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SUPER BINGO FUNDRAISER A HUGE SUCCESS ONCE AGAIN!

On November 7, over 350 people attended our biggest fundraiser of the year making it the most successful to date raising over \$37,500. It was a busy night with dinner, silent auction, bingo games, raffle as well as a flea market and 50/50 raffle.

MC Miles Chen was very entertaining as usual and kept the program moving. Hitomi Hashimoto and her kitchen staff did a wonderful dinner of BBQ short ribs, pork, fish, rice, potato salad, green beans, tsukumono and fruits. Chicken and sushi, catered by Small Island and California Rice Center respectively, complimented the dinner and ending the meal was an array of dessert, homemade by the Super Bingo committee and volunteers.

The bingo games went quickly with many multiple winners. Many prizes, big and small, were handed out during the games. No one went home empty handed, winning at least one of the "Next Number" prizes. We ended the night announcing our big 50/50 winner.

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BIG WINNERS OF THE NIGHT



Mark McClure
Blackout Winner



Kay Kami
Top Raffle Winner



Shirley Docken
Top Raffle Winner



Harry Nakada
Top Raffle Winner



Janet Schuetze
50/50 Raffle Winner

TUNA CANYON DETENTION STATION

By Nancy Oda

Thank you to the San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center for your support and understanding the importance of preserving history found in our own backyard. A traveling exhibit called "Only the Oaks Remain" will finally tell the complete story of Tuna Canyon and those people who were among the very first to be confined at the outbreak of World War II

We want to make history come alive through multiple approaches. You can visualize the setting through many photographs taken by Officer-in-Charge, Merrill Scott, who took them in the belief that they would provide a pictorial record plus a rare photo donated by Ruth Brandt of her father, publisher, Sei Fujii. Further, Craig Yahata and Robert Horsting, directors of "Citizen Tanouye" has kindly given permission to show the film since this Medal of Honor Awardee's father was among those arrested and taken. We learned what life was like in the camp through the diary of Sasabune Sasaki that starts in Terminal Island that is being translated by Murata Sensei and Yoko Mansfield. Keith Matsushita is preparing computer applications so that grandparents and their grandchildren can see film clips or discover their personal stories. June Aochi Berk has been interviewing descendants with the help of the Japanese American National Museum. We are seeking artists to close the gaps of scenes like visitation day.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Now, that we are in the winter season, we hope you have gotten your flu shot and will be healthy throughout the year.

I would like to thank everyone who came out for the annual CC Clean Up. We had a great turn out! Thank you to the organizations (JACL, Gardeners, Japanese School, Meiji Club, Athletics and Girls Scouts) for supporting our clean up effort. A special thank you to the JACL for preparing the lunch for us and to the Athletic fathers and kids for painting the wrought iron fence along Branford Street. It looks like brand new fence! Apologies for not naming

everyone but thanks to everyone and to all the volunteers.

In June, the Judo Club occupants vacated the Community Center house which sat on the corner of our property. After much discussion, the Board voted to demolish the house due to safety and liability. Also, with the house being so old we did not want to keep doing additional repairs on the house. We have now paved the existing lot to make way for much needed additional parking. Also, we had a new block wall built and blocks added to the existing wall between the church and our



property. During the holidays in December, the whole front parking lot will have a seal coat done and re-striping.

We would like to thank those who returned the Future Planning Committee survey. It's been very helpful to the committee with your ideas, suggestions and comments in planning the future of the Community Center. The parking issues and restrooms will be looked at for safety

and improvement matters. One misconception we found from the surveys is that many people think the Obon Festival held at the CC facility is sponsored by the CC but it is the Buddhist Temple's event. As we move forward the committee will keep the members informed of the progress.

This year I was unable to attend our Super Bingo Fundraiser due to a family vacation in Japan. I was told that the turnout was great with over 350 people attending the event. I heard that the food was great! We were able to net over \$37,000. Thank you to everyone for their generosity and support. Also thank you to all the volunteers and special thanks to Lois and Tadao Okui and Hitomi and Toji Hashimoto for all their hard work and for all the planning they have been doing for last six months. Thank you everyone!

The results of the ballot voting for our Board elections are in. Congratulation to Bing Lau, Akiko Manaka, Lisa Sugino and Jeremy Tsuneishi for being elected new Board members. I have been re-elected to serve as President for another year. These new Board members will bring new talent, fresh ideas, creativity and technology to the Board. Thank you to outgoing Board member Chuck Itagaki who has been very instrumental in many of our projects. Thank you Chuck, we appreciate all the time and effort that you have given to the Community Center. Also, thank you to Phil Shigekuni who graciously stepped up and took over the remaining year for former Board member Karl Nobuyuki.


