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Bringing in 2021

By Bing Lau



It was just before Christmas when the idea of having an Online Virtual New Year's Eve Toast popped into my head. Maybe we could have something simple where we could have an online meeting room open. People could log in and share their optimism for the New Year and maybe share a few thoughts while raising a glass of their favorite beverage. With input from the CC Board, it was decided to play BINGO to help keep people awake until midnight.

The event turned out to be even better than what I thought it could be. Whole families joined in the fun and it really made the event special. We had a cross section of CC members attending that included grandparents, parents, college students, teens and younger (Mia Nakazawa, Josh, Ryan and Libby Pearlstein and Ethan, Donna J.'s grandson). Some attendees were away for the holidays and joined in from Las Vegas and as far away as Oregon.

People were asked to join the event with party hats and noise makers, making the atmosphere super festive! We played BINGO games and gave out door prizes with a spin of a virtual prize wheel. Thanks to a couple of simultaneous BINGO winners, we were privileged to witness the dancing talents of John Doomey, Dorothy Rosero, Audrey Fukunaga, Colleen and Randy Burris. In Randy's dance off, he brought out a body roll to secure the win!

Just before midnight, we had a New Years' countdown and celebrated with a virtual fireworks display over the CC gym. 2020 CC President, Kay Oda, gave a short speech and others shared their thoughts to celebrate the New Year while glasses were raised. What a unique and fun way to bring in 2021!

Thank you to the **SFVJACC, JAO, Leslie Nicho and the Lau Family** for providing the BINGO and Door Prizes for the event!

Bingo Winners

Dorothy Oda
George Nakatsu
Randy Burris
Audrey Fukunaga
Darlene Yamauchi
John Doomey
Dorothy Rosero

"Salty" 2nd Place Winners

Alana Yamaguchi
Colleen Burris

Special Awards

Chisato Kanagi
Donna Johnson

Wheel Winners

Chisato Kanagi
Tre Lau
Liz Doomey
Barbara Nakatsu
Audrey Fukunaga
Sabrina Moore
Audrey Sato



Dorothy Oda with her Smart & Final gift card prize.



Chisato Kanagi with her prizes.





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Akemashite omedeto gozaimasu! (Happy New Year!)

I know during these times it is a lot different than usual but I still hope each of you enjoyed the holidays and were able to celebrate the New Year. I am excited and honored to be able to serve your community center again as President and it has been comforting to know your board has been continuing to work hard to find ways for members to be able to participate and experience some activities. Even though it is a continuously changing environment, those challenges have not deterred the efforts to find new ways.

One of ways that you can help is please feel free to share events or activities to your friends or family. Not everyone has emails or computers, so they may not hear about things until it has past. And if you can let us know, we can try to be sure to include them the next time. We have also been keeping the calendar on the website up to date, so please check it if you are looking for something to do or see what is happening www.SFVJACC.com One advantage of the virtual events is that you do not have to be in town to participate or just listen in. We have had members from out of state that can now join in, so we are hoping to be able to continue that ability even after things start to normalize.

Please stay safe, healthy and I look forward to seeing many of you online or hearing about how you are doing.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve you and take care!

Sincerely
Danny Okazaki

NOTICE TO 2020 CC MEMBERS

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and because the Community Center was closed most of the 2020 year, the CC Board has decided to waive **2021 membership fees** to members who paid membership in 2020.

Thank you members for your understanding and patience during this difficult time.



Veteran's Memorial Stone

We are asking SFVJACC members to submit names of deceased veterans to be engraved on the memorial stones which are located in

the Kiyoshi Muranaga Veterans Memorial Garden.

Qualifications for names to be engraved on the memorial stone:

- Has served in any branch of the armed services.
- Served at any time in war or peace.
- Any family member must be a resident of the San Fernando Valley.

Contact Lois Okui at lois_okui@sfvjacc.com to submit the veteran's name or for more information.



High School and College Students

Announcing 2021 Scholarships

Deadline: April 15, 2021

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

SF Athletics Scholarships

Deadline: April 1, 2021

Hoshiko Hirano Scholarship

Wayne Yamamoto Award Scholarship

Lauren Taguchi Memorial Youth Service Scholarship

Evan Niizawa Memorial Continuing Education Scholarship

See page 9 for descriptions of all the scholarships.

