30AM-12PM GVJCI Classroom 207/208 (Upstairs)

Start your day refreshed and clear minded. But how? Meditation is a proven method to help your mind and body relax and de-stress. Learn what meditation is all about, learn the different methods of meditation, the different positive effects meditation has for your health, and experience meditation in-workshop at our first ever meditation workshop. RSVP online or at our office. Fee: \$5 (<https://gvjci.wufoo.com/forms/meditation-workshop/>)

SEPT

IKEBANA WORKSHOP SAT, SEPT 9, 2PM-4PM GVJCI Classroom 207/208 (Upstairs)

Have you ever seen beautiful flower arrangements at a Japanese restaurant or ryokan (Japanese style hotel)? Learn the history and art behind ikebana, Japanese flower arrangement and learn to do it yourself! Workshop will include a lesson on ikebana as well as a hands-on workshop making two flower arrangements that you can take home! Fee is \$40 and will include two arrangements with vases. **Please bring your own pruning/gardening shears!** Register by Sept 1st online or at our office. (<https://gvjci.wufoo.com/forms/ikebana-workshop-registration/>)

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FAIR SAT, SEPT 16, 11AM-2PM GVJCI Parking Lot

Are you ready for an emergency? Worry no more, because the GVJCI will be having an emergency preparedness day and resource fair! Come out to learn more about what to do when a disaster strikes. Do you know what to do with your gas valves? What to have in your emergency pack? What about your pets? Southern California Edison will be co-sponsoring this event through ASCEND and SCE APIA employee resource group. Tri-City CERT will also be on-site to give out any information on disaster preparedness. Admission is free but donations appreciated. Made possible through funding from Southern California Edison.

RIGHT OF PASSAGE FILM SCREENING SAT, SEPT 23, 2PM-4PM GVJCI Main Hall

In co-sponsorship with Little Tokyo Historical Society, and Iku Kiriya (on behalf of the JA Historical Society of SoCal), the GVJCI brings *Right of Passage* film screening to you. The Civil Liberties Act of 1988, a U.S. federal law that granted reparations to the 120,000 Japanese Americans who had been incarcerated by the U.S. government during World War II. *Right of Passage* is a film that shows the many obstacles the Japanese Americans had to go through to achieve the redress and reparation of the law signed by President Reagan. Lane Hirabayashi, Alan Nishio, Aiko Herzig-Yoshinaga, Janice Tanaka and Miya Iwataki will be joining us for a

panel discussion. Admission is free but donations are appreciated.

OCT

REBEL WITH A CAUSE FILM SCREENING SAT, OCT 14, 2PM-4PM GVJCI Main Hall

Rebel With A Cause, talks about the true story of Aiko Herzig-Yoshinaga, a political activist with a strong soul, who spent 1145 days in 3 different American concentration camps during World War II and still lives today to tell her story to the next generation. Join us at the GVJCI, in co-sponsorship with Little Tokyo Historical Society, and Iku Kiriya (on behalf of the JA Historical Society of SoCal) as we showcase the story of a legendary political activist that changed history. Aiko Herzig-Yoshinaga, Professor Emeritus Don Hata, and filmmaker Janice Tanaka will join us for a panel discussion afterwards. Admission is free but donations are appreciated.

“HOLD THESE TRUTHS” SAT, OCT 21, 2PM-4 PM GVJCI Nisei Veterans Memorial Hall

Jeanne Sakata, playwright, will talk about her critically-acclaimed play, “Hold These Truths.” The play tells the inspirational true story of Gordon Hirabayashi, a civil rights pioneer, to whom President Obama posthumously awarded a Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation’s highest civilian honor, in 2012. Hirabayashi is known for his principled resistance to the Japanese American incarceration during World War II, and the court case that bears his name, *Hirabayashi v. United States*. Jeanne’s play has been performed from coast-to-coast with rave reviews; it was last produced by the Pasadena Playhouse in June. Jeanne will talk about her play, interspersed with scenes performed by an actor. Don’t miss this powerful and moving story of Gordon Hirabayashi’s fight for freedom for all.

Suggested donation: \$10
Please RSVP online or at our office. (<https://gvjci.wufoo.com/forms/hold-these-truths/>)

KEIRO CAREGIVING CONFERENCE SAT, OCT 28, 12PM-4:30PM GVJCI Campus

Caring for a loved one can be physically and emotionally challenging. Knowing what to do, what to expect, and on whom to depend on, may lighten the load. Join us for FREE conference featuring speakers, tools, and practical resources with compassion for current and future caregivers. To RSVP, please contact Keiro at: (213)-873-5700

Schedule is as follows:

Schedule:	Registration & FREE bento Lunch
12:00 p.m.	Keynote Presentation & Breakout Sessions
12:30 – 3:10 p.m.	Resource Fair
3:10 – 4:30 p.m.	Ask the Experts (Complimentary consultations with an estate planning attorney, a pharmacist or a social worker)

Come Check Out Our New Classes!

SMARTPHONE/TABLET CLASS

6 weeks, Every Thurs Aug 3rd to Sept 14th (skipping one class)
10AM-11AM
\$10 per each class (paid before or at the beginning of each class)
or
\$50 for the entire session (paid at the beginning of the session)

Week 1 – August 3, 2017

Components, Symbols
Settings – display, volume/sound, etc.

Week 2 – August 10, 2017

Adding contacts
Phone calls, Text Messages, Email
Using the camera

Week 3 – August 17, 2017 – NO CLASS

Week 4 – August 24, 2017

Apps – Already Installed & Adding New Apps
** Please bring your Apple App Store or Google Play passwords

Week 5 – August 31, 2017

Apps – Useful Emergency Apps

Week 6 – September 7, 2017

Wi-Fi / Data Usage / Storage

Week 7 – September 14, 2017

Questions & Answers

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(310) 357-3524 bill.yamanoha@gmail.com

Funding for this class has been made possible by a grant from KEIRO.

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GVJCI LAPTOP RENTALS!

Are you a senior looking to use the internet or computer but don't have one? Come to the GVJCI to use our laptops for free! We have three laptops to use that has access to free Wi-Fi, email, and even online chatting systems like Skype you can talk to your loved ones far away.

Too good to be true? Nope. Just switch out your ID for your laptop and you're good to go. Access of laptops is limited to the GVJCI Nisei Veterans Memorial Hall.

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KOKORO YOGA CLASS 心ヨガ

Always wanted to try yoga but afraid you weren't flexible enough? Never had the time to? Come to our new all levels foundational yoga class! It will be taught by a certified yoga teacher. So come on down with a mat, towel, water, and a smile! 日本語でのご指導も致します。
Wed 7-8PM, GVJCI Nisei Veterans Memorial Hall
\$5 per session

SANSEI STORIES

Sansei Stories is back! Come join Tim Toyama as you work through to develop your own story. Everyone has a story, trust us.
July 12th to Aug 16th, Room 205
Wed 7-9PM
\$5 per session (drop-in)

TAIKO BASIC BEGINNER'S CLASS

7 week course starting July 23rd
Sun 12-1PM
\$85
Contact Judi Kaminishi at jnkaminishi@gmail.com for information and registration.

Looking for new Tomo No Kai classes? Check out our Tomo No Kai Corner on Page 8!

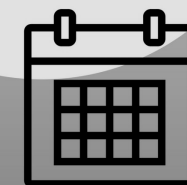


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