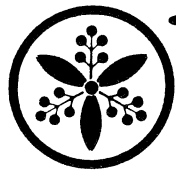


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Dojo New Year's Party Celebration.

## *A Few Words of Thanks*

*Since we started our Fund Raising Campaign to buy new mats for the dojo, I have been very pleasantly surprised at the great amount of support we have received. Friends, I have not seen for years, and students have come to our support in the most wonderful way.*

*We have been trying to get these tatami mats for a number of years now. The first time, we couldn't raise enough monies and we were having such a hard time that we used the money to cover our debts in the dojo. The second time, someone made off with the collected monies and we lost a very good chance to purchase some very good used mats that year. This is our third effort and it looks very good. I am confident that we may realize our hopes.*

*It is not easy and we still have many obstacles to overcome before we can achieve our goals. Impossible goals, with hard work and more hard work after hard work, can be accomplished. The money is important to get the mats over here from Japan and into the dojo but equally important, I appreciate everyone's generous support and kind thoughts. Thank you for your continued encouragement.*

*Resident Chief Instructor, Kensho Furuya*

## DOJO FUND RAISING RAFFLE

**First Prize: Weekend Trip Las Vegas  
(Hotel and Air Fare)**

**Second Prize: Iaido Practice Sword Mogito  
(\$750.00 value)**

**Third Prize: ACLA One Month  
Classes (\$75.00 value)**

**Fourth Prize: ACLA One Month  
Classes**

**Fifth Prize: ACLA Uniform  
(\$55.00 value)**

**Sixth Prize: ACLA Uniform  
(\$55.00 value)**

**Seventh Prize: Bokken Wooden Sword  
(\$25.00)**

**Eighth Prize: Official ACLA T-Shirt  
(\$18.00)**

**Ninth Prize: Official ACLA T-Shirt**

**Tenth Prize: Official ACLA T-Shirt**

**Raffle tickets are \$10.00 donation/gift each for our 30th Anniversary Fund Raiser. Please help to sell our raffle tickets. Drawing on April 24, 1993 at Sensei's 30th Anniversary Celebration Party. Many great prizes.**

**Support Our Dojo. Please Contribute To Our Fund Raiser For New Mats.**

## Dojo New Year's Party

Everyone enjoyed a wonderful New Year's Party on January 24th after the morning practice. Goodies including cold cuts, salad, munchies and drinks were supplied by the dojo. Chris Prejean donated some delicious brownies for which she is famous. Party included: Mitsuko Yoshimoto, Kenny Furuya, Norm Lew, Mark Shprintz, Ken Watanabe, Mark Moore, Cheryl Lew, Dharshan Balasingam, Richard Elorianga, Bach Le, David Ito, Larry Moncado, Jeff Wheeler, Charles Smith, Kevin Sonico, Andy Kissel, Luis Villegas, Joe Quinn, Brett Parks, Chris Prejean, David Berver, Brigido Anaya, Rey Espino.



Ms. Kathy Nolan from New York.

Ms. Nolan from New York visited the dojo for training for several days in February. She is a friend of one of our students, Dr. Cheryl Lew, and studies at the Woodstock Dojo under Sensei Harvey Konigsberg, a very old friend of Sensei. Kathy also generously donated \$100.00 to our Mat Fund.

*I am very grateful for the warm welcome that you extended to me during my recent visit to Los Angeles. I would also like to express special thanks to Kenny Furuya, Ken Watanabe, Bill Gillespie and all your students for their patience and enthusiasm in working with me. Even in one week I feel that my Aikido has improved, and I know that I enjoyed myself thoroughly.*

*Please accept the enclosed check as a donation for your new "Mat Fund." It would be a pleasure to visit LA again soon and work out with you on new tatami!*

Kathy Nolan, February 9, 1993

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations goes to Mark Moore who had an exhibition of his wood assemblages at the 20th anniversary of LA Reader Magazine celebrated at the Mayan Theatre in downtown Los Angeles on January 28, 1993.