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For the Months of January and February 2021

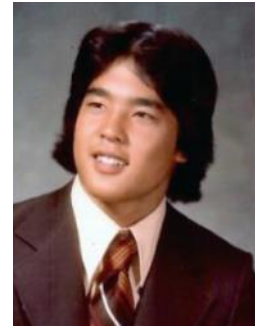
Donations

- Nancy Oda's Facebook Fundraiser
- SF Athletics
- Year end donation
- Andrew Jonokuchi
- Anonymous.....
- John Goka
- Kathy Frye
- In memory of her father, Bo T. Sakaguchi
- SFV Judo Club
- Steven Seto
- In memory of Nancee Iketani
- Linda Asao.....
- Karen Matsuda-Gonzalez.....
- In memory of Gene Matsuda
- Garry Monji
- Kay and Nancy Oda
- For the CC 2021 New Year's Event
- Frank and Marge Tanaka
- For the Pandemic Bingo Event
- Al and Teru Uyemura
- In memory of Timbo Whitesell
- Chisato Kanagi
- In appreciation of the activities and events during the pandemic
- Randy Burris.....
- PPG Industries Employee Grant Program
- FIA Insurance Services, Inc.
- To help during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Sally Hamamoto
- In memory of Timbo Whitesell
- Candice Linder
- Victor Muraoka
- Kenso and Yoko Nomura
- Bill and June Takeshita
- Leo and Geneva Tanaka.....
- Greg Kimura
- United Way Charitable Contribution
- John, Karey and Brittany Geis.....
- Danny Okazaki

Thank you for your generous donations!



In Memory of 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.

In Loving Memory...

Our thoughts and condolences go out to the families of —

- Bobby Endow
- Ted and Mary Fujimoto
- Emi Kami
- Ryoichi Kosaka
- Hiroshi Yamaguchi

SAVE THE DATE

Athletics Fundraiser Virtual Bingo



**March 20, 2021
2:00 pm**

Join us for bingo, prizes and videos of our players.

Flyer including Registration instructions to be distributed soon.



CC 2021 New Year's Installation Virtual Event

This year's New Years Installation, hosted by Bing Lau, was very unusual. Due to the COVID-19 regulations, we couldn't gather at the Community Center and we had to do it virtually. About 30 people took the

time to attend as the new 2021 Board of Directors and Cabinet were introduced.

Outgoing President, Kay Oda, gave his farewell speech and 2021 incoming President, Danny Okazaki, gave his New Year's greeting. Mike Aronis, a member of Japanese School ended the program with a performance of guitar instrumentals.



2021 Board of Directors & Cabinet

Danny Okazaki, President

Liz Doomey

Bing Lau

Sharlene Miyagishima

Charles Muranaka

Jeremy Tsuneishi

Kiyo Watanabe

Tadao Okui, 1st Vice President

Akiko Manaka, 2nd Vice President

Tiffany Pearlstein, 2nd President

Kay Oda, 3rd Vice President

Denise Tanaka, Treasurer

Lois Okui, Secretary

Garry and Joy Monji, Grant Writers



SFV Meiji Senior Citizens Club News

By Liz Doomey

Akemashite Omedetou Gozaimasu, Happy New Year! This is the year of the Oxen.

We started the new year with the "Bingo Games/New Year's Toast" event on December 31, 2020 and I hope those of you who joined us had as much fun as I did. Special thank you to Bing Lau for being the creator and host of the event.

The virtual CC New Year's Installation was a favorite, showing the CC's 60th Anniversary Celebration slide show by Tiffany Pearlstein. Special appreciation to Mike Aronis for the instrumental entertainment and writing the song just for this event.

Meiji Club did not have our New Year's Installation for 2021 but plan to do something at a later date but we would like to acknowledge the following members celebrating their 85th birthday this year - Kathy Endo, Powell Kodani, Cicilia Mendez, Kimiko Miseroy, Yaeko Mochizuki, Marilyn Ouchi, Kenneth Radman, Florence Sato, Kenzo Shinbashi, Jean Shinsato, Yoko Taguchi, Florence Takaaze, Marge Tanaka, Yoko Taniguchi, Ben Mamoru Tashima, Asako Tomita, Akio Uejima, Tamie Yamauchi, Asako Tomita, Akio Uejima, Tamie Yamauchi. Their certificates and gifts will be in the mail next month.

We are still doing the twice a month virtual gathering on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. Please join us by contacting Lois Okui for registration at lois_okui@sfvjacc.com

For updates on what is happening at the SFVJACC, log on to the website <https://www.sfvjacc.com/> We will keep you apprised of current information regarding re-opening of the CC and other activities.

