

# SAN GABRIEL NIKKEI QUARTERLY

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## CALENDAR

### SGJCC MEETINGS

SECOND TUESDAY  
OF EVERY MONTH

1|9|2018

2|13|2018

3|13|2018

4|10|2018

5|8|2018

6|12|2018



## SGJCC

Since our last update, the progress of the community center ceiling has moved along nicely.

On October 30th, the remaining original ceiling was removed. The demolition was a messy project, but it opened up the space to reveal the original wood beams. During the last week of December, the community center oversaw installation of new ducts for air conditioning/heating. Next, the old lighting was removed from the main area. Currently, the contractors are working to put up the new LED lighting with dimmers. On Monday, January 8th, the upper portion of the walls will be repaired by adding drywall and eventually, a fresh coat of paint.

The center still has plans to add insulation to the roof and lighting on the stage area of the main room. Stayed tuned.

-San Gabriel Japanese Community Center

## NICHIGETSUKAN MOCHITSUKI FUNDRAISER

@ KEIRO KAI/SHINNENKAI ON 1/27/2018

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## 2017 SGJCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### OFFICERS

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**Editor**  
Misty Tamanaha

## SGJCC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This year was my final year as your president at the SGJCC. I would like to thank everyone for your assistance and support during my many years as the president of the Center. Because of your support we were able to accomplish many projects during my tenure. I enjoyed being the president of the Center for those many years and leave with many fond memories thanks to all of you.

Now moving forward Mr. Nathan Scott was elected as the SGJCC president for 2018. Mr. Scott is the head instructor of the Daito-Ryu Aiki Jujutsu Kodokai/Ono-ha-itti-ryu Hyoho and has been on the Board of Directors for many years, last serving as the first vice president. Please support Mr. Scott as the new president of the Center.

My new position on the SGJCC Board of Directors would be the role of an Advisor and Auditor. I understand that the most senior members of the board of directors, or "older people" always fill Advisor and Auditor.

As always, I would be available for comments or suggestions.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Hope to see everyone at the New Year/ Keiro Kai on January 27, 2018.

Regards and many thanks,

Ron Ito  
213.400.9392

## CELEBRATE 2018

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

### SGJCC'S KEIRO KAI SHINNENKAI (NEW YEAR PARTY)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2018

12:00PM TO 3:00PM

SAN GABRIEL JAPANESE COMMUNITY CENTER

\*\*RSVP REQUIRED FOR SENIORS OVER 80 YEARS OF AGE\*\*

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## SGJCC ELECTIONS

The San Gabriel Japanese Community Center elected it's 2018 Board of Directors on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at 7:30 pm.

Please meet the 2018 San Gabriel Japanese Community Center Board of Directors:

President - **Nathan C. Scott**

First Vice President – **Chris Kadohiro**

Second Vice President – **Carrie Kadohiro**

Third Vice President – **Brent Tamanaha**

Treasurer/Historian – **Kathy Kato**

Assistant Treasurer – **Steve Kato**

Corresponding Secretary – **Phannie Bang**

Recording Secretary – **Jennifer Yanagi**

Advisors – **Ron Ito, Glenn Koyama, and Lenny Taise**

## NIKKEI SENIORS CLUB WANTS YOU!

If you are 55 years of age or older, are of Japanese ancestry (or married to someone who is), and you enjoy playing Bingo and might be interested in being part of a group making occasional trips to places like Laughlin, Las Vegas, Pala Casino or Santa Anita Race Track, we want you!! We meet Thursdays unless we are on one of the above mentioned trips, so consider joining us.

For more information, please contact Walt at (626) 285-0361. Our membership dues are \$50 for singles and \$75 for couples and includes SGJCC membership dues!

Call and I'll be happy to send you a Membership Application.

## RIGHT AWAY!!

## 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 <sup>ND</sup> & 4 <sup>TH</sup> 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 HYOHU	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) 574-71

## NICHIGETSUKAN DOJO



Last month while training in Japan I was interviewed by Mr. Tamura Masaumi of the "Oketo Times" newspaper. My wife and I decided to translate the article and have included it below. Oketo (置戸) is a small town in the Northeast section of Hokkaido with a population of just over 3,000 residents. The Daito-ryu Aikijujutsu Kodokai school mentioned below is actually one of the oldest branches in existence, established by the founder of the Kodokai in 1959. Oketo is about a 45 minute drive away from Kitami City, where the founder lived and operated his own headquarters dojo. The uncle of the current head instructor, Mr. Matsuda, was a student of the founder at that time and co-founded the Oketo dojo. It seems the reporter found it interesting that an art being taught in such a small isolated town such as Oketo could attract international travelers. If anyone has the chance to visit Hokkaido I would highly recommend it!

