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2018 Super Bingo Fundraiser

By Tadao Okui

BINGO! BINGO! BINGO! This was the magic word on Saturday, November 3, 2018 at the Community Center's Annual Super Bingo Fundraiser. This was a sold out event and regretfully, we had to turn away the last minute people who wanted to attend. Due to rising costs, the Super Bingo Committee decided to raise prices by \$25.00. This didn't seem to deter people from wanting to attend.

The night started with people arriving early to make sure they could find seats together with their friends and, of course, a parking space in the parking lot. Emcees Miles Chen and Jaclyn Tomita did a great job getting everyone ready for an exciting evening of fun and games and of course food. The Dr. Sanbo Sakaguchi Hall was filled to capacity so we had to have the food served outside in a big tent. Lucky for all of us the weather was perfect. No rain, no wind to deal with. Before dinner was served, Miles explained the contents of the Gold Package so everyone would not be confused. Included in this package were 5 sheets for the bingo games, 5 tickets for the raffle, a dinner ticket, a Gift Bag ticket which was handed out at the end of the evening festivities, and a ticket to receive 2 pieces of manju donated by the Harry Nakada Family.



Emcees Miles Chen and Jaclyn Tomita

During dinner volunteers were walking around selling tickets for the big 50/50 Raffle drawing. All the guest were urged to visit the Silent Auction room to make their bids on different items



ranging from jewelry, purses, sports tickets, handcrafted items plus many more. In the back of the hall was the ever popular Flea Market where you were able to buy items at a more affordable price. Then there was the dessert table. This table consisted of homemade baked desserts of all kinds. This table seemed to be a big hit, since I noticed people walking away from this table with more than one plate of desserts.

After dinner we started the bingo games, which are played differently than most bingo games. Each sheet consisted of 3 bingo game cards. Each game was played until we had 5 winners. The first winner received \$100, second winner received \$50 and then it dropped to \$25, \$20 or a gift card. With each bingo there was a Good Neighbor Prize. This prize was given to the person seated next to the bingo winner (right, left, front, behind). Every once in while a number was called out and the people having that number received a Next Number Prize. The final bingo game was the Blackout Game with the winner winning \$500.

After the bingo games the raffle took place. The 3 big winners received \$500. These tickets were drawn first and put into envelopes and announced last. Right

after all the raffle prizes were handed out, the 50/50 Raffle ticket was picked from a different raffle bin.

Finally, the night was over and our guest were able to buy extra dinners and pick up their Gift Bags.

The Big Winners Of The Night!



Jack Takeshita Will Nakada Yumi Okazaki
Top Three Raffle Winners



Susie Fujimoto
50-50 Raffle Winner



Dennis Murphy
Blackout Winner

For this event to be as good as it was, we needed 70 plus volunteers before, during and after the event. Thank you to all of them for working so hard, to our sponsor, UBS and to our donors who gave so generously. A special thanks to our wonderful Super Bingo Committee for making this great event

possible. This committee would meet throughout the year to plan this event so everyone could enjoy themselves and have a good time. **Thank You!!**

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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

It has been a privilege to serve as President these past two years and I am excited about the years to come. We have such a rich history of people who have built and cultivated our Community Center through their desire to share, volunteer, and donate: Time, Experience, Money, and Kindness. I have been overwhelmed by the excitement and support from everyone, and that inspiration I have learned is really what makes our community so special, with friendships and new experiences every day.

I know time and energy is hard to find at times, but when you can I hope you all will continue to: Volunteer at events, join committees, try a new activity, meet new friends, fix something that may be broken, or help someone who may need a little assistance or a smile. It all makes a difference and has a lasting impact, sometimes for generations!

For those of you that do so much already: teaching, cooking, cleaning, fixing, building, collecting, planning, and maintaining, we all thank you as it has allowed us to enjoy things, this year and all the other years. And I look forward to seeing others join your efforts in the future, too.

Have a great holiday season, may 2019 be a good year for you all, and thank you again. I hope to see you all at the general meeting and the CC New Year's Luncheon!

Sincerely,
Danny



Class of 2019

Scholarships Applications Now Available

(See page 15 for descriptions of
the scholarships.)

SFVJACC Scholarships

Dr. Sanbo Sakaguchi Scholarship
Kay Furuta Sakaguchi Scholarship
Lilly Sakaguchi Thibodeaux
Scholarship

Scholarships Applications
Due April 1, 2018

SF Athletics Scholarships

Hoshiko Hirano Award
Wayne Yamamoto Memorial Award
Lauren Taguchi Memorial Youth
Service Scholarship
Evan Niizawa Memorial
Continuing Education Scholarship

Scholarships Applications
Due March 8, 2018

NIKKEI SENIOR GARDENS WILL BE CELEBRATING THEIR 10TH ANNIVERSARY



NIKKEI
SENIOR GARDENS
Assisted Living & Memory Care

MARCH 16, 2019



A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and Happy New Year!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

For the Months of September & October 2018

Donations

Nakada Family - Gary, Will, Doug Nakada, Patti Kimura, Tadao and Lois Okui and Families
In memory of father Harry Nakada
Cindy Kado
In memory of Harry Nakada
Peggy Paddock
In memory of Harry Nakada
Aiko Yabuno and Family
In memory of husband Katsumasa "Kats" Yabuno
Trang Thi My Tran
Greg Kimura
United Way Charitable donation

Use of Facilities

SFV Hongwanji Buddhist Temple
Tuesday Nite Basketball
Monday Nite Basketball
Hitomi's Cooking Class
Yurica Yamaguchi
Wednesday Nite Basketball
SFV JACL
Tuesday Exercise Class
Thursday Nite Basketball
Ping Pong Club
Aloha Club
Line Dancing
Friday Exercise Class
Tai Chi Class
Hula Wahines
Senior Arts & Crafts
Harmonica Class

Miscellaneous

Coffee donation
Teddy and Midori Yamane 1 (3 lbs) Coffee
Yas and Lily Nagatoshi 3 (3 lbs) Coffee
Smokey Sugii 2 (3 lbs) Coffee
Yukiko Yoshimoto 1 (3 lbs) Coffee
Yaeko Mochizuki 2 (3 lbs) Coffee
Country Western Music
..... 1 Ream (750 sheets) copy paper
Shirley Docken 2 (3 lbs) Coffee
Ikenobo Ikebana 1 (3 lbs) Coffee
Ron Kondo 1 Box (180 Ct) Coffee-mate

Acknowledgements Omissions -

Apologies to the following people for the omission of their donations to the CC Steak Dinner -

Gene and Genevieve Lew
Kay and Nancy Oda
Dr. Bo and Iku Sakaguchi
Tim Elliott

We thank you for your generosity and support of our Steak Dinner (September 15, 2018).

