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END OF THE SUMMER LUAU

By Nancy Oda

Congratulations to winners of the raffle!
Grand prize \$1000 - Franklin Shimizu
\$500 - Mabel Takimoto
\$500 - Ruby Yamaoka

Frank Tanaka inspired the Junior Board with the concept of the luau and was beaming widely on August 23. The word, *ohana*, comes to mind as we all embraced the luau and spread the *aloha* spirit for the center that we all love. A whole bunch of people helped from teens to super seniors in their 80's. If I miss your name, let me know. Our Lois Okui made the colorful flyer and raffles tickets then Richie Endow set up and printed beautiful tickets, while seniors led by Kay Yamada counted and stapled the raffle tickets after Hot Meals early in July. Jr. Board member, Linda Yamada, set up the bingo cards. Gladly the night turned out to be a "door buster" as the maximum number of people filled Dr. Sakaguchi hall by 4:30. Sorry to those that we had to turn away.



Island style room decorated by Erin Yokomizo, Akiko Manaka, Cathy Fujimoto, Tyler Miyagishima, Linda Kuratomi, combined



bright pink table cloths, orchids in a bed of ferns, bottled water, "Pepperidge Farm Goldfish" buckets from Craig Tanaka. Erin Fujitani, Sharon Rahn, and Rosie Yokomizo put the finishing touches on the 40 tables and serving areas. Brian Matsuda picked up 15 cases of Costco water then donated them! David Sumida donated leis that helped us get a bigger bang for our buck, too. Ice cold Hawaiian punch and brewed tea was prepared the night before by Roy Sugahara. The Rising Stars consisting of Ariel Imamoto, Spencer Isa, Shaun

and Kara Tanaka put little umbrellas on while past scholarship winners, Ryan Itagaki, Jenna Matsushita, and Brandon Isa sold raffle tickets and bingo cards at \$5 for five games. Lois Okui, Patti Kimura and Willie Nakada put up the donation sign in a prominent place.

Kei and Bert Inoue donated 60 pounds of edamame for appetizers that John Doomey, Diane Yoneoka, Flo Sato prepped and plated. Al Tokunaga caught and donated yellowtail that men like Harris Yoneoka and Greg Librando filleted and cubed so that Kei Inoue, Marge Sato, Flo Sato, Stan Rivera, Diane Yoneoka and Maebelle Librando could season for true island flavor *POKE*. Timbo Whitesell and the JUDO BOYS threw the pig, "Wilbur", down, baked it outside near the dojo, and babysat it from 6 AM. It got umpteen "likes" on Facebook.

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MISSION STATEMENT

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



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Paul Jonokuchi

Now that Obon season has past and kids have gone back to school, it means going back to the daily routine of life. With all the hot spell we had in September I hope everyone kept cool by staying indoors.

In July, Team Mirai sponsored an outdoor movie night, which the community was invited to watch the animation movie "Totoro". A large white sheet hanging between the Judo Dojo and the Nikkei Pioneer Building was used as a screen and everyone brought their own lawn chair and blanket. It was reminiscence of the old drive-in movie tail gate parties. The evening weather was just right for the movie night. Before the movie, a Korean fusion food truck "Boo!", was brought in and everyone bought their dinner and drinks for the evening. The food was pretty good, but a little spicy! If you missed the movie night, please come out next time and join the crowd.

In August we had our Hawaiian Luau Night sponsored by Jr. Board and the turnout was just great! We were pleased to have sold over 325 dinner tickets. Everyone enjoyed themselves wearing Hawaiian attire, eating delicious food from Cherrystone, with great music and entertainment and feeling the island mood. A special thank you to Nancy Oda, who was the coordinator of the event and to Tim Whitesell, with the help of the Judo Club, for cooking that 300 lb. pig name "Wilbur". They started cooking around 6:30 in the morning. If you were there to watch them cook that pig, you'd be amazed and it tasted great and was juicy! Thank you Timbo!

Also special thanks to Lois for all the little things she always helps with. Thanks to all the volunteers that I can't name that made it possible to have this event. The proceeds will go towards repairing the kitchen roof before the rain season.

On September 24th, the Community Center received an invitation to attend the welcome reception for the new Consul General of Japan (Honorable Harry Horinouchi) at his residence. Nancy Oda and I represented the Center. I had a chance to see him at a another function and he is a very good guitar singer. We might even consider asking him to sing for us at our New Year's Party.

By the time you read this newsletter, the October CC Clean Up will be over. So I would like to thank you in advance for all the volunteers who came out to help. Your support is always appreciated.

We have received a another invitation from the Japanese Women's Society of Southern California to attend their 110th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon. Every year Women's Society honor and host the Women of the Year Luncheon. In the past the Community Center had the honor to have Mabel Takimoto, Yoshiko Yamaguchi, Kay Yamada, Nancy Oda, Ritsuko Shinbashi, June Kageyama and Diane Fukuwa represent us at this event.

In July, the Community Center and Nikkei Senior Garden signed a revenue sharing agreement. Meanwhile we still need to pay our utility, maintenance and other bills. Fundraisers and donations are still necessary to continue at our current level. We ask for your continued support of our Community Center. Plus don't forget to purchase your SUPER BINGO package.

Have a great day!

MEIJI SENIOR CLUB NEWS

NO FLU SHOT CLINIC
this year due to low participation per
LA County Health Department.

SAVE THE DATE!

JANUARY 10, 2014

**SFV MEIJI SENIOR
CITIZENS CLUB 49TH
NEW YEAR'S LUNCHEON**

Tickets will be available through
Board and Cabinet Members

SAVE THE DATE!



SFV JACC

**Annual General
Membership Meeting**

December 6, 2014

9:00 am

- Meet New Board Members
- Financial Reports/Budget
- Future Projects

Refreshments will be served.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

For the Months of July & August 2014

Donations

Tamlyn Tomita
M A & Josephine Grisham R. Foundation
Charitable Donation
Jennifer Okutake
Dexter Frye
Bunge No. America Foundation matching donation
Mabel Harman
In memory of Howard and Kimiko Fujita
May Sagara Family
In memory of Lily Ikuta
Bo and Ikuyo Sakaguchi
In memory of Lily Ikuta
Sylvia Yamashita
In honor of her birthday
Janet Schuetze
In memory of Ruby Sumida
Anonymous
IBM Charitable Contribution
Roy and Miyoko Imazu
In memory of Kiyoshi Masutani
Mrs. Sam Morishita

