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2015 SFVJACC QUEEN KELSEY NAKAJI KWONG

By NJ Nakamura



We are very honored and excited to have Kelsey Nakaji Kwong serve as our 2015 Queen. She will represent our Community Center at the Nisei Week Festival on August 15 to 23.

Kelsey is 22 years old and recently graduated from Whittier College with a degree in chemistry and a minor in music and French. She was on the Whittier College Dean's List for 4 years and graduated with honors. She has also been studying opera for over 10 years. In the near future, Kelsey plans to attend medical school to become a physician.

She was born in Burbank and later played for the San Fernando Rip Girl's basketball team for 2 years. She has fond memories of helping out with the summer obons and the pancake breakfasts.

Kelsey has also been very active with the local Japanese American community. She has performed opera for the Go For Broke National Education Center's Evening of Aloha Gala, the Southeast Japanese School and Community Center's Summer Cultural Festival, the MIS/100th/442nd Veterans

Association Shinnenkai Luncheon, the Terminal Islander's summer picnics, the Nanka Wakayama Kenjinkai's annual New Year's Party and multiple shows for the Keiro Nursing Home. Last summer, Kelsey was nationally selected for the JACL Kakehashi Project: Japanese American Young Adults Invitation Program and participated in a 2-week study tour in Japan, which was funded by Japan Fulbright. She was a Nanka Wakayama Kenjinkai Student Ambassador in 2011 and currently serves on the Nanka Wakayama Kenjinkai Scholarship Committee. At the Japanese American National Museum, she took docent classes and was special events volunteer from 2006 to 2013.

Kelsey was informally introduced to the Community Center members at the Family Day Picnic and Raffle Fundraiser held on Saturday, May 16. Then, Lauren Arii, our 2012 SFVJACC Queen, formally crowned her, at the Veteran's Memorial Day Service and Dinner, held on May 24, 2015.

Many best wishes for the exciting moments Kelsey will soon be experiencing during the next 12 months. Congratulations Queen Kelsey.



SFVJACC'S GIRL SCOUTS, TROOP 1466, CELEBRATES CHILDREN'S DAY.



MISSION STATEMENT

To promote the Japanese culture and preserve the Japanese American experience through education, events and activities for our community.

As one of our cultural activities, the girls celebrated Children's Day by making Kashiwa mochi, Koi Nobori, and Ninja stress balls.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As you have been aware, we are having unusually strange weather for May - with a heat wave and with badly needed rain. With the summer season just around the corner, we hope this year will be a cooler summer. We have lots of exciting news and upcoming events. First off, we would like to congratulate Nancy Takayama for being honored by the Downtown JACL and the Japanese Women's Society of Southern California. Many of our community members attended the luncheon to honor Nancy and three other recipients at the Quiet Cannon Restaurant. Nancy has a lot of accomplishments as a Civil Rights advocate with the SFV JACL and a volunteer leader, especially at the Community Center.

Congratulations to Taryn Manaka and the other Rising Stars members on their graduation in March. They finished a six-month intensive workshop training on Japanese culture values, Japanese American History and leadership ability. We hope that these young people will be more well-rounded in their Japanese culture, community awareness and they will be future leaders in our community.

Also, congratulations to Yonsei player Janelle Doi. She has been selected to be a part of Yonei 22 which will be visiting the city of Sakata in Yamagata in July. I hope that she will build new relationships and broaden her views on Japanese culture. We hope to hear about her experiences when she returns home.

Gene Lew and John Doomey are replacing the old airport chairs in the courtyard with new wooden bench tops. They look beautiful! Please take a look when you are in the courtyard. Thank you Gene and John for your effort and your time!

If you have not logged on to our webpage SFVJACC.com, please log on. Keith Matsushita is our web designer and he is doing a fantastic job. He updates the website each month with photos, articles and activities.

For the annual Family Day Picnic, I hope you and your family enjoyed the picnic as much as I did. We had great entertainment, games for the kids, free hot dogs and ice cream and lots of activities to enjoy throughout the day. I would like to thank all the volunteers and entertainers who may this picnic possible. This fundraiser will go towards replacing the gates and chain link fence along Remick Avenue by the Japanese School parking lot. The Community Center is always in need of constant repairs and maintenance therefore we have to reach out to our members to ask for your understanding and your generous financial support.

SFVJACC has taken over the VFW Memorial Day Service and the event was well attended. The service, which was conducted by Pastor Ruy Mizuki, is to remember, honor and pay respects to our veterans who served and gave their lives for our country for the sake of freedom and democracy. Let us never forget their sacrifice to our country and community.

Just a reminder that the Valley JCC Obon and the SFVHBT Obon festivals are quickly approaching. I hope you and your family will join us in the festivities. School will be out soon and I wish you and your family an enjoyable and safe summer season.

Paul Jonokuchi
SFVJACC President



Gene Lew (on left) and John Doomey

Save the Date!

Saturday, August 22, 2015

Free Elder Law Seminar

**Given by Judd Matsunaga's
Elder Law Services of California**

Topics to be Covered:

Medi-Cal • Estate Planning • Living Trusts



**MEIJI CLUB
BAKE/FOOD SALE**

FRIDAY, JUNE 12th

10 AM

Fundraiser for the 50th Anniversary of
the Meiji Club's New Year's Luncheon

If you would like to donate food items,
call Liz Doomey (818) 892-7381 or
Joy Longworth (818) 896-7775

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

For the Months of March & April 2015

Donations

SFV Meiji Senior Club
Year End donation
Dexter Frye
Bunge North America Matching Gift
Allan Tokunaga & Family
In memory of mother Harue Tokunaga
Anonymous
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Donation to the Taiko Group
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Donation to the Taiko Group
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Use of Facilities

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Hitomi's Cooking Class
Poker Club
John Goka
Ping Pong Club
Wednesday Nite Basketball
Tuesday Exercise Class
Jeff Measles
Tuna Canyon Detention Center Coalition
Friday Exercise Class
Harmonica Group
Hula Wahines

Miscellaneous

Flo Fuchi.....2 Boxes Pop-up foil sheets
Lynda Estes..... 7 Boxes of miniature
Japanese figurines, trees, houses, etc., 5
ceramic containers (assorted sizes), 1 box of
art supplies

Thank You to the Following For Donating a Box of Trash Bags

Mitsu Asaoka
Liz Doomey
George/Janie Nakata
Coleen O'Neill
Ken/Gerri Radman
Smokey/Toshi Sugii
Ted/Midori Yamane
Mas/Norma Jean Yamashita
Plus many who wanted to stay anonymous

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR
THEIR GENEROUS DONATIONS!

