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A Fallen Hero Remembered -



Kiyoshi K. Muranaga (February 16, 1922 – June 26, 1944) was a United States Army soldier and a recipient of the United States military's highest decoration—the Medal of Honor—for his actions in World War II.

Kiyoshi Muranaga was born in California to Japanese immigrant parents. He was raised as one of the oldest of nine siblings in the Gardena area. He is the

brother of longtime CC members, Sally Hamamoto and Tomi Muranaga.

The Muranaga family was interned at the Granada War Relocation Center in Colorado. In May 1943, Muranaga joined the US Army. He volunteered to be part of the all-Nisei 442nd Regimental Combat Team. This army unit was made up of mostly Japanese Americans from Hawaii and the mainland.

On their first day of action, the 442nd was sent to Italy, near Suvereto (Belvedere). As Muranaga and his comrades moved into the attack, they came under heavy fire from the Nazi German forces in strongly fortified positions, including an 88mm gun. His mortar squad leader ordered them to withdraw due to their exposed position, but he stayed at his weapon and attempted to destroy the 88mm gun single-handed. Muranaga was able to fire three shells before being killed by the enemy's return fire.

Kiyoshi Muranaga's first – and only – day of combat was one of the greatest of our Nation's history. He was only 22 years of age.

For his actions in June 1944, he was posthumously awarded the Army's second-highest decoration, the Distinguished Service Cross. A 1990s review of service records for Asian Americans who received the Distinguished Service Cross during World War II led to Muranaga's award being upgraded to the Medal of Honor.

In a ceremony at the White House on June 21, 2000, the Muranaga family was presented with his Medal of Honor by President Bill Clinton. Twenty-one other Asian Americans also received the medal during the ceremony, all but seven of them posthumously.

Muranaga's brothers were also soldiers. Kenichi (1924–2009) and Yoshio (1923–2008) were also in the 442nd. Tomi, his youngest brother, (born 1935-) was a soldier in Korea.

Private First Class Muranaga's official Medal of Honor citation reads:

Private First Class Kiyoshi K. Muranaga distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in action on 26 June 1944, near Suvereto, Italy. Private First Class Muranaga's company encountered a strong enemy force in commanding positions and with superior firepower. An enemy 88mm self-propelled gun opened direct fire on the company, causing the men to disperse and seek cover. Private First Class Muranaga's

mortar squad was ordered to action, but the terrain made it impossible to set up their weapons. The squad leader, realizing the vulnerability of the mortar position, moved his men away from the gun to positions of relative safety. Because of the heavy casualties being inflicted on his company, Private First Class Muranaga, who served as a gunner, attempted to neutralize the 88mm weapon alone. Voluntarily remaining at his gun position, Private First Class Muranaga manned the mortar himself and opened fire on the enemy gun at a range of approximately 400 yards. With his third round, he was able to correct his fire so that the shell landed directly in front of the enemy gun. Meanwhile, the enemy crew, immediately aware of the source of mortar fire, turned their 88mm weapon directly on Private First Class Muranaga's position. Before Private First Class Muranaga could fire a fourth round, an 88mm shell scored a direct hit on his position, killing him instantly. Because of the accuracy of Private First Class Muranaga's previous fire, the enemy soldiers decided not to risk further exposure and immediately abandoned their position. Private First Class Muranaga's extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit on him, his unit, and the United States Army.

* The SFV VFW Post 4140 built the Kiyoshi Muranaga Medal of Honor Memorial Garden Court (where the VFW Memorial Garden is) in honor of this courageous young soldier.



Memorial Day Service

By Liz Doomey

May 27, 2018

Our annual Memorial Day Service was well attended by family and friends of the veterans who served our country. We gathered to honor their sacrifice through all the wars and in peace. New names were added this year to the garden—Ted T. Iida, Wesley Kaname Koyano, Harold F. Muraoka, Frank Fumio Nakama, Orlino Paul Rosete, Larry Kiyoshi Suenaka and Tommy Isamu Takimoto.

The courtyard and gardens were in tip top shape thanks to the efforts of Ken Shimbashi, John Kobayashi, Kay Oda, John Doomey, Ray Kawamoto and Roy Imazu. You did a wonderful job gentleman.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to the volunteers that worked very hard to make this event run so smoothly.

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SFVJACC MISSION STATEMENT

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



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I mentioned previously how much our Community Center appreciates each of you every time you can volunteer and how much it positively impacts our members! The friendships and fun, keep us all coming back! Over the years, the volunteers have built, maintained and donated much of their time and money, all so we, and our future generations, can experience and benefit from the center.

Many of your family members (I know because people keep telling me), often did it privately and proudly, not looking for or wanting any recognition or anything in return. There has been a lot of discussion and requests to create a historic timeline which would capture and chronicle our Center's rich and wonderful history. If you have ideas or can share memories and pictures, I am sure the board and myself as well as the membership, would love to see and learn about them!

The summer is here and graduations, vacations, Obons, tournaments, Family Day and more will be filling up our schedules. I hope you will be able to enjoy all or many of these annual events! And while you are spending time here, take a minute to say thanks. Even if you do not know who was responsible for providing us the opportunity to enjoy the facility or equipment, just remember most of it did not come easy, and some with controversy, but it all was for the benefit of our community! I know I find myself doing that often.

Danny Okazaki



Keiro Grants Luncheon 2018

By Akiko Manaka

On April 14, 2018, Keiro Services hosted a luncheon for the recipients of its 2017 Grants Program cycle, awarding 41 non-profit organizations a total of nearly \$500,000 in funds to support their work with Japanese American and Japanese older adults in Southern California. Keiro's Grants Program broadens the impact of its efforts to address the challenges associated with aging, with an emphasis on cultural sensitivity. The Keiro Grants program provides funding to qualified non-profit, community-based organizations that serve the Japanese American and Japanese older adult population, supporting projects that create a positive impact on the quality of life for the community.

San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center (SFVJACC) was one of the 41 recipients of this grant. In attendance were Elizabeth Doomey and Akiko Manaka, representing the SFVJACC. The community center plans to utilize the grant to fund an oral history project in order to preserve the Japanese American history. Nikkei Senior Garden was also one of the recipients.

