

SAN GABRIEL NIKKEI QUARTERLY

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CALENDAR

SGJCC MEETINGS

SECOND TUESDAY
OF EVERY MONTH

10|3|2017

11|4|2017

12|12|2017

SGJCC

"What's going on with the ceiling?"

As you are probably well aware, we are in the process of renovating our ceiling. We know that there are many questions regarding the status of the repairs, so we would like to give you an update.

The process began in 2015, with a pledge drive to help raise funds for the renovation. Since that time, the community center, with the help of our members and a grant secured by the San Gabriel Nikkei Senior Club, has raised over \$37,000 for the project. Please feel free to check out the pledge drive thermometer on the wall of the center for the most updated numbers!



Work on the ceiling started in August of 2017. At that time the drop ceiling was partially removed in order to get a better idea of what was hidden and what the community center has to work with. In the next few weeks, the remaining parts of the drop ceiling will be removed and the real work can begin. The committee assigned to the project has been meeting with contractors since early summer. Their job was meet with and to develop an idea that would work best to accommodate the different clubs and groups that the center hosts.

In the end, the overall plan is to remove the existing ceiling(s) and to take advantage of both the height and visual appeal of an open ceiling concept. The committee feels that this is the best use of space and that it will make the center feel much larger and modern. However, in order to maintain some of the original beauty of the building, the plan intends to highlight the original wood just below the roof.

We hope to have the work completed by the end of Q1 2018 with very little impact on our members. We thank you very much for your patience. Furthermore, if you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact a Board Member.

Chris Kadohiro
Board Member

2017 SGJCC
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Misty Tamanaha

SGJCC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello, I hope everybody had a safe and enjoyable summer. We are already in September and this is the third issue of the Newsletter from your Community Center. We would be publishing the fourth and last issue of 2017 in December.

I like to thank all of the members, affiliate organizations and guests for supporting our Summer Fun Festival this year. We had a very successful event and sold many bentos. I hope everybody enjoyed the event and the entertainment. There has been talk with the committee that next year's event would be different and something new may happen.

Since the last issue of the newsletter much has happened at the Community Center. We have been trying to get donation pledge for the building fund for the community center and this process has been moving very slow. We have not given up on the pledges and we are continuing to solicit to reach our goal.

Currently the center is under construction for remodeling/renovation of the ceiling. The board of directors had voted to expose the ceiling to make the building appear larger and more spacious. Currently we are meeting with several contractors for bids. Hopefully we could finish the remodel of the ceiling by end of the year with minimum disruptions to the affiliate groups using the facility.

I would like to remind everybody that November is our open meeting to the members of the Community Center. This meeting will focus on electing new officers of the Board of Directors. All of the officers positions are up for election. In this issue we will identify the duties of each position. Please attend the meeting especially if you would be interested in becoming a board member or an officer.

I like to thank Taizo Sasaki, Judo Sensei/plumber for completing all of the plumbing needs at the center. (Note: I heard he is available for hire on his off days). I like to thank the Judo parents, Richie Endow sensei and again Sasaki sensei for removing the ceiling tiles to get a head start on the project. Also, big thanks to Brent Tamanaha, judo father that continues to place the ceiling debris into the dumpster for us weekly. Lastly, I like to thank Misty Tamanaha for stepping-up and volunteering to be the Newsletter editor/publisher/delivery person. Finally, I like to thank Kathy Kato for many years of being the editor/publisher of the newsletter.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about the Center, please feel free to contact me at (213) 400-9392.

Thank you,
Ron Ito
213.400.9392



SGJCC UPCOMING ELECTIONS

The San Gabriel Japanese Community Center will be having it's Board of Directors Officer Elections on Tuesday, November 7th, 2017, at 7:30 pm. The community center relies on it's dedicated volunteers to help run and maintain the facility.

The following positions are available:

President - In charge of the community center, conducts monthly Board of Directors meetings, responds to the needs of the center, and corresponds.

First Vice President - Takes the place of the president and duties if the president is not available.

Second Vice President - Entertainment and Chairperson for the New Year's Party/Keiro Kai.

