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Super 60th Anniversary Celebration

By Nancy Oda and Photos by Bill Inoshita



More than one hundred families sacrificed everything so that today, sixty years later, nine hundred fifty families have a safe place to thrive. In 2020, it is still incredulous to think of determination and grit it took to build our center. The dream started in nearby homes during the challenging post war resettlement period. Their mission was to preserve the Japanese culture and to promote the Japanese American experience through education, events, and activities. Fortunately for us, it became a reality that we have enjoyed for sixty years.

With these dreams the families began to gather for community picnics as seen in 1955 photos with vintage cars in the background. Bravely they began to draw up plans and went about making a *tanomoshi* (money pooling) realizing that together they would be stronger. Present on January 11, were the honorable founders George Tsukashima (first Treasurer), George Murakami, Kinya Tatsumi and Sekai Yamanouye.

Founder Kinya Tatsumi brought four generations of his family to the celebration. He modestly said that he is happy the family still comes to the CC and that his granddaughter, Tiffany Pearlstein, is a board member. The flag salute was led by her children, Joshua and Ryan Pearlstein.

It was fun to connect with the family of Harold Muraoka and Harry Nakada along with family of the late George Asao, George Harada, Kenji Kihara, Mas Imamoto, Takeshi Monji, Robert Mukai, Fumio Muto, Kenji Nitta, Mas Noda, Mits Usui, Frank Sagara, George Sakamoto, Akira Sakamoto, Jim Shiba, Richard Suenaka, Shigeo Takimoto, Toshio Takimoto, and Tosh Takayama.

Our beautiful MC, Tamlyn Tomita, was passionate about recognizing the women behind the men. She encouraged everyone to start collecting your family stories. Los Angeles Deputy Consul General Hiroki Matsuo greeted the guests with an invitation to the Tokyo Olympics. Recognition came from State California Assembly member Luz Rivas who lauded the founders' spirit. Monica Rodriguez of Council District 7 also sent congratulations. You know it's a special day when past President George Murakami pulled out his red suspenders!

Kinya Tatsumi and Family.



George Tsukashima and Family



George Murakami and wife Frances



Sekai Yamanouye and niece, Dorothy Rosero.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year

We gather here today because of the amazing foresight, hard work, financial sacrifices and commitment for the future generations by the founders of San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center.

Growing up in ELA we had no centers like this. I can't imagine our founders picking up their lives after internment, struggling to make a living, and providing for their families. They had the vision to look to the future and provide a place where families could meet and play safely while preserving the Japanese Culture.

Our pioneers didn't have a forty hour work week. It was many more, then after work they came together to help build the CC.

For the past year we have tried very hard to identify all of our founders. Despite our efforts we have probably missed someone. All our living founders and descendants here today represent all those amazing men, women and children who built the center.

Now fast forward to today. Although times have changed, the main goal is the same as the founders. That is to have a place for our children, grandchildren, friends, and neighbors.

The Future Planning Committee has met for three years, sent out a survey, and conducted two focus groups to discuss the need and feasibility for a multipurpose building. It would be space that would be used for large groups, judo tournaments or regulation basketball games. There would be a raised stage for performances and several classrooms. Nothing will be built without board approval and substantial funds raised to ensure its success.

In 2020, following the lead of the founders, we know that we are stronger together. We want organizations to feel at home and have a chance to enjoy the community center together.

Thank you for coming today to honor the founders and their families.

Kay Oda
SFVJACC President



謹賀新年

私達は、今日ここに素晴らしい先見性、勤勉性、財政的犠牲と献身性をお持ちになり次の世代の為に懸命に頑張られたCCの創立者の方々を奨励する祝いの会を設けました。

幼少期をELAで過ごしましたが、ELAにはこの様なセンターはありませんでした。想像を絶する強制収容所の生活から引き揚げて我が身の生活もままならぬ時に、この場所を選び、将来の子供達の為に皆が集まれて日本文化を継承できる場所を作ろうという先見の考えが創立者の方々にはおありでした。先駆者は週40時間以上働き、また更にセンターを建てる為に力を合わせて尽力を費やされました。

創立に関わった方々を探すのに数年が掛かりましたが完全なリストでないかもしれません。今日は今も元気でいらっしゃる創立者、そして創立者のご家族に世代を超えて集まって頂きました。

昨今、時は速く流れているように感じます。時代は変わりましたが子供や孫の為に、友達や近所の人々が集まる場所を確保し維持するという考えは創立者の方々とまったく同じです。

未来図委員会を3年前に立ち上げ、会員のみなさんへもアンケートに協力して頂きました。多目的ビルの必要性と実現可能性について議論するために2つのフォーカスグループを作りました。大きなイベント、柔道のトーナメントや競技規則にそったバスケットボールの試合に使用される体育館の設立。もうひとつはパフォーマンスが見易いようにステージを高く設置し

Keiro Grant Spring Field Trip For Seniors

Our Center was awarded a grant for senior one day trips, including transportation, admission and lunch.

Where: **Reagan Library "Egypt's Lost City"**
Date: **Wednesday, March 25, 2020**
Cost: **\$10 reservations (Refundable on trip)**

If you're interested in going, contact the CC office
(818) 899-1989 or email
christine_inouye@sfvjacc.com
nancy_oda@sfvjacc.com



60th Anniversary T-Shirt

Limited supply

Honoring Our Founders

\$10 per T-Shirt

Call the CC office (818) 899-1989
or email

lois_okui@sfvjacc.com
christine_inouye@sfvjacc.com

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

For the Months of November & December 2019

Donations

SFV JACL.....
 SFV Meiji Senior Citizens Club
 SF Athletics
 Year-end donation
 Robert and Ina Inouye.....
 Legacy Tree Foundation Grant
 Robert and Juliet Ozawa
 Albert and Mitzi Kushida.....
 Dale Kadonaga and Family
 In memory of husband Sho Kadonaga
 Mark and Joanne Nakamura
 In appreciation of the activities at the CC
 Cheryl Shojinaga and John Fukunaga
 Schwab Charitable Contribution
 Lorraine Shimizu
 In memory of husband Rex Shimizu
 Victor Muraoka
 Grace Iwamasa
 In memory of husband Gil Iwamasa
 Momoyo Chikasawa
 Special donation
 Greg Kimura
 United Way Charitable Contribution
 Kazuko Yoshida
 Pamela Hamashita
 Suzi Delander
 Kay Saevivat
 Jon Oda.....
 Mary Ishimoto.....