Use of Facilities

Harry Nakada Family
Margaret Takimoto
Seniority
Crescent Bay Sports League
Line Dancing
Ping Pong Club
Wednesday Nite Basketball
Tuesday Exercise Class
Poker Club
Kupunas
Jeri Okamoto & Mamie Kosaka
Ikenobo Ikebana - Ritsuko Shinbashi
Manzanar High School Reunion
Tuna Canyon Detention Coalition
SFV JACL
Hanafuda Group
Mah Jong Group
Tai Chi Class
Hula Wahines
Harmonica Group
Friday Exercise Class

Miscellaneous

Coffee Donation \$26.25
Copier Donation \$10.25
Don Akamine Sm. CoffeeMate
Ballroom Dance Class 3 lbs. Coffee,
1 pkg. styrofoam cups
Momoyo Chikasawa 3 lbs. Coffee
Family of Yukiko Kimura Sewing, knitting
& Bunkashishu supplies
Hisako Hazard Sm. Box of Splenda
Jean Shinsato 3 lbs. Coffee
Haruyo Suenaka 2 (2 lbs) Coffee
Yukiko Yoshimoto 3 lbs. Coffee

DONATIONS TO HOT MEALS

For the Months of July & August 2014

Stephanie Stewart Birthday cake for dad Paul Rosete
Ray & Jean Shinsato Monetary Donation
Yo Monji Tsukemono for lunch
Bob Moriguchi Senbei
Yone Takimoto Takuwan for Tues. lunch (4 times)
Musashi Restaurant 200 lbs. rice, 10 gal. oil & 4 pkgs.
chopsticks
SF Athletics 20 lbs. brown rice
Cherry Uyeda 15 lbs. rice
Walt Fujimori Assorted paper goods
Julie Otake Box of noodles
Gene Lew Repairing kitchen equipment & 2 large
wok paddles
Dr. Bo Sakaguchi Cake to celebrate his birthday
Liz Doomey Cake to celebrate her birthday
Chiz Morita Teacakes (Tues.) & Cake on (Fri.)
Ken Furutani Fresh peaches
Evelyn Mitarai Cake/pie server
Yoko Kawamura Box of nori
Kiyu Tomomatsu Wok stands
Bert Inoue Made 6 rolling stands for storage room

Fish Donations:

Bob Hagan - Ramona Blue & Yellow fin tuna
Jay Sparrow - Lake Elsinore Yellow fin tuna
Mike Meier - La Mirada Blue & Yellow fin tuna

Fish Pick-up Crew:

Bert Inoue, Harris Yoneoka, Greg Librando & Stan Rivera
..... Picked up fish in San Diego
Lance Inoue Use of his auto to pick up the fish

Omitted from May-June Donation List:

Ruby Yamaoka Cake in May in memory of her mother,
Mrs. Hatsumi Yamaoka

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR
THEIR GENEROUS DONATIONS!

HIROSHIMA DISASTER FUND

Hiroshima kenjinkai of Southern California is seeking public donation from the community at large for Hiroshima Prefecture for the recent rain storm/landslide disaster.

For donations, please make checks out to:

Hiroshima Kenjinkai of Southern California
712 E. 1st Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Further information contact,
Paul Jonokuchi (818) 894-5347.

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"Wilbur" was a 250 lb. hunk that arrived a little late after the *kamaainas* (people who lived in Hawaii a long time) Harris Yoneoka, Greg Librando, Stan Rivera and Kei Inoue set him up, sliced him, and seasoned the pork and rind for service for the guests.



Sharlene Miyagishima contracted Cherrystone caterers who provided the delicious main courses, salads and more. With plenty to eat, the guests enjoyed all, including cold, beautifully cut pineapple boats prepared by ever smiling Liz Doomey. Takeshi Sumida, David's father, donated pineapples from Quality Growers. Morita Brothers delivered more than enough juicy Dole pineapples too. The Ping Pong Club kindly donated the yummy pound cake decorated with an orchid on an elegant black plate.

Kimi Chiba welcomed everyone and reminded them that the reason for the luau was to raise funds for the kitchen roof. The show began with the ancient dances (Kahiko) by Hula Hālau Nā Mamo O Pana'ewa in honor of Queen Emma and Queen Kapi'olani. Then modern hula dancers in white, purple and orange costumes swished. Teddy and Midori Yamane's granddaughters stole the show with Tahitian dances. Michaela and Keiko Yamane graced the stage with good friend, Arlene. Board member, Chuck Itagaki, was in charge of the green room. SFV *Kupunas* (grandparents) connected each person to each other with their rendition of aloha. Their voices were strong. Their *ukuleles* were melodic. The emotion brought all generations and people together.



Back in the right corner, there was a big coconut tree decorated with Christmas lights for the photo booth. Kara Tanaka, Kai and Kishi Sugahara helped Nancy Takayama with these souvenirs. Guests swooped up the handcrafted leis donated by Sue Wong, Phyllis Sakamoto Maruyama and Stephanie Stewart (Paul Rosete's daughter). They were so beautiful. The 2014 Luau is in the books now. It was an example of what we can do as a community to fix the kitchen roof. *E Malana po* or take care until next time!

*If you know Ruzelle Castillo, please contact nancyoda@juno.com, she won a Kindle.

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING FOR ALL THEIR HELP IN MAKING THIS EVENT A SUCCESS!

**Raffle Mailing
Prep Volunteers**

Sally Hamamoto
Doreen Kawamoto
Greg Librando
Maebelle Librando
Ike Matsuda
Yaeko Mochizuki
Yo Monji
Reiko Moriguchi
Clarae Muraoka
Gary Nakada
Joanne Nakamura
Mark Nakamura
Tadao Okui
Satsuko Rivera
Katie Tanijiri
John Yamada
Kay Yamada
Sylvia Yamashita
Diane Yoneoka
Harris Yoneoka

Volunteers

Kimiaki Chiba
Jill Clever
John & Liz Doomey
Erin Fujitani
Cathy Fujimoto
Kei & Bert Inoue
Christine Iso
Chuck & Linda Itagaki
Gregg & Katie Kita
Patti Kimura
Linda Kuratomi
Kupunas
Gene & Genevieve Lew
Greg & Maebelle Librando
Akiko Manaka
Phyllis Maruyama
Ike Matsuda
Sharlene & Glenn Miyagishima
Isabelle Miyata
Willie Nakada

Volunteers

Harvey Negoro
Debbie Nicklaus
Kay & Nancy Oda
Tadao & Lois Okui
Sharon Rahman
Stan Rivera
Flo Sato
Marge Sato
Roy Sugahara
David Sumida
Nancy Takayama
Denise & Craig Tanaka
Tommy Uyeda
Sue Wong
Kay & John Yamada
Linda Yamada
Erin Yokomizo
Rosie Yokomizo
Harris & Diane Yoneoka

**Judo Club
Volunteers**

Bob Abraham
Amo Abrahamian
Arbi Abrahamian
Everett Bennett
Moises Barrera
Kevin Courey
Bobby Endow
Richie Endow
Roy Harting
Lee Mitchell
Carol Mochinaga
Al Tokunaga
Mas Wada
Amy Whitesell
Glenn Whitesell
Timbo Whitesell

Youth Volunteers

Hale Chiba
Ariel Imamoto
Brandon Isa
Spencer Isa
Ryan Itagaki
Sage Kita
Jenna Matsushita
Tyler Miyagishima
Kenny Ng
Remy Ng
Devon Oda
Kai Sugahara
Kishi Sugahara
Kara Tanaka
Shaun Tanaka

LUAU, BINGO & RAFFLE EVENT RAISED \$14,000.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING AND DONATING TO THE LUAU AND RAFFLE!!