Third Vice President - In charge of the facility and keeps the building in repair and safe

Treasurer - Pays bills for the community center, prepares monthly financial reports and reads the reports at the meetings, and takes care of the annual tax preparation.

Secretary - Takes minutes during the board meetings, prepares meeting minutes and reads at the meetings

Corresponding Secretary - Writes correspondence letters for the center

Historian - Keeps record of historical events of the center

If you are interested in volunteering as a board member or an elected officer, please attend the next couple of meetings. The meetings are held every second Tuesday of the month.

OUR NIKKEI SENIORS CLUB WANTS YOU

If you are 55 years of age or older, are of Japanese ancestry (or are married to someone who is), and you enjoy playing Bingo and making occasional trips to Las Vegas, Pala Casino and Santa Anita Race Track, we want you!! We meet Thursdays unless we are on one of our trips. We welcome you to join us.

Call Walt at (626) 285-0361 for more information.

PLEDGE/DONATION FORM

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: SAN GABRIEL JAPANESE COMMUNITY CENTER

I would like to make a pledge in the amount of \$ _____ to be paid:

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NICHIGETSUKAN DOJO



The "Sun & Moon Training Hall" (*Nichigetsukan*) at the SGJCC is a non-profit dojo specializing in Japanese classical martial arts (*koryu bujutsu*). We offer adult-only instruction to a limited size membership in two different arts - self-defense and swordsmanship. The dojo name was selected based on the subtle symbolism of the sun and moon representing the philosophical duality of *Yin* and *Yang*, a core principal in both arts studied. These two arts are very well known in the Japanese classical martial arts community, and were connected historically during the early Edo period (ca. 1650) when a grandson of famed Shogun Tokugawa Ieyasu, Hoshina Masayuki, directed that these two arts be passed down together.

Hoshina was serving in the position of "Great Councilor" to the Tokugawa Shogunate at the time, and was also the lord of the Aizu Domain (now known as Fukushima). As the Great Councilor he held the position of guardian to the 4th Shogun, and also supervised the political affairs at Edo Castle (now part of the Imperial Palace in Tokyo). Hoshina performed this task for approximately twenty years, during which time he developed a self-defense / peacekeeping martial art that he had taught to certain senior members within the castle palace. He based this art on the light-armored battlefield grappling techniques of the Takeda family, which he learned from a relative of the famous general Takeda Shingen who was living in his domain of Aizu. The art Hoshina developed is the orthodox branch of aikijujutsu that we study today at the SGJCC.

In addition to developing a palace self-defense art, Hoshina was also a senior student of swordsmanship under the 3rd headmaster of his style. The style of swordsmanship he studied was one of only two selected by the Tokugawa Shogunate as the best swordsmanship arts in Japan, and were the only styles of swordsmanship taught to the Shogun. Since both arts were taught within the Shogun's palace within the constraints of castle etiquette, both share a common operating system of movement, making them very complimentary studies. The common thread during this period of shared transmission of the arts was Lord Hoshina Masayuki of the Aizu Clan, as such, I decided to adopt his crest as the symbol for our dojo. The crest represents a hollyhock flower, which varies only slightly from the Tokugawa family crest due to Hoshina's blood relationship to the Tokugawa line.

The two arts I've been writing about are called "Daito-ryu Aikijujutsu Kodokai" (The Kodo Branch of Aikijujutsu from the School of the Great East) and "Ono-ha Itto-ryu Hyoho" (The Ono Family Branch of the One-Sword School of Strategy). These castle arts became highly developed over time, and as a result contain unusually sophisticated tactics and principles. While experience in one art provides valuable insights into the other art, training in both arts is not a requirement. However, the teachings of these arts provides for a practical foundation in self-defense, and can also enrich one's mind and body at any age. Those interested are encouraged to contact me to make an appointment to meet and view class. We are always looking for quality people!