Donations In memory of Miyoko Violet Imazu

Terri De La Torre and Family
 Kay and Nancy Oda
 Yas and Nancy Gohata
 Karl and Sandy Nobuyuki.....
 Coleen O'Neill.....
 Hiroyo Sakaguchi
 Eiji and Marge Sato
 Ken and Ruth Shinbashi.....

Use of Facilities

Ikenobo Ikebana.....
 Meiji Ono Dance.....
 Ping Pong Club
 Hitomi's Cooking Class.....
 Jan & Co.....
 Thursday Nite Basketball
 Wednesday Nite Basketball
 Tuesday Exercise Class.....
 Yoga Class
 Mah Jong & Hanafuda Groups.....
 Walter Louie
 SF Guardians, SF Dragon Ballers,
 SF Raptors
 Friday Exercise Class.....
 Senior Arts & Crafts.....
 Bridge Club.....
 Harmonica Class

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Miscellaneous

Sumi Davis.....3 Boxes and 3 bags of persimmons
 Mr. Fukuda.....2 Large Boxes of Persimmons
 Rumi Kojima 1 Box of Persimmons
 Ron and Janet Kondo 1 Box (180 Ct) Coffee-Mate
 Creamers
 Eiji Sato..... 1 Case (10 reams) copy paper

DONATIONS TO HOT MEALS

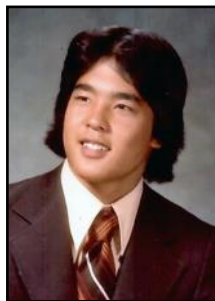
For the Months of November & December 2019

George Abe Helen Oda Abe..... Monetary donation
 Davis Sumi..... 4 Boxes of Kaki
 Mr. Fukuda..... Kaki for Hot Meal lunch
 Al and Mitzi Monetary donation
 Fumiko Miyata and
 John Chung-Kaneda..... Holiday cake for lunch
 Musashi Restaurant..... 200 lbs. Rice, 5 gals. soy
 sauce, 35 oz. dashi seasoning
 & 4 pkgs. Chopsticks
 Lauren Nakamoto One hot air pot
 Ken and Yoko Nomura Chocolate chip cookies for
 kitchen volunteers
 Setsuko Sato Monetary donation - In memory of
 husband Robert Sato
 Eiji and Margie Sato Monetary donation
 Leo Tanaka..... Large box of Fuyu Kaki
 Cherry Uyeda..... Cherry Christmas Basket for
 kitchen volunteers

Correction to the September/October Hot Meal Donations

George Oda & Fugetsudo manju - In memory of
 Mike Anderson Grace Oda Anderson

*Thank you so much for
your generous donations!*



In Memory of Son and Brother, Todd Matsuda

The Matsuda Family: Ike, Yoshi, Stuart and Michelle, made a \$10,000 donation to the SFVJACC Athletics program in memory of their son and brother, Todd Matsuda. Todd participated in SFVJACC Athletics as a youth and excelled in sports at Poly High

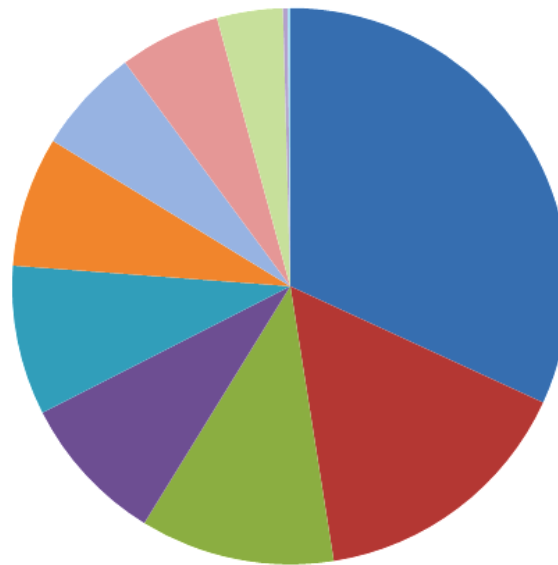
School in Sun Valley. Todd played both baseball and football and was selected to the 1978 All East-Valley League First Team Defense as a Linebacker. He was also voted Varsity Football Captain and Most Valuable Player by his teammates.

2019 Income & Expense Report

Income

November 2018 - October 2019

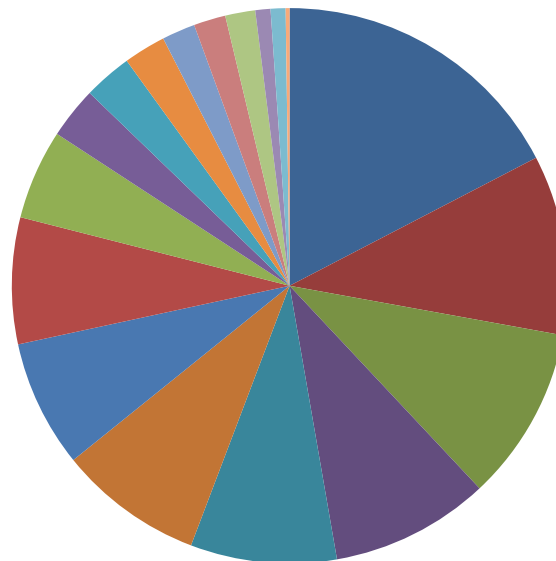
Nikkei Senior Gardens	212,917.00
Bert Corona Charter School	104,500.00
Fund raising	75,432.57
Gain on Sale of Securities	58,145.76
Dividends & Interest Income	58,080.06
Donations	50,542.60
Membership	40,960.00
Use of Facilities	39,270.00
Hot Meal Income	25,544.00
Property Tax Reimbursements	1,901.00
CC News	937.00
Total Income	\$668,229.99



Expenses

November 2018 - October 2019

Maintenance & Supplies	53,863.02
Utilities	32,484.34
Insurance	31,495.25
Salaries	28,683.00
Painting of Building	26,363.95
Fund Raisers	26,129.18
Professional Fees	22,969.65
Hot Meal Expenses	22,817.77
Office Equipment & Supplies	16,235.97
Donations	9,310.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	8,731.01
Equipment	7,606.12
Scholarships	6,000.00
Property Taxes	5,760.78
Newsletter	5,417.22
Payroll taxes	2,729.50
Telephone	2,693.14
Koden	700.00
Total Expenses	\$309,989.90



2019 CC Combined Coordinating Council Year End Dinner-Annual General Meeting

By Nancy Oda

The center has been bringing families, organizations, and clubs together for more than sixty years. We plan to keep it that way with inviting, and engaging activities.