DONATIONS TO HOT MEALS

For the Months of September & October 2018

Anonymous Monetary donation
Asuncion, Jean Nabisco cookies for the volunteers
Doomey, Liz Cake for husband John Doomey's birthday
Kagiyama, Eric Donuts for the volunteers
Kus, Michiko Tokunaga 40 lbs. Rice, 10 cans lunchmeat
Miyata, Fumi and Chung-Kaneda, John
..... 6 Boxes of Pasta, 3 Pkgs. Udon
Muraoka, Shigeko and Yamaoka, Emmy & Families
..... Monetary donation - In memory of mother Setsuko Mukai
Murphy, Marian Drumstix (ice cream) In honor of her birthday
Musashi Restaurant 200 lbs. Rice
Harry Nakada Family Monetary donation - In memory of father Harry Nakada
Nakastu Barbara 2 lbs. Coffee
Oda, George and Anderson, Mike
..... Martino's teacakes In memory of Grace Oda Anderson
Ohara, Eddie Yellow fin tuna for Tuesday lunch
Sato, Robert and Setsuko Monetary donation
Sato, Jane Coffeecake for volunteers
Schuetze, Janet 3 Danish almond rolls/bread for the volunteers
SFV JACL Monetary donation
Takimoto, Yone Takuwan
Yabuno, Aiko & Family Monetary donation - In memory of husband Kats Yabuno

Thank you so much for your generous donations!

SFV MEIJI SENIOR CLUB'S LAS VEGAS TRIP SCHEDULE

February 11-13, 2019

May 13-15, 2019

August 12-14, 2019

November 11-13, 2019

Registration Forms Available In
The Center's Lobby

Thank You Everyone - We Raised \$42,000!

The proceeds will go towards the sound & audio system.

Acknowledgements

Thank You For Your Sponsorship



Bertain Escobar Wealth Management

Major Donors

Clever, Willard & Jill	Komoto, Jayne & Vivian, Darrell	PCSC	Upper Crust Enterprises
Glico	Harry Nakada Family	SFV Meiji Senior Club	Zigabid
Ishimoto, Taro & Mary	Hot Meal Program	Sumida, Dr. Shigeo	

Business Donors

All Facets	Katsu-ya Group	Pepperidge Farms - Craig Tanaka
Café Bizou	Morinaga Nutritional Foods	Sharky's Woodfired Mexican Grill, Studio City
Doomey, Liz - Avon	Morita Produce	Small Island
Elder Law Services of California	New York Life - Carla Sasaki	The Pro Zone
Heritage Source - Carolyn Sanwo	Okui, Dr. Matthew, DDS	Vitello's Restaurant
Julie Barkan Jewelry		

Organization & Member Donors

Arii, Donna	Inoue, Kei	Mui, Ken & Priscilla	SFV Judo Club
Arii, Garrett	Ishimoto, Taro & Mary	Murphy, Marian	SFV Senior Arts & Crafts
Arii, Lauren	Kadonaga, Dale	Nakamura, NJ	Shigekuni, Phil & Marion
Cheng, Grace	Kaku, Pauline	Nguyen, Leslie	Shimizu, Lorraine
Chiu, Tara	Kamimura, Christy	Nicklaus, Garland & Debbie	Takayama, Linda
Docken, Shirley	Kishi, Marilyn	Nikkei Senior Gardens	Takeshita, Bill & June
Doomey, John & Liz	Kus, Michiko	Nishimoto, Satomi	Toji, Sam & Kate
Fujimoto, Cathy	Lau, Mickey	Oda, Kay & Nancy	Tong, Melissa
Fujitani, Erin	Lau, Leland	Okamoto, Tsukimi	Tsuji, Keiko
Giegoldt, Asako	Lew, Gene	Okui, Tadao & Lois	Watanabe, Kenji & Kyoko
Hall, Kaori	Matoi, Joanne	O'Neill, Coleen	Yamashita, Diane
Hamamoto, Jennifer	Matsumoto, George	Pinon, Angel & Chelsea	Yamashita, Sylvia
Hamashita, Pamela	Matsuzaki, Judy	Sakata, Nancy	Yokomizo, Lauren
Hashimoto, Fuyumi	Miseroy, Kimiko	SF Athletics	Yoshimura, Kasey
Hashimoto, Toji & Hitomi	Miyata, Isabelle & Negoro, Harvey	SFV Ballroom Dance	Yoshimura, Kathy
Hoops for Friends	Morita, Chizuko	SFV JACL	Young, Kavin & Megan
Inaba, Kaname & Kay		SFV Japanese Language Institute	

Our Wonderful Volunteers

Friday Night Food Prep & Set-up

Arriola, Ramon	Miyamoto, Linda
Chiba, Kimiaki	Miyata, Isabelle
Chow, Dana	Nakamura, NJ
Clever, Jill	Nakano, Cathy
Docken, Terry & Shirley	Nakano, Kelly
Doomey, John & Liz	Negoro, Harvey
Fujimoto, Cathy	Nicklaus, Garland & Debbie
Hashimoto, Fuyumi	Okamoto, Jeri
Hashimoto, Toji & Hitomi	Okui, Tadao & Lois
Inoue, Kei	O'Neill, Coleen
Kagiyama, Wendy	Sagara, Bud & Cora
Kanagi, Chisato & Lauryn	Takayama, Linda
Kuratomi, Linda	Takayama, Nancy
Manaka, Tim & Akiko	Yoshimura, Kasey
	Yoshimura, Kathy & Steve

Young, Megan

Kitchen Volunteers

Chiba, Kimiaki
Chow, Dana
Docken, Terry & Shirley
Fujimoto, Cathy
Inoue, Kei
Kagiyama, Wendy
Kanagi, Chisato
Kuratomi, Linda
Manaka, Akiko
McClure, Teri
Nakamura, Richard & NJ
Nakano, Cathy
O'Neill, Coleen
Otake, Julie
Shimizu, Yukiko

Takayama, Linda
Takashima, Annette
Yamamoto, Janet
Yamane, Teddy & Midori
Yoshimura, Kathy