We have received two surplus cash funds from Nikkei Senior Gardens this year and we are very grateful for their generosity and we appreciate it very much. Many of our projects have been deferred due to lack of funds over the years. Now we are able to resume a number of projects this year to upgrade our safety and maintenance issues. Once again, we want to express our thank you to Nikkei Senior Gardens Board for making this possible for all of us.

It's getting close to the end of the year and I wish everyone a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year! Enjoy your Holiday Season with your family and friends!

Paul Jonokuchi, President



Congratulations Grant Kuwata on receiving your Eagle Scout ranking! Thanks for doing your project here & for the beautiful Japanese fences, too!



**CLASS
OF 2016**

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LILLY SAKAGUCHI THIBIDEAUX
SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATIONS
DUE ON APRIL 1, 2016**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

For the Months of September/October 2015

Donations

Grant Kuwata & Boy Scout Troop 719
Eagle Scout Project
Rich Nakajima
Wells Fargo Community Connection Grant
Jennifer Okutake
James Kitazaki
Jane Okano
In memory of husband Mel Okano
Kenji & Kyoko Watanabe
Victor Muraoka
Greg Kimura
United Way Charitable Contribution
Don Akamine
Anonymous
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Macy's East Campaign Management Contribution
Ritsuko Shinbashi

Use of Facilities

SFV Hongwanji Buddhist Temple
SFV JACL
Judd Matsunaga's Elder Law Services of
California
Tadao Okui
SFV Athletics
SFV Ballroom Dance Class
Tuesday Exercise Class
Line Dancing
Ping Pong Club
Wednesday Nite Basketball
Aloha Club (Poker)
Hitomi's Cooking Class
Arts & Craft
Hanafuda
Kapunas
Manzanar High School Reunion
Tuesday Mah Jong
Friday Exercise Class
Poker Club
Hula Wahines
Senior Arts & Crafts
Harmonica Class
Crossway Church

Miscellaneous

Ballroom Dance Class..... 3 lbs. Coffee
Coffee donation
Copier donation
Shirley & Terry Docken 50 lbs. of fish
Grace Warren..... *4 Boxes of Kimonos,
yukatas, obi, Japanese dishware and
artifacts*
Lorraine Kaneshiro *2 Boxes manila envelopes,
1 box #10 envelopes, 1 box file folders,
3 pkgs. pens, 1 bottle Write Out*
Millennia Personal Care Services.....
6 Cases of Ayumi shoes for the seniors
Yas & Lily Nagatoshi Swingline hole puncher

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Miscellaneous - Continued

Curly & Flo Sato 2 lbs. Decaf coffee
Ritsuko Shinbashi - Ikenobo Ikebana Class..... 2 (3 lbs.) Coffee
Haruyo Suenaka..... 2 (2 lbs.) Coffee

DONATIONS TO HOT MEALS

For the Months of September & October 2015

Lee BennettBox of trash liners, gloves and aprons
Nancy Fukumoto.....Oster blender
June R. ImamotoPersimmons for Tuesday's volunteers
Roy Imazu.....Kim chee
Doreen KawamotoDrumstix ice cream for the volunteers
Musashi Restaurant2 (100 lbs.) Rice, 2 (5 gal.) oil
Yuriko Muso.....Kiwi and tangerines
Nancy Oda.....Floral bouquets for the volunteers
Jane OkanoMonetary donation in memory of
husband Mel Okano
Rex & Lorraine Shimizu8 Jars of Nestea
Yone Takimoto.....Fukujizuke (pickled vegetables) for 2
lunches and takuwon for 1 lunch
George & Emi TomitaMonetary donation and green tea
Linda YamadaCake to celebrate parents John and Kay
Yamada's 55th anniversary and Kay's
birthday

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR
THEIR GENEROUS DONATIONS!

SAVE THE DATE!
SFV MEIJI SENIOR CLUB
NEW YEAR'S PARTY
January 16 2016
12 - 3 PM

Tuna Canyon Detention Station

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Currently, the Coalition is seeking venues for the museum quality exhibit that will take more than one year to produce. There is a continuous effort to verify the names of each detainee from the National Archives and family documents. Although it seems like we have it all under control, we need donations of artifacts, letters, and photos, if any, from your trunks and attics. Although some may not have had camps in your past. I believe that we must learn from history and guard our civil liberties. We are grateful to the National Parks Service Japanese American Confinement Sites grant and promise a museum quality experience for our members.