On February 15th, the movie, "I'm Gonna Git You Sucka (1988)," starring the "In Living Color" cast, was aired on channel 11 at 8:00pm. Mr. Ismael Araujo Jr, one of our senior Black Belts, was listed among the movie credits.

### Letters:

From The Japanese Village Plaza:

*We are pleased and honored to make a donation to the esteemed Aikido Center of Los Angeles. Your participation in past Japanese Village Plaza events has been deeply appreciated and we hope that our small token will help the Center achieve its fund raising goals.*

*Best wishes to you in the New Year and I look forward to meeting and working with you in the future.*

Yuko Miyatake,  
On-Site Manager/Marketing Director

From Bothell, Washington:

*Thank you for another year of newsletters. As always, I enjoy reading your dojo's newsletters; I enjoy "reading" the pictures you've added as well! It is obvious in your newsletters and your articles in "Martial Arts Training" magazine that you are doing much to bridge the gap between Eastern and Western cultures, traditional and modern "anything goes" way of doing things as well as bridging the physical with the spiritual ways.*

*I know you'd be doing exactly what you're doing even if you received no acknowledgement or compliment for your work. However, I wanted to take the time to let you know your work is admired from a distance and from one who is not directly involved with Aikido or martial arts training. . . . .*

Tim Shimono,  
Newsletter Subscriber

From Shapovalov, Russia:

*I wish you a happy New Year. Let this year be full of happiness and success for you.*

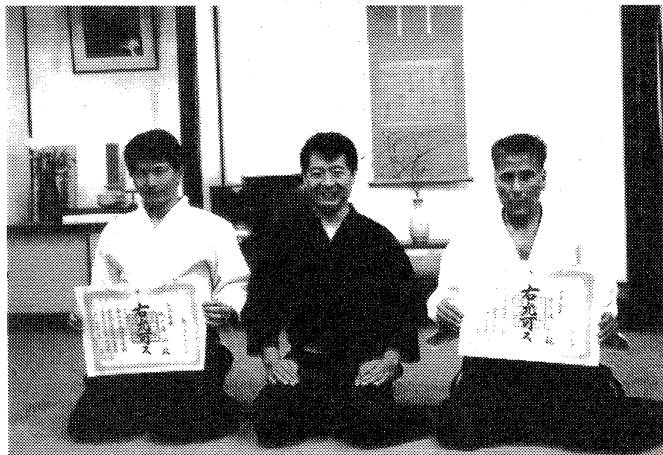
Dima Krashodan

## MAT FUND DONORS

Dr. James Doi \$100.00  
Andy Kissel \$125.00  
Mark Shprintz \$100.00  
Joe Quinn \$100.00  
Bill Gillespie \$350.00  
Dr. James Kurata \$100.00  
Brett Parks \$200.00  
Jean Francois d'Entremont \$150.00  
Ismael Araujo Jr. \$100.00  
Helen Chen \$50.00  
Anthony Camargo \$50.00  
Ken Watanabe \$25.00  
Chris Prejean \$100.00  
Dr. Hieu Nguyen \$100.00  
Dr. Cheryl Lew \$200.00  
Japanese Village Plaza \$100.00  
David Witsotzki \$50.00  
Oliver Brown \$100.00  
Dan Yoshimura \$100.00  
Gilbert Yamabayashi \$100.00 (Rialto, CA)  
Dr. Ray Kuwahara \$200.00  
Yasushi Matsuki \$100.00  
Norman Lew \$100.00  
Tom McIntyre \$250.00  
Timothy Shimono \$50.00 (Bothell, WA)  
Mitsuko Yoshimoto \$100.00  
Andy Kissel \$20.00  
Jonathan White \$50.00  
Madame Soyu Koizumi \$100.00 (Urasenke  
Tea Ceremony-Orange County Branch)  
Gary Myers \$250.00  
Kristene, Douglas & Robert Lew \$100.00  
Cheryl Lew \$100.00  
Morgan Weisser \$100.00  
Milena & Marco Mitrovici \$50.00  
Sean & Noboru Ito \$25.00  
Rev. Shinetsu Fukushima \$100.00 (Japan)  
Rey Espino \$75.00  
Kim Smith \$100.00  
Kathy Nolan \$100.00 (New York)  
Continued.

