



# SAN FERNANDO VALLEY JAPANESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY CENTER

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## Super Bingo Fundraiser – November 4, 2017

By Tadao and Lois Okui

It was quite a night for five lucky winners. Dick Kaku, Nancy Oda and Patti Kimura were quite surprised when they each won one of the top three raffle prizes. The fourth winner was Marian Murphy who won the blackout game but the biggest winner of the night was Kyle Maetani who won the 50-50 Raffle.

Everyone had fun even though they didn't win one of the big prizes, winning at least a toothbrush or a package of Nanka Seimen Udon. Emcees Miles Chen and Jaclyn Tomita did a great job keeping the program moving and promoting the Silent Auction, Flea Market and 50-50 Raffle.

We want to thank everyone involved in making this event a success. Continued on page 4.



(L-R): Nisei Week Princess Tomi Okuno, Nancy Oda, Nisei Week Queen Jordyn Adachi, Dick Kaku, Nisei Week Princess Jordyn Terukina

### The Big Winners Of The Night!



Patti Kimura & Ellie



Marian Murphy



Kyle Maetani



Emcees Jaclyn Tomita and Miles Chen

## TUNA CANYON DETENTION CENTER COALITION LUNCHEON

By Nancy Oda

On October 8, 2017, the Grateful Crane Ensemble embraced the Legacy Project and brought Tuna Canyon to life at the Quiet Cannon in Montebello. If you were there, you were one of the lucky ones to see how the hearts of descendants, music, and words from the diaries, letters, and poems cosmically merged to create the show. For them, it was personal. Even if you knew nothing before, even if you were not a child of the camps, you understood the tragedy right away.

The room at the Quiet Cannon was dark like nightfall on December 7. You were drawn back in time and could visualize the terror and fear that the women and children felt at the time. Knock, knock! It felt like nails scratching on a chalkboard sending chills down your neck. Many remembered that and have written to tell me how they have buried the pain they experienced.

The songs were a blend of "Furusato," "Kono Sachi Ari," "Moonlight Serenade," "I'll Remember You," and virtuoso violinist, Sun Hee Park's poignant "Summer". You could hear a pin drop it was so quiet. "Grandpa Hino" and Tomoe Tana's tanka poems described the day to day suffering. The cast was inspired from the first note of the violin, the keyboard, or the vocals. Period costumes included religious artifacts from Rinban Briones and Reverend Kodama. The GCE knew that they had a room full of descendants and didn't want to disappoint but seemed surprised with the roaring standing ovation and bouquet of red roses.

We needed to have a question and answer period to decompress from the emotional experience. People wanted to talk but it was already a long day with additional fundraising activities. Thank you to the SFVJACC and SFVJACL, and many generous donors, the funding goals were met.

Kanji Sahara said, 'I know that the Issei (first generation) will want us to support the Muslim Community today. The best way to show that we have learned the lesson is that we will not allow this to happen to another immigrant community. Never again!'

The Tuna Canyon Detention Station was a Southern California World War II Department of Justice Detainment Center for Japanese, Germans, and Italian immigrants, and later, Japanese taken from eighteen Latin American countries. This is the project of Dr. Lloyd Hitt and the late Paul Tsuneishi from the Little Landers Historical Society. The Tuna Canyon Detention Station Coalition, a 501c3 nonprofit organization, was formed in 2013 as a Historic Cultural Monument whose goal is to build a permanent educational memorial. [www.tunacanyon.org](http://www.tunacanyon.org)



Grateful Crane Ensemble

### 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 an amazing year and the success of 2017 is thanks to each of you as caring members. Your support and willingness to volunteer made the Community Center the place that so many people looked forward to coming to each week for classes, activities and more.

For those who helped prepare and work one of the favorite events each year, Super Bingo, your efforts were all so appreciated! I know everyone worked very hard all day and those attending, I appreciated seeing and meeting many of you. I was extremely appreciative with our volunteers from all generations, and I am happy to share that many expressed the same feelings with me, throughout the night. The Fundraiser raised over \$35,000 which will help pay for the new Wi-Fi and surveillance cameras allowing the Community Center to meet many of the technology demands today, while continuing to provide a safe

environment for all! Thank you for making this successful and for all your generous donations and support!

In December, the annual General Meeting will occur on the 2nd. Hopefully many of you would have gotten a chance to attend, hearing about the growth of SFVJACC in 2017, plans for 2018, and introductions from many of the group's making up and supporting our Center. In addition, you may be interested to know the gym floor will be refinished and Recycle LA program will start, so we would appreciate each of you taking the time placing your recyclables in the bins provided.

January 6<sup>th</sup> will be the New Year's Luncheon. Another event I hope many of you will be able to attend, spending time celebrating with friends, meeting the board & community friends, and other great events planned for the day!

Have an amazing holidays and Happy New Year, may 2018 be fantastic and full of great moments. Thank you again for allowing me to serve you this year as President.

Danny Okazaki  
SFVJACC President

## Revenue Sharing with Nikkei Senior Gardens (NSG)

Kirk Sasaki, President of NSG, and Stan Date, Chairman of the Board of NSG, came to the CC Board Meeting to present a revenue sharing check to CC President Danny Okazaki. Every six months NSG calculates their surplus cash and 50% of this cash is shared with the CC per the NSG/CC agreement made when NSG was first opened for business. When Harold Muraoka first came to the CC Board with the idea of an assisted living facility, he envisioned this facility helping the CC and hiring office personnel to run the CC. For the last two years, NSG has presented a Revenue Sharing check to the CC which has helped with long awaited repairs and improvements. Thank you Kirk, Stan and NSG!