Super Bingo - Continued from front page.

We are so fortunate to have the great and generous donors that we do. They provided the 80 plus items for our silent auction, prizes for our bingo games and raffle, making it possible to raise as much money as we did. It was also a success because of all of those who bought gold packages and all the volunteers that helped. We just want to say a big THANK YOU to everyone!

THANK YOU SUPER BINGO COMMITTEE!

These dedicated people work from March to November planning, soliciting as well as donating to the Super Bingo Fundraiser. They also work the day of the event and set up the Friday before. Thank you!

Jill Clever	Isabelle Miyata	Tadao & Lois Okui
Liz Doomey	Cathy Nakano	Coleen O'Neill
Fuyumi Hashimoto	Harvey Negoro	Priscillia Mui
Toji & Hitomi Hashimoto	Debbie Nicklaus	Gary & Sandy Yamamoto
Patti Kimura	Kathy Norihiro	Kathy Yoshimura
Akiko Manaka	Megan Okui	

THANK YOU TO OUR SUPER BINGO PARTICIPANTS!

Kelvin & Lauren Arie	Taro & Mary Ishimoto	Ken & Priscilla Mui	Robert & Setsuko Sato
Craig & Sharon Asanuma	Chuck Itagaki & Linda	Tomi Muranaga	Gene & Jan Schuetze
Lyle & Mitsu Asaoka	Takahashi	Victor & Lois Muraoka	SFV Landscape Gardeners
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Dorothy Chan	Larry & Diane Kadonaga	Will Nakada	Franklin Shimizu
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Stan & Diane Date	Raymond Kawamoto	Mark & Joanne Nakamura	Anna Shishido
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Derrick & Janet Isa	Evelyn Motoyama	Eric Sato	Kathy Yoshimura

2016 SUPER BINGO FUNDRAISER

THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL DONORS!

Major Donors

Willard and Jill Clever SF Athletics
 PCSC Zigabid - Harry Muranaka
 SFV Meiji Senior Citizens

Roy Akune	Eiko Muto
All Facets	Harry Nakada
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Ballroom Dance Class	Eugene Oba
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Morita Produce	Kathy Yoshimura
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Noriko Murata	Kavin & Megan Young
Marian Murphy	

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

Friday Set Up

Dana Chow	Toji Hashimoto	Lois Okui
Jill Clever	Desiree Kitagawa	Megan Okui
Amy Date	Linda Kuratomi	Tadao Okui
Shirley Docken	Joy Longworth	Julie Otake
Terry Docken	Wally Longworth	Diane Plaskow
John Doomey	Isabelle Miyata	Bud Sagara
Liz Doomey	NJ Nakamura	Cora Sagara
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Nancy Fukumoto	Harvey Negoro	Kim Tionson
Patti Kimura	Kathy Norihiro	Janet Yamamoto
Fuyumi Hashimoto	Jeri Okamoto	Kasey Yoshimura
Hitomi Hashimoto	Jon Okui	Kathy Yoshimura

Outside Buffet Area

Team Mirai

Gina Kunihiro
 Lisa Kunihiro
 Mary Luong
 Teresa Luong
 Ruri Miyamoto
 Yuga Miyamoto
 Russell Nakajima
 Kevin Sato
 Brandon Takehara

Kitchen

Hitomi & Toji Hashimoto
 Dana Chow
 Terry & Shirley Docken
 John & Liz Doomey
 Cathy Fujimoto
 Nancy Fukumoto
 Linda Kuratomi
 Wally & Joy Longworth
 NJ Nakamura
 Cathy Nakano
 Jeri Okamoto
 Coleen O'Neill
 Julie Otake
 Diane Plaskow
 Annette Takashima
 Janet Yamamoto

Girl Scouts

The Girl Scouts served food to the seniors and were runners for the bingo games & raffle.