DONATIONS TO HOT MEALS

For the Months of March & April 2015

Michiko Tokunaga 2 Bags Biscotti Bites for the volunteers,
chopsticks
Roy Imazu Kim Chee for 2 lunches
Tomi Muranaga Cake for Sally Hamamoto's birthday
Jennifer Hamamoto Cake for Sally Hamamoto's birthday
Kisui Fujimoto Monetary donation
Janet Yamamoto Cake for mother Eiko Muto's birthday
Yone Takimoto Takuwan for 2 lunches
Musashi Restaurant 200 lbs. Rice, 2 pkgs. Chopsticks
Wendy/Eric Kageyama Kitchen clock & handsoap
Grace Iwamasa Lemon pudding cake for the volunteers
Sylvia Yamashita See's chocolate eggs
SFV Japanese Language
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Ruby Yamaoka Cake in memory of mother, Hatsumi
George/Grace Goto Monetary donation
Doreen Kawamoto Skinny Cow ice cream for the volunteers
Yone Takimoto
Yo Hazama \$100 in memory of husband George
Yas/Lily Nagatoshi Assorted candy bars for Yas' birthday

Veterans' Memorial Service

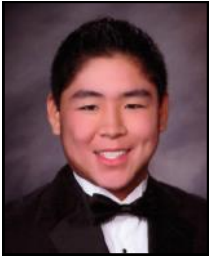
May 24, 2015

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Hashimoto, Toji/Hitomi	Ohara, Eddie
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Muranaga, Tomi	Yamaoka, Ruby
	Yamashita, Harumi Sylvia

Dr. Sanbo and Kazuko Sakaguchi Scholarship Winners

The SFVJACC is proud to announce the 2015 Dr. Sanbo and Kazuko Sakaguchi Scholarship winners.



Colby Kaneshiro

Colby K. Kaneshiro hails from William S. Hart High School and intends to be a math major and/or engineering at one institution of higher learning like Occidental College. He is the son of Lance and Cathy from Santa Clarita. His grade point average is 3.71 overall.

Facing a serious injury playing basketball in high school, Colby thought that he had to be inactive for nine long months. By working hard with his physical therapist, he was able to avoid surgery and reduce his recovery time to six weeks. With this life changing event, he learned to focus on academics and sports better because his grandfather said, "Everything happens for a reason. Remember what we spoke about—have courage to have a dream, persevere, and achieve." His grandfather's achievements despite the war, and strength during his serious illness taught Colby how to cope with whatever came his way.

His earlier activities include helping during the obon and pancake breakfast. He was a member of the South All Star Basketball team and named "Most Outstanding Player" three times. Honors include the Kevyn Nojima Courage Award this year.

He has enjoyed "Help the Children" as a food pantry volunteer and Santa Clarita Special Olympics volunteer. He also received the Paul Suzuki Memorial Award from the Crescent Bay Optimist Sports League.

Mr. James Ozella, Teacher, wrote that Colby is a two-sport athlete whose work is a model of consistent achievement.



Kara Tanaka

Kara is the daughter of Nathan Tanaka and Sharon Teramura of Sherman Oaks planning to attend Santa Clara University with an Economics major. She will arrive with a grade point of 4.0 from the Cleveland Humanities Magnet High School. She wrote about her understanding of culture as being physical starting with a meal she ate on New Year's Day. She worked in the fish, teriyaki, and char siu bao booths. She danced in obons at SFVJACC, VJCC and Nishii for fourteen years. But her metamorphous came from SFVJACL Katarou Histories, Kizuna Youth CAN Community Leadership Program, Rising Stars, Council on American-Islamic Relations and Bridging Communities, Valley Dharma School, L.A. Family Housing and TreePeople.

As she matured she discovered that culture is not simply about remembering: it is about taking the past and living together with it. It gives people a way to contextualize their lives so that they can understand who they are and where they come from. She says that culture is a living thing that continues to evolve. It changes in the way that people and society change. Culture instills within people a set of values and beliefs that shape their world views.

Among her many achievements and activities are: California Interscholastic Federation Scholar Athlete 2014, UCLA Anderson School of Management Global Green Business Summer Institute for Young Leaders, and JSPACC Basketball Clinic. She was awarded the Hoshiko Hirano Scholarship from SFV Athletics.

She feels that the SFVJACC will need to continue to refine the balance between tradition and modernity. It is important to preserve tradition but is also important to remain relevant to the Yonsei and Gosei.

Craig Ishii, Kizuna, Executive Director, wrote "I admire Kara's innate motivation to explore the world around her and learn new things."



Travis Fukumoto

The first annual Lily Sakaguchi Thibodeaux Scholarship Award goes to Travis Takashi Fukumoto who is the son of Jill and Dennis Fukumoto, members of the Center for seventeen years.

He comes from Granada Hills Charter High School with a 3.5 grade point average. He has already been accepted by four California universities. Travis has distinguished himself as Co-Captain of the Varsity basketball team as All League First Team. He volunteered selflessly at events held at school, church, and the community. For example, He was Crew Leader for Vacation Bible School at Crossway Church for five years. He mentions the aroma coming from the beef teriyaki booth at the obon among his fondest memories. He should get special recognition for helping at Clean-up day at the CC for twelve years. Like Kara, he has helped at Curtis Takimoto's Pee Wee Clinic, pancake breakfasts, obon booths, CC picnics, and SFVJACL Grandparents' Day.

He wrote, "Without the CC, I wouldn't have met as many other people like me. I am grateful to those who have volunteered endless to keep the Community Center alive and providing those wonderful opportunities for myself and others." Ms. Christine Lee, teacher, wrote, "Travis is able to clearly communicate his thoughts and works well with other students. He displays a passion for learning with his kindhearted nature. I know that he will take college seriously with his chosen major in Kinesiology or sports psychology."

The SFVJACC Scholarship Committee is proud of the three scholarship winners who have shown a long standing relationship with the Center, wishes them good health and happiness always, and hopes that they will return someday to keep the Center strong. The Committee consists of Kay Inaba, Grace Iwamasa, Chisato Kanagi, and Nancy Oda, chair.

Thank You For Supporting The Family Day Picnic & Raffle Fundraiser!

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Hashimoto, Hikowo/Etsuko	Matsuzaki, Judy	Geraldine Rothchild, Edith		
Hatakeda, Harold	Minami, Janet K.	Saisho, Giro/Janet		
Hayata, Nancy	Minami, Manabu/Eleanor	Saito, Andy		
Hazama, Yo	Miseroy, Kimiko	Sakaguchi, Bo/Ikuyo		
Higashida, James/Rose	Mitarai, Evelyn	Sakamoto, Sachiko		
Hill, Randall/Tomoko	Miyagishima, Misao	Sakamoto, Bruce		
Hirasuna, Susan	Miyagishima, Sharlene	Sasahara, Kanji		
Hirata, Arliss	Miyata, Isabelle	Sasaki, Lillian		
Hito, Teresa	Mochizuki, Kiyoshi/Yaeko	Sato, Eiji/Marge		
Hollowell, Masako	Monji, Yoshiko	Sato, Robert/Setsuko		
Hori, Fukashi	Moriguchi, Robert/Akiko	Sato, Hiroshi/Florence		
Horiuchi, Kathuhide	Moriguchi, Reiko	Schuetze, Janet		
Huynh, Nancy	Motoyama, Evelyn	Schwartz, Dennis		
Iida, Ted/Chieko	Motoyasu, Tak/Yo	Seele, Hiromi		
Imazu, Roy	Mui, Kenneth/Priscilla	Servera, Antonio		
Inaba, Shigeko	Muranaga, Tomi	Shiba, Dorothy		
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Isa, Yuki	Muraoka, Victor/Lois	Shigekuni, Phil/Marion		
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Pictures for the Family Day Picnic will be in the July/August newsletter.