Back row (L-R): Kay Oda, Kirk Sasaki, Stan Date, Danny Okazaki, Jeremy Tsuneishi, Tadao Okui, Bing Lau Front row (L-R): Liz Doomey, Nancy Oda, Denise Tanaka, Akiko Manaka



### Class of 2018

Dr. Sanbo and Kay Sakaguchi  
Lilly Sakaguchi Thibodeaux  
Scholarships Applications  
Due April 1, 2018

### Words of Appreciation From Tuna Canyon Detention Station

Thank you to Hot Meal Friends, SFV Judo Club and Ping Pong Club for moving the 250 pound Tuna Canyon Detention Station shipping display cases when we needed help.

Currently the display is at the Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center in Portland.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**For the Months of July & August 2017**

**Donations**

Marie Ball and Jerry Kobayashi  
In memory of their mother Emiko Kobayashi  
Tara Chiu  
In memory of her father Harold "Hal" Chiu  
John and Liz Doomey  
In memory of their brother Tommy Takimoto  
Teddy and Midori Yamane  
David and Deborah Doomey  
In memory of Tommy Takimoto  
William and Susan Doomey  
In memory of Tommy Takimoto  
John and Melinda Glowacki  
In memory of Tommy Takimoto  
Little Tokyo Service Center  
For hosting "Iku's Box" Seminar  
Gary and Linda Ogimachi  
In memory of Masaji Kajiki  
Norma Jean Yamashita  
In appreciation of winning the Family Day raffle prize  
Sylvia Yamashita  
In memory of her nephew Masaji Kajiki

**Use of Facilities**

SFV Ballroom Dance  
Hiko and Etsuko Hashimoto  
Kimiaki Chiba  
Hitomi's Cooking Class  
Ping Pong Club  
Jami Tanihana  
Thursday Nite Basketball  
Tuesday Exercise Class  
Iglesia Garcia Divina  
Ikenobo Ikebana  
Ribbon Lei Workshop  
Aloha Cub  
Senior Arts & Crafts  
Manzanar Reunion  
Hula Wahines  
Friday Exercise Class  
Harmonica  
Yonsei 23

**Miscellaneous**

Don Akamine .....2 (2 lbs) Coffee  
Stan Rivera ..... 5 Reams of copy paper  
SFV Ballroom Dance Club ..... 2 (3 lb) Coffee,  
1 pkg (50 ct) styrofoam cups,  
1 pkg. coffee filters  
Smokey Sugii.....2 (3 lbs) Coffee, 1 box green tea

**Help us recycle!  
See the article on recyclA  
on page 15.**

**DONATIONS TO HOT MEALS**

**For the Months of July & August 2017**

Mitsu Asaoka ..... Ham  
Etsuko Hashimoto and ..... 2 (50 lbs) Bags of rice, multiple bags  
Emiko Sekine ..... of lettuce, cleaning supplies, etc.  
From the Mitch Sekine Scholarship Curry Sale  
June Imamoto ..... Kaki  
Michiko Kus ..... 4 Pkgs mushrooms  
Kay Yamada ..... Cake for October birthdays  
Anonymous ..... Donation in memory of Mas Kajiki  
Anonymous ..... Donation in memory of Mas Kajiki  
Jean Yamada ..... Donation in memory of Mas Kajiki  
Diane Yamashita ..... Donation in memory of Mas Kajiki  
Robert and Becky Morita .... Donation in memory of Mas Kajiki

**Correction to the July & August Acknowledgements -**

Mitzi Kushida and  
Marion Shigekuni ..... 2 Dozen donuts

*Thank you so much for  
your generous donations!*



**MEIJI SENIORS CLUB**

Questions, contact Liz  
Doomey (818) 429-4096

**Meiji Senior Club  
New Year's Party Luncheon**



January 13, 2018  
12:00 PM  
\$20.00 Per Person

**Meiji Club Membership Dues  
\$5.00 Per Person**

See Liz Doomey, Kay Yamada  
or Any Board Member.

**2018 Las Vegas Trips**



February 12-14, 2018  
May 14-16, 2018  
August 13-15, 2018  
November 12-14, 2018

## Super Bingo Fundraiser – Continued from Front Page.

Thank you to the over one hundred donors and businesses who donated merchandise for the Silent Auction, Flea Market, Bingo Games and the Raffle and to those who gave monetary donations. A special thanks to our very first major sponsor, UBS - Bertain Escobar Wealth Management.

Our event would not have run smoothly without the help of our 75 volunteers. It was wonderful to have the 2017 Nisei Week Queen, Jordyn Adachi (also our SFV Queen) and princesses, Tomi Okuno and Jordyn Terukina, CC Board members, SFVJACC Girl Scout troop, many of our senior members and the youth from Athletics, Japanese School and Crossway Church all helping to make this a great event. They all worked so hard, especially those who came Friday to set up as well as working at the event on Saturday and a huge THANK YOU to the dedicated committee who gave so much of their time planning this fundraiser and soliciting for donations as well as donating themselves.

With the efforts of everyone involved, we were able to raise over \$38,000! This will go towards the cost of our WiFi and Surveillance camera project. We will have WiFi and cameras throughout the property to make the Center a more secure and safe place for our members. Thank you everyone!!