Taryn Manaka,
 Assistant Advisor

Jamie Lac
 Jordan Lac
 Samantha Nakano
 Kate Nakata
 Kayla Tjenalooi
 Emily Woo

Lori Nakano (mom)

Punch, Tea & Coffee

Ariel Imamoto
 Patti Kimura
 Doug Nakada
 Will Nakada
 Ryan Ogimachi

Registration Table & Collating the Bingo Packets

Linda Ogimachi
 Linda Yamada
 Kay Yamada

Food & Tea Servers, Bingo & Raffle Runners

Erin Fujitani	Gary Nakada	Tyler Yamashita
Maia Hito	Kellie Ogimachi	Victor Yamauchi
Brandon Isa	Jon Okui	Brenden Yamauchi
Desiree Kitagawa	Angelo Pinon	Alana Yamauchi
MJ Kwon	Andrew Vasquez	Kasey Yoshimura
Clarisse Mendoza	Tiauna Vasquez	Kavin Young
Katie Mori		

50/50 Raffle

Amy Date
 Michelle Mori
 Chelsea Pinon
 Fuyumi Hashimoto
 Christy Kamimura
 Akiko Manaka
 Amy Okui

BBQ Cooks

Tim Manaka
 Richard Nakamura
 Jim Tsuda

Flea Market

Kristi Hazama Katie Mori

Basketball News...

VFW Tournament Winners

GANG GREEN

10TH grade
Silver Division

3RD Place
Winners

Players from left to right:

Jonathan Yamasaki, Zack Kariya,
Yuga Miyamoto, Davis Yoshino,
Ryan Higashi, Blake Motoyasu,
Coach Gary Yoshino

Missing: Grant Kuwata



SF BLAKERS

5TH Grade
Silver Division

2ND Place
Winners

Players from left to right:

Andy Okazaki, Ryan
Tjenalooi, Ryuto Murata,
Jared Doi, Kyle Minami,
Brenden Yamauchi, Scotty
Nimura

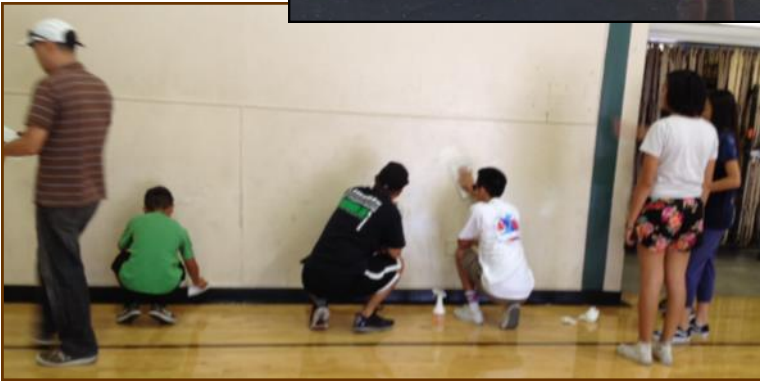
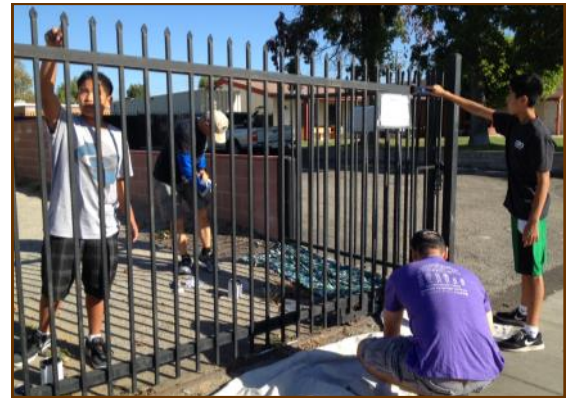
Welcome New Community Center Members

Mike & Carmen Aronis
John & Eloisa Badua
Bruce & Susan Borden
Cyrus Chan
Jaime & Christiina Chavarria
Fuhmeei Jou Cheng
Everett Co
Mike & Nancy Duong
Philipp & Jodie Embuido
Ernest & Jean Fong
Cristie Fox

Jaime & Miriam Galvez
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Scott & Miwako Reynolds

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Akiko Sugamata
Israel Valero
Sherry Wu
Ryan & Irene Suzuki
Gene Szeto
Hiroshi & Nikolina Georgieva
Tokutake
Andy Tomita



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Randy, Colleen, Kai & Kimika Burris
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 Kevin Endow
 Miriam Galvez
 Nancy Gohata
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 Kyle Imanishi
 Bill Inoshita
 Roger & Jack Ishibashi
 Paul Jonokuchi
 Ray Kimura
 Linda Kuratomi
 Steve & Nicholas Kuroda
 Mitzi & Al Kushida
 Luc, Nancy, Jamie & Jordan Lac
 Bing, Diana & Tre Lau
 Stan & Justin Mayeda
 Roy Minami
 Evelyn Mitarai

