



# SAN FERNANDO VALLEY JAPANESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY CENTER

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## SFVJACC 2017 NEW YEAR'S LUNCHEON



(L-R): Emcees Bing Lau and Danny Okazaki



Ritsuko Shinbashi (pictured with husband Ken) did the beautiful floral arrangement.



A new year's greeting was given by the Consul General of Japan Akira Chiba.



The CC received a certificate of commendation from LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger's office. Pictured: Senior Deputy Jarrod Degonia and CC President Paul Jonokuchi.



Rev. Patty Usuki of SFVHBT gave the invocation and benediction.



CC Advisor Kenji Watanabe greeted everyone with the new year's message.



Performing the traditional Kagamiwari Ceremony (breaking of the sake barrel) were (L-R) Kenji Watanabe, the Honorable Akira Chiba and Paul Jonokuchi.



The 2017 Board of Directors and Cabinet (L-R): CC President Paul Jonokuchi, Nancy Oda, Liz Doomey, Kiyo Watanabe, Bing Lau, Akiko Manaka, Vice President Danny Okazaki and Treasurer Denise Tanaka.



Past president Fumio Nakama did the toast to welcome the new year. KAMPAI!

**Acknowledgements & more pictures on page 5.**

### SFVJACC MISSION STATEMENT

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



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! I hope everyone brought in a healthy and prosperous year! This rainy season is bringing in much need rain and I hope that people living in the hillsides are doing okay!

Last month the Center was invited to celebrate the Emperor's Birthday at Consul General Akira Chiba's residence. Over 400 guests from local politicians, Japanese businesses and invited guests attended. It was quite an event with a number of prefectural booths displaying samples of their local products and giving to the guests.

For those of you who missed the Annual General Membership Meeting in December, I hope you will be able to attend next year to find out what's going on at the Community Center.

As far as our finances are concern, we are in good shape, thanks to Nikkei Senior Gardens' revenue sharing agreement, we are able to do many overdue repairs and improvements to our facility.

Our endowment funds are doing well, due to the higher market interest over the year. I'm hoping it will continue to grow in to the future.

The Future Planning Committee is meeting every other month, going over the facility improvements and working on the future multi-purpose gym. You will hear the update from our committee chairperson soon.

For the coming year, we will be painting the inside/outside of the gym and Pioneer Hall. Also, we plan on replacing the roll-ing doors on the gym with new, motorized doors. Another project, we're looking into is installing Wifi throughout the Center to benefit our members who come to the center.

I hope that you will take advantage of our activities and programs for the coming year and get involved! Have a wonderful Year!

Paul Jonokuchi  
SFVJACC President

### 2017 APPRECIATION AWARD RECIPIENTS



(L-R): Greg Librando, Bert Inoue and Harris Yoneoka received this year's Appreciation Awards. Missing: Ike Matsuda who also received the award.

### ANNUAL DONATION TO POLICE DEPT. CHRISTMAS BASKET PROGRAM



Lead Officer Adriana Mugunia presented the CC with an award for service to the community and Paul Jonokuchi presented the Foothill Police Dept. \$500.00 donation to their Christmas Basket Program.



### HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES CLASS OF 2017 SFVJACC & ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

For the list of scholarships,  
go to page 12.

### SFV Meiji Senior Club Revised Las Vegas Trips



May 15 - 17  
August 14 - 16  
November 13 - 15

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

### **For the Months of November & December 2016**

#### **Donations**

SF Athletics  
Year end donation  
Wells Fargo Foundation Community Connection Grant  
Rich Nakajima won this grant through his company,  
Pan Pacific  
Tamie Yamauchi  
Robert and Akiko Moriguchi  
Mickey and Jane Sato  
In memory of Jane's mother Kim Minami  
Harold and Shigeko Muraoka  
Diane Yamashita  
Mike and Nancy Cichon  
In memory of Kimiye "Kim" Minami  
Al and Mitzi Kushida  
Leonor and Richard Bennett  
David and Candice Linder  
Kenso and Yoko Nomura  
Antonio Servera  
Cherry Uyeda  
In honor of Nisei Week Queen Jaclyn Tomita  
Greg Kimura United Way  
United Way Charitable contribution  
C for East Japan - Yuriko Muso  
Kay Saevivat  
Anonymous  
IBM Charitable Contribution

#### **The Following Donations Were Made In memory of Grace Oda Anderson**

Linda Sherman  
Harry Nakada  
Katie Rouze  
Lynn Kitazawa  
Andrea and Howard Neftin  
Bonnie Oda  
Dr. Bo and Ikuyo Sakaguchi  
Anonymous  
Steven Fukushima  
Kiyoko Nomura  
Robert Rogers and Family  
Cherry Uyeda  
Chi and Donna Cheng  
Kelly Lee  
Carrie Wong

#### **Use of Facilities**

Tuna Canyon Detention Station  
HIC Warehouse Sale  
JAFL Pacific Southwest District.  
Ping Pong Club  
JSPACC/LTSC  
Bridge Club  
Calligraphy Class  
Jan & Co  
JSPACC  
Wednesday Nite Basketball  
Thursday Nite Basketball  
Tuesday Exercise Class  
Yoga Class  
Aloha Club