SF ATHLETICS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

By Karen LaMarsna

March 21, 2015, was the annual Athletics Pancake Fundraiser where friends and families spent their morning enjoying, pancakes, sausages and their choice of beverage. Team parents and players alike had the opportunity to show the community our teamwork, from making batter, cooking to serving families, not to mention cleaning up.

This event could not take place without the support of the SFVJACC and the support of our great "CC" members. Donations from **Rick Imamura** which provided the pancake mix, **Albertsons (Reseda)** for syrup, **Gavina Coffee** provided not only the cups but the coffee to fill in them. Raffle prize donations came from **Honda of Hollywood, PPG paints, Hiji Farms, Muranaka Farms** and **SF Athletics**.

In our courtyard area we had our GIRL SCOUT TROOP sign ups, Muranaka Farms had wonderful array of produce and let's not forget about our Silent Auction. Special thanks to **Zigabid, the Ishimoto Family, Okui Family, Chiba Family, Reitza Family, Trader Joe's (West Hills), Elizabeth Mallen D.D.S, Lila Diaz, Egao Group.**



Center and its members, these events would not be possible or successful. Thank you to the Hawks and Ninjas for organizing this event.



For your information, the Pancake Breakfast opens off site gym doors for weekday practices, refinishes the CC gym floor, provides first aid and preseason seminars for volunteer coaches who help more than two hundred boys and girls. Our program focuses on building character in addition to teaching sportsmanship and service. Families bond making lifelong friends for both parents and children during games and these fundraisers.

A big THANK YOU to all the volunteers, teams, players and coaches that made this day a huge success. Without the support of the Community



Thank
you for
your
support.





CONGRATULATIONS, NANCY TAKAYAMA! 2015 WOMAN OF THE YEAR.

By Jean-Paul deGuzman

On May 3, at Montebello's Quiet Cannon, hundreds of community members came together to celebrate the 2015 Women of the Year. Since the 1960s, the Downtown Los Angeles chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League and the Japanese Women's Society of Southern California have honored outstanding women whose dedication and passion for community service is unrivaled. The San Fernando Valley has often been represented: indefatigable women such as Dr. Mary Sakaguchi Oda, Mabel Takimoto, Dianne Fukuwa and Nancy Kyoko Oda all earned the prestigious award.

This year, **Nancy Takayama** continued the tradition. Several tables of SFVJACL and SFVJACC friends and Takayama family members all cheered for Nancy. I was honored that she asked me to provide a brief introduction to her, which I'd like to share here:

Good afternoon everyone. It is an honor to be here, but I come before you in a profound state of mourning. Mourning, of course, for Manny Pacquiao's loss last night!* But, that's alright because I have the privilege of introducing my friend and an exemplar of what this prestigious award stands for, Nancy Takayama.

Driving down here, I was thinking of that old adage, "it takes a village." We are often told that it takes a village to build a community or make social change. And, while that is true, it takes people like Nancy Takayama in those villages to create community, to create social change, and to create belonging. As many of you might have read in her distinguished biography, published in the *Rafu Shimpo*, Nancy has given tirelessly and mightily of her time for decades, first working with people with disabilities in Hawai'i and then returning to the San Fernando Valley.** When Nancy returned to the Valley, she took on the helm of the San Fernando Valley JACL, she took on the San Fernando Valley JACC, and was one of the founding members of the Tuna Canyon Detention Station Coalition. This organization is a dynamic group dedicated to unearthing a dark chapter in our collective history.

But despite all of these accomplishments, I want to speak to you as Nancy's friend. I've only known Nancy for about a decade, which for many people is just a drop in the bucket. After all, 2005 just feels like yesterday, doesn't it? But in those ten years, I have witnessed from Nancy what most people would accomplish in a lifetime of community service and activism, dedicated to the proverbial little guy, the marginalized, the women and men the history books forget about, and those whose stories most people think do not deserve to be told.

As an undergraduate at Cal State Northridge, I met Nancy when she approached our Asian American Studies Department with a very novel and important premise: that the history of the Valley is more than the Valley girls and more than the malls, rather, it is the story of working class people, the story of working class Japanese Americans who broke their backs to till the soil and make the San Fernando Valley the breadbasket - or the orange juice carafe - of the State of California. Through her single-handed dedication she helped recover and excavate and share those critical stories that made the San Fernando Valley great. Since then - and it's very hard to say no to Nancy - I've been a part of the JACL. It is because of these collective aspects, that I have learned from her the incredibly deep principles of community, of social justice, and what it means to give back, selflessly and generously.

So, I could go on forever, but you don't want to listen to me speak forever, so I'd like to hand it over to our favorite Valley girl, Nancy Takayama!

Congratulations, Nancy! You have shaped our lives in innumerable ways!

* If you know what ethnicity I am, that joke will make a lot more sense.

** <http://www.rafu.com/2015/04/2015-women-of-the-year-announced/>

SF Tigers

FOR Tournament Champs

Back row (L-R): Kenji Sampson, Andrew Vasquez, Russell Nakajima, Roman Morales, Spencer Isa, Coach Derrick Isa, Coach Rich Nakajima

Bottom row (L-R): Ryan Kaneshiro, Ray Kimura, Raffy Verano

Missing Tyler Motoyasu



SF ATHLETICS BASKETBALL JAMBOREE

On April 24, 2015, San Fernando Athletics held their annual Basketball Jamboree in the Dr. Sanbo Sakaguchi Hall. The SF Lakers and Samurai teams worked together to organize this year's event and planned a fun and entertaining evening. It was well attended by players and families, representing about 19 boys and girls teams ranging from our Kindergarten team to our graduating Seniors. Delicious tacos and an array of desserts were served and a good time was had by all who attended.

The evening began with the entertaining tunes on the ukulele from SF Laker Kai Matsumoto and his grandfather George Matsumoto, who was a former coach for SF Athletics. Awards and scholarships were presented by Margaret Takimoto to graduating seniors Kara Tanaka, Travis Fujimoto and Kristen Himeno, who all gave inspirational and gracious acceptance speeches.

