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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.

**OR CURRENT OCCUPANT** 

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

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## **HAPPY NEW YEAR 2021!**

Happy Year of the Ox! 明けましておめでとうございます! The Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute (GVJCI) Staff and Board sends you our best wishes for 2021! As we all know, 2020 has been a year unlike any other, as we sadly had to close our doors to the community since March due to the COVID-19 pandemic. People around the world had to quickly learn how to navigate through this pandemic, seeking whatever stability they could find in an ever-changing world, where so many people lost their loved ones 🐖 or experienced illness themselves. We saw millions of people throughout the nation uprising against racial injustices suffered by the Black community whose lives continue to be taken. We also saw millions of people casting early voting ballots for a pivotal election determining our country's fate for the next four vears.

With the multitudes of daily challenges people faced, we also saw that out of adversity, there was resilience, and the community spirit was strong! We were humbled to receive the outpour of support during these struggling times. We know that many of you are experiencing a financial loss during this pandemic as well, so we are even more grateful for your continued support, and for our many new donors! Your generous support of our numerous fundraising efforts, your kind offers to volunteer at our limited inperson activities, your donations to help make our first ever Virtual Matsuri fundraiser a success, and just the phone calls, emails, and notes we received letting us know that you were thinking of us at the GVJCI---words can't begin to express the gratitude we feel. We truly couldn't have gotten through this so far without your kindness and generosity.

We wish that all of you stay safe and healthy, and take care of your emotional and mental well-being. Please try our online programs and classes if you haven't already. There's great virtual programs in 2021, and fun ways to connect with old and new friends during these times of social isolation.

Again, thank you for the generous support you give the GVJCI as participants in our programs and services, as volunteers, as monetary and non-monetary donors, as community collaborators, and as our local small business partners. We look forward to when GVJCI can safely reopen and we can see all of you again!

With sincere kansha. Alison Kochiyama, Executive Director

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## **Board of Directors Updates**



Happy New Year! I am Alan Kita, and I am honored to write my first message to you as the newly elected president of the Gardena Valley JCI Board of Directors.

New Years is always a time of tradition, of hope, and a yearning for better days. 2021 certainly brings us to all new heights of anticipation and optimism.

2020 changed many traditions and expectations. While we deeply miss some of our old routines, with change comes opportunity. And this is exciting. Since March 2020, the GVJCI staff and volunteers have worked hard to re-envision the ways that our Japanese American traditions and community can come together safely, creating ways to keep us all connected in a non-contact environment, and keep everyone safe from the coronavirus.

Change can be hard to embrace, but our community has history and understands accepting temporary change for the long term good. We have been working diligently on new ways to have our programs come to you. 2021 is about opportunity and innovation. Our goal is to create a center for all things Japanese American and yet be safely distanced.

We appreciate the generous support that the GVJCI has received to maintain our facilities and our programs. These are rough financial times for all of us, and the generosity during the uncertainty of 2020 has been extraordinarily helpful and is deeply appreciated.

Please join me in thanking our outgoing GVJCI Board president, Ray Shibata, who has served in this role for two years. His guidance on the board is commendable and exemplifies a model to emulate. I also appreciate his con-

tinuing service with the board as Treasurer for the next year.

Additionally, I also wish to thank Charlie Oyagi, former GVJCI board president and a long-time board member, who is "retiring" from the board. His dedication to the GVJCI programs and activities is outstanding, and he will be missed at our monthly meetings. Charlie's stories evoke the memories of a "JCI" that I remember from my youth - the fun and vibrant energy it carried as a cornerstone of the community. He sparks the imagination of what the GVJCI could become and demonstrates what can get done with heart and soul. We will always welcome Charlie's opinions and ideas to our meetings.