#### **Use of Facilities - Continued.**

Seniors Arts & Crafts Class  
Hula Wahines  
Lois Okui  
SF Blast  
Friday Exercise Class  
Harmonica Class

#### **Miscellaneous**

Coffee donation  
Copier donation  
Don Akamine .....2 (3 lbs) Coffee  
Sumi Davis ..... 6 Boxes of Persimmons  
SFV Ballroom Dance ..... One bag (500 Ct) 12-cup  
coffee filters

### **SINCERE APOLOGIES TO PCSC!!**

**We inadvertently omitted their name  
from the Super Bingo Fundraiser major  
donor's acknowledgement list in the last  
November-December newsletter.**

#### **DONATIONS TO HOT MEALS**

### **For the Months of November & December 2016**

Pat Donato..... Pumpkin Pies for sister Sandy  
Nobuyuki's birthday  
June Imamoto ..... Kaki  
Grace Iwamasa ..... Shortbread cookies for the kitchen  
volunteers  
Marilyn Kishi & ..... Pickles for the kitchen volunteers  
Marian Murphy  
Al & Mitzi Kushida..... Monetary donation  
Fumi Miyata ..... Treats for the kitchen volunteers  
Musashi Restaurant..... 4 (50 lbs.) rice, 5 gal. shoyu, 5 gal.  
oil, 2 pkg. chopsticks  
Karl Nobuyuki ..... Cake for wife Sandy Nobuyuki  
Jane Okano ..... Special cookies for the kitchen  
volunteers  
May Rivera ..... Monetary donation - in memory of  
brother-in-law Willie Morita  
Paul Rosete ..... Cake in memory of wife Bea Rosete  
Charlene Sakatani ..... 15 lbs. Yakisoba noodles  
Eiji and Marge Sato ..... Potted poinsettia plants for the  
kitchen volunteers  
Jane Sato ..... Pound cake for the kitchen volunteers  
Rex & Lorraine Shimizu.. 100 Tea bags  
Michiko Tokunaga Kus ... Yam noodles & 2 snack bags  
Ruby Yamaoka ..... Pies for the kitchen volunteers  
Sylvia Yamashita ..... See's Candies for the kitchen  
volunteers

*Thank you so much for  
your generous donations!*

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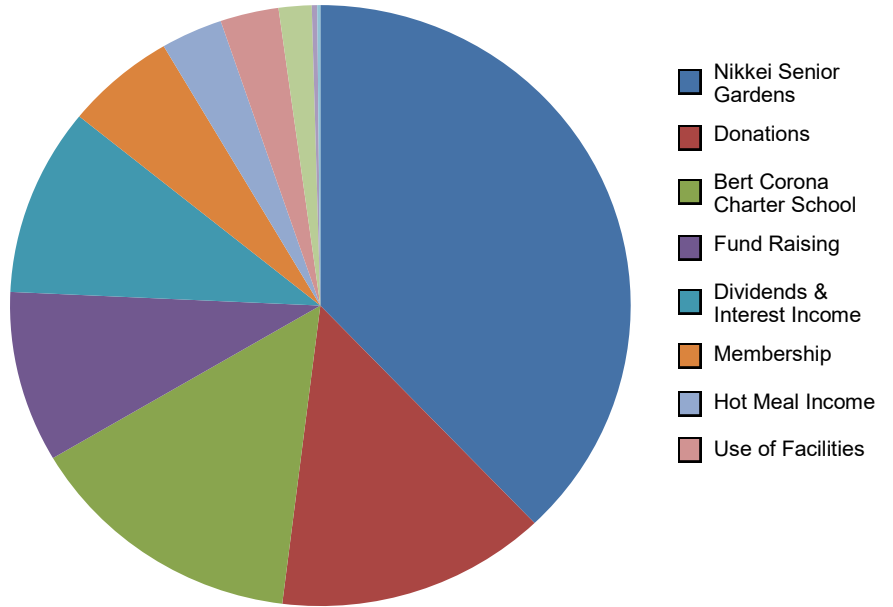
# SFVJACC Income/Expenses