### Acknowledgements

#### Thank you For Your Sponsorship



**Bertain Escobar Wealth Management**

#### Major Donors

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Nikkei Senior Gardens

Willie Nishida

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Masao & Tsukimi Okamoto

Dennis & Barbara Okita

Tadao & Lois Okui

Julie Otake

Ping Pong Club

Diane Plaskow

John & May Rivera

Nancy Sakata

Eiji & Marge Sato

Senior Arts & Craft

SFV Ballroom Dance Club

SFV Bonsai Club

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Jane Komoto

Janet Yamamoto

Ruby Yamaoka

Tad & Emmy Yamaoka

Diane Yamashita

Slyvia Yamashita

Kasey Yoshimura

Kathy Yoshimura

Kavin & Megan Young

## Gold Package Participants

Steve Adachi	Shigeko Inaba	Harry Nakada	Antonio Servera
May Arakawa	Bert & Kei Inoue	Willie Nakada	SFV Judo Club
Garrett Arie	Charles Itagaki	Koso & Marian Nakagawa	Emiko Sherman
Kelvin & Donna Arie	Grace Iwamasa	Harvey Nakamoto	Dorothy Shiba
Craig & Sharon Asanuma	Cynthia Kado	Henry Nakamura	Phil Shigekuni
Mitsu Asaoka	Larry & Diane Kadonaga	Mark & Joanne Nakamura	Franklin Shimizu
Yoichi Baba	Dick & Pauline Kaku	Richard & NJ Nakamura	Ken & Ruth Shinbashi
Richard & Leonor Bennett	Chisato Kanagi	Sam & Rumi Nakata	Raymond Shinsato
Randy & Colleen Burris	Itsue Kanemura	Harvey Negoro & Isabelle Miyata	Tony & Tami Shiotani
Irene Cardenas	Pattie Kasahara	Henry Ng	Koyu & Keiko Shiroma
Kimiaki & Sayoko Chiba	Doreen Kawamoto	Garland & Debbie Nicklaus	Anna Shishido
Marian Chun	Yoko Kawamura	Guy & Tracy Niizawa	Alice Shojinaga
Jill Clever	May Kimura	Nanako Nishida	Richard and Grace Shojinaga
James & Maddy Corpuz	Patti Kimura	Satomi Nishimoto	Stephanie Stewart
Stan & Diane Date	Sumi Kimura	Amy Niwa	Smokey & Toshie Sugi
Terry & Shirley Docken	Marilyn Kishi	Karl & Sandra Nobuyuki	Shigeo Sumida
John & Liz Doomey	Robert Kobata	Kenso & Yoko Nomura	Bruce & Annette Takashima
Gary & Noreen Endow	John Kobayashi	Fred Oda	Linda Takayama
FIA Insurance Services, Inc.	Powell & Faye Kodani	George Oda	Shoji & Shari Takeshima
Frank & Betty Hiji	Jayne Komoto	Kay & Nancy Oda	Denise Tanaka
Tiffany Fornoff	Ron & Jan Kondo	Gary & Linda Ogimachi	Frank & Marge Tanaka
Cathy Fujimoto	Alan & Ryoichi Kosaka	Jeri Okamoto	Leonard & Geneva Tanaka
Donald Fujitani	Mamie Kosaka	Jane Okano	Katie Tanijiri
Mo Fujiu	Linda Kuratomi	Yukie Okazaki	Kim Tjenalooi
Eiji Fukumoto	Michiko Kus	Tadao & Lois Okui	Sam & Kate Toji
John & Susan Goka	Al & Mitzi Kushida	Coleen O'Neill	Randy Tomita
George & Grace Goto	Susie Lew	Julie Otake	Jean Toshima
Sally & Jennifer Hamamoto	Tim & Akiko Manaka	David & Diane Plaskow	Nicole Tsuneishi
Scott Hamamoto	Ike & Yoshi Matsuda	Ken & Gerri Radman	Cherry Uyeda
Jim Hanamoto	Kimiko Miseroy	John & May Rivera	Tomi Uyeda
Robert & Deanna Hanashiro	Evelyn Mitarai	Harley & Cora Sagara	Mark Uyehara
Hikowo & Etsuko Hashimoto	Yaeko Mochizuki	Elaine Saito	Kenji Watanabe
Toji & Hitomi Hashimoto	Yo Monji	Janet Saito	John & Kay Yamada
Harold Hatakeda	Bob & Aki Moriguchi	Toshi Saito	Gary & Sandra Yamamoto
Yo Hazama	Reiko Moriguchi	Sachi Sakamoto	Janet Yamamoto
Frank & Betty Hiji	Chiz Morita	Misato Sakata	Teddy Yamane
Emi Hino	Evelyn Motoyama	Dale Sakuda	Tad & Emmy Yamaoka
Eriko Hirano	Ken & Priscilla Mui	Stephen & Karen Sasaki	Diane & Sylvia Yamashita
Richard & Susan Hirasuna	Tomi Muranaga	Eiji & Marge Sato	Darlene Yamauchi
Nancy Huynh	Victor & Lois Muraoka	Robert Sato	Harris & Diane Yoneoka
Cindy Ichikawa	Dennis & Marian Murphy	Gene & Jan Schuetze	Margaret Yoshida
Betty Ikemoto	Eiko Muto		Kathy Yoshimura
Roy Imazu	Gary Nakada		

## Volunteers

### Friday Night Food Prep & Set Up

Kimiaki Chiba	Akiko Manaka	Coleen O'Neill
Jill Clever	Isabelle Miyata	Julie Otake
Terry Docken	Cathy Nakano	Diane Plaskow
John Doomey	Harvey Negoro	Bud Sagara
Cathy Fujimoto	Debbie Nicklaus	Cora Sagara
Fuyumi Hashimoto	Garland Nicklaus	Yokiko Shimizu
Hitomi Hashimoto	Kathy Norihiro	Annette Takashima
Toji Hashimoto	Amy Okui	Kasey Yoshimura
Chisato Kanagi	Lois Okui	Kathy Yoshimura
Diana Lau	Tadao Okui	Megan Young

### Sound System

Bing Lau

### Emcees

Miles Chen  
Jaclyn Tomita

### Photographer

Audrey Fukunaga

### Registration

Linda Ogimachi  
Kay Yamada (Also put together Gold Packets with husband John)

