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2019 Super Bingo Fundraiser

By Tadao and Lois Okui

November 2, 2019

The 2019 Super Bingo Fundraiser was once again, as in the past, full of activities with the Silent Auction, Flea Market, Bingo, Raffle and 50-50 Raffle all in one evening. The program was opened by emcees, Jaclyn Tomita (2016 Nisei Week Queen) and Ariel Imamoto (2019 SF Queen). They did a fantastic job, keeping the audience engaged and entertained throughout the night. Jaclyn and Ariel started the evening by introducing all the major donors, many of who contributed products for the Goody Bags and monetary money for this event. Mr. Hideharu Yanagihara, representing a new donor Kewpie Mayonnaise, wanted to thank everyone for allowing him to attend and promoted their new product, Sesame Dressing, being sold now at Costco stores.



Emcees (L-R) Ariel Imamoto and Jaclyn Tomita

We were honored to have the 2019 Nisei Week Court help us this year. Along with Jaclyn and Ariel, they brought glamour to our event. Thank you to the Nisei Week Committee for allowing all the girls to attend our event.



Hitomi Hashimoto

As things were nearing an end, Kay Oda presented Hitomi Hashimoto with a floral bouquet and monetary gift for her many years of service. Hitomi decided to step down as the fundraiser's food coordinator after almost twenty years and handed the reins over to Tiffany Pearlstein and Jeremy Tsuneishi. She will still help as an advisor. Hitomi felt it was time to get the younger people involved with the Community Center events, especially one as big as this.

We would like to thank the following -

- Thank you to our sponsor, UBS and to our donors who gave so generously. We want to thank them for their continued support over the years and donating items for the bingo games, raffle, Silent Auction (raised \$9,848) and Flea Market (raised \$1,796).
- Thank you to our wonderful members and participants for their support. The 50-50 Raffle raised \$1,805 for the Center.
- We also need to thank our 68+ volunteers for working so hard before, during and after the event.
- 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.

With everyone's help, this fundraiser raised \$42,000!



(L-R): Jeremy Tsuneishi, Hitomi Hashimoto and Tiffany Pearlstein.

The Lucky Winners of The Night



Blackout Co-Winners
Kimiko Miseroy and Paul Shimizu



50-50 Winner -
Kay Tsuchimoto
The big winner
of the night.



The top three raffle winners (L-R): Greg Lew,
Olivia Lau and Diane Yamashita.

SFVJACC MISSION STATEMENT

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

Acknowledgements and more pictures starting on page 4.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,
Seasons Greetings!

On January 11, 2020, during the annual New Year and installation party, we will be honoring the founders whose vision, hard work, and monetary gifts have given us all a place to enjoy. The Issei (1st generation) thought about their nisei (2nd) and sansei (3rd) children. They sacrificed a lot to purchase the four acres for \$33,000 that today's yonsei (4th) and gosei (5th) enjoy. Please let me know if you are representing a founding family.

Let's bring out the clubs, teams, families, and members, new and old. Let's have a grand reunion!

Thank you for a terrific cleanup day despite the many fires and smoke. We checked the air quality on the Friday hourly before we determined if it was safe to have the event. Although we were a little short of help, the hard working volunteers accomplished much more than I had expected.

This year's Super Bingo brought new faces to our biggest fundraiser. Lois and Tadao Okui worked hard along with their family members and committees to make it special. A well deserved recognition for Chef **Hitomi Hashimoto** was presented for almost twenty successful years serving the big, hungry crowd.

Don't forget to sign up by December 20 for **Founders Day** and **60th Anniversary** of the iconic Memorial Hall (Gym).

Date: January 11, 2020
Time: 12:00 registration
Place: Odyssey Restaurant
15600 Odyssey Drive, Granada Hills, CA

Kay Oda
SFVJACC President



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

If you are able to be an event sponsor, please contact Nancy Oda at nancy_oda@sfvjacc.com by December 11.

Heritage Level
\$5,000 with VIP seating for 10.

Legacy Level
\$2,500 with VIP seating for 10.

Community Organization or Clubs Level
\$1,000.

Please collect the sponsorship donations and turn in by December 20, 2019.