## 2016 Fiscal Year

### Income

**November 15, 2015 - October 16, 2016**

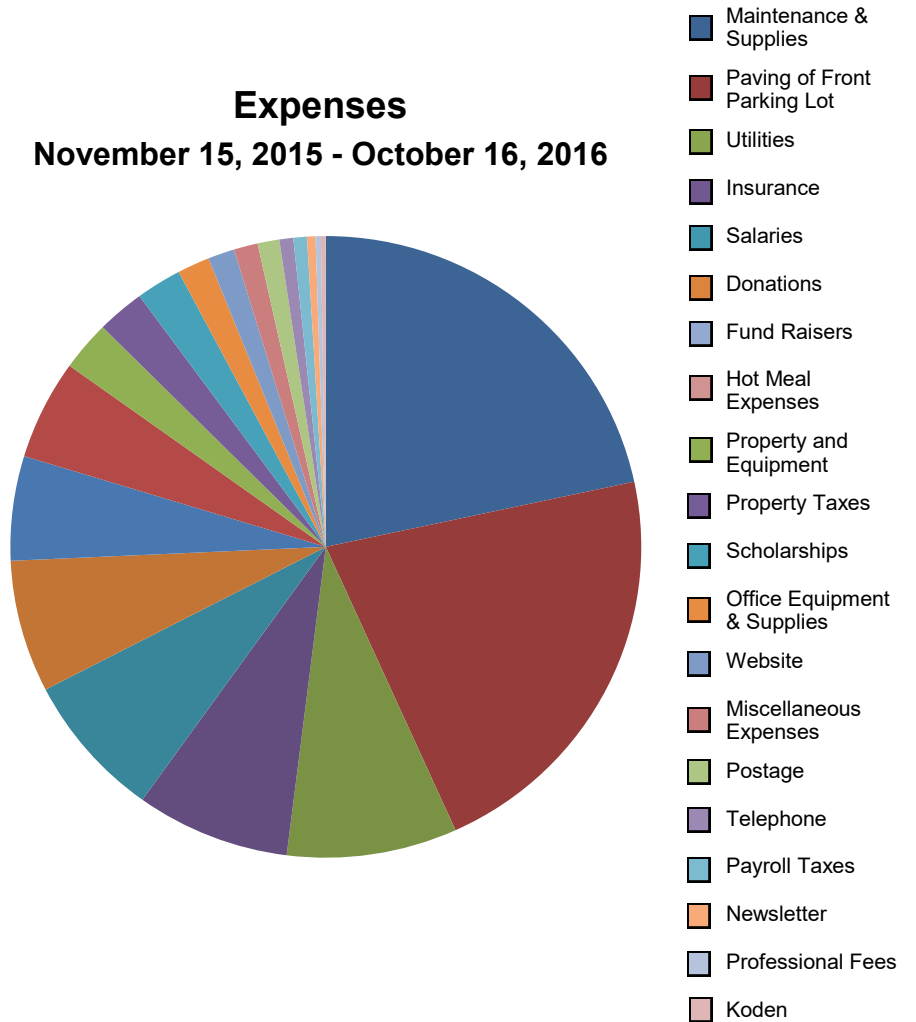
Nikkei Senior Gardens	265,192.00
Donations	98,603.00
Bert Corona Charter School	102,000.00
Fund Raising	64,385.00
Dividends & Interest Income	70,813.00
Membership	40,180.00
Hot Meal Income	22,522.00
Use of Facilities	21,346.00
Administrative Income	12,000.00
Property Tax Reimbursements	1,969.00
CC News • CC News Ads	1,129.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>700,139.00</b>



Maintenance & Supplies	78,741.00
Paving of Front Parking Lot	78,675.00
Utilities	31,762.00
Insurance	28,736.00
Salaries	27,404.00
Donations	25,030.00
Fund Raisers	19,765.00
Hot Meal Expenses	18,872.00
Property and Equipment	9,424.00
Property Taxes	8,907.00
Scholarships	8,500.00
Office Equipment & Supplies	6,033.00
Website	4,966.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	4,471.00
Postage	4,047.00
Telephone	2,599.00
Payroll Taxes	2,515.00
Newsletter	1,579.00
Professional Fees	1,000.00
Koden	900.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>363,926.00</b>

### Expenses

**November 15, 2015 - October 16, 2016**



**SFVJACC  
NEW YEAR'S  
LUNCHEON**  
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Front Page.



"Year of the  
Rooster"



Koto player, Kozue Matsumoto, performed a traditional and contemporary piece for the program's entertainment.



SFVJACC Girls Scouts led us in the pledge of allegiance. (L-R): Katie Nakata, Charlie Reyman, Katelyn Yoshizawa and troop leader Akiko Manaka.



Also performing were Hula Wahines, one of the groups at our Center. (L-R): Janet Yamamoto, Yaeko Hosobuchi, Ikuko Sogabe, Jan Kondo (instructor), Ritsuko Shinbashi and Kimiko Rasmussen

**Thank you to the volunteers  
who helped at the luncheon**

Kaori and Raiden Hall  
Maia Hito  
Tim and Taryn Manaka  
Alexander Oda  
Kyle and Devon Oda  
Carol T.  
Girl Scouts - Katie Nakata, Charlie Reyman, Kaelyn Yoshizawa and Moms



Paul Jonokuchi will be serving a fourth term as CC president.