Several of the grant awardees made presentations of how these grants were going to make a positive impact on their organization. In addition to the awardee's presentation, Keiro introduced their palliative care program, *Iyashi Care*. Keiro and Providence Health & Services have partnered to bring culturally sensitive palliative care to Japanese American and Japanese-speaking older adults who are living with advanced illnesses, debilitating and/or life-limiting symptoms. We are looking to bring more information about this program to the community center members. Please stay tuned.



(L-R): Leona Hiraoka, CEO of Keiro Services, Brandon Leong, Director of Programs and Strategic Partnerships, CC Board members, Liz Doomey and Akiko Manaka.

Save the Dates!

STEAK DINNER & BINGO NITE September 15, 2018



SUPER BINGO FUNDRAISER November 3, 2018

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

For the Months of March & April 2018

Donations

Stuart Matsuda
 For the purchase of two new BBQS

Cathy Fujimoto
 In memory of mother Murako Amy Hatanaka

Jack Hatanaka.....
 In memory of mother Murako Amy Hatanaka

Todd Uramoto
 Year-end charitable donation

Shigeko Muraoka and Family.....
 In memory of husband Harold Muraoka

Frank and Marge Tanaka
 In appreciation of receiving the SFVJACC Lifetime Achievement Award

Chieko Iida and Family.....
 In memory of husband Ted Iida

Sally Hamamoto
 In honor of daughter Leslie's marriage

Emi Hino.....
 In memory of husband Frank Hino

Chieko Iida and Family.....
 Donation to the Veteran's Fund - In memory of husband Ted Iida

Michael Anderson.....
 In memory of wife Grace Oda Anderson

SF Athletics
 Donation to the Veteran's Fund

Stephanie Stewart and Family
 In memory of father Orfino Rosete

Frank and Marge Tanaka
 Donation to the Veteran's Fund - In memory of Harold Muraoka

Jane Komoto and Darrell Vivian.....
 In memory of mother Clara Komoto

Greg Kimura
 United Way Charitable Contribution

Use of Facilities

Shigeko Muraoka and Family
 SFV JACL.....
 Ping Pong Club.....
 Thursday Nite Basketball.....
 Yurica Yamaguchi
 Tuesday Nite Basketball.....
 Tuna Canyon Detention Station
 Tuesday Exercise Class
 Wednesday Nite Basketball.....
 Friday Exercise Class
 Senior Arts & Crafts.....
 Nikkei Senior Gardens.....
 Hitomi's Cooking Class.....
 Mandolin Group
 Monday Nite Basketball.....
 Harmonica

Miscellaneous

Coffee donation
 Copier donation
 George Matsumoto 1 pkg (750 sheets) copy paper
 Yaeko Mochizuki..... 1 (3 lbs) Coffee
 SF Athletics..... 1 Box (42 Pkgs) Coffee, 1 Box (42 Pkgs)
 Decaf Coffee, 1 bottle of orange juice, 5
 bottles of apple juice, 3 pkgs coffee filters
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Miscellaneous - continued

SFV Ballroom Dance..... 1 (3 lbs) Decaf coffee
 SFV Meiji Senior Club 1 Case of copy paper
 Ritsuko Shinbashi..... 1 (3 lbs) Coffee
 Smokey Sugii 1 (3 lbs) Coffee

DONATIONS TO HOT MEALS

For the Months of March & April 2018

Kay Yamada..... Cake for husband John Yamada's birthday

Musashi Restaurant 250 lbs Rice, 3 pkgs chopsticks

Paul Shimizu Boxes tangerines

Michiko Kus Assorted Japanese sweets, takuan

Doreen Kawamoto..... Cake

Hisako Hazard..... 15 lbs Nishiki rice

Roy Imazu Tamales for the kitchen volunteers

Harris/Diane Yoneoka One case of gravy mixes

Rex/Lorraine Shimizu 3 Jars of iced tea mix

Marilyn Kishi..... Donuts, coffeecake for the kitchen volunteers

Darrell Vivian Monetary donation

Kyoko Ishii..... 1 Gal special mayonnaise

Shigeko Muraoka Monetary donation - In memory of husband Harold Muraoka

Anonymous Monetary donation - In memory of Paul Rosete

Hortensia Sumida..... 2 Boxes of Girl Scout cookies

Thank you so much for your generous donations!

49TH ANNUAL MANZANAR PILGRIMAGE

On April 27, 2018, over 1,000 people attended the pilgrimage. The theme for this year's event was, "Silent No More, and Liberty and Justice for All."



Ranger Alisa Broxh Lynch and CC member, Sylvia Yamashita

VFW Memorial Service - Continued from front page

Thank you to the following people -

Pastor Christian Jong, Chatsworth West United Methodist Church

MC - Jennifer Hamamoto

Registration - Kay Yamada, Marge Tanaka, Denise Tanaka

Flowers donated by Frank and Marge Tanaka

Programs - Kay Yamada

Set-up and Clean-up -

John & Liz Doomey

Cathy Fujimoto

Kisui Fujimoto

Audrey Fukunaga

Michiko Tokunaga Kus

Joy Longworth

Tim, Akiko & Taryn Manaka

Sandy Nobuyuki

Kay & Nancy Oda

Eddie Ohara

Nancy Takayama

Denise Tanaka

Frank Tanaka

Darrell Vivian

Kiyo, Asuka & Tenka Watanabe

Clay Yahiro

Our apologies if we missed anyone.



About 125 people came to honor the deceased veterans.



MC Jennifer Hamamoto



CC Board member Nancy Oda welcomed the attendees.



Pastor Christian Jong Did the invocation and benediction

Victor Muraoka represented the Japanese American Korean War Veterans at the service.



(L-R): Kay Yamada, Jennifer Hamamoto, Denise Tanaka and Marge Tanaka.