年末のご挨拶

1月11日の恒例新年会及び新役員就任式では創始者メンバーの構想、勤労、寄付で成り立っていることに感謝したいと思います。一世がの二世、三世の事を考え、3万3千ドルの出資を元に4エーカーの土地を購入して下さいました。そのお陰で今日、4世、5世の子供達が楽しく使うことが出来ています。創始者メンバーのご家族はCCにお知らせ下さい。

クラブ、チーム、家族、会員が一丸になって盛大な親睦会にしましょう。

10月はたくさんの山火事がありました、CC大掃除の日も前日の空気質結果が良かったので実施しました。普段より少ないボランティアの人数でしたが、予想以上に片付けが出来きました。

今年のスーパービンゴは新しいボランティアの方々も加わり、オクイファミリーとスーパービンゴ実行委員会の方々のお陰で特別なイベントになりました。シェフ橋本ひとみさんには20年間に渡るの功労対して感謝状を贈りました。

創始者感謝デー & 創立60周年会の参加締切日は12月20日です。お忘れなく！

小田ケイ

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

For the Months of September & October 2019

Donations

Liz Doomey's Facebook Fundraiser
 Emiko Suyehiro
 Brian Yasui
 In memory of father Fred Yasui
 Greg Kimura
 United Way Charitable Contribution
 Nancy Gohata
 Steak Dinner Donation
 Shigeo Sumida
 In memory of Rex Shimizu
 Ritsuko Shinbashi.....
 Darrell Vivian
 Veteran's Memorial Fund Donation

Use of Facilities

SFV Hongwanji Buddhist Temple
 Aikido Daiwa, Inc.....
 Warner Bros. Pictures
 SFV JACL.....
 Ping Pong Club
 Wednesday Nite Basketball
 Denise Tanaka
 Thursday Nite Basketball
 Tuesday Exercise Class.....
 American Red Cross
 Senior Arts & Crafts.....
 Hula Wahines
 Mah Jong.....
 Hanafuda.....
 Friday Exercise Class

Miscellaneous

Coffee Donation
 Copier Donation
 Don Akamine 1 (3 lbs) Coffee
 Shirley Docken 1 (3 lbs) Coffee, 1 (12 oz) Decaf
 Coffee, 1 Box (12 Decks) Playing Cards
 Flo Fuchi..... 2 Reams Copy Paper
 James Kitazaki 1 (3 lbs) Coffee
 Keiko Pinson..... 5 Bags of Japanese Books
 SFV Ballroom Dance 1 (3 lbs) Coffee,
 1 (2 lbs) Decaf Coffee
 Smokey and Toshi Sugii..... 1 (3 lbs) Coffee

DONATIONS TO HOT MEALS

For the Months of September & October 2019

Liz Doomey Birthday cake for her husband
 John Doomey
 Marian Murphy Fresh fruits & assorted Popcornoplus
 Musashi Restaurant..... 200 lbs. Rice, 5 gals. soy sauce & 4
 pkgs. Chopsticks
 Ken and Yoko Nomura Chocolate chip cookies in September
 & October
 George Oda &..... Fugetsudo manju
 Mike Anderson In memory of Grace Oda Anderson
 Jane Sato..... Homemade pound cake
 Margie Sato Fan for the kitchen
 Phil and Marion Shigekuni . Dozen donuts
 Dr. Shig Sumida..... Cake in memory of Rex Shimizu
 Cherry Uyeda..... Monetary donation - In memory of
 Harry Nakada & Grace Anderson

*Thank you so much for
 your generous donations!*

Class of 2020

High School and College Students

Announcing 2020 Scholarships

Deadline: April 15, 2020

A variety of opportunities are available for you.

Dr. and Mrs. Sanbo Sakaguchi

For academic excellence

Lily Sakaguchi Thibodeaux Scholarship

For Leadership and Service

Mrs. Kazuko Sakaguchi

For Visual or Performing Arts

Contact: nancyoda64@gmail.com

SF Athletics Scholarships

Deadline: TBA

Hoshiko Hirano Scholarship

Wayne Yamamoto Award Scholarship

**Lauren Taguchi Memorial Youth Service
 Scholarship**

**Evan Niizawa Memorial Continuing Education
 Scholarship**

See page 12 for descriptions of the scholarships.

SFV JACL Scholarship

Deadline: TBS

**Dr. Sanbo and Mrs. Kay Sakaguchi
 Scholarship**

For academic excellence

See page 13 for description of the scholarship.

We would like to thank our donors, Gold Package participants, volunteers and the Super Bingo Committee for making this such a successful fundraiser event! Thank you, too, to UBS for their sponsorship. We raised \$42,000! The proceeds will go towards the expenses of the exterior painting of all the CC buildings.