**Thank You To The Following For Their Donation  
To The CC New Year's Luncheon**

Chiba Restaurant	Karl and Sandy Nobuyuki
John and Liz Doomey	Kay and Nancy Oda
Toji and Hitomi Hashimoto	SF Athletics
Ken and June Kageyama	SFV Hongwanji Buddhist Temple
John Kobayashi	SFV Japanese Language Institute
Tim and Akiko Manaka	Ritsuko Shinbashi
Ken and Priscilla Mui	Valley Japanese Community Center
George Murakami	Kenji and Kyoko Watanabe
Fumio and Kazuko Nakama	

**Wecome New  
Community Center  
Members**

Manny & Kathie Banayo  
Rudy Basurto  
Paulette Blumstein  
Shelley Carmel  
Tara Chiu  
Matt & Francesca de la Rionda  
Michael & Tricia English  
Ethan & Joyce Ezaki  
Douglas Fitzgerald  
Michael & Karen Gonzalez-Matsuda  
Eric & Hosomi Hirota  
Tony & Vicky Huang  
Cliff & Lyn Jusi  
Richard & Sonia Kang  
Bo & Bonnie Kim  
Kevin & Kerri Kiyomura  
Paul Kuo  
Daniel & Renee Leem  
Edgar & Liz-Ann Padua  
Chingling Perry  
Frank & Laura Real  
Nick & Joy Real  
Brian & Brenda Reitz  
Kazumi Samiano  
Hanjin & Insook Kang Song  
Kiki Takemoto  
Garrison & Susannah Tong  
Richard Wong & Joanna Ng  
Adrian Yee & Jaime Huang  
Fred & Saori Yue

# MEIJI SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

By Liz Doomey

Happy New Year from the SFV Meiji Senior Citizens Club

The Meiji Club held their 51<sup>th</sup> Anniversary New Year's luncheon on January 14, 2017. There were over 240 people attending this event. Consul Yamato Kobayashi, representing the Consulate General of Japan gave a congratulatory message. There were 16 members who were honored into the 85 Years Young Club. A special recognition award was given to Grace Iwamasa, Activity Director, for her many years of service on the board and her many hours of volunteer work for the Center and other organizations. Entertainment were provided by our own members – Jan & Company, Meiji Line Dancers and Meiji Ondo Dancers. They did a wonderful job of performing and was enjoyed by all.

Thank you to Kenji Watanabe, who did a wonderful job as MC for our event. A special thank you to the many hard working volunteers that made this event run smoothly and efficiently. Our sincere appreciation to the helpers who volunteered to assist the Club from pouring beverages to clean up. I hope everyone enjoyed their bento meal, provided by California Rice and a special thank you for sparkling cider donated by Judd Matsunaga.

Thank you to the following for their donations of raffle prizes:

SFVJACC, SFV Chapter of the JACL, Kay and John Yamada, Wally and Joy Longworth, Kimiko Miseroy, Sylvia Yamashita, Fugetsudo, and John and Liz Doomey.

Your continued support and suggestions are welcome throughout the year.

## THANK FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS.

- Clever, Willard & Jill
- Fujimoto, Kisui
- Goto, George & Grace
- Inaba, Shigeiko
- Kageyama, Ken & June
- Longworth, Wallace & Joy
- Mitarai, Evelyn
- Mochizuki, Yaeko
- Monji, Yoshiko
- Moriguchi, Reiko
- Nakada, Harry
- Nakama, Fumio & Kazuko
- Nakamura, Mark & Joanne
- Oda, Kay & Nancy
- Okamoto, Masao & Peggi
- Okumura, Art
- Pasadena Nikkei Seniors
- Sakaguchi, Dr. Bo & Iku
- Sato, Eiji & Marge
- Seinan Senior Citizens Club
- SFV Coordinating Council
- SFV Hongwanji Buddhist Temple
- SFV Japanese Language Institute
- SFVJACC
- Shinsato, Ray & Jean
- Shishido, Anna
- Tanaka, Frank & Marge
- Tanijiri, Katie
- Tashima, Ron
- Valley Janapese Community Center
- Watanabe, Kenji & Kyoko
- Yamada, John & Kay
- Yamaguchi, Hiroshi & Yoshiko
- Yamaoka, Ruby



MC Kenji Watanabe



85 Years Young Members



Consul Yamato Kobayashi



Meiji Ondo Group

Meiji Line Dancers



Jan & Co

Photos by Gene Lew

### Are you interested in Casino Trips?

**Las Vegas trips are in:**

February, May, August, November

**Turnaround trips to local casinos:**

March, June, September, December

If you are interested in these trips please contact a Meiji board or cabinet member.

## SFV JAPANESE LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

By Carmen Aronis

Happy New Year from SFVJ Language Institute. We hope you all enjoyed celebrating the holidays with family and friends.

On Saturday, January 14 our students were treated to the long-standing Japanese New Year tradition of Mochitsuki. The students took turns pounding sweet rice to make mochi. Then they enjoyed the yummy mochi with their favorite toppings. SFVJ Language Institute would like to thank the Sakamoto family, the Takeshita family, Auntie Evelyn and Auntie Sachi who graciously shared their equipment and helped the students make the mochi. The event was truly enjoyed by all who attended!

We will be holding our annual New Year's Party on the evening of Saturday, February 4. Bentos will be available for purchase at the party. There will be a supervised kid's room, plenty of entertainment and many items to be raffled off. It is sure to be a memorable evening. If you have any items to donate the can be raffled off, please contact Kiyo Watanabe at [watanabekiyo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:watanabekiyo@sbcglobal.net).