Karen Muranaka
 Sanae Murata
 Karen & Scotty Nimura
 Kay & Nancy Oda
 Gary, Kellie & Ryan Ogimachi
 Tami & Justin Perez
 Maliah Sargose
 Phil & Marion Shigekuni
 Chi Song
 Nancy Takayama
 Margaret Takimoto
 Jason, Jaren & Shaun Tanaka
 Wes Tanijiri
 Sharon Teramura
 Ryan Tjenalooi
 Kaemin Tosasuk
 Sumi Yamaguchi
 Jodi & Philipp Yamamura-Embuido
 Victor, Darlene, Alana & Brenden Yamauchi

We apologize if any names were omitted,

FISHIN' FUN...



BIG CATCHES OF THE DAY

Jason and Jared Tanaka at Convict Lake



SFV FISHING CLUB DEEP SEA FISHING TOURNAMENT WINNER

Glenn Tatsumi.....Biggest Fish.....15 lbs.

CENTER TIDBITS FROM TADAO OKUI:

Just thought I would write a little about what has happened around the Community Center.

If you haven't noticed yet, the house that once stood in the front part of the Community Center is now gone. The house was becoming an eye sore and liability so the Community Center Board of Directors decided to have the house demolished. Currently the area will serve as extra parking. Padilla Paving has done a great job of preparing and paving the area. They also put up a brick wall to help secure the area. Shortly they will slurry the front parking lot, replace the parking bumpers and stripe the area for more efficient parking.

The Athletics has done a great job of maintaining the basketball floor so our basketball teams have a place to practice and play games. On the far wall we have an electronic scoreboard that was donated by Hoop for Friends a few years ago. Hoop for Friends is the non-profit organization that sponsors the Las Vegas Invitational Basketball Tournament held each year in Las Vegas, NV, in September. With money from the tournament they donate to different organizations around the Los Angeles area. This year they wanted to donate to our Community Center once again. They will be donating a vinyl floor covering for our gym floor to be used for functions other than basketball. This would have been a major expense for the Community Center.

Membership letters and cards have been mailed to our current membership. Please don't wait too long in renewing your membership for 2016. For the families who paid through Athletics and Japanese School, I would like you to fill out the membership card and mail it back to the Community Center.

Here's wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Years!



Suzume no Gakkou Summer Camp

June 13-17 Grade 2-5

Early bird registration by April 30, 2016



AKABEKO PROJECT

Come join us and make crafts
to benefit Japan Earthquake
Tsunami orphans

from 1:00-4:00 pm

February 13, 2016

sign up with
nancyoda64@gmail.com

by January 16 please



JET 5TH ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL

Will be held on

Saturday,

February 27, 2016

San Fernando Valley

JACL CORNER

JUST ONE NIGHT A MONTH By Harold Kameya

Just one night a month is all it takes! High school and college students, young adults, young mothers and fathers, older mothers and fathers, older adults can all participate as board members in our San Fernando Valley JACL! No experience necessary, just come to share your thoughts on current affairs and events in our community and nation.

Remember January 1st, 2000? Remember the sense of optimism that prevailed then? Our government had a huge budget surplus. Y2K turned out to be a dud! And most of us had never heard of Al Queda....

We now live in a very different world. After the November events of Paris, we realize that we have entered a new world, wanting very much to be brave, but also somewhat timid. Join our San Fernando JACL board, reported to be the largest and most active governing board in the Pacific Southwest District. Join as a member-at-large. We'd love to hear your opinions as we enter into 2016, a challenging new year!



Christmas in 1881

By Old Wakaba, Bud Sagara

Note: This story is written from the viewpoint of a fifteen year-old boy named Matt living in the rural East in 1881. It is my version of a Christmas story from an anonymous author.

It was Christmas Eve in 1881. I was feeling mad at the world because my Pa and Ma didn't have the money to purchase the rifle that I wanted for Christmas. That evening, we finished our chores early for some reason; probably because Pa wanted to read to us from the Bible. I was certainly not in the mood for that. After supper, Pa bundled up and told me to do the same because it was really cold outside. We proceeded to hitch the horse to the big sled, which meant we were going to take a large load somewhere. I became angrier and angrier as this had the beginnings of my worst Christmas ever. We pulled the sled up to the wood shed and Pa directed me to load the wood that I had spent all summer hauling down from the mountain, sawing into blocks and splitting.