Often, these well planned meetings are poorly attended but this time it was full of energy and anticipation. Why? A good dinner from Stone Fire Grill always draws a crowd!

Despite a rainy night, seventy five members came out to a Combined Coordinating Council year end dinner and CC General Meeting that is required. At 7:00 pm, CC President Kay Oda welcomed everyone and presented LAPD Sergeant Jesse Ojeda a check that went towards local needy youths during the holiday season. SLO Adriana Munguia sent beautifully wrapped LAPD Division 16 pins.

CC Treasurer, Denise Tanaka, gave the 2018 report that is available on page 3. The Endowment Committee report was presented by Dick Kaku who was pleased that the accounts have been growing with the professional help of Wells Fargo. Board member, Bing Lau, prepared slides on club policies that will be a guide for both new and old clubs. The purpose is to ensure quality, safely vetted programs aligned to our mission to preserve the Japanese culture through education, activities, and events. Forms are available upon request.

Finally, Future Planning Committee member, Eric Hirota, discussed the building site analysis, parking, site location options, building spaces, construction costs that is considered a basic phase.

The second part of the evening was dedicated to the Coordinating Council representatives. Each representative introduced a special volunteer while Danny Okazaki presented a certificate with words of appreciation. Our Center depends on our volunteers whose community minded spirit takes care of the place and its many programs.

- Future Planning Committee - Chair, Margaret Takimoto recognized Eric Hirota
- Hot Meals - Hot Meal director Kei Inoue recognized Harris Yoneoka
- SFV Meiji Senior Club - Liz Doomey recognized Janet Yamamoto
- Nikkei Senior Gardens - representative, Toji Hashimoto recognized Mieko Akima
- SFV Hongwanji Buddhist Temple - representative, Jean Taguchi recognized Ray Kawamoto
- SFV Athletics - co commissioner, Margaret Takimoto recognized Karen Muranaka
- SFV JACL - representative, Mitzi Kushida recognized Nancy Gohata and Nancy Takayama
- SFV Judo Club - Club President, Kenji Couey recognized Sensei Richie Endow
- Valley Japanese Community Center - representative, Joy Longworth presented Ken and June Kageyama
- Tuna Canyon Detention Station Coalition - President Nancy Oda recognized Nancy Teramura Hayata

Although all of these members were gratefully acknowledged, 93 year old Ralph Ahn and his wife, Ann, 95, stole the show walking to the stage for their twenty years of teaching balance, strength, and breathing techniques.

Thank you to dessert bakers, Liz Doomey, Mitzi Kushida, Joy Longworth, Sharlene Miyagishima, Margaret Takimoto, and Nancy Hayata. Kudos to Bing Lau, Lois Okui, John Pearlstein, Denise Tanaka and Nancy Takayama for helping.

As always, everyone cleaned up and put tables and chairs away. Then, the President mopped the floor and turned off the light around 8:30. Another good day!

Photo credit: Mario Reyes



Third row (L-R): Ralph Ahn, Ray Kawamoto, Kiyoshige Watanabe, Toji Hashimoto, Harris Yoneoka, Eric Hirota, Ken Kageyama, Kenji Couey. Missing: Kay Oda and Danny Okazaki.

Second row (L-R): Nancy Oda, Jean Taguchi, Denise Tanaka, Margaret Takimoto, Tommy Uyeda, Aaron Sanwo, Sensei Richie Endow.

First row (L-R): Karen Muranaka, Ann Ahn, Nancy Gohata, Mitzi Kushida, Mieko Akima, Janet Yamamoto, Liz Doomey, Nancy Hayata, June Kageyama, Joy Longworth, Nancy Takayama.

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The 2020 Community Center Board was installed by Crossway Church's Reverend Roland Hazama who also said grace before the meal. Our apologies for the chicken entree that was served late to twenty people to an otherwise perfect day.



L-R: George Tsukashima, Kinya Tatsumi, CC President Kay Oda, Vice Consul General Hiroki Matsuo and Bonsai Club President Akira Kimura, George Murakami, Byl Yamanouye and Kenji Watanabe toast in the new year after performing the Kagami Wari (Breaking of the Sake Barrel).



Vice Consul General Hiroki Matsuo and Emcee Tamlyn Tomita



Spotlight on The Community

Entertainment began with the San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple Gatha Singers who selected "Clean Rain," and "The Family Tree" led by Nancy Gohata that reminds us the fragility of life yet strength of mankind to carry on. Dorothy Shiba bowed deeply in memory of her husband, founder Jim Shiba.



Emily Woo

Girl Scout Emily Woo impressed the gathering with her interviews of Irene Sumida, (Shigeru Nitta), Margaret Takimoto (Kenji Nitta), and Kenji Watanabe. They described the journey as farmers and gardeners creating a place for youth to enjoy, then space for our aging parents at Nikkei Senior Gardens. Emily's proud parents, Tauren, Anita, and brother, Kian were beaming.

Sensei Masako Rodriguez was recognized as the leader of Meiji Ondo dancers by Tamlyn who also is a member of the group.

She added that the late Fumio Muto, Rafu Mandolin band leader, would be thrilled to watch his daughter, Janet Yamamoto, lead the group with "Karachi Otoko Bushi" and elegant "Daitokyo Bushi". There was audience participation with the "Tanko Bushi" mindful of our agrarian and gardening past.



SFV Taiko opened up the program with a powerful performance.

Meiji Ondo Dancers



Assemblywoman Luz Rivas presented President Kay Oda with a certificate of

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The lovely 2019 Nisei Week Princess Ariel Imamoto (Mas Imamoto) welcomed guests at the door. Thanks to our Heritage level sponsor who wishes to remain anonymous and Legacy sponsors who are the KINOHA group and the SFV JACL and organizations for their generosity, making it a grand day.

Darling Harriet Furuya led us in "Auld Lang Syne." She was sixteen when she performed it at the first dedication on December 12, 1959. Past presidents, Kelvin Aarii, Yasu Gohata, Toji Hashimoto, Ken Mui, George Murakami, Karl Nobuyuki, Kay Oda, Nancy Oda, Danny Okazaki and Kenji Watanabe joined her in song. Next time, we should rehearse!



SFV Hongwanji Buddhist Temple Gatha Singers

Volunteers in Action

Behind the scenes of the 60th Anniversary were board members, Tadao and Lois Okui, Akiko Manaka, Denise Tanaka, Elizabeth Doomey, Bing Lau, Sharlene Miyagishima, Tiffany Pearlstein, Jeremy Tsuneishi, and Kiyoshige Watanabe.