Thank you To The Following For Their Generous Donation To The SFVJACC Veteran's Fund

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 Fujimoto, Kisui
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 Koyano, Duane
 Morita, Chizuko
 Muranaga, Ken
 Muranaga, Tomi
 Muraoka, Clarea
 Muraoka, Shigeko
 Muraoka, Victor & Lois
 Nakama, John & Family
 Nakama, Kazuko
 Nakamura, Henry
 Nakamura, Richard & NJ
 Nomura, Kenso
 Oda, Kay & Nancy
 Ohara, Eddie
 Okamoto, Masao & Peggy
 Rivera, May
 Rosero, Felipe & Dorothy
 Sagara, Harley & Cora
 Sato, Hiroshi & Flo
 Sato, Robert & Setsuko
 SF Athletics Association
 Shojinaga, Alice
 Stewart, Stephanie & Family
 Suenaka, Haruyo
 Tanaka, Denise
 Tanaka, Frank & Marge
 Tanaka, Mr. & Mrs. Leonard
 Tanaka Arii, Donna
 Tsuji, Jim & Haruko
 Vivian, Darrell & Komoto, Jane
 Watanabe, Kenji & Kyoko
 Whitesell, Mr. & Mrs. Tim
 Yamada, John & Kay
 Yamaoka, Emmy
 Yamaoka, Ruby
 Yamashita, Sylvia



SFV MEIJI SENIOR CLUB

By Liz Doomey

Our purpose and goals are to provide our membership with activities and programs that help keep our seniors active and informed. We would like to continue this in 2018. We are always looking for additional seniors to join us on the first Friday of the month to continue our efforts for improvements to the Meiji Club

Board.

On Friday, April 13th we had our 50/50 Bingo right after Hot Meal. We had a good turn out with each winner getting \$44 for a \$5 investment. The Club's portion will be donated to the Center for a new copier.

The AARP Senior Smart Driver Workshop met on Monday, April 23rd and Wednesday, April 25th a turn out of 20 members participated in this class.

The Nutrition and Healthy Eating Class will be held on Wednesday, June 6th from 9 AM to 10 AM in the conference room.

There will be a Wealth Management Seminar on Saturday, June 16th from 10 AM to Noon. They will cover new tax details and investments. Everyone is invited to attend this seminar since it will affect the young and old alike.

Sign-up sheets are in the Hall if you would be interested in either the Caregiving or Alzheimer/Dementia Classes or call Liz Doomey to add your name to the list (818)429-4096

The trip to San Manuel in July has been postpone until September.

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

Thank you, Liz Doomey, President

AARP Senior Smart Driver Workshop



NYABC (NOT YOUR AVERAGE BASKETBALL CAMP)

By Curtis Takimoto

On April 28th and May 5th, 2018 Not Your Average Basketball Camp (NYABC) held a special-needs basketball clinic for the members of the Japanese-Speaking Parents Association of Children with Challenges (JSPACC) at the San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center (SFVJACC)

Every participant was partnered with at least one "buddy" or volunteer. The group of volunteers consisted of past participants and friends of the San Fernando Community Center. During the basketball session of the camp, the participants experienced "exploratory time," dribbling, and running drills with encouragement and guidance from the volunteers.

All the volunteers expertly adjusted their interaction and support according to the participants' abilities, which they gauged not only on the court but also through communication with the parents of the participants. The participants were all smiles as they challenged themselves in physical activity and had the opportunity to spend time with new friends.

A special thank you to our volunteers, San Fernando Athletics graciously donated supplies and helped to prepare lunch for the participants and volunteers. "It is amazing to see the event come together and everyone from the participants, their families, and our volunteers having a great time." said Ryan Lee, camp director and co-founder of NYABC. Hikaru, one of the participants said, "I had a good time playing basketball with my buddies and I am looking forward to seeing you again. I like to shoot the basketball through the net, dribbling and I like to play defense. I also had a fun time doing jumping jacks. I hope to see you again next year."

It truly was a community effort to host this camp, but we are already looking forward to next year's camp!

If you are interested in participating in our next camp or would like to volunteer, please email me at Curtis@NotYourAverageBasketballCamp.com

For more information please visit our website at www.NotYourAverageBasketballCamp.com



San Fernando Valley Japanese Language Institute

By Kiyoo Watanabe, PTA President

Spring season was kicked off by our annual "Undokai – Children's Athletic Day" on Saturday, April 28, 2018. Shiro Gumi (White Team) beat Aka Gumi (Red Team) again this year! The students participated in many athletic games during this event. The two teams played Tamaire by throwing balls into a basket held up on a high pole. The teams of students also played tug-a-war, ran in the hanging donut race, and runners swapped the batons many times during our final team relay race. At the end of the event, the families and students ate bentos and ice cream. SFVJLI would like to thank Bert Corona Charter School for sharing their soccer field, lunch area and restrooms during our school event.

On May 5, 2018, our annual Spring Yard Sale event was a success. The sales from SFVJLI's fundraiser will be used for future activities. Even though it was an extremely hot day, the PTA and parents were out in the heat as they sold the yard sale items. We would like to thank everybody who donated the materials for our event and all the volunteers (including Nakama Family for taking care of remaining items in timely manner.) Thank you for all your support!

SFVJLI will end our 2017-2018 School Year on June 2nd, 2018 with the annual Speech Contest as our closing ceremony along with a potluck lunch. It's an opportunity for the students to show what they have learned during this school year. We look forward to having our returning students and their families back at SFVJLI for 2018-2019 Academic Year as well as our new students.

Interested in learning the Japanese language? Becoming an adult student or sending your child (ages 4 and up) to our Japanese school. We are still accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year. For more info, please contact our office at (818) 896-8612 or email sfvjli@hotmail.com.



SFV Judo Club

Head Instructor: "Sensei Stuart Kam"

JUDO CLASSES:

- Monday evenings [7:00 - 9:00 pm] "Advanced training & Kids"
- Wednesday evenings [7:00 - 9:00 pm] "Advanced training & Kids"
- Friday evenings [7:00 - 9:00 pm] "Technical training day"
- Saturday "mornings" [9:00 - 11:30 am] "Advanced training day"

NOTE: Saturday (Minimum Age - 16 yrs.) (Minimum rank Brown Belt)

YOUTH JUDO CLASS

(Mon, Wed, & Fri) Judo for Kid's is run by "Sensei Luis Amaro" (Mon & Wed) and by "Sensei Glen Whitesell" (Fri). Young judoka's will learn the fundamentals of Judo. Focus of class will cover proper (Bio-mechanics/Form) of Judo. Classes for the young judokas will consist of learning new (WAZA/techniques) and will be taught along with (Ashi drills), (Kumi-Kata drills), (Uchikomi & Randori).

ADVANCED JUDO TRAINING DAY'S

- Mon, Wed, & Sat - Workouts are fast paced drill days for Adults, Lesson Plans by "Sensei Stuart Kam"...Typical part of workout consist of (Ashi drills), (Kumi-Kata drills), (Uchikomi & Randori).

TECHNICAL JUDO TRAINING DAY for KIDS & ADULTS

- Friday evenings [7:00 - 9:00 pm] Ask "Sensei Glen Whitesell" for class details.