### Silent Auction

Fuyumi Hashimoto  
Christy Kamimura  
Akiko Manaka  
Amy Okui

### Flea Market

Grace Cheng  
Erika Yamasaki  
Lauren Yokomizo

### Bingo Games & Raffle Drawing

Lois Okui  
Tadao Okui  
Angelo Pinon  
Jeremy Tsuneishi  
Megan Young

### 50-50 Raffle

### Nisei Week Court

Jordyn Adachi  
Tomi Okuno  
Jordyn Terukina

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## Volunteers

### Kitchen Help

Kimiaki Chiba  
Jill Clever  
John Doomey  
Cathy Fujimoto  
Nancy Fukumoto  
Hitomi Hashimoto  
Toji Hashimoto  
Kei Inoue  
Chisato Kanagi  
Linda Kuratomi  
Diana Lau  
Tre Lau  
Cathy Nakano  
Kelly Nakano  
Debbie Nicklaus  
Kathy Norihiro  
Coleen O'Neill  
Julie Otake  
Diane Plaskow

Janet Saito  
Yokiko Shimizu  
Annette Takashima  
Linda Takayama  
Tiauna Vasquez  
Midori Yamane  
Kasey Yoshimura  
Kathy Yoshimura

### Food Servers, Bingo & Raffle Runners

Angus Baily  
Trent Kai Burris  
Joe Cheng  
Hale Chiba  
Hana Chiba  
Erin Fujitani  
Maia Hito  
Akira Ishii  
Kelli Ogimachi  
Amy Okui

Tommy Patikamanant  
Angelo Pinon  
Chelsea Pinon  
Kim Tionson  
Ryan Tjenalooi  
Jordan Yamamoto  
Amanda Yamamoto  
Jayden Yamasaki  
Evan Yonemoto  
Kasey Yoshimura  
Megan Young

### Dessert Table

Isabelle Miyata  
Kathy Norihiro  
Susan Shojinaga  
Tiauna Vasquez

### Trash Detail

Gary Nakada  
Harvey Negoro

### Homemade Desserts

Jill Clever  
Cathy Fujimoto  
Hitomi Hashimoto  
Priscilla Mui  
NJ Nakamura  
Kathy Norihiro  
Lois Okui  
Coleen O'Neill  
Kathy Yoshimura  
Megan Young

### BBQ

Terry Docken  
John Doomey  
Richard Nakamura  
Jim Tsuda  
Jeremy Tsuneishi  
Kiyo Watanabe

### Punch & Water

**Girl Scouts**  
Jamie Lac  
Jordan Lac  
Emily Woo  
Kayla Tjenalooi  
Krystal Tjenalooi  
Emi Tsuneishi  
Caroline Lew  
Sam Nakano

### Coffee & Tea

Doug Nakada

### Clean Up

Harvey Negoro  
Isabelle Miyata  
All the volunteers helped, too



Hitomi Hashimoto won an iPad

**Thank You So Much For Supporting The Super Bingo Fundraiser!**

## MEIJI SENIOR CLUB

By Liz Doomey

### Diabetes Workshop - September 13, 2017 to October 18, 2017

A special thank you to NJ Nakamura and John Nakaki for doing a good job conducting the diabetes workshop held at the CC. Seventeen members completed the 6-week workshop. All the comments that were made by attendees were positive. They felt that the workshop was informative and provided guidelines to help those who are pre-diabetics as well as the Type 2 diabetics.

The workshop provided tools to reach goals of keeping a healthy life style and control of their diabetes. With Keiro's assistance, we hope to create a support group that would meet 4 or 5 times a year. If anyone is interested in another workshop for 2018, please contact Liz Doomey at 819-429-4096.

### Ribbon Lei Workshop - October 28, 2017



Our Ribbon Lei Workshop was a huge success. We had nineteen members and five people, Maddy Corpuz, Denise Tanaka, Lois Okui and Leslie Shirasawa assisting Stephanie Stewart in teaching two different ribbon leis. One was a braided lei and the other we call the plumeria lei. Everyone completed their braided leis and they came out looking wonderful. The plumeria leis were just a sample size because they take about 44 yards of ribbon per lei. Everyone appeared to have enjoyed the experience and we look forward to having another workshop in 2018. Let me know if you would be interested in learning how to make a great graduation, birthday or special gift lei. Contact Liz Doomey at 818-429-4096 to sign up.



### AARP Senior Smart Driver Workshop - October 30, 2017 and November 1, 2017

John Nakaki returned to the CC to instruct the AARP Smart Driver Workshop. It was a two-day event, four hours each day. Sixteen members completed the workshop.



## SFV Judo Club News

Father and son, Martin Satrustegui, Sr. and Martin Satrustegui, Jr., both won first place at the West Covina Tournament in September. They were both promoted soon after. Martin Sr. got his blue belt and Martin Jr. got his orange belt. Congratulations to them both!

Martin Satrustegui, Sr. and Martin Satrustegui, Jr. (4th and 5th from the left) pictured with Senseis, Mark Bruce, German Echeverria, Mike Toren, Stuart Kam and Kenji Couey.



## SFV JAPANESE LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

By Kiyoko Watanabe, PTA President

San Fernando Valley Japanese Language Institute (SFVJLI) had a record-breaking attendance in its history. The Adult Conversation and Writing class ended last Saturday with a nice lunch and celebration. The next Adult Conversation classes will start on February 2018. If anyone is interested in learning Japanese, the 10-session course will be held on Saturdays from 10:30am to 12:30pm for just \$280.

SFVJLI has been working on various events including fundraising events. SFVJLI would like to thank everybody who donated their time and items that supported our fundraising events. On October 14<sup>th</sup>, our Fall Yard Sale finished with another success fundraiser. On October 21<sup>st</sup>, a Japan Airline Pilot and Cabin Attendants visited SFVJLI for a presentation on "how to make Origami Airplane" (Paper airplane).