Representatives from the San Fernando Buddhist Temple, Japanese Language School, SFV Athletics, SFV Judo Club, and Nikkei Senior Gardens created an inviting display area with historic memorabilia, cookbooks, and spirit wear.

Nancy Takayama created a review of images from the past and present that brought many tears as well as laughter. The SF Bonsai Club brought an elegant 15 year old blooming rosemary in a gigantic pot trained by Kazuhiko Nakanishi that was auctioned then purchased by Kristen Wood.

We were awestruck with masterpiece ceremonial calligraphy by Master Yasoji Matsuoka that read 'Pioneering Spirit.' It was done in one continuous stroke evenly and spaced perfectly. The Japanese Language Institute also brought wonderful New Years greetings in shuji.

We appreciate the extra help from John Doomey, Bill Inoshita, Shawn Iwamoto, Evan Kodani, Patti Kimura, Richard Miyagishima, Gary Nakada, Jon and Monique Oda, Sharon Tatsumi, and Kristen Wood. Lucky guests took home the cyclamen centerpieces that Cathy and Yosh Nakano cultivated.

Red goodie bags went home with each guest filled with a T-shirt and keepsake pin. If you want a T-shirt or event CD, contact Nancy Oda at Nancy_Oda@sfvjacc.com by April 15. The T-shirt folding brigade consisted of Bing Lau, Craig Kadonaga, Miye and Cami Kodama, Jocelyn Joaquin, Ben Masuda, Jocelyn Joaquin, Patti Kimura, Glenn Miyagishima, Gary Nakada, Kay and Nancy Oda, Yvonne Oda, Lois and Tadao Okui, Renee Uemura, and Darlene Yamauchi. Thank you to AI Tokunaga for the great print work and Ritsuko Fong for the art.

As you can see, many dedicated people were part of the perfect day from its inception to fulfillment just like in 1959.

Donations to 60th Anniversary Celebration

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| Abe, Helen Oda | Inaba, Shigeko | Murakami, George/Frances | SFV Japanese Language Institute |
| Anonymous | Itagaki, Charles | Muranaka, Charles/Karen | SFV Judo Club |
| Anonymous | Kadonaga, Dale | Muraoka, Shigeko | Shiba, Dorothy |
| Anonymous | Kadonaga, Larry/Diane | Muraoka, Victor/Lois | Shimizu, Yukiko |
| Clever, Jill | Kageyama, Ken/June | Nakada, Doug | Tajiri, Edward/Margaret |
| Daniels, Joanne Ikuta | Kameya, Harold/Ellen | Nakagiri, Don/Yuki | Takeshita, Bill/June |
| Delander, Suzi | Kaneko, Chris | Nakamura, Mark/Joanne | Tanaka, Denise |
| Endo, Mary M. | Kawamoto, Ray | Negoro, Harvey/ | Tonai, Minoru |
| Endow, Noreen | Kinoha, Inc. - Foothill Palms | Miyata, Isabelle | Tsutsui, Herb/Reiko |
| Frye, Dexter/Kathy | Mobile Home Park | Nikkei Senior Gardens | Tuna Canyon Detention Station |
| Tim Manaka - | Koyano, Duane/Karen | Niwa, Amy | Uejima, Akio |
| FIA Insurance Services | Kuratomi, Linda | Oda, Kay/Nancy | Uyeda, Cherry |
| Hashimoto, Toji/Hitomi | Jonokuchi, Andrew | Ping Pong Club | Valley Japanese CC |
| Hiji, Frank/Betty | Linder, David /Candice | Saito, Elaine | Watanabe, Kenji/Kyoko |
| Hollywood Japanese | Longworth, Joy | Sakaguchi, Hiroyo | Yamamoto, Dorothy |
| Cultural Institute | Matoi, Joanne | Servera, Antonio | Yamashita, Norma Jean |
| Iida, Lorraine/Fudenna, Keith | Monji, Yoshiko | SFV Athletics | Yoneoka, Harris/Diane |
| Imamoto, June | Motoyama, Evelyn | SFV Hongwanji Buddhist Temple | |
| Isa, Yuki | Mui, Ken/Priscilla | SFV JACL | |



SFV MEIJI SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB NEW YEAR'S PARTY

By Liz Doomey

Congratulations to our new president of the Meiji Senior Citizens Club, Ritsuko Shimbashi. We wish her the best in her new position and give her all our support from her new board.

On January 18th, the Meiji Senior Citizens Club had our Annual Installation Luncheon which was well attended by family and friends. Thank you to Nancy Gohata who did an excellent job as our Mistress of Ceremonies. A special thank you to the Meiji Club groups for providing great entertainment - Meiji Ondo Dancers, led by Janet Yamamoto; Hula Wahines, led by Susan Akamine; and Jan & Co, led by Janet Schuetze.

This year's recognition award was presented to Janet Schuetze for creating and participating in the musical groups for over 25 years. We are pleased to honor her for providing musicians from Country Western, Ukulele and Jan & Co. to perform at the CC events.

We congratulated the 19 recipients for celebrating their 85th birthdays in 2020.



Incoming president Ritsuko Shimbashi with outgoing president Ken Kumagai.



(L-R): Liz Doomey presented Janet Schuetze with the Recognition Award.

Ray Kawamoto was the big \$100 raffle prize recipient.



New Members of the 85 Years Young Club



Back row (L-R): Eiji Fukumoto, Reiko Iga, Ray Kawamoto, Ray Shinsato, Nobuo Sugahara, Front row (L-R): Janet Schuetze, Setsuko Sato, Irene Cardenas, Grace Goto, Jan Kondo, Tomi Muranaga, and Kyoko Watanabe.