MC Charlene Paloma did a wonderful job announcing the event and all of the players had a great time with the Human Scavenger Hunt Game. The highlights of the evening were the excellent slideshow produced by Samurai team parent Craig Yahata, the video from the Los Angeles Clippers Video Assistant Natalie Nakase, and the special video message from Los Angeles Laker Jeremy Lin. In addition, the Los Angeles Lakers donated a Jeremy Lin autographed ball with certificate of authenticity for a raffle prize. The lucky winner was Kai Burris from the SF Ninjas. The Los Angeles Lakers also donated gifts for each of the players, which complemented the generous donations from all our SF teams. Each of our players was able to receive a raffle prize and coaches' gifts were also given.

It was a terrific event and a great way to celebrate our season. Thank you to everyone who helped make this Jamboree a special one!



SF ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

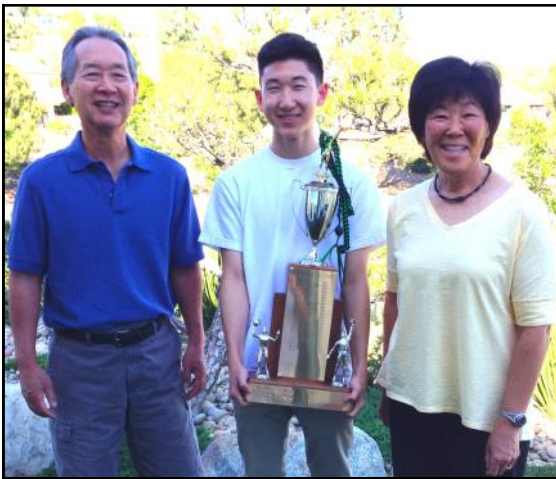
By Margaret Takimoto



Wayne Yamamoto was a student athlete and was member of SF Athletics in the 1960's and who's memory we honor with the Wayne Yamamoto Memorial scholarship. This year's award was presented to Travis Fukumoto. He is the son of Jill and Dennis Fukumoto. Travis played SF basketball from sureshot through the 12th grade with the Dragons. He attended Northridge Academy as a freshman and played on the varsity basketball and JV volleyball. Travis attended Granada High School where he played varsity basketball during his sophomore, junior and senior high school career was also co-team captain. Besides participating in the SF Pancake Breakfast, Obon, Travis has volunteered his time in many of the community center activities, CC clean up, Pee Wee Clinics, Summer BB Clinics, helped with the Special Needs Basketball Camp. Travis says the things SF Athletics program taught him is how teamwork and having a good attitude can help everyone to be successful. "Through Athletics I learned the importance of giving back to the community. It feels great helping at the basketball clinics and working at the events.

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Gary and Sandy Yamamoto with Wayne Yamamoto to Award recipient Travis Fukumoto.

This led me to want to start coaching. So I decided to coach a recreational team at my local park. Giving back to the community feels like such a privilege, I hope one day I will be able to coach my own team at the CC." Travis will be attending CSU Fullerton majoring in sports psychology.

Note from Gary and Sandra Yamamoto, who are long time supporters of the SFVJACC Athletics program: "This year's Scholar Athletes presentation was a little more meaning for both Sandra and myself. I coached Travis' father, Dennis in the CC basketball and baseball programs and presently bowl with his grandfather. Sandra had Kara's mother as a student at Madison Middle School and has known Kara's grandmother for many years. It was a nice touch to the event."

Hoshiko Hirano was the first Girls' Commissioner and was instrumental in starting the girls athletics program in the 1960's. In those days the girls played softball. The late Mrs. Hirano and along with her husband Yoshi Hirano, who was the boys commissioner were actively involved in promoting our program. The Hoshiko Hirano Memorial Scholarship was established to honor her memory and contribution to girls Athletics program. We are please to award this years Hoshiko Hirano Scholarship to Kara Tanaka.

She is the daughter of Sharon Teramura and Nathan Tanaka. Kara played with the Angels. She will be graduating from Cleveland HS and has received numerous academic and local and state service awards. Kara was on the JV Basketball team as a freshman and was on the varsity team for 10-12 grades. She is team co captain as a senior. Her involvement in school activities includes being a member of the student council, the Hope club and was co-founder of the Cleveland water project. Her community involvement includes volunteering with the Youth CAN and the Rising Stars Youth Leadership organization. Kara has volunteered at the Pee Wee clinics, the NYABC special needs basketball clinic, participated in the Katarou History project. Kara is also involved with the Sun Valley dharma schools, helping seniors both here at SFVJACC and at the Sun Valley CC.

"Not only has the SFVJACC Athletics program enabled me to make priceless memories, it has provided me the opportunity to grow as a person. On the court I learned the importance of teamwork and determination. Off the court SFVJACC events have helped to strengthen my connection with the Japanese American community. I am grateful to have the opportunity to participate in the SFVJACC Athletics program. I look forward to my final year of prep basketball and continued participation in the CC events. Kara has been accepted to Santa Clara University. She will be majoring in Economics.

Athletics established the Lauren Taguchi Memorial Youth Service Scholarship in 2009 to honor her memory. As an active member of the SFVJACC Athletics, as well as many other community organizations, Lauren was an exemplary student athlete, a role model, friend and teammate who demonstrated sportsmanship on and off the court. We are pleased to announce Kristen Himeno was selected as recipient of the Lauren Taguchi Memorial Youth Service and is daughter of Guy and Elaine Himeno. Kristen was a member of the SF athletics, playing from 2003-2014 with Tenshi. She will graduate from Cleveland High School. The scholarship committee's selection was based on her outstanding achievement in academic excellence, her spirit of volunteerism and citizenship, through community service. As an involved student and student leader, Kristen was a honor student and attended the Academy of Business Leadership at USC campus in 2013. She is very involved in many organizations within the JA organizations in Little Tokyo, Youth CAN, Bridging Communities to name a few. Amongst all her activities she found time to volunteer at the LA Family Housing to help families with transitional housing preparing and serving meals. Kristen volunteered at the Pee Wee clinics, SFVJACC senior lunches, she participated in the Katarou Histories project creating short documentary about the SF Wakaba baseball.

"My family and community inspire me be an active participant not a bystander. I choose to become involved, work for justice and advocate for all people. I know that I can reach out to other people and make a difference.

Kristen will be attending UC Berkeley in the fall.

Kara, Kristen and Travis we are very proud of all of you and wishing you much success in your college endeavors.



Lauren Taguchi Memorial Youth Service Scholarship winner Kristen Himeno (L) and Hoshiko Hirano Award winner Kara Tanaka.

CONGRATULATIONS



SFV JAPANESE LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

Get ready, get set, go!