Adachi, Jann	Hori, Fukashi	Matsumoto, George	Ono, Toshiki	Takayama, Nancy
Akamine, Don/Susan	Iga, Reiko/Richard	Matsuzaki, Judy	Paloma, Charlene	Takayama, Robert/Linda
Akita, Mae	Imamoto, June R.	McClure, Teri	Pinson, Keiko	Takeshima, Shoji/Chari
Arakaki, Susan	Imamura, Leah	Minami, Henry/Janet	Plaskow, David/Diane	Takeshita, Bill/June
Arakawa, Wally/May	Imamura, Lynn	Minami, Manabu/ Eleanor	Porter, Jerald//Delphine	Takeshita, Jack
Arii, Donna	Imazu, Roy	Mitarai, Evelyn	Quan, Charlene	Takimoto, Mabel
Arimoto, Katsumi	Inaba, Kay/Shigeko	Miyagishima, Misao	Radman, Kenneth/	Takimoto, Margaret/Dick
Asanuma, Craig	Inoue, Ayumi	Miyagishima, Sharlene	Geraldine	Takimoto, Tommy
Asanuma, Kim	Inoue, Elaine Kei	Mochizuki, Kiyoshi/Yaeko	Rivera, Stanley	Takimoto, Yoneko
Asao, Henry/Linda	Isa, Derrick/Janet	Monji, Yoshiko	Rosete, Paul	Tamaki, Roger
Asaoka, Lyle/Mitsuru	Isa, Yukie	Moriguchi, Reiko	Ross-Myring, Ai	Tanaka, Denise
Asuncion , Jean	Iso, Christine	Morioka, Yoshitaka	Sahara, Kanji	Tanaka, Frank/Margaret
Baba, Yoichi	Itagaki, Charles	Motoyama, Evelyn	Sakaguchi, Bo/kuyo	Tanaka, Leo
Barcelona, Allan	Ito, John	Mui, Ken/Priscilla	Sakamoto, Sachiko	Tanaka, Linda
Barnese, Arthur	Iwamasa, Grace	Murakawa, Setsuko	Sasaki, Lillian	Tanijiri, Katie
Bartok, Cindi	Jonokuchi, Paul	Muranaga, Tomi	Sasaki, Minoru	Tanijiri, Kristy
Bennett, Richard	Kado, Mildred	Muraoka, Clarae	Sasaki, Stephen/Karen	Teramura, Sharon
Campos, Rudy/Katherine	Kadonaga, Shoichi/Dale	Murphy, Marian	Sato, Eiji	Toji, Isamu/Katie
Castillo, Robert	Kakku, Billy	Nagai, Anna	Sato, Hiroshi/Florence	Tokeshi, Philip/Joanne
Chiba, Kimiaki/Sayoko	Kaku, Dick/Pauline	Nagata, Hiro	Sato , Eric/Sandra	Tokunaga, Allan
Chun, Robert/Marian	Kaku, Tracy	Nakada, Harry	Sato, Robert/Setsuko	Tokunaga, Burt
Clever, Jill	Kameya, Harold/Ellen	Nakada, Willie	Schuetze, Janet/Gene	Tokunaga, Michiko
Corpuz, James/Maddy	Kami, Kay	Nakagawa, Koso/Marian	Schwartz, Dennis	Tomita, Asako
Cross, Ron/Hideko	Kami, Seiji/Emiko	Nakagawa, Yoshiharu/	Severa, Antonio	Tsuda, James
Cruz, Monica	Kanagi, Chisato	Cheryl	SFV Athletics	Tsutsui, Jean
Date, Stan/Diane	Kaneshiro, Lorraine	Nakamura, Henry	Shiba, Dorothy	Umezuka, Cecily
Davidson, John/Renee	Kariya, Paris Hiromi	Nakamura, Mark/Joanne	Shibuya, Kumiko	Uyehara, Mark
Doomey, John	Kasahara, Pattie	Nakamura, Richard/NJ	Shigekuni, Phil/Maion	Watanabe, Kenji/Kyoko
Elliott, Tim	Kawada, Yoshiko	Kushida, Albert/Mistsuko	Shimizu, Franklin/	Whitesell, Timbo
Emmons, Penny	Kawamoto, Doreen	Lau, Ernie/Roberta	Florence	Yabuno, Kats/Aiko
Endo, Mary	Kawamoto, Raymond K.	Lee, Michele	Shimizu, Rex/Lorraine	Yamada, John/Kay
Fenton, Sally	Kawamura, Itsue	Lew, Gene/Genevieve	Shinbashi, Kenzo/Ritsuko	Yamaguchi, Sumiko
Fong, Leo	Kawamura, Yoko	Librando, Greg/Maebelle	Shinbashi, Ken/Ritsuko	Yamaguchi, Yurika
Fornoff, Tiffany	Kawana, Darrell	Linder, David/Candice	Shinsato, Raymond/Jean	Yamamoto, Gary/
Fuchi, Flo	Kido, Chester/Eileen	Malunao, Gloria	Shiotani, Tony/Tami	Sandra
Fujimoto, Cathy	Kimura, Sumie	Manaka, Tim/Akiko	Shiraishi, Shizuko	Yamane, Teddy/Midori
Fujimoto, Kisui	Kimura, Yukiko	Nakano, Yosh/Cathy	Shishido, Anna	Yamani, Frank
Fujimoto, Rouxann	Kishi, Marilyn	Nakata, Sam	Shojinaga, Alice	Yamaoka, Ruby
Fujimoto, Suesie	Kita, Gregg	Nakata, Tomiko	Shojinaga, Richard	Yamaouye, Sekai
Fujitani, Donald K.	Kitazaki, J K	Negoro, Harvey	Stewart, Douglas	Yamashita, Masao
Fujiu, Momoko	Kobata, Robert	Nicklaus, Garland	Stuckwish, Pearl	Yamashita, Sylvia
Fukuda, Theodore	Kobayashi, Emiko	Nishida, Nanako	Suenaka, Kiyoshi	Yano, Buster
Fukuhara, Robert/Ruth	Kobayashi, John	Niwa, Amy	Sugahara, Roy	Yee, Clara
Fukui Mortuary	Kodani, Powell/Faye	Nobuyuki, Sandra	Sugii, Yoshihiko/Toshiye	Yokomizo, Bryce
Furutani, Shoji	Komatsu, James	Noda, Dave/Cheryl	Sumida, Dr. Shigeo	Yokomizo, Erin
Furuyama, Teruko	Kosaka, Masami J.	Nomura, Kenso/Yoko	Suyehiro, Emi	Yokomizo, Hide
Gohata, Yas/Nancy	Krushell, Bette	Oba, Eugene S.	Suzuki, George	Yoneoka, Harris/Diane
Gosselin, Sumako	Kumagai, Ken	Oda, Dorothy M.	Tajiri, Edward/Margaret	Yoshida, Margaret
Goto, George/Grace	Kuramoto, Ronald	Oda, Fred	Takaaze, Florence	Yoshimura, Eddie
Hamamoto, Jennifer	Kuratomi, Linda	Oda, George M.	Takashima, Bruce/Annette	
Hamamoto, Ronald/Hideko	Kurihara, Goro/Beverly	Oda, Kay/Nancy		
Hamamoto, Sally	Kushida, Albert/Mistsuko	Oda, Yvonne		
Hanashiro, Deanna/Robert	Lau, Ernie/Roberta	Odson, Robert/Mary		
Harman, Mabel Fujita	Lee, Michele	Ogawa, Craig		
Hashimoto, Hikowo/Etsuko	Lew, Gene/Genevieve	Okamoto, Jean		
Hatakeda, Harold	Librando, Greg/Maebelle	Okamoto, Masao/Tsukimi		
Hatanka, Amy	Linder, David/Candice	Okano, Mel/ Jane		
Hazama, George	Malunao, Gloria	Okazaki, Daniel/Yumiko		
Higashi, Kristin/Roy	Manaka, Tim/Akiko	Okazaki, Yuki		
Hiji, Frank/Betty	Manji, KC	Okita, Dennis/Barbara		
Hill, Tomoko	Maruyama, Atsuko	Okui, Tadao		
Hino, Frank/Emi	Matoi, Joanne K.	Okui, Toshio		
Hirasuna, Dick/Susan	Matsuda, Gene	O'Neill, Coleen		
Hollowell, Charles/Masako	Matsuda, Ikuo/Yoshiko	Ono, Daito/Takie		