Nathan Scott
Nichigetsukan Kancho

SAN GABRIEL NIKKEI SENIORS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 5
REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 12
REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 19
DAY AT THE RACES
(\$22 PER SENIOR)

OCTOBER 25
DRIVING
IMPROVEMENT CLASS

OCTOBER 26
NO MEETING
PALA CASINO TRIP
CONTACT KEI YOKOTA

NOVEMBER 2
REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 19
REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 16
REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 23
NO MEETING
HAPPY THANKSGIVING

NOVEMBER 30
REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 7
REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 14
NO MEETING

DECEMBER 15
CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 21 & 28
NO MEETING
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
BREAK

SAN GABRIEL NIKKEI SENIORS CLUB

TRIP TO LAUGHLIN, NEVADA

Twenty-seven seniors enjoyed a bus trip to Laughlin, Nevada on January 11, 12 and 13. Seven cancelled the trip due to unforeseen circumstances, but those of us who went had a good time.

As usual on the second night, Carl Andreas, the host, had a great party with a delicious array of food. Entertainment by the usual singing duo performed familiar pop and country songs. Line dancing is a favorite with the crowd.

Attendance was smaller than previous years, but the prizes were still the same generous ones. Several people won bags of coins, free trips to Laughlin, cash prizes, restaurant gift certificates, and goodie bags filled with assorted prizes and chocolates.

Three buses came from Yorba Linda, one from Whittier and our bus. As for casino winners, we had two big winners of \$1,800.00 each. One person won it on the last day and the other won it on several different machines. – *submitted by Janet Iwata*

GUEST SPEAKER

At our March 17th meeting, we were very fortunate to have Margaret Vinci from the California Institute of Technology give us a presentation on earthquake preparedness. Margaret is the Manager in the Office of Earthquake Programs and also a personal friend of Stan and Sue Yamada. Margaret explained about the science of earthquakes, what causes earthquakes, and why there are earthquakes. The most important message I learned from this presentation is: If you are prepared, you become part of the recovery and not a statistic – prepare, survive, and recover. She also told us that in the event of a major earthquake, we should be self-sufficient for about three weeks (5 cases of water per person, solar or batteries for a light source, canned or non-perishable food). – *submitted by Irene Hagihara*

LAS VEGAS TRIP

37 seniors enjoyed an outing to Las Vegas on April 18, 19 and 20 at the California Hotel. A good time was had by all, even though most of us “deposited” our money in casinos.

THE NIKKEI SENIORS CLUB SCHEDULE CHANGE!!

The date for our Christmas Party at Almansor Court has been changed from Thursday December 14th to

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15TH



Since our arrival date was on Tuesday, we took advantage of the seafood buffet at the Fremont Hotel, using one of our dinner coupons from the booklet that was provided on our trip.

Happy to say – we had three big winners – Lucky Yamamoto, Pat Mitsuuchi, and Mio Arata. Lucky hit the Royal Flush again! Is that how Lucky got his nickname “Lucky”? Pat got 7 “4-of-a-kind” playing the poker machines, winning \$1,500.00. Mio said she got 3 “4-of-a-kind,” winning \$360.00 on poker machines. – *submitted by Janet Iwata*

DAY AT THE RACES

Thursday, May 11th, on an overcast afternoon, 40 of us enjoyed the “all you can eat” buffet, pleasant, comfortable weather and the challenge of cashing a winning ticket. At the end of the day, fortunately, many of us did surprisingly well, leaving with little more than we brought or breaking close to even. Next “Day at the Races” will be around October. – *submitted by Jack Miyagawa*

FUNDRAISER

We had a fundraiser, Tuesday, July 11th, at Twohey's Restaurant in Alhambra. Many, many families and friends attended this event. I went for early breakfast to avoid the crowd, but I am told that the restaurant was busy all day long. Thank you to Ruth Hernandez for making all the arrangements and a special thank you to everyone who attended this fundraiser. – *submitted by Irene Hagihara*

LAUGHLIN TRIP

23 seniors enjoyed a 3-day trip to Laughlin on July 17, 18 and 19. As usual, Carl had a nice party on the 18th with lots of dancing and prizes. Our group was very small, but Yorba Linda's group had 2 bus loads; hence, they won most of the prizes. Lucky was the winner of a free trip for one with one of the raffles for transportation and lodging. We played Bingo on the bus going to Laughlin. The winners were Chris Mayeda, Alice Kikkawa (twice), Janet Iwata, Sho Mayeda, Mio Arata, and Mariko Garrett. – *submitted by Janet Iwata*