Acknowledgements

Sponsorship



Bertain Escobar Wealth Management

Major Donors

Clever, Willard and Jill
Disney Resort Community Relations
Glico
Kewpie
Ishimoto, Taro and Mary

Komoto, Jayne and Darrell Vivian
Miyata, Isabelle and Harvey Negoro
Murphy, Dennis and Marian
Nicklaus, Garland and Debbie

PCSC
SFV Meiji Senior Club
Upper Crust Enterprises
Yoshimura, Kathy
Zigabid

Business Donors

All Facets
Chiba Restaurant
FIA Insurance Services, Tim Manaka
Heritage Source, Carolyn Sanwo
HIC (Hawaiian Island Creation)

Julie Barkan Jewelry
Katsu-ya Group
Morinaga Nutritional Foods
New York Life Insurance Co.
Matthew Okui, DDS
Pepperidge Farms, Craig Tanaka

Sharky's Woodfired Mexican Grill, Studio City
Small Island
Smokehouse Restaurant
The Pro Zone
Vitello's Restaurant

Organization and Member Donors

Arii, Donna
Arii, Garrett
Arii, Lauren
Bert Corona Charter School
Chiba, Kimiaki/Sayoko
Date, Diane
Docken, Shirley
Doomey, John and Liz
Fujitani, Erin
Greco, Marsha
Hall, Kaori
Hamamoto, Jennifer
Hashimoto, Fuyumi
Hashimoto, Toji and Hitomi
Henson, Debbie
Hoops for Friends
Inoue, Kei

Kadonaga, Dale
Kamimura, Christy
Keiro
Kimura, Patti
Kishi, Marilyn
Kus, Michiko
Lau, Leland
Lew, Gene
Los Angeles Police Department,
Foothill Division
Matoi, Joanne
Matsuzaki, Judy
Miseroy, Kimiko
Mui, Ken and Priscilla
Nakamura, Deanna
Nakamura, NJ
Nguyen, Leslie

Nikkei Senior Gardens
Nobuyuki, Karl and Sandy
Oda, Kay and Nancy
Okita, Barbara
Okui, Tadao and Lois
O'Neill, Coleen
Pearlstein, Tiffany
Sakaguchi, Ikuyo
Sakata, Karen
Sakata, Nancy
SFV Ballroom Dance
SFV Bonsai Club
SFV JACL
SFV Japanese Language
Institute
SFV Judo Club
SFV Senior Arts & Crafts

Shimizu, Lorraine
Sumida, Shig
Takayama, Robert/Linda
Takimoto, Margaret
Tanaka, Denise
Tanaka, Frank and Marge
Tanaka, Katsuko
Toji, Sam and Kate
Tong, Melissa
Watanabe, Kenji and Kyoko
Yamamoto, Sandy
Yamashita, Diane
Yamashita, Sylvia
Yokomizo, Karen
Yoshimura, Kasey
Yoshimura, Kathy
Young, Kavin and Megan

Volunteers

Friday Night Food Prep & Set up

Carden, Doug
Clever, Jill
Docken, Terry/Shirley
Doomey, John/Liz
Hashimoto, Fuyumi
Hashimoto, Toji/Hitomi
Kanagi, Chisato
Kitagawa, Desiree
Kuratomi, Linda
Manaka, Akiko
Miyata, Isabelle
Nakamura, NJ
Nakano, Kathy
Negoro, Harvey
Nicklaus, Garland/
Debbie
Norihiro, Kathy
Okui, Tadao/Lois

O'Neill, Coleen
Pearlstein, Tiffany
Sagara, Bud/Cora
Shimizu, Bryan
Watanabe, Kiyo/Asuka/
Tenka
Yoneoka, Diane
Yoshimura, Kasey
Yoshimura, Kathy
Young, Megan

Emcees

Imamoto, Ariel
Tomita, Jaclyn
**Collation of
Gold Packages**
Yamada, John/Kay
Registration
Okui, Tadao
Yamada, Kay

Grilling Crew

Docken, Terry
Nakamura, Richard
Tsuda, Jim
Tsuneishi, Jeremy
Dessert Table
Norihiro, Kathy
O'Neill, Coleen
Shojinaga, Susan