On November 11<sup>th</sup>, SFVJLI had its first After-school Activity Sponsored by PTA and SFV Judo Club. The Judo Club gave a very informative demonstration and description of what "Judo is all about". Our students and parents who have no experience in Judo were all surprised about what Judo actually is. We would like to thank SFV Judo Club for the amazing time and the free Judo T-shirts!

On November 18<sup>th</sup>, J-school had its Annual Curry Rice fundraiser. The SFVJLI parents had an opportunity to get together to make curry rice while the students were in class.

Next month on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, SFVJLI's younger students will visit the Nikkei Senior Gardens (NSG) to perform music, dance and cultural arts. SFVJLI will end the 2017 year with the Holiday Program scheduled on December 16<sup>th</sup>.

In 2018, SFVJLI plans to start the new school year with our "Mochi-Tsuki" event. One of our former SFVJLI student, Michael Takeshita and his family, will be coming out to teach the students about the traditional way to make mochi.

We would like to thank everybody at SFVJACC for a great year and their support whenever we needed it. Our relationship with the CC and all the community organizations continues to grow and becomes stronger with each coming year.

For the holiday season, J-school's Marukai Gift certificates are available for sale in \$10 increments. These certificates make an excellent gift. The school receives 6% of all proceeds from the sale of the gift certificates. If you would like to purchase the gift certificates, please contact Carmen Aronis at [caronis79@gmail.com](mailto:caronis79@gmail.com) or Kiyoko Watanabe at [watanabekiyo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:watanabekiyo@sbcglobal.net).

If you have any questions about the San Fernando Valley Japanese Language Institute, you may also reach Kiyoko Watanabe, (818) 237-8540 or email: [SFVJLI@hotmail.com](mailto:SFVJLI@hotmail.com)



SFVJLI wishes you A Happy Holiday Season!



## Tuna Canyon Traveling Exhibit

By Nancy Oda

The Tuna Canyon traveling exhibit has been on the road for one year now and on its way to the Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center where it will stay for three months. Why is it so important worthy of many hours of each day? At first, it was learning the facts and putting the exhibit together in a sequential, historically accurate, and comprehensive story with an amazing team. Thousands of people have seen it at the seven venues. Then, unwittingly, some have been shocked that their own jichan's (grandfather) name was on the Honor Roll. Others came because they wondered about what happened about a loved one and wanted to confirm a hunch. It has become an awakening that is growing.

Thank you to the 2015 National Park Service Japanese American Confinement Sites grant and our community for funding "Only the Oaks Remain, A Traveling Exhibit."

With a sense of urgency, the new 2017 Legacy Project was written by June Berk and Dr. Russell Endo to interview twenty five more descendants. It is also a 2-1 marching NPSJAC grant.



# SF Athletics

## Mitch Mayeda Clinic



Troy Kadonaga (Lakers) and Andy Okazaki (Blasts) presented a thank you gift to Coach Mayeda for hosting the Athletics players in his annual clinic, which helps prepare many of the players for high school tryouts. Mitch has been generously donating his time to help our players for many years.



Back row (L-R): Coach Mitch Mayeda, Scott Nimura, Kai Burris, Andy Okazaki,  
Front row (L-R): Troy Kadonaga, Kyle Imanishi, Kayden Wee, Ryuto Murata

## Co-ed Prep

This was the second year that we have hosted a Prep Coed League for SF Athletics players. It was held during the three Saturdays in June (last year's coincided with the Steak Dinner Night). Our primary purpose for this league is to provide a fun, social framework for our Prep players so they can get to know each other in a non-competitive environment. Almost all of the games involved plenty of smiles and laughter, with fun being the primary goal of the friendly competition.

Back row (L-R): Tre Lau, Tyler Sommerville, Davis Yoshino, Yuga Miyamoto, Blake Motoyasu  
Front row (L-R): Alana Yamauchi, Janelle Doi, Evan Motoyasu, Mackenzy Iwahashi



## Tournament Winners



### Y2K

VFW Tournament  
12th Grade Silver Division  
2nd Place Winners

Back row (L-R): Justyne Nakano, Emma Allen, Alana Yamauchi  
Front row (L-R): Kylie Okazaki, Haylyn Nguyen, Janelle Doi, Taia Tieu

## Tournament Winners

### WOLFPACK

#### VFW Tournament 5th Grade Bronze Division Champs

Back row (L-R): Garrett Kido, Zachary Song,  
Travis Dao, Zen Shimabukuro, Matthew Jose  
and Nathan Galang

Front row (L-R): Jasen Serapio, Brendan Jusi,  
Joren Sakamoto and Bryce Koga

Head Coach Don Shimabukuro and Asst.  
Coach Bruce Sakamoto



### SHOOTING STARS

#### VFW Tournament 3rd Grade Silver Division Champs

(L-R): Kaelyn Yoshizawa, Marlise  
Fenton, Sarah Huang, Kayla Tanijiri,  
Hayden Song, Joey Takiguchi, Hayley  
Reitz, Charlie Reyman

Coaches: Justin Yoshizawa, Wesley  
Tanijiri



### BLAKERS

#### VFW Tournament 7th Grade Silver 1 Division Champs

(L-R): Kyle Imanishi, Troy  
Kadonaga, Andy Okazaki,  
Jared Doi, Justin Perez,  
Ryuto Murata, Kyle Minami,  
Scott Nimura

Coaches: Danny Okazaki,  
Brent Doi



# HAWKS

VFW Tournament - 11th Grade Silver Division Champs



(L-R): Coach Kay Oda, Grant Kim, Clyde Seo, Hale Chiba, Kyle Okui, Sage Kita, Nick Maekawa, Devon Oda, Brandon Mizobe, Coach Gregg Kita