German Echeverria and Alex Acosta

SF ATHLETICS NEWS



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FOR TOURNAMENT

5TH GRADE SILVER DIVISION

3RD PLACE

(LEFT TO RIGHT) JASEN SERAPIO, MATTHEW JOSE, ZACHARY SONG, NATHAN GALANG, TRAVIS DAO, JOREN SAKAMOTO, ZEN SHIMABUKURO AND GARRETT KIDO.

MISSING: COACH: DON SHIMABUKURO AND ASST. COACH: BRUCE SAKAMOTO

SF WOLFPACK

TIGERS TOURNAMENT

5TH GRADE SILVER DIVISION

FIRST PLACE CHAMPS

BACK ROW (L-R): COACH DON SHIMABUKURO, GARRETT KIDO, ZEN SHIMABUKURO, NATHAN GALANG, TRAVIS DAO AND ASST. COACH BRUCE SAKAMOTO

FRONT ROW (L-R): JASEN SERAPIO, JOREN SAKAMOTO AND BRYCE KOGA



SF Y2K

FOR TOURNAMENT

12TH GRADE SILVER DIVISION

FIRST PLACE CHAMPS

BACK ROW (L-R): HAYLYN NGUYEN, MADI QUAN, KYLIE OKAZAKI, MACKENZY IWAHASHI

FRONT ROW (L-R): JUSTYNE NAKANO, JANELLE DOI, KAYLA CHONG, ALANA YAMAUCHI



SF Athletics Jamboree

By Kristy Tanijiri

San Fernando Athletics held their annual Jamboree on April 28, 2018. The Jamboree is the one event where players from Kinder through 12th grade get together for an evening of fun, food, and prizes. This year the Killer X-Overs and the Shooting Stars hosted the event. Like previous years, we had tacos and a buffet of desserts and fruits.

Athletics recently partnered with the LA Clippers and we were lucky to have them join us at the Jamboree. Coach Jordan and Coach Jacob from the LA Clippers came to take pictures with the kids and brought a 3D photo booth that the kids enjoyed. The LA Clippers generously donated a basketball signed by the entire 2017-2018 Clipper team. We auctioned this off and the lucky winner was Margaret Takimoto! All proceeds from this auction will go to the Athletics scholarships. We would like to thank Joyce Ezaki who took all of the pictures of the kids with Coach Jordan.



We requested the SFV Taiko group to perform at the Jamboree and they graciously accepted. Seven taiko drummers performed along with one player from Athletics, Luke Inoshita, who is also a member of the taiko group. They performed three songs and they played beautifully! I think it was enjoyed by everyone.

We also had the annual slideshow that features every team from Kinder through 12th grade. They all had candid pictures of playing basketball together as a team, eating as a team, and hanging out as a team. All of the players seem to enjoy basketball and their teammates. Thank you to Jill Yoshizawa for organizing and putting together the slideshow.

Each team and player was recognized when they went up on stage with their coach and introduced themselves. As they walked off stage, they finally got their opportunity to pick a prize.

Teams were very generous with the toys and prizes they donated this year. The table was covered with toys that the kids couldn't stay away from it. They were so excited when it was their turn.



Margaret Takimoto with her Clipper's team autographed ball.

They each went home with a toy or prize and 12 lucky winners went home with an additional prize!

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Dennis and Susan Taguchi, Gary and Sandy Yamamoto, Guy and Tracy Niizawa, Tadao and Lois Okui, Ray Miyagawa, Margaret Takimoto, Chuck Itagaki, SFV Meiji Club, Jill Yoshizawa, Sandy Hiura, LA Clippers, Champ Baginski, Coach Jordan & Coach Jacob & Crew, Rich Wong, Joyce Ezaki, Bing Lau, Reid Taguchi, Eryn Tokuhara, Alex Enagan, Killer X-Overs and Shooting Stars Families.



Athletics Scholarship Recipients

By Margaret Takimoto



Wayne Yamamoto was a student athlete and 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 Davis Yoshino. He is the son of Karen and Gary Yoshino. Davis played SF basketball from 1st grade through the 12th grade with the Hurricanes and Gang Green. He attends Granada Hills Charter High School where he is a National Merit Scholar and AP scholar with distinction. Davis' school activities included being a member of the National Honor Society, California Scholarship Federation, Peer Tutoring, E-Sports/Gaming Club and Got College? Club. He participated in the Boys Scouts, SFV Jr. Young Buddhist Association, Club Basketball and Club Basketball volunteer coach.

Davis says the following, "I've played at San Fernando Athletics with the Gang Green and have met my closest friends from playing on this team. We went from talking about which Pokemon is the strongest to what college we want to go to!" With his hard work Davis will be attending UCLA!

Hoshiko Hirano was the first Girls' Athletics Commissioner and was instrumental in starting the girls athletics program in the 1960's. In those days the girls played softball. The late Mrs. Hirano and along with her husband Yoshio Hirano, who was the boys commissioner, were actively involved in promoting our program. The Hoshiko Hirano Memorial Scholarship was

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established to honor her memory and contribution to the girls Athletics program. We are please to award this year's Hoshiko Hirano Scholarship to Meagan Pham. She is the daughter of Karie and Steve Pham. Meagan played SF Athletics Basketball for 9 years with the Y2 K team. She will be graduating from Walnut HS and played JV and Varsity high school basketball and was team captain. Her involvement in school activities includes Environmental Care, Global Awareness and Key Club where she organized beach cleanup and canned food drives, volunteered with best buddies working with disabled students on campus. In addition, Meagan volunteered with Hoops for Hope, teaching basketball skills to disabled students. Meagan has been accepted to Cal State Fullerton majoring in nursing. (Meagan Pham's picture in article below.)