Luau Donation List on next page.



**THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATION TO
OUR LUAU, BINGO & RAFFLE FUNDRAISER**

Allen, Tracy/Douglas Chiba Restaurant	JACL Ballroom Dance Club	Matsuda, Brian	Quan, Charlene	Tanaka, Craig - Pepperidge Farms
Doomey, John/Liz	Jonokuchi, Paul	Moriguchi, Brian	Fujimoto, Rouxann	Tanaka, Linda
Doomey, Liz - Avon	Kido, Chester/Eileen	Musashi Restaurant	Sato, Eric/Sandy	Toji, Masami
Fujimoto, Kisui	Komatsu, James	Oda, Jon	SF Athletics	Tokunaga, Al
Hiji, Frank/Betty	Krushell, Bette	Oda, Nancy	SFV Meiji Senior Club	Umeya Rice Cake Co.
Inoue, Kei	Kuratomi, Linda	Odson, Robert/Mary	Stewart, Stephanie	Wong, Sue
Isa, Yukie	Kurihara, Beverly	Okazaki, Danny	Stonefire Grill	
Iso, Christine	Librando, Greg/Maebelle	Ping Pong Club	Sugahara, Roy	
Itagaki, Chuck	Maruyama, Phyllis	Porter, Jerald/ Delphine	Sumida, David	
			Sumida, Takeshi	

SF Athletics Basketball News...



SF DRAGONS

Hollywood Dodgers
Las Vegas
Tournament
Champs

Senior Prep
Blue Division

Front Row (L-R): Travis Fukumoto, Jared Yamasaki & Monroe Gorden
Back Row (L-R): Coach Dave Yamasaki, Tyler Nakamoto, Grant Arikawa, William Tomita, Tyler Miyagishima, Christian Carating, Colby Kaneshiro & Coach Dennis Fukumoto



SF "BLAKERS"

Pasadena Tournament Champs

4th Grade Silver Division

The Lakers & Blast "Blakers" took
first place in an overtime win.

Front Row (L-R): Jared Doi, Troy Kadonaga,
Scotty Nimura, Andy Okazaki

Back Row (L-R): Brenden Yamauchi, Kyle
Minami, Justin Perez, Ryuto Murata

Not Pictured: Head Coach Brent Do

DALE M. INOUE MEMORIAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Note: The Dale M. Inouye Inner Strength Award is presented to one player in each division who demonstrates a positive attitude, sportsmanship, perseverance, and a true appreciation for life—both on and off the court.



Rane Kita - Inner Strength Award Winner

VFW Xtreme - Grade 5

Rane Kita, son of Gregg and Katie Kita, has a love of basketball that is unsurpassed. He's on the court EVERY day of the week (to support his four different teams) and never tires of learning or improving his game. He is a leader and role model for his teammates and is an icon for sportsmanship.

At the beginning of this calendar year, Rane suffered a serious internal injury from a snowboarding accident in Mammoth, he was hospitalized for days. Strong and determined, Rane fought back, the internal bleeding subsided and he was on his way to a very long and slow recovery. Rane is a very "active" individual and can rarely be found sitting for more than two minutes at a time. Needless to say, it was heartbreaking to hear the doctor's orders, "no physical activity for 3 months!"

Crushed by the fact that he couldn't play the sport that he loved, Rane counted down the days to his return. During his recovery time, Rane would walk around the house with a basketball in his hands, dreaming of the day he would return to the court. One day in February when asked how he was doing, "I get to start dribbling in March!", he replied excitedly.