# WOLFPACK

South Bay Youth League  
5th Grade Silver Division  
Champs

Back row (L-R): Coach Don Shimabukuro,  
Zen Shimabukuro, Garrett Kido, Matthew  
Jose, Zachary Song, Nathan Galang,  
Travis Dao, Asst. Coach Bruce  
Sakamoto

Front row (L-R): Joren Sakamoto, Brendan  
Jusi, Jasen Serapio



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Francisco & Melida Aleman  
Gregg & Toskiko Binkley  
Martha Pichardo Eroza  
Elpidio & Naomi Estolas  
Li'l & Warren Furumoto  
Alex & Sydney Hinh Diaz

Mark Legarde  
Josephine Kane  
Philip Mark  
Helen Shimizu  
Glenn & Joy Yokoyama



## CC Clean Up

On October 7, 2017, over 80 adults and kids came to repair, clean and beautify our Community Center. Two of the three faithful Gardeners, Ken Shinbashi and John Kobayashi, trimmed the trees and bushes while members of Athletics, J-School and Judo raked and threw away the clippings. Sadly, due to his health, Fumio Nakama, the third gardener, was unable to come but sent his son, John to fill in for him.

It was a good work day. Many jobs on the list were completed and the 40 yard dumpster that we rented was completely filled. At the end of the morning, everyone had a lunch of hot dogs, chips and cookies prepared by JACL.

### Thank you to everyone who came!

Randy & Bee Bee Burris  
Gabriel Calvillo  
Kimiaki Chiba  
Gene, Dana, Lucas &  
Brandon Chow  
Quang Dao  
German Echeverria  
Jodi & Philipp Embuido  
Kevin, Melissa, Peyton &  
Kamryn Endow  
Alirio Garcia  
Humberto Garcia  
Eric, Harrison, Declan &  
Alana Hirota  
Bill Inoshita  
Yasuo & Akira Ishii  
Bryce Iwai  
Doreen Kawamoto  
Theodore Kim  
John Kobayashi  
Anne Koga  
Steve & Nick Kuroda  
Al & Mitzi Kushida  
Bing, Diana & Tre Lau  
Andrew & Austin Lee  
Susie & Caroline Lew  
June, Dylan & Ryan Mark  
Chris Matsumoto

Will McConnoughy  
John Nakama  
Yvonne, Devon & Kyle Oda  
Tadao & Lois Okui  
Parents & students of J-School  
Joshua & Jonathan Pearlstein  
Brad Potts  
Brenda, Brian, Hayley & Marissa Reitz  
Dexter & Annie Rhodes  
Martin, Sr. & Martin, Jr. Satrustegui  
Phil & Marion Shigekuni  
Ken Shinbashi  
Colin & Hayden Song  
Rita & Nolan Suarez  
Michael & Janice Takiguchi  
Brian & Jennifer Tan  
Linda Tanaka  
Wes Tanijiri  
Jeremy Tsuneishi  
Daniela Uriarte  
Kiyo Watanabe  
Ethan Wong  
Craig & Carsen Yahata  
Darlene, Alana & Brenden Yamauchi  
Justin & Kaelyn Yoshizawa

We apologize if any names were omitted.



Here are just some of the jobs that were done—



## Beginning Computer and Smart Phone Classes starting January 2018

**Basic Beginning Computer** - Learn the basics about the computer. What is the difference between a laptop and a desk top computer? Using the keyboard and the mouse. What is a flash drive? How do I use the internet? We will try to answer all these questions and more.

**Smart Phone for Beginners** - Want to do more than just make a call. Learn to retrieve voice mail. Send and receive text messages. Take photos and send them to friends and family. Video chat. Learn to use your GPS. It's not just a phone it's a mini computer.

**iPad** – Learn to use voice commands on your iPad. Take photos and email them. Download games or practical apps. Scan important document to archive. Use the internet or listen to music. Sent prints to wireless printer. Let's discover together how to get much more from your iPad

**Microsoft Word** – What to make a beautiful flyers or letters. Create Birthday or Holiday cards. Design gift labels or mailing labels. These are just a few things Microsoft Word can help you create. New beginner classes and continuation Word classes available.

**Microsoft Excel Beginners** – New for 2018. Excel spreadsheet classes. Have to create a mailing list with names and addresses. In charge of registration or keeping track of funds received. You probably need a spreadsheet. This class will start with the basics; terminology, labeling, columns/rows and formulas. We will keep it fun and easy.

**Weekly Classes begin January 8, 2018, for 6 weeks.**

### Monday

9:00 – 11:00 AM Microsoft Word (continuation class)

12:30 – 2:30 PM Basic Beginning Computer

### Tuesday

12:30 – 2:30 PM Beginner Smart Phone Class for Samsung or Android Phones

### Wednesday

9:00 – 11:00 AM Microsoft Word for Beginners

12:30 – 2:30 PM Microsoft Excel for Beginners

### Thursday

9:00 – 11:00 AM iPads for Beginners

12:30 – 2:30 PM iPhone for Beginners

### Saturday

8:00 – 10:00 AM Microsoft Word (continuation class)



If you would like to take one of these classes, please contact Nancy by email or phone.

nt.high.mtn@gmail.com  
(818) 601-6296

## Seeking Queen Candidate



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, a 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





## *A Christmas Gift*

By Old Wakaba, Bud Sagara

Old Wakaba note: This article is based on a story by Christa Holder Ocker

At the kitchen table, an old man sat staring into space as a tear slowly made its way down his grizzled face. Everything around him had the yellow look of decay. His wife had passed away some years ago, so the home had slowly sunk into decline as did the old man's health. He could still move around with an unsteady gait, but it was becoming really hard for him to get from place to place. His lone companion and best friend was his dog, Misty.

