

## 2018 CC NEW YEAR'S LUNCHEON



SFV Taiko opened the program with a dynamic performance.



Lifetime Achievement recipient Frank Tanaka and his family.



2018 CC Board of Directors & Cabinet - Back row (L-R): Kay Oda, Jeremy Tsuneishi, Kiyo Watanabe, Bing Lau, Danny Okazaki. Front row (L-R): Akiko Manaka, Nancy Oda, Liz Doomey, Denise Tanaka



Rev. James Iwata of Sunrise Four-square Church did the invocation.



Consul Shigeru Kikuma, Kiyo Watanabe and Danny Okazaki did the ceremony of breaking the sake barrel (kagami biraki) which represents harmony and good fortune.



The beautiful floral arrangement was done by Ritsuko Shinbashi (pictured with her husband Ken).



"YEAR OF THE DOG"



2018 CC President  
Danny Okazaki



Emcee Jaclyn Tomita and  
Consul Shigeru Kikuma.

**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

The start of the year brings many of us all together for one or more New Year's celebrations. For myself, as a first-time President, it has been a great opportunity to meet many of you, as well as people from other organizations that make up our amazing communities. The generations of members from kids to grandparents, is especially capturing, as I watched kids, helping serve and clean up, and enjoying themselves just like the adults and realizing it can be fun spending the time with friends and family. In fact, when I was thanking one person for volunteering, he said it's easy when you want to be there! And getting to see my cousin and Yumi, an old friend, it also reminded me that these times give us an opportunity to be surprised and catch up with people that we have not seen in years, too.

It was a great honor being able to present the Lifetime Achievement Award to Frank Tanaka at our New Year's Luncheon and it was nice to see how happy he was to have family and friends there to support him. As we spoke, it was not only apparent how much he loved to give back and help, but also how much he appreciated his friends as he was continually praising and complimenting them, ensuring that I know how much they do, too!

Whether you're a member of Meiji Club, Ping Pong Club, Judo, Japanese School, Athletics, Girls Scouts, dance, music, Taiko, storytelling and any of the other great clubs offered, I can see how easy it would be for many close friendships to have formed!

I hope to see or meet you all during the coming events planned for this year. The Memorial Service, Family Day, Steak Dinner and of course, Super Bingo, will all be great opportunities to be with friends and meet new ones, too.

Danny Okazaki  
SFVJACC President



### Dr. Sanbo and Kay Sakaguchi Lilly Sakaguchi Thibodeaux Scholarships

Applications are available on  
the SFVJACC website.

Due April 1, 2018

See page 10 for more info on the  
CC & Athletics Scholarships

### 27 Years of Dedicated Service



Thank you to Doreen Kawamoto for her 27 years of serving as the representative of SFV JACL and Chatsworth West United Methodist Church to the Coordinating Council. Pictured with Doreen are members of Coordinating Council and the CC Board.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Michiko Anderson  
Derrick & Kelley Baker  
Jeanie Berger  
Ryan Dao  
Akiko Hasunuma  
Rita Higa  
Kuniko Higaki  
Sean & Andrea Holstein

Shoji Ikeda & Kay Teng  
Masanori & Victoria Ishida  
Jose & Jennifer Jimenez  
David & Celia Kwan  
George & Barbara Kurata  
Betty Kwong  
Angela Louie  
Sayaka Maejima-Gonzalez

Mari McQuay  
Gary Omura  
Randall & Eiko Page  
Erendira Penunuri Melendrez  
John Nakama & Hae Kyoung  
Choi Itzel Morales Rodriguez  
Jonathan & Yuki Rutner  
Jack & June Sakaji

Hortensia Sumida  
Brian & Jennifer Tam  
Michael & Jill Teagardin  
Cynthia Woo  
Noriko Yamanaka  
Suzie Yang