More Volunteers

Kitchen Help

Chow , Eugene/Dana
 Docken, Terry/Shirley
 Doomey, John
 Fukumoto, Nancy
 Herrejon, Josh
 Inoue, Kei
 Kanagi, Chisato
 Kuratomi, Linda
 Lau, Diana
 Nakamura, Richard/NJ
 Norihiro, Kathy
 O'Neill, Coleen
 Otake, Julie
 Pearlstein, Tiffany
 Shimizu, Yukiko
 Takayama, Linda
 Yamamoto, Janet
 Yoneoka, Diane
 Yoshimura, Kasey
 Yoshimura, Kathy

Food Servers

Barakat, Chloe
 Fujitani, Erin
 Kamimura, Christy
 Kanagi, Lauryn
 Lau, Diana
 Lew, Caroline *
 Okui, Amy
 Okui, Kayla
 Okui, Kyle
 Orozco, Soeko
 Tjenaloosi, Kayla *
 Tjenaloosi, Krystal *
 Tjenaloosi, Ryan
 Yamasaki, Erika
 Yamasaki, Jayden
 * *Girl Scouts*

Food Runners

Cheng, Kenny
 Cheng, Joe
 Herrejon, Josh

Tea/Coffee Servers

Ito, Kara *
 Ishida, Emily *
 Igawa, Kayla *
 Chen, Miles
 * *Nisei Week Court*

Tea/Coffee

Kimura, Patti
 Nakada, Doug
 Nakada, Will

Punch/Water

Higgins, Gabriel Sr.
 Higgins, Gabriel Jr.
 Lac, Jamie *
 Nakano, Samantha *
 Ogimachi, Linda
 Woo, Emily *
 * *Girl Scouts*

50-50 Raffle Tickets

Imamoto, Ariel *
 Gotshall, Marika *
 Lopez, Mia *
 Okui, Tadao
 Tanaka, Denise
 Yoshinaga, Juli *
 * *Nisei Week Court*

Bingo & Runners

Chen, Miles
 Cheng, Joe
 Imamoto, Ariel
 Okui, Lois
 Tomita, Jaclyn
 Yamasaki, Erika
 Yamasaki, Jayden

Flea Market

Cheng, Grace
 Mori, Michelle
 Tiongson, Kim

Silent Auction

Fujitani, Erin
 Hashimoto, Fuyumi
 Kamimura, Christy
 Manaka, Akiko
 Okui, Amy

Photographers

Fukunaga, Audrey
 Pearlstein, Tiffany
 Watanabe, Kiyo

Trash Detail

Miyata, Isabelle
 Nakada, Gary
 Negoro, Harvey

Clean Up

Volunteers, members
 and Committee

Gold Packages Participants

Arakawa, May
 Ariei, Kelvin
 Asanuma, Craig/Sharon
 Cain, James/Maxine
 Cardenas, Irene
 Clever, Willard/Jill
 Date, Stan/Diane
 Docken, Terry/Shirley
 Doomey, John/Liz
 Fujimoto, Cathy
 Fujitani, Donald
 Fujitani, Sheldon/Karin
 Fukumoto, Eiji
 Fukunaga, Jenny
 Gohata, Nancy
 Goka, John
 Goto, George
 Hamamoto, Sally
 Hamamoto, Scott
 Hanashiro, Robert/Deanna
 Hashimoto, Hikowo/Etsuko
 Hashimoto, Toji/Hitomi
 Hatakeda, Harold
 Hazama, Yo
 Hiji, Frank/Betty
 Hollowell, Masako
 Imazu, Ro
 Inaba, Shigeo
 Inoue, Kei
 Ito, Laura
 Ito, Richard/Cheryl
 Iwamasa, Grace
 Kagiya, Wendy
 Kaku, Dick/Pauline
 Kami, Kay
 Kanagi, Chisato
 Kawamoto, Raymond

Kimura, May
 Kimura, Patti
 Kimura, Sumi
 Kishi, Marilyn
 Kobata, Robert
 Kobayashi, Don
 Kobayashi, John
 Kodani, Powell/Faye
 Komoto, Jayne &
 Darrell Vivian
 Kosaka, Mamie
 Kubota, Janice
 Kumagai, Ken
 Kus, Michiko
 Lelevie, Cookie
 Lew, Gene/Genevieve
 Lew, Susie
 Manaka, Tim/Akiko
 Matoi, Joanne
 Matsuda, Ike/Yoshi
 McClure, Mark/Teri
 Miseroy, Kimiiko
 Mitarai, Evie
 Miyagishima, Dickie
 Monji, Yoshiko
 Moriguchi, Bob/Aki
 Moriguchi, Reiko
 Mui, Ken/Priscilla
 Muranaga, Tomi
 Muraoka, Shigeo
 Muraoka, Victor/Lois
 Murphy, Dennis/Marian
 Muto, Eiko
 Nakada, Gary
 Nakada, Will
 Nakama, John