Donations to the SFV Meiji Senior Citizens Club New Year's Luncheon

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| Anonymous | Monji, Yoshiko | Shinsato, Raymond & Jean |
| Asaoka, Mitsu | Moriguchi, Reiko | Shishido, Anna |
| Clever, Jill | Nakamura, Richard & NJ | Tanaka, Denise |
| Gohata, Yasunori & Nancy | Pasadena Nikkei Seniors, Inc. | Tanaka, Frank & Marge |
| Goto, Harumi Grace | Sanwo, Aaron & Carolyn | Toshima, Ron & Jeannie |
| Kawamoto, Raymond | Schuetze, Jan | Valley Japanese Community Center |
| Kodani, Powell & Faye | SF Athletics | Watanabe, Kenji & Kyoko |
| Lew, Gene & Genevieve | SFV Hongwanji Buddhist Temple | Yamada, Johnny & Katsuko |
| Matsuda, Ikuo & Yoshiko | SFV Japanese American Community Center | Yamaguchi, Hiroshi & Yoshiko |
| Judd Matsunaga - Elder Law Service of California | SFV Japanese Language Institute | Yamaoka, Ruby |
| | Shigekuni, Pihillip & Marion | |

Raffle Donations

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| Doomey, John & Liz | SFV Japanese American Community Center | Tanaka, Frank & Marge |
| Moriguchi, Reiko | SFV Japanese Language Institute | Toshima, Ron & Jeannie |
| Nakamura, Richard & NJ | Shigekuni, Pihillip & Marion | Valley Japanese Community Center |
| Pasadena Nikkei Seniors, Inc. | Shinsato, Raymond & Jean | Watanabe, Kenji & Kyoko |
| Sanwo, Aaron & Carolyn | Shishido, Anna | Yamada, Johnny & Katsuko |
| Schuetze, Jan | Tanaka, Denise | Yamaguchi, Hiroshi & Yoshiko |
| SF Athletics | | Yamaoka, Ruby |
| SFV Hongwanji Buddhist Temple | | |

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2020 Meiji Club Board Members - (L-R): John Doomey, Yoshi Matsuda, Jean Shinsato, Ritsuko Shinbashi, Genevieve Lew, Kay Yamada, Grace Iwamasa, Liz Doomey, Ray Shinsato and Ken Kumagai.

More Meiji Club News -

- Get on the bus for an opportunity to win BIG BUCKS! The Las Vegas trip is February 10th-13th and will be staying at the California Club. Contact Grace Iwamasa at (818) 368-9086 for availability.
- Our next bingo will be after hot meal on Friday, February 21st. The San Manuel Casino trip is tentatively scheduled for March 18th. Contact Kay Yamada (818) 763-4861 for the sign-up sheets if you are interested in joining the Gamblers.
- If you would like to have me research any other programs please call me with your requests, Liz Doomey (818) 429-4096 or email lizdoomey@yahoo.com



*In Celebration of
Yone Takimoto*

On December 5, 2019, Yone Takimoto passed at the age of 97. Yone lived a long fulfilled life and the many activities at the San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center kept her busy and sharp, this could not have been possible without those who surrounded her here. She attended as many Community Center functions as

she could. Always looking forward to playing Mahjong and Hanafuda with her friends at the weekly Senior Hot Luncheons; sharing sweets and tsukemono as a way to express her love. She savored kintoki shave ice at the annual Obon festival and had a love for Vegas and the many trips to casinos with Meiji Club. One of her favorite Community Center events was Bingo Nights and she also enjoyed all the Arts & Crafts club activities. She delighted in many other Community Center events, activities, and dinners. Many will miss her gifts of calendars, crocheted scrubbers, pens, and jars of her homemade pomegranate jelly.

On January 4th, so many people filled Sakaguchi Hall to celebrate the life of Yone. They shared a meal, enjoyed the company of old friends and family, and shared memories through stories and pictures. A meal would not be the same without Yone's favorite meal, SWEETS! which were brought by many. Thanks to all who assisted in the celebration for Yone. The family takes comfort by the love, support, and generosity given by so many SFV Community Members. Yone will be missed and never forgotten.

**Seeking Queen
Candidates For 2020**



Ariel Imamoto,
2019 SF Queen

As part of the annual Nisei Week Festival, we are seeking a queen candidate to represent the SFVJACC.

Qualifications:

1. Single woman who has never been married or had children
2. Between the ages of 19 to 25 years
3. 50% Japanese ethnicity
4. USA citizen or legal permanent resident
5. Family connection to our Community Center

Contact NJ Nakamura
for more info: 818-893-6503 or email
njnakamura.nj@gmail.com

DEDICATION OF THE NEW PINE TREE



On Saturday, January 18th, the SFV Bonsai Club and the CC dedicated the new pine tree, located in the garden in front of the gym. Pictured (L-R): John Doomey, Roy Imazu, Akira Kimura, Bonsai President Kazuhiro Nakanishi, Meiji Club President Ritsuko Shinbashi, Frank Tanaka and CC President Kay Oda. The new tree replaces a 50 year old black pine, donated by Frank Tanaka in the 1960's, that didn't survive the severe heat a couple of years ago.

RITSUKO SHINBASHI ANNOUNCES HER RETIREMENT AS THE IKEBANA INSTRUCTOR



In the beginning of the new year 2020, I would like to inform my retirement as the teacher of Ikenobo Ikebana class at this community. I thank all board members, staffs of this community and all of the students of my class for their countless support and cooperation. I want to express my deepest appreciation to all of them. All of the students have been so elegant and enthusiastic in brushing up their skill. I really enjoyed being with them for many years.

I hereby introduce my successor; Ms. Mayumi Dennis. She joined Ikenobo Los Angeles Chapter in 2007 as an instructor having highly qualified teaching experience for numerous years in the U.S.A. as well as learning experiences at Ikenobo Headquarter - Kyoto, Japan. I sincerely ask you for continued support and cooperation to her.

In closing my greeting, I would like to once again express my sincere appreciation to all of you and wishing you a happiness and a prosperity on the year 2020.

Yours faithfully,
Ritsuko Shinbashi
Ritsusui Shinbashi
Soritsu Shinbashi

ご挨拶

皆様におかれましては、輝かしい2020年をお迎えになられたこととお喜び申し上げます。私事、池坊生花教授者として長年にわたり携わって参りましたが、一身上の都合により、昨年末を持ちまして引退することいたしました。長年慕って下さった多くの生徒さん方から、身にあまるご支援とご協力を賜わり、また、たくさんの楽しい思い出を頂き本当にありがとうございました。改めて心から感謝申し上げます。そして、当コミュニティセンターの役員、会員の方々からのご支援、ご鞭撻をも賜り心より厚く御礼申し上げます。

私の後継者 デニス真由美さんは、2007年に池坊ロスアンゼルス支部の教授として入会致しました。京都池坊本部へ勉強に赴いたり、各方面で生花教授者として活躍されています。皆々様の暖かいご支援とご指導を私同様に賜りますよう、切にお願い申し上げます。

末尾にあたりまして、皆様方のご多幸とご健勝を心からお祈り申し上げます、私のご挨拶とさせていただきます。長い間 お世話になり、誠にありがとうございました。

新橋 律子
新橋 律翠 (華名)
新橋 宗律 (茶名)





San Fernando Valley Japanese Language Institute

By Kiyo Watanabe, PTA President

The 2020 SFVJLI events started off well with the Annual SFVJLI Mochitsuki. In the CC Courtyard on a sunny January 25, 2020, the Takeshita and Sakamoto Families showed the students how to make mochi. Each student and the teachers, PTA members and others who helped with the event, pounded mochi and then ate the freshly made treat.

