



# San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center

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## Family Day Picnic



Acknowledgements, article and more pictures will be in the next newsletter.

### MISSION STATEMENT

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



## SAVE THE DATE

ON AUGUST 23, YOU ARE INVITED TO ENJOY THE ALOHA SPIRIT, FOOD, FUN AND BINGO. IT'S A FUNDRAISER TO REPAIR THE OLD ROOF OVER THE CC KITCHEN. DETAILS TO FOLLOW.





## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Paul Jonokuchi

The summer season is just around the corner and it's almost half way into the year, we have a lot of great news to announce.

In April, the Board approved to replace the old existing standards, backboards and baskets in the gym because of safety reasons. As far as I can remember its never been changed and has been there for over 40 years. It will be replaced with a new updated electronic standard with an acrylic backboard. No more cranking it up and down for the parents. In the past, we've always dreamt of having a glass backboard and now that dream is being fulfilled. Secondly, daily communication is becoming important to all of us and we will be installing Wi-Fi in the gym and Japanese School. The Board feels that CC members' lives will be better served while at the center as we are always improving on the safety and experience for our members.

The Endowment Committee has been meeting with Dave Nagano every month to secure the financial growth of the Center. At the last meeting the committee decided to invest 50% to bonds, 20% in real estate, 20% in commodities. You will definitely be hearing more details in the future.

Congratulations to the Rising Stars members Ariel Hirano, Derek Manaka and Lindsay Taguchi on their graduation in March. They finished a six-month intensive workshop training on Japanese cultural values, Japanese American history and leadership ability. We hope that these young people will be more well-rounded in their Japanese culture, community awareness and that they will be future leaders in our community.

Also, congratulations to the Yonsei players Ryan Higashi and Jonathan Yamasaki. They have been selected to be a part of Yonsei 21 which will be visiting the city of Nagoya in July. This year, Los Angeles and Nagoya will be celebrating their 50 years as sister cities. I hope that the boys will build new relationships and broaden their views on Japanese culture. We hope to hear their experiences when they return home.

A few of our community friends attended the "Woman of the Year" luncheon held at the Quiet Cannon Restaurant in Montebello. Dianne Fukuwa was one of five honorees receiving the award. She has been teaching Japanese Classical Dance at the Community Center for many years. She is very dedicated in preserving the classical Japanese Dance.

For the annual Family Day Picnic, we wanted to bring back the old fashion picnic we used to have at Sunset Farms many years ago. I hope you and your family enjoyed the picnic and we would like to hear your comments.

Just a reminder that the Valley JCC Obon and the SFVHBT Obon festival is quickly approaching. I hope that you and your family will join us in the festivities. Summer is upon us so keep cool and enjoy the summer.



## Let's Make A Long Range Strategic Plan For Our Center

By Nancy Oda

It's a great time to think about the future of the Center. Some folks want more senior services like "Meals on Wheels" for shut in members, a new building for group activities, or solar panels to reduce the utilities cost, or even build a gym with underground parking.

### Assets Management

The Assets Management committee has been exploring options but we need a few more good folks. So, this is a call for planners, thinkers and people with a vision who are willing to brainstorm.

Due to the sale of Nikkei Village (NV) by its Board of Directors and many of you who have donated the interest from your loans to build Nikkei Senior Gardens (NSG) to the center, we have survived a difficult financial situation. As a result, our mortgage that was used for collateral was fully paid and we became debt free. However, we cannot rest on that because we won't have another NV to rescue us.

The annual Community Center budget takes care of expenses such as utilities, taxes, insurance, repairs and other operational costs. With Bert Corona Charter Middle School's rent, membership dues and donations, we are solvent. If Bert Corona CMS should move tomorrow, we could not make our general expenses without tapping into our CDs. During the last few years, we lost a lot of sleep trying to keep the center from default so cultivating a long term strategic financial plan would be responsible leadership. We cannot leave an empty bank account for the next generation.

It is good to set goals that are met like replacing the drapes in Dr. Sakaguchi Hall but we need to make a long range plan that insures the Center beyond one year at a time with fundraiser and raffles. It is more critical that we raise money and invest it so that the Center will be here for many more generations to come. The Yonsei (4th) and Gosei (5th) live further away and have more choices, we must strive to be inclusive, relevant and continue to be a "welcoming home away from home".

The Assets Management committee of the CC will prioritize what the members need and want in programs, services and space through discussions, surveys and/or other methods.

### Endowment Committee and new Legacy Society

As you may have read in earlier newsletters, we started an Endowment Committee with the seed money that Nikkei Village gave us. Now, it would be prudent to further establish a Legacy Society to help members who want to donate real property, cars and/or part of their assets to the Center. Not everyone can nor should do this, but some of us may want to consider the Legacy Society as it is a convenient and safe way to give.

Please contact Nancy Oda if you are interested in being part of the Assets Management committee or want to learn more about the Legacy Society by calling 818 935-2603. Our first informal meeting for the Legacy Society will take place this summer. Community member, David Nagano, of WEDBUSH is our consultant.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

### Months of March and April 2014

#### Donations

Shirley & Terrence Docken  
In memory of mother Kyoko Narikawa  
George & Emiko Tomita  
Bronze Leaf for the Donation Recognition Tree  
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scholarship  
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#### Use of Facilities

Kaleleonalani Hawaiian Civic Club  
Nikkei Senior Gardens  
Hitomi's Cooking Class  
Jeremy & Nicole Tsuneishi  
Line Dancing  
Jonathan & Tiffany Pearlstein  
Monday Nite Basketball  
Thursday Nite Basketball  
Tuesday Nite Basketball  
Kapunas Ukelele Class  
Ping Pong Club  
Wednesday Nite Basketball  
Seniority  
Tuesday Exercise Class  
Poker Club  
Hikowo & Etsuko Hashimoto  
Kawahara-Krouse  
Jeri Okamoto and Mamie Kosaka  
SFV Hongwanji Buddhist Temple  
Hula Wahines  
Harmonica Class  
Paul Jonokuchi  
Friday Exercise Class

#### Miscellaneous

Coffee Donation  
Copier Donation  
Eli Coronado..... 3 Pkgs styrofoam cups, 3 pkgs napkins  
EGAO—Yoshiko Kawada, Yoko Matsui, Fusako Hagiwara  
..... 3 lbs Coffee & 2 lbs decaf coffee  
Hisako Hazard... 1 (10 Oz) Coffee & sm box of Splenda  
Ike & Yoshi Matsuda ..... 3 lbs. Coffee, bag of  
sweetener & 2 reams of paper  
Ping Pong Club ..... 4 (2lbs) Coffee  
Yone Takimoto ..... 2 lbs CoffeeMate

