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## LONG BEACH JAPANESE CULTURAL CENTER



Florence Kojima President 2024 LBJCC

Hi! Everyone

How have you been fairing these hot, humid, sunny days...I am trying to cope but it seems too much for my Flynn, who turned 15 years old. Does anyone know how old that is in human years?

Thank you all who participated in our Annual Summer Festival. Be it as a volunteer setting up the tables and chairs, in our various food booths and games booths, demonstrators for Taiko, Kendo, Judo, Karate, Flower arrangement or as Obon dancers. Or just having come to enjoy all that the festival had to offer.

You know without all of you and your participation, our Festival would not be the success that it always is. And it was another very successful event.

Yes, there are still some who ask if we can't go back to the 2-day affair, however, since we, the organizing committee members, are getting up in age, a 2-day affair would probably be the death of us. At least of me...all the behind the scenes details that need to be taken care of. So, for now, our

Annual Summer Festival will be a 1-day event, filled with good food, games, Obon dancing and meeting up with old and new friends.

I can't believe that it's now less than 6 months since the end of this year - 2024.

Our Summer Festival indicates, to me, that 1/2 year/6 months has passed. And we only have 6 more months before the end of the year. The Buddhist Church Obon starts the 2nd 1/2 of the year for my. With that comes the start of the school year, Halloween, Thanksgiving,

Christmas...although some stores, I've noticed, have Back to school displays along with Halloween and Christmas. Seems each year most stores start setting up their Christmas displays earlier and earlier. But I can't seem to get into the "Holiday mood" with the temperature being in the 80's and 90's (in Torrance). Don't want to even think about the Valleys or Vegas' high temps.

So, until the calendar indicates that it's Fall or Winter, I will keep thinking that it is still summer and enjoy wearing shorts and tee shirt and complain about the hot (summer) days.

However, you see the coming days, months, keep cool, be safe. Stay hydrated.

Take care and hope to see you around the Center...

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LB Japanese Language School December 14<sup>th</sup> "Free" Pancake Breakfast 8:00 am to 9:30 am

LB Japanese Language School Mochitsuki fundraiser presale Pickup December 28<sup>th</sup> More info to follow



# 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.

By: Nancy Kobata LBJLS Alumni & Friends

## WHAT VOLUNTEERING MEANS TO THE LBJCC

Whew! I breathe a sigh of relief having made it through the Long Beach Japanese Cultural Center Festival(LBJCC). The LBJCC festival has become a time for all organizations and their volunteers to come together with the common goal of supporting the LBJCC and becoming a community!



I just recently came across this quote by Benjamin Franklin, "Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn!" When I talk to the students and parents of the Long Beach Japanese Language School (LBJLS) about volunteering for the festival. I give them information and hope they remember. Then, when they volunteer, and are actually involved in the excitement of the festival, I hope that they learned about how the LBJLS is in involved with the LBJCC.

Despite many years of involvement with the festival through LBJLS, every

year, I learn more about what it takes to have a successful event. Becoming a LBJCC Board member this year, I watched how much coordination is required from the LBJCC board. The success of the festival starts with the festival chair, and goes down to all of the LBJCC organizations and their members. The strength of the LBJCC comes from the continued support involvement of its members, and the willingness of each organization to become involved and continue the legacy of prior members. support of everyone from all the organizations, who are willing to step outside of their individual organizations to work toward the success of the festival, is truly humbling. I know for a fact, that is what contributed toward the great feeling of being a part of something great!



Sometimes you fall into a volunteer job, which you feel is worthwhile and then it becomes a passion. But, it is the support of many individuals, that truly makes my own involvement worthwhile and I hope my LBJLS volunteers feel the same. I hope they are able to make connections with other groups outside of LBJLS, as well. Volunteering is putting yourself out there for a sometimes-scary

commitment, but I think that I have learned a lot and hope all the volunteers have, too! For those who have volunteered, I want you to know that your involvement and willingness to volunteer is truly appreciated. I am sure there are plenty of dedicated workers in all the organizations in LBJCC that we do not acknowledge, however to everyone that contributed their talents, shared their knowledge and time toward continuing the LBJLS and LBJCC, thank you for your support.

The LBJCC may be small, but with the support of all the organizations and their great volunteers. We can achieve great things. It may feel like next year's festival is still a long way off, but I hope to see you involved again next year! Is it too soon to put on your calendars?!?

While we're on upcoming events, I can't miss out on this opportunity to put out a really early save the date. The 3rd annual LBJLS Mochizuki event is expected to be on December 28th, but will be confirmed in the next couple of months. If you are looking to get fresh and tasty mochi for the 2025 new year, you can't go wrong. Keep an eye out for future details and order forms.

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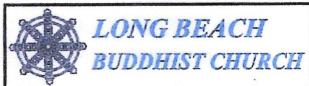
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