The old man had recently made arrangements to live what remained of his life in an assisted care facility because he could no longer take care of himself. This meant that he would have to give up his beloved Misty because he knew, deep down, that the care facility was not a good place for his best friend. This was the reason for his tears and breaking heart. How do you give up someone that you love and cherish?

Misty trotted over to her master when he called her. "I can't take care of you anymore because I can't even take care of myself," the old man said to her as he gently petted the top of Misty's head. She sensed that something was wrong with her master as she looked back at him with her big brown eyes. Over the years, the pair had become so close that it seemed like Misty understood all that the old man said. "We'll find a nice new home for you that will be much better for you than living with an old man," he whispered on the verge of more tears.

The old man limped away from the table and went to rummage around in another room. He returned shortly with a used red ribbon and a folded white card. After spending a few moments writing something on the card, he called Misty to his side. The old man reached over and tied the red ribbon around Misty's neck and attached the card to the ribbon. Misty's reaction was to pull away from this new restraint around her neck, but the old man kept her steady. After attaching her leash to her collar, the old man commanded Misty, "Let's go my friend."

It was already dark on this Christmas Eve and the cold night air immediately gripped the pair with its chilly hand as they slowly made their way down to the deserted sidewalk. Misty was hesitant about going on this particular walk and strained against the leash, but the old man held firm in guiding her forward. As they passed the houses along the way, some were dark and silent with no sign of life in them, while others were brightly lit from the outside with Christmas lights. The pair finally stopped in front of a house that had light flowing out from within onto the sidewalk as if it was alive with the spirit of Christmas. The faint sound of Christmas carols was in the air. The old man slowly took out his handkerchief and blew his nose and said, "This is the one."

On previous walks, the old man had seen the boy who lived at this house reading on the porch or kicking a soccer ball alone in the front yard. The neighborhood was primarily made up of senior residents who had lived in their home for many years, so there were hardly any other children around. The old man's eyes began to redden as he said to Misty, "This will be your new home from now on." Misty did not know what to do because she surely did not want to leave her beloved master. The old man slowly reached down and unhooked Misty's leash and sobbed, "Go on up to the door and introduce yourself."



Being the obedient dog that she was, Misty slumped up the steps of the porch. She turned to cast a sad last look at her master and then sat down in front of the door. "Go on, let them hear you," said the old man as he hid himself behind a tree in the front yard. Misty then let out a sharp bark to announce herself at the door.

The light from the doorway filled the porch as the door opened and the boy looked out to see who or what was there. He immediately embraced Misty with a big hug and yelled, "Mom, Dad...Santa really did bring me what I had asked him for!" The mother made her way to the door, peeked outside, but saw nothing unusual except for her son hugging a strange dog. She removed the card that was attached to the ribbon around

Misty's neck and read it aloud. It simply read, "If you will receive me, I will love you forever." The mother glanced to the heavens, broke a little smile and ushered her son and Misty into the house.

After the door had closed, the old man stepped away from his hiding place and stood silently for a moment. He could hear the faint whisper of Christmas carols as he looked up at the stars twinkling in the night sky. He methodically took out his handkerchief, blew his nose, and said to no one in particular, "Merry Christmas, my friend." He turned and began his journey home.

The story of the old man gives us a glimpse of the true love of God and serves as an example for us. This is not about romantic love with all the hearts and flowers; this is about giving freely to a point well beyond self-sacrifice and putting the needs of others ahead of your own. This is about the kind of love that sustains us year after year in taking care of an aging parent or a challenged child. In the gospel of John, verse 3:16 tells us, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." God paid dearly in sacrificing his beloved Son, the highest price he could pay. Jesus put a bunch of sinners like us ahead of himself when he willingly bore all our sins and accepted the punishment of death that we all deserve so that we could have a new life with him for all eternity. Amid this season of celebration, pause to think about what Christmas truly represents...the birth of the Messiah, Jesus Christ, who loved each of us so much that he would die for us on the cross. Merry Christmas.



**Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**



## **Mandatory Commercial Recycling Program**

The goal of this program is to help reduce the greenhouse gas emissions in California and help Los Angeles achieve Zero Waste.

In October 2017, the City of Los Angeles launched a new public-private partnership which offers efficient waste and recycling services to all commercial and industrial businesses, institutions and large multifamily buildings. This innovative program is part of the City's commitment to enhance the quality of life in Los Angeles by improving the air, the roads and the overall cleanliness of Los Angeles.

recycLA will move LA closer to achieving "zero waste" through pioneering waste reduction, reuse, recycling and recovery programs.

The program divides the City into eleven zones. All commercial and industrial businesses in the City of Los Angeles, as well as large multifamily buildings, will be served exclusively by one waste collection company, also known as a franchise service provider (FSP). This will result in fewer trucks congesting our neighborhoods and less wear and tear on our streets. The FSPs will also be required to use only clean-fuel burning trucks, which will help to improve the air quality.

recycLA offers an expansion of standard services designed to best fit the overall needs of business and large multifamily customers. Many of the waste collection companies were not providing blue bins for recycling to their customers. Under this new program customers will receive blue bins and new trash bins, as well as services such as regular maintenance and replacement of these bins. Other services offered will be graffiti removal, new clean-fuel state-of-the-art waste collection vehicles and organics recycling.

### **This is a mandatory recycling program.**

### **We need all members, groups and organizations to recycle at the Center!**

#### **Recyclable items must be empty, clean and dry before throwing in the blue dumpster -**

- No food, liquid, loose plastic bags
- Do not bag or box recyclables; leave loose
- Flatten all cardboard



#### **The following are items that go into the blue dumpster bins:**



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#### **The following are items that go into the black dumpster bins:**



**Thank you  
for your  
cooperation.**



LITTLE TOKYO  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## Imagine Little Tokyo Writing Contest

Deadline for short story submissions to the "Imagine Little Tokyo" writing contest is Wednesday, January 31, 2018. This is the Little Tokyo Historical Society's (LTHS) fifth annual fictional short story contest in three categories: English language, Japanese Language and youth (18 and younger).