## Many Thanks

Many, many thanks to all of our donors. As of February 22, 1993, we have collected a total of \$4,655.00. We still have a ways to go yet, so please keep trying hard. Thank you.



Mr. Richard Eloriagga & Mr. Brian Kanegawa  
Receive 2nd Degree Black Belt from the All Japan  
Battodo Federation. With Hataya Sensei.

### ATTENTION! BLACK BELTS

- \* Black Belt Meeting - March 27th, 12:30pm  
Attendance required.
- \* Black Belts Dojo Clean-up - March 27th &  
March 28th.  
Please come early to help clean-up the dojo  
before morning practice.

### ACLA Newsletter

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Thank you very much!

### **Donors Continued.**

Richard Eloriagga \$100.00  
Ken Furuya \$10.00  
Sean & Noboru Ito \$100.00  
Milena & Marco Mitrovici \$50.00  
Rev. Shinetsu Fukushima (Japan) \$100.00  
Brian Kanegawa \$175.00  
Esther Tudor \$100.00

Total as of 2-22-93: \$4,655.00.

*Congratulations and Thank You Very Much!*

### **Japanese Sword Exhibition February 21, 1993**

As part of the 30th Anniversary Celebration, the dojo presented an exhibition of Japanese swords on Sunday, February 21st, in the dojo. This was also one of our fund Raising Projects. Volunteers were Ken Watanabe, Kevin Sonico, Kenny Furuya, Jonathan White, Steve Tarango, Charles Steele, David Ito, and Rick Parents.

About twenty swords were exhibited for the very first time. Among them were such famous swords as a Bizen Nagamitsu, 2nd generation "No-sada" Kanesada, Taikei Naotane, and Izumi no Kami Kaneshige to name a few. An important exhibition.

#### **Promotional Certificates**

Those receiving promotional certificates should remit the promotional fees as soon as possible. Thank you for your kind attention in this matter.

### **SENSEI'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION PARTY**

**April 24, 1993  
Saturday - 7:00pm**

*Cafe de Lyon*  
**In the Honda Plaza, Little Tokyo**

**\$35.00 per person**

A private party renting the entire restaurant. Only a few seats are left as of this publication. Please make your reservation early. No alcohol. There will be a choice of beef, chicken or fish prepared in a French Japanese style including soup, salad, entre and desert. Seating limit 30.

### **Nisei Week Aikido Demonstration**

**We are in the planning stages of our Annual Nisei Week Aikido & Martial Arts Demonstration at the Japanese America Theatre for August 8, 1993.**

**Hataya Sensei will be bringing about 25-30 expert swordsmen and martial artists from Japan for this event.**



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Dear Friends, Students and Members:

We cordially invite you to participate with us in celebrating the Anniversary Celebration of Furuya Sensei's 30 years in Aikido. Actually, this is his 35th year in martial arts and 33rd year in Aikido.

There are many events throughout this year the dojo is presenting which we hope that will find of interest and enjoy. Please refer to the monthly dojo Newsletter and various announcements coming your way.

This year, as part of the celebration, we are holding various Fund Raising events to accumulate proceeds to purchase new tatami mats for the dojo. This has been Furuya Sensei's wish for several years now.

The members of the Aikido Center of Los Angeles wish to express our heartfelt congratulations to Furuya Sensei and to offer our most sincere thanks to everyone who has helped to support the dojo to grow and prosper.