### Training of Daito-ryu Aikijujutsu Attended by an Active Duty Police Officer in Los Angeles for the Last Ten Years While Using His Vacation Time

Active duty Police Officer working the City of Los Angeles, Mr. Nathan Scott (49), attended and trained hard in Daito-ryu Aikijujutsu Kodokai at the Oketo Keikokai (Representative, Mr. Matsuda Satoru) located inside the Oketo Sports Center on November 9th, 2017.

Mr. Scott began training in the art 21 years ago, but his interest in Japanese martial arts developed at a much younger age. At the age of thirteen years old he began train in Judo and Aikido, and it was through this experience that his interest in the history of Daito-ryu deepened.

Later in life, his decision to pursue a career in law enforcement derived largely from a growing desire to apply his martial art experience in a positive way. Striving to further polish his techniques, Scott began making regular trips to Japan in 1997, and as of approximately 10 years ago, began attending practice at the Oketo Keikokai. Likewise, Mr. Matsuda also looks forward to training with him every year.

Mr. Scott stated, "The arrest and control techniques and defensive tactics of the police when applied in a free-fighting context can be thought of as similar to modern day K1 fights. Younger officers with less experience often rely on strikes or their baton, but in my case, even when the suspect is armed with a weapon such as a knife, I usually place my trust in the practical techniques transmitted within the ancient art of Daito-ryu. I've found that these techniques, when applied against resisting suspects being taken into custody, don't usually result in injury. As such I often teach the methods to younger officers in hopes of passing down better force options."



There are currently only four locations to train in Daito-ryu Kodokai in California, and Mr. Scott is the leader of one of these training halls. He usually stays in Japan for one month out of each year, using time he accumulates for vacation during each year worked. He is then expected to pass along what he has learned to his group. His wife Tae from Shizuoka joins him during these trips, and stated, "I like the calm and peaceful atmosphere here in Oketo." As a resident of Oketo, it was hard for this reporter to understand such enchantment, but it seems I've had my eyes opened to it by Mr. and Mrs. Scott.

Nathan Scott  
*Nichigetsukan Kancho*

## YAY! A NEW REFRIGERATOR

The Community Center has purchased a new refrigerator for group use. It will be delivered on Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. As a reminder, please be courteous of your fellow SGJCC members and keep the refrigerator clean. Be mindful about the space your group occupies in it and please LABEL anything you do not want to be thrown away. There were a lot of expired items (circa 2013) in the old refrigerator. Thank you for your cooperation!

## SAN GABRIEL NIKKEI SENIORS CLUB

### VIVA LAS VEGAS

On September 26, thirty-two Nikkei Seniors left for a 3-day trip to the California Hotel. Rolling along Highway 15, we played bingo, watched a video and, of course, snacked on all sorts of donated goodies. We sang Happy Birthday to Don Kim, who celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. We all had a wonderful time; however, a few of us had a fantastic time leaving Vegas as big winners. Congratulations! – *submitted by Kay Yokota*

### DAY AT THE RACES

A staff member gave an introduction to the Santa Anita racetrack and wagering information, including horse by selections for each race. After a delicious and plentiful buffet, all enjoyed a pleasant day. The weather was perfect for outdoor seating. The group package included clubhouse entrance, racing program and buffet. Parking was free, all for \$22. The folks new to racing really enjoyed themselves after learning how to use the self-serve bet cards and wagering machines. The San Gabriel Nikkei Seniors were acknowledged in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Race of the day. – *submitted by Jack Miyagawa*

### DRIVERS IMPROVEMENT CLASSES

Classes were held on October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at the community center. Ten members were present both days. Jon Nakaki of Keiro conducted the classes, which was free to all who attended. Jon did a very good job presenting the classes. The videos he showed were also interesting. – *submitted by Janet Iwata*

### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, one hundred and eleven members enjoyed a fabulous Christmas Party at Almansor Court. We enjoyed a delicious Sesame Mesclun Salad, and our choice of entrees: Blackened Salmon and Canadian Scallops or Prime Rib of Beef. Joy Yogi and the Ukulele Band entertained us with a Sing-a-long of Christmas Songs and Hawaiian Christmas Songs. Many members went home with wonderful door prizes and prizes from winning Bingo cards. It was truly wonderful to see so many of our members celebrating the Christmas holiday together. A special thank you to everyone who participated in making this Party a wonderful memory. – *submitted by Irene Hagihara*