The J-school is still actively trying to complete the improvements in the playground area of the campus. It is very important to us that the smaller children have a safe place to play during recess. If anyone is interested in donating their time or money to this cause please contact [watanabekiyo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:watanabekiyo@sbcglobal.net). We are now accepting credit card payments which makes donating very convenient.



**Marukai gift cards are available at SFV Language Institute.**

## TELLING OUR STORIES

By Patty Takayama



The "Telling Our Stories" writing class, facilitated by Academy award winner, Tim Toyama, will resume another six week course, beginning Thursday, March 30, 2017 at 7pm to 9pm. We encourage seniors to sign up.

Tim's program encourages class members to write a short one page memoir piece on a designated topic and share it with the class. It allows each individual to reflect on young adult or other memories and identify those elements of our common Japanese American heritage. The class is a fun way to meet new people and get to know some you've seen around or already know.

By sharing our stories, we are able to call to mind other long forgotten events that shaped our lives that may prove important to our friends and family members. The joy and satisfaction we gain from sharing our stories enhances our relationship with other members of the class but just as important, it helps us to understand other members of our family who witnessed similar generational experiences, but are reluctant to discuss.

At the end of the class or at the end of the summer, each member will be invited to submit a short story to be printed in a class publication (a book) which we are currently seeking funding in the form of grants.

We will offer two more classes. The second session will commence Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 2pm to 4pm and will continue for six weeks, until June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The third "Telling Our Stories class will commence Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm to 9pm and continue for six weeks until August 17, 2017.

If you are interested, please contact: Patty Takayama at 818-899-7916 or email me at: [pe.high.mtn@juno.com](mailto:pe.high.mtn@juno.com). The cost for the six week session is \$30.00, or if you'd like to visit the class for one or two sessions to check it out, the cost per class is \$5.00. If you'd like to know the writing topic for that week to share with the class, please telephone me and leave a message or email me and I will get back to you with the topic for the class.

**Classes Start March 30, 2017 ♦ 7:00 - 9:00 pm**



## Flashbacks

By Old Wakaba Bud Sagara

My wife and I recently attended the memorial service for our friend, Tom Kira, who passed away in December. Although it was a cold and rainy day, Tom's service was well attended and a casual affair as Tom would have wanted. What I will remember most about the service was the personal recollections about Tom from the speakers on the program. Each person recalled stories about what a thoughtful, gentle, and godly man Tom was; and how he was completely devoted to his wife and family. His four sons, each of whom is successful in his own right, stated how all they ever wanted to be in their lives was "to be like my dad." There was not a dry eye in the house and I can think of no more powerful legacy for a father than that.



After the service, I was chitchatting with one of our friends, and he made a statement that stuck with me. We were discussing Tom's age and determined that it was close to ours. Then my friend said, "I guess we're in the batter's box now." This casual statement implied that our generation was now the group heading *en masse* to meet the grim reaper, the rider on the pale horse, or however one wants to refer to death. This same subject arose when I was at our friends Howard and Tricia's house, when the guys I grew up with began talking about some classmates who had already passed away. This kind of supported the statement that the old Wakabas are in the batter's box as my friend had implied. How can this be? Aren't we still young, vibrant, and so full of life and mischief? Aren't we still invincible as we were in high school? This is where our minds fool us with flashbacks telling us we're still OK; we're the same person we were in our youths. These momentary recollections lend comforting whispers to indelible images of the times, experiences and places that made us who we are.

I can still see myself on the playground at Fernangeles Elementary in Sun Valley, engaged in a fierce game of kickball, or getting badly beaten by some girl at tetherball, or using my special lager for hopscotch. The bell rings and it's time to head back to the classroom where our teacher, Mrs. Ground, who is at least 103 years old, conducts her lessons and woe to any kid who is not paying attention. Any kid suffering the wrath of Mrs. Ground would surely feel that they were at ground zero. My best subject was probably lunch period as I gobbled down my sandwich of tuna salad on Wonder Bread. Wonder Bread commercials told us to look for the package with the red, yellow and blue balloons and that the bread "builds bodies 12 ways." There was no warning in those days that white bread is empty carbohydrates, laden with gluten, that can lead to diabetes and that canned tuna is full of mercury. My classmates and I were more concerned about whether or not Fudgsicles were available instead of those orange and white 50/50 Creamsicle ice cream bars.



Now flashback to junior high school, now called middle school, where bewildered students must make their way to different classrooms for each class period. The transition to junior high went fairly smooth except for a dreaded fear—showering after PE class. That's right, having to be naked in front of strangers. Well, we all somehow survived that indignation, but not without some trauma. Some of the boys were definitely more mature than others and looked like they were ready for the Marines, while many of us looked as if we should still be playing hopscotch at Fernangeles Elementary. Bullying was rampant, but somehow everyone found their place in the junior high hierarchy and managed to make friends among those suffering from similar social stigmas.