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

### **For the Months of November & December 2017**

#### **Donations**

Lipo and Dorothy Rosero  
Donation Tree Gold leaf in memory of brother Tommy Takimoto  
SF Athletics  
Year end donation  
Dorothy Yamamoto  
Albert and Mitzi Kushida  
Shigeko Muraoka  
William & Priscilla Ishibashi, Kathy Ishibashi  
In memory of Lyle Asaoka  
Anonymous  
Kay and Nancy Oda  
In appreciation of winning Super Bingo raffle prize  
Kathryn Frye  
In honor of father Dr. Bo Sakaguchi  
Patti Kimura  
In appreciation of winning Super Bingo raffle prize  
Kay and Nancy Oda  
In memory of sister Ernie Jane Nishii  
Greg Kimura  
United Way Charitable Contribution  
Liz Doomey  
Avon Rory the Lion Fundraiser  
Kay Saeivivat  
Teri Tanaka  
SFV Hongwanji Buddhist Temple  
John and Liz Doomey  
In memory of Ernie Jane Nishii  
John and Liz Doomey  
In memory of Shugiko Yamada

#### **Donations In memory of Tommy Takimoto**

Darlene Coyle  
Kent and Vicki Kuwata  
Bernardo and Patricia Rosero  
Paul and Lori Tamura  
Michiko Tokunaga Kus  
Johnny and Katsuko Yamada  
Toji and Hitomi Hashimoto  
Roy Imazu  
J. Van Osten

#### **Use of Facilities**

Japanese Calligraphy  
SFV JAACL  
Ping Pong Club  
Line Dance Class  
Senior Arts & Crafts  
Tuesday Exercise Class  
Yoga Class  
Friday Exercise Class  
Bridge Club  
Hitomi's Cooking Class  
Thursday Nite Basketball  
Aloha Club  
Hula Wahines  
Danny and Yumi Okazaki  
Harmonica Class

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#### **Miscellaneous**

Anonymous..... 1 (3 lbs) Coffee  
Tim and Harriet Elliott..... 2 (3 lbs) Coffee  
Rumiko Kojima ..... One box of persimmons  
SFV Ballroom Dance Class..... 1 (3 lbs) Coffee  
Smokey Sugii..... 1 (3lbs) Coffee

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

### **For the Months of November & December 2017**

Michiko Kus ..... Cookies, noodles, nori  
Kathryn Frye ..... Monetary donation in honor of her father Dr. Bo Sakaguchi  
Albert and Mitzi Kushida..... Monetary donation  
Marion Shigekuni and Mitzi Kushida ..... See's candies for kitchen volunteers  
Fumiko Miyata ..... Cake for the holidays  
Musashi Restaurant..... 100 lbs. rice, 3 pkgs. chopsticks  
Harry Nakada ..... Monetary donation  
Sherre Nakamura ..... Monetary donation  
Ken and Yoko Nomura ..... Fruit flavored jelly desserts for kitchen volunteers  
Jane Sato ..... Cakes for kitchen volunteers  
Sets Sato ..... Monetary donation  
Phil and Marion Shigekuni... See's chocolate for kitchen volunteers  
Yone Takimoto ..... Takuan  
Sylvia Yamashita ..... See's lollipops  
Ben Toyoshima..... Box of Belgium cookies

#### **Apologies to the Following For Omitting Their Donation in the Last Newsletter**

##### **Hot Meal (September & October 2017)**

Musashi Restaurant ..... 100 lbs. rice, 5 gals. oil, 5 gals. shoyu, 3 pkgs. Chopsticks

##### **Super Bingo Fundraiser (November 4, 2017)**

Craig Tanaka (Pepperidge Farms)

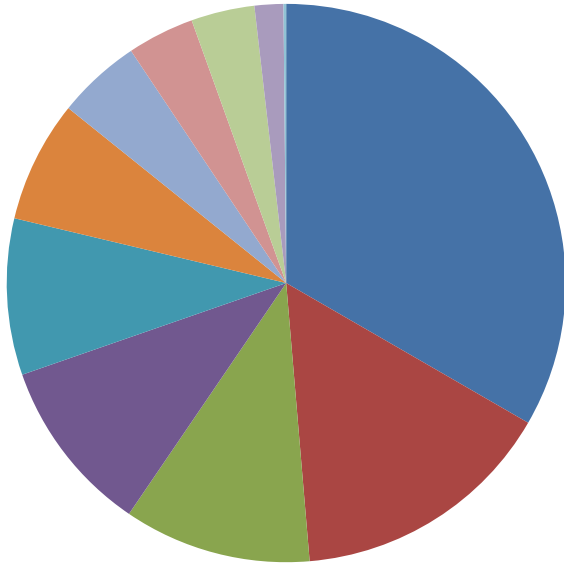
*Thank you so much for your generous donations!*

#### **Funny Quote of the Month**

I need to start eating healthy, but first I need to eat all the junk food in the house so it's not there to tempt me.