SFVJLI would like to thank everyone from the Takeshita and Sakamoto Families for their generous and continued support. SFVJLI would also like to thank everybody who attended and helped at our delicious event.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



The 78th Annual SFV JACL Installation Luncheon



On January 19, at the JACL Installation Luncheon, PSWD Board Member Ryan Yoshikawa swore in the members of the Board. They are (L-R): President Nancy Takayama, Dennis Okita (Treasurer), Barbara Okita (Recording Secretary), Phil & Marian Shigekuni, Kiyo Fukumoto (hidden), Al Kushida, Linda Tanaka, Marcia Mahony (hidden), Mitzi Kushida, Nancy Gohata, Nancy Oda, Michiko Tokunaga Kus, Geri Shiraki, May Wood (missing).

Class of 2020

High School & College Students

Announcing 2020 Scholarships

See page 13 for descriptions of the scholarships.

SF Athletics Scholarships

Must be received by March 20, 2020

Hoshiko Hirano Scholarship

Wayne Yamamoto Award Scholarship

Lauren Taguchi Memorial Youth Service Scholarship

Evan Niizawa Memorial Continuing Education Scholarship

SFVJACC Scholarships

A variety of opportunities are available for you.

Dr. and Mrs. Sanbo Sakaguchi

For academic excellence

Lily Sakaguchi Thibodeaux Scholarship

For Leadership and Service

Mrs. Kazuko Sakaguchi

For Visual or Performing Arts

Contact: nancyoda64@gmail.com

Deadline: April 15, 2020

SFV JACL Scholarship

Deadline: April 15

Dr. Sanbo and Mrs. Kay Sakaguchi Scholarship

For academic excellence



Home

By Old Wakaba, Bud Sagara

What are the reasons you call Southern California home? There's probably hundreds of different answers if one asks and some will say that another place is called "home". It's like trying to explain what "beauty" is -- it's all in the eye of the beholder. Commonly, there is an emotional attachment to an area because that's where someone was raised or where their family lives. Enjoying where we live is far more important to our well-being than we may think. Practical reasons for where we live like proximity to work, good schools or Costco are fine for a time, but they are not generally satisfying over the long haul. Discovering areas of attachments help us to understand why we live where we do.

For me, it's not so much the stores, restaurants, schools, or work that caused me to remain in the Valley, but the comfort and familiarity of the area itself. There's that welcoming feeling when returning from LAX on the 405 Freeway when the whole Valley sparkles in late night splendor as my old Camry starts coasting down into the Valley. There are other familiar landmarks of my youth like the Steam Plant in Sun Valley with its four red and white smoke stacks that can be seen for miles. The gravel pits, public dumps and junk car lots that littered much of Sun Valley are unsightly but integral parts of my home identity. The brown foothills above Sylmar, Lake View Terrace and Sun Valley on a clear day whisper stories of long ago *Issei* farmers and flower growers looking up at those same hills while working the land to make a home for themselves and the Japanese-American generations to come.



Sun Valley Steam Plant

Of course it's the people who really make somewhere a home. I remember many of the adults at the CC when I was a kid, who committed their time and resources to build the gathering place that we still enjoy today. It's not the buildings, but the people who for generations have given life to the place. Many of the men who strived to make the vision of the CC a reality before and after its incorporation in 1951 were honored at the installation ceremony in January. This is a place where all age groups have the opportunity to meet others to form relationships, some lasting a lifetime as mine have. Socialization has the added benefits of discovering the best place to buy things for less, receiving recommendations for doctors and dentists, and finding a person to play mahjong with. The CC was a place where a boy could learn judo from Sensei Seigoro Murakami, who was one of the highest ranking judo instructors in the United States by the 1960's. Visiting Murakami-sensei at his Seigo Nursery in North Hollywood, dressed in street clothes was so different than the formal discipline at the dojo. His sons, Roy and George, did the heavy work back then while the rest of the family, including the grandkids, who are now running the nursery today, all contributed to the business. My dad would also take my brother and me to the Hashimoto Brothers Nursery in Arleta to purchase plants for our next landscaping job, where the Hashimoto sons, Toji and Hiko, toiled in the hot Valley sun. Today, that nursery is gone, but now Nikkei Senior Gardens stands on the property through the generous donation of the Hashimoto family. Nikkei Senior Gardens is another example of a wonderful community for seniors who thrive by nurturing new relationships and connections with other residents. The Executive Director of NSG, Mike Motoyasu, and staff make it a priority that the residents feel at home there.



Nikkei Senior Gardens

The CC fosters a sense of belonging to a community that goes beyond the past Japanese-American neighborhood enclaves of Allegheny Street in Sun Valley, Blythe Street in North Hollywood, Bromwich Street in Pacoima and others. These were neighborhoods where kids just like me had plenty of room to ride their bikes, play football in the street, eat cuttlefish without anyone complaining, and fly kites on windy days. In vacant lots or in backyards, kids would sometimes dig huge holes as forts that were large enough for kids to stand up in without being seen from the street. On empty patches of land all the way up to Hansen Dam, wildflowers would bloom with bright yellows and purples after the winter rains. I truly miss those childhood images.

There was the miniature golf course on Laurel Canyon just west of Sheldon Street where the neighborhood kids would go when they saved a few quarters from gardening work with their dads. There were also trampolines at ground-level which were fun as long as you didn't bounce off course and hit the concrete apron. Ouch! Some dads were not gardeners and worked at Lockheed Aircraft, General Motors, Litton Industries, Rocketdyne, Libra Scope or other emerging technology industries. These economic drivers built up the middle class in the Valley and spurred homebuilding that spread over the land that was once vegetable and flower farms run by *Issei* and *Nisei* families. Most of the aforementioned places are gone or drastically changed since I was a kid, but they hold me to the Valley.