## DONATIONS TO HOT MEAL

### FOR THE MONTHS OF MARCH—APRIL 2014

Yo Monji ..... Pear tart for kitchen volunteers  
Musashi Restaurant ..... 200 lbs. rice, 10 gal. oil & 4 pkgs.  
chopsticks  
Eiko Muto ..... Birthday cake to celebrate her  
90<sup>th</sup> birthday  
Yone Takimoto ..... Takuwan & fukujinzuke for  
Tuesday lunches  
Ike Matsuda..... Pastry to celebrate Yoshi &  
Janet's birthdays  
Marge & Eiji Sato ..... 2 pkgs. bowls & 3 pkgs. plates  
Ike & Yoshi Matsuda ..... 3 lbs. coffee & sweetener  
Michiko ..... 2 cans Japanese teas & 2 boxes  
granola bars  
Marge Sato..... Takuwan for kitchen volunteers  
Walt Fujimori ..... Hot Armenian donuts for kitchen  
volunteers  
Tony Servera..... Oranges for kitchen volunteers  
Jean Yamada ..... Tangerines & oranges for  
kitchen volunteers  
Kiyō Tomomatsu ..... Mini tongs & plastic containers  
Don Akamine..... 11 cup Cuisinart  
Mel & Jane Okano..... Monetary donation  
Evelyn Mitarai..... 2 skimmers & measuring guide  
Timbo Whitesell..... Oranges for kitchen volunteers  
Doreen Kawamoto ..... Drumstick ice cream for kitchen  
volunteers  
Sylvia Yamashita..... See's Easter candy for kitchen  
volunteers  
Ruy Mizuki & Chatsworth West..... Cake for Easter lunch  
United Methodist Church  
Marian Murphy & Marilyn Kishi ..... Cookies for kitchen volunteers

**Fish donation:**  
Peter Wight – Torrance ..... Yellow fin tuna & wahoo  
Richard Rose - Manhattan Beach .... Yellow fin tuna  
Bert Inoue, Harris Yoneoka & ..... To pick up fish in San Diego  
Ike Matsuda

### Welcome New Community Center Members

Conchita Barcelona	Kay Kami
Adela Campos-Barnes	Henry Nguyen
Monroe & Gloria Gorden	Linda Ojeda
Takako Idehara	Craig & Karen Tomita

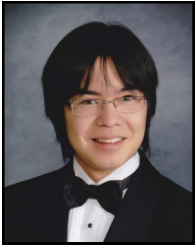
*Thank you for your generous donations!*



## 2014 Dr. Sanbo Sakaguchi Scholarship Awards

By Nancy Oda

This is the second year that the Center is able to honor our high school youths with a scholarship in the name of a man who was a community based medical doctor, veteran, fisherman, philanthropist, Bruin and longtime member of the Center. Thank you to Scholarship Committee members, Kay Inaba, Grace Iwamasa, and Chisato Kanagi. Dr. Sakaguchi would have enjoyed meeting these brilliant and enthusiastic students. Following are the bios of the three recipients.



**Dean Hidetoshi Caudill** is the son of Corey and Noriko who have been CC members for six years. He is graduating from Agoura High School and will attend UC

Berkley where his intended major is Astrophysics. His earned grade point is an impressive 3.93. Dean is a National Merit Scholar which consists of the top 3% of high School students in the United States.

Dean has been a member of the San Fernando Valley Japanese Language Institute for eleven years where he is a "Kanji Hakase" or Kanji scholar. He has received many reading and speaking awards through the years and now volunteers as a Teacher Assistant for the kindergarten class that his mother teaches. He has enjoyed and helped the SFV JLI New Year's Parties and annual *Undokai*, field day event. He says that he feels "at home" at the Community Center.

His clubs at school includes playing the saxophone in the school marching band which takes a lot of time practicing and at games. He is a member of the Math Honor Society that helps students that are struggling, and acted as its secretary and vice president. He was secretary of the Red Ribbon Club that focused on a drug free school by planning fundraisers and holding assemblies. Japanese pop culture was the theme of the Anime Club that he led as secretary-treasurer, then as vice president. He holds a Shotokan karate black belt and is presently a teacher's assistant.

Murata Sensei, Principal of SFV JLI, says, "He is famous as 'Kanji-Hakase' at our school and everyone asks him about kanjis. Using his bicultural and bilingual skills, he assisted both teachers and students at various times and events."

Dean was exposed to a rich science environment at a young age when his grandfather, Donald Caudill, who was

an engineer would talk about the universe and explained the posters on the wall. His grandfather had inspired him so much that he has chosen to follow that rigorous and exciting major.



**Brandon Isa** is the son of Derrick and Janet who have been members for 20 years. He is graduating from Thousand Oaks High School and will attend

Moorpark College majoring in Psychology and Dance. He has earned a grade point of 3.7313 and is a Scholar Athlete. He is a member of the National Society of High School Scholars and Student of the Month for English. He was selected for the Rotary Youth Leadership Award for his countless hours and dedication. Academically strong and athletically inclined, he played on the freshman basketball team, Conejo Youth Basketball League, and is also is a member of the Roger Lacombe Tan Soo Do Martial Arts School where is he holds a red belt.

At school, as a member of EThOS-entrepreneurships academy, he has gain insight on how to handle businesses. Uniquely, he was a founding member, Co-Vice President of Black Interracial Student Union (BISU). Its purpose is to help all students feel welcome on campus and offer services and activities especially for incoming freshmen as a peer mentor. He promoted the Japanese culture while a member of the Japanese Club,

Brandon remembers going to the SFV Pee Wee clinic himself and is now suddenly on the other side as a youth coach. He belonged to the Titans until 8<sup>th</sup> grade, continued to play although the team disbanded and continues to play with new teammates from the Timberwolves, Rockets, Sonics and Predators. He has participated in the

annual Cleanup Day, *obon*, JET Relief Yard Sale & Bake Sale and the Nikkei Federation Roundtable. Brandon is an enthusiastic alumna of SFV JACL *Kafarou* Histories, Youth CAN and Rising Stars. He calls the Center his "home away from home". Brandon feels that the center should involve everyone to keep a strong cultural center. "I have a huge passion for dance so maybe if we could get a guest choreographer every once in a while, we could have a hip hop class. Of course, the board should make all the decisions. I am just trying to create new ideas."