Nakagawa, Koso
 Nakamoto, Harvey
 Nakamura, Henry
 Nakamura, Mark/Joanne
 Nakamura, Richard/NJ
 Nakata, Sam & Rumi
 Negoro, Harvey/Isabelle
 Ng, Henry
 Nicklaus, Garland/Debbie
 Niizawa, Guy/Tracy
 Niizawa, Masako
 Nishida, Nana
 Nishimoto, Satomi
 Niwa, Amy
 Nobuyuki, Karl/Sandra
 Nomura, Kenso/Yoko
 Norihiro, Kathy
 Oda, Fred
 Oda, George
 Oda, Kay/Nancy
 Ogimachi, Gary
 Okamoto, Jeri
 Okano, Jane
 Okui, Mas
 Okui, Tadao/Lois
 O'Neill, Coleen
 Otake, Julie
 Pearlstein, Tiffany
 Radman, Ken/Gerri
 Reitz, Brenda
 Rosero, Lipo/Dorothy
 Sagara, Harley
 Saito, Elaine
 Sakaguchi, Iku
 Sakata, Misato
 Sakuda, Dale

Sasaki, Stephen/Karen
 Sato, Eiji/Marge
 Sato, Setsuko
 Schuetz, Jan
 SFV Judo Club,
 Shigekuni, Phil
 Shimizu, Franklin/Florence
 Shinbashi, Kenzo
 Shinsato, Raymond
 Shiotani, Tami
 Shishido, Anna
 Shojinaga, Alice
 Shojinaga, Richard/Grace
 Sugii, Smokey
 Sumida, Shigeo
 Takayama, Robert/Linda
 Tanaka, Denise
 Tanaka, Leonard
 Tanijiri, Katie
 Teraoka, Jolene
 Tjenalooi, Kim
 Tsuneishi, Nicole
 Uyeda, Cherry
 Uyehara, Mark
 Yahiro, Clayton
 Yamada, John/Kay
 Yamamoto, Gary/Sandy
 Yamamoto, Janet
 Yamane, Teddy/Midori
 Yamaoka, Ruby
 Yamashita, Diane
 Yamashita, Harumi Sylvia
 Yanagihara, Hideharu
 Yoneoka, Harris/Diane
 Yoshimura, Kathy
 Yoshizumi, Lynn

2019 Super Bingo Fundraiser



Thank You
 Super Bingo Committee
 Without you, this event
 wouldn't be as successful as it is!

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| Clever, Jill | Okui, Tadao/Lois |
| Doomey, Liz | O'Neill, Coleen |
| Hashimoto, Fuyumi | Pearlstein, Tiffany* |
| Hashimoto, Toji/Hitomi | Tsuneishi, Jeremy* |
| Manaka, Akiko | Yoshimura, Kasey |
| Miyata, Isabelle | Yoshimura, Kathy |
| Mui, Priscilla | Young, Megan |
| Negoro, Harvey | |
| Nicklaus, Debbie | * New Members |



SFV MEIJI SENIOR CLUB NEWS

By Liz Doomey

It's time to renew your Meiji Senior Citizens Club membership for 2020. It's still only \$5 for the year per person. Contact any of the board members or pick up a membership application in the Pioneer Hall lobby.

The 2020 Meiji Club New Year's Installation Luncheon will be held on Saturday, January 18th at 12:30 pm in the Dr. Sanbo Sakaguchi Hall. This year the tickets are \$25 per person. Tickets are available from any board member or you can send your check to the Meiji Club at SFVJACC 12953 Branford Street, Pacoima, CA 91331.

Note the dates of the Las Vegas Trips on your Meiji Calendar to join the group for an opportunity to win BIG Money. Contact Grace Iwamasa at (818) 368-9086.

Our next trip to the San Manuel Casino TBD. Contact Kay Yamada (818) 763-4861 if you are interested in joining the gamblers in 2020.