# 2017 SFVJACC Income/Expenses

## Income

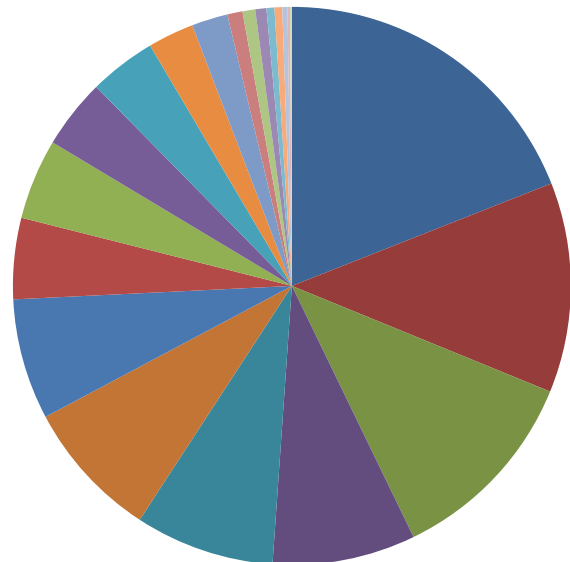


Income	Nov 14 - Oct 15
<b>Nikkei Senior Garden</b>	\$ 220,934.00
<b>Bert Corona Charter School</b>	101,500.00
<b>Dividends &amp; Interest Income</b>	71,870.00
<b>Fund raising</b>	67,374.00
<b>Grants - Keiro/JACCC</b>	60,000.00
<b>Membership</b>	46,693.00
<b>Donations</b>	32,167.00
<b>Hot Meal Income</b>	25,687.00
<b>Use of Facilities</b>	24,344.00
<b>Misc Income</b>	11,013.00
<b>Property Tax Reimbursements</b>	1,031.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 662,613.00</b>

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- Bert Corona Charter School
- Dividends & Interest Income
- Fund raising
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- Membership
- Donations
- Hot Meal Income
- Use of Facilities
- Misc Income
- Property Tax Reimbursements

## Expenses

Expense	Nov 14 - Oct 15
<b>Maintainence &amp; Supplies</b>	\$ 63,666.00
<b>Security - CCTV System/Wifi</b>	40,721.00
<b>Salaries</b>	38,957.00
<b>Utilities</b>	27,759.00
<b>Insurance</b>	27,029.00
<b>Depreciation</b>	26,935.00
<b>Hot Meal Expenses</b>	23,442.00
<b>Donations</b>	15,734.00
<b>Fund Raising Expenses</b>	15,626.00
<b>New Gym Roll-up Doors</b>	13,499.00
<b>Grant Expenses</b>	13,012.00
<b>Miscellaneous Expenses</b>	8,937.00
<b>Office Equipment &amp; Supplies</b>	7,018.00
<b>Property Taxes</b>	2,949.00
<b>Newsletter</b>	2,459.00
<b>Telephone</b>	2,156.00
<b>Postage</b>	1,535.00
<b>Scholarships</b>	1,500.00
<b>Koden</b>	1,000.00
<b>Professional Fees</b>	500.00
<b>Website</b>	350.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 334,784.00</b>



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### 2018 SFVJACC NEW YEAR'S INSTALLATION DONATIONS

Kelvin and Donna Arie	Karl and Sandy Nobuyuki
Jill Clever	Kay and Nancy Oda
Toji and Hitomi Hashimoto	SFV Hongwanji Bhuddhist Temple
Kaname and Kuriyo Inaba	SFV Japanese Language Institute
Ken and June Kageyama	SFV Meiji Senior Club
Ken and Priscilla Mui	Frank and Marge Tanaka
Yuriko Muso	Valley Japanese Community Center
Kazuko and John Nakama	Kenji and Kyoko Watanabe



The SFVJACC Girl Scouts lead the pledge of allegiance and helped serve tea and cake.