Very Sincerely,

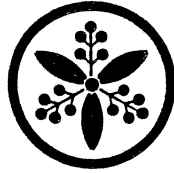
Students and Members

The Aikido Center of Los Angeles

ACLA Children's Class

L.A. Branch of the All Japan Battodo Iaido Federation

Los Angeles Japanese Sword Society



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*February 26, 1993*

*Dear Students & Friends:*

*I feel greatly honored that so many of my students have come to wish me congratulations on the 30th anniversary of my Aikido training. I wish to thank everyone for all of your help in supporting the dojo and to help it along in both good times and bad.*

*For thirty years now, I have always supported my teacher, Aikido Doshu, and my loyalty has never wavered one bit. I myself have had many difficult times keeping up my own training and keeping the dojo going as smoothly as I can. Yet, I know my personal hardships are very minor compared to what Doshu has gone through, all for the sake of our Aikido. When I think of many of my seniors and teachers, thirty years is only a tiny drop in the wide open sea. It is nothing but, at the same time, it represents over 2/3 of my whole life. I am proud, in truth, to say that I have supported Aikido for 30 years and, today, I pledge 30 years more towards the growth of Aikido in America and to my students who come to me for training.*

*I hope this can, in some small way, be an inspiration to many of you to persevere on the journey of your life and remain steadfast and loyal no matter what obstacles may block your way.*

*I hope that we can all work together in harmony, expressed in our Aikido training, and set a good example for future generations of Aikidoists to come.*

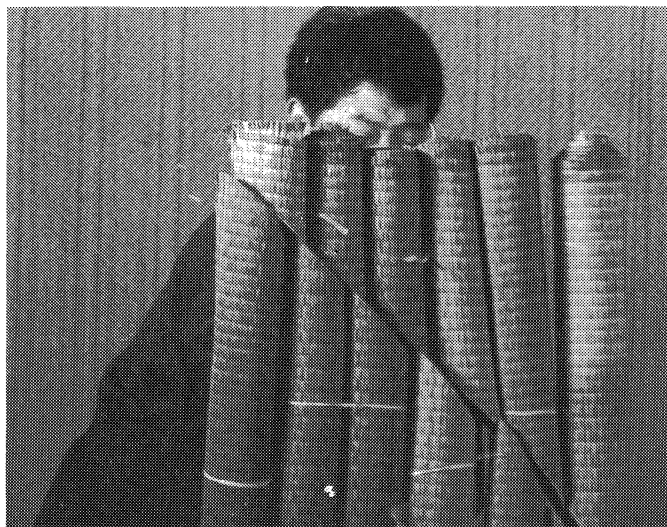
*Again, my deepest and most heartfelt thanks to you all.*