His chemistry teacher, Timothy Hoag, wrote, "He is the most abstract thinker in all my years of teaching. He has ability in a broad variety of subjects and his strength of character and time management skills. His sincere ability to help others is the motivation behind his desire to pursue a career in counseling."



**John Shin Mizuki** is the son of Reverend Ruy and Susan who have been members for four years. He is graduating from Oaks Christian School with a grade Point

3.84. He was recognized as magna cum laude National Latin award. He is a member of the National Honor Society, NHS Peer Tutoring Program, NHS Shoes That Fit program for Skid Row. He was a member of the Varsity Swim Team (Most Inspirational Player) and JV Soccer Team (Most Improved Player). He expanded his love for sports by helping Special Olympics as a swim coach. In addition, he is a Lion Scholar Student and Lion Scholar Athlete and participated in the California Maritime Academy Summer Academic Camp. John participated in the Art Council of Conejos Valley Show. He has a brown belt in Shotokan Karate. By the summer of 2013, he was accepted into Camp Children's Hospital of Los

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## Qi Gong (Chi Kung)

By Chisato Kanagi

Join Michael Kusumoto for a Qi Gong class on Thursdays 7 - 8:30 p.m. in classroom #2 at the SFV Japanese Language Institute. He has been teaching Qi Gong for 15 years and studies under Master David (Dijiang) Yao from Shanghai, China. His style of Qi Gong is especially suited for Westerners.

Qi, energy or life force, is everywhere around us. Like a fish who's unaware that he is in water, Qi is everywhere, in everything. Qi Gong is the study and practice of this life force and how it affects our lives, health, longevity and fortune. Basically, Qi is composed of Yin and Yang energies. The balance of these two forces is the key to health and longevity. Qi, or energy like water, if stagnant will rot and turn to poison. Stress, the lack of exercise, or too much, or too hard exercise will create blockages in the body that stop the flow of vital energy, setting up the cause and condition of many illnesses and diseases. When you work or play hard, doing everything fast and furious, you tense your muscles and restrict the flow of Qi. After time, old Qi, blood, cells, fat, and chemicals all turn to poison. This blockage of vital life force creates many problems in the body. Organs get weak or imbalanced; they don't communicate and work well with each other leading to many diseases like diabetes and heart disease. Learning how to exercise with slow, rhythmic motions, using your mind and intention to move and balance Qi within the body for maximum health and vitality is the key to longevity.



**Classes are Thursdays 7 - 8:30 pm**

**Where: SFV Japanese Language Institute Classroom #2**



**Michael  
Kusumoto**

I have been teaching Qi Gong for 12 years. I study under Master David (Dijiang) Yao from Shanghai, China. His style of Qi Gong is specially suited for Westerners. It's easier to learn and receive benefits.

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When you exercise or work with force, your muscles tighten and pull the joints together, causing them to eventually rub together. Certain muscles get stronger and others stay weak, which causes an imbalance in the joint. Exercising in circles, without force is key to creating balance and more important flexibility in all joints.



Computers, iPads, tablets, television, and cell phones, first they ruin your eyes. Eyes are the window to your body. The liver has a special

connection to your eyes. It gets the worst damage. The liver is weakest at night and should rest. So all electronics should be limited in the evenings. Every organ has a meridian or channel that energy travels through. When they are blocked, problems begin. Oxygen can kill cancer cells, bacteria, and viruses. It can create new cells, even new brain cells. Breathing correctly can cure you.

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### John Shin Mizuki

Angeles where he was able to observe health professionals. His community involvement includes SFV JACL *Katarou* Histories, Bridging Communities, and serving dessert and *udon* at *Nikkei* Village for 12 years.

Outside of the JA community, he went to South Central Los Angeles to paint the house of a senior with the Sierra Service Project. He is certified in First Aid, adult and pediatric CPR and Community Emergency Response Team including Emergency Response Team when an earthquake strikes. During the summer of 2012, he went to Brazil and participated in *Projecto Girassol* (Project Sunflower) at a daycare for impoverished children and *Projeto Atos* (Project Acts) assisting in the literacy program.

John wrote, "On the outside, I am a laid back, Korean Japanese kid who happens to do well in school, but on the inside, the part that actually matters, I am someone who has weathered both external and internal racial conflict which has led me to develop a greater and deeper sense of cultural acuity. Despite the racism that I faced because what I look like, I have become proud of who I am, a Brazilian-Japanese-Korean-American who embodies multiculturalism and diversity." College Counselor, Valerie Johnson, wrote, "John is a proactive intellectual with leadership skills beyond his years. He is a young man who is going to do big things with his life"

# 2014 SFVJACC Athletics Jamboree

With the 2013-2014 basketball season coming to an end, the SFVJACC Athletics held its annual Jamboree on April 27, 2014 to award our scholarships and honor our high school graduates, athletes and team coaches.

We are proud to announce the following scholarship recipients:

- The Hoshiko Hirano Scholarship was awarded to Ariel Imamoto.
- The Wayne Yamamoto Scholarship was awarded to Brandon Vasquez.
- The Lauren Taguchi Memorial Youth Service Scholarship was awarded to Michael Taheri.

These seniors learned the art of team work, discipline, dedication, hard work and community service, all while playing basketball for our community center. We know they are destined for greatness and we wish them and all our graduating seniors good luck in their future endeavors.

Throughout the evening, everyone enjoyed the freshly cooked tacos, healthy fruits and salads, and finishing their meals with satisfying treats. They watched, cheered, and laughed while the kids used their athletic talents to compete for prizes. Sadly, their finely tuned basketball skills were no help in these Minute-To-Win-It competitions. For example, "move the cookie from your forehead to your mouth without using your hands" or "stack three Chapsticks on top of each other using only hashi" or "draw a smiley face by picking up M&Ms using only a straw in your mouth". It was bizarre, but entertaining! Many kids also won raffle prizes, which were given throughout the event.

To top off the evening, all the athletes and coaches received sweat shirts! So, look for kids wearing black sweat shirts sporting the SFVJACC Athletics logo! All-in-all, it was a fun and crazy evening!

