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*"Always keep your body
filled with heat and
light" Aikido founder
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*"Mantric sound is the
bridge between the
soul and God" 117 yr
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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome to the first edition of the **HIKARI JYOTIR NEWS!** With the dawn of the New Year, and in a new beautiful natural location, I am very excited to announce that remodeling of the **HIKARI DOJO** is underway. We began with framing the soffit for the shomen, then heating units were installed, and now the electrical work is almost completed. Soon, we will soon begin insulating and drywalling the dojo. In a year marked by so many challenges it is truly remarkable that we will soon have **HIKARI DOJO** operating without rent. Soon the sound of students training, taking ukemi, kiaiing, chanting mantras, and kotodama and the sweetest sound of shared **golden silent meditation**, will reverberate in a harmonious symphony of love that that the Goddess Benzaiten and Mahadev will surely join in.

After 20 years in Northern California we are establishing a permanent private dojo, in Sunderland, MA. adjacent to **Mt Toby State Park**, inspiring waterfalls, the **New England Peace Pagoda** and Buddhist temple,

Mat Fundraiser

Building/remodeling a permanent dojo is no easy feat, nor cheap. Thousands of dollars are being poured into this labor of love. We need \$7000 more dollars to build the sprung floor and purchase new Zebra Tatami mats. It will be a joy to train on for the old and new! Please consider donating to help us finish the dojo. Please make checks out to Hikari Dojo, or use CASH APP to Louis Jumonville. Any amount helps, and is greatly appreciated!

- Donors of \$100 will be receive an Omamori consecrated at the Dojo Grand Opening fire Ceremony
- Donors of \$200 will receive sacred ash and an Omamori from the Grand Opening Fire Ceremony.
- Donors of \$300 or more will be recipients of the blessing from being sponsors the the Ganesh Puja and Lakshmi Puja during the Grand Opening Week's Pujas and Fire Ceremonies. Tremendous subtle energy and blessing accrue for yourself, family and your dojo.
- Donors of \$400 will receive the blessing of the chanting of the 6 hour chanting of 108 Hanuman Chalisa and Puja. Profound increase in prana and vitality accrue.
- Donors of \$500 will be included in the Ram Raksha Puja and Yagna, Highest protection for physical and subtle body, spiritual growth.



with serene lotus ponds and grounds, that will continue our mission of being a center of **Aikido, Yoga and Meditation**, to uphold the highest ideals of peace, love, harmony, and the evolution of the human soul.

Each and every ending that has occurred in **HIKARI DOJO**, no matter how painful the letting go process was, has resulted in a new birth. And this is no exception. The timing for this rebirth comes at a sorely needed time in our world. Each and every act of movement toward light and love and our essential nature, reverberates in the subtle planes and makes its presence felt to those who are sensitive, and even to those who do not recognize it. Please join us as we begin anew. Please consider a donation to the mat fund. In a time when so many dojos have closed I feel particularly blessed to be establishing a permanent dojo that will



help keep Aikido alive and bring light to the world.

Congratulations on recent Promotions!

It is not easy training during the Pandemic. But it strengthens us and sustains us. Great Work!!

Casey Caster 4th Kyu

Jennifer Platt 2nd Kyu

And a very special recognition to the assistant instructors who have helped to keep the flame of Hikari dojo alive with every class, every suburi, every smile, and nod of encouragement. **Sempai Jem Sebastian-Wortman**, for teaching zoom classes, web support, and encouraging the students in my absence while I was packing up and moving across the country in search of a new home and new location for a dojo.

And thanks to **Guido Gaitieri** for support and teaching despite home schooling two little..... angels :)

A very special thank you as well to **Carla Garrett** for teaching in my absence and continued generous financial support.

The strength of dojo is measured in the hearts of the students. A teacher can teach, inspire, and lead, but the dojo is the student body, regardless of location, physical or internet. Where there is a spark, a flame can grow. Where there is light darkness recedes.

I am very much looking forward to the completion of the dojo and offering a much more in depth set of teachings integrating the subtleties of Kundalini Maha Yoga and the technical, and profound spiritual teachings of O'Sensei's Aikido: misogi, shuguyo, buki waza, and taijitsu, from basic, to flexible, to flowing, to Takemusu Aiki.

A special bow of gratitude go to **Pat Hendricks Shihan** for her unwavering support, despite the difficulties she has faced with the Pandemic.

And to my wife **Beth Nielsen**, who has ever been by my side as I closed the dojo, last June, (continued zoom classes) sold our home, and moved across the county, and struggled to transform. Your bright spirit is remarkable, and sustaining.

In Aiki,

Louis Jumonville Shihan 6th dan

Dojo Cho

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