Grateful Crane Ensemble did a medley of oldies & Japanese songs.



## San Fernando Valley Japanese Language Institute

By Kiyo Watanabe, PTA President

Happy New Year from San Fernando Valley Japanese Language Institute! We hope all of you enjoyed celebrating the holidays with family and friends.



On Saturday, January 20, our students, school staff, PTA members and special guests were treated to the longstanding Japanese New Year's tradition of Mochitsuki. The students took turns pounding sweet rice to make mochi. Then, they had the opportunity to eat the yummy mochi with their favorite toppings. SFVJLI 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. Despite chilly and windy conditions, the event was truly enjoyed by everyone who attended!



SFVJLI will be hosting our annual New Year's Party on the evening of Saturday, February 3. Bento boxes in two different sizes will be available for purchase at the party. There will be a supervised kids' room, plenty of entertainment and a raffle fundraiser activity at the event. In addition, 2017 Nisei Week Queen, Jordyn Adachi (who was sponsored by SFVJACC) is scheduled to be joining us at the party. It is sure to be a memorable evening. If you would like to donate items for the raffle fundraiser, please contact Kiyo Watanabe at [watanabekiyo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:watanabekiyo@sbcglobal.net) or [SFVJLI@hotmail.com](mailto:SFVJLI@hotmail.com).





# SFV Meiji Senior Citizens' Club New Year's Party

Shinnen Akemashite Omedeto Gozaimasu, Happy New Year.

Thank you Nancy Gohata for doing a fine job as MC, our members and our honored guests for attending the Meiji Senior Citizens' Club 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual New Year's Luncheon. A special thank you to the Country Western Group and the Meiji Ono Dancers for providing entertainment for the luncheon. Congratulations to Gerri Radman, recipient of the 2017 Meiji Club Recognition Award for her years of service to the members of the Center and to Faye Kodani, the winner of a \$100 raffle prize.

I would like to thank the officers and board members for their support in 2017. Most of these men and women have been board members serving you our member for years. We are always looking for additional seniors to join us on the first Friday of the month to continue our efforts for improvements to the Meiji Club. A Special thank you to Kay Yamada for her guidance these past few years and for taking care of the Casino trips. To Grace Iwamasa for doing the Las Vegas Trips. These trips take a lot of planning and they do a fine job of keeping our members happy. The next Las Vegas trip is February 12<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup>. 2017 set a new membership record of 405 members. As our population gets older Meiji also reaps the reward of new members turning 55 or older. Thank you for supporting the club.

Our purpose and goals are to provide our membership with activities and programs that help keep our seniors active and informed. We would like to continue this in 2018. Many seniors took advantage of Nancy Takayama's computer and cell phone classes due to the grant received from Keiro. Thank you, Nancy, for continuing your hard work in 2018. We also have had several programs last year, diabetes classes, Judd Matsunaga's Elder Law seminar and AARP Senior Driving Class. Also, there are different activities at the Center five (5) days a week. Please check the newsletter for them.

Please send your suggestions for programs, seminars, field trips or other activities you would like to have to the SFVJACC attention: Meiji Club or email or text to Liz Doomey – [lizdoomey@yahoo.com](mailto:lizdoomey@yahoo.com) (818-429-4096). Help us help you to a better and healthier 2018.

Thank you and my wish for everyone is to have a fabulous 2018.