We'd like to thank Stuart and Michelle Matsuda and Family, Dennis and Susan Taguchi and Family, Gary and Sandy Yamamoto, The Walt Disney Company, SFV Japanese American Community Center, Costco, Food4Less, Roy Minami, Lois Okui, and all the San Fernando Basketball Teams for their support and generous contributions to make this event possible. Special thanks to our Co-Head Commissioners Chuck Itagaki, Ray Miyagawa, and Margaret Takimoto for their continued support and guidance. Lastly, thank you to the Aloha Girls and Blast teams for hosting an incredible 2014 SF Jamboree.



See you next year!



## 2014 SF Athletics Scholarship Recipients



(L-R): Michael Taheri, Ariel Imamoto and Brandon Vasquez

Athletics awards three outstanding high school seniors every year. The recipients this year are Brandon Vasquez, Ariel Imamoto and Michael Taheri. We are very proud of them and wish them much success in their college endeavors.

Congratulations!



And Best Wishes!

### **Michael Taheri**

#### **Lauren Taguchi Memorial Youth Service Scholarship**

Athletics established the Lauren Taguchi Memorial Youth Service Scholarship in the year 2009 to honor her memory. As an active member of the SFVJACC Athletics, as well as many other community organizations, Lauren was an exemplary student athlete, a role model, friend and teammate who demonstrated sportsmanship on and off the court. We are pleased to announce Michael Taheri was selected as the recipient of the Lauren Taguchi Memorial Youth Service. He is son the of Janice Teramura and Faramarz Taheri. Michael was a member of the SF Athletics playing from 2004-2014. He will graduate from Cleveland High School. The scholarship committee's selection was based on his outstanding achievement in academic excellence, his spirit of volunteerism and citizenship, through community service. As an involved student and student leader, Michael was a honor student and attended the Academy of Business Leadership at the USC campus in 2013. He is very involved in many organizations within the JA community in Little Tokyo, the Rising Stars Youth Leadership, Youth CAN, Bridging Communities to name a few. Amongst all his activities he found time to partner with two other classmates at the LA Family Housing to help families without a home to have shelter for period of time while they recover. He presented science and art concepts to children through fun activities. The feed back he received from those children was so positive that he looks forward to helping other children and other people in desperate need of aid.

Michael is also involved at the Valley Japanese Community Center and has helped out with their fundraisers and CC cleanup days. He said that "Participating in community service programs and activities has had a profound effect on my life. It has not only introduced me to our community, it has also taught me leadership skills and allowed me to learn about my heritage, build a social consciousness and understanding of the importance of building relationships and playing a active role in society."

Michael will be attending University of Santa Clara as an accounting major.

### **Ariel Imamoto**

#### **Hoshiko Hirano Memorial Scholarship**

Hoshiko Hirano was the first Girls' Commissioner and was instrumental in starting the Girls' Athletics program in the 1960's. In those early days, the girls only played softball. The late Mrs. Hirano, along with her husband Yoshi Hirano, who was the Boys' Commissioner were actively involved in promoting SFVJACC Athletics program. The Hoshiko Hirano Memorial Scholarship was established to honor her memory and contribution to Girls' Athletics program. We are please to award this year's Hoshiko Hirano Scholarship to Ariel Imamoto. She is the daughter of Mimi Shoho and Kevin Imamoto. Ariel played with the SF Up and Coming girls' team for 8 years, since the 1st grade. She will be graduating from Torrance HS and was on the JV basketball team 2010 and was JV team captain in 2013. Her involvement in school activities includes being a member of the Japanese Culture Club, UNICEF and Student Council. Her community involvement includes volunteering with the Japanese American Living Legacy and Go for Broke Gold Medal Celebration and the Rising Stars Youth Leadership organization. She has found time to be a South Bay Youth Basketball referee. Ariel will be attending CSU Fullerton majoring in business.

### **Brandon Vasquez**

#### **Wayne Yamamoto Memorial Scholarship**

Wayne Yamamoto was a student athlete and was member of SF Athletics in the 1960's and who's memory we honor with the Wayne Yamamoto Memorial scholarship. This years award is presented to Brandon Vasquez. Brandon is the son of Laura Fujita. Brandon played SF basketball from Sureshot through the 8th grade with the SF Timberwolves. He attends Granada Hills High School where he played basketball during his high school career. Besides participating in the SF Pancake Breakfast, Obon, Brandon has volunteered his time in many of the Community Center activities, CC Clean Up, Super Bingo Fundraiser and the JET Relief Yard Sale. He currently is the assistant coach for the SF Tigers 10th grade team and attends and score keeps for CBO. He says the three things SF Athletics program taught him was what it means to be committed, dedicated and hard-working. Being able to give back to the Community Center gives him a good feeling.

## Woman Of The Year Recipient Dianne Fukuwa

A Personal Tribute By Donna Sugimoto

It is truly an honor and a privilege to recognize Dianne Fukuwa, or "Sensei" as her students fondly call her, as one of the Downtown JACL's Women of the Year.

Sensei has been my daughter's Odori Instructor since she began taking lessons at the timid age of 4. We were fortunate to have enrolled Lisa in her class offered through the summer youth program in the City of Torrance. To make a long story short, Lisa ended up being one of the extremely "shy" (stress quotation marks) students who didn't quite "participate" in the final recital.

After the 8 week session ended, I asked Sensei if we could re-enroll in her class for the fall. Sensei recognized the fact that Lisa might do better in a small group or individual situation and mentioned she offered lessons in Gardena through her Odori group, Fujima Seiyumi Kai.

This was the first example of many which represents how Sensei understands and meets the individual needs of each of her students, and provides multiple opportunities for them to grow and develop their skills.

Here we are, 6 years later. Thanks to Sensei, Lisa has grown into a confident yet humble, graceful, odori performer.

Odori is more than a type of Japanese dance for her students. It is a lesson in patience as Sensei helps performers spend hours getting dressed. It is a lesson in culture as Sensei explains the reference to life in Japan long ago. It is a lesson in language as Sensei teaches Japanese words and phrases. It is a lesson of what it means to be Japanese as Sensei is an exemplary role model for her students.

Sensei is an extremely kind, caring and giving individual. She is kind in her words of encouragement, even when it's obvious that there's a lot of work to be done. She is caring, as she understands when someone's had a tough day and tries to make it better. She is giving, as she always tries to give back to others including the Japanese community by participating at performances, parades and cultural events.

Sensei works tirelessly to prepare for recitals and performances, putting the needs of her students and the Japanese community above her own. Sensei is gentle, positive and understanding. She plays an important role in continuing to develop an awareness and understanding of what it means to be Japanese.