JUDO CALENDAR

October 1 - Riverside, CA

All Women's "Fight for the Cure" Breast Cancer Charity Tournament

October 15 - Westminster, CA

Nanka Open Judo Team Championships

October 22 - Fresno, CA

Fresno Tournament

October 28 - Las Vegas, NV

Las Vegas Invitational Judo Tournament

October 29 - Westminster, CA

Sawtelle Judo Tournament

November 18 - La Puente, CA

Lil' Judoka Tournament (4-7 Year Old)

December 2 - Azusa, CA

Winter USJF/USJA Nationals

SAN GABRIEL JUDO DOJO

San Gabriel Judo survives the summer heat and performs well in several competitions across the country.



April 23, Nanka Spring Championships - Westminster, CA

Good day at the Southern California Judo Black Belt Association Spring Championships aka "Nanka Spring". San Gabriel Judo sent 17 judokas, led by the return of our team captain Izzy Coulter, and an impressive showing by Malia, Tyler, Avery, Logan, Nick, Xochi & Toshi, whom collectively brought home 10 gold medals! Just Awesome! We had 4 newbies who bravely entered and did a great job.

All of our Judokas did very well. As always, we have a lot of cleaning up & development needed, but together we'll all get better. Here's how the bunch did...

Double Gold: Avery Kadohiro, Malia Manibog, Toshi Irie
Gold: Tonanxochitl Ortega, Tyler Higashi, Logan Tan, Nick Banh
Silver: Izzy Coulter, Adriana McDaniels, Kyle Sakuda, Toshi Irie, Jason Sakuda
Bronze: Eddie Wei, Alex Luna, Kingston Santamaria

Avery Kadohiro was all heart as she battled through 7 matches to win golds in 2 divisions. She had some impressive harai goshi ippon wins and she beat someone she's never beaten before and she did it twice for the GOLD! All of our senseis are excited to see Avery's progress.

Malia Manibog...Malia had some downright brawls out there. Axe kicks, punches & scratches...but she battled through it all to beat her competition for 2 gold medals.

Tyler Higashi...He must have eaten lots of sashimi Saturday night because he went through his opponents with some impressive ippons!

Isabella Coulter...After a few months off, she returned and dominated the girl from Mexico, then beat the 2017 U.S. Cadet World Team Member with her uchimata.

Toshi Irie...Man on Fire! Toshi bravely fought in 2 additional divisions (up in age and then up 20 lbs in weight!). He impressively performed and put on a great show.

Thanks again and again to our Coaches: Aaron Kunihiro, Ken Sakuda, Liam McNair, Izzy Coulter

Thanks to the SG volunteers for helping make this tournament run so smoothly: Dan McNair, Izzy Coulter, Liam McNair, Toshi Irie, Jason Sakuda, Kyle Sakuda, Marie Langarica

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San Gabriel Judo Dojo



PHOTO COURTESY OF CARRIE KADOHIRO

May 13, Sensei Promotion Banquet at the Dojo

On May 13, several of the San Gabriel Judo members got together to celebrate the promotions of Sensei Mike Noriega to 7th degree Black Belt and Sensei Glenn Koyama to 6th degree Black Belt. It is an enormous accomplishment to reach such ranks and we are so proud of them. Congratulations to Sensei Noriega and Sensei Koyama for their promotions.

A note from Sensei Mike Noriega:

I want to take a moment to thank every member of our dojo. I am humbled by the promotion party you had for us. I have never seen so many individuals put together an event of that magnitude in so little time, truly amazing.

My wife commented how impressed she was by not only the thought given to the layout-providing space to play, areas for an amazing catered meal but awesome decorations and desserts!! There is so much talent and care...she wants to learn the games Richie played with everyone!! It is clear that family is the emphasis as the kids were playing and entertaining themselves while the parents were socializing, laughing and having fun. As so many expressed appreciation to her for letting me continue to be involved, she sees why my passion stays.