Flea Market

Kimura, Patti
Nakada, Doug
Nakada, Will
Yokomizo, Lauren

50-50 Raffle

Ogimachi, Kelli
Yamamoto, Jordan
Yamasaki, Jayden

Bingo

Endow,
Girl Scouts *
Okui, Lois
Yahiro, Clay
Young, Megan

Silent Auction

Cheng, Joe
Fujitani, Erin
Hashimoto, Fuyumi
Manaka, Akiko
Yamasaki, Erika

Emcees

Chen, Miles
Tomita, Jaclyn

More Volunteers Thank You

Food & Tea Servers/Bingo & Raffle Runners

Burris, Colleen & Kai
 Cheng, Joe
 Chow, Lucas & Brandon
 Endow, Kevin & Kamryn
 Fujitani, Erin
 Girl Scouts *
 Ishii, Akira
 Kanagi, Lauryn
 Lau, Diana
 Tiongson, Kim
 Tsuneishi, Emi
 Yamamoto, Glenn & Hilda
 Yamasaki, Erika & Jayden
 Yamauchi, Alana
 Yoshimura, Kasey

Photographer

Fukunaga, Audrey

Drinks/Tea & Coffee

Minami, Kris, Tyler & Kyle
 Nakada, Doug
 Nakada, Will
 Girl Scouts *

* Girl Scouts

Lac, Jamie & Jordan
 Lew, Caroline
 Tjenalooi, Kayla, Krystal & Ryan
 Woo, Emily

Registration Table

Tanaka, Denise
 Yamada, Kay

Grilling Crew

Chiba, Kimiaki
 Doomey, John
 Manaka, Tim
 Nakamura, Richard
 Oda, Kay
 Tsuneishi, Jeremy
 Watanabe, Kiyo

Dessert Table

Cheng, Joe
 Clever, Jill
 Kaku, Tracy
 Norihiro, Kathy
 Shojinaga, Susan

Collation of Gold Packets

Yamada, Johnny
 Yamada, Kay

Trash Detail & Clean Up

Miyata, Isabelle
 Nakada, Gary
 Negoro, Harvey
 All the volunteers (Clean up)



Thank You Gold Package Participants

Arakawa, May
 Arie, Kelvin
 Asanuma, Craig
 Asao, Henry
 Asaoka, Mitsuo
 Baba, Yoichi
 Burris, Randy
 Cardenas, Irene
 Cheng, Grace
 Chiba, Kimiaki
 Clever, Jill
 Copuz, Jim & Maddy
 Docken, Terry & Shirley
 Doomey, John & Liz
 Endow, Gary
 Fujimoto, Cathy
 Fujitani, Donald K.
 Fujiu, Momoyo
 Fukumoto, Eiji
 Gohata, Nancy
 Goka, Jr, John S
 Goka, Robert
 Goto, George
 Hamamoto, Sally
 Hamamoto, Scott
 Hanashiro, Robert & Deanna
 Hashimoto, Hiko & Etsuko
 Hashimoto, Mr & Mrs Toji
 Hatakeda, Harold
 Hazama, Yo
 Higaki, Kuniko
 Hiji, Frank & Betty
 Hino, Emi
 Hirasuna, Richard
 Hollowell, Masako
 Imazu, Roy
 Inaba, Ken & Kay
 Inaba, Shigeo
 Inoue, Kei
 Ito, Laura

Iwamasa, Grace
 Iwashina, Amy
 Kado, Cynthia
 Kaku, Dick & Pauline
 Kami, Kay
 Kanagi, Chisato
 Kanemura, Itsue
 Kawamoto, Doreen
 Kawamoto, Raymond K
 Kawamura, Yoko Asao
 Kimura, Patti
 Kimura, Sumi
 Kishi, Marilyn
 Kobata, Robert
 Kobayashi, John
 Kodani, Powell & Faye
 Komoto, Jayne
 Kondo, Ron & Jan
 Kosaka, Mamie
 Kumagai, Ken
 Kuratomi, Linda
 Kus, Michiko
 Lew, Gene & Genevieve
 Lew, Susie
 Lui, Linda
 Manaka, Tim & Akiko
 Matsuda, Ike
 McClure, Mark & Teri
 Miseroy, Kimiko
 Mitarai, Evelyn
 Miyagishima, Sharlene
 Mochizuki, Yaeko
 Monji, Yoshiko
 Moriguchi, Bob
 Moriguchi, Reiko
 Morita, Chiz
 Morris, Gleyenna
 Motoyama, Evelyn
 Mui, Ken & Priscilla
 Muranaga, Tomi

Muraoka, Victor & Lois
 Murphy, Dennis & Marian
 Muto, Eiko
 Nakada, Willie
 Nakama, John
 Nakamoto, Harvey
 Nakamura, Henry
 Nakamura, Mark & Joanne
 Nakamura, Richard & NJ
 Nakata, Sam
 Negoro, Harvey & Miyata, Isabelle
 Ng, Henry & Carol
 Nicklaus, Garland & Debbie
 Nishida, Nanako
 Niwa, Amy
 Nobuyuki, Sandra
 Nomura, Kenso & Yoko
 Norihiro, Kathy
 Oda, George
 Oda, Kay & Nancy
 Ogimachi, Gary
 Okazaki, Sid & Yukie
 Okazaki, Yumi
 Okita, Dennis & Barbara
 Okui, Tadao & Lois
 O'Neill, Coleen
 Otake, Julie
 Plaskow, David & Diane
 Rasmussen, Kimiko
 Rosero, Lipo & Dorothy
 Sagara, Harley
 Saito, Elaine
 Sakaguchi, Bo & Iku
 Sakata, Misato
 Sakuda, Dale
 Sakaki, Stephen & Karen
 Sato, Robert & Setsuko
 Sato, Eiji & Marge
 SFV Judo Club

Shiba, Dorothy
 Shimizu, Franklin
 Shinbashi, Ken
 Shinsato, Raymond
 Shishido, Anna
 Shojinaga, Alice
 Shojinaga, Richard
 Shotani, Tony
 Stewart, Stephanie
 Sugii, Smokey
 Sugioka, Sadako
 Sumida, Shigeo
 Takashima, Bruce
 Takayama, Linda
 Takimoto, Yone
 Tanaka, Denise
 Tanaka, Leonard O.
 Tanaka, Marge
 Tanijiri, Katie
 Tjenalooi, Kim
 Togawa, Fred & Kaz
 Tsuneishi, Jeremy
 Umezuka, Cecily
 Uyeda, Cherry
 Uyeda, Tom
 Uyehara, Mark
 Watanabe, Kenji
 Welch, Nobuko
 Yahiro, Clay
 Yamada, John & Kay
 Yamamoto, Gary & Sandra
 Yamamoto, Janet
 Yamane, Teddy & Midori
 Yamaoka, Ruby
 Yamashita, Diane
 Yamauchi, Darlene
 Yoneoka, Harris
 Yoshimura, Kasey
 Yoshimura, Kathy