On behalf of the students and families of Fujima Seiyumi Kai, CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU, Sensei, for being who you are and for your many accomplishments.



Dianne Fukuwa (back row, center) with Woman of the Year past recipients and CC supporters.



**"Champs"**

**SAN JOSE NINJAS  
TOURNAMENT**

**(April 19-20, 2014)**

SF Angels in their championship T-shirts (L-R): Lindsey Tse, Kate Tokuhara, Allison Yamada, Dayna Tanaka, Sydney Arikawa, Alyxis Nakano and Sydne Kaku. They defeated the San Francisco Enchantees, the San Francisco Flying Eagles and the FOR Crunch Time to win the championship.



## Celebrating Tuna Canyon HCM #1039

The Tuna Canyon Detention Station Coalition will be celebrating its designation as Los Angeles City Historic-Cultural Monument #1039 at the San Fernando Valley Japanese Community Center on June 25 at 11:00 AM. Kanji Sahara, a member of the Tuna Canyon Detention Station Coalition (TCDS) board, will present a talk on the **1913 Alien Land Law** that prevented the *Issei* from owning land and often led to property being registered in the name of their American-born children.

Beginning in 2006, Dr. Lloyd Hitt and Paul Tsuneishi began a quest to learn about the Tuna Canyon Detention Station. Initially they received few responses. Undaunted, they persevered, and they have inspired local activists and Asian American scholars who have begun to make Tuna Canyon Detention Station's history widely-known.

Beginning in the days following the bombing of Pearl Harbor, the Department of Justice imprisoned Japanese, German and Italian immigrants, Japanese from Peru, and others who they suspected were "dangerous enemy aliens." It is painful for the grandchildren of Mrs. Nobue Nishii to think of her plight during that turbulent time as she spoke no English with two little children when her husband, a Buddhist priest, was arrested by the FBI at the San Diego Buddhist Church as it was called then. The family returned from camp to a fire damaged temple which had to have major repairs before they could move back in. Despite the hardship she endured, she became an American citizen at age ninety. When the 1988 Civil Liberties Act was passed it restored her belief in America. Now, one year after struggles with the Los Angeles City Council and the owners of the TCDS site, the Coalition that includes her grandsons continues its activism for the memorialization of Tuna Canyon Detention Station.

Everyone is welcome to come for the potluck lunch at 11:00 AM with the keynote speaker immediately following. Please make reservations at [tuna1941@gmail.com](mailto:tuna1941@gmail.com) or call Nancy Oda at 818 935 2603 by June 20.



## Manzanar Reunion Coming Up in July

The 2014 Manzanar Reunion will be held at the California Hotel in Las Vegas on July 21-23. Everyone is welcome to attend -- those interned at Manzanar, or another camp, family, friends and anyone with an interest in the history of Manzanar. Come visit with old friends and make new ones! There will be a mixer buffet, bingo, banquet, slot tournament and displays. Park rangers from the Manzanar National Historic Site will be in attendance to present an update on the camp. Bus transportation and hotel lodging is

available. Buses will depart and return at the following locations: Los Angeles, Venice, Gardena and the SFVJACC in Pacoima. For more information, contact Cherry Uyeda at (805) 643-4417 or Grace Deguchi at (310) 968-1666.

## ASIAN-PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY FORUM HOSTED BY THE LAPD

Several community center folks attended the March 13 Asian-Pacific Islander Community Forum held at the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church on Plummer. Deputy Chief Jorge Villegas greeted the guests from eight regions that make up the Valley Bureau. He reported that statistic showed that property crimes like burglary, motor vehicle theft and personal theft dropped from 5,685 cases to 4,717 for the period of January 1-March 8.

Captain III Sean Makinowski of the Foothill Division (our neighborhood station), responded to questions from Gene and Genevieve Lew who invited him to our Pancake breakfast that weekend. It was great when two officers came early that morning.

Members John and Kay Yamada now has SLO officer Carol Sawamura patrolling and securing their North Hollywood area. The Kameyas and Shigekuni's who live in the area came as well.

That morning, the well respected Officer Nicholas Lee was buried so it was a long day for the Senior Lead Officers whose badges were marked with a black ribbon in his memory.

LAPD community meetings are held monthly at the Center on the 2nd Thursday of each month starting at 6 pm. To reach our neighborhood station, call (818) 756-8860 .



(L-R): Gene Lew, Genevieve Lew, Nancy Oda, John Yamada and Kay Yamada with Foothill Division Captain III Sean Malinowski.



## Father's Day

By Old Wakaba, Bud Sagara

The weary father tells his small child, "It's safe to go back to bed now, the monsters are gone." The somewhat doubtful child questions, "Really?" The father patiently replies, "I got rid of the monsters. That's what fathers do."

The experiences that we have with our fathers have an influence on the way we view the world in a greater way than most of us realize. A father is commonly pictured as the guy who went to work each morning rain or shine, read the newspaper, mowed

the lawn and fixed things around the house. Warm and cuddly was not his style. He didn't prepare the meal, or give the kids a bath, or wipe their noses. He listened more than he spoke, but if he did speak, one had better pay attention. He allowed the kids to fall off their bicycles without their training wheels so that they could learn to ride on their own. There was no sympathy for skinned knees or the whiney cries of a child. He made the tough decisions and stood by them even when they were unpopular with the family. He was the one who rushed out at 2 AM to buy cough medicine for a sick child. He showed us how to save money, to be honest and to be generous to others who were less fortunate. He showed us how to respect women, elders and people who were different from ourselves. He taught us how to be a part of a community like the CC and how to volunteer for the common good. He made us go to judo or baseball practice, Japanese school, or work in a booth at the Carnival during *Obon*. He did not tell us how to live life. He allowed us to watch as he lived his.

Mark Twain wrote, "When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years." A father is under constant scrutiny by his children. Children learn by example how to react to family problems, responsibilities, disappointments and successes. A father teaches, disciplines and molds children until they are ready to face the world on their own. His goal is to make them better than he is so that they can accomplish things that he may not have been able to. This substantiates his role as a father

and bears witness that his life was not hollow and counted for something. Sometimes fathers get so

caught up with working to provide a comfortable life for their families, that they forget that building character in a child is more important. There are occasional breaks in the gloom and doom of fatherhood in which he would act silly or tickle the kids until they cried with laughter. He would take them to Dodger games, wear funny shirts and patiently

watch the kids play their games at the CC. He could embarrass his kids without even trying. His booming voice would carry all over the store as he called out, "Hey, the pimple medicine you need is on sale!"