Liz Doomey, President

## We welcomed seventeen members into the 85-Years Young club in 2018:

George Baba	Teresa Dang	Sumako Gosselin	Richard Hirasuna	Ikuo Matsudau
Chizuko Morita	Sachiko Mukai	Fred Oda	Taeko Oguri	Jerry Omiya
Harriet Nishizaka	Ikuyo Sakaguchi	Sachiko Sakamoto	Marge Sato	Richard Toguchi
Reiko Tsutsui	Sumi Yamaguchi			

## Member and Organization Raffle Prize Donors:

Avon – Liz Doomey	John & Liz Doomey	Cathy Fujimoto
SFV Ballroom Dancers	SFV Judo Club	Michiko Tokunaga Kus
Wally & Joy Longworth	Judd Matsunaga, Elder Law of CA	SFV Meiji Ono Dancers
SFV Ping Pong Club	SFV Athletics	SFV Hongwanji Buddhist Temple
SFV Japanese Language Institute	SFV Japanese American Community Center	SFV JACL
SFV Meiji Bowling	Yone Takimoto, Tuesday Mah Jong & Hanafuda	Sylvia Yamashita

**Emcee:** Nancy Gohata

**Photographer:** Gene Lew

**Sound System:** Nancy Takayama

## 85-Years Young Lei Makers:

Hilda Cardoso	Maddy Corpuz	Liz Doomey	Audrey Fukunaga
Carol Miyake	Leslie Shirasawa	Carol Miyake	Leslie Shirasawa
Stephanie Stewart	Denise Tanaka		

## Volunteers:

Hale Chiba	Kimi Chiba	John Doomey	Liz Doomey	Fuji Fujimoto	Akira Ishii
Alan Lew	Joy Longworth	Wally Longworth	Yoshi Matsuda	Evelyn Matarai	Joel Nakama
Saeko Nakamori	Joanne Nakamura	Mark Nakamura	Alex Oda	Kay Oda	Kyle Oda
Marion Shigekuni	Ken Shinbashi	Ritsuko Shinbashi	Jean Shinsato	Ray Shinsato	Linda Tanaka
Noriko Ueda	Clay Yahiro	Kay Yamada	Midori Yamane	Harris Yoneoka	

I apologize for any names omitted.



Jean Shinsato (L) presented Gerri Radman with the Meiji Recognition Award.



Deputy Consul General Hiroki Matsuo



New members of the 85 Years Young Club

### 2018 SFV MEIJI NEW YEAR'S LUNCHEON DONATIONS

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|------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Clever, Jill           | Morita, Chizuko                   | Shigekuni, Phil/Marion           |
| Fujimoto, Kisui        | Nakamura, Mark/Joanne             | Shinsato, Ray/Jean               |
| Gohata, Yas/Nancy      | Oda, Fred/Gladys                  | Shishido, Anna                   |
| Goto, George/Grace     | Oda, Kay/Nancy                    | Sugii, Smokey/Toshi              |
| Hazama, Yoshiko        | Okazaki, Danny/Yumi               | Tanaka, Frank/Marge              |
| Inaba, Shigeko         | Pasadena Nikkei Seniors, Inc.     | Tanijiri, Katie                  |
| Kageyama, Ken/June     | Sakaguchi, Dr. Bo/ Iku            | Tashima, Ron                     |
| Kimura, Sumie          | Sakamoto, Sachiko                 | Valley Japanese Community Center |
| Kushida, Albert/Mitzi  | Sato, Eiji/Marge                  | Watanabe, Kenji/Kyoko            |
| Longworth, Wallace/Joy | Sato, Robert/Setsumo              | Yamada, John/Kay                 |
| Matsuda, Ike/Yoshi     | Seinan Senior Citizens Club, Inc. | Yamaguchi, Hiroshi/Yoshiko       |
| Mitarai, Evelyn        | SFV Hongwanji Buddhist Temple     | Yamaoka, Ruby                    |
| Mochizuki, Yaeko       | SFV Japanese Language Institute   |                                  |
| Monji, Yoshiko         | SFVJACC                           |                                  |

Country Western Group



Some of the young volunteers that helped with serving and clean up.



Meiji Ondo Dancers



### ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

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

#### Meetings:

**First Saturday of the Month**  
(except for January, July, September)

**Time: 10 am - 12 pm**

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



## Christmas Bells by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

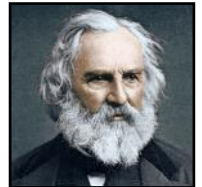
By Old Wakaba Bud Sagara

During my research for another story, I came across an article regarding the origin of the Christmas carol "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day." This popular carol was inspired by a poem, "Christmas Bells," by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Even though Christmas has passed, I felt that the back story about Longfellow was noteworthy and possibly of some comfort to those who have lost loved ones.