2018 Super Bingo Fundraiser

Thank You Super Bingo Committee

Clever, Jill
 Doomey, Liz
 Hashimoto, Fuyumi
 Hashimoto, Toji & Hitomi
 Manaka, Akiko
 Miyata, Isabelle
 Mui, Priscilla
 Negoro, Harvey
 Nicklaus, Debbie
 Okui, Tadao & Lois
 O'Neill, Coleen
 Yoshimura, Kasey
 Yoshimura, Kathy
 Young, Megan



Seeking Queen Candidate For 2019

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



Qualifications:

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

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

(L-R) Past CC Queens Jaclyn Tomita, Jordyn Adachi and Lauren Arie



San Fernando Valley Japanese Language Institute

By Yurica Yamaguchi and Historian Mikiyo Ueda

On Saturday, Oct 20th, SFVJLI families were invited to tour the SuihoEn: the Japanese Garden (The Garden of Water and Fragrance) as our first after school PTA event for the new school year. After eating some pizza and salad, a total of 60 people headed to the peaceful oasis for a private, self-tour! The families not only got to experience this hidden San Fernando Valley treasure, but some of the students became friends at the end of the event.

On Saturday, November 17, we had another successful annual curry sale. Japanese school parents and their friends

came together and made delicious curry from scratch. Starting early that morning everyone was working very hard chopping vegetables and dicing chicken to make over 200 servings



This year e were also very lucky to have a performance of SFV Taiko group after the curry sale at the Dr. Sakaguchi Hall. After their powerful performance, children from the audience were invited to the stage and try drumming on the Taiko. Everyone had a great time.



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Looking for a holiday gift for someone. We have Marukai/Tokyo Central Gift Cards available for sale in \$10 increments. The school receives 6% of all proceeds from the sale of the gift cards. If you would like to purchase the certificates, come visit us at our school office on Saturdays email SFVJLI@hotmail.com or call the office at (818) 896-8612.



Here's What's Happening Around Nikkei Senior Gardens

By Patti Kimura

Residents attended a lecture on dementia presented by Anthem Care On Site Program physician, Dr. Shunpei Keith Iwata. Dr. Iwata educated the residents on the symptoms, diagnosis, causes and treatments of dementia and answered their questions on dementia. Dr. Iwata comes to Nikkei Senior Gardens on a quarterly basis and facilitates a seminar for all residents to attend.

Dr. Iwata is also the physician for the Anthem Care On Site Program at Nikkei Senior Gardens. The Anthem Care On Site Program brings the doctor and his care team to Nikkei Senior Gardens to care for patients. The Anthem Care On Site care team comes to Nikkei Senior Gardens once a week to see patients.



CC Clean Up

By Nancy Oda

On Saturday, October 6, the San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center held its annual Fall Cleanup. Chairman Bing Lau planned the largest and most organized inter generational project this year.

He wrote, "This is a day where all SFVJACC members are encouraged to come out and lend a bit of elbow grease to work on some minor projects around the CC. These small projects include things like wiping down chairs, organizing rooms, small gardening jobs, paint touch up. Historically, the CC has been self maintained. When people see stuff that needs to get done around the CC, they just kind of take care of it. I've been reminded several times that it's all part of the culture. The SFVJACC relies on its members generosity, sometimes monetarily but more often, donations of skills, time and effort. This generosity is what makes the greater SFVJACC community so special and events like these really help strengthen the community bond.

The SFVJACC Clean Up is a great event to get to know some of the other members of the SFVJACC and find out more about other activities around the CC. Rub elbows with families from other Athletics Teams, JACL, Japanese School, Judo, Gardeners, and the Bonsai Club. Participating in this event, helps kids learn volunteerism and understand that they are part of a community."

Tadao Okui and Karen Muranaka inspired family volunteerism with a new incentive from the Disney Parks and Points of Light program that rewards non-profits with tickets.



Thank You Volunteers!!

Battle, Eiko, Chris & Sophie
Burris, Randy, Colleen, BeeBee & Kai
Chang, Grant, Sean & Luke
Cheng, Tamiya & Nua
Choi, Eugene, Julie & Joshua
Chow, Gene, Dana, Lucas & Brandon
Dafaee, Marcus & Courtney
de Leon, Liz-Ann & Padua, Edgar,
Lucas & Grayson
Domey, John & Liz
Duong, Mike, Nancy, Aiden & Mina
Endow, Kevin, Melissa, Kamryn & Peyton
Ezaki, Ethan, Joyce, Justin & Drew
Fenton, Sally & Marlise
Fukumoto, Nancy
Gentle, Naomi & Masato
Grimes, Shane
Hashiba, Kelly
Hirota, Eric, Declan & Alana
Hiura, Cooper
Huang, John
Imanishi, Naoya & Kyle
Inoshita, Bill & Luke
Iwai, Cliff & Bryce
Kadonaga, Jennie
Kang, Insook

Kido, Chester & Nadine
Kim, Cooper & Hudson
Kim, Jung & Shin-B
Kobayashi, John
Koga, Anne & Bryce
Kuratomi, Linda
Kuroda, Steve & Nick
Kwan, Taylor
Kwon, Amy & Ryan
Lac, Luc & Jamie
Lau, Bing, Diana & Tre
Lee, Bona, Joshua & Mina
Lew, Greg
Limpus, Jonevan
Longworth, Joy
Mahoney, Marcia
Matsumoto, Sean & Spencer
Minami, Kris & Kyle
Muranaka, Karen
Murata, Yoichi
Nakama, Rad, Tammy, Rawson &
Ocean
Negoro, Harvey
Oda, Kay & Nancy
Oda, Yvonne & Kyle
Oh, Grace
Okazaki, Danny

Okui, Tadao & Lois
Okuyama, John & Natalie & Michaela
Paloma, Michael & Jonathan
Pearlstein, Jon & Josh
Ramos, Elijah
Reitz, Brian, Brenda, Hayley & Marissa
Sakamoto, Bruce, Jennifer & Joren
Shigekuni, Phil & Marion
Shimabukuro, Tina & Zen
Sladicka, Jeff & Aiden
Song, Hanjin
Song, Zach, Toby & Penny
Takeshita, Kelley & Baker, Brayden
Takiguchi, Michael, Janice, Josephine &
Joshua
Takimoto, Margaret
Tanaka, Jason
Tanaka, Linda
Tanijiri, Wesley & Kayla
Tomita, Jaclyn
Watanabe, Kiyo
Wong, Jenny
Wong, Michael, Ethon & Josie
Yamauchi, Victor, Darlene, Brenden &
Alana
Yoshizawa, Justin & Kaelyn

We apologize if any names were omitted.