Do we really know our fathers on a personal level? A person can say that they know their father, but there may be only respect, loyalty and mutual incomprehension between them. The presence of this familiar stranger could be felt in the room. There was this sense of a simmering powerful force that could be unleashed at any moment. When going through old photographs, I look at my father and wonder how he felt on the day he married the beautiful woman who is my mother. What were his dreams and aspirations? What was it like spending four years of his young life fighting Germans during WWII with his comrades in the 442<sup>nd</sup> RCT? My father never spoke of these things and I never asked. When we did talk, it was about how the Dodgers were doing or some other meaningless subject as if we were afraid to have deeper conversations. I regret not being able to really get to know my Dad and to thank him for making me the person that I am today. Please don't let an opportunity pass by because isn't that what Father's Day is all about?

We have an innate concept of what a perfect father should be: He loves us unconditionally because it is based on his nature rather than anything we say or do. He listens to us and gives us his full attention. He provides for all our needs, but not necessarily all our wants. His words are true. He protects us from the alluring desires of the world and its empty promises. He disciplines us for our own good out of love instead of for punishment for wrongdoing. Our earthly fathers are human so they are imperfect like us and likely to have messed up in some area of their fatherly duties. That's what makes them uniquely ours. But, each of us also has a perfect Father in heaven who calls to us, his prodigal sons and daughters. His love for us is patient, kind, and never fails. He searches the horizon and when he sees us, he will run with open arms to welcome us back home. Happy Father's Day!



## CRAFT WORKSHOP



On Saturday, March 22, the Craft Class made Nuno Zouri, Japanese cloth slippers, that reuse old cloth (any type of cloth but for the class, old T-shirts were used). Kay Yamada taught the class. Pictured are 2 pairs done by Ritsuko Shinbashi, which she made for her grandchildren.

The next workshop will be on June 21 from 10 am to 12 noon and will be announced on the SFVJACC Facebook in June.



## Valley Japanese Community Center to host their Annual Obon Festival

June 21 & 22, 2014 5PM-10PM

The Valley Japanese Community Center is located at 8850 Lankershim Blvd, Sun Valley, CA. Crowd pleasing and classic all time favorite foods such as Udon, Teriyaki Beef, Sushi, Chinese Chicken Salad, and Fresh Roasted Corn on the Cob and Homemade baked goods are some of the foods which will be available for purchase.

Demonstrations of Judo, Karate, Kendo, Tea Ceremony and Minyo Odori will be held. Festival-type games, exhibits of calligraphy/Sumi-E, and schoolwork completed by Japanese School Students will be featured on both days. Returning on Saturday to Sun Valley for the 4th year is Matsutoyo Kai with a special performance of Minyo music. Returning for the 5th year is LA Matsuri Taiko who will fill the air with their thunderous drumming on Sunday.

After the demonstrations, please join in the Bon Odori dances. Bon dances are dances of joy so age, looks or experience should not inhibit anyone from entering the circle of dancers!

Practice dates are Tuesday and Friday starting on May 30, 2014 to June 17, 2014 from 7-9PM

Please bring Uchiwa, Tenugui and Kachi Kachi

Contact Christine Inouye @christineinouye@yahoo.com or 818.825.9583

**OBON FESTIVAL**  
SAN FERNANDO VALLEY  
HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE

**1+1**

**JUNE 28 & 29**  
**4:00PM - 9:00PM**

JAPANESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY CENTER  
12953 BRANFORD ST.  
PASADENA, CA  
(2 BLOCKS EAST OF THE 5 FWY)

THIS YEAR'S RAFFLE PRIZES  
1ST PRIZE: \$1,000  
2ND PRIZE: \$ 500  
3RD PRIZE: IPAD MINI

FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
(818) 899-4030

## 2014 OBON FESTIVALS

- June 21 & 22  
Valley Japanese CC
- June 28  
West Covina Buddhist Temple
- June 28 & 29  
SFV Hongwanji Buddhist Temple
- July 5  
Senshin Buddhist Temple
- July 12  
Oxnard Buddhist Temple
- July 12 & 13  
• Nishi Hongwanji Buddhist Temple  
• Zenshuji Temple
- July 20  
Sozenji Buddhist Temple
- July 19 & 20  
• Orange County Buddhist Church  
• Pasadena Buddhist Temple  
• Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple
- July 26 & 27  
• Higashi Hongwanji Buddhist Temple  
• West Los Angeles Buddhist Temple
- August 2 & 3  
Gardena Buddhist Temple



SAN FERNANDO VALLEY  
JAPANESE LANGUAGE INSTITUTE  
サンフェルナンド バレー日本語学園

## New School Year Starting August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014

If you or know of anyone who is looking for a language school, or is simply interested in the Japanese Language, our school year starts on Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. We take entry level students from the age of 4 years old, we offer High School Credit test, and we have a Conversation Class. The students not only learn Japanese, but they also can experience variety of cultural events. Visit our website at [sfvjli.com](http://sfvjli.com) or email us at [sfvjli@hotmail.com](mailto:sfvjli@hotmail.com) for more information.

# Tea



BY VELINA HASU HOUSTON  
Directed by Ernest A. Figueroa

## SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, June 8, 2014 2:00 PM

San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center

Suggested Donation \$15

For more information, contact Nancy Gohata at  
[yaiko16verizon.net](http://yaiko16verizon.net) or (818) 371-8013.

Q&A with playwright Velina Hasu Houston.



## 2014 San Fernando PeeWee Basketball Clinic

**Saturdays (July 12, 19, 26, Aug 2)**

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 • C.O.R.E Basketball League Director - Corona Del Mar

**\$45** (includes Coaching by SF Coaching Staff, Jersey and Basketball!)

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

**4 Saturdays of fun!** (8-year-olds who have never played before also welcome)

To register or for more information, call Margaret (818) 701-7628 or  
email: [JNCMOM@aol.com](mailto:JNCMOM@aol.com) • Deadline for forms and payment— 6/14/14.