The Christmas season is traditionally a time for family, reflecting on the blessing received during the past year, eating too much, and going to parties and gatherings. Yet, for many people, like Longfellow himself, personal tragedies make Christmas a particularly painful reminder, akin to ripping off the scab from a wound. It bleeds anew. Longfellow's poem, "Christmas Bells," does not sugar coat the deep personal problems we encounter in life, but it renews our hope in bringing light to the darkness.

Even though he was one of America's most acclaimed poets, he did not escape personal tragedy. On July 9, 1861, his beloved wife, Fanny, burned to death in an accident in their home. She was apparently using a candle to melt sealing wax to close an envelope containing a locket of one of their daughter's hair. In the midst of melting the sealing wax, she set her gauzy dress afire. Longfellow was awakened in the next room by her screams, but in his futile efforts to put the flames out with his own body to save his wife, he suffered burns to his arms, hands and face. Fanny fell into a coma and died the next day.

He was not able to attend his precious wife's funeral because of the severity of his burns. Later, to hide his facial scars, he grew the beard that gave him the wise, distinguished look captured in so many later paintings and photographs of him. The scars on his face had made shaving very difficult, so the beard was more of a necessity than vanity. Over time, his physical wounds healed, but there were inner scars and deep anguish within his soul. There were long periods of silence, except for a letter to his sister-in-law, Mary Appleton Mackintosh, a month after Fanny's death. In the letter, Longfellow revealed the depth of his hurt. The letter read, "How I am alive after what my eyes have seen, I know not. I am at least patient, if not resigned; and thank God hourly - as I have from the beginning - for the beautiful life we led together, and that I loved her more and more to the end." He kept this pain quietly within him until he wrote "The Cross of Snow" eighteen years after Fanny's death. He wrote, "These eighteen years, through all the changing scenes and seasons, changeless since the day she died." For those of us who have lost loved ones, this mystery of "changing yet changeless" is familiar, but hard to describe. We lift up the Asaoka, Kajiki, Suenaka, Takimoto families and others who have recently experienced the loss of a loved one.



On Christmas Day in 1863, Longfellow wrote "Christmas Bells" after listening to the church bells ring. Even though the Civil War was raging and the pain in his own heart from the loss of Fanny was so real, he still clung to the promise of a better future. His famous poem begins:



I heard the bells on Christmas Day  
 Their old, familiar carols play,  
 And wild and sweet  
 The words repeat  
 Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

The forth stanza captures Longfellow's anger and hopelessness about the Civil War which included his son, Charles, who was wounded and almost paralyzed while serving in the Union Army.

"Then from each black, accursed mouth  
 The cannon thundered in the South,  
 And with the sound  
 The carols drowned  
 Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"

The poem then gracefully turns to Longfellow's deep faith in God and the promises that good will prevail over all evil. God is the only answer to all our emptiness and he is the giver of perfect peace. Longfellow continues:

"And in despair I bowed my head;  
 'There is no peace on earth,' I said;  
 'For hate is strong,  
 And mocks the song  
 Of peace on earth, good-will to men!'

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:  
 'God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;  
 The Wrong shall fail,  
 The Right prevail,  
 With peace on earth, good-will to men.'"

*Romans* 8:28 reads, "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose." Our life experiences certainly tell us that not everything that happens to us makes us feel good.

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That is because we live in a fallen world where evil reigns. This verse assures us that God uses every circumstance that we face for our long-range good. God's plan may not specifically include our happiness for all occasions, but he has a unique purpose for each of our lives. Henry Longfellow embraced this hard lesson during his years of sorrow. We may not understand what God has in store for our futures, but we should hold fast to his promises and the faith that he has given to us. Faith in God is not a leap into the dark; it is a response to the light.



## Volleyball Club

Join us on the 1st, 3rd  
and 4th Sundays

5-6 pm - Middle School  
6-7:30 pm - High School  
7:30-9 pm - Adults

Come make  
new fiends  
and have  
some fun!