The Japanese School held its annual Undokai (Sports Day) on Saturday, May 2, in the Community Center gym. In traditional fashion, the students were split up into two teams Aka (Red) and Shiro (White) for each class. The students participated in sprints, races, and even did a little dancing in between the events. In one event, the students were required to pull a hanging donut from a string without using their hands! The students also participated in the always popular tug of war challenge. The exciting relay race saw the lead between the two teams change with almost every runner. After a morning of events, the students had a lunch bento, and a "to cool off from all that running around" popsicles. At the end of the day, Team Shiro edged out Team Aka by the close score of 160 to 152, and Team Shiro took home the winning prize.



LA Police Department's Asian Pacific Islander Community Forum

submitted by Harold Kameya, SFV JACL

The annual LAPD's Asian Pacific Islander Community Forum for the San Fernando Valley was held on April 16th at St. John De La Salle Church in Granada Hills. Organizations within the SFVJACC were invited to attend and to report back to their groups. About a dozen people represented our community center. There may have been 50-75 members of the public total. The LAPD wished to hear what issues were important to our community, what we wanted the LAPD to know about our community, and how the LAPD could improve relations with the API community.



A topic of high concern to the public was body cams and dashboard cameras. Official procedures were still being developed, but Deputy Chief Robert Green said that he was in favor of having police officers submit a written statement on incidents before viewing their body cam videos. However, a couple of weeks ago, Police Chief Charlie Beck released LAPD's policy on video cams, which allowed police officers to view their body cam videos before submitting an incident report.

The guest speaker for the evening was Ms. Deborah Suh of the Center for the Pacific Asian Family. That organization provides a wide array of social services, including emergency shelter needs. They have a 24/7 multilingual hotline: 800-339-3940, www.nurturingchange.org

You can sign up for email reports on crime incidents in your area. Here are the access points they provided:

e-policing: www.lapdonline.org
 crime map: www.crimemapping.com

facebook: Devonshire lapd
 twitter: LAPD Devonshire

nixle: www.nixle.com
 nextdoor: nextdoor.com



Lily Noriko Sakaguchi Thibodeaux

By Nicole Thibodeaux

Lily Noriko Sakaguchi Thibodeaux was born in Fresno, CA on September 20, 1921 as the sixth child of Hisaji and Shiichiro Sakaguchi. A self-proclaimed “Yankee Girl,” Lily grew up on her family’s farm in the San Fernando Valley and graduated from North Hollywood High School as an Epehian and Gold Seal Bearer. In 1940, she started college at UCLA, but her education was interrupted when her family was forcibly relocated to Manzanar Internment Camp. Having always identified as a proud American, Lily was deeply affected by the internment experience, but she made the best of her situation, teaching high school biology and tutoring children.

Upon leaving Manzanar, she resumed college at the University of Pennsylvania, graduating in 1948 with a B.A. in biological science and a lifelong pride of her Ivy League education. Prior to re-settling in Los Angeles to start her family, Lily had cultivated an accomplished scientific

career, having served as a cancer and cytogenetics researcher for the National Academy of Science, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Always interested in self-improvement, she became a licensed lab and x-ray technician in addition to earning her secondary teaching credential from CSUN and taking classes in real estate and investment. She spent the majority of her life working with her siblings, Dr. Sanbo Sakaguchi and Dr. Mary Oda, running the practice’s lab and x-ray departments.

Lily was known for her fun, cheerful, and outgoing personality. At work, she enjoyed interacting with patients, many of whom would remark that she had a “twinkle in her eye.” She lived for adventure, and her kids’ fondest memories of her were their many skiing and camping trips. Having once owned a Jaguar, Lily loved fast cars and was known to weave wildly in and out of traffic.

Lily also had a passion for new knowledge and culture, which she attributed to her father. Anxious to pass it on to the next generation, she would take her kids and grandkids to concerts, art museums, and restaurants to try new food. Her interest in fine arts led her to collect contemporary art pieces, learn how to play the shamisen, and dabble in sumi-e painting.

Our family is proud to represent Lily’s legacy of education and enjoying life. She showed us how to work hard and enjoy the spoils. She would be thrilled to support a young person seeking higher education and improvement of the Japanese-American community. From the Thibodeaux family to yours, *Best of Luck*, and remember that you will always find support in your JACC family!

LTHS “IMAGINE LITTLE TOKYO” SHORT STORY CONTEST WINNERS

By Patricia Takayama



Youth Division Finalists (L-R): Winner Linda Toch, Serena Kuhn, Madeline Parga.

Wednesday, April 22, 2015, the winners of the Lil Tokyo Historical Society, “Imagine Little Tokyo” short story contest were announced at an evening celebration in the garden room of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center in Los Angeles.

The writing contest was supported by various individuals and organization donors including the SFV JACL. The first place winners in the adult categories in English and Japanese were awarded \$600 each. The winner of the Japanese language story was: Miyuki Sato, whose story, “Mitate Club” was read in Japanese by actress Megumi Sato, who appeared in the film *Lil Tokyo Reporter*, among others. Miyuki spoke to the audience via a transpacific phone conversation as

she accepted the award from Hokkaido, Japan.

The first place winner for the English language story was Nathaniel Campbell, who accepted the award via Skype from Iowa. His short story, “Fish Market in Little Tokyo” was read by Kurt Kuniyoshi a member of the Grateful Crane Theater Ensemble.

The three finalists for the youth division were present and were introduced to the audience. They were Serena Kuhn, Madeline Parga and Linda Toch. The winner of the \$400 prize for the youth division was Linda Toch for her story “Kazuo Alone.” Her story was read by actress, poet, and activist: Traci-Kato-Kiriyama.

Other finalists in the adult English language division included: Glen Morizawa, Glendale, “The Tempura King”; Dan Akira Nishimura, Van Nuys, “We’ve Only Just Begun”; Chester Sakamoto, Winnetka, “Both Alike in Dignity.”



Not So Smart

By Old Wakaba, Bud Sagara

The Nisei and subsequent generations of the CC always made education a priority for their children. It's wonderful to read in the CC Newsletter about some of the brilliant students coming out of high school who will be attending the best universities in the country. By comparison, my brain power is unremarkable. While most understand that education is a continual process, I am satisfied with knowing a little bit about things that interest me and accepting ignorance in subjects in which I have no interest. For instance, I have no clue what this "zumba" thing is at the CC.

Singer/songwriter Dolly Parton said, "I'm not offended by dumb blonde jokes because I know that I'm not dumb, and I also know that I'm not blond." Most people usually try to avoid letting others know that they are not so smart about something, but they may inadvertently broadcast it by saying something like, "I'm not good with numbers" or "I'm terrible with computers." Others may actually try to resist knowing something as if it may be harmful to their brains. They might say of the Super Bowl, "I do not even want to know who is playing." Everyone would probably like to be thought of as intelligent, but life has a way of presenting us with many opportunities to demonstrate otherwise.

