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*Florence Kojima
President 2023
LBJCC*

Hello everyone, I'm Ole Nervik, Second Vice President. President Flo Kojima is on vacation so I get the opportunity to write this month's message.

As Second Vice President, my main responsibility is the Cultural Festival. It's a massive job that one person can't do alone. Fortunately, I have all of you, who put in so much of your time and effort to enable us to have what I believe is the best festival around.

Especially after three years of the festival being cancelled, we needed and got extra help from the greatest group of volunteers any community center could ask for. I'm sorry I can't list everyone individually because there just isn't room in this newsletter, but still I'd like to thank each and every one of you very much.

I'd also like to talk a little about the Center. The Long Beach Japanese Cultural Center is a nonprofit organization for the advancement of Japanese culture. It's kind of like a co-op, meaning that all the member organizations jointly manage the

Center. That is why it is important that all the organizations send representatives to the board meeting, so that we can run the center for the good of everyone.

About 16 years ago, I joined the Board of Directors, and as 56 year old man, I was one of the youngest on the board. Now, as a 73 year old man, I am still one of the younger representatives on the board. That brings me to an important topic: diversity on the board. Every time a new person comes into the board, we grow a little better. New ideas and new energy rejuvenates the board. I'd like to invite you to come and visit our board meeting, see what it is like, and see what you could bring to it. Maybe sometime in the future, you could represent the organization to which you belong.

We meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month in the conference room at 7:30-9:00 with the exception of November and December. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at (562) 533-2994.

Holiday Treats

ROSEMARY WALNUTS

1. Melt 2 1/2 T unsalted butter with 2 t dried rosemary (crumbled), 1 t salt and 1/4-1/2 t cayenne pepper.
2. Pour this mixture over 2 C walnuts, tossing to coat.
3. Bake the nuts on a cookie sheet at 350 deg F for 10 minutes'
(Courtesy of Janis)

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Grace First Presbyterian Church.....*Victor Fukuhara (562) 424-0211
Services: Sundays 9:00 am & 11:00 am
Kimekomi Doll-Yukari Kai.....*Atsuko Yomogida (562) 425-6554
3rd Sat of the month, 930 am to 12 pm at the LB Buddhist Church
Instructor: Mrs. Yukari Kanesaka
Kokoro Taiko Kai of Long Beach.....*Joann Matsunaga (310) 387-8163
Practices: Saturdays 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Long Beach Buddhist Church.....*Keiko Shibata (562) 630-3258
Services: Sunday 10 am
Long Beach Harbor Pioneer Project.....*Joanne Leivici (310) 994-0553
Board Meetings: 2nd Tuesday 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Long Beach Ikenobo Ikebana*Izumi Minamitani (310) 292-0179
2nd, 3rd & 4th Saturdays: 1:30 pm (Call to confirm)
Long Beach Japanese Language School*Ole Nervik (562) 533-2994
Classes: Saturday 8:45 am – 12:30 pm
LBJLS Alumni & Friends Association.....*Wanda Higaki 310-538-3020
LBJL Booster Association.....*Florence Kojima (310) 977-4470
Long Beach Japanese Ondo Group.....Contact June Donovan (562) 708-3633
Practices and Performances throughout the Summer
Long Beach Judo Dojo.....*Anthony Tanaka (562) 455-7470
Practices: T/F 7 pm – 9 pm
Long Beach Kendo Dojo.....*Yusuke Sakuma
Practices: M/Th 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm
Long Beach Landscape Gardeners Association.....Frank Harada (714) 821-3528
Nichiren Sangha Association.....Lane Hayakawa (951) 315-1443
Services: 1st Sunday 11 am – 2:30 pm
Shodo Kai Shigin Michiko Honda (562) 426-6756
Mon. 7:00pm – 9:00pm
Long Beach Shotokan Karate.....Osamu Nishimura (562) 644-1443
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Practice: W/7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Sumie Group.....Ann Igarashi (714) 540-8948

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SAVE THE DATE

Japanese School
Holiday Pancake Breakfast
Saturday
Dec 16th 8:00 to 9:30

Japanese School Holiday Mochi Sale
Order by Dec 16th
Pickup between Christmas & New
Year's Dec 16th, 2-4pm

2023 LBJCC Shinnenkai
Sunday, February 4th, 2024
Noon - 3pm
Bring a salad, side dish or dessert
to share



The Long Beach Japanese Cultural Center Mission Statement

The Long Beach Japanese Cultural Center has served as the primary facility in the Long Beach Harbor area in furthering an understanding and appreciation of the Japanese culture and the Japanese American experience through its offerings of cultural and visual arts instruction, as well as Japanese language classes, events and activities for the benefit of citizens of all ages, ethnicity and religious affiliations.