# Girl Scout Cookie Season Is Here!

Ask me about cookies or visit [girlscoutcookies.org](http://girlscoutcookies.org)



## Support Girl Scout Troop 1466!

The girl scouts will be selling cookies at the Super Bingo  
Volunteer Dinner on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>.

Cookies are \$5/box.

Please see the CC website for more information.



Thank You!

# **All Scholarship Applications Now Available on the CC Website - Go to [www.sfvjacc.com](http://www.sfvjacc.com)**

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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, 2018.

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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.

**ALL ATHLETICS APPLICATIONS MUST BE POST MARKED BY FRIDAY, March 9, 2018.  
Winners will be notified and awards will be presented at the SF Athletics Jamboree, April 28, 2018.**



## **SFVJACC Athletics**

# **Pancake Breakfast!**



**Saturday, March 17, 2018**

**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!*

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE

9450 Remick Avenue, Pacoima CA 91331



## **Chili Cook-Off & Bingo Fundraiser**

**5:00 PM, Saturday, March 24, 2018**

Admission\*: \$8/person for dinner and one free Bingo game!

Bingo - additional cards: \$2/card or \$5/3 cards.

Menu: Chili, rice, side dishes, and dessert.

\* Chili cook-off contestants receive free admission  
PLUS 2 free Bingo cards for the first game!

To place an order or enter the cook-off, please contact temple  
(SFVHBT@gmail.com or 818.899.4030) or  
John Mullins (jamullins@gmail.com or 714-749-2937).

## HAWAIIAN-STYLE GOSPEL DANCE CLASSES



Ladies (ages 2–102):


You're invited to Hawaiian-style gospel dance classes. They're fun, free, and full of fellowship. Please join us and bring your lady and girl friends and neighbors along too. Dress comfortably.

No RSVP needed.

**Saturdays, March 3, 10 & 17**


**9:30 - 11:30 am**

Crossway Church, in Howe Hall  
9610 Haddon Avenue, Pacoima




## YOGA CLASS

MIND&SOUL  
EVERY WEDNESDAY 10:00AM  
SAN FERNANDO VALLEY  
JAPANESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY CENTER HALL



AKIKO CHAN  
12953 BRANFORD STREET, PACOIMA, CA 91331

A photograph of a person sitting on a large rock in a desert landscape under a blue sky with clouds. The person is wearing a red shirt.

### WORK PLACE GIVING CAMPAIGN & MATCHING GIFTS

Does your work place or company do employee giving campaigns or matching gifts to non-profit organizations? Consider naming our Community Center as a recipient. Thank you to our members that have been doing this for years. Your donations do help!

## ZUMBA fitness with *keiko* at SFVJACC



**Location: Pioneer Hall at San Fernando  
Japanese American Community Center**

**\$ 5.00 per class for CC Members  
\$10.00 per class for Non-Members**

**Class will meet every  
Monday 7:30p.m. - 8:30p.m**

**\*Wear comfortable clothes and tennis shoes,  
and bring water and towel.**



**For more information please contact Margaret Takimoto: [jncmom@aol.com](mailto:jncmom@aol.com)**

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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.....	Call CC Office .....	818 899-1989
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 .....	Pastor Ruy Mizuki.....	818 341-1270
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....	Kazuhiko Nakanishi ..	805 492-3439
SFV Hongwanji Buddhist Temple .....	2nd Mon., 7:30 PM.....	Terry Ishigo.....	818 899-4030
SFV JACL .....	2nd Wed., 7:00 PM.....	Nancy Gohata.....	818 371-8013
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 Club.....	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
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:  
2nd 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	818 302-6658
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	Janet Yamamoto	818 365-8361
Kokusei Shigin Class.....	Tuesday (J-School)	10:00-11:30 AM	Shigeru Kamimura	818 992-4673
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	Yone Takimoto	818 765-6735
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
Shigin Class (Kokusei).....	Thursday (J-School)	10:00-11:30 PM	Shigeru Kamimura	818 992-4673
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 .....	Sunday	10 AM-2 PM	sfv.taiko@gmail.com	
Ukulele Class.....	Friday	9:30-11:30 AM	Call CC Office	818 899-1989
Yoga Class.....	Wednesday	10:00-11:00 AM	Call CC Office	818 899-1989
Zumba.....	Monday	7:30-8:30 PM	Margaret Takimoto	818 701-7628

**SUPPORT GROUPS & SERVICES**

Alzheimer's Support Group.....	1st Saturday	10:00 AM-12:00 PM	Facilitator: Isabelle Miyata
Blood Pressure Screening* .....	3rd Friday	9:30-11:00 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.