For many, high school was a wondrous time where personal boundaries were explored and young adults began to emerge from their childhood shells. There was the excitement of the big football game on Friday night, meeting new people, or finally going to the same school with CC friends. Strangely, girls became incredibly interesting to boys. Although we boys rarely had the courage to actually talk to a girl, they continued to be utterly "fascinating" as our hero Lieutenant Commander Spock would say. In turn, girls came to the realization that boys were not as disgusting as they were before and some might actually be of the same species. There were anxieties over getting a driver's license, especially the required parallel parking maneuver which today is a lost art. Teens stressed over taking the SAT and getting grades good enough for the colleges they wanted to attend.

We all had such high goals that we set for ourselves. But, alas, promises made in high school are like leaves in an autumn wind, blown to and fro by circumstance and forgotten in the seasons of new priorities. The first to go, riding on currents toward the horizon, are those graduation day vows that swear eternal love and friendship. Youthful passions cool quickly, friends depart in different directions and gaps between them widen into canyons. Old promises, like old leaves, litter a landscape lost to memory; while the winds of change rarely blow them back together again.

Memories of our youth quietly dip into the unique stories and precious moments of the time spent between the milestones of birth and death. Death is still the enemy of man and the earth is strewn with its aftermath. It plagues all mortals by causing painful grief over the loss of loved ones, disrupting families and ending beautiful love stories in tears. But death holds no power over those who are in Christ because he has already defeated death through his resurrection. Scripture encourages us in 1 Corinthians 15: 54-55 with, "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" Death may appear to be a ferocious lion ready to devour us, but its teeth are broken and its claws are no more. Tom Kira did not fear death because it cannot destroy those who are in Christ. Death merely serves to pass our spirits from this life into the next where we eternally will see the face of God and he will dry every tear.







**SFVJACC Athletics**  
***Pancake Breakfast!***

**Saturday, March 18, 2017**

**7:30 – 11:00 am**

Donation \$4.00 per person

12953 Branford Street • Pacoima, CA 91331

***Pancakes, Sausages, OJ, Coffee! & Raffle Prizes!***

*Please Support the CC  
Athletics Programs and our  
Boys and Girls Athletes!*



**BALLROOM DANCE CLASS**



Interested in Ballroom Dance? Come and join the fun.  
The classes are taught by Roger Itaya and they meet every Tuesday evenings from 7 - 9 pm.

## San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center Future Planning Committee Guidelines

### PURPOSE

- The goal of the Future Planning Committee is to develop a short and long range plan for the Community Center. It may include a new sustainable facility and/or improvement of the current physical plant.
- The Committee shall consist of representatives of organizations and clubs of the SFVJACC.
- The Committee will seek the advice of experts and an architect to design the future plan.
- The Committee Chairperson shall make bimonthly reports to the Board.
- The final decision is the responsibility of the Board of Directors.

### Listed below is a summary of the Future Planning Committee activities for 2016.

- Site survey conducted by Glenn Togawa, architect - Included all buildings on CC property excluding Bert Corona.
- SFVJACC Conceptual Master Plan Study January 2016 - Glenn Togawa.
- Reviewed and updated CC Title Report.
- Report from Endowment Committee and CC Finance Committee.
- Developing strategic plans to develop and improve and enhance CC membership experience - work in progress (site visits).
- Working to assist the CC board on developing plans to have an operating budget to include list of scheduled maintenance and repairs/replacement of big ticket items create a replacement reserve for major repairs create a Future Planning account for new buildings and programs

### SFVJACC Future Planning Committee

Active Members - Kenji Couey, Lauren Ito, Dick Kaku, Ken Mui, Kay Oda, Nancy Oda, Margaret Takimoto, Steve Nakata, Tadao Okui, Lisa Sugino, Kenji Watanabe, Kiyo Watanabe, Kay Yamada

Submitted by Margaret Takimoto, 12/3/16  
Future Planning Committee Chairperson



## Support Girl Scout Troop 1466!

The girl scouts will be selling cookies at the  
Super Bingo Volunteer Dinner on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.

Cookies are \$5.00/box.

Please see the CC website for more information.



**SFVJACC and Little Tokyo Service Center Present:  
Iku Kiriyaama's "The Box" Presentation**

Iku Kiriyaama, retired educator and community activist, will be presenting a talk on how to be prepared for the inevitable at the San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center on April 8, 2017, Saturday, from 10 am-12 noon.

Iku's husband, George, passed away in 2005. Although she thought they had prepared documents early on, she found that they were totally unprepared. She realized when you experience something devastating for the first time, you had no prior reference to prepare adequately. After requests by friends, she shared her experience at a forum called "Death is a Sure Thing: Are You Prepared?" Originally thought to be a one-time presentation, it has turned out to be ten years that she has presented what is now commonly called "Iku's Box." Since the first forum in 2007, "Iku's Box" has evolved. She will share her thoughts on what she now calls a "life & death" box, not just a document box you prepare for survivors. She brings her box to show how it is set up (she actually has TWO boxes at home!). She shares tips on how to make your daily life simpler and more organized. She welcomes audience participation as many have insights to share.

Light refreshments will be served; free admission



**Iku Kiriyaama's  
"The Box" Presentation**

Iku Kiriyaama's "Box Presentation" - learn how to prepare for and organize your important life documents.