Athletics established the Lauren Taguchi Memorial Youth Service Scholarship in 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 that Meagan Pham was selected as recipient of the Lauren Taguchi Memorial Youth Service and is daughter of Karie and Steve Pham. The scholarship committee's selection was based on her outstanding achievement in academic excellence, her spirit of volunteerism and citizenship, through community service. As an involved student and student leader, Meagan's community involvement includes volunteering at the Foothill Presbyterian Hospital as an ROP Health Careers, where she volunteers in the labor and delivery department. She participates in church youth group, vacation bible school and retreats, Kids for Keiro, tutoring math. Meagan says "My motivation for being involved in community service is the opportunity to change people's lives, including my own by giving back to the community while developing important skills and gaining valuable work experience. By helping the environment and others, I am able to

make a difference in someone's life, whether big or small. When I donate my time to volunteering, I feel accomplished that I am able to give hope to someone who needs it. Volunteering is what makes a community by bringing people together to work on a goal. Through the school clubs I joined, I learned that community service is improved by aiding others and lending a helping hand to get a job done more effectively. The more and more events I participated in, I was able to see how my contribution made a positive impact, which was an emotionally uplifting experience. These experiences helped with my personal development especially in areas such as self-fulfillment, self-confidence, and self-esteem. Volunteering helped me develop new skills and knowledge. I was able to gain communication skills, the ability to work with others, dedication and time management. Volunteering also gave me the opportunity to meet new people and make new friends. It has helped strengthen my relationships with others by exposing me to people with common interests, and participating in fun activities together. Helping others without receiving anything in return is what I have longed for bettering my community and education, but most importantly, it brings fulfillment and purpose to my life. Meagan will attend Cal State Fullerton majoring in nursing.

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. The Evan Niizawa Memorial Continuing Education Scholarship was established by his parents Guy and Tracy Niizawa along with SF Athletics to honor Evan's memory. Evan had a long battle with cancer but was able to continue his highly successful high school career and attend UC Berkeley but had to leave school in the end. This scholarship is given to a current or past member of SFVJACC Athletics who has demonstrated scholastic excellence and overcame challenges during their life.



We are pleased to announce Marie Mie Umeda was selected as recipient of the Evan Niizawa Memorial Education Scholarship. She is the daughter of Irene and Johnny Umeda. Currently Marie is in her 2nd year at Loma Linda University getting her masters in Occupational Therapy. She has made the dean's list with a 3.9 GPA. Marie is working as a PT aide supporting herself through school. Marie said at the recent Athletics Jamboree, "many of you may know me as Mie. It is so great to be here at the community center. This place brings back so many memories as the majority of my childhood revolved around events here at the CC. I am currently in graduate school studying Occupational Therapy at Loma Linda University and I will be graduating next year. I love working with children, so I am definitely looking into working with that population in the future. From the bottom of my heart, I would like to thank the Niizawa Family and the scholarship committee for selecting me for this award. It is truly an honor to be recognized as someone worthy for what this award stands for. I was lucky enough to have known Evan and in spite of the challenges he faced, he still managed to excel in his endeavors. As an occupational therapist, we focus on an individual's ability to engage in their meaningful activities. We often see that many lose interest in the things that gave them purpose or a sense of identity when faced with serious illnesses.

However this was not the case with Evan. He had a light inside of him and continued to live his life to the fullest. He participated in the activities that brought him meaning such as being with his family, playing basketball, playing the piano and I remember he and his family went on a cruise to Hawaii. For an occupational therapist, this is music to our ears. His story will always be an inspiration to me and I will continue to work hard, just as he did. Thank you very much. I am beyond grateful for this award."

Mie will be going to Ethiopia this summer to provide occupational therapy to patients that don't have access to health care services. Paying it forward is what Mie plans to do!

Davis, Meagan and Mie, we are very proud of all of you and wishing you much success in your college endeavors.



SF SAMURAI

TIGERS TOURNAMENT 6TH GRADE SILVER DIVISION FIRST PLACE CHAMPS

BACK ROW (L-R): ETHAN WONG, JAREN YEE,
LUCAS CHOW, COACH DAYNA TANAKA

MIDDLE ROW (L-R): NOLAN SUAREZ, HARRISON
HIROTA, TAYLOR KWAN

FRONT ROW (L-R): BRYCE IWAI, BRENNAN LEEM,
NICK KURODA

Congratulations!

SFVJACC Nikkei Bowling League News

Submitted by Stan Date and Big Lau

Winnetka, CA - The SFVJACC Nikkei Bowling League ended its 2017 Winter season in May with an awards banquet at Winnetka Bowl. The banquet room was filled with camaraderie, laughter and a bountiful table of food and desserts.

USBC Achievement Award patches and pins were presented during the banquet. Season High Honor Score awards were presented to Noriko Fukunaga (Women's Handicap Series - 805), Tony Shiotani (Men's Handicap Series - 797), Rosie Yokomizo (Women's Handicap Game - 297) and Stan Date (Men's Handicap Game - 314). The "Most Improved Bowlers" were Kendall (Kinjo) McGee who raised his average from 111 to 129 and Yoko Matsuda who raised her average from 129 to 139.

Sho Kadonaga and Stephen Sasaki were the big raffle winners. Each of the two avid bowlers won a certificate for a new Storm Bowling ball of their choice.

"Team 2" was crowned the League Champion for the 2017 SFVJACC Nikkei League Winter Season. The triumphant team of Joanie (Kinjo) McGee, Kendall (Kinjo) McGee, Randy Page and Sam Nakata, pictured left, is beaming with pride. As league champions they have earned the right to represent the SFVJACC Nikkei League in the SoCal Nikkei Bowling Association "9.5 Tournament of Champions" held in July. There, they will compete against teams from the seventeen other Nikkei leagues in Southern California.

Good Luck Team!

The Winter league will start again in September. Bowlers of all skill level are welcome to join. If you're interested in joining the SFVJACC Nikkei League, please contact Bing Lau <bglau798@gmail.com> or Stan Date <standate@gmail.com>.

The league bowls every Friday night at 8:00pm at Winnetka Bowl. Come and see for yourself how much fun bowling can be with a great bunch of people."



Tuna Canyon Detention Station

By Nancy Oda

April 12, 2018

Former Los Angeles Department of Transportation official, and current city traffic engineer and transportation consultant, James Okazaki, and his team came through with the Cultural Heritage no. 1039 street sign. It was authored by Dr. Russell Endo for the Tuna Detention Station that originally opened on December 16, 1941 days after the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

It was a long process that required the local City Councilmember's support. James' persistence resulted in District 7 Councilmember Monica Rodriguez and District 4 David Ryu jointly sponsoring a motion to install a Cultural Heritage marker on April 12, 2018 at the intersection with three corners nearest the Tuna Canyon Detention Station site in Tujunga on April 12, 2018. It is located on the corners of Tuna Canyon Road, Tujunga Canyon Blvd., and Honolulu Avenue next to the 210 freeway.

The Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council and Little Landers Historical Society's fight to preserve local history for more than ten years is no longer a little known Department of



(L-R): Jennifer Uyak, Nancy Takayama Deputy Consul General Hiroki Matsuo, Chris Komai and Consul Shigeru Kikuma

Justice site. The late Paul Tsuneishi and Dr. Lloyd Hitt contacted the National Archives when the freedom of information act released the Enemy Alien Case Files in 2006.

Deputy Consul General Hiroki Matsuo addressed the crowd accompanied by Consul Shigeru Kikuma. Tuna Canyon President Nancy Kyoko Oda thanked everyone for this special recognition. Chris Komai, President of the Little Tokyo Community Council, spoke briefly. Representatives were Elizabeth Doomey, SFVJACC, and Marianna Gatto from the Italian Museum of Los Angeles. Also in attendance were descendants, Donna Sugimoto and Nancy Takayama.

Time is running out for the Tuna Canyon Detention Station Coalition to install a memorial onsite before the children of the Issei are gone.

The Tuna Canyon Detention Station Coalition stands it's ground to build an accessible memorial under the one acre symbolic oak grove in honor of the Issei men, German, and Italian aliens, and Japanese taken from Peru during World War II. The exhibit will be at the MIS Historical Learning Center in San Francisco until January 2019. For further information, go to www.tunacanyon.org



Monica Rodriguez, Nancy Oda, David Ryu and James Okazaki

Rising Stars 15 Graduation

On March 31, the Rising Stars 15 had their program culmination at the JACCC. Twenty-one high school students went through a five month youth leadership program that encourages youth involvement in the community and teaches public speaking, networking, cultural awareness, and life lessons. Grant Kuwata, Kylie Okazaki and Nick Maekawa from the Community Center were among the graduates.



Past and present Rising Stars from the Community Center. (L-R): Alec Taheri, Grant Kuwata, Kylie Okazaki, Ariel Imamoto and Nick Maekawa. Pictured with them are Margaret Takimoto and CC Board member, Nancy Oda.



Rising Stars board members Debbie Inamine, Naomi Suenaka and Margaret Takimoto (L-R), with the keynote speaker David Ono.



HANAMI TIME AT NIKKEI SENIOR GARDENS

By Patti Kimura

The cherry blossoms were in full bloom at Nikkei Senior Gardens during April and the residents were able to celebrate with a special Hanami Party. Residents gathered under the pergola in Nikkei's garden and enjoyed tea and a very special treat, sakura mochi, made by Hitomi Hashimoto. The cherry trees were generously donated by many families and friends in 2015 and will be enjoyed each spring for many years to come.



Telling Our Stories Class

By Patty Takayama



The next "Telling Our Stories" class will begin, Saturday, July 14th at 2pm at the conference room of the SFVJACC Pioneer Center. The class will meet from 2pm-4pm for five weeks: July 14th, 21st, 28th, August 4th, 11th. The class is \$5 dollars per each 2-hour session.

If you are interested in attending any of the classes, please notify Patty Takayama. She will email you the writing topics (prompts) in advance to keep you informed of the subjects and provide you with short story structure information from the introductory first class. Email Patty Takayama at: pe.high.mtn@juno.com or leave a phone message at: 818-899-7916.

Academy award winning screen play writer, Tim Toyama for "Visas and Virtues" also has to his credits "Independence Day" about how baseball helped save the morale and lives of Issei and Nisei while incarcerated in WWII camps. Also, "Bronzeville," a play about an African American family that occupies the home of a Japanese American family who were forcibly vacated from their Little Tokyo house during WWII. Toyama offers a safe to comfortably share your stories and tips on ways to clarify and enhance your story to enable possible publication in the RAFU Shimpō.

The most rewarding part of the class is sharing stories with members who are of a different generation, providing incites of social and mixed cultural life experiences while living in different geographical areas. By sharing our stories, we realize how unique and fascinating our experiences are which make them even more important and worthwhile to share with our friends and family members. Everyone has stories to tell about their childhood, relatives and experiences decisions and setting out on paths after high school. Come join the group and share your perspectives. Once your start, you'll want to compare your experiences with your classmates.

See you Saturday, July 14th at 2pm. Mark your calendar.



JAPANESE CONVERSATION CLASS FOR ADULTS

Special Summer Session

Saturdays ♦ July 7, 14, 21, 28, Aug. 4

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

This course is for adults who want to learn the basic expressions in Japanese. We will introduce basic Japanese sentence structures, conversations, vocabulary and cultural aspects. Topics of discussion are based on situations such as daily routines, greetings, on the job, restaurants, etc. There's no prerequisite for this course but some knowledge or interest in Japanese language and culture is a plus. Tuition: \$140.

To enroll, please email to Ms. Yoshiko Kawada, the Office Manager: sfvji@hotmail.com
For any questions about the course please email to Nina Kato the instructor at ninapoly@hotmail.com



Circle of Friends

By Old Wakaba, Bud Sagara

Someone said that friendship is not a big thing, it's a million little things. A friend is someone who listens, doesn't judge, tells you when you have messed up, and somehow makes everything all right. A circle of friends is a place where you are secure and part of something even if you are alone at the time. It's a feeling of belonging. As we move from stage to stage in our lives, our circles of friends may change; but whoever our friends may be, we can still pull them around ourselves like a nice warm blanket and feel safe.

Young children make friends easily. They have common interests like playing in the dirt, with doggies and anything with bright colors. A friend is anyone who mommy has you play with. As we get older, relationships begin to form based on who lives on your street. At Fernangeles Elementary School in Sun Valley, I was a member of mischief-makers called the Allegheny Alligators that was comprised of Japanese American kids who lived on our street that included two Ito families and the Iguchi's. We played any kind of sports in the street amongst ourselves or against the Yamamoto and Sakamoto kids who lived on Telfair Avenue and Sheldon Street with the Iwanaga's thrown in. We still get together occasionally at Howard's or Harry's house and take up as if the years have not separated us. What a blessing it is to have friends who has been there from the beginning.



As we get older, new circles of friends are formed based on common interests, goals, value systems, and beliefs. From each of our own experiences, we know that friendships made in high school, college or at work may last a lifetime or be transitory. All those vows made in high school pledging friendship forever, are like leaves in an autumn wind, blown this way and that by life's circumstances and then forgotten. Of course we should have done more to save some of those old relationships from fading, but new horizons give birth to new circles of friends as we move forward in our lives.