**SAN FERNANDO VALLEY  
HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE**

9450 Remick Avenue, Pacoima  
818 899-4030 sfvibt@sfvibt.org  
www.sfvibt.org

Resident Minister: Rev. Patricia Usuki  
Temple Co-Presidents:  
Priscilla Mui and Jean Taguchi

Sunday, 11:00 am Dharma School

**February**

- 3 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Udon fundraiser
- 4 10:00 am Shotsuki monthly memorial service; annual general meeting
- 11 10:00 am Shakyamuni Buddha's memorial service; Mochi-tasting party - everyone welcome, suggested donation \$10 - includes a package of komochi and many delicious ways to prepare mochi
- 15 10:30 am Service at Nikkei Senior Gardens
- 17 9:30 am Dharma discussion  
7:00 pm Movie Night - "Harimaya Bridge"  
Everyone welcome - contact temple
- 18 10:00 am Regular service
- 25 10:00 am Temple clean-up

**March**

- 3 9:30 am Dharma discussion
- 4 10:00 am Shotsuki monthly memorial service
- 11 10:00 am Regular service
- 15 10:30 am Service at Nikkei Senior Gardens
- 17 9:30 am Dharma discussion
- 18 10:00 am Spring Equinox service  
Spring Equinox seminar - Rev. Dr. Duncan Williams on his new book, *American Sutra: Buddhism and the World War II Japanese American Experience* - everyone welcome, but please RSVP to temple
- 24 5:00 pm Chili-Bingo fundraiser - everyone welcome (see flyer)
- 25 TBA
- 31 9:30 am Dharma discussion

**April**

- 1 10:00 am Combined Shotsuki monthly memorial and birth of Shakyamuni Buddha service
- 7 9:30 am Dharma discussion
- 8 10:00 am Regular service
- 15 10:00 am Regular service
- 19 10:30 am Service at Nikkei Senior Gardens
- 22 No service at SFVHBT (temple retreat)
- 28 9:30 am Dharma discussion
- 29 10:00 am Regular service



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**Office Phone:**

818 896-1676 (English)  
(818) 899-4115 (Japanese)

Please refer to our website for more information: [www.crosswaysfv.org](http://www.crosswaysfv.org)

**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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Chatsworth, CA 91311  
818 341-1270

E-mail: [chatsworthumc@juno.com](mailto:chatsworthumc@juno.com)  
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

Email: pmiwata1@hotmail.com  
haruko,iwata@gmail.com

Website:

www.sunrisejapanesechurch.org

Japanese: Pastor Haruko Iwata

Phone: (818) 782-8738  
(818) -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 3, 2018**

SFV Japanese Language  
Institute New Year's Party

**March 17, 2018**

SF Athletics Pancake  
Breakfast

**March 25, 2018**

SFV JACL - "Day of  
Independence" Screening

**April 7 - 20, 2018**

SFV JACL - "Telling Our  
Stories Workshop

**April 21, 2018**

SFV Hongwanji Buddhist  
Temple Yard Sale

**April 28, 2018**

SF Athletics Jamboree

**May 5, 2018**

SFV Japanese Language  
Institute Yard Sale

**May 27, 2018**

Veterans Memorial Service



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**All Graduating High School Seniors**

**Yonsei Scholarships**

The **Yonsei Basketball Association's Scholarship** Information and application will be available online at **yonseibasketball.com** on **February 1, 2018**.

There will be multiple scholarships available, ranging from \$1,000-\$1,500.

Applications will need to be postmarked no later than May 1, 2018.



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1. Complete the information below.  Family Membership- \$60.00  
 2. Make check payable to "SFVJACC"  
 3. Send your check and this form to: SFVJACC – Membership  Single Membership- \$40.00

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