Unbelievable evening I will never forget.

Thank you,
Mike Noriega

Thank you for putting together an amazing event: Misty & Brent Tamanaha, Carrie & Chris Kadohiro, Phannie Wang, Brenda Saito, Gracie Takaha, and Akemi Arakaki.

July 7-8, USA Judo Junior Olympics - Spokane, WA

San Gabriel Judo sent 10 brave judokas to the 2017 USA Judo International & National Junior Olympics held at the Spokane Convention Center in the state of Washington. They were definitely under-developed with all the new stuff they've learned the past 6 months, so we could only hope that they would dig really, really deep to find ways to win...and that they sure did! So proud! So proud!!

Malia "I put'em in the AIR" Manibog had a great weekend with some super big throws! She brought home a Gold medal & a Silver! It was almost two Golds, but she needed to leave the mat because she couldn't keep breakfast down. But it's ok...her BIG throws are better than gold!!!

JUDO DOJO

HOURS OF OPERATION

TUESDAYS | FRIDAYS

BEGINNER CLASS

5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

INTERMEDIATE CLASS

6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

ADVANCED CLASS

7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

COMPETITORS CLASS

8:00 pm to 9:00 pm

JUDO ASSOCIATIONS

RENEWALS CAN BE PROCESSED ONLINE

United States Judo Federation
(USJF)

www.usjf.com

United States Judo Association
(USJA)

www.usja.net

USAJudo
United States Judo, Inc.
(USAJudo/USJI)

www.teamusa.org/usa-judo/membership

Liam "What the heck are you doing?" McNair wins a Bronze medal in a very tough Cadet division! Liam stayed focused and WON! We are very proud of this kid. When most would have folded, Liam worked through some massive challenges to start looking like a solid competitor. Great job, Liam! You're going to have some really fun Judo years before you leave for college!

Jason "Pain" Sakuda brings home a Silver & two Bronze medals!!!! After only 3 years of real Judo, he's out there competing with the best in the country and it is thrilling to watch his explosiveness.

Tonaxochitl Ortega wins her second Silver medal in a national event this year! She looked really good as she tore through her opponents to just come short in the finals! Xochi is just now starting to move her Judo to another level, so we all look forward to seeing her woman up and find her judo way. Great job, Xochi! Couldn't be more proud of you and your hard work to return to the national stage!

Kyle Sakuda wins a Bronze medal...Kyle never ever gets an easy draw. Yet he always confidently steps on to the tatami and throws all kinds of combinations at his opponents to find a win. Kyle is one of our most judo-intelligent players and we look forward to seeing some real big stuff from this kid.

JaRon Phan brings home a Bronze medal! JaRon is one tough 7yo kid who actually has some good Judo, but continues to be a scrapper and win a few matches with his strength and creative takedowns. Soon he'll really start flexing and put feet up in the air.

Izzy Coulter had a tough day in her new division. It's never fun being the 14yo youngster in an up to 17yo division. She held her own, but got stuck in a pin against the Silver medalist, then an armbar against the Bronze medalist. It's ok...Izzy is just a few months into a whole new tactical/technical scheme, so she'll be back bigger, stronger & bolder in the very near future!

Taylor Tan had a great day. His first match was awesome with all kinds of game! A few months ago in Reno, Taylor played the same kid and just edged out a win in sudden death. This time, Taylor dominated the match with wazaris all over the place, then a big ippon to finish the match. Taylor continued to battle tough in a very big division, but ended up in 4th place. Taylor was nominated for Best Sportsman of the Day. Great job, Taylor! Your big journey has only just begun!

Logan Tan also finished his day in 4th place and had one of his best performances on the biggest stage in junior judo. He was right in the mix in every match exchanging attacks with the best kids in the country.

Toshi Irie made his big show debut! He started the day really strong with a couple impressive wins, but he just came short of making the podium. Toshi gained a lot of experience on this trip, especially how to play the rules game on the national level. He's eagerly awaiting his next opportunity to win a national medal! It's going to be exciting to see what happens when he unleashes!