CC Clean Up



Some of the CC Clean Up Day Volunteers



SFV MEIJI SENIOR CLUB NEWS

By Liz Doomey

With so many activities at the Center, Meiji Club has been quiet this past month. Our Las Vegas trip went on Nov. 12th through the 15th. They had a full bus which is very nice for all the hard work Grace Iwamasa does to make these trips fun for all who attend. On December 13th Kay Yamada is taking a group to San Manuel to visit their money they left from the last trip. If you are interested in taking these trips, please contact Grace or Kay for more information. The first 2019 trip to Las Vegas has been set for Feb. 11th through the 13th 2019. (See page 3 for the 2019 schedule of the Las Vegas trips). Sign up sheets will be available in the hall lobby. The board is looking into more seminars for 2019 that may interest our members. Look for details in the next newsletter in 2019.

We are still in need of new board members for 2019. Please join us, first Friday of every month after hot meal around 12:30 pm in the conference room.



2019 SFV Meiji Seniors Club New Year's Party Luncheon

The Meiji Club's annual New Year's Luncheon will be held on January 12th at noon in the Dr. Sanbo Sakaguchi Hall. Tickets remain the same price of \$20 this year. The Meiji Club board members will be selling tickets to this event in November and December. Don't forget to purchase your tickets by December 14th because the kitchen will be closed for the holidays. Tickets are being sold by: Liz Doomey, Joy Longworth, Kay Yamada, Ken Kumagai, Ritsuko Shinbashi, Yoshi Matsuda, Sam Nakata, Evelyn Mitarai, Nancy Takayama, Grace Iwamasa, Jean and Ray Shinsato

PIONEERS

By Nancy Oda

This year we lost two giants, **Harold Muraoka and Harry Nakada**, who sacrificed so much for the betterment of the Community Center. Harold and Harry spent days, months and years to make our center better. So, who are they and what did they do?

Harry and his family owned the Nakada Nursery in North Hills, CA. There wasn't a school principal who did not know him since he enjoyed giving plants and flowers. He was a member of the Military Intelligence Service. Harold Muraoka was a Korean War Air Force veteran who worked for the City of Los Angeles until his retirement. Both were members of San Fernando Valley VFW Post 4140.

Harold donated time to AARP for over 15 years as the Assistant State Coordinator overseeing 12 instructors in the Driver Safety Program and also conducted courses to various organizations. He was also a three year trustee for the North Valley Regional Center after Jack Fujimoto completed his term. Twenty years ago, Harold and Harry announced plans to build an assisted living community on the three acre property, owned by the Hashimoto Families, for elderly people who need daily help with personal care and good food.

Starting as a dying wish of longtime Community Center member, **Tad Namba**, who had lamented to Harold that there was nowhere for the JA community to peacefully live out the remainder of their lives. All the facilities at that time were not equipped to accommodate JA living customs. It was at this moment, back in 1984 that the dying wish of his mentor became a lifelong dream for Harold Muraoka. Thus, the project began with Harold and Harry as co-chairs. Supporters of the project were asked to make gigantic leaps of faith by funding tens of thousands of dollars to get the project going with only a tacit promise of a future payback. **Mits Usui**, a Board member, became such a staunch supporter of the project that he donated a property in Palm Springs as collateral. On December 8, 2013, donors were paid back as promised.



Harold Muraoka (left)
and Harry Nakada

Additionally, the project came with personal costs. Leading this project and managing the subsequent opposition were contributing factors to the major stroke suffered by Harold Muraoka on January 1, 2008. Harry continued on, keeping a close eye on the project and keeping Harold apprised of developments during his weekly visits to Harold's home where he was recovering from the devastating stroke.

Harry and Harold had undying faith that the Japanese American community would see this project to its end and make NSG as successful as they imagined. Without a doubt this vision came true as Nikkei Senior Gardens is now not only a successful and economically viable institution but serves to benefit all members of the Japanese American community. There is a Helen and Harry Nakada walking path with cherry blossoms in the spring leading to the massive rock garden in the center of the facility where residents and their families can relax.

Harold and Harry provided service to many organizations within the San Fernando Valley such as the Japanese Gardens in Van Nuys. To be sure, Nikkei Senior Gardens was their crowning achievement. Here residents receive round-

the-clock professional support and assistance, always delivered with compassion and respect the way Harold and Harry would have liked.

In conclusion, these two giants wanted to take care of our elders and succeeded in building Nikkei Senior Gardens, a premiere assisted living residence. We thank them, miss them and will be strengthened by their example.

Thank you to Shigeko and Douglas Muraoka for their contributions for this article.

Reflections By Nancy Oda - Today, there is a shortage of meeting spaces for our many cultural and recreational clubs and on Saturdays, classrooms for the Japanese Language School. The SF Athletics has been paying large sums for gym rentals. In addition, the annual Kohaku judo tournament required larger regulation size mats. As a result, the event ended much later than before. In consideration of the growing needs of our center, the Future Planning Committee has been in discussion for many months. More later.

Tidbits from Tadao - The Community Center does recycling. The Community Center would like everyone using the facility to practice recycling by putting the aluminum cans and plastic bottles in the recycling containers with a round hole. If you see a container with a round hole, please do not throw your everyday trash in this container. If you use glass bottles, please put in a separate box and leave by the recycle containers. If you don't recycle at home, you can bring your recyclable bottles and cans to the Community Center. Every other month these recyclables are turned into cash for the Community Center.

Membership letters have been sent out. If you receive one, please continue your support of the Community Center by turning in your membership form. Thank you to the members who have already joined.

SF ATHLETICS TOURNAMENT NEWS



SF Blakers

VFW Tournament

9th Grade Bronze Division
(8th grade Blakers played up)

2nd Place Winners

Coaches: Danny Okazaki & Kris Minami

Back row (L-R): Andy Okazaki, Scott
Nimura, Troy Kadonaga

Front row (L-R): Elijah Ramos, Ryuto Murata,
Kyle Minami

“A Celebration of Life: The Farm Walk at Tanaka Farms”

By Chester Sakamoto

Note: **Farm Walk for Childhood Cancer** is a one-mile walk around Tanaka Farms with 10 fruit/vegetable sampling stations along the route. These stations were staffed by various "childhood cancer" organizations who passed out the produce samples, provided information about the cancer fighting benefits of the product and at the same time, promoted their organization.