Las Vegas Trips 2020 Schedule

Feb. 10-12	May 11-13
Aug. 10-12	Nov. 9-11

Thank you to Lorraine Shimizu for donating her handmade cards to the Sunshine Committee. Her beautiful cards are sent to members recovering from health illnesses or injuries.

If you would like to have me research any programs please call me with your requests, Liz Doomey 818-429-4096 or lizdoomey@yahoo.com

Board Members:

Joy Longworth, Grace Iwamasa, Liz Doomey, Ritsuko Shinbashi, Evelyn Mitarai, Ray and Jean Shinsato, Yoshi Matsuda, Sam Nakata, Kay Yamada and Genevieve Lew



San Fernando Valley Japanese Language Institute

By Yurica Yamaguchi, Historian

The students at the San Fernando Valley Japanese Language Institute (SFVJLI) have been busy learning the Japanese language and culture. Since August, they have been studying the Japanese language for the past 4 months. At the beginning of December, the Nyumon and J1A will be showing off what they've been learning to the senior citizens at the Nikkei Senior Gardens. Then, all of the students will show off their talent and speaking skills at the Holiday Program in mid-December.



The Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) of the SFVJLI have also been busy. They had their bi-annual Yard Sale, on October 5th, in which the SFVJLI teens and parents helped sell donated items. The PTA would like to thank everyone in the community and the SFVJLI families who donated items and their time to help our fundraiser. It had a wonderful success of fundraising \$1200.

On Saturday, November 16th, the PTA had another fundraiser of their annual Curry Rice Sale. The SFVJLI parents had the opportunity to learn to cook traditional Curry Rice and sold their finished product to the SFVJLI families and the community. This event was also an opportunity for the Nyumon students to learn about the significance of curry rice in the Japanese culture.



Interested in learning Japanese for you or your child? The SFVJLI is still accepting students (4 years old and up) through December. In January, a new adult conversation course will begin. If you're interested in participating in the adult conversation course or have your child learn Japanese, please contact the SFVJLI by emailing sfvjli@hotmail.com or call (818) 896-8612.



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SF Athletics Tournament Results

SF Guardians VFW Tournament 3rd Place Winners 4th Grade Division

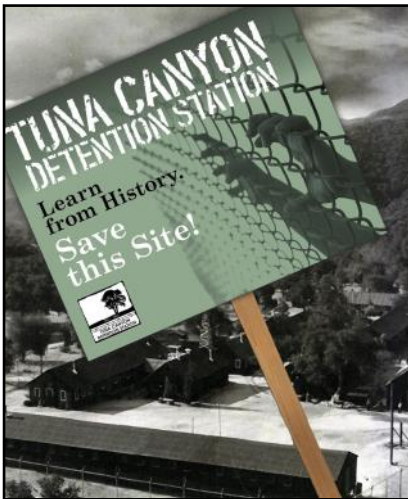
Back Row (L-R): Eli Yoshizaki, Toby Weiss, Jacob Shing, Aiden Duong, Drew Magcase, Lucas Padua, Coach Nancy Duong

Front Row (L to R) - Coach Vince Magcase, Kai Gonzalez, Finn Komives, Grayson Padua, Justin Ezaki, Coach Ethan Ezaki



History in Our Own Backyard

By Nancy Oda



This Thanksgiving, we say thank you to the Center that has been the guardian of the Tuna Canyon Detention Station.

In 2006, Dr. Lloyd Hitt and the late Paul Tsuneishi went to the National Archives to uncover the little known WWII history located nearby their homes in Sunland Tujunga. The newly released Enemy Alien Case files that contained eighty eight pages were finally released so they began in earnest to find out what happened and why. Sadly, only a few who knew responded when Paul passed away. By 2014, Tuna Canyon was emerging as a historic cultural monument.

In 2013, past Presidents Mabel Takimoto, Karl Nobuyuki, and Nancy Oda went to the Los Angeles City Hall along with activists from Sunland Tujunga in unity. It was a grand moment when Little Tokyo Community JA walked up the hill in red shirts



Yo Hazama (on left), June Berk and Evan Kodami

all the way to the chambers. Women from the SF chapter of the JAACL carpooled from the Valley. Since then, our center has been guardian of this piece of Japanese American history.