**Iku will bring her box to explain and show:**

- How to prepare adequately for life's unexpected
- How to make your daily life simpler and more organized

**Date: Saturday, April 8, 2017**

**Time: 10am - 12pm (Registration from 9:30am)**

**Place: San Fernando Japanese American  
Community Center**

12953 Branford Street, Pacoima, 91331

**RSVP:**  
Lois Okui at SFVJACC  
(818) 899-1989  
Little Tokyo Service  
Center: (213) 473-3035  
[www.ltsc.org](http://www.ltsc.org)

**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:**

**1st Saturday of the Month**

**Time: 10 am - 12 noon**

For the schedule or more info,  
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## SFVJACC SCHOLARSHIPS

### DR. SANBO AND KAZUKO SAKAGUCHI SCHOLARSHIP

The Dr. Sanbo and Kazuko Sakaguchi Scholarship is the most prestigious recognition awarded at the San Fernando Valley Community Center. He was a life long member who supported the San Fernando Valley Judo Club, Alemany High School football team, SFV JACL, and many community organizations like the Japan American Symphony.

### LILY SAKAGUCHI THIBODEAUX SCHOLARSHIP

The Lilly Thibodeaux Scholarship is in memory of the beloved grandmother, mother, aunt, and friend who inspired us with her love and determination.

The SFVJACC Scholarships are open to graduating high school seniors of SFVJACC who has demonstrated academic excellence, extracurricular activities and service to school, local, and/or Asian community, especially with SFVJACC. Applications must be postmarked by April 1, 2017.

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## ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIPS

### HOSHIKO HIRANO AWARD

This award honors the memory of Hoshi Hirano, the woman who started and developed the Girls Athletics program at our Community Center.

The purpose of the award is to recognize those girls who have contributed to the Girls Athletics program by their participation, performance and/or service to the program. The award committee will also consider any or all awards and performances by all applicants in all athletics/scholastic activities accomplished in high school.

This award is open to all senior girls graduating from high school this year. The candidate must have participated or is currently participating in the Community Center Girls Athletics program. For the purpose of the award this includes from Sure Shot to their final year of high school.

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### WAYNE YAMAMOTO MEMORIAL AWARD

The purpose of the award is to recognize a senior boy who has contributed to the San Fernando Boys Athletics program by his participation, performance and/or service to the program. The award committee will also consider any or all awards and performances by all applicants in all athletics/scholastic activities accomplished in high school.

This award is open to all senior boys graduating from high school this year. The candidate must have participated or is currently participating in the Community Center Boys Athletics program. For the purpose of the award this includes from Sure Shot to their final year of high school.

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### LAUREN TAGUCHI MEMORIAL YOUTH SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

The Lauren Taguchi Memorial Youth Service Scholarship is given to honor her memory as an active member of the SFVJACC Athletics as well as many other community organizations. As a student athlete, Lauren was a role model, friend and teammate who demonstrated sportsmanship on and off the court. A \$500.00 award will be given to the graduating high school senior who best demonstrates the spirit of volunteerism and citizenship, through community service. Applicants should be responsible students, active in school and in their community, as well as participated in SFVJACC Athletics for at least 5 years. The student selected will receive the award to be applied towards his or her college education. The scholarship will be awarded at the SFVJACC Athletics Jamboree.

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### EVAN NIIZAWA MEMORIAL CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Evan Yoshio Niizawa Memorial Continuing Education Scholarship is given in memory of his accomplishments, scholastic excellence and participation in athletics in the face of severe illness and life challenges. Evan was an inspiration to all who knew him and admired his determination in all aspects of his life. A \$1,000.00 continuing education scholarship provided by the Niizawa Family and SFVJACC Athletics is given to a current or past member of SFVJACC Athletics who has demonstrated scholastic excellence and overcame challenges during their life. The student selected will receive the award to be applied towards his or her college education.

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**ALL ATHLETICS APPLICATIONS MUST BE POST MARKED BY FRIDAY, March 10, 2017.**

**Winners will be notified and awards will be presented at the SF Athletics Jamboree, April 29, 2017**

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**COORDINATING COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONS—MEETINGS—CONTACT PERSONS**

Coordinating Council.....	1st Wed., 7:00 PM.....	Nancy Oda.....	818 786-0914
Community Center.....	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. (even months), 7 PM..	Tadao Okui.	818 515-8247
SFV Bonsai Club.....	4th Sun., 8 AM-12 PM.....		
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 .....	2nd Sat., 8:30 AM.....	Kiyo Watanabe .....	818 896-8612
SFV Judo Club .....	4th Wed., 7:03 PM.....	Kenji Couey .....	818 381-7232
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; 2nd Mon., 5-7 PM.....		
.....		Walter Zipusch.....	818 746-6677
Sunrise Foursquare Church.....		Reverend Paul Iwata .....	818 782-8738
Valley Japanese Community Center ...	2nd Fri., 7:30 PM.....	Christine Inouye .....	818 825-9583