Overall...we are very happy. Our kids are getting better & better on a very positive pace. We're all so lucky to be on this ride together. Let's be happy and keep getting it done.

Thank you so much to our Coaches for this long 3 day championships: Mike Noriega, Ken Sakuda

Thank you to our awesome SG parents for looking out for one another and making every meal and beverage a happy & comforting time.

Thank you to Kong Tan and Darren Manibog for videotaping as many matches as possible. Which truly is not easy when so many are fighting at the same time!

Thank you to Fernando Gazzani from Valley Judo Institute for stepping in and coaching our brown belts to the podium when we had to leave early to catch our flights home. Truly appreciate your help!

Lastly...BIG THANK YOU'S to Aaron Kunihiro, Shinjiro Sasaki, Shintaro Nakano, Tokuzo Takahashi and Janine Nakao for providing the technical support to give our kids the confidence they needed to have some fun out there.

August 19-20, California State Games - San Diego, CA

Great day at the 2017 California State Games! We had a lot of good learning experiences and overall it was a lot of fun seeing all the good throws today from our kids! 6 Gold Medals | 6 Silver Medals | 1 Bronze Medal

Gold Medals: Jason Montejo, Justin Montejo x2, Izzy Coulter, Tiffany Yanagi, Liam McNair

Silver Medals: Taylor Tan, Sharon Wu x2, Jeralyn Montejo, Toshi Irie, Stanley Wu

Bronze Medal: Garrett Yanagi

4th Place: Tyler Higashi, Jordan Montejo

Everyone looked really good. Some tough battles that our kids were right in the mix with. Even the few that haven't competed in a while, put on a good show once their cobwebs were cleared. Biggest shouts to Justin Montejo for the really, really monstrous ippons today! (His poor opponents.) And big shouts also to his younger brother, Jason, for winning 5 matches and having a big ippon win in the Gold medal match! Great job boys!

I'm also really happy for Izzy Coulter, Tiffany Yanagi and Liam McNair for their gold medal performances today. They've been working their butts off, so I'm happy to see them get some rewards for their efforts.

Thank you to our Coaches for this event: Taizo Sasaki, Eileen McNair, Maelynn Langarica

Thank you, Kong Tan, our awesome Judo Dad/Videographer. Your contributions are precious and priceless.

Thank you, Lisette Tan, our awesome Judo Mom who setup dinner plans at Stacked Restaurant. That sure was grub.

Thank you to our Judo Moms (Jeannie, Daniele, Li, Lisette, Jen & Marie) for making the most of a loooong day. You guys really make all the kids feel comfortable and cared for. The kids really appreciate you guys, and they definitely have a blast on these trips.

August 19-20, Golden State Open - West Covina, CA

A very good showing at the 2017 Golden State Open. This is a premier event that draws the best from the western U.S. Our SG Judokas did very well, and we are very proud of them.

Gold medals: Malia Manibog, Tiffany Yanagi, Justin Montejo, Izzy Coulter, Liam McNair

Silver medals: Travis Takaha, Garrett Yanagi, Kyle Sakuda, Izzy Coulter, Sharon Wu, Jason Sakuda

Bronze medals: Waverly Tamanaha, JaRon Phan, Meena Phan, Taylor Tan, Stanley Wu

Thanks to the great support from today's coaches: Aaron Kunihiro, Taizo Sasaki, Ken Sakuda

August 26, Bojuka Ryu Judo Tournament - Monterey, CA

Great day for a few of our SG Judokas who traveled up the coast to Monterey, California for the Bojuka Ryu Tournament. We sent 7 and they all placed very high in their divisions! Awesomeness!

Gold Medals: Alex Luna, Garrett Yanagi, Tiffany Yanagi, Isabella Coulter, Maelynn Langarica

Silver Medal: Toshi Irie

4th Place: Logan Tan

Big props to Alex Luna who surprised us on Friday when he turned in his tournament forms. Only his second judo tournament, and he already found gold. He literally scored close to a dozen wazaris!!! So proud of him.



And...more big props to Garrett Yanagi for starting our day off right with 6 solid wins for his gold medal!