## **COORDINATING COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONS-MEETINGS-CONTACT PERSONS**

Coordinating Council.....	1st Wed., 7:00 PM.....	Nancy Oda .....	818 786-0914
Community Center.....	1st/3rd Wed., 7:00 PM.....	Paul Jonokuchi .....	818 894-5327
Athletics.....	3rd Tues., 7:30 PM.....	Margaret Takimoto .....	818 701-7628
CC News.....	Lois Okui.....	818 892-1487.....	Email: loisokui@aol.com
Chatsworth West United Methodist Church.....			
.....	2nd Sun., 1:00 PM.....	Doreen Kawamoto.....	818 764-8850
Crossway Church.....	2nd Sun., 12:30 PM.....	Diane Date.....	818 701-6607
SFV Bonsai Club.....	4th Sun., 8 AM-12 PM.....	Daito Ono.....	818 349-1310
SFV Fishing Club .....	3rd Mon., 8:00 PM.....	John Goka.....	
SFV Hongwanji Buddhist Temple.....	2nd Mon., 7:30 PM.....	Roger Itaya .....	818 899-4030
SFV JACL .....	2nd Wed., 7:00 PM.....	Doreen Kawamoto.....	818 764-8850
SFV Japanese Language Institute .....	Sat., 9:30 AM-12:30 PM.....	Kimi Chiba.....	818 590-3362
SFV Judo Club .....	4th Wed., 7:03 PM.....	Mo Barrera .....	818 331-9444
SFV Landscape Gardeners .....	Sat. of every other month.....	Nob Tamai .....	818 347-3912
SFV Meiji Senior Citizens.....	1st Fri., 12:30 PM.....	Kay Yamada.....	818 763-4861
Nikkei Senior Gardens.....	2nd Thurs., 7:00 PM.....	Toji Hashimoto .....	818 897-4216
Sho Chiku Bai Porter Ranch Bonsai Club.....			
.....	1st Sun., 9 AM-12 PM.....	Walter Zipusch.....	818 746-6677
Sunrise Foursquare Church.....		Reverend Paul Iwata .....	818 782-8738
Valley Japanese Community Center .....			
.....	2nd Fri., 7:30 PM.....	Neil Hashiba .....	818 732-5837
VFW Post 4140.....	1st Fri., 10:00 AM.....	Frank Tanaka .....	818 361-8951

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

Call Tadao Okui  
at 818-892-1487  
or email:  
tadokui@aol.com

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

Email:  
loisokui@aol.com

CC Deadline:  
2nd Friday of  
every odd month.

## **SPECIAL CLASSES**

Arts & Crafts.....	Monday	9:00 AM-12:00 PM	Sally Hamamoto	818 361-2902
Ballroom Dance.....	Tuesday	7:00-8:30 PM	Barbara Okita	818 784-5128
Bowling*, Mission Hills Bowl.....	Thursday	9:30 AM	George Seko	818 998-0682
Bridge*.....	Mon/Wed	12:00-4:00 PM	Ray Shinsato	818 767-5550
Country Western Music*.....	1st /3rd Tuesday	10:30-11:30 AM	Janet Schuetze	818 767-1819
Craft Workshop.....	2nd Sat, even months	10:00 AM-12 PM	SFVJACC@gmail.com	818 899-1989
Exercise Class.....	Tuesday	9:00-10:00 AM	Ralph Ahn	818 897-1322
Exercise Class.....	Friday	10:00-11:00 AM	Reverend Leo Fong	818 618-4368
Guitar Class.....	Tuesday	10:15-11:30 AM	Greg Librando	818 896-6503
Hanafuda*.....	Friday	1:00-3:00 PM	Yone Takimoto	818 765-6735
Harmonica Class*.....	Friday	11:00-11:30 AM	Call CC office	818 899-1989
Hawaiian Hula.....	Friday	12:30 PM		
Hawaiian Ukulele Class.....	Friday (Gym)	10:00-11:30 AM	Greg Librando	818 896-6503
Hitomi's Cooking Class .....	4th Tuesday	7:00 PM	NJ Nakamura	818 893-6503
Ikenobo Ikebana Class.....	2nd Thurs	10:00-1:00 PM	Ritsuko Shinbashi	818 892-0470
Japanese Calligraphy.....	1st/3rd Thursday	9:30-11:00 AM	Yuriko Muso	818 726-8935
Japanese Classical Dance.....	Friday	1:00-6:55 PM	Diane Fukuwa	310 217-0443
Karaoke*.....	1st/3rd Thurs	10:00 AM-12:00 PM	Walter Fujimori	818 352-1075
Kokusei Shigin Class.....	Thursday	7:00-9:00 PM	Lily Kumagai	818 367-2711
Line Dancing*.....	Thursday	8:45-10:00 AM	Mark Nakamura	818 363-3038
Mandolin.....	Friday	9:30-11:00 AM	Call CC office	818 899-1989
Mah-Jong*.....	Tuesday	1:00-3:00 PM	Yoko Kawamura	818 765-3513
Ondo Dancing* .....	2nd/4th Friday	7:00-9:00 PM	Masako Rodriguez	818 899-8777
Ping Pong Club.....	Thursday, 2nd/4th Tuesday	10:00 AM-3:00 PM	Burt Tokuhara	818 469-8934
Qi Gong (J-School Classroom).....	Thursday	7:00-8:30 PM	Mamie Kosaka	661.645.4515
SFV Judo Club.....	Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri	7:00-9:00 PM	Mo Barrera	818 331-9444
Tai Chi Class*.....	Monday	9:00-10:00 AM	Florence Takaaze	310 202-6693
Yoga Class.....	Wednesday	10-11 AM/7:30-8:30 PM	Call CC Office	818 899-1989
Zumba.....	Monday	7:30-8:30 PM	Margaret Takimoto	818 701-7628

## **SUPPORT GROUPS & SERVICES**

Alzheimer's Support Group.....	1st Saturday	10:00 AM-12 PM	Facilitator: Isabelle Miyata
Blood Pressure Screening*.....	3rd Friday	9:00-11:00 AM	Nikkei Pioneer Conference Room
Podiatrist*.....	2nd Saturday	12:30—2 PM	Nikkei Pioneer Conference Room

\*Meiji Senior Citizens' Activity or Service

For more information, call the CC at (818) 899-1989.