On October 13, 2019, we celebrated the Legacy Project 1 that consists of 25 interviews. Legacy Project Project Director June Berk partnered with Dr, Russell Endo of the University of Colorado to interview descendants like Yo Hazama whose father, Kataro Ishimoto, a hard working farmer was arrested, then shortly released to the family at Santa Anita Assembly Center. She recalled that his hair turned white while he was away because he worried about the family. Teddy Yamane's father, Yataro, was there for a period of twelve days. Both were innocent as were all who were detained at this clearing house.

Ultimately, the Tuna Canyon Detention Station Coalition plans to buy 47 parcels from Snowball West investments on the actual historic site. Thanks to the Mountain Conservatory and Recreation Authority for its strong interest in making it a reality.

To learn more, go to www.tunacanyon.org





A Christmas Ride

By Old Wakaba Bud Sagara

It was a few days before Christmas and George was tired. He had been up all night driving for Lyft to earn some money for the holidays and was looking forward to Christmas Day, especially the feast that his mom and aunts would prepare for the family gathering. There would be a roasted turkey with all the fixings, sushi, kalua pig, char siu, salads, and tons of desserts. It made George smile when he thought of being with family, the laughter and all that great food.

George had one more ride on his list before he could go home and get some sleep. He arrived at a North Hollywood triplex building and walked to the second unit. He rang the doorbell and waited at least a minute before a small voice asked him, "Who is it?" After George identified himself, locks were slowly unlocked and the door creaked open to reveal a frail elderly woman in a simple grey dress. She asked George to step inside to help her with the two suitcases that stood near the front door. As George entered, he noticed that the front room was almost vacant except for a sofa and a coffee table. George asked the woman if she was moving to another place and she replied, "Yes, but it's really not my choice."

George had to carry each of the suitcases to the car because they were very old like from the 1950's, the kind that did not have any type of wheels on the bottom. Even after he had lugged the two suitcases to the car, the woman was still standing in the foyer of the room as if having a last look at the place. "Have you lived here for long?" George asked. "Since my husband passed away many years ago" was the barely audible response. With that, George offered his arm to the frail woman and they cautiously made their way down the walkway to the car.

It seemed like the walk to the car may have been too much for the woman as she sunk into the back seat of George's car. She thanked George for being so kind and for being patient in putting up with an old woman like her. George could not help but think of his own grandma and how he had helped her to the car many times prior to her passing. Although George's grandma spoke only Japanese and George did not, they still managed to communicate and forged a strong bond. "Those were the best of times," he reminisced to himself.



George had already started the car and was heading toward the appointed destination, when the woman asked him if he would take her to Lemp Avenue and Arminta Street in North Hollywood. "Well, that's kind of out of the way," was his reply as he thought about the delay this would cause him. The woman replied, "I'm going into hospice care at a skilled nursing place, so this may be my last trip around the neighborhood." George looked in the rear view mirror and observed a tear making its way down the woman's cheek as she steadily gazed out the window. How could he refuse such a request? So George drove the car to the requested location. When they arrived at that residential intersection, he was directed to a house a couple of doors down. They sat silently in front of a nondescript house for a few minutes until the woman asked George to continue on their way.

At her direction, they drove through Sun Valley down Laurel Canyon and then parked in the front lot of the Japanese American Community Center on Branford where the woman told George she had made so many dear friends there and did so many fun things over the years, but now all her friends are gone and she's all alone. They drove west on Roscoe Boulevard and turned south on Van Nuys Boulevard until they came to the shopping plaza that was formerly the General Motors Assembly plant in Van Nuys. The woman said she had worked in the office there for many years, but now everything has changed and certainly not for the better.

They later drove to a residential area of Van Nuys where they stopped in front of another ordinary looking home on a quiet street. As the gentle sounds of the neighborhood wafted in from the open windows of the car, the woman seemed transfixed in another time as her tears began to fall again. "This was our first home," she said and slipped into quiet sobbing. Without further direction from the woman, George drove to the appointed destination, the skilled nursing home. It had been over two hours since the journey began.

When they arrived at the nursing home, a staff member immediately came out to greet them and asked why they were so late in arrival. As George unloaded the woman's suitcases, other staff members had already placed the woman in a wheelchair. The woman urged a staffer to bring her over to George. She said, "You've made an old woman very happy, thank you so much for your kindness." Instinctively, George bent down and gave her a hug and she clung to him for a genuine moment of connection. Sometimes it's the little moments in life that are the most precious.