Each category winner will receive \$500 in cash and their story will be published in The Rafu Shimpo and Discover Nikkei website. The winners will be announced at an awards ceremony and dramatic readings of the winning stories are planned for spring 2018.

The purpose of the contest is to raise awareness of Little Tokyo through a creative fictional story that takes place in either current, past or future Little Tokyo.

For more information contact: Patty Takayama at: 818-899-7016 or [pe.high.mtn@juno.com](mailto:pe.high.mtn@juno.com) and, for guidelines, refer to the Little Tokyo Historical Society website: <http://www.littletokyohs.org>.



## Volleyball Club

Join us on the  
1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays

5-6 Middle School

6-7:30 High School

7:30-9 Adults

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## ZUMBA fitness with *keiko* at SFVJACC



**Location: Pioneer Hall at San Fernando  
Japanese American Community Center**

**\$ 5.00 per class for CC Members  
\$10.00 per class for Non-Members**

**Class will meet every  
Monday 7:30p.m. - 8:30p.m**

**\*Wear comfortable clothes and tennis shoes,  
and bring water and towel**



**For more information please contact Margaret Takimoto: [jncmom@aol.com](mailto:jncmom@aol.com)**

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**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.....	Terry Ishigo.....	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

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

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

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

Email:  
loisokui@aol.com

CC Deadline:  
2nd Wednesday of  
every odd month.

**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	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
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	Mark Nakamura	818 363-3038
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 Rodriquez	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 AM-2 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

**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.



**SAN FERNANDO VALLEY  
HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE**

9450 Remick Avenue, Pacoima  
818 899-4030 sfvibt@sfvibt.org  
www.sfvibt.org

Resident Minister: Rev. Patricia Usuki  
Temple President: Terry Ishigo

Sunday, 11:00 am Dharma School

**BUDDHIST TEMPLE CALENDAR**

**December**

- 2 9:30 am Dharma discussion
- 3 10:00 am Shotsuki monthly memorial and Bodhi Day service; appreciation lunch
- 10 6:00 am Mochitsuki  
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Mochi pick-up
- 16 9:30 am Dharma discussion
- 17 10:00 am Regular service
- 21 10:30 am Service at Nikkei Senior Gardens
- 23 9:30 am Dharma discussion
- 24 10:00 am Regular service
- 31 6:00 pm New Year's Eve service

**January 2018**

- 1 10:00 am New Year's Day service
- 7 10:00 am Shotsuki monthly memorial service
- 14 10:00 am Ho-onko Shinran Shonin's memorial service, New Year luncheon, Silent Auction
- 18 10:30 am Service at Nikkei Senior Gardens
- 20 9:30 am Dharma discussion
- 21 10:00 am Regular service
- 28 10:00 am Regular service

Please mark your calendar:

**UDON FUNDRAISER**

Saturday, February 3, 2018  
details forthcoming



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818 896-1676 (English)  
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Please refer to our website for more information: [www.crosswaysfv.org](http://www.crosswaysfv.org)

**English Department**

Pastor Roland Hazama  
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**

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

**Japanese Department**

Pastor In Hyun

Please refer to our website for more information:

[www.sfpj.weebly.com](http://www.sfpj.weebly.com)

**Sunday Schedule**

10:00 AM  
Worship Service

Lunch and Fellowship  
after worship service on the  
1st Sundays

Wednesdays, 10 am  
Prayer @ Pastor's house



**Chatsworth West  
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FAX: 818 341 1271

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

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

**Bible Study Thurs @ 10 AM & 7 PM**

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

**Electrobattles Dance for children**  
**Sat. @ 11 AM Rm.1**  
Instructor: Sharon James

**Chi Fung Mind & Body Fitness**  
**Tuesday @ 10 AM Fellowship Hall**  
Instructor: Leo Fong

**Fellowship @ High Noon Lunch & Activity - Wednesdays**  
**For info call Lowell (818) 694-1046**



**SUNRISE FOURSQUARE CHURCH**

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Valley Village, CA 91607

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haruko.iwata@gmail.com

Website:

www.sunrisejapanesechurch.org

Japanese: Pastor Haruko Iwata

Phone: (818) 782-8738  
(818) 642-2332

Sunday Morning Service - 10:30 a.m.  
(Prayer for Healing on 5<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CC**

**December 2, 2017**

CC General Membership Meeting

**December 9, 2017**

SFVJACL Holiday Party

**December 16, 2017**

SFV Japanese Language Institute Holiday Program

**December 16, 2017**

SFV Judo Club Christmas Party

**December 18 - 26, 2017**

Gym Closed - For Floor Maintenance

**January 6, 2018**

CC New Year's Luncheon

**January 13, 2018**

Meiji Seniors Club New Year's Party

**January 21, 2018**

SFV Judo Club Tournament

**February 3, 2018**

SFV Japanese Language Institute New Year's Party

**March 17, 2018**

SF Athletics Pancake Breakfast

**ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP**

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



**Meetings:**

**First Saturday of the Month**

(except for January, July, September)

**Time: 10 am - 12 pm**

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

*Mark your calendar!*



**All Graduating High School Seniors**

The **Yonsei Basketball Association's Scholarship** Information and application will be available online at yonseibasketball.com on February 1, 2018. There will be multiple scholarships available, ranging from \$1,000-\$1,500.

Applications will need to be postmarked no later than May 4, 2018.



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**2018 MEMBERSHIP FORM**  
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1. Complete the information below.  Family Membership- \$60.00  
2. Make check payable to "SFVJACC"  Single Membership- \$40.00  
3. Send your check and this form to: SFVJACC – Membership  
12953 Branford Street  
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