Vaccines are available so take advantage by registering for an appointment as soon as you can. Go to <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/ncorona2019/vaccine/hcwsignup/> Veterans: You can call the Veterans Administration (310) 268-4900 to register.

Stay safe and healthy.

Keiro Virtual Forum Events for February

- Tuesday, February 2nd: California Phones - Making it Easier to Stay Connected (10:30 a.m.)
- Thursday, February 4th: Behaviors and Alzheimer's Disease (10:30 a.m.)
- Tuesday, February 9th: Earthquake Preparedness (10:30 a.m.)
- Thursday, February 11th: Valentine's Day Treat Box Craft (10:30 a.m.)
- Tuesday, February 16th: Maintain Your Brain (2:00 p.m.)
- Thursday, February 18th: Team Scattergories (10:30 a.m.)
- Tuesday, February 23rd: Conversation Kitchen (10:30 a.m.)
- Thursday, February 25th: Community Bingo (10:30 a.m.)



Emily Woo - Girl Scouts Gold Award Winner

Hello everyone! My name is Emily Woo. I'm a senior at Van Nuys High School and a part of the SFVJACC Girl Scout Troop 1466.

Over the past year I've been working toward the Girl Scouts Gold Award - the highest honor in Girl Scouts - earned by completing an independent and sustainable project that benefits the candidate's community. While I am a part of several communities including my neighborhood and school, I was compelled to focus my project around the community that has supported my journey as a Girl Scout and as a Japanese American.

The direction I decided to pursue was to write a book capturing the rich history of the SFVJACC, the motivations and backstory of the founders, and its importance and why it was needed - not only for them in their time, but for future generations. The project was challenging and involved many complex components and demanded that I learn several new skills. One of the many steps in the process was gathering and organizing historical information and narratives that was scattered among people, personal photo collections, and written articles in both printed and digital form. Collecting it all together in a single book has hopefully made the stories and other

information more accessible and sustainable so that future generations might benefit from and understand the important role the SFVJACC has in the community.

Our SFVJACC was originally built as a safe place for the Japanese American community to play together, eat together, and celebrate Japanese culture, and I have found this to still hold true today. It has been my privilege to learn about and immerse myself in activities like ikebana, cooking Japanese food, participating in Obon and more. As a Gosei, there are obvious challenges to connecting with aspects of my heritage, however being a member of this community has helped bind our collective past with the present. I have made friends, created fond memories, and have developed a great appreciation for my ancestry. Naturally, much has changed in the many years of its existence, though I am confident the CC has and will continue to be relevant and a vibrant part of the surrounding community for many decades to come. I am hoping this book reflects the love and affection we all share for our history, this property and the people that make it into a very special place for generations of participants.

This book is the biggest project I've ever completed, and the journey has taught me many lessons - lessons of patience and perseverance, not only of the founders and their families, but also of myself. Using the example of those early pioneers, this project has helped me to develop patience and perseverance to work on an ambitious, daunting task and how to remain focused, passionate and motivated.

At last, I can finally say that my book *The Journey to a New Beginning* is now complete and available for purchase as a hardcover or free as a downloadable ebook!

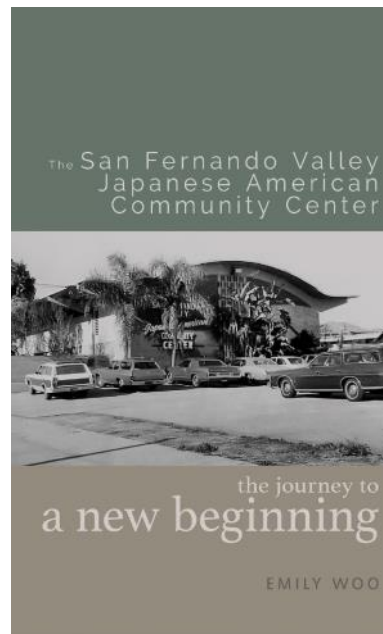
More about the Gold Award: Because of the difficulty level, only 6% of Girl Scouts in the U.S. earn their Gold Award. I am hopeful that achieving this award will grant more access to scholarships, preferred admission tracks for college, and possible career opportunities. The Gold Award is something I would be proud to list on my resume as an accomplishment and an experience I will treasure for many years. More importantly, the skills I've developed in leadership, writing, and character are invaluable tools to continue to learn and grow in the next stages of my life.

My future plans are uncertain as I await responses from the colleges, but wherever I attend in the fall, I intend to enroll as a biology major with the goal of pursuing a career in the medical field.