Finally my frustrations boiled over as I asked Pa, "What are we doing?" Pa answered tersely, "Have you been by the Widow Jensen's place lately?" The Widow Jensen lived two miles down the road. Her husband died last year, leaving her with three young children, with the oldest, Jake, about eight years old. Pa continued, "I went by their house this morning and saw little Jake digging in their woodpile for scraps of wood. Matt, they are out of wood." That's all Pa said as we continued to load wood into the sled. When we finished loading, Pa went to the smoke house and brought out a whole ham and a side of bacon and put them on the seat of the sled. Under the seat of the sled were a large sack of flour and a smaller bag. When I asked Pa what was in the smaller bag, he replied, "Shoes, I saw little Jake with gunny sacks wrapped around his feet when he was out in the woodpile this morning. I also got the kids some candy; it just wouldn't be Christmas without a little candy."

We rode to the Jensen house in silence. I was still feeling sorry for myself and thinking that we did not have much money ourselves, so why would Pa buy shoes and candy for the Jensen's? Why was Pa making me do these things anyway? Widow Jensen had neighbors closer than us; it shouldn't have been our concern.

When we arrived at the Jensen's, Pa and I unloaded the wood by the side of house. We took the meat, flour and the small bag to the door and knocked. The Widow Jensen opened the door a crack to ask who was there. Pa answered, "Lucas Miles, Ma'am, and my son Matt. Could we come in for a bit?" As we entered their home, I saw that the Widow Jensen had a blanket wrapped around her shoulders and the three children were also wrapped in a blanket in front of a small fire that hardly gave off any heat. We set the sack of flour on the floor and placed the meat on the table. Pa handed the small bag to Widow Jensen and she opened it slowly and took out each pair of shoes carefully. There was a pair for her and a pair for each of the children. She bit her lower lip to keep it from trembling as tears began to run down her cheeks. She looked at Pa and tried to speak, but words just wouldn't come out. "We also brought you a load of wood," Pa said. "Matt, go outside and bring in enough wood to get this fire up." Heading outside, I wasn't the same selfish, angry person who started this trip. A big lump was in my throat and as much as I hate to admit it, there were tears in my eyes too. I kept seeing those three kids huddled around the fireplace and their mother standing there with tears rolling down her cheeks with so much gratitude that she couldn't speak. My heart swelled with a joy that I had never felt before. I had given at Christmas before, but I had never realized what a difference it could make in the lives of others.

As the fire roared and heated the small house, the children were all giggly and happy with the candy that Pa had given them. The Widow Jensen had a smile on her face that probably had not been there for a long time. Finally, she turned to us and said, "God bless you. I know the Lord sent you. The children and I have been praying that the Lord would send us one of His angels to spare us." I never thought of Pa in those terms, but I guess she was right. There was not a better man than my Pa in the countless times he had unselfishly helped Ma and me and so many others.

It was time to go and as we headed to the door, Pa told the Widow Jensen, "The Missus wanted me to invite you and the children over for Christmas dinner tomorrow. The turkey is much more than the three of us can eat and a man can get cantankerous from eating turkey for too many meals. Besides, it will be nice to have little ones around on Christmas again. Matt hasn't been little for quite a spell. We'll be by for you around eleven." The Widow Jensen nodded and said, "Thank you Brother Miles. May the Lord bless you, and I know that He certainly will."

On the way home, I felt warmth from within that made the bitter cold outside not matter. Pa turned to me and said, "Matt, I want to tell you something. Your Ma and I tucked away a little money so that we could buy that rifle that you wanted. We were so excited when I left this morning to go into town to buy it, but that's when I saw little Jake scratching in the woodpile with gunny sacks wrapped around his feet. I just knew what I had to do. Son, I spent the money for your rifle on shoes and candy for the Jensen's. I hope you understand."

My eyes began to fill with tears again. The rifle seemed meaningless now because Pa had given me so much more. He had given me the look on Widow Jensen's face, the smiles of the children, and he taught me what a person should do when he sees others in need. He had brought me to a place where the Holy Spirit would change me forever.