*In Gassho,*

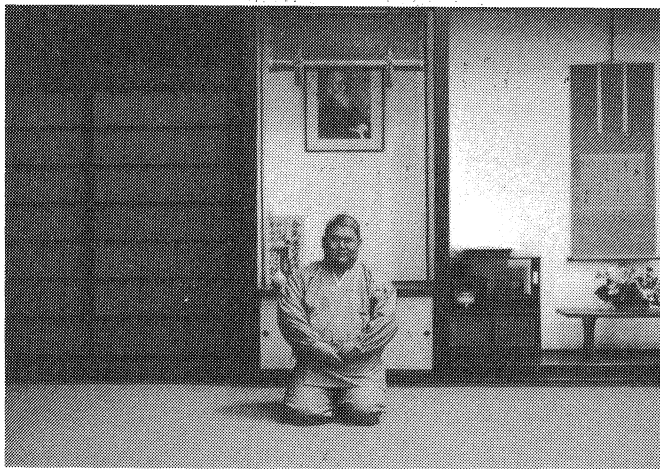
*Kensho Furuya*

**Programme***Members of the ACLA present:***30th Anniversary Celebration  
1963-1993****Commemorating Furuya Sensei's 30th  
Year in Aikido and the Founding of the  
Aikido Center of Los Angeles****The Aikido Center of L. A.  
Kensho Furuya, Chief Instructor****February 21st. Exhibition of Rare Samurai  
Swords and Blades. 1:00pm-5:00pm.****March 21st. "The Spirit of the Samurai Series  
#3" Exhibition and lecture on early iron Japa-  
nese sword guards. 1:00pm-5:00pm Lecture  
at 1:00pm and 4:00pm. \$15.00 donation.****April 18th. "Miyamoto Musashi" Lecture on the  
life and times of Miyamoto Musashi the 17th  
century swordsman.****April 24th. Kensho Furuya's 30th Anniversary  
Celebration Dinner Reception at the Cafe de  
Lyon Restaurant in the Honda Plaza, Little Tok-  
yo. \$35.00/person. Fund Raiser Raffle Draw-  
ing after the dinner.****April 26th. O-Sensei's Memorial Service.  
6:15pm in the dojo before 1st practice.****June 20th. Lecture: "Introduction to the Samu-  
rai Sword." Also sword appraisal clinic. From  
1:00pm. \$15.00 donation.****August 8th. 53rd Annual Nisei Week Tradition-  
al Martial Arts Demonstration at the Japan Amer-  
ica Theatre, Little Tokyo. 12:00 noon to  
2:30pm. 20 master swordsmen from Japan  
along with Fumio Demura Sensei will be our  
special guests.**

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*Proceeds of the exhibitions and lectures will  
go towards the purchase new tatami mats for  
the dojo. Your donations and kind support  
are greatly appreciated. Thank you very  
much. The Aikido Center of Los Angeles.***In the Dojo:**

Mitsuo Hataya Sensei cutting cleanly through six rolled up straw mats. Only a few experts can execute this technique so easily. Hataya Sensei teaches our Battodo Swordsmanship Section four times a year. He will be participating in our Nisei Week Demonstration and escorting about 25 fellow master swordsmen from all over Japan. From Kendo Nippon.



Furuya Sensei in the dojo. Sensei is a graduate of U.S.C. and Harvard Universities with degrees in Asian Studies and Eastern Religious History. He is also a Zen priest and contributing editor for Martial Arts Training magazine with his own column, "Ancient Ways." The former President of the Southern California Sword Society, he is a well known expert on Japanese swords in this country and has written many articles on the samurai sword.

## **Promotions**

As of January 24, 1993

2nd Kyu  
David Ito  
Kevin Sonico

3rd Kyu  
Bach Le  
Larry Moncado

5th Kyu  
Rick Kawamoto  
Eduardo Higuchi  
Cheryl Lew

6th Kyu  
Marcus Sakamoto  
Luis Villegas  
Charles Steele  
Steve Nevius  
Michael Amparano

## As of February 15, 1993

1st Kyu  
Joe Quinn

3rd Kyu  
Geary Sheridan  
Dharshan Balasingham

4th Kyu  
Rey Espino

5th Kyu  
Anthony Camargo  
John Vargas

Continued:

6th Kyu  
David Berver  
Dr. Jeffrey Johnson

## CHILDREN'S CLASS

As of February 14, 1993

**BROWN BELT**  
Douglas Lew 2nd Kyu  
Kristene Lew 2nd Kyu  
Noboru Ito 2nd Kyu  
Sean Ito 2nd Kyu

**BLUE BELT**  
Matthew Burns 3rd Kyu  
Alvin Chin 3rd Kyu  
Robert Lew 3rd Kyu

**BLUE BELT**  
Alex Tso 4th Kyu  
Audra Kakita 4th Kyu  
Mari Masumoto 4th Kyu

**ORANGE BELT**  
John Yato 5th Kyu  
Ryan Ishida 5th Kyu  
Rocky Teruya 5th Kyu  
Milena Mitrovici 5th Kyu  
Marco Mitrovici 5th Kyu

**ORANGE BELT**  
Canek Aquirre 6th Kyu  
Jonathan Mok 6th Kyu  
Kevin Fujimoto 6th Kyu  
Niko Zumas 6th Kyu  
Charlie Garcia 6th Kyu  
Jacquun Teruya 6th Kyu