There is something magnetic about home. It always draws us back. Do you remember when you were a kid and stayed over at a friend's house for the first time and longed for home? Did you miss your old room when you first went away to camp or college and had to share a room with strangers? King David ends the well-known Psalm 23 in saying, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever." David realized that God promises that all things that would happen to him will be for his eternal good; even trials and trouble, though unpleasant, would ultimately be for his benefit. Although David lived in a variety of abodes from caves to palaces during his life, his true home was not in any of those locations. He looked forward to living in God's house. God's eternal home is the heaven we certainly don't deserve, but one that is freely given. All we must do is come to him earnestly; and then, we will be home at last.

**All Scholarship Applications Now Available on the CC Website -
Go to www.sfvjacc.com**

SFVJACC SCHOLARSHIPS

DR. SANBO SAKAGUCHI SCHOLARSHIP

The Dr. Sanbo Sakaguchi Scholarship is the most prestigious recognition awarded at the San Fernando Valley Japanese American 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.

KAY FURUTA SAKAGUCHI SCHOLARSHIP

The Kay Furuta Sakaguchi Visual and Performing Arts Scholarship is given in memory of Kazuko Sakaguchi, wife of Dr. Sanbo Sakaguchi and a patron of the arts including the Asian American Symphony. This scholarship was started by her niece, Helen Nina Oda Abe.

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.

All 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 the SFVJACC.

Applications must be postmarked by Wednesday, April 15, 2020.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Applications must be received by Friday, March 20, 2020.

Winners will be notified and awards will be presented at the SF Athletics Jamboree.

SFV JACL SCHOLARSHIPS

DR. AND MRS. KAY SAKAGUCHI SCHOLARSHIP

The Dr. Sanbo and Mrs. Kay Sakaguchi Scholarship supports outstanding graduating high school seniors and undergraduate students with interests in social justice and civil rights. Generously funded by the Sakaguchi family, longtime supporters of the Japanese American community, the award is administered by the San Fernando Valley chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL). The JACL is the nation's oldest and largest Asian American civil rights organization. Deadline: April 15.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Udon Fundraiser

Saturday, February 22, 2020 • 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

It is time again for the Temple's *delicious Udon Sale!*

The price of each udon is \$8.00. You may eat at the Temple or take out.

Order deadline: Saturday, February 15, 2020.

You may place your order by putting your payment & order form in SFVHBT's mail box at SFVJACC, or by mailing the attached tear off, or by contacting the temple: sfvhbt@gmail.com or (818) 899-4030

Thank you for your continued support.

In Gassho, San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

----- tear off -----

Udon Order Form

I wish to order _____ udon @ \$8.00 each Total: _____

Please return this tear off with checks made payable to: SFVHBT
9450 Remick Avenue, Pacoima CA 91331

Name _____ Phone or E-mail _____

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Chili Cook-Off, Bingo, & Bake Sale

5:00 PM, Saturday, March 28, 2020

Admission*: \$10/person for dinner and one free Bingo game!

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

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

* 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 fill in the form below and return it with your payment to SFVHBT (9450 Remick Avenue, Pacoima CA 91331); or contact Doreen Kushida (neerodk@gmail.com or 818-899-4030) or Mitzi Kushida (818-360-6718) or the temple (SFVHBT@gmail.com or 818-899-4030).

Thank you for your supporting our fundraiser!

 I will enter the Chili Cook-off (free admission plus 2 free Bingo cards for the first game)

_____ additional dinners at \$10 each (includes 1 Bingo card) \$ _____ total enclosed

Name: _____

Phone or e-mail: _____



Girl Scout Cookie Season Is Here!

Ask me about cookies or visit girlscoutcookies.org



**Cookies
\$5.00
per
box**

Support Girl Scout Troop 1466!

The Girl Scouts will be selling cookies from January 26—March 15, 2020.

Come buy their cookies on Saturday, February 29 at the SF Athletics' Picture Day.

To order cookies, contact Alyssa Geromini or Joanna Ng at gstroop1466@gmail.com

SFVJACC Athletics

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 21, 2020



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 Athletes



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Janet Chi
Tracey Chinn
Carol Chiu
Reed & Melissa Clement
Sheri Dizon
Penny Emmons
Zara Franco
Lindra & Debby Frandinata
Kai Gonzalez
Larry Gott


Joe & Yuki Healy
Michael & Jody Holcomb
Michael & Lydia Ikeda
Byung Kim
Douglas Lee
Judah & Angelita Lim
Pakin & Jennifer Liptawat
Catrina Louie

Richard Miyagishima
Barbara Miyamoto
Dave Mohajer-Rahbari
Greg Morchower
Joe & Maria Ogata
John & Amy Paukulis
Tracy Reedy
Martin Ryan

Yosuke & Tomoko Sata
Manuel Saucedo
Sei Shimura
Marcus So
John & Michelle Sunada
Dayna Tanaka
Edwin & Milagros Valderrama
Eugenia Villarreal
Matthew & Mitsuki Walters
Minoru Yoshimoto

Keiro Forum: Caregiving

Join us for part one of our three-part Keiro Forum: Caregiving series, designed to discuss different aspects of the caregiving journey to enhance our confidence as caregivers. This free event will feature two workshops:

-  **How to start conversations around advance planning**
-  **Tips for hands-on caregiving**



WHEN: Saturday, April 18, 2020 | 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center
12953 Branford St., Arleta, CA 91331

REGISTER: Registration opens online Monday, February 10, 2020.
Hosted bento lunch for registered attendees.

CONTACT: Visit keiro.org/caregiver-forum or contact Kent Marume at kmarume@keiro.org, or 213.873.5708.



keiro.org |  

All programs are FREE unless otherwise noted and are made possible by Keiro along with support from our community partners, donors and volunteers.



2019 San Fernando Pee Wee Basketball Clinic

Saturdays (May 9, 16, 30 and June 6, 13)

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

SFV Japanese American Community Center

12953 Branford Street, Pacoima, CA 91331

Clinic Director: Curtis Takimoto

1993-2007 SFVJACC Athletics - Terminators

2003 Frosh, 2004 JV, 2005-2007 Varsity Basketball - Chatsworth HS;

2005-2011 - Counselor Pierce Brahma Basketball Camp (Ages 8-12); 2007-2012 UCI Intramural Basketball

2012-present NAU Basketball; 2016 JV Basketball Coach Beckman HS, Irvine

C.O.R.E Basketball League Director - Corona Del Mar; 2016 Yonsei Boys' Assistant Coach

2016-2017 JV Basketball Assistant Coach South Pasadena HS; 2018-2020 Coach Cypress HS;

2019 Yonsei 26 Boys' Head Coach

\$60 (includes Coaching by SF Coaching Staff, Jersey and Basketball!)

Register Today! (There's space for only 25 boys and girls! First come, first served!)