THANK YOU to my supportive SFVJACC community, to all the donors, everyone who provided stories and photos, and to many key contributors and mentors that helped this project go from concept to a reality!

My hope is that this optimistic book will be read and enjoyed by one and all, and that it would be a benefit to our community at the SFVJACC, both present and future.

- Emily Woo



Link to purchase book:

<https://store.bookbaby.com/bookshop/book/index.aspx?bookURL=The-Journey-to-a-New-Beginning>

Use code SFVJACC to get free ebook and 50% off hardcover



SCAN ME



San Fernando Valley Japanese Language Institute

By Kiyo Watanabe, PTA President



SFVJLI's Virtual New Year's Get-Together is scheduled for February 6, 2021, from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm with an option to stay extended to have a free online chat and see your missed friends. Panda Express Online Fundraiser is also scheduled for February 6th.

<https://community.pandaexpress.com/virtual-fundraiser/events/promotions/d6f796bb-b625-0929-7d7c-7211ffb00a8c/en/landing>

If you like to attend our online New Year's Get-Together meeting, please email: sfvjli@hotmail.com or call the Japanese school phone numbers listed on this CC newsletter. We should have plenty of online meeting spaces for everyone to attend, but just in case try to reserve your meeting spot as early as

possible. If you attend, please be prepared to have a New Year's Toast -Kampai with a drink of your choice! Eating Panda Express or any food and drinks are welcome during our New Year's Get-Together Virtual Online Meeting.

Our Tokyo Central/ Marukai Gift Certificate that supports Japanese school is for sale. Please email sfvjli@hotmail.com or call us, SFVJLI: 818 896-8912, Kiyo Watanabe (818)237-8540. Please check out our web site: www.sfvjli.com

For direct donations, we have a brand new Donate clickable link that you may want to try. If you would like to purchase our school hoodie sweatshirt, t-shirt, and hat and support & display the strength of our school and community, please call our school office or reach out to Kiyo Watanabe (818)237-8540. We are trying our best to get gift certificates or school attires to you by no-contact transaction or by mail. SFVJLI hopes that everyone stay safe and we wish to see you soon.

10TH ANNIVERSARY JAPAN EARTHQUAKES TSUNAMI

**Saturday March 6
5:00 pm**

Virtual Update from Tohoku region

More information to follow

Email nancy_oda@sfvjacc.com



Rising Stars

Youth Leadership Program



WILL RISE AGAIN IN 2021.

The Rising Stars Board is planning to resume this great program for the high school students interested in leadership and the Japanese American community in October.



Keep an eye out for future announcements!

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

Sponsored by Little Tokyo Service Center



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

Group meetings are done virtually and are confidential.

Contact Lois Okui at lois_okui@sfvjacc.com



News From The Gardens...

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2021 - *Year of the Ox*

By Mayumi Barr, Director of Life Enrichment



Happy New Year 2021, year of the Ox. Last year, certainly brought us many challenges and new ways of providing services to our residents. We offered exercise programs and services virtually. We helped residents stay connected with their families and loved ones via Zoom and LINE video calls and arranged glass window/screen door visits. We even resumed some in person classes. The community continually adapted to the changes taking place but one thing has not changed—our number one goal, the health & safety of our residents. While this long journey has not come to end yet, we continue to take small steps forward.

With the new year comes new hope and new opportunities for growth. Our wish is that 2021 will bring peace, good health, love from family and friends!



New Year's flower arrangements by Takako Miura

Osechi - Bento lunch made by the Dining Team.



Kay T. made the January 2021 calendar.



Lion Dance pushes back evil spirits; brings good luck.



2021 SFV JACL and NATIONAL JACL SCHOLARSHIP ALERT

The SFV JACL Administers its own Scholarship Program

The JACL Membership and Scholarships are open to **everyone** of any ethnic background.

There are over **30 Awards** totaling over \$70,000 including those for financial aid in this era of raising tuition. They include Freshman, Undergrad, Law, Graduate Studies and Creative Arts.

Due to COVID-19 Crisis, the **JACL Scholarship Application** process was **delayed**. Applications are available **now**. Please check online at <https://jacl.org>; click on Youth on the menu bar for a dropdown menu to scholarships. **Deadline is March 1, 2021**. This year all applications **MUST** be sent directly to the National JACL Scholarship Committee. The National JACL will forward applications to the Local JACL. Complete all documents in **one** sitting. Documents will not be saved.