**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:  
3rd Wednesday of every odd month.

**SPECIAL CLASSES**

Arts & Crafts.....	Monday	10:00 AM-12:00 PM	Sally Hamamoto	818 361-2902
Ballroom Dance.....	Tuesday	7:00-9:00 PM	Barbara Okita	818 784-5128
Bowling*, Matador Bowl .....	Thursday	9:30 AM	George Seko	818 998-0682
Bridge*.....	Monday	12:00-3:00 PM	Sam Toji	661 255-2824
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	Phil Shigekuni	818 893-1581
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
Hitomi's Cooking Class .....	4th Tuesday	7:00-9:00 PM	NJ Nakamura	818 893-6503
Ikenobo Ikebana .....	2nd/4th Wednesday	10:00-2:00 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	3:00-5:30 PM	Dianne 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
Nikkei Bowling League .....	Friday (Canoga Bowl)	9:00-11:00 PM	Stan Date	818 701-6607
Tuesday Mah-Jong* .....	Tuesday	1:00-3:00 PM	Asako Giegoldt	805 433-3763
Friday Mah-Jong* .....	Friday	1:00-3:00 PM	Yone Takimoto	818 765-6735
Ondo Dancing* .....	2nd/4th Friday	7:00-9:00 PM	Masako Rodriquez	818 899-8777
Ping Pong Club.....	Thursday/Tuesday	10:00 AM-3:00 PM	Aaron Sanwo	661 755-0584
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	Kenji Couey	818 381-7232
Tai Chi Class*.....	Monday	9:00-10:00 AM	Florence Takaaze	310 202-6693
Taiko .....	Thursday 7-8:30 PM	Sunday 10 AM-2 PM	Reid Taguchi	818 571-1797
Ukulele Class.....	Friday	9:30-11:30 AM	Call CC Office	818 899-1989
Yoga Class.....	Wednesday	10-11 AM, 11:15-12:15 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	9:30-11:00 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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Resident Minister: Rev. Patricia Usuki  
Temple President: Terry Ishigo

Sunday, 11:00 am Dharma School

**BUDDHIST TEMPLE CALENDAR**

**February**

- 4 10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Small electronics recycling
- 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Udon fundraiser
- 5 10:00 am Shotsuki monthly memorial service; annual general meeting
- 12 10:00 am Shakyamuni Buddha's memorial service
- 16 10:30 am Service at Nikkei Senior Gardens
- 18 9:30 am Dharma discussion
- 19 10:00 am Regular service
- 25 9:30 am Dharma discussion
- 26 10:00 am Regular service

**March**

- 5 10:00 am Temple clean-up
- 12 10:00 am Shotsuki monthly memorial service
- 16 10:30 am Service at Nikkei Senior Gardens
- 18 5:00 pm Chili-Bingo fundraiser – everyone welcome
- 25 1:00 - 4:00 pm Spring Equinox seminar
- 26 10:00 am Spring Equinox service

**April**

- 1 9:30 am Dharma discussion
- 2 10:00 am Combined Shotsuki monthly memorial and birth of Shakyamuni Buddha service
- 15 9:30 am Dharma discussion
- 16 10:00 am Regular service
- 20 10:30 am Service at Nikkei Senior Gardens
- 23 TBA
- 30 10:00 am Regular service



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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.sfjp.weebly.com](http://www.sfjp.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



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FAX: 818 341 1271

**Pastor: Ruy Mizuki**  
**Lay Leader: Jim Melichar**

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

**Bible Study Thurs @ 10 AM & 7 PM**

**Shotokan Karate of America  
Fri. @ 6:30 PM Rm.1**

Instructor: April Warynick  
[www.ska.org](http://www.ska.org)  
1 213 437 0988

**Electrobattles Dance for children  
Sat. @ 11 AM Rm.1**

Instructor: Sharon James

**Chi Fung Mind & Body Fitness  
Tuesday @ 10 AM Fellowship Hall**

Instructor: Leo Fong

**Fellowship @ High Noon Lunch &  
Activity - Wednesdays  
For info call Lowell (818) 694-1046**



**SUNRISE FOURSQUARE CHURCH**

5852 Laurel Canyon Blvd.  
Valley Village, CA 91607

English: Pastor Paul Iwata

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haruko.iwata@gmail.com

Website:

www.sunrisejapanesechurch.org

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(818) 642-2332

Sunday Morning Service - 10:30 a.m.  
(Prayer for Healing on 5<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CC**

**February 4, 2017**

SFV Japanese Language  
Institute New Year's Party

**March 12, 2017**

SFV JACL - *Under the Red  
Blood Sun*

**March 18, 2017**

SF Athletics Pancake Breakfast

**March - August, 2017**

SFV JACL Writing Workshop

**April 8, 2017**

Little Tokyo Service Center  
Seminar—Iku Kiriyama's Box

**April 16, 2017**

SFV JACL - "Meeting Asian  
Americans in Entertainment"

**April 29, 2017**

SF Athletics Jamboree

**May 6, 2017**

SFV Japanese Language  
Institute - Yard Sale

**May 13 - July 8, 2017**

SFV JACL - Telling Our Stories  
Writing Workshop

**June 3, 2017**

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