## A SPECIAL NOTE TO SAN GABRIEL NIKKEI SENIOR CLUB MEMBERS

**THE NEW YEAR IS FAST APPROACHING AND THAT MEANS IT IS TIME FOR US TO RENEW OUR CLUB MEMBERSHIPS. I WILL BE COLLECTING MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2018 AT OUR FIRST TWO MEETINGS IN JANUARY - THE 18TH AND 25TH AND ALSO FEBRUARY 1ST AND 8TH. FEBRUARY 8TH IS THE DEADLINE TO BE INCLUDED IN OUR 2018 ROSTER.**

**OUR DUES WILL BE GOING UP IN 2018. SINGLE MEMBERSHIPS WILL BE \$50 AND COUPLES WILL BE \$75. PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECKS PAYABLE TO SGNS CLUB OR SAN GABRIEL NIKKEI SENIORS CLUB. SEND THEM TO ME AT THE ADDRESS BELOW IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND MEETINGS. PLEASE DO NOT SEND THEM TO THE JAPANESE COMMUNITY CENTER.**

**THE RENT WE PAY TO USE THE COMMUNITY CENTER WILL BE GOING UP AS OF JANUARY 1ST AS WELL AS OUR COMMUNITY CENTER MEMBERSHIP DUES. THE PORTIONS OF OUR MEMBERSHIP DUES THAT OUR CLUB PAYS TO THE COMMUNITY CENTER WILL BE \$30 FOR SINGLES AND \$35 FOR COUPLES. THESE ARE SPECIAL DISCOUNTED DUES FOR US SENIORS. THE PORTION OF OUR MEMBERSHIP DUES THAT WILL REMAIN IN OUR TREASURY WILL BE \$20 FOR SINGLES AND \$40 FOR COUPLES. THE RENT WE PAY IS GOING UP IN TWO WAYS. FIRST IT WILL INCREASE FROM \$45 PER DAY TO \$50 AND WE WILL NO LONGER ONLY PAY FOR THE DAYS WE ACTUALLY USE THE FACILITY BUT FOR EVERY THURSDAY IN ANY PARTICULAR MONTH - IN OTHER WORDS, WE WILL PAY \$200 FOR MONTHS IN WHICH THERE ARE FOUR THURSDAYS, \$250 FOR MONTHS IN WHICH THERE ARE FIVE.**

**THIS IS THE SECOND SAN GABRIEL NIKKEI QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER PRODUCED BY OUR NEW EDITOR, MISTY TAMANAHA. THE QUARTERLY WILL BE PRINTED AND SENT OUT EVERY THREE MONTHS FROM NOW ON. I SINCERELY BELIEVE THE QUARTERLY CONTRIBUTES A LOT TO OUR SENSE OF COMMUNITY, AND I HOPE IT WILL KEEP US CONNECTED ESPECIALLY BECAUSE SOME OF YOU ARE FINDING IT HARD TO REGULARLY ATTEND CLUB MEETINGS. YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT THROUGH YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.**

**BEST WISHES FOR A WARM AND WONDERFUL HOLIDAY SEASON. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN THE NEW YEAR!**

**WALT KLEINEDLER (MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN, SGNS) (626) 285-0361  
9116 DUFFY STREET  
TEMPLE CITY, CA 91780**

## **JUDO CALENDAR**

**January 21 – San Fernando, CA**

**San Fernando Kohaku**

**January 28 – West Clovis, CA**

**West Clovis Shiai**

**February 11 – San Jose, CA**

**San Jose Buddhist Judo Club  
Sensei Memorial Invitational**

**February 25 – Baldwin Park, CA**

**Mojica Shiai**

**March 3 – York, PA**

**Youth National Championships**

**March 4 – Clovis, CA**

**Clovis Shiai**

**March 18 – Westminster, CA**

**Taishi Tournament**

## **SAN GABRIEL JUDO DOJO**



San Gabriel Judo finishes the year strong! 1st place in the Southern California Judo Black Belt Association Team Championships! 1st place in the Lil Judokas Championships! 4th Place in the U.S. Winter National Championships! And, our powerful sweetheart, Miss Tonanxochitl Ortega being selected to the 2017 PanAmerican Championships in Lima, Peru! What a great way to end a great year for San Gabriel Judo!

**Tonanxochitl Ortega selected to the 2017 USA Judo PanAmerican Team!**

Congratulations, Tonanxochitl! We are so proud of you for being selected to represent our country!