**GREEN BELT**  
Adam Kawasawa 7th Kyu  
Brian Bradley 7th Kyu  
Sean Nishina 7th Kyu



## Children's Class' Valentine's Day Pizza Party & Promotional Celebration

February 14, 1993 at Shakey's Pizza



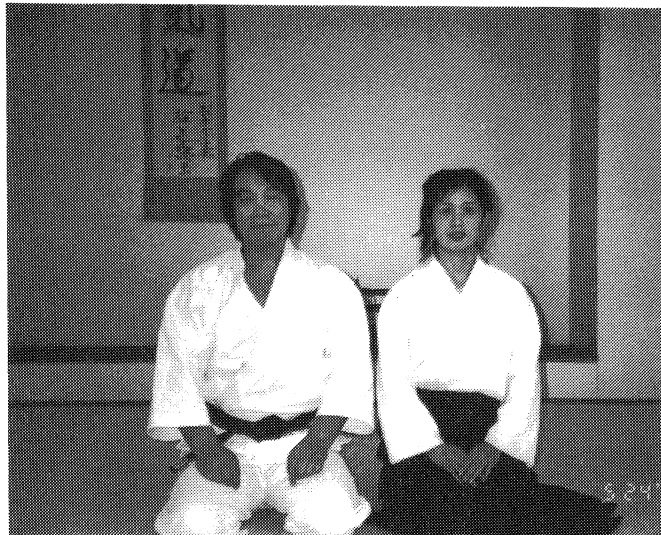
Do you recognize your friends? Pizza Party Celebration for our Children's Class. February 14th.

## Children's Class Promotions



Sensei & Assistant Instructor Kenny Furuya with the Children's Class at Promotion Ceremony.

## Mitsuko Visits Boston



Mitsuko Yoshimoto, 2nd Dan, with Kanai Sensei, Chief Instructor of the New England Aikikai, during a recent visit to Boston where she also met Karate master Fumio Demura Sensei of the Japan Karate Fed. Itosu-kai.



Demuara Sensei is an old friend of Sensei and one of the most well-known and popular karate teachers in America.

**1993 DOJO TRAINING SCHEDULE**

**Beginning Classes**

**Mondays thru Fridays**

**7:00am - 8:00am**

**6:15pm - 7:30pm**

**Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays**

**7:30pm - 8:30pm**

**Saturday Mornings**

**10:15am - 11:15am**

**Sunday Mornings**

**9:45am - 10:45am**

**Advanced Classes**

**2nd Kyu & up**

**Bring Bokken, Jo & Tanto**

**Tuesdays**

**7:30pm - 8:30pm**

**Saturdays**

**11:30am - 12:30pm**

Advanced Classes are required for 2nd kyu, 1st kyu and all Black Belt holders. Please bring your own weapons. Participation in the Yudansha-kai and receiving advanced promotions will be based on attendance and practice hours.

**March 27, 1993 - Yudansha-kai Black Belt Meeting from 12:30pm. Please attend.**

**Children's Class**

**Sunday Mornings**

**8:30am - 9:30am**

**Kenshin Kai**

LA Branch of the Zen Nippon Battodo  
Iaido Renmei

**Wednesdays**

**8:45pm - 9:45pm**

**Saturdays**

**9:00am - 10:00am**

**Sundays**

**7:30am - 8:30am**

**Sword Study Class**

**1st Friday of the Month**

**7:30pm**

**Iaido Intensive Seminar**

**3rd Saturday of the Month**

**6:30am**

**Last Weekend - No Classes**

**EXHIBITION**

**"Spirit of the Samurai"  
Japanese Sword Guards and Fittings**

**March 21, 1993**

**From 1:00pm to 5:00pm**

**Place: Dojo**

*Exhibition and Lecture*

*by Kensho Furuya*

*1:00pm*

**A \$10.00 donation is requested.**