It is never too late to make a new circle of friends. Consider all the classes that are listed in this Newsletter that are offered at the Community Center. You don't have to worry about fitting in or being a newcomer to whatever is the class subject, all you have to do is step through the door. One could take Tai Chi or Arts and Crafts on Monday, Ballroom Dancing or Mah-Jong on Tuesday, Yoga or Ikebana on Wednesday, Bowling or Calligraphy on Thursday, Exercise or Ukulele on Friday, and then see the Podiatrist on Saturday because of your aching feet from so much fun. My wife really enjoys Hitomi's cooking class on the fourth Tuesday evening of the month. Hitomi provides detailed instruction and cooking techniques in a fun way that emphasizes class members doing the actual food preparation. A bonus is that attendees end the evening enjoying the fine meal they prepared with their new circle of friends.



The most intimate circle is the one between husband and wife. It is the small moments that make life interesting. My wife and I were sitting in our usual places at the kitchen table enjoying conversation and the dinner that my wife had made for us. The twilight outside, brushed with reds and oranges, provided a delicate backdrop framing her. I was fully taken in by the peaceful joy of the moment. It was not about being happy over a great meal, it was the overwhelming feeling of being so blessed that she is my wife. How was I so graced that she would marry me? My momentary stupor of joy caused her to say, "Did you hear what I just said?" I should have admitted my blanking out was over how much I love her and appreciate all she does for me, but all I could muster was a weak, "Sorry, I wasn't paying attention." I should have poetically said that I was actually clearly focused on her alone, the girl I married so many anniversaries ago, the girl with that blaze in her eyes, so alive with the wind at her heels. I knew an adventure worth a lifetime awaited when I first met her.

The conversation continued with me musing, "How did we manage so many years of marriage." Her reply was quick and to the point, "We divide the household chores, you mow the lawn and pass gas while I do everything else." In my defense, I responded, "Well at least I do two things well." Again, her retort was a topper with, "Well, regarding mowing the lawn, I would rate it good; and on the second point, you are definitely on the varsity team, probably in the starting line-up." We truly enjoy spending time with each other and that's probably why our future as a couple is good. We don't wear matching t-shirts and have different personalities, but we like to hang out together. We go on adventures, visit family, maintain our home, support our church and the Community Center, and try to give back. We also understand that life has mundane stretches and its share of troubles. Life is not easy and requires hard work. Someone has to be responsible and do all the chores around the house, while someone else has to pass gas.

A strong marriage is not a union of a man and woman who are perfectly matched for each other. A strong marriage is the union of two imperfect people who chose to practice forgiveness and grace toward their spouses. While being single has advantages from being unencumbered, Proverbs 18:22 says, "He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the LORD." This is one of the many passages in the Bible that tell us that marriage is a joyful and good creation of God. The temptations of the world beckon us to look for pleasure and fulfillment outside of marriage, but God designed marriage as the only covenant relationship where we can find real love and contentment. Do not let what was designed for our good be exchanged for the illusion of greener pastures somewhere else. What keeps a marriage together? Personally speaking, it's being grateful to God for allowing me to spend my life with the girl with that blaze in her eyes.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Long established as the largest Japanese American festival of its kind in the San Fernando Valley, all are welcome to join the festivities at the San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple OBON on June 23 & 24.

Whether you enjoy eating delicious ethnic foods, being entertained, playing games, shopping for bargains, learning more about our community or temple, or joining in the Obon dancing circle "just as you are" — there will be something for everyone! And the best part — you are bound to meet an abundance of old and new friends!

Speaking of friends — plan to arrive early to support our friends in our back-by-popular-demand "CC Showcase" which will open the festival both days at 4:30pm in the gym.

Please note: additional parking will be available at Branford Business Park this year. Their gates will remain open 3-11pm both festival days.

Odori practice will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays (6:30-8:30pm) on June 12, 14, 19 & 21 in the temple parking lot @ 9450 Remick Avenue, Pacoima (a 3-minute walk from SFVJACC).

We look forward to seeing everyone soon!
We thank you for your support!
~ SFVHBT



UNDERSTANDING HEARING LOSS

Please join us for a 90-minute workshop on hearing loss and its impact on your health and well-being.

Recognize the signs of hearing loss and learn more about assistive technology solutions.

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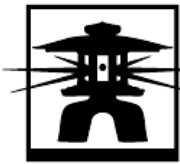
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Saturday, June 16, 2018

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

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2018 San Fernando Pee Wee Basketball Clinic

Saturdays (July 7, 14, 21, 28)

Registration - 10:00 am • Clinic - 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

SFV Japanese American Community Center
12953 Branford Street, Pacoima. CA 91331

Clinic Director: Curtis Takimoto

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Registration Forms Available on the SFVJACC Website at www.sfvjacc.com

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Coordinating Council	1st Wed., 7:00 PM	Nancy Oda	818 786-0914
Community Center	3rd Wed., 7:00 PM	Call CC Office	818 899-1989
Athletics	3rd Tues., 7:30 PM	Margaret Takimoto	818 701-7628
CC News	Lois Okui	818 892-1487	Email: loisokui@aol.com
Chatsworth West United Methodist Church			
.....	2nd Sun., 1:00 PM	Pastor Ruy Mizuki	818 341-1270
Crossway Church	2nd Sun., 12:30 PM	Jennifer Trax	818 896-1676
Nikkei Senior Gardens	2nd Thurs. (even months), 7 PM	Tadao Okui	818 515-8247
SFV Bonsai Club	4th Sun., 8 AM-12 PM	Kazuhiko Nakanishi	805 492-3439
SFV Hongwanji Buddhist Temple			
.....	2nd Mon., 7:30 PM	Jean Taguchi	818 899-4030
SFV JACL	2nd Wed., 7:00 PM	Nancy Gohata	818 371-8013
SFV Japanese Language Institute			
.....	2nd Sat., 8:30 AM	Kiyo Watanabe	818 896-8612
SFV Judo Club	4th Wed., 7:03 PM	Kenji Couey	818 381-7232
SFV Meiji Senior Citizens Club			
.....	1st Fri., 12:30 PM	Liz Doomey	818 892-7381
Senior Hot Meals	Tues. & Fri. (no meal on 5th Tues. & 5th Fri.)		818 899-1989
Sunrise Foursquare Church		Reverend Paul Iwata ..	818 782-8738
Valley Japanese Community Center			
.....	2nd Fri., 7:30 PM	Christine Inouye	818 825-9583