Xochi has been ranked in the country for the past 4 years, and she continues to deliver solid results!

Gold Medal: 2017 Winter Nationals, Azusa, CA  
Silver Medal: 2017 Junior Olympics, Spokane, WA  
Silver Medal: 2017 Youth Nationals, Reno, NV

In addition to her success on the mat, Xochi maintains straight A's in her academic career! We look forward to many more exciting accolades from this strong, young lady! Best wishes, Xochi!



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PHOTO COURTESY OF RICHIE ENDOW

### August 29 | Special Guest Sofie Cox, 2x Olympian from Great Britain

On Tuesday, August 29th, we were so lucky to have a special guest come to the dojo to show us her favorite techniques and tactics...2x Olympian, **Sophie Cox** from Great Britain. Sensei Sophie did a great job and the kids loved seeing such a powerful woman do such great judo!

#### Sophie Cox

2012 Olympian, London, England  
2004 Olympian, Athens, Greece

2x European Championships Silver Medalist  
2x European Championships Bronze Medalist

### October 1 | 2nd Annual Women's Fight for a Cure Tournament, Riverside, CA

The 2nd Annual Women's Fight for a Cure Judo Tournament hosted by Sensei Tadashi Hiraoka's Riverside Judo Club.

We are so proud of the 23 young ladies from San Gabriel Judo who stepped up and had a great day of Judo for such a great cause. Each medal was dedicated to a person who has survived or fallen to cancer and we came home with a lot of these extra special memorials.

Here's how each of our judokas did:

5yo Sophia Wang 3rd  
5yo Sofia Manibog 2nd  
5yo Emma Wei 2nd  
5yo Kylie Yang 3rd  
7yo Aya Yoshitake 3rd  
7yo Daniella Manibog 1st  
8yo Remy Saito 1st  
8yo Madeline Tamanaha 1st & 2nd  
8yo Avery Kadohiro 1st & 2nd x2  
8yo Waverly Tamanaha 1st & 2nd  
9yo Meena Phan 3rd  
9yo Audrey Tamanaha 1st  
9yo Samantha Santamaria 2nd  
9yo Malia Manibog 1st  
11yo Jeralyn Montejo 1st x2  
11yo Tonanxochitl Ortega 2nd  
11yo Tatsumi Capela 2nd  
13yo Adriana McDaniel 2nd  
15yo Izzy Coulter 1st x2  
16yo Caylin Young 3rd  
16yo Lisa Wu 2<sup>nd</sup>  
16yo Maelynn Langarica 2nd



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Audrey Tamanaha's 3 second big ippon of the day and Jeralyn Montejo's huge harai goshi ippon that everyone felt were huge! Awesome performances by Remy Saito, Audrey Tamanaha, Daniella Manibog, Malia Manibog, Jeralyn Montejo and Izzy Coulter for their undefeated records at this event.

## 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](http://www.usjf.com)

United States Judo Association  
(USJA)

[www.usja.net](http://www.usja.net)

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

[www.teamusa.org/usa-judo/membership](http://www.teamusa.org/usa-judo/membership)



PHOTO COURTESY OF RICHIE ENDOW

Special shout out to our lil ones (5yo-8yo), who are showing us that they plan to continue our commitment to big throw Judo. Love it! Thank you to Sensei Brian Mooney and Riverside Judo for putting on this wonderful event. It's hosted with so much love & respect. Thank you all so much. Great job to our coaches - Taizo Sasaki, Ken Sakuda, Mako Yoshitake, Justin Montejo and Izzy Coulter. Excellent job to our Senior and Junior referees - Glenn Koyama, Jason Sakuda, Kyle Sakuda

Thank you so much to all of our parents for giving your children a great opportunity to be part of such a wonderful cause through Judo. This event brought in over \$10,000 to support the Fight for a Cure. I support the Women's Fight for the Cure for Cancer Judo Tournament in memory of my grandmother, Mildred Shizuye Nakamura. Miss you, Bachan! -- Richie Endow

### Oct 16: Nanka Team Championships -- Westminster, CA

Our lil ones had a super duper day at the 2017 Southern California Judo Team Championships. 62 teams entered and our lil judokas came together to become the 2017 Team Champions!!!