The area of information technology/communication provides fertile ground for me to display my lack of knowledge. I ask the graduate students with whom I work or my daughters or granddaughters for help with anything concerning computers or telephones. When we were kids, my brother, sister and I would take two empty Campbell's soup cans, punch a hole with a nail in each of the remaining lids, and then attach a long wire between the two cans. We always had wire in the garage because my Dad grew up on a farm where he learned to fix many things with wire. CC pioneer Jim Higashida reaffirmed this skill in telling me that during his youth while farming in the Valley, he would use wire to fix anything broken on his tractor right out in the fields. Anyway, back to our crude telephone. It was fun, but we could never find anything meaningful to say to each other except, "Can you hear me now?" Today's smart phones can access the Internet, tell you where you are, where to go, where your kids are, check store prices, when the Dodgers score a run, take photos, transcribe documents, and hundreds of applications for whatever your heart desires. They can also be used, believe it or not, as a telephone. In spite of all the technological innovations, advertisers for telephones still cannot think of anything better to say than, "Can you hear me now?"



Another area that challenges both our mental and physical skills is those instruction pamphlets that come with new purchases. These instructions always tell you in at least two different languages how quick and easy it will be to use the item or how quick and easy the assembly will be. Most things in life that require effort are neither quick nor easy. I always have to re-read the instructions and then make several failed attempts to finally figure out how to insert support flange D into assembly slot F. When the garage door opener at home needed replacement, I decided to do the job myself. The instructions said that the assembly would be quick and easy. It was not. The dimensions and attachments of the new garage door opener were not the same as the old one; so many adjustments had to be made. But when the job was finally completed, a real sense of satisfaction came over me as I watched the garage door open and close. My wife must have wondered what the idiot in the garage was doing in the garage pushing the remote button repeatedly, but sometimes a not so smart guy just wants to savor victory.

In one of my favorite movies, Forrest Gump, the title character is not very bright, but there is solidness in his character with which many people can identify. He is loyal, kind, and respectful even in the face of mistreatment. Forrest miraculously dodges the pitfalls that life sets before him and manages to move forward by making the most of the gifts that God has given him. His childhood friend, Jenny, is the love of his life and he pursues her in his humble way; but she refuses him at different times during the film for other worldly men. A rejected Forrest tells Jenny, "I am not a smart man, but I know what love is." Jenny continues to lead an aimless and destructive life until she finally hits hopeless, rock bottom. It is then that she finally realizes that the true love that Forrest offers her is what she had been seeking all along. Forrest's steadfast, pure love is the water that cleanses Jenny of all the spots and blemishes to present her radiant and blameless in the wedding scene.

In today's world, love has become a mixed-up term whose meaning has become trivialized. In 1 Corinthians 13:7, it reads, "Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things." Real love is the greatest of all human qualities and is an attribute of God himself. It is a love that is directed outward to others; not inward towards us. This love is unselfish and is given without any expectation of receiving anything in return. We do not have to be smart, rich or poor, or anyone in particular; all we have to do is to receive it. Real love never fails and endures forever .

JACCC Ikenobo Ikebana Demonstration

May 15, 2015



Mme. Ritsuko Shinbashi (on right) demonstrated the Ikenobo style of flower arranging. CC members try their hand at making the beautiful arrangements.

12th Grade SF Dragons deeply thanks SFVJACC and SF Athletics for providing the opportunity to make lasting friendships and cherished memories while having fun playing basketball!

With Gratitude,
SF Dragons and Families



Grant
Arikawa



Christian
Carating



Travis
Fukumoto



Monroe
Gordon



Dream
Jaratrungrot



Colby
Kaneshiro



Tyler
Miyagishima



Tyler
Nakamoto



William
Tomita



Jared
Yamasaki

2015 San Fernando PeeWee Basketball Clinic



Saturdays (July 11, 18, 25, Aug 1)

Registration 10:00 a.m. Clinic 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

SFV Japanese American Community Center

12953 Branford Street, Pacoima, CA 91331

Clinic Director: Curtis Takimoto

1993-2007 SFVJACC Athletics - Terminators • 2003 Frosh, 2004 JV, 2005-2007 Varsity Basketball – Chatsworth HS
2005-2011 - Counselor Pierce Brahma Basketball Camp (Ages 8-12) • 2007-2012 UCI Intramural Basketball
2012-present NAU Basketball • C.O.R.E Basketball League Director - Corona Del Mar

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Register Today! (There's space for only 20 boys and girls! First come, first served!)

For Boys and Girls, 4 through 7, ready to learn the basics & meet new friends!

4 Saturdays of fun! (8-year-olds who have never played before also welcome)

For an application go to www.sfvjacc.com • Deadline for forms and payment— 6/1/15.

For more information, call Margaret (818) 701-7628 or email: JNCMOM@aol.com

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Sunday, June 21, 2015
5-9 p.m.

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LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
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LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
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Raffle at 8:30 p.m. Sunday
Valley Japanese Community Center
8850 Lankershim Blvd.
Sun Valley, CA

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San Fernando Valley
JACL CORNER

Greetings! The San Fernando Valley chapter of the JACL has always played an important part in the activities of the SFV Community Center. The JACL chapter has planned and produced many of the activities that contribute to the rich culture of our community center. Please read the attached information flyer about our chapter. Better yet, pay a visit to our website at sfvjacl.weebly.com to see our activities, our media resources, our newsletters, etc. Best of all, we will welcome you with open arms! Join us and help make a difference in the lives of your children, grandchildren and our community!

Welcome New Community Center Members

Joyce Jellison
Jenny Lounibos
Paul McKeever
Diane Ngov
Ayako Nomoto
Carolyn Okazaki
Matsuko Okumoto



The 2015 Manzanar Reunion in Las Vegas - September 14, 15 & 16 at the California Hotel in Las Vegas

The Manzanar Reunion Committee is inviting anyone, whether they were interned at Manzanar, or any other camp to attend. Everyone is welcome -- friends, family and anyone interested in the history of Manzanar.

Bus transportation to the California Hotel departs from the SFVJACC on September 14 and returns on September 16, with a short rest stop in Barstow each way.

The evening of Monday, September 14th, will consist of an after-dinner Mixer where hors d'oeuvres will be offered. A short program will be presented, including an update by Superintendent Bernadette Johnson of the Manzanar National Historic Site. After a few fun games of bingo, there will be plenty of free time to visit with fellow attendees, meet with the Manzanar park rangers, and view the displays.

Tuesday, September 15th, will begin with the reunion-sponsored slot tournament in the morning. The evening's buffet Banquet will feature a special program presented by the Manzanar park rangers -- a "visual tour" of Manzanar today. The Rangers promise, "No burning sun, blowing sand, crowded latrines, stinging scorpions, nor apple butter! From the comfort of your banquet seats at the Cal, see the restored gardens, historic orchards, new exhibits, and more." This will be an opportunity for those who haven't been to Manzanar lately to see how the NPS Rangers are preserving the site to continue the legacy.