Condensed version of documents:

- All applicants must be JACL members (youth Membership \$25.00)
- Include JACL membership ONLINE receipt with application
- Include Personal Statement
- Letter of Recommendation
- E-Transcripts for grades and test scores
- Work/ School Experience
- JACL or Community Involvement

For additional information regarding the JACL National Scholarship Program, please contact JACL Scholarship Program Manager Matthew Weisbly at <https://scholarships@jacl.org> Jean Paul de Guzman is the SFV JACL Scholarship Chair at ucla@gmail.com



Disappointment

By Old Wakaba, Bud Sagara

“Even the darkest night will end and the sun will rise,” wrote Victor Hugo in Les Misérables. We should greet the New Year with hope and optimism and probably wish we could forget 2020; but if we did, the precious moments of joy we did have in 2020 would vanish as well. The coronavirus pandemic upended our daily lives and changed the way we shop, travel, and navigate our personal space. Adversity and hardship abounded as jobs were lost, the economy wobbled, schools were closed, in-person interactions and eating out ceased, and unthinkable numbers of people died. It’s hard to deal with the disappointment of a year where we all suffered personal loss to varying degrees.

Some of our losses were from not being able to participate in the things we like to do, cancelling visits with loved ones, and no warm hugs from the grandkids. It’s a sense of loss because we all “missed out.”

Disappointment is a complicated emotion to manage because each day can bring new struggles to be disappointed over. Troubles may lay siege to a person in bunches, the proverbial “when it rains it pours.” Sometimes disappointments are life changing while others are small and only annoying. Add the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic to all the daily stressors we endure and it’s no wonder our spirit sags and the news on television is just too depressing to watch.

I’ve written enough about the gloom of disappointment, so let’s look at the lighter side. There are long lists of disappointments throughout sports history like top teams that choked or rookies touted to be the next Willie Mays or Johnny Unitas. In 1993, the Dodgers traded young Pedro Martinez, who went on to become one of best pitchers in the history of baseball, for second baseman Delino DeShields who hit for a mediocre .255 batting average. Consider when a person finally fulfills a lifelong dream of visiting Paris to see Leonardo’s masterpiece, the Mona Lisa, and concludes, “Wow, it’s so small.” The same could be said about the size of Plymouth Rock in Massachusetts. How about all the wasted dread in anticipation of the chaos of Y2K when all worldwide electronic data systems would simultaneously crash? At midnight on December 31, 1999, the New Year arrived without incident and civilization did not end as predicted. Why is it so easy to express disappointment and so hard to express love?

Minor disappointment is a fact of life and far from life changing, but bothersome nonetheless. How about: Waking up in the morning still thinking it’s the weekend, but it’s really Monday. Your favorite TV series concludes. You lose your cell phone. All your underwear turns pink in the laundry. Someone doesn’t answer their phone or reply to your texts. A car hogs two parking spaces. A person doesn’t know what to order when it’s their turn. Take a young woman dressed to express a summery style even though it’s not summer. As she strolls and shivers in her bright, flowery sundress, it begins to rain. The perfect curls in her hair become plastered flat on her head, clearly declaring her disappointment.

Locally, a disappointment was the closing of the CC to slow the spread of COVID-19 which resulted in the cancellation of programs, sports activities, and the annual events that we all love. This was a reasoned, necessary action to protect CC members and the community. Although there was a virtual Super Bingo night in 2020, my wife and I regret not being able to attend this particular event in person. We lost the chance to catch up with friends, saying hello to senior CC members, and participate in the fun and craziness that this event provides. The Silent Auction allows a person to discover an item or two that beckons for a bid. Once zeroed in, the person hovers nearby feigning indifference, while keeping an eye on the bid sheet, ready to swoop in to override any bid made by interferers. This obsession may prevent the person from enjoying his or her sumptuous bento or perusing the extensive dessert table.

Once the actual bingo games begin, silence engulfs the crowd and the tension builds with each number announced. There is nothing that can cause a nice, modest *obaasan* to swear like a sailor except another nice, modest *obaasan* or *ojiisan* calling out, “Bingo.” When a “special” number is announced, everyone who has that number on their bingo card receives a small prize like a toothbrush, *nori*, or cookies. For some, this may be the only item to be won all evening. Winning doesn’t always mean coming in first place; it means when something puts a smile on your face, so a plastic chip clip from Nikkei Senior Gardens is a victory. We look forward to enjoying Super Bingo some year soon. Years of thanks to Lois and Tadao Okui and Hitomi and Toji Hashimoto, the organizing committee and all the volunteers who have made this wonderful event possible.