#### 6-7yo Girls Gold Medalists

Sydney Moon  
Daniella Manibog  
Aya Yoshitake

#### 8-9yo Girls MW Gold Medalists

Madeline Tamanaha  
Remy Saito  
Samantha Santamaria

#### 10-12yo Girls MW&HW Gold Medalists

Tiffany Yanagi  
Jeralyn Montejo  
Tonanxochitl Ortega

#### 6-7yo Boys Gold Medalists

Jason Montejo  
Tanner Takaha  
Tyler Miller

#### 8-9yo Boys LW Gold Medalists

Kingston Santamaria  
Tyler Higashi  
Jordan Montejo

#### 10-12yo Boys LW Gold Medalists

Travis Takaha  
Taylor Tan  
Ryder Yoshitake

#### 8-9yo Girls LW Gold Medalists

Waverly Tamanaha  
Malia Manibog  
Audrey Tamanaha

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Place

Bryan Wang  
Marcus Moon  
Nathan See

#### 10-12yo Boys MW Gold Medalists

Eddie Wei  
Joel Kamei  
Stanley Wu

We are so proud of our 6yo-12yo judokas. 7yo Daniella Manibog...in her first match she threw for Ippon with a picture perfect left side Tai Otoshi...then in her second match, she threw with a beautiful right side Sode Tsuru Komi Goshi...She's only 7 years old!!!! 7yo Aya Yoshitake finding her big harai goshi for some really big scores! 7yo Jason Montejo and 8yo Waverly Tamanaha had some vicious Morote Seoinage Ippons!

Great job to our Coaches and Referees - (Coaches) Mike Noriega, Aaron Kunihiro, Taizo Sasaki, Nathan See, Mako Yoshitake. (Referees) Glenn Koyama and Tomo Matsuoka. Pooling volunteers - Izzy Coulter, Maelynn Langarica, Marie Langarica, Toshi Irie, Jeralyn Montejo and Tiffany Yanagi.

And thank you so much to our loving and super supportive San Gabriel Judo Parents. They are thoughtful and unconditionally supportive to all of the SG kids. It's so nice to see and it really makes everything worth every effort.

## December 2: Lil Judokas (4yo-8) Championships -- La Puente, CA

What a fun day at the Lil Judoka (4yo-8) Championships!!! Our lil tinies all did great and ended up bringing home the 1st Place Team Trophy! And to make it extra special...the day's Team Captain, Avery Kadohiro, received the Most Outstanding Competitor Award as she went 4-0 to win 1st Place! Plus, Tanner Takaha was the top candidate for the Best Technique Award! Great job, Tanner!

Here's how the kids did individually...

1st Place  
Avery Kadohiro  
Tyler Miller  
Tanner Takaha

2nd Place  
Sofia Manibog  
Brian Ha  
Nicholas Kiyoshi Saito  
Bryan Wang

3rd Place  
Zoey Thay  
Ileana Martinez  
Aya Yoshitake  
Luis Barron  
Rowan Hirahara

4th Place  
Miyeko Capela  
Sophia Wang  
Aydin Thay



Thank you to our awesome coaches – Taizo Sasaki, Mako Yoshitake, Malia Manibog and Remy Saito

Thank you to all of our new parents for bringing your kids out today! All of them did very well and really showed a lot of heart out there! Thank you to Guerreros Judo Club for putting on another memorable judo event for the 4yo-8 Judokas!!

## December 9: U.S. Winter National Championships -- Azusa, CA

2017 Winter Nationals! Close 800 competitors! We arrived there at 8:00am, and we left at 10:00pm! Holy moly! It was a good day of Judo. Very educational for our kids to say the least. This event has grown so much, so we will need to start our preparations in Sept/Oct to be ready for the gold medal matches. We gave up a lot of wins because we were not as prepared as we should have been, but the experiences were good for them. We sent 37 competitors. A few weren't feeling so hot and a couple weren't able to compete at all, but overall we brought home 22 medals. Here's how our kids did:

Gold Medalists: Jason Montejo, Malia Manibog, Jeralyn Montejo, Tonanxochitl Ortega, Justin Montejo

Silver Medalists: Avery Kadohiro, Tyler Higashi, Jordan Montejo, Tatsumi Capela, Toshi Irie, Jason Sakuda, Sharon Wu, Liam McNair

Bronze Medalists: Daniella Manibog, Remy Saito, Travis Takaha, Malia Manibog, Maya Munguia, Kyle Sakuda, Logan Tan, Isabella Coulter, Ben Zhuang

The Throw of the Day goes to Avery Kadohiro for her beautiful Yoko Tomoe Nage for Ippon in her first match. Awesome job, Avery!!!

