



Obukan Judo Dojo, Inc.



Dear Obukan Supporters:

On January 24th the judo world and Japanese community lost an American hero; Jim Onchi the head Sensei at Obukan for nearly 60 years. Obukan Judo dojo has itself been a part of Portland and Pacific North West for over 80 years. Over those years Obukan has been a treasure not only to the Japanese American community but also to Portland and Japan by building international bonds of friendship. Obukan's legacy under Onchi Sensei has helped build community through the teachings and study of Japanese culture and the art of Judo. Obukan is one of only two Judo clubs in the Pacific North West to be visited in the 1900's and named by Jigoro Kano the founder of Judo. Obukan has been honored many times over the years as an important part of the international and local community. Obukan was honored in 2002 when Onchi Sensei received the prestigious award from the Emperor of Japan "5th Class, Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays" for his giving back to the community through his half of century of teaching Judo. Onchi Sensei was also awarded in 2012 the U.S. Congressional Gold Medal for his service to his country in 1942-1946. He was a part of the "Go For Broke" Japanese-American 100th Battalion, 442 Regimental Combat Team and Military Intelligence Service.

Obukan has been a guiding force since the early 1950's through Onchi Sensei emphasizing our mission of building the community through the benefits of mutual respect that Judo teaches. We are dedicated to continuing Onchi Sensei's work by focusing not only on excellence on the mat, but also the character of the person off the mat. It has been Onchi Sensei's dream of building a Community Center that has a home for Obukan Judo and other Japanese cultural arts. It is our commitment and goal to continue his legacy in fulfilling his dream. **We ask that you help us continue Onchi and Obukan's legacy by supporting our goal to build a Cultural Community Center that would support multiple Japanese arts such as Judo, Kendo, Aikido, Tea Ceremony, Flower Arrangement (Ikebana), Calligraphy and others. We are hosting our 57th annual Obukan Judo tournament, which supports the youth participating in Judo and helps raise funds for our goal.** Our tournament is to be held on March 30th at Portland Community College-Cascade Campus gym located at, 600 N Killingsworth St. Portland.

How does Obukan give back to the community?

- Obukan provides opportunities for young and old alike, to develop their character, values of respect for self and others, building confidence and discipline through the study and practice of Judo.
- Through Judo, Obukan provides a healthy, physical and mental activity for families and individuals of all ages.
- Obukan provides the opportunity for children and adults to participate in the Olympic sport of Judo.

Throughout the years Obukan has helped many to reach their personal goals. Many have reached the level of local, regional and even national champion. Obukan has also been honored to see its youth go on to college and participate in Judo at the collegiate and international level.

We are a 501 (C) 3 non-profit charitable organization and any gift to Obukan is Tax deductible. All of our instructors are volunteers and give all that they can. **Will you please continue to support Obukan and help us continue the legacy of building a strong community of respectable youth that may one day lead to our own Olympic Judo medalist from Oregon?**

With your support Obukan can continue its tradition of building the community through Judo and honoring our past, present and future.

Sincerely,

Toshio Ichinoe

Head Instructor

Obukan Judo 7th Dan

All donations of any amount are appreciated. In addition for your donation of \$100 or more we will place your company Logo and information in our Judo Program and New Student handout. Our Judo Program is handed out to several hundred individuals who attend our tournament and to every judo student.

For a donation of \$200 or more we will also place your company logo and information on our website. If you have a web site we will also attach your link. Obukan Judo Dojo has 501 (c) 3 non-profit status with the IRS as a charitable organization (EID:93-0547433). Your gift to Obukan is tax deductible. We will send you a gift receipt for your records. Please make checks out to "Obukan Judo Dojo" and send them to:

Obukan Judo Dojo

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Obukan Yesterday:



Obukan Today:



Obukan's Future:

- Cultural Community Center
- Japanese Art's including Judo, Kendo, Aikido and more.
- Future Olympian From Oregon
- Building community spirit and character in our youth

Board of Directors:

Toshio Ichinoe, Mark Hirota, Rod Conduragis, Julie Koyama, Jack Elder, Legal Adv.- Rich Muller