Much disappointment comes from others treating us poorly, but this can sometimes be a blessing in disguise. When people try to intimidate, we have the opportunity to stand up and be courageous. When others fail to support us, we learn to be independent. People in our lives will continue to fail us in some way or another, so it points us to put our trust and faith in God who is constant and unfailing. Disappointment actually sets a person on a new path with the added wisdom learned from what failed in the past. The path will never be easy and discouragement will seek to destroy a person’s spirit, but have the courage to make mistakes. Disappointment, defeat, and despair are the tools God uses to show us how to do things his way.

Sure, we are all disappointed that 2020 did not work out for us. We missed family gatherings, celebrating birthdays, funerals for friends, and life became one trial after another. The important thing to remember is that all these experiences, good and bad, is part of God’s plan to mold us into the person that we were meant to be. In the letter of James 1:2-4, it reads, “Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.” Tough times bring inner joy because they strengthen our faith in God; they humble us, and wean us from worldly things that have no lasting value. Disappointments are to the soul as cold water is to white hot metal from a forge; it strengthens and tempers the metal while creating a useful tool in God’s hand.

**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 April 1, 2021.

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.

Winners will be notified and awards will be presented at a date and place to be determined.



**SAN FERNANDO VALLEY
HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE**

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www.sfvhbt.org

Resident Minister: Rev. Sala Sekiya
Temple President: Carolyn Sanwo

Due to the COVID-19 situation, services are being held via Zoom until further notice. Please contact the temple if you wish to be included on the invitation list. All other temple activities have been cancelled or postponed until further notice. Please check our website for updates. Thank you, and be safe and well.

February

- 7 10:00 am Shotsuki monthly memorial service; Annual General Meeting
- 14 10:00 am Nehan-e: Shakyamuni Buddha's memorial service
- 21 10:00 am Regular service
- 28 10:00 am Regular service

March

- 7 10:00 am Shotsuki monthly memorial service
- 14 10:00 am Regular service
- 21 10:00 am Regular service
- 28 10:00 am Shunki Higan-e: Spring equinox service and seminar

Your donations gratefully accepted:

- PayPal on <http://www.sfvhbt.org/donate/> or
- check mailed to SFVHBT (address above)



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Pacoima, CA 91331
(2 blocks east of Laurel Canyon Blvd.
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

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, services and meetings are being done virtually. Visit our website for more information.

Join us for services Sundays at 10:00 am through our livestream at

<https://www.facebook.com/crosswaychurchsfv/>



**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

Due to the changing times of the COVID-19 pandemic, services are being held on Sundays at 10 am and bible study on Thursdays at 10 am and 7 pm through Zoom.

If you would like to join the services or bible study meetings, call (818) 341-1270 or email at chatsworthumc@juno.com



**SUNRISE FOURSQUARE
CHURCH**

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

Pastors:
Rev. Paul Iwata
Rev. James Iwata

Join us for our worship services on Sundays at 10:30 am through Facebook at

https://www.facebook.com/pg/sunrisejapanesechurch/posts/?ref=page_internal

COORDINATING COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONS - MEETINGS - CONTACT PERSONS

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| Coordinating Council | 3rd Wed., 7:00 PM..... | Kay Oda | 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: lois_okui@sfvjacc.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.. | 2nd 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:
tadao_okui@sfvjacc.com

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

Email:
lois_okui@sfvjacc.com

CC Deadline:
The 15th of every odd
month.

SPECIAL CLASSES

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| 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 | Friday (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 | Janet Yamamoto | 818 365-8361 |
| 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

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| | 2:00-4:00 PM | Troop Leader: Akiko Manaka |
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SUPPORT GROUPS & SERVICES

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| 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.



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NOTICE: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the CC Board is waiving 2021 membership fees to those who current members in 2020.

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2021 MEMBERSHIP FORM

(Membership Period: January 1 to December 31, 2021)

1. Complete the information below.
2. Make check payable to "SFVJACC".
3. Send your check and this form to: SFVJACC
 12953 Branford Street
 Pacoima, CA 91331

- Family Membership - \$60.00
- Single Membership - \$40.00

(Please Print)

Name _____ Phone _____
(Last Name) (First Name)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

If you would like to receive the newsletter in digital form instead of a hard copy, please check the box.

If you would like to be omitted from future CC Directories, please check the box.

* For information, please call SFVJACC at (818) 899-1989. Fax is (818) 899-0659. Website: www.sfvjacc.com