While September is the harbinger of cooler temperatures and changing colors for the rest of the country, in Southern California, it is merely an extension of August, with blue skies, warm temps, and greenery aplenty. It was on such a September day in Irvine that the fourth annual Farm Walk for Childhood Cancer took place at historic Tanaka Farms, located on the outskirts of town.

The day was bright and sunny. My first impression, admittedly, as I slathered myself with sunscreen while heading over to the main entrance to check in, was that it was an unlikely place to house such an event. However, it became apparent from the very start that it was less a question of similarities as it was of love, support, and, of course, a beautiful setting. I myself was present to support the Niizawa family*, particularly their son, Evan, who tragically succumbed to nasopharyngeal adenocarcinoma, a rare cancer, in 2016.

A breeze stirred the cornstalks that lined the beginning part of the path. Every hundred feet or so, signs had been placed in the ground, with heart-wrenching facts regarding the statistics of childhood cancer and some of the treatments involved to help fight such diseases. To help sweeten the effects of such stark information, organizers and supporters at kiosks along the way offered samples of the succulent fruit and vegetables grown sustainably at Tanaka Farms. The



environment was quite friendly and welcoming.

The entire venture through the Tanaka grounds took about an hour, and I found myself somewhat saddened as the exit through the farm stand and gift shop loomed nearer. Despite the heavy subject of childhood cancer, which naturally was an integral part of the event, it was a pleasant, enriching, and ultimately rewarding experience.

Lunch followed the walk itself, accompanied by a variety of activities such as live music, face painting, and even a cooking class. As I sat gazing at the people all around me, most of whom were laughing, smiling, or simply enjoying the beautiful day, I came to the realization that the Farm Walk is, above all, a celebration of life - Evan's life, and all those who have tragically fallen prey to this affliction. Needless to say, childhood cancer continues to be a problem, but with continued awareness, funding, and events like this one, we can fight back, and hopefully, one day, eradicate this disease so that no family need ever worry about suffering its trials and tribulations.





Better than Santa

By Old Wakaba, Bud Sagara

Last month, I was surprised to see Santa Claus looking back at me from a display area filled with Christmas stuff when it wasn't even Halloween yet. The beginning of the Christmas sales season seems to arrive earlier each year. Retailers simply want to bring their brand of holiday cheer to us sooner, not because they want to share peace on earth and good will to men, but for purely economic reasons. Stores typically earn more than half of their yearly sales during the few weeks of the holiday buying frenzy. Shopping and gift giving has made Santa a rock star, but is that what Christmas is really all about?

Many years ago, a bright young girl named Reiko was taught the meaning of Christmas by her grandmother. The story begins shortly after Reiko's older sister crushed her younger sibling by telling her that Santa isn't real and that only stupid little kids believe in him. That was enough to send Reiko out of the house in tears as she ran the three blocks to Grandma's house. Her whole beliefs in Christmas were in shambles.

Grandma was the type of person who would always give Reiko a straight answer. The truth would also be much easier to swallow after Grandma whipped up one of her world famous root beer floats or maybe a spam musubi. Reiko knew that Grandma's root beer floats and spam musubi's were world famous because Grandma said so, and Grandma always told the truth.

An out of breath Reiko arrived at Grandma's house and waited patiently as Grandma prepared another of her favorites, kinako mochi. The little girl unleashed all her pent up hurt and questions about Santa on her grandmother between bites of the mochi. "If there's no Santa Claus, then there's no one to bring presents. Christmas is ruined!" Grandma's response was gentle and caring as Reiko was informed that there was no Santa, but something infinitely better than Santa was here for all of us. Grandma reached for her well-worn Bible and told Reiko that this book contained the true meaning of Christmas. Grandma said that instead of looking to receive presents, Scripture tells us that we should give freely as we are able, according to the blessings that the Lord has already given to us.

"What does that mean?" asked Reiko. Grandma said that God does not expect us to give to others more than we have, but we will be blessed when we give cheerfully to those less fortunate. The example that Grandma gave to Reiko was about Jesus Christ giving everything He had so that all people who believed in Him could live with Him forever. After their talk, Grandma told Reiko to finish her kinako mochi because they were going to put those words into action.

The pair walked a few blocks to the main part of town and to the Loomis general store. This was one of those family-run, old fashioned stores that offered just about everything that a small local community might need. Grandma reached into her purse and handed Reiko five one dollar bills and told her to take the money and buy a gift for someone who needs one. "Wow, five dollars is more money than I have ever had in my entire life," thought Reiko. She was also surprised when Grandma told her that she would wait outside the store until Reiko was finished. Reiko had been shopping with her mom and with her grandmother before, but never alone.

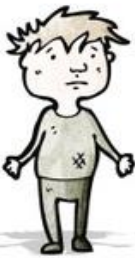
The store loomed large and intimidating for an eight year old child. Other customers were busy walking the aisles with their basket filled with last minute Christmas purchases. Reiko carefully perused the shelves as she wondered, "Who should I buy a Christmas present for and what should I buy?" She began thinking of her immediate family, but she had already been helped by her mom with those presents and she had already made things for others. She thought of her friends at school and her friends at church and then suddenly thought of Billy who sat in front of her in Mrs. O'Neill's third grade class. Billy was a stinky kid, of course all boys were stinky, but he always wore the same shirt and jeans to school even on cold or rainy days. Reiko suspected that Billy's parents could not afford to buy him lots of clothes like she had. So it was settled, she would buy a nice warm jacket for Billy.

After carefully looking over the jackets that hung on a rack in the store, she selected a blue one for Billy. With Grandma's five dollars squeezed tightly in her hand, she made her way to the cashier and waited in line for her turn. She was kind of nervous about making her first purchase all by herself and was beginning to doubt her choices, both the item and who would receive it. When her turn came, Reiko blurted out, "It's a Christmas present for a boy at school who doesn't have a jacket!" "That is so sweet of you," the kindly cashier responded. Reiko gave the cashier the five crumpled one dollar bills and the cashier hesitated for a moment before she neatly folded the jacket, placed it in a brown bag, and said to Reiko, "Merry Christmas young lady."