Thank you, Sensei Taizo for the excellent preparation & coaching today.

Thank you to our parents for taking this long journey for your kids to spread their wings in a new environment.

Thank you to Sensei Janine Nakao, the Nakao Family & Bojuka Ryu for the kind hospitality and perfect hotel recommendations. We had a great time!

Richie Endow
Head Sensei
San Gabriel Judo Dojo

ORGANIZATION MEETING SCHEDULES

SAN GABRIEL JUDO DOJO	TUESDAY & FRIDAY 5:00 PM-9:00 PM	RICHIE ENDOW (818) 482-4884 MIKE NORIEGA (310) 545-8449
NIKKEI SENIORS	THURSDAY 10:00 AM-1:00PM	STAN YAMADA (909) 393-9855
SOGETSU IKEBANA	2 ND & 4 TH MONDAY 7:00 PM-9:00 PM	KAZ KITAJIMA (626) 333-3039
TAIKO CENTER OF LOS ANGELES	WEDNESDAY 6:00 PM-7:00 PM	REV. TOM KURAI (626) 484-5184
ONO-HA ITTO-RYU HYOHO	THURSDAY 7:00PM-8:30PM SATURDAY 10:00 AM-12:00PM	NATHAN SCOTT (323) 821-8730
DAITO-RYU AIKI JUJUTSU KODOKAI	THURSDAY 8:30 PM-10:00PM SATURDAY 12:00PM-2:00PM	NATHAN SCOTT (323) 821-8730
WHERE EAGLES SOAR	SUNDAY 10:00AM-11:30AM	PASTOR BOB LONA (626) 574-7107

Where Eagles Soar Fellowship

In the movie "Forrest Gump", Tom Hanks has a famous line that everyone remembers – "Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're going to get."

Bob and I were high school sweethearts. The first time I met him, I knew in my heart that I was going to marry him some day.

We fell in love, dated for about three years and married in 1962. We've now been married for 55 years. We have two adopted children and one I gave birth to.

I was brought up in a Christian home where we always went to church on Sundays. Bob on the other hand – believed in God, but hardly ever attended church.

One evening Bob came home from work and shared something with me that I never expected to hear coming from him. He said to me, "I wish I could preach to people and teach them how to live a good life where they would be able to receive the blessings of God." Without him ever knowing, I took his words and put them in my prayers before God. God heard my prayers and one morning during my prayer time God showed me a vision of Bob preaching behind the pulpit. At that time of that prayer and that vision, Bob had a full head of hair. But behind the pulpit Bob has lost most of his hair. I asked God what all this meant. He said to me – "Conceal from your husband and others what I have shown you." For twelve years I was obedient to God never saying a word to anyone. For a woman that is a hard thing to do when she has received good news, she wants to share it with everyone.



SUGGESTIONS AND IDEAS

We are always looking for suggestions and fresh new ideas to help better the community center.

Please feel free to leave us a note with your suggestion or idea in the SGJCC mailbox, located in the top left corner slot in the mail sorter or you can email us at sgjcc5149@gmail.com.

As time went on I began to see Bob with less hair. During the latter time within those twelve years we both made a commitment to attend classes in Bible Studies and learn the Bible from beginning to end.

As time went by God was preparing our future for us without us realizing how our life was being molded by the hand of God.

Before we knew it, Bob one day was being ordained as a Assistant Pastor at the church we were attending. He served as an Assistant Pastor for several years and finally Bob felt the call of God to pastor in our own church. Our church was birthed in 2006 which we pastor, called "Where Eagles Soar Fellowship."

We teach our member to soar like eagles, above life's storms and circumstances, by living out God's Word and being a "Doer of His Word and not just a Hearer" James 1:22; where we're able to receive His blessings by obeying His word.

Bob and I had no idea that the God who created us, was going to use our lives to such a capacity, in teaching The Gospel.

Just like Tom Hanks had said, we too, now say – "Life is like a box of chocolates – you never know what you're going to get."

Come and visit us on Sunday mornings, from 10:00 am to 11:30 am.

God Bless You,

Pastor Bob and Irene Lona
Where Eagles Soar Fellowship

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