



Pasadena Japanese Cultural Institute

February, 2006

Ron Dyo Heads 2006 PJCI Board

At the January Annual Meeting, Ron Dyo was elected to serve as the PJCI President for 2006. He succeeds James Yamasaki, who was the PJCI President in 2004 and 2005.

2006 PJCI Cabinet

President: Ron Dyo
Vice President: Mike Verdugo
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2006 Board of Directors

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PJCI Annual Party April 2nd

The PJCI Annual Party will be held on Sunday, April 2, at the Pasadena Japanese Cultural Institute auditorium. Doors will open at 12:00 and scheduled as entertainment is the Fujiye Kansuma dance troupe. Donations will be accepted at the door. For further information, you can contact luncheon organizer Jane Maruyama Frausto at 626 797-6173. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by March 24 by calling Kiyoshi Takeda (626 359-3780), Ron Toshima (626 799-6684), or Jane.

Pasadena Nikkei Senior News

The Pasadena Nikkei Seniors ushered in the new year with their annual party, and at the same time, celebrated their 30th anniversary. They also recognized those seniors who turned 88 years young in 2006; Ruth Deguchi, Dorothy Goto, Flora Nakata, Hatsuko Nakatsuka, Sho Nomura, Naoko Saito, Nami Shingu, and Betty Yagake.

Dr. Ken Teshima was honored for the many years he has provided free monthly podiatry services to the seniors, and Kiyoshi Takeda was presented a surprise gift, given in thanks for the many years that he has served as the Nikkei Senior's President.

Entertainment was provided by a shamisen group that included Yasoyo Kineya, Rieko McMillan, Mie Furauchi, and Kazumi Nakamura. This was followed by karaoke performances from Toshi Watanabe, Nobuko Hamada, Sam Kuroye, Shieko Aiso, and Junichi Araki.

Activities at the PJCI

Craft class: Wednesdays, 10:00 am
Exercise class: Thursdays, 10:30 am
Karaoke class: Fridays, 7:30 pm



PJCI Website
<http://www.pjci.org>

Friendship 2006

Pasadena-Mishima Summer Youth Program

The Pasadena Japanese Cultural Institute is happy to host its 5th Pasadena – Mishima Summer Youth Program to be held in early August, 2006, in Pasadena. This program will bring together selected teenagers from the city of Mishima, Japan, with youth from the Pasadena area to share an experience of a lifetime and to develop a better understanding between our two countries. We hope the program will continue into future years with each community visiting our respective countries in alternating years. We would like to invite our youth to participate as a representative of our community in this exciting and meaningful program.

The program is the result of an invitation we received through the Pasadena Sister Cities Committee in the summer of 2001 for several youth from the Pasadena area to participate in an International Summer Camp at Mt. Fuji, Japan. Several teenagers and chaperones joined exchange students from Pasadena at the camp for a week of activities and relationship building. During a special meeting with Mishima Mayor Koike at the end of the program, the Mayor accepted an invitation to send 15 youth from Mishima beginning in the Summer of 2002. Since that time our youth have visited each of our cities on alternating years for a week of field trips, activities and homestays. Trips to Japan have included visits to the Ginza and Harajuku in Tokyo, Osaka, Kyoto and Hiroshima. Local trips and activities have included Yosemite, San Francisco, Solvang, Angels baseball, Disneyland, Universal City, Little Tokyo and the Jet Propulsion Lab.

Plans are now being made for this year's program in Pasadena. It is our hope that by organizing this important gathering of youth, we can offer programs that address the important issues of cultural appreciation and preservation among the youth of our community. At the same time, our youth will have the opportunity to have a great time and to develop long lasting friendships with our friends from Mishima.

For more information, please contact Bryan Takeda



Kendo News

Leo Kitajima received the rank of 4th Dan. **Congratulations Kitajima sensei.** The first tournament was held at South Torrance High School on January 29th.

Pasadena Buddhist Church Sukiyaki Dinner

Pasadena Buddhist Church's annual Sukiyaki Dinner fundraiser will be held on March 4th and 5th. The dinner includes soup, rice and individually prepared beef sukiyaki. Tickets are \$9.50 and can be purchased at the door.

Take-out is from 4 – 6 PM, sit-down service is from 4 – 7:30 PM each evening. The youth groups will be selling soft drinks and desserts as a fundraiser.

Pasadena Buddhist Church is located at 1993 Glen Ave, Pasadena. For more information, please call the church at (626) 355-0531.

Pasadena Japanese Athletic Association Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament



Pictured left to right: Co-Chair Dennis Babamoto, Mackenzi Kawachi, Madeline Weissman, Lauren Takeda, Matthew Weissman, and Co-Chair Jerry Matsukuma

The Pasadena Japanese Athletic Association (PJAA) held its Sixth Annual Pasadena Bruins Basketball Scholarship Golf Tournament on November 28, 2005, at the La Canada Flintridge Country Club. One hundred fifteen golfers participated in making this tournament one of the most successful ever. Proceeds from the annual tournament support college scholarships that are awarded to outstanding graduating seniors who have been active in the Bruin organization. Scholarship recipients are selected for their outstanding academic performance in high school, their participation in the Bruins organization and community service.

The scholarship presentations were the highlight of

a dinner that followed the golf tournament. The 2006 scholarship recipients were Lauren Takeda, a senior from Flintridge Preparatory School, Madeline Weissman, a senior at Westridge School, Matthew Weissman, a senior at La Canada High School, and Mackenzi Kawachi, a senior at Pasadena Polytechnic High School.

The success of the Tournament was due in large part to the numerous businesses and individuals who made generous donations of their time, money and gifts. The Presenting Sponsor for this event was the Don Kuroye Family. The efforts of all the volunteers were coordinated by Jerry Matsukuma and Dennis Babamoto, the Co-Chairpersons of the Tournament.

PJCI Organizations

Pasadena Japanese Cultural Institute

Ron Dyo, President(626) 449-5487

Pasadena Gakuen Japanese Language School

Carl Wakimoto, PTA President(626) 577-2653
Saturday mornings

Pasadena Nikkei Seniors

Kiyoshi Takeda, President(626) 359-3780

Pasadena Aikikai

Jim Moore, Instructor(626) 792-2936
Sundays - 9:00 - 11:00 AM • Wednesdays - 6:00 PM

Pasadena Judo Dojo

Mike Verdugo, Instructor.....verdugoassoc@earthlink.net
Mondays - 7:00 - 8:30 PM • Saturdays - 3:30 - 5:00 PM

Pasadena Kendo Dojo

James Yamasaki, Instructor.....(626) 676-0318
Tuesdays - 7:00-9:30 PM • Fridays-7:00-9:30 PM

Los Angeles Kyudokai

Rick Beal, Instructor.....(323) 340-1462
Saturdays - 5:30 - 10:00 PM

Pasadena Naginata Dojo

Cathy Mikuni, Instructor(818) 790-2446
Saturdays - 9:00 - 10:30 AM

Kodama Taiko

Wendy Arai Reed, Director.....(213) 369-8191
Thursdays - 7:00 - 9:30 PM

Pasadena Japanese Athletic Association (Bruins)

Dan Nakauchi, Commissioner(626) 564-0485
Thursdays - 5:30 - 7:00 PM • Fridays - 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Qi Gong

Ernest Fukumoto, Instructor(626) 345-1935
Tuesdays - 9:00 - 11:15 AM

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