Reiko met Grandma outside the store and told her all the details of her shopping experience as they walked back to Grandma's house. As Grandma helped Reiko wrap the jacket in colorful wrapping paper, a small white tag fell out of the jacket. Grandma looked at the tag, smiled and placed it in her Bible. They tied the package with a red ribbon and put a card on it that read, "To Billy, from Santa." As the pair drove to the house where Billy lived, Grandma explained to Reiko that giving from the heart with no expectation of getting anything in return was far better than believing in Santa.

Grandma parked the car a couple of houses down from Billy's house and told Reiko to put the gift at the front door, knock on the door and then run as fast as she could back to the car and jump in. That's just what she did. An out of breath Reiko and her grandmother slumped down low in the car giggling with laughter as they watched Billy standing on the front porch in wonder with the gift. Both of them were bubbling over with joy all the way home. Even after the passing of nearly thirty years, Reiko treasures that moment in her heart as she also treasures all that is contained in Grandma's worn Bible including the small white tag that reads \$10.

There's no
Santa?!



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DR. SANBO SAKAGUCHI SCHOLARSHIP

The Dr. Sanbo Sakaguchi Scholarship is the most prestigious recognition awarded at the San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center. He was a life long member who supported the San Fernando Valley Judo Club, Alemany High School football team, SFV JACL, and many community organizations like the Japan American Symphony.

KAY FURUTA SAKAGUCHI SCHOLARSHIP

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

LILY SAKAGUCHI THIBODEAUX SCHOLARSHIP

The Lilly Thibodeaux Scholarship is in memory of the beloved grandmother, mother, aunt and friend who Inspired us with her love and determination.

All the SFVJACC Scholarships are open to graduating high school seniors of SFVJACC who has demonstrated academic excellence, extracurricular activities and service to school, local, and/or Asian community, especially with the SFVJACC. Applications must be postmarked by April 1, 2019.

ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIPS

HOSHIKO HIRANO AWARD

This award honors the memory of Hoshi Hirano, the woman who started and developed the Girls Athletics program at our Community Center.

The purpose of the award is to recognize those girls who have contributed to the Girls Athletics program by their participation, performance and/or service to the program. The award committee will also consider any or all awards and performances by all applicants in all athletics/scholastic activities accomplished in high school.

This award is open to all senior girls graduating from high school this year. The candidate must have participated or is currently participating in the Community Center Girls Athletics program. For the purpose of the award this includes from Sure Shot to their final year of high school.

WAYNE YAMAMOTO MEMORIAL AWARD

The purpose of the award is to recognize a senior boy who has contributed to the San Fernando Boys Athletics program by his participation, performance and/or service to the program. The award committee will also consider any or all awards and performances by all applicants in all athletics/scholastic activities accomplished in high school.

This award is open to all senior boys graduating from high school this year. The candidate must have participated or is currently participating in the Community Center Boys Athletics program. For the purpose of the award this includes from Sure Shot to their final year of high school.

LAUREN TAGUCHI MEMORIAL YOUTH SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

The Lauren Taguchi Memorial Youth Service Scholarship is given to honor her memory as an active member of the SFVJACC Athletics as well as many other community organizations. As a student athlete, Lauren was a role model, friend and teammate who demonstrated sportsmanship on and off the court. A \$500.00 award will be given to the graduating high school senior who best demonstrates the spirit of volunteerism and citizenship, through community service. Applicants should be responsible students, active in school and in their community, as well as participated in SFVJACC Athletics for at least 5 years. The student selected will receive the award to be applied towards his or her college education.

EVAN NIIZAWA MEMORIAL CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Evan Yoshio Niizawa Memorial Continuing Education Scholarship is given in memory of his accomplishments, scholastic excellence and participation in athletics in the face of severe illness and life challenges. Evan was an inspiration to all who knew him and admired his determination in all aspects of his life. A \$1,000.00 continuing education scholarship provided by the Niizawa Family and SFVJACC Athletics is given to a current or past member of SFVJACC Athletics who has demonstrated scholastic excellence and overcame challenges during their life. The student selected will receive the award to be applied towards his or her college education.

ALL ATHLETICS APPLICATIONS MUST BE POST MARKED BY FRIDAY, March 8, 2019.

Winners will be notified and awards will be presented at the SF Athletics Jamboree, April 27, 2019.

SFV JACL's Annual 77th Installation Luncheon

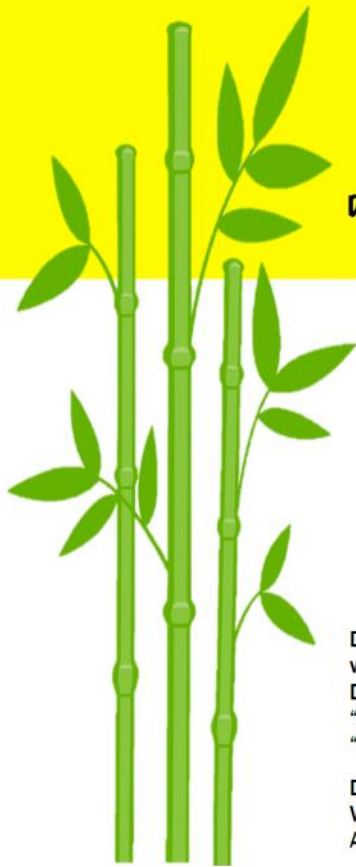
Sunday, January 20th, 2019

Knollwood Country Club
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Social Hour: 11:30 am Lunch: 12:00 pm

\$ 35.00 per person

Deadline to order tickets: Monday, January 7, 2019



DAN MAYEDA
Guest Speaker



Dan Mayeda is the grandson of Kunitomo Mayeda who was held at the Tuna Canyon Detention Station. Dan's recent article in the Huffington Post covered "All American Lives," "A Fortuitous Discovery," and "Could This Happen Again?"

Dan practices law in Los Angeles. He is on the East West Players Board of Directors and Co-Chair of the Asian Pacific American Media Coalition.

Contact: Linda Tanaka
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Lillian Sasaki
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WHAT'S UNDER THE
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Volunteer Opportunities at The Japanese Garden in Van Nuys



The Japanese Garden in Van Nuys (*Suiho-en* or "Garden of Water and Fragrance") is a 6-1/2 acre cultural showplace created by world-renowned art and architecture historian, Dr. Koichi Kawana. We seek motivated volunteers to serve the Garden and its mission, in the following categories:

Docents lead tours informing the public about the Garden and water reclamation process.