Obviously taking three months off with no activity set him back in both skill and endurance. His team was waiting for him, he was ready mentally, but had to work extra hard to fill the leadership role his team was expecting. Rane spent countless hours over the next two months, after school and weekends, building up his endurance and re-building his "sick" ball handling skills. He was discouraged at first, his performance was not as he wanted, expecting only excellence from himself. Rane turned this discouragement into positive energy, to driving him to work even harder. Seven months after his horrific injury, through hard work and determination, Rane has returned to his MVP performance, driven by his inner-strength and pure love of the game.

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Nicholas with Coach Kay Oda (L) and Head Coach Gregg Kita

Nicholas Maekawa (Inner Strength Award Candidate)

San Fernando Hawks - Grade 7

Nicholas, son of Stefen and Barbara Maekawa, has been a Hawk since he was in first grade. His greatest contribution to the team is that he never gives up. The coaches feel that he is respectful and easy to coach. This has helped him increase his skill level and competitiveness. He is the defensive specialist on the team who is the ONE on the box and one defense. The opponents often rough him up but he is relentless even when elbowed. He has to fight through screens and picks all the time. He never winces nor asks to be taken out as he is in great condition and has an outstanding attitude.

Nicholas always practices "gaman". If he is asked to do something by an adult or teacher, he will always do it without question or complaint. Afterwards, he always says how he learned from what he had to do or was surprised that it was fun or easy.

He received the President's Gold Academic Achievement Award for all A's and O's for four years. In addition, he qualified for the Character Achievement Award for his community support, acts of compassion responsibility, cooperation, citizenship, and caring. At home, he watches out for his brother, Jack, and helps him with homework and the all-important, video games. He loves to laugh and play jokes on his many friends and cousins. He is always looking to help his fellow teammates and friends. He makes the right choices and learns from his mistakes. His mother says that is just him. As a second degree black belt in Tae Kwan do, he has learned to be consistent and disciplined.

Among his activities are making blankets for the residents at Nikkei Senior Gardens, volunteering at the Special Needs Clinic at SFVJACC and Keiro Nursing Home. He is a member of the Sangha Teens and attended Camp Musubi for two years.

He always gives his grandparents hugs and listens to their stories of the "old days". He has written several school essays about his grandfather's internment experience and camp days. He helped his paternal grandfather when he was recovering from illness. He always has a smile and hug for his 97 year old great grandmother. All of this is a speck of the joy he has brought us all in his twelve years.

TEAM MIRAI'S FUNDRAISING EVENTS

BY RICH NAKAJIMA

"TEAM MIRAI WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE SFVJACC AND ATHLETICS FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT. THROUGH MOVIE NIGHTS AND FUN FILLED EVENTS, WE WILL CONTINUE TO BRING MORE AWARENESS TO THE CENTER AND HELP GUIDE OUR YOUNG ADULTS TO BECOME EFFECTIVE LEADERS IN OUR COMMUNITY."



**Zumreed
Headphones
Fundraiser**



FOR TEAM MIRAI MOVIE NIGHT, THE TOTORO EVENT WAS A SIGNATURE EVENT FOR US.



JAKE KUWATA'S EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT



My name is Jake Kuwata. I am a life scout from Boy Scout Troop 719 which is sponsored by Faith United Methodist Church in Torrance. I have two brothers, Hawk who is 18 years old and has attained the rank of Eagle Scout and Grant who is 14 and is currently a life scout. I live in Agoura Hills and am a junior at Oak Park High School. I have been in boy scouts since I was 11 years old and am close to achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. I spoke with SFVJACC president, Paul Jonokuchi and asked to complete my eagle service project at the CC. My project was to remove four old existing rotten benches around the trees in the courtyard by the Japanese School and build and paint new ones. I was also going to build a better support for the caution sign used in the J-school parking lot that would not stand up properly.

My Eagle service project was completed on Sunday, July 13. My family and I arrived at the CC really early to begin set up and the troop arrived around 7:30 am. My brother Grant said the Morning Prayer then we ate a great breakfast that was provided by the Troop's Mother's Club.

After breakfast, I gave everyone a safety talk to prevent any injuries from using the tools and equipment and reminded everyone to stay hydrated as my Torrance friends were not used to the valley heat. I assigned a specific dad to each bench that needed to be completed. After the Ez-ups were set up, the dads began sawing the wood. I assigned some scouts to sand the wood and had other scouts paint. It was a hot day so the paint dried fast. The wood was distributed among the four benches then the dads and scouts went to work building. We got off to a really good start but I decided to break for lunch around 12pm. A lot of my family and friends came to support me and stayed for lunch. What made the day really special

was my great grandma Fujimoto came out to support me and see my project too! The Troop's Mothers club provided delicious food and dessert for lunch and my mom hired the taco guy from Papas and Tacos to come and make tacos for everyone. Lunch was completed with nice cool shave ice for dessert! After lunch the dads and scouts went back to building the benches. It was a long day but we finally finished the project around 5:30. Everyone helped clean up and we left around 6:30pm.

My Eagle Service project was a huge success and I could not have done it without the help and support of many people. I will always remember this day and the great accom-

plishment that I achieved. I want to give special thanks to Paul Jonokuchi and SFVJACC for allowing me to complete my eagle service project at the CC.

Thanks For Coming To My Eagle Service Project!

Aratani Family • Amanda Chin • Richard "Smokey" Fujimoto • Mama Fujimoto • Auntie Eileen and Faby • Auntie Julie, Bill, Kristen, Cory and Luke • Janet, Brandon and Spencer Isa • Grace and Steve Joe • Paul Jonokuchi • Owen Kato and Janie • Eileen Kawana • Frank Kuwata • Auntie Paige, Parker and Aila Low • Myer Family • Tadao and Lois Okui • Jane Takagi

Thank You To My Sponsors For Your Generous Donations!

I would like to thank Sharon Aratani, Richard Fujimoto, Yas & Nancy Gohata, Kim Gohata & Paul Chan, Roy & Kristin Higashi, Guy & Elaine Himeno, Derrick & Janet Isa, Paris Kariya, Owen Kato, Kent & Vicki Kuwata, Frank Kuwata, Grace & Steve Kuwata, Paige & Mark Low, Mid Valley Lions Club Motoyasu Family, Rod & Molleen Myers, Kyle and Diane Onaga, Mike & Janice Oshimo, Willie & Janice Quan, SFJACC, Tamura Family, Sharon Tanaka, Janice Teramura, Mrs. Teramura and Dave & Erika Yamaski for donating money to help fund my project. I would also like to thank Mr. Jonokuchi for letting me do my project at the CC.