We anticipate this year 2021 will continue to have challenges to tradition: the responsibility to suspend in-person activities such as "Day of Remembrance," "Matsuri," and others and to create an alternate, socially-distanced and online presence. I hope you all will continue to log in on our events and participate at a safe distance to stay healthy. The creativity and resilience of the GVJCI staff, volunteers and community inspires hope that together, everyone can make New Year 2021 a magical and memorable year. We eagerly anticipate the time when we can again safely open our GVJCI doors, and we can meet again in person to celebrate our Japanese American community.

Until then, be well, be safe, and we will see you online!

Alan Kita President, GVJCI Board of Directors





# Gardena Valley JCI News

(top row, I-r) Alison Kochiyama (staff), Alan Hino (board fellow), Raymond Shibata, Charles Oyagi (second row, I-r) Airi Takashima Oye, Alvin Takamori, Gail Doi, Juan Hernandez (third row, I-f) Lawrence Hada, Michelle Hirano, Alan Kita, Brvce Ikemura (bottom row, I-r) Miles Akiyama, Richard Ames, Marilyn Tsuge, Grant Nakaoka



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### 2020 Board Fellow

By: Alan Hino



My experience being on the GVJCI Board of Directors through the Kizuna Board Fellowship Program has been the highlight of a tumultuous year. I was unsure of what to expect as I had no previous experience serving on a Board of Directors. Ray, my mentor for the Board Fellowship, and Alison have been amazing and guided me through quite a year. In addition, the entire Board has been helpful, warm, and friendly as I've settled into my new role. I am thankful for the positive response, and have learned much about the inner workings of how a Board operates, functions, and works within a predetermined budget.

I have fond memories of the Matsuri when I was younger, but recently, I had lost touch with GVJCI and all of the amazing work they've done. Being born and raised in the South Bay, my placement

with GVJCI was a great match. I take away a tremendous amount of hands-on experience, serving on the Development Committee, the Signature Event Sub-Committee, and contributing to the creation of a new committee focusing on challenges created by the pandemic. This work included helping fellow board members learn to use Zoom for the transition to all virtual meetings as well as volunteering for several fundraising events. Creating a how to cook Spam Musubi video for the first ever Virtual Matsuri and volunteering for the Azay Obon Menu fundraiser was a fun way to interact with the community that GVJCI serves.

I am grateful for the opportunity provided to me by both Kizuna and the GVJCI. While challenging, the pandemic has presented new opportunities for the GVJCI to grow in new ways and I am excited to help in any way that I can. One final heart-felt thank you to the Board, Staff, and volunteers for their dedication.

### April Deadline for 2021 GVJCI Youth Scholarships

The GVJCI will be awarding scholarships to 2021 South Bay high school seniors and GVJCI Japanese Language School graduates (may live outside of the South Bay area). 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.

Applications are available on our website: jci-gardena.org. Submission deadline is April 1, 2021, and award recognitions will be made in June 2021 as part of the GVJCI Virtual Matsuri Fundraiser.

Scholarships available: Gary Hori Memorial Scholarship, Gardena Valley JACL Scholarship, and the Gardena Valley Gardeners Association Legacy Scholarship, and other GVJCI scholarships.





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On December 13th we had a TNK Holiday Food Drive in lieu of our annual Christmas party! We gave out bags filled with Japanese foods as well as our 2021 calendar! We ended 2020 with 613 total members. Thank you to all our TNK members!



## **Exciting New Changes to TNK Classes!** 友の会オンラインクラスが新しく変わります!

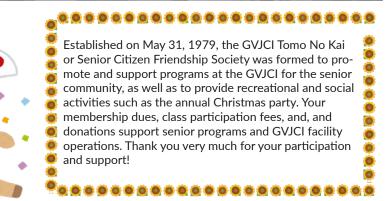
By: Stephanie Mayeda, Program Manager & Chikako Roper, Bilingual Programs Coordinator