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

5 Saturdays of fun!

(8-year-olds who have never played before also welcome)

To register, go to www.sfvjacc.com or for more information, call Margaret (818) 621-8670 or email: JNCMOM@aol.com • All forms and payment due by April 1, 2020.

COORDINATING COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONS - MEETINGS - CONTACT PERSONS

Coordinating Council.....	3rd Wed., 7:00 PM	Danny Okazaki	818 899-1989
Community Center	1st 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.....	Rev. Karen Murata	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... ..	818 517-7907
SFV Bonsai Club.....	4th Sun., 8 AM-12 PM..	Kazuhiko Nakanishi	805 492-3439
SFV Hongwanji Buddhist Temple.....			
.....	2nd Mon., 7:30 PM.....	Carolyn Sanwo	818 899-4030
SFV JACL.....	2nd Wed., 7:00 PM.....	Nancy Takayama.....	818 601-6296
SFV Japanese Language Institute.....	2nd Sat., 8:30 AM.....	Kiyo Watanabe.....	818 237-8540
.....			818 896-8612 (Office)
SFV Judo Club.....	4th Wed., 7:03 PM.....	Kenji Couey	818 381-7232
SFV Meiji Senior Citizens Club... ..	1st Fri., 12:30 PM.....	Ritsuko Shinbashi.....	818 892-0470
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.....	Joy Longworth.....	818-896-7775

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

Call Tadao Okui
at 818-517-7907 or
email:
tadokui@aol.com

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

Email:
loisokui@aol.com

CC Deadline:
The 15th 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	Sam Nakata.....	818 894-5307
Bridge*.....	Monday.....	12:00-3:00 PM.....	Ray Shinsato	818 767-5550
Country Western Music*	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	Call CC office.....	818 899-1989
Harmonica Class*	Friday	1:00-11:30 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.....	Mayumi Dennis	818 224-3346
Japanese Calligraphy.....	1st/3rd Thursday.....	9:30-11:00 AM.....	Call CC office.....	818 899-1989
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.....	Call CC Office	818 899-1989
Mandolin.....	Friday	9:30-11:00 AM	Call CC Office	818 899-1989
Nikkei Bowling League.....	Tuesday (Winnetka Bowl).....	8:00-10:00 PM.....	Stan Date.....	818 701-6607
Tuesday Mah-Jong*	Tuesday.....	1:00-3:00 PM	Call CC office.....	818 899-1989
Friday Mah-Jong*.....	Friday	1:00-3:00 PM	Call CC office.....	818 899-1989
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
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	10:00 AM-2:00 PM	sfv.taiko@gmail.com....	818 899-1989
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

YOUTH SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Girl Scouts..... 3rd Saturday..... 2:00-4:00 PM..... Troop Leader: Akiko Manaka

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

11:00-12:30 PM..... Nikkei Pioneer Conference Room

(Times for the podiatrist is approximate.)

*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 sfvhtb@sfvhtb.org
www.sfvhbt.org

Resident Minister: Rev. Patricia Usuki
Temple President: Carolyn Sanwo

Sundays, 11:00 am Dharma School

February

- 2 10:00 am Shotsuki monthly memorial service; Annual General Meeting
- 8 10:00 am BWA meeting
- 9 10:00 am Regular service
Jr. YBA Tea Party fundraiser
- 15 9:30 am Dharma Discussion
- 16 10:00 am Regular service
Basics of Buddhism class
- 22 Udon fundraiser
- 23 10:00 am Temple clean-up

March

- 1 10:00 am Shotsuki monthly memorial service
- 8 10:00 am Regular service
- 15 10:00 am Regular service
- 19 10:30 am Service at Nikkei Senior Gardens
- 22 10:00 am Spring Equinox service
Spring Equinox seminar after lunch following service
- 28 TBA Dharma Discussion
5:00 pm Chili-Bingo fundraiser
- 29 10:00 am Regular service
Basics of Buddhism class

** Drop My Ego - everyone welcome!
Learn something new and live
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Please contact SFVHBT for class location and other information or to sign up. Cost is \$35 for 3 or more DME classes throughout the year or \$15/class.



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between Branford and Osborne St.)

Office Phone:

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

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

Sunday Schedule

10:00 AM
Worship Service

Lunch and Fellowship
after worship service on the
1st Sundays

Wednesdays, 10 am
Prayer @ Pastor's house



**Chatsworth West
United Methodist
Church**

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

10824 Topanga Canyon Blvd.
Chatsworth, CA 91311
818 341-1270

E-mail: chatsworthumc@juno.com
FAX: 818 341 1271

Pastor: Karen Murata
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
Tommy Matsuda

www.ska.org
818 999-0412

**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

Church address:
5853 Laurel Canyon Blvd.
Valley Village, CA 91607

Pastors:
Rev. Paul Iwata
Rev. James Iwata

Meetings and Addresses:
Sunday Morning Service – 10:30 a.m.
(Prayer for Healing – 5th Sundays)

Sunday Evening Service – 6 p.m.
Thursday Night Bible Study – 6 p.m.
In the Prayer Chapel at
14705 Wyandotte St.
Van Nuys, CA 91405

Worship Praise and Service Preparation
every Saturday at 3 p.m.

Monthly Events:

2nd Sunday – Board Meeting
After the service at church

Prayer on the last Friday of the month from
8 p.m. in the Prayer Chapel

Counseling is available for individuals,
couples, and families. Please call.

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Seminary Classes taught by Pastor Paul in
Biblical Studies and Greek/Hebrew.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CC

February 1, 2020
SFV Japanese Language
Institute New Year's Party

February 2, 2020
SFV Judo Club Super Bowl
Party

March 7, 2020
SFV Japanese Language
Institute Kurimanju Sale

March 21, 2020
SF Athletics Pancake
Breakfast

April 4, 2020
Tuna Canyon Detention
Station Exhibit w/California
Teacher's Association

April 18, 2020
Keiro Forum: Caregiving
(See flyer on page 16)

April 25, 2020
SFV Ballroom Dance - Spring
Dance

May 2, 2020
SFV Japanese Language
Institute Yard Sale

SFV JACL PRESENTS A Trip Down Memory Lane
MUSIC OF THE '50s and '60s

Performed by
GRATEFUL CRANE
Ensemble

Saturday
February 22, 2020
2pm

Community Center Sakaguchi Hall
12953 Branford St, Pacoima 91331
\$15. Donation
\$10. Bento
(Bento Pre-order Deadline: Sun, Feb 16, 2020)

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