Gift Shop Volunteers process admissions and sell a variety of merchandise on weekdays and Sundays. Previous sales experience is helpful, but not necessary.

Tea Service Volunteers provide tea and cookies to the public for a small fee on the second and fourth Sunday of each month.

If interested, please contact us by phone (818-756-8000) or email (betty.ethridge@lacity.org).

COORDINATING COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONS - MEETINGS - CONTACT PERSONS

Coordinating Council.....	1st Wed., 7:00 PM.....	Nancy Oda.....	818 786-0914
Community Center.....	3rd Wed., 7:00 PM.....	Call CC Office.....	818 899-1989
Athletics.....	3rd Tues., 7:30 PM.....	Margaret Takimoto.....	818 701-7628
CC News.....	Lois Okui.....	818 892-1487.....	Email: loisokui@aol.com
Chatsworth West United Methodist Church.....			
.....	2nd Sun., 1:00 PM.....	Pastor Ruy Mizuki.....	818 341-1270
Crossway Church.....	2nd Sun., 12:30 PM.....	Jennifer Trax.....	818 896-1676
Nikkei Senior Gardens.....	2nd Thurs. (even months), 7 PM..	Tadao Okui.....	818 515-8247
SFV Bonsai Club.....	4th Sun., 8 AM-12 PM..	Kazuhiko Nakanishi.....	805 492-3439
SFV Hongwanji Buddhist Temple.....			
.....	2nd Mon., 7:30 PM.....	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
.....			818 237-8540 (cell)
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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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
SFV Judo Club.....	Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri.....	7:00-9:00 PM.....	Kenji Couey.....	818 381-7232
Tai Chi Class*.....	Monday.....	9:00-10:00 AM.....	Florence Takaaze.....	310 202-6693
Taiko.....	Sunday.....	10:00 AM-2:00 PM.....	sfv.taiko@gmail.com....	818 899-1989
Ukulele Class.....	Friday.....	9:30-11:30 AM.....	Call CC Office.....	818 899-1989
Yoga Class.....	Wednesday.....	10:00-11:00 AM.....	Call CC Office.....	818 899-1989
Zumba.....	Monday.....	7:30-8:30 PM.....	Margaret Takimoto.....	818 701-7628

YOUTH SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

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

SUPPORT GROUPS & SERVICES

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

*Meiji Senior Citizens' Activity or Service

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Sunday, 11:00 am Dharma School

December

- 2 10:00 am Shotsuki monthly memorial and Bodhi Day service
- 9 6:00 am Mochitsuki (no service)
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Mochi pick-up
- 15 9:30 am Dharma discussion
- 16 10:00 am Regular service
- 20 10:30 am Service at Nikkei Senior Gardens
- 22 9:30 am Dharma discussion
- 23 10:00 am Regular service
- 29 9:30 am Dharma discussion
- 30 10:00 am Regular service
- 31 6:00 pm New Year's Eve service

January 2019

- 1 10:00 am New Year's Day service
- 5 9:30 am Dharma Discussion
- 6 10:00 am Shotsuki monthly memorial service
- 13 10:00 am Ho-onko: Shinran Shonin's memorial service, New Year luncheon, Silent Auction
- 17 10:30 am Service at Nikkei Senior Gardens
- 19 9:30 am Dharma discussion
- 20 10:00 am Regular service
- 26 9:30 am Dharma discussion
- 27 10:00 am Regular service

February

- 3 10:00 am Shotsuki monthly memorial service, annual general meeting
- 10 10:00 am Nehan-e: Shakyamuni Buddha's memorial service
- 16 9:30 am Dharma Discussion
- 17 10:00 am Regular service
- 21 10:30 am Service at Nikkei Senior Gardens
- 23 Udon fundraiser
- 24 10:00 am Regular service



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English Department

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Pastor Raynold Nakamura

Sunday Schedule

9:00 - 9:45 AM
Sunday School for ages
junior high through adult

10 - 11:15 AM
Worship Service
(childcare for infants - Pre-K)

Kid Venture Children's Ministries
(K - 5th grade)

11:15 - 11:45 AM
Coffee Fellowship

Youth Fellowship

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

Mid-Week Home Groups

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Japanese Department

Pastor In Hyun

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Sunday Schedule

10:00 AM
Worship Service

Lunch and Fellowship
after worship service on the
1st Sundays

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Tuesday @ 10 AM Fellowship Hall
Instructor: Leo Fong

Fellowship @ High Noon Lunch & Activity - Wednesdays

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SUNRISE FOURSQUARE CHURCH

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

Pastors:
Rev. Paul Iwata
Rev. James Iwata

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

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

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

Monthly Events:

2nd Sunday – Board Meeting
After the service at church

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

Counseling is available for individuals,
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Seminary Classes taught by Pastor Paul in
Biblical Studies and Greek/Hebrew.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CC

December 1, 2018
CC Annual Members' Meeting

December 9, 2018
SFV JAFL Holiday Party

December 15, 2018
SFV Japanese Language
Institute Holiday Program

December 15, 2018
SFV Judo Club Christmas Party

December 21 - 28, 2018
Hall Closed due to floor
Maintenance

January 5, 2019
CC New Year's Luncheon

January 12, 2019
SFV Meiji Senior Citizen's
Club New Year's Party

January 19, 2018
SFV Japanese Language
Institute Mochitsuki

January 26, 2018
Seminar—Long Term Care

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BEGINNERS (All Ages) & JUNIORS (5yo-16) CLASS INSTRUCTORS

Stuart Kam Head Sensei 4th degree Black Belt	Glen Whitesell Asst Head Sensei 4th degree Black Belt	Richie Endow Asst Sensei 4th degree Black Belt	Taizo Sasaki Asst Sensei 3rd degree Black Belt	Eric Mochinaga Asst Sensei 2nd degree Black Belt	Roy Harting Asst Sensei 2nd degree Black Belt	Cliff Kodama Asst Sensei 2nd degree Black Belt
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COMPETITORS & ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT CLASS INSTRUCTORS

Stuart Kam Head Sensei 4th degree Black Belt	Glen Whitesell Asst Head Sensei 4th degree Black Belt	Luis Amaro Asst Sensei 4th degree Black Belt	Mike Toren Asst Sensei 2nd degree Black Belt	Kenji Couey Asst Sensei 2nd degree Black Belt	Gabriel Calvillo Asst Sensei 2nd degree Black Belt	German Echeverria Asst Sensei 2nd degree Black Belt
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