私たちガーデナ平原日本文化会館が再開する日を皆様が首を長く We know many of you are eagerly awaiting the time when GVJCI して待ってくださっていることを知っていますが、残念なことに reopens, and we wish we could tell you when that may be, but, for now, we all need to stay safely at home. As many of you know, それがいつになるかは現状ではわかりませんし、今は安全対策と we have transitioned several TNK classes into online using Zoom. して外出ぜず自宅で過ごす必要があります。多くの方がご存知な ように、私たちは数々の友の会クラスはZoomを使いオンライン We've truly enjoyed seeing students and teachers come together に移行してきました。私たちはみな様や先生方に再びお会いして again to not only take part in fun activities but also learn and con-楽しい時間を過ごすだけでなく、いろいろと学び、更にテクノロ nect with each other through technology. We also offered classes ジーを駆使して繋がっていることを心から喜んでいます。私たち and individual instructions teaching students how to connect は皆様にコンピューターやタブレット、スマートフォーンなどの their devices to register and take these online classes. However, 使い方を個人個人にサポートしオンラインクラス登録をするお手 since our closure, there has been a drastic decrease in our senior 伝い、またそのようなクラスも提供しました。しかし、閉館後シ class participation, as many TNK members are waiting for GVJCI's facilities to reopen. With our reopening date unknown and unfor-ニアの方々の参加者数は大幅に減り、たくさんの友の会メンバー tunately not in the near future, we hope that many of you might の方々はキャンパスが再開することをお待ちになっています。残 念ですが現在のところ近い将来、再開できる見込みがない中で、 reconsider learning how to take TNK classes online this year. We will be offering more classes as well as exclusive monthly classes! もう一度友の会オンラインクラスに参加することを考えてくださ We are also changing the TNK class fee structure beginning this るように望んでいます。今までのクラスに加え毎月特別に提供さ year. Instead of paying per class, you will now pay a \$30 monthly れるクラスもあります。今年から友の会オンラインクラスの受講 participation fee, and you can take any number of classes for that 料が変更になりました。毎回クラスごとにお支払いただいていま month. We hope that this will make it easier for you to register and したが、月額30ドルで無制限にクラスに参加していただけます。 皆様が簡単に登録参加していただけることを願っています。 participate.

Please make sure you renew your TNK membership for 2021! Our staff is ready to assist you whether it's preparing your device (sma phone, tablet, laptop, computer, etc.) or helping you set up Zoom Simply call our office (310) 324-6611 and someone will call you back to assist you.

and scroll down to the registration form!

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# FEBRUARY

#### LA FOOD BANK FOOD DISTRIBUTION WEDS, FEB 3, MAR 3, APR 7, MAY 5, 9-10AM GVJCI Parking Lot

Food distribution takes place regularly on the first Wednesday of the month. 10-12 lb boxes of shelf stable items for seniors 60 years and older. 1st come, 1st served. 1 box per car. NO RSVPs. To maintain social distancing, this distribution is drivethru only; no walk-ins please. As a courtesy to our staff and volunteers, please put on a face mask before you enter the



lot. Please do NOT line up your cars prior to 9AM. All cars must enter coming east through the W 162nd street entrance.

### ADULTING WORKSHOP: FINANCIAL LITERACY SAT, FEB 6, 2-4PM

#### Online

Looking to get your finances in order? How do I start planning for retirement? Join us for this free financial literacy workshop where we'll cover everything from how to build a budget and eliminate debt efficiently to how to invest for retirement and other financial goals. In this workshop, you'll learn how to create and implement a proper financial plan that will set you up for success.

This workshop will be presented by Jared Tanimoto, a Certified Financial Planner<sup>™</sup> practitioner and founder of Ascent Wealth Advisors. Jared is the President of the Financial Planning Association of Orange County, a non-profit with over 500 of the top financial planners in the OC area. Join us and be on your way to reaching your financial goals! This is a FREE event but donations are welcome! Visit the "Events' page on our website to register!