Our Mission is:

- ❑ To enhance the lives of the citizens of the Long Beach/South Bay area through accessible, quality instruction in the various Japanese cultural, visual, language and martial arts.
- ❑ To serve as a cultural resource of civic and community events, thus adding to the already rich cultural diversity of the area.
- ❑ To preserve and further the timeless cultural traditions which are our legacy by generations past.
- ❑ To collect, document and establish an archives library of historical artifacts, data, visual images and an oral history of the Japanese American experience in the Long Beach and surrounding areas to serve as a unique educational resource.

Long Beach Buddhist Church Chow Mein Sale Fundraiser

By Dave Yamamoto

After a three year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic and extensive cleaning and reorganizing of facilities, the Long Beach Buddhist Church on Santa Fe Avenue in Long Beach resumed its semi-annual Chow Mein Dinner on Sunday, October 8, 2023.



Four generations of volunteer workers chipped in for over four days to help prepare the traditional ingredients for our famously tasty Chow Mein, cleaning, chopping, cutting, and cooking. Our senior members helped train the younger generations on exactly what it takes to make a proper Chow Mein, instructing how to correctly cut the thin vegetable slices, pickle the tsukemono, and fry up the egg and noodles just right. The assembly line of people packaging and bagging of orders and selling baked goods to go along with the main dish was quite well-organized, efficiently putting together over 700

orders in the three-hour pickup time window.

That was quite a lot considering that most of the advertising was simple word of mouth, and especially since it had been such a long time since the last sale. Those who bought were rewarded with an incredibly delicious meal, something our church has been renowned for over the years.

Because of the success of this sale and the overwhelmingly positive reviews, LBBC plans on continuing this semi-annual event with the next one in March.

Please be on the lookout for future announcements and remember that everyone is always welcome to attend our non-denominational Sunday morning 10 AM services as well as our other special events. Find us online at <https://www.longbeachbuddhistchurch.com>.

Terminal Islander's Win Heritage Award




Following the presentation of the award, the Terminal Islanders group performed Japanese Ondo folk dancing. Original Terminal Islanders present: front right: Hideko Yamamoto (seated), Alice Nagano and Hiroko Nogawa.

On November 11th, the Long Beach Aquarium of the Pacific presented the Terminal Islanders their Heritage Award at the 22nd Autumn Festival. Each year, the Autumn Festival highlights Asian traditions and cultures through learning opportunities and family entertainment. The Heritage award is presented to individuals or groups for their community service and leadership. The Terminal Islanders were recognized for their important legacy and commitment to sharing their history with others throughout generations.


Prior to WWII, Terminal Island was a fishing village in the Los Angeles Harbor. After Pearl Harbor and the incarceration of Japanese/Japanese Americans, the Terminal Islanders were scattered due to the complete destruction of their village. They stayed in touch with each other and in 1971 formed the Terminal Islander Club, a group that holds reunions each year. In 2002, the Terminal Island Japanese Fishing Village Memorial was dedicated to honor the original settlers and to preserve the memory, culture and history of their former home. Through the Terminal Islanders club, the next generation has continued to educate others on their legacy. For more information about the Terminal Islanders, please contact June Miyamoto Donovan at 562.708.3633.



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Thank you for your continued support!

The LBJCC is a 501c3 charitable organization and all donations are tax deductible as the law

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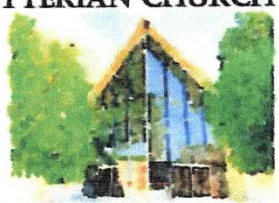
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