Kaneshiro Brothers Play in North/South Tournament

This past August, the 21st annual North/South basketball tournament was held in Sacramento, CA. The North/South tournament is a great tournament in which some of Northern and Southern California's best Asian high school basketball players (young men and women) compete against each other over the weekend. Two of San Fernando's long time players were represented on the South teams. Ryan Kaneshiro was a member of the Junior Boys team. It was Ryan's third time being selected. Ryan, a past "Most Outstanding" selection was award the "Most Complete Player" award this year. Colby Kaneshiro (Ryan's older brother) was a member of the Senior Boys team. It was Colby's fourth time being selected to the South All-Star Team. Colby, a past three-time "Most Outstanding" selection was honored to receive the Kevyn Nojima Courage Award this year.



Ryan Kaneshiro



Colby Kaneshiro

"The North/South Tournament Committee presents the Kevyn Nojima Courage Award to a North/South player who has demonstrated leadership ability, determination, strength of character, courage and a strong will to overcome any obstacles put forth before him/her. The award will be presented to a boy and a girl from the Senior Division and will be voted on by the Committee and the coaches".

Congratulations to both Colby and Ryan Kaneshiro.

"HOWDY" SUPER SENIOR LUNCH AT THE CROSSWAY CORRAL

By Stan Date

The Super Seniors met in August for a 'Western' style lunch at the Crossway Church (formerly SFV Holiness) for some great fun, fellowship and good food. There were 100 seniors present and they were served by 35 Crossway volunteers. We shared and laughed together, enjoyed playing cowboy games together, danced and sang together and prayed together. The pictures of the event tell the story of the great time which was had by all.

There are 3 Senior luncheons at Crossway Church each year - Spring, Summer and Fall. Everyone is invited, but you have to be over 65 years old to attend. The next luncheon is scheduled for December 13, 2014. To join us, please contact Crossway Church (818) 896-1676). You won't be disappointed.





A Death in the Family

By Old Wakaba, Bud Sagara

Dealing with death is never easy. All the counseling and forethought in the world doesn't prepare us for the loss of someone we love. The death of a loved one is even harder when it comes unexpectedly. Everyone is in shock. How could this be real? Also lurking among the turmoil may be the planning for a memorial service. Being in the front row of a funeral is never a good thing. It is the best seat in the house, but no one ever chooses to sit there. You want to leave the crowd of friends and familiar faces behind, but you are trapped like a stone crying out from the wall.

God is in control of how long each of us will remain on this green earth. No one knows the last time to tell someone that you love them or to say good-bye. Regret flourishes with the words, "if only..." Together, these are the two saddest words in the English language. They make us feel guilty and remorseful of things that we should have done better or family events put off for another time. The truth of the matter is that we can beat ourselves up all we want, but we cannot change a single thing in the past. I'll bet there are lyrics in a country song that says something like "you gotta feel bad to feel better." In most other life situations, there is usually another opportunity to do the right thing the next time. Death brings a different ending to the story. The next time or the next year will not come, and regret fills that space.

The road to recovery will be slow, so give it time. The first thing we have to do is to accept the fact that a loved one is forever gone from our lives. Coming to terms with this is very difficult. When we lose a loved one, there is this strange feeling that although everything inside the house looks the same, there is something definitely different. Perhaps the stillness is louder or the empty spaces seem larger. Something has been ripped from us, leaving unseen wounds. It's OK to let the tears flow to release all the feelings of regret, anger, hurt, and unfairness. You try to muster a smile, but your eyes remain sad. Some suggest writing all the feelings down in a letter and address it to the loved one as if writing to them directly. Others suggest that you talk with someone you trust who will let you vent whatever is on your heart. After my brother Harvey passed away three years ago, my wife and I became closer just by talking about things with no particular agenda. We would just sit on the floor in the evening and talk as the darkness crept into the room. There were gaps of silence, but these were strangely comforting as well.

It hurts when you lose someone you love. They are no longer there where you can see them, hold their hand, hear their voice, or make excuses to meet them some other time. Your loved one still lives on in the subtle ways you do things, certain phrases that you use, or in remembering silly family stories. We can see them in familiar places, in doing routine chores, and in their grandchildren. We feel their presence when we cast a line in a mountain stream, in a crowded event at the Community Center, in the aroma of chicken cacciatore, in off-key karaoke singing, or the buzz of a slot machine paying off. They have left their earthly bodies, but that does not mean they are no longer with us. Love never ends.

In *John 13:34*, Jesus says, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." The kind of love that Jesus teaches us is not about romantic feelings or Valentine's Day. It is a love that is directed outward towards others and reveals itself in action. Love is helping when it is not convenient, contributing when it hurts, placing the needs of others ahead of our own, and absorbing hurtful words and actions without complaining or fighting back. This kind of love gives and expects nothing in return.

My mom, May Sagara, passed away on June 25, 2014. Although she knew little of what is written in the Bible, she certainly knew what love is. She took care of our family, was a pioneer of the CC, an honorary black belt in judo, and had a long career as a cafeteria worker at Byrd Junior High School in Sun Valley. My mom would laugh when she told a story about when she was mixing a huge vat of green salad with her hands for the students' lunch, only to discover that she had lost the Band-Aid that was on her finger. No wonder kids don't like to eat salad! She had a habit of befriending outcast students and making them feel welcomed. She would take the time to talk to them, find them a warm jacket from the Lost and Found if they did not have one or give them her own sweater, or sneak them food if they had no money. Her bright light shined on everyone she touched. I hope that when you reflect upon precious memories of a lost loved one, a little smile appears. That is proof of the love that they left with each of us.

MEMORIES OF MANZANAR

Join Mas Okui as he shares his intimate portrayal of life in the Manzanar War Relocation Center located at the foot of California's Sierra Nevada. AS a 10 year old boy, along with his parents and three brothers, Mas was interned from 1942 through 1945. Active in Asian-American activities since the 1960s, he is well known for leading an annual pilgrimage to Manzanar, providing teacher-training programs as well as speaking to school, civic, religious and other organizations throughout the United States. Most recently, he appeared in the groundbreaking documentary film "The Manzanar Fishing Club", depicting the 110,000 Americans of Japanese descent forced from their homes and shipped off to prison camps finding their only freedom in fishing! Don't miss Mas Okui as he brings to us his captivating first-hand experience!

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The Story of Ibo no Ito Somen

By Bob Moriguchi

Article from June 6, 2008

In the recent May advertising newsletter received from Marukai, the Japanese supermarket chain in Southern California, there was a full page ad for Ibo No Ito Somen, titled, "Japan's Best Selling *Somen* for 120 years." It further explained what it is, what it is made of, how it is made, and why it is so good. Why it caught my eye is the fact that Ibo No Ito Somen was originated by my great-grandfather, Shohachi Moriguchi (1827-1914), and was instrumental in the emigration of the Moriguchi family to the U.S.