The events of this story changed Matt's attitude from one of selfishness to one of love, where he put the needs of others before his own. Pure love is always directed outward with no expectation of receiving anything in return. In the Bible, John 3:16 tells us how God loves us in the same way, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." In this holiday season, celebrate the birth of Jesus, who is the most precious gift that anyone could ever receive in their life—Merry Christmas!



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Please place your order by Sunday, December 7th

Please pick up your order on Sunday, December 13th between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, 9450 Remick Avenue, Pacoima 91331

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Coordinating Council.....	1st Wed., 7:00 PM.....	Nancy Oda	818 786-0914
Community Center.....	1st/3rd Wed., 7:00 PM.....	Paul Jonokuchi.....	818 894-5327
Athletics.....	3rd Tues., 7:30 PM.....	Margaret Takimoto.....	818 701-7628
CC News.....	Lois Okui.....	818 892-1487.....	Email: loisokui@aol.com
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.....	2nd Sun., 1:00 PM.....	Doreen Kawamoto	818 764-8850
Crossway Church.....	2nd Sun., 12:30 PM.....	Jennifer Trax.....	818 896-1676
Nikkei Senior Gardens.....	2nd Thurs., 7:00 PM.....	Toji Hashimoto	818 897-4216
SFV Bonsai Club.....	4th Sun., 8 AM-12 PM.....	Walter Zipusch	818 993-4478
SFV Fishing Club.....	3rd Mon., 8:00 PM.....	Al Tokunaga.....	818 982-4236
SFV Hongwanji Buddhist Temple.....	2nd Mon., 7:30 PM.....	Terry Ishigo.....	818 899-4030
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SFV Japanese Language Institute....	Sat., 9:30 AM-12:30 PM.....	Stephen Nakata	818 896-8612
SFV Judo Club	4th Wed., 7:03 PM.....	Kenji Couey	818 381-7232
SFV Landscape Gardeners	Sat. of every other month.....	Nob Tamai.....	818 347-3912
SFV Meiji Senior Citizens.....	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
Sho Chiku Bai Porter Ranch Bonsai Club.....	1st Sun., 9 AM-12 PM; 2nd Mon., 5-7 PM.....		
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CC Deadline:
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Arts & Crafts.....	Monday	10:00 AM-12:00 PM	Sally Hamamoto	818 361-2902
Ballroom Dance.....	Tuesday	7:00-8:30 PM	Barbara Okita	818 784-5128
Bowling*, Matador Bowl.....	Thursday	9:30 AM	George Seko	818 998-0682
Bridge*.....	Mon/Wed	12:00-4:00 PM	Ray Shinsato	818 767-5550
Country Western Music*.....	1st /3rd Tuesday	10:30-11:30 AM	Janet Schuetze	818 767-1819
Exercise Class.....	Tuesday	9:00-10:00 AM	Ralph Ahn	818 897-1322
Exercise Class.....	Friday	10:00-11:00 AM	Phil Shigekuni	818 893-1581
Guitar Class.....	Tuesday	10:15-11:30 AM	Greg Librando	818 896-6503
Hanafuda*.....	Friday	1:00-3:00 PM	Yone Takimoto	818 765-6735
Harmonica Class*.....	Friday	11:00-11:30 AM	Call CC office	818 899-1989
Hawaiian Hula (Hula Wahines).....	Friday	12:30-1:30 PM	Suzan Akamine	818 367-1723
Hawaiian Hula (Ages 3-adults)	Saturday	2:00-3:45 PM	Mikilani Young	818 692-4189
Hitomi's Cooking Class	4th Tuesday	7:00-9:00 PM	NJ Nakamura	818 893-6503
Ikenobo Ikebana.....	2nd/4th Thursday	10:00-1:00 PM	Ritsuko Shinbashi	818 892-0470
Japanese Calligraphy.....	1st/3rd Thursday	9:30-11:00 AM	Yuriko Muso	818 726-8935
Japanese Classical Dance.....	Friday	3:00-6:30 PM	Diane Fukuwa	310 217-0443
Karaoke*.....	1st/3rd Thursday	10:00 AM-12:00 PM	Walter Fujimori	818 352-1075
Kokusei Shigin Class.....	Thursday (Off premises)	2:00-4:00 PM	Paul Jonokuchi	818 894-5327
Line Dancing*.....	Thursday	8:45-10:00 AM	Mark Nakamura	818 363-3038
Mandolin.....	Friday	9:30-11:00 AM	Call CC office	818 899-1989
Tuesday Mah-Jong*	Tuesday	1:00-3:00 PM	Asako Giegoldt	805 433-3763
Friday Mah-Jong*	Friday	1:00-3:00 PM	Yoko A. Kawamura	818 765-3513
Ondo Dancing*	2nd/4th Friday	7:00-9:00 PM	Masako Rodriquez	818 899-8777
Ping Pong Club.....	Thurs/2nd, 3rd, 4th 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
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Tai Chi Class*.....	Monday	9:00-10:00 AM	Florence Takaaze	310 202-6693
Taiko	Thurs (Beginners) 7-8:30 PM	Sat (Interm.) 10-11:30 AM	Reid Taguchi	818 571-1797
Ukulele Class	Friday (Gym)	9:00-11:30 AM	Greg Librando	818 896-6503
Yoga Class.....	Wednesday	10-11 AM, 11:15-12:15 PM	Call CC Office	818 899-1989
Zumba.....	Monday	7:30-8:30 PM	Margaret Takimoto	818 701-7628