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SPECIAL CLASSES

Arts & Crafts	Monday	10:00 AM-12:00 PM	Sally Hamamoto	818 361-2902
Ballroom Dance	Tuesday	7:00-9:00 PM	Barbara Okita	818 784-5128
Bowling*, Matador Bowl	Thursday	9:30 AM	George Seko	818 998-0682
Bridge*	Monday	12:00-3:00 PM	Sam Toji	661 255-2824
Country Western Music*	1st /3rd Tuesday	10:30-11:30 AM	Janet Schuetze	818 767-1819
Exercise Class	Tuesday	9:00-10:00 AM	Ralph Ahn	818 302-6658
Exercise Class	Friday	10:00-11:00 AM	Phil Shigekuni	818 893-1581
Hanafuda*	Friday	1:00-3:00 PM	Yone Takimoto	818 765-6735
Harmonica Class*	Friday	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	Ritsuko Shinbashi	818 892-0470
Japanese Calligraphy	1st/3rd Thursday	9:30-11:00 AM	Yuriko Muso	818 726-8935
Japanese Classical Dance	Friday	3:00-5:30 PM	Dianne Fukuwa	310 217-0443
Karaoke*	1st/3rd Thursday	10:00 AM-12:00 PM	Janet Yamamoto	818 365-8361
Kokusei Shigin Class	Tuesday (J-School)	10:00-11:30 AM	Shigeru Kamimura	818 992-4673
Line Dancing*	Thursday	8:45-10:00 AM	Call CC Office	818 899-1989
Mandolin	Friday	9:30-11:00 AM	Call CC Office	818 899-1989
Nikkei Bowling League	Friday (Canoga Bowl)	9:00-11:00 PM	Stan Date	818 701-6607
Tuesday Mah-Jong*	Tuesday	1:00-3:00 PM	Yone Takimoto	818 765-6735
Friday Mah-Jong*	Friday	1:00-3:00 PM	Yone Takimoto	818 765-6735
Ondo Dancing*	2nd/4th Friday	7:00-9:00 PM	Masako Rodriguez	818 899-8777
Ping Pong Club	Thursday/Tuesday	10:00 AM-3:00 PM	Aaron Sanwo	661 755-0584
Qi Gong	Thursday (J-School)	7:00-8:30 PM	Mamie Kosaka	661.645.4515
Shigin Class (Kokusei)	Thursday (J-School)	10:00-11:30 PM	Shigeru Kamimura	818 992-4673
SFV Judo Club	Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri	7:00-9:00 PM	Kenji Couey	818 381-7232
Tai Chi Class*	Monday	9:00-10:00 AM	Florence Takaaze	310 202-6693
Taiko	Sunday	10:00 AM-2:00 PM	sfv.taiko@gmail.com	
Ukulele Class	Friday	9:30-11:30 AM	Call CC Office	818 899-1989
Yoga Class	Wednesday	10:00-11:00 AM	Call CC Office	818 899-1989
Zumba	Monday	7:30-8:30 PM	Margaret Takimoto	818 701-7628

YOUTH SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Girl Scouts

.....	3rd Saturday	2:00-4:00 PM	Troop Leader: Akiko Manaka
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SUPPORT GROUPS & SERVICES

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

*Meiji Senior Citizens' Activity or Service

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



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Sunday, 11:00 am Dharma School

June

- 2 7:30 am BWA Rummage, SFV JACC parking lot
- 3 10:00 am Shotsuki monthly memorialservice
- 9 9:30 am Dharma discussion
- 9 10:00 am BWA social
- 10 10:00 am Regular service
- 12 6:30 pm Obon dance practice
- 14 6:30 pm Obon dance practice
- 16 9:30 am Dharma discussion
- 17 10:00 am Father's Day and Graduation service
- 19 6:30 pm Obon dance practice
- 21 10:30 am Service at Nikkei Senior Gardens
- 6:30 pm Obon dance practice
- 23-24 Obon Festival
- 30 9:30 am Dharma discussion

July

- 1 10:00 am Summer service
- 7 9:30 am Dharma discussion
- 8 10:00 am Obon-Hatsubon service, July-August Shotsuki
- 14 10:00 am BWA service and meeting
- 15 10:00 am Summer service
- 19 10:30 am Service at Nikkei Senior Gardens
- 21 9:30 am Dharma discussion
- 22 10:00 am Summer service
- 29 10:00 am Summer service



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English Department

Pastor Roland Hazama
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Sunday Schedule

9:00-9:45 AM
Sunday School for ages
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10 - 11:15 AM
Worship Service
(childcare for infants - Pre-K)

Kid Venture Children's Ministries
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11:15 - 11:45 AM
Coffee Fellowship

Youth Fellowship

Friday, 7:30 PM
Meetings at the church
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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.

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Pastor In Hyun

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Sunday Schedule

10:00 AM
Worship Service

Lunch and Fellowship
after worship service on the
1st Sundays

Wednesdays, 10 am
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Sunday Morning Service - 10:30 a.m.
(Prayer for Healing on 5th Sundays)

Sunday Evening Service - 6 p.m.
Thursday Evening Bible Study - 7 p.m.

Late Night Counseling and Prayer
on the Last Friday of the Month
From 8 p.m. to 12 midnight

Location: The Prayer Chapel'
14705 Wyandotte St.

Van Nuys, CA 91405 (mailing address)

Torrance Home Meeting – 7 p.m.
On the 2nd Wednesday of the month

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CC

June 2, 2018

SFV Hongwanji Buddhist
Temple Yard Sale

June 9, 2018

Family Day

June 16, 2018

New Tax Bill/Investment
Strategy Workshop

June 18-22, 2018

Kizuna Discovery Camp

June 23 & 24, 2018

SFV Hongwanji Buddhist
Temple Obon

June 7, 14, 21 & 28

SF Athletics Pee Wee Clinic

July 7, 14, 21 & 28

Athletics Pee Wee Clinic

July 8, 15, 22 & 29

Athletics Pee Wee League

August 25, 2018

Elder Law Seminar

September 15, 2018

Steak Dinner

October 6, 2018

CC Clean Up

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

Meetings:

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

Time: 10 am - 12 pm

Call (818) 899-1989 for more info.



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