The ad stated that the *somen* was made in Tatsuno City. Ibo No Ito means the *somen* (*Ito* is thread in Japanese. *Somen* is a thin noodle, like thread.) from Ibo-gun ("county") of Hyogo-ken (Prefecture). This is near the famous Himeji Castle, one of three classified in Japan as a national treasure.



Great-grandfather Shohachi Moriguchi (85 years old)

To explain how Great-grandfather Shohachi began producing *somen*, I need to first give a short background on him. He was a prosperous large landowner in Ibo-gun. In addition to growing rice and making sake, his home was known as a *fude-ya*.



Moriguchi home—Tatsuno-shi

He sold *fude* at home and traveled throughout Japan selling the Japanese brush, which was used by artists, calligraphers, or anyone writing or painting. On one of his trips to Nagano Prefecture, he was treated to an extraordinary delicious *somen* meal. Great-grandfather was able to convince one of the makers of this *somen* to come to Ibo-gun to teach him how to make this exceptional *somen*. Making *somen* would also occupy the winter season, after the rice harvest, to produce extra income.

As the popularity of the Ibo No Ito Somen grew, they formed a cooperative, and by then my grandfather, Sakichi (1868-1944), the younger son of Shohachi, became an influential member of the community and the co-op. Grandfather Sakichi had nine sons. Unlike Great-grandfather, who was able to divide the land holdings between the two sons, Grandfather Sakichi could only have the *cho-nan*, the eldest, Mitsuji, inherit his land. Therefore, Grandfather Sakichi had to find some way or place for the remaining eight sons to find a place in life. Tamotsu, son number three, was adopted into the Tsuruta family in Kogeta who had no children. Teiji, son number four went to Kyoto and opened a jewelry store. Kinjiro, son number two, and Satoji, son number five prepared to emigrate by learning carpentry and other crafts needed to be self sufficient. There were two opportunities to go abroad, one to Indonesia and another to Brazil. However, since Hyogo Prefecture was not a poor prefecture, it was difficult for citizens to leave.

In 1915, to celebrate the opening of the Panama Canal, San Francisco held the Panama-Pacific Exposition. Because Grandfather Sakichi was an influential member of the community and the Ibo No Ito Somen Co-op, he was able to appoint his second son, Kinjiro, age 23, to display the Ibo No Ito Somen at the Exposition in San Francisco. Uncle Kinjiro boarded the Yokohama Maru in Kobe on July 18, 1915 and arrived in Seattle, Washington, on August 6. Why did he go to Seattle when the Exposition was in San Francisco? He went to settle a dispute with one



Somen Drying



Grandfather Sakichi & Grandmother Yoshiko

of the merchants in Seattle who owed the co-op for a large shipment of Ibo No Ito Somen. After settling the dispute, Uncle Kinjiro proceeded to San Francisco to display the *somen* at the Exposition. While in San Francisco, Uncle Kinjiro surveyed the area for the possibility of emigration for himself and his brothers. He notified Grandfather Sakichi that this might be a good place for the brothers to begin their lives and to make their futures, but for Grandfather to come and verify his findings. Whereupon, Grandfather Sakichi came in June 1916 and satisfied that the future for his sons will be in America, called his sons to come over one by one (a system called *yobiyose*). My dad, Tatsumi, son number seven, arrived on March 1, 1919, age 14.



Dad, Tatsumi Moriguchi

Hence, Ibo No Ito Somen has a prominent role in our family, started by our Great-grandfather Shohachi, and was responsible for the future of the Moriguchi family in America.



Package of Ibo no Ito Somen



SFVJACC BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

September 2014

The election committee is now taking nominations for the SFVJACC Board of Directors for the two year term of office for 2015 and 2016. Three positions need to be filled and are being vacated by Paul Jonokuchi, Doreen Kawamoto and Genevieve Lew. Continuing members of the BOD are Chuck Itagaki, Akiko Manaka, Karl Nobuyuki and Danny Okazaki.

Nominees:

- Must be a member of good standing with the SFVJACC for the last 3 years.*
- Must be willing to serve at least one 2 year term.*
- Must be willing to attend one meeting a month (3rd Wednesday).
 *Note: A board member can serve consecutive terms without any limit to the number of terms served.

Deadlines/Dates:

- October 20, 2014 Last day to receive nominations.
- November 5, 2014 Election ballots mailed out to CC members.
- November 25, 2014 Last day to receive completed election ballot.*
- December 6, 2014 New Board confirmed by the membership at the annual business meeting.*

*Note: In accordance with the By Laws of the SFVJACC.

Please submit your nominations to arrive at the SFVJACC no later than October 20, 2014.

Thank you,
 Danny Okazaki and Lois Okui
 Election Committee

SFVJACC Board of Directors Election for 2015–2016

NOMINATION FORM

I nominate the following person(s) to serve on the SFVJACC Board of Directors.

- 1. _____ 3. _____
- 2. _____

Note: Nominees must be a member of good standing at the SFVJACC for the last 3 years and must be willing to accept being a candidate for the Board of Directors.

Nominated by: _____

Name/Address _____

Signature/Date/Phone _____

Nominations must be received by October 20, 2014 at the SFVJACC. Mail or deliver this completed form to the SFVJACC, 12953 Branford St. Pacoima, CA 91331.

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ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER**

Beginning at 5:30pm
Saturday, November 15, 2014

SFVJA Community Center
12953 Branford Street
Pacoima, CA 91331



SFVHBT Mochi Fundraiser 2014



The San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple will hold its annual MOCHI FUNDRAISER on **Sunday, December 14th**. Temple members will be producing the delicious handmade mochi to supply our community for the holiday season. Please let your friends know, too!

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| Ko-mochi (1 lb. pkg.) | \$4.50 | Priscilla Mui | prismui@aol.com or text (818) 317-7747 |
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| Kagami-mochi (Okasane set) | \$5.00 | Temple | sfvhbt@gmail.com or (818) 899-4030 |

Please place your order by Sunday, December 7th

Please pick up your order on Sunday, December 14th between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, 9450 Remick Avenue, Pacoima 91331

Mochi Order Form

Name _____ **Phone** _____

I wish to order _____ pkg (s) of *Ko-mochi* @ \$4.50/pkg. _____

I wish to order _____ pkg (s) of *An-mochi* @ \$4.50/pkg. _____

I wish to order _____ set (s) of *Okasane* @ \$5.00/pkg. _____

Total: \$ _____

*Please enclose your check with this order, payable to **SFVHBT** and send to 9450 Remick Ave., Pacoima, CA 91331. Thank you!*



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JAPANESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY CENTER

10th Annual

SUPER BINGO FUNDRAISER

Saturday, November 1, 2014

5:00 PM

Nikkei Pioneer Building
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**Huge
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Deadline is Friday, October 24, 2014

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All proceeds will go towards window treatments for the Nikkei Pioneer Building.