SUPPORT GROUPS & SERVICES

Alzheimer's Support Group.....	1st Saturday	10:00 AM-12:00 PM	Facilitator: Isabelle Miyata
Blood Pressure Screening*.....	3rd Friday	9:00-11:00 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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Temple President: Roger Itaya

Dharma School: Sunday 11:00 am

BUDDHIST TEMPLE CALENDAR

December

- 6 10:00 am Shotsuki monthly memorial and Shakyamuni Buddha's enlightenment service
- 13 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Mochitsuki fundraiser (no service)
- 17 10:30 am Service at Nikkei Senior Gardens
- 19 9:30 am Dharma discussion group
- 20 10:00 am Music service
- 27 10:00 am Regular service
- 31 6:00 pm New Year's Eve service

January 2016

- 1 10:00 am New Year's Day service
- 3 10:00 am Shotsuki monthly memorial service
- 10 10:00 am Shinran Shonin's memorial service, New Year luncheon, Silent Auction
- 16 9:30 am Dharma discussion group
- 17 10:00 am Regular service
- 21 10:30 am Service at Nikkei Senior Gardens
- 23 9:30 am Dharma discussion group
- 24 10:00 am Regular service
- 31 10:00 am Regular service

February

- 6 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Electronic recycling
11:00 am - 1:00 pm Udon fundraiser
- 7 10:00 am Shotsuki monthly memorial service; annual general meeting
- 14 10:00 am Shakyamuni Buddha's memorial service
- 18 10:30 am Service at Nikkei Senior Gardens
- 21 10:00 am Regular service
- 28 10:00 am Regular service

*Service at Nikkei Senior Garden
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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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Pastor In Hyun

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10:00 AM
Worship Service

Lunch and Fellowship
after worship service on the
1st Sundays

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Social Hour following service
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Instructor: Sharon James

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



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Sunday Morning Service - 10:30 a.m.
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Sunday Evening Service - 6 p.m.
Thursday Evening Bible Study - 7 p.m.

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On the 2nd Wednesday of the month

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CC

January 9, 2016
SFVJACC New Year's
Luncheon

February 6, 2016
SFV Japanese Language
Institute New Year's Party

January 16, 2016
Meiji Senior Club New
Year's Party Luncheon

March 19, 2016
SFV Athletics Pancake
Breakfast

January 31, 2016
SFV Judo Tournament

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Keynote speaker: Guy Aoki is the founding president of Media Action Network for Asian Americans (MANAA), established in 1992. This all-volunteer, nonprofit organization is the only one solely dedicated to monitoring the mass media and advocating balanced, sensitive, and positive depiction coverage of Asian Americans. As a former co-chair of the Asian Pacific American Coalition, Aoki meets every year with the Presidents and Vice Presidents of the top four networks, pushing them to hire more Asian American actors, writers, producers, and directors. In 2001, Aoki put comedian Sarah Silverman on the map when he debated her on Bill Maher's "Politically Incorrect" show after she used the slurs "Chinks" in a joke on Conan O'Brien's talk show. Between 1989 and 2005, the fourth generation Japanese American wrote syndicated pop music radio shows for Dick Clark. Since 1992, Aoki has written the bi-weekly Rafu Shimpo column, "Into the Next Stage," which focuses on Asian Americans and the Media. In 1987, Aoki was one of 140 who lobbied Congress to pass the redress bill. When the media aired 6 months of irresponsible stories leading up to the 50th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Aoki decided to form MANAA.

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