If you have any questions, please call Cherry Uyeda at (818) 981-2629. For information regarding registration, please contact Grace Anderson at grace.oda.anderson@gmail.com, or (818) 889-4291.

Worried about your memory?

Have you reached that age that you start worrying when you can't remember:

- Someone's name whom you have known for a while
- Why you are in that room you just entered
- Where you placed your keys, glasses, purse, wallet, etc.
- What day of the week it is after retiring from your job
- The things you never forgot

There are many who are aging who worry about their memory – you are not alone!! Or do you have concerns about your parent's cognitive abilities. Come and learn about the difference between normal cognitive changes with aging versus Alzheimer's disease.

Kimiko Kelly from the Southland Alzheimer's Association Chapter will present a free seminar on August 1, 2015, Saturday, from 10 am to 12 noon, at the San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center, 12953 Branford Street, Pacoima 91331. For further information please contact and RSVP to Lois Okui, (818) 899-1989.

The Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group meetings are held on the first Saturday of most months from 10 am to 12 noon at the SFVJACC. Now in its 13th year the group, sponsored by Little Tokyo Service Center, remains strong and viable. Strict confidentiality is maintained. For further information please contact Lois Okui, (818) 899-1989.



Do You Have Questions about Alzheimer's Disease?

Attend a Free Seminar

Guest Speaker: **Kimiko Kelly from
the Southland Alzheimer's Association Chapter**

Date: **August 1, 2015, Saturday**

Time: **10 am to 12 noon**

Place: **San Fernando Valley
Japanese American Community Center
12953 Branford Street, Pacoima 91331**

To RSVP or for more information please contact: Lois Okui, (818) 899-1989, SFVJACC

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

If you have a loved one affected by Alzheimer's disease, come join us — A non-judgmental, confidential place to share ideas, frustrations, concerns and joy.

Meetings: First Saturday of the month • Time: 10 am - 12 noon

For more info, call the Center. (818) 899-1989

COORDINATING COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONS—MEETINGS-CONTACT PERSONS

Coordinating Council.....	1st Wed., 7:00 PM.....	Nancy Oda	818 786-0914
Community Center.....	1st/3rd Wed., 7:00 PM.....	Paul Jonokuchi.....	818 894-5327
Athletics.....	3rd Tues., 7:30 PM.....	Margaret Takimoto.....	818 701-7628
CC News.....	Lois Okui.....	818 892-1487.....	Email: loisokui@aol.com
Chatsworth West United Methodist Church			
.....	2nd Sun., 1:00 PM.....	Doreen Kawamoto	818 764-8850
Crossway Church.....	2nd Sun., 12:30 PM.....	Jennifer Trax.....	818 896-1676
Nikkei Senior Gardens.....	2nd Thurs., 7:00 PM.....	Toji Hashimoto	818 897-4216
SFV Bonsai Club.....	4th Sun., 8 AM-12 PM.....	Walter Zipusch	818 993-4478
SFV Fishing Club.....	3rd Mon., 8:00 PM.....	Al Tokunaga.....	818 982-4236
SFV Hongwanji Buddhist Temple.....	2nd Mon., 7:30 PM.....	Terry Ishigo.....	818 899-4030
SFV JACL.....	2nd Wed., 7:00 PM.....	Doreen Kawamoto.....	818 764-8850
SFV Japanese Language Institute....	Sat., 9:30 AM-12:30 PM.....	Stephen Nakata	818 896-8612
SFV Judo Club	4th Wed., 7:03 PM.....	Kenji Couey	818 381-7232
SFV Landscape Gardeners	Sat. of every other month.....	Nob Tamai.....	818 347-3912
SFV Meiji Senior Citizens.....	1st Fri., 12:30 PM.....	Liz Doomey	818 892-7381
Senior Hot Meals	Tues. & Fri. (no meal on 5th Tues. & 5th Fri.) ..		818 899-1989
Sho Chiku Bai Porter Ranch Bonsai Club.....			
.....	1st Sun., 9 AM-12 PM.....	Yoko Zipusch	818 746-6677
Sunrise Foursquare Church.....		Reverend Paul Iwata	818 782-8738
Valley Japanese Community Center		Neil Hashiba	818 732-5837

**Want to reserve the
Community Center
for an event?**

Call Tadao Okui
at 818-892-1487
or email:
tadokui@aol.com

**Want to submit an
article for the CC
Newsletter?**

Email:
loisokui@aol.com

CC Deadline:
2nd Friday of
every odd month.

SPECIAL CLASSES

Arts & Crafts.....	Monday	10:00 AM-12:00 PM	Sally Hamamoto	818 361-2902
Ballroom Dance.....	Tuesday	7:00-8:30 PM	Barbara Okita	818 784-5128
Bowling*, Mission Hills Bowl.....	Thursday	9:30 AM	George Seko	818 998-0682
Bridge*.....	Mon/Wed	12:00-4:00 PM	Ray Shinsato	818 767-5550
Country Western Music*.....	1st /3rd Tuesday	10:30-11:30 AM	Janet Schuetze	818 767-1819
Exercise Class.....	Tuesday	9:00-10:00 AM	Ralph Ahn	818 897-1322
Exercise Class.....	Friday	10:00-11:00 AM	Reverend Leo Fong	818 618-4368
Guitar Class.....	Tuesday	10:15-11:30 AM	Greg Librando	818 896-6503
Hanafuda*.....	Friday	1:00-3:00 PM	Yone Takimoto	818 765-6735
Harmonica Class*.....	Friday	11:00-11:30 AM	Call CC office	818 899-1989
Hawaiian Hula (Hula Wahines).....	Friday	12:30-1:30 PM	Suzan Akamine	818 367-1723
Hawaiian Hula (Ages 3-adults)	Saturday	2:00-3:45 PM	Mikilani Young	818 692-4189
Hitomi's Cooking Class	4th Tuesday	7:00-9:00 PM	NJ Nakamura	818 893-6503
Ikenobo Ikebana.....	2nd/4th Thursday	10:00-1:00 PM	Ritsuko Shinbashi	818 892-0470
Japanese Calligraphy.....	1st/3rd Thursday	9:30-11:00 AM	Yuriko Muso	818 726-8935
Japanese Classical Dance.....	Friday	3:00-6:30 PM	Diane Fukuwa	310 217-0443
Karaoke*.....	1st/3rd Thursday	10:00 AM-12:00 PM	Walter Fujimori	818 352-1075
Kokusei Shigin Class.....	Thursday (Off premises)	2:00-4:00 PM	Paul Jonokuchi	818 894-5327
Line Dancing*.....	Thursday	8:45-10:00 AM	Mark Nakamura	818 363-3038
Mandolin.....	Friday	9:30-11:00 AM	Call CC office	818 899-1989
Mah-Jong*.....	Tuesday	1:00-3:00 PM	Yoko Kawamura	818 765-3513
Ondo Dancing*	2nd/4th Friday	7:00-9:00 PM	Janet Yamamoto	818 365-8361
Ping Pong Club.....	Thurs/2nd, 3rd, 4th Tuesday	10:00 AM-3:00 PM	Burt Tokuhara	818 469-8934
Qi Gong	Thursday (J-School)	7:00-8:30 PM	Mamie Kosaka	661.645.4515
SFV Judo Club.....	Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri	7:00-9:00 PM	Mo Barrera	818 331-9444
Tai Chi Class*.....	Monday	9:00-10:00 AM	Florence Takaaze	310 202-6693
Taiko	Thurs (Beginners) 7-8:30 PM	Sat (Interm.) 10-11:30 AM	Reid Taguchi	818 571-1797
Ukulele Class	Friday (Gym)	9:00-11:30 AM	Greg Librando	818 896-6503
Yoga Class.....	Wednesday	10:00-11:00 AM	Call CC Office	818 899-1989
Zumba.....	Monday	7:30-8:30 PM	Margaret Takimoto	818 701-7628