Congratulations to Daniele & Jeffrey Montejo for the great performance by the Montejo kids. 3 golds & a silver. That is a great achievement that you all deserve so much for the 8+ years your family has been faithfully committed to San Gabriel Judo!!!

Real BIG Thank Yous to our Coaches, Referees and Parents for powering through the longest Judo day of our lives! Coaches: Taizo Sasaki, Aaron Kunihiro, Alan Shimamoto, Mako Yoshitake, Daniel Hu, Ken Sakuda, Yann Martinez. Referees: Glenn Koyama, Tomo Matsuoka. Videographers: Kong Tan, Darren Manibog. Midnight Dinner Planner: Jennifer Yanagi

Big props to Sensei Taizo Sasaki who was our acting Head Coach for this event. With 37 competitors, Taizo did a great job making his rounds and making sure each of our students were covered. Great job, Sensei!!

## December 15: End of the Year Awards & Promotions

Congratulations to our students who made big things happen in 2017...

Kawai Sensei All Round Judoka Award Recipients:  
Tonanxochitl Ortega and Liam McNair

Most Valuable Player Award Recipients:  
Malia Manibog and Jason Sakuda

Tashima Sensei Fighting Spirit Award Recipients:  
Avery Kadohiro and Logan Tan

Hiraoka Sensei Best Technique Award Recipients:  
Waverly Tamanaha and Toshi Irie

Most Improved Judoka Award Recipients:  
Isabella Coulter and Taylor Tan

Best Sportsmanship Award Recipients:  
Audrey Tamanaha and Joel Kamei

Most Inspirational Judoka Award Recipients:  
Sharon Wu and Stanley Wu

Congratulations to students who received Promotions:

Promoted to Yellow Belt: Riley Chang and Brian Ha  
Promoted to Green Belt: Emiko Odonon and Adriana McDaniel  
Promoted to Purple Logan Tan and Tonanxochitl Ortega  
Promoted to Sankyu Brown Belt: Ben Zhuang

### SPECIAL THANK YOUS!

We would like to thank the following people for their excellent service to the club this year:

Phannie Bang  
Gary Higashi  
Carrie Kadohiro  
Chris Kadohiro  
Stacy Kamei  
Jacqueline Kamei  
Marie Langarica

John Luna  
Darren Manibog  
Jessica Mok (Meal Ticket Donations)  
Ada Phan (Social Media)  
Anthony Phan (Website)  
Brenda Saito  
Oscar Santamaria  
Gracie Takaha  
Katie Wong  
Sarah Wong  
Brent Tamanaha  
Misty Tamanaha  
Jennifer Yanagi

Have a wonderful holiday and see you all in the new year!

Richie Endow  
Head Sensei  
San Gabriel Judo Dojo



## TAIKO CENTER OF LOS ANGELES

Rev. Tom Kurai, abbot of Montebello Sozenji Buddhist Temple and Director of the Taiko of Los Angeles who was diagnosed with Adult-T-Cell Leukemia-Lymphoma in December 2016 went through bone marrow transplant on December 5, 2017. He is currently going through recovery treatment at City of Hope, Duarte, CA

## 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](mailto:sgjcc5149@gmail.com).

## 2018 FACILITY USAGE FEES

### AFFILIATE GROUP USAGE RATES

AFFILIATE GROUPS OF 1 TO 15 MEMBERS - \$45 PER DAY FEE

AFFILIATE GROUPS OF 16 OR MORE MEMBERS - \$50 PER DAY FEE

#### ALL PRE-SCHEDULED DAYS MUST BE PAID FOR

The center must charge and collect usage fees for all pre-scheduled days/time slots. For example, if your affiliated group has prescheduled every Monday at 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, those days must be paid for regardless of if a holiday lands on that day or your group decides not to meet. If you have any questions or concerns, please see Ron Ito at (213) 400-9392.

### HALL RENTAL FEE

\$600 (plus \$100 cleaning deposit) – NON-MEMBERS

\$500 (plus \$100 cleaning deposit) – MEMBERS

Fee includes use of the entire facility for a maximum of 8 hours between 9:00 am & 10:00 pm.

## 2018 SGJCC Membership Dues

Family - \$60 Annual Fee    Individual - \$50 Annual Fee

### SGJCC 2018 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

ANNUAL FAMILY MEMBERSHIP - \$60.00 | ANNUAL SINGLE MEMBERSHIP - \$50.00

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: SAN GABRIEL JAPANESE COMMUNITY CENTER  
(PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH – WE WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE IF LOST)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBERS \_\_\_\_\_

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