Thank you for your support!!

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San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center

Super Bingo

Saturday, November 1, 2014 at 5:00 PM

Order Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address _____

- Please print legibly and fill out information completely.
- Make check payable to "SFVJACC" and note "Super Bingo" on check.
- Gold Package is \$100.00 (Early Bird Special) and includes 5 Bingo Cards, 5 Raffle Tickets, and 1 Dinner. After October 17, cost of Gold Package will be \$125.00.
- Additional dinner tickets are available for \$25.00 per person (pre-order only). **Limit 1 additional dinner per Gold Package.**
- Deadline for all orders is Friday, October 24, 2014.

Please give me _____ Gold Package(s) @ \$100.00 (\$125.00) each. \$ _____

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Limit 1 additional dinner per Gold Package.

Total amount due \$ _____

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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.....	Diane Date.....	818 701-6607
SFV Bonsai Club.....	4th Sun., 8 AM-12 PM.....	Daito Ono.....	818 349-1310
SFV Fishing Club.....	3rd Mon., 8:00 PM.....	John Goka	
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.....	Mo Barrera	818 331-9444
SFV Landscape Gardeners	Sat. of every other month.....	Nob Tamai.....	818 347-3912
SFV Meiji Senior Citizens.....	1st Fri., 12:30 PM.....	Kay Yamada	818 763-4861
Nikkei Senior Gardens.....	2nd Thurs., 7:00 PM.....	Toji Hashimoto	818 897-4216
Sho Chiku Bai Porter Ranch Bonsai Club.....			
.....	1st Sun., 9 AM-12 PM.....	Walter Zipusch.....	818 746-6677
Sunrise Foursquare Church.....		Reverend Paul Iwata	818 782-8738
Valley Japanese Community Center			
.....	2nd Fri., 7:30 PM.....	Neil Hashiba	818 732-5837

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Community Center
for an event?**

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article for the CC
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CC Deadline:
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SPECIAL CLASSES

Arts & Crafts.....	Monday	10:00 AM-12:00 PM	Sally Hamamoto	818 361-2902
Ballroom Dance.....	Tuesday	7:00-8:30 PM	Nancy Gohata	818 899-4232
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
Craft Workshop.....	2nd Sat, even months	10:00 AM-12 PM	SFVJACC@gmail.com	818 899-1989
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.....	Friday	12:30-1:30 PM		
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)	7:00-9:00 PM	Lily Kumagai	818 367-2711
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	Masako Rodriguez	818 899-8777
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
Ukulele Class	Friday (Gym)	9:00-11:30 AM	Greg Librando	818 896-6503
Yoga Class.....	Wednesday	10-11 AM/11:00 AM-12 PM	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.



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Temple President: Rodger Itaya
Dharma School - Sunday 11:00 am

BUDDHIST TEMPLE CALENDAR

October

- 5 Shotsuki: Monthly Memorial & Eshinni-ko Kakushinni-ko service 10 am
- 12 No Service (FBWA Conference)
- 18 Dharma discussion 9:30 a.m.
- 19 Regular service 10 am – Oxnard, Pasadena, Venice & WLA Buddhist Temples visiting
- 25 Dharma discussion 9:30 a.m.
- 26 Pet memorial service

November

- 1 Dharma discussion 9:30 a.m.
- 2 Shotsuki: Monthly Memorial & Eitaikyo: Ancestors' Perpetual Memorial service 10 am
- 9 No Service -Chow Mein Fundraiser
- 16 Regular Service 10 am
- 22 Dharma discussion 9:30 a.m.
- 23 Thanksgiving service 10 am
- 29 Dharma discussion 9:30 a.m.
- 30 Regular service 10 am

December

- 7 Shotsuki: Monthly Memorial service & Bodhi Day (Shakyamuni Buddha's enlightenment); 10 am
- 14 No service; mochitsuki fundraiser
- 20 Dharma discussion 9:30 a.m.
- 21 Regular service 10 am
- 27 Dharma discussion 9:30 a.m.
- 28 Regular service 10 am
- 31 (Weds., 6 pm) Joya-e-New Year's Eve service (Thurs., Jan. 1 10 am)



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English Department

Pastor Roland Hazama
Pastor Raynold Nakamura

Sunday Schedule

9:30 AM
Kid Venture Children's Ministries (infant -6th grade)
Sunday School for ages junior high through adult

10:30 AM
Coffee Fellowship

11:00 AM
Worship Service (childcare for infants-Pre-K)

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

Sunday Schedule

11:00 AM
Worship Service

Lunch and Fellowship
After worship service on the 1st and 3rd Sundays

Wednesday, 10:00 AM
Prayer Meeting @ church

Please ask about other weekday meetings.



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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 - 7:30 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

A Quote and a Thought for You

“Get wisdom and understanding. Do not forget or turn away from the words of my mouth. Do not leave her alone, and she will keep you safe.” Proverbs 4:5-6

Wisdom and understanding help us to make the right decisions that set us on a safe path of life with its richest opportunities.

**Estate Planning Presentation
by Laurie Shigekuni & the
Introduction of Brandman
Center, an Alternative to
Skilled Nursing Care**

**October 17, 2014
1:30 p.m.**

**Chatsworth West United
Methodist Church
10824 Topanga Canyon Blvd.
Chatsworth, Ca. 91311
(1 mile south of the 118 Freeway)
(818) 341 1940**

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CC

October 4, 2014
CC Clean Up

October 25, 2014
SFV Japanese Language
Institute Yard Sale

October 25, 2014
JACL Dance

November 1, 2014
Super Bingo Fundraiser

November 8, 2014
CC Craft Workshop

November 15, 2014
Crossway Church
Thanksgiving Dinner

November 22, 2014
SFV Japanese Language
Institute Curry Sale

December 6, 2014
CC Annual General Membership
Meeting

December 13, 2014
SFV JACL Holiday Party

December 20, 2014
SFV Japanese Language
Institute Curry Sale

January 3, 2014
CC New Year's Luncheon

SFV JACL and SFVJACC PRESENTS...

Let's Swing!



**SATURDAY
October 25, 2014**

7:30–11:30 PM

**SFVJACC
12953 BRANFORD STREET, PACOIMA 91331**

TICKETS \$13.00

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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

Single Membership - \$35.00

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