#### DAY OF REMEMBRANCE 2021 MON, FEB 22 - SAT, FEB 27, 2-4PM Online/GVJCI Website

Join us for a week long Day of Remembrance (DOR) online event! This year's theme will be "collections," and from Feb. 22-26, the community will be introduced to the GVJCI's new archive webpage where various collections of resources about the Japanese American WWII experience in the form of stories, photographs, and videos will be shared with the public. From these collections, viewers will gain new knowledge in the experiences of Japanese Americans incarcerated during World War II. On Feb. 27th, we will be having a live online program via Zoom. The program will feature interviews from various individuals and organizations featured throughout the week of DOR. Admission is FREE, but donations are greatly appreciated! Program capacity is limited. To register for this event, please visit https://www.jci-gardena.org/day-ofremembrance.html.

This program is co-sponsored by The George and Sakaye Aratani CARE Award and UCLA's Asian American Studies Center.

### MARCH & APRIL ONLINE SMARTPHONE CLASS MON, MAR 3-APR 12 (NO CLASS 3/22), 10-11AM Online

Android and iPhone. Each class is a mix of prerecorded video and live instruction via Zoom. Students will be given videos to watch on their own each week and then attend a weekly Zoom class with the instructor. For registration, please visit the "Seniors" section of our website and click on "Senior Tech Classes." Fee is \$10 per class or \$50 for whole 6 week series.





### HINAMATSURI SAT, MAR 7, 2-3PM

**Online** Celebrate Girl's D

Celebrate Girl's Day online with GVJCI! We'll be learning about the history and traditions of Hinamatsuri through activities and cooking! Participation fee is \$5. Please visit our website to register.



### TOMODACHI ONLINE BAKING WORKSHOP SERIES SAT, MAR 27, APR 17, & MAY 1, 2-4PM

#### Online

Join us for another Tomodachi Online Baking Workshop series as we learn to bake trendy Japanese desserts all from the comfort of your own home! This time we'll be a workshop each for ages 8-12, ages 13-17, and a Mother's Day baking workshop! This series is taught by Kenzie Tokuchi and registration is \$5 per participant per workshop. Please see our website for more information on what we will be baking for each workshop and to register!

# MAY

#### KODOMO NO HI (CHILDREN'S DAY) SAT, MAY 8, 2-3PM Online

Join us for some fun and games for our virtual Kodomo No Hi, also known as Children's Day! Learn about the traditions behind this holiday as well as participate in fun cultural activities! Registration is \$5 per child. To sign up and for more information, please visit the "Events" section of our website!



## SAVE THE DATE!

### **GVJCI RESTAURANT FUNDRAISERS**

Thank you for your support of our Drive-Through Restaurant fundraisers. Our hope is to continue to help our local restaurant partners through these challenging times, with a percentage of the proceeds going to support the GVJCI.

Our next planned restaurant fundraiser will be with Shin-Sen-Gumi and is scheduled for sometime in March 2021. In light of the increasing COVID-19 numbers, we will be holding off on Drive-Through Restaurant fundraiser pick up at the GVJCI for now. Instead, we will be creating a flyer for you to use at select Shin Sen Gumi restaurants. Call ahead, place your order with any of the restaurants noted below and pick up your food when it's ready.

Participating Shin Sen Gumi Restaurants

- Shin-Sen-Gumi Yakitori
- Shin-Sen-Gumi 2GO
- Shin-Sen-Gumi Hakata Ramen Gardena

Please mention this fundraiser when placing your order and present a copy of the flyer at pick up so the GVJCI can receive credit for a share of the proceeds. Please visit our website at https://www.jci-gardena.org/drive-thru-restaurant-fundraiser for more details and to print a copy of the flyer.

If you haven't already, please sign up to receive our emails at https://www.jci-gardena.org/join-our-email-list.html, and follow us on Instagram and Facebook for updates.

#### Thank you to our 2020 Restaurant Fundraiser Partners!

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Please join us for a 2-week long virtual summer camp! Activities will take place on Zoom, Monday through Friday from 10AM-12PM each day. Campers will participate in fun, educational activities centered around the Nikkei experience as well as attend virtual field trips!