**SAN FERNANDO VALLEY  
HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE**

9450 Remick Ave. Pacoima  
818 899-4030 www.sfvhbt.org

Rev. Patricia Usuki:  
Temple President: Rod Kuratomi  
Dharma School - Sunday 11:00 am

**BUDDHIST TEMPLE CALENDAR**

**June**

- 1 Shotsuki: Monthly Memorial Service 10am
- 7 Dharma discussion 9:30 am
- 8 Regular Service 10 am
- 15 Father's Day & Graduation Service 10 am
- 22 TBA
- 29 No Service  
(Obon festival, June 28-29)

**July**

- 5 Dharma discussion 9:30 am
- 6 TBA
- 12 Dharma discussion 9:30 am
- 13 Obon, Hatsubon and July/Aug. Shotsuki: combined ancestors', past year & monthly memorial Service 10 am
- 19 Dharma discussion 9:30 am
- 20 TBA
- 26 Dharma discussion 9:30 am
- 27 Summer Service 10 am

**August**

- 2 Dharma discussion 9:30 am
- 3 Summer service 10 am
- 10 Summer Service 10 am
- 17 Summer Service 10 am
- 24 TBA
- 31 No service (Jr. YBA Conference)



**Crossway Church**

Formerly San Fernando Valley Holiness Church

9610 Haddon Avenue  
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.sfvhc.org](http://www.sfvhc.org)

**English Department**

Pastor Roland Hazama  
Pastor Raynold Nakamura

**Sunday Schedule**

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

10:30 AM  
Coffee Fellowship

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

**Youth Fellowship**

Friday, 7:30 PM  
Meetings at the church for Jr. High and Sr. High

**Mid-Week Home Groups**

We believe that fellowship, friendship, and spiritual growth happens best in our small groups that meet during the week. We have a number of groups meeting in the San Fernando and Santa Clarita Valleys. Come, visit, and get to know our church. For more information, please call us or check our website.

**Japanese Department**

Pastor In Hyun

**Sunday Schedule**

11:00 AM  
Worship Service  
Lunch and Fellowship  
After worship service on the 1st and 3rd Sundays

Wednesday, 10:00 AM  
Prayer Meeting @ church

Please ask about other weekday meetings.



**Chatsworth  
West United Methodist Church**

(Formerly West Valley UMC merged with Chatsworth UMC)

**Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors**

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

E-mail: [chatsworthumc@juno.com](mailto:chatsworthumc@juno.com)  
FAX: 818 341 1271

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

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

**Bible Study Thurs @ 10AM & 7:15PM  
Tuesdays @ 1PM**

**Choir practice 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday @ 3:00PM**  
Musical Director: Steve Foreman

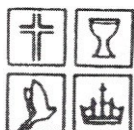
**Japanese Class – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday @ 9AM**  
Instructor: Junko Wayama

**Shotokan Karate of America  
Fri. @ 6:30 PM Rm.1**  
Instructor: April Warynick  
[www.ska.org](http://www.ska.org)  
1 213 437 0988

**Electrobattles Dance for children  
Fri. evening, Rm. 5**  
Instructor: Sharon James

**Chi Fung Mind & Body Fitness  
Tuesday @ 9AM Rm.2**  
Instructor: Leo Fong





**SUNRISE  
FOURSQUARE  
CHURCH**

“Connected to God-Connected  
to One Another”

**Pastors:**

Rev. Paul Iwata  
Rev. Haruko “Spring” Iwata

**Meeting Address:**

5853 Laurel Canyon Blvd.  
North Hollywood, CA 91607

**Mailing Address:**

14705 Wyandotte St.  
Van Nuys, CA 91405

**Sunday**

10:30 AM ..... Worship Services  
English: Rev. Paul Iwata  
Japanese: Rev. Spring Iwata  
12 noon .....Potluck Lunch

**Thursday**

7:00 PM.....Prayer Meeting and  
Bible Study

**Friday**

6:00 PM.....Prayer Meeting at Court  
Yard Assisted Care Living Center  
7:30 PM.....Youth & Young Adult  
Meeting at Church

**Home Meetings**

Yukio Masai's ..... 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday  
7:00 PM in Gardena  
310-329-1586

Pastoral counseling is available for  
individuals, couples, and families.

**Phone:** 818-782-8738  
818-642-2332

**Email:** [pmiwata1@hotmail.com](mailto:pmiwata1@hotmail.com)

**Website:**  
[www.sunrisejapanesechurch.org](http://www.sunrisejapanesechurch.org)

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CC**

**June 7, 2014**

SFV Language Institute  
Speech Contest

**June 8, 2014**

JACL - A Reading “Tea”

**June 16 - 20, 2014**

JACL Suzume no Gakkou  
Camp

**June 21, 2014**

Craft Workshop (morning)

**June 21, 2014**

Elder Abuse Seminar  
(afternoon)

**June 28 & 29, 2014**

SFV Hongwanji Buddhist  
Temple Obon

**July 12, 19, 26 & August 2**

Pee Wee Clinic

**August 23**

Luau & Bingo Night  
Fundraiser

**August 19 - September 1**

Gym Closed (Refinishing floor)

**August 27 - September 1**

Pioneer Building Closed  
(Stripping & waxing floor)

**ALZHEIMER’S SUPPORT GROUP**

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

Meetings: First Saturday of the month  
Time: 10 am — 12 noon

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

**Valley Japanese Community Center**

8850 Lankershim Blvd. Sun Valley, CA91352

**Ballet Class**

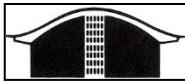
- \* For Kids: Wed. 4:00pm ~5:00pm  
(5 and up) Sat. 1:00pm ~ 1:45p
- \* For Adults: Wed. 10:30am ~ 12:00pm  
Sat. 2:00pm ~ 3:30pm



Valley Japanese Community Center is delighted to announce that ballet classes have started April 2014. These classes will be taught by Yukie Kanagawa, who has had professional training in Tokyo with the Ballet Company of Japan. Classical ballet is the basic foundation of all types of dances. Whatever you learn in ballet translates to values that can be used to pursue other forms of dance by improving balance and flexibility, increasing agility, and developing discipline and dedication. From beginner to professional, dancers of all levels are welcome. Come and join us for a free trial!

Tuition: \$30/ month ♦ Community Member Fee: \$40/ year/ family

For more information: Yukie Kanagawa (818) 235-6850  
or email: [ykballet23@gmail.com](mailto:ykballet23@gmail.com)



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## San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center

### 2014 MEMBERSHIP FORM

(Membership period: January 1 to December 31, 2014)

1. Complete the information below.
  2. Tear off the membership card for your records.
  3. Make check payable to "SFVJACC".
  4. **Send your check and this form to:** SFVJACC – Membership
- Family Membership - \$55.00  
 Single Membership - \$35.00

(Please Print)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last Name) (First Name)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\* For information, please call SFVJACC at (818) 899-1989. Thank you for supporting our Community Center.  
FAX is (818) 899-0659.