SUPPORT GROUPS & SERVICES

Alzheimer's Support Group.....	1st Saturday	10:00 AM-12:00 PM	Facilitator: Isabelle Miyata
Blood Pressure Screening*.....	3rd Friday	9:00-11:00 AM	Nikkei Pioneer Conference Room
Podiatrist*.....	2nd Saturday	11:30—2:00 PM	Nikkei Pioneer Conference Room

*Meiji Senior Citizens' Activity or Service

For more information, call the CC at (818) 899-1989.



**SAN FERNANDO VALLEY
HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE**

9450 Remick Ave., Pacoima
818 899-4030 www.sfvhbt.org

Rev. Patricia Usuki
Temple President: Roger Itaya
Dharma School: Sunday 11:00 am

BUDDHIST TEMPLE CALENDAR

June

- 7 Shotsuki: Monthly Memorial Service 10 am
- 14 Regular Service 10 am
- 20 Dharma discussion, 9:30 am
- 21 Father's Day and Graduation Service 10 am
- 28 No service (Obon Festival, June 27/28)

July

- 5 Regular Service 10 am
- 11 Dharma discussion, 9:30 am
- 12 Obon, Hatsubon, and July/Aug. Shotsuki: combined ancestors', past year, & monthly Memorial Service 10 am
- 18 Dharma discussion, 9:30 am
- 19 Summer Service 10 am
- 25 Dharma discussion, 9:30 am
- 26 Summer Service 10 am

August

- 1 Dharma discussion, 9:30 am
- 2 Summer Service 10 am
- 9 No service
- 15 Dharma discussion, 9:30 am
- 16 Summer Service 10 am
- 23 TBA
- 30 TBA

*Service at Nikkei Senior Garden
on the third Thursday of each
month at 10:30 am*



(Formerly SFV Holiness Church)

9610 Haddon Avenue
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English Department

Pastor Roland Hazama
Pastor Raynold Nakamura

Sunday Schedule

9:00-9:45 AM
Sunday School for ages
junior high through adult

10 - 11:15 AM

Worship Service
(childcare for infants - Pre-K)

Kid Venture Children's Ministries
(K - 5th grade)

11:15 - 11:45 AM
Coffee Fellowship

Youth Fellowship

Friday, 7:30 PM

Meetings at the church
for Jr. High and Sr. High

Mid-Week Home Groups

We believe that fellowship, friendship, and spiritual growth happens best in our small groups that meet during the week. We have a number of groups meeting in the San Fernando and Santa Clarita Valleys. Come, visit, and get to know our church. For more information, please call us or check our website.

Japanese Department

Pastor In Hyun

Please refer to our website
for more information:
www.sfip.weebly.com

Sunday Schedule

10:00 AM
Worship Service

Lunch and Fellowship
after worship service on the
1st Sundays

Wednesdays, 10 am
Prayer @ Pastor's house



**Chatsworth West
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Church**

(Formerly West Valley
UMC merged with Chatsworth UMC)

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Pastor: Ruy Mizuki

Lay Leader: Jim Melichar

Worship Service 10AM
Sunday School 10AM
Social Hour following service
Nursery care provided

**Bible Study Thurs @ 10AM & 7:15PM
Tuesdays @ 1PM**

**Choir practice 1st and 3rd Wednesday @
3:00PM**

Musical Director: Steve Foreman

**Japanese Class – 2nd & 4th Sunday @
9AM**

Instructor: Junko Wayama

Shotokan Karate of America

Fri. @ 6:30 PM Rm.1

Instructor: April Warynick

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Electrobattles Dance for children

Fri. evening, Rm. 5

Instructor: Sharon James

Chi Fung Mind & Body Fitness

Tuesday @ 9AM Rm.2

Instructor: Leo Fong



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Sunday Morning Service - 10:30 a.m.
(Prayer for Healing on 5th Sundays)

Sunday Evening Service - 6 p.m.
Thursday Evening Bible Study - 7 p.m.

Late Night Counseling and Prayer
on the Last Friday of the Month
From 8 p.m. to 12 midnight

Location: The Prayer Chapel'
14705 Wyandotte St.
Van Nuys, CA 91405 (mailing address)

Torrance Home Meeting – 7 p.m.
On the 2nd Wednesday of the month

Hula Classes

**June 13—August 15
(8 Saturdays)**

**3-5 years 2-2:30 pm
\$40/session**

**6-10 years 2:30-3 pm
\$40/session**

**13-55 years 3-3:45 pm
\$56/session**

**Call the CC office
(818) 899-1989
if interested.**

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CC

June 6, 2015
SFV Japanese Language
Institute Speech Contest

June 27 & 28, 2015
SFV Hongwanji Buddhist
Temple Obon

August 1, 2015
Alzheimer's Seminar

August 22, 2015
Elder Law Seminar

September 27, 2015
SFV JACL Big Band Concert

TAIKO CLASSES

Interested in learning how to play taiko drums? Call the CC office (818) 899-1989.

Classes will start Thursday, June 4

Beginners • Thursdays 7 - 8:30 pm
Intermediate • Saturdays 10 - 11:30 am

Cost: \$20 per month (4 classes)

SAVE THE DATE



invites the community to honor

Dr. Lloyd Hitt and Minoru Tonai

**Saturday, August 29, 2015
11:00-2:00 Luncheon**

Nishi Hongwanji Kaikan (Social Hall)
815 East First Street
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1. Complete the information below.
 2. Tear off the membership card for your records.
 3. Make check payable to "SFVJACC".
 4. **Send your check and this form to:** SFVJACC – Membership
- Family Membership - \$55.00
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Name _____ Phone _____
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