She offered George a generous cash tip, but in declining he said, "You've paid me more than you can imagine. Merry Christmas and God bless you." As George stood silently by his car, he watched as the woman was escorted into the facility. As the automatic doors shut upon themselves, there was a somber, final "clunk" as if a life was coming to a close.

In this brief connection, George recognized the joy in living in small, precious moments. In his wisdom, God does not have our lives crashing from one big, life-changing event to another. We would not last very long if he allowed that to happen. When we examine our lives, there are probably just a handful of turning points while the small moments are as countless as the stars in the sky. A solid life is built with small moments of living in a way that pleases God. The Apostle Paul teaches us in Ephesians 4:32, "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." In this Christmas season, please consider spending some quiet time reflecting on the small moments of love that make a lifetime. You can't measure them; you can only enjoy them and give them in return just as Jesus Christ loves you so much that he laid down his life for you on a lonely hill outside of Jerusalem.





Baseball, Hot Dogs, Apple Pie & Toyota

By Keston's Dad & Mom

Where has the time gone? It's been a fast 5 years since we last wrote about Keston Hiura and his journey through these uncharted waters of baseball life after high school. As a refresher Keston grew up playing basketball with the San Fernando Timberwolves under the guidance of Coaches Dan Takahara, Glenn Yamamoto, and Lance Kaneshiro.

Upon entering high school he hung up his Air Jordans and concentrated on baseball which led him to a D1 baseball scholarship to the University of California, Irvine (UCI). We were ecstatic he would be getting a great 4 year college education at a discounted price (athletic scholarship) while hopefully playing a little bit of baseball. Little did we know what path the Lord had in store for this "kid". He spent 3 "quick" years at UCI playing baseball, started almost every game except for a few weeks due to an arm injury. During those 3 years there were 3 special moments which literally brought tears to our eyes. The first (end of sophomore year) was being selected to the Collegiate National Baseball Team USA, which comprised of the best collegiate baseball players in the entire country. He toured Taipei, Japan, and Cuba playing against those country's top players. The next 2 moments happened after his Jr. year at UCI. After the last game he led



N.L. PLAYER OF THE WEEK
KESTON HIURA | JULY 15-21

.517 AVG .966 SLG 1.514 OPS
7 R 15 H 6 2B 1 HR 8 RBI

the D1 nationally in batting average (.442) and on base percentage (.567). The final moment came a month later when his family and relatives were present when the Milwaukee Brewers selected Keston as their top draft pick, the 1st round 9th overall pick in the 2017 MLB draft. He is now 1 step closer to fulfilling his boyhood dream. As a side note, we have read that he is currently the highest Asian American to be drafted in the MLB 1st year player's draft.

For almost the next 2 years Keston played in the MLB minor league levels (Rookie Ball, Low A, High A, AA and AAA). This is the time known as the daily grind, where it test those who have the talent, desire, and discipline to make it to the next level. Baseball is your life, often requiring you to spend 6-10 hours a day, 6 days a week, either practicing, playing games, long bus rides, working out, etc. Your teammates now become your adopted family. Only a very small percentage of players make it to the top level, The Show (Major League).

On May 14, 2019 Keston was called up to the Brewers and played in his 1st game as a MLB player. On May 13 at 10:45pm my wife Janice & I received a call from Keston informing us of the news. We had to somehow be in Philadelphia (Brewers were playing the Phillies) before the next game on the 14th. We quickly bought air tickets, packed a few days of clothes, made arrangements with my brother and mother to watch our 2 dogs and off we went. We landed in Philly around 4pm where we were met by an arranged limo which took us to the stadium. There we were met by Brewer's staff who showed us around and eventually to our seats. We saw his first game as a MLB player, he went 2 for 3 with a walk, couldn't have imagined for a better start.

Keston played almost half of the season with the Brewers, playing almost every game as their starting 2nd baseman. He has his first taste of playoff fever when the Brewer played the Nationals in the NL Wild Card Game. We are still in disbelief at what he has accomplished during his Rookie season. Nothing could have prepared us for what we have experienced, we can only imagine what it must be like for Keston. We see him live with tens of thousands of fans cheering (or booing), watch him on TV, ESPN or MLB network as commentators talk about him, read articles about him, watch

N.L. ROOKIE OF THE MONTH
KESTON HIURA

JULY STATS:
.355 AVG .699 SLG 1.127 OPS 17 R 33 H 10 2B 6 HR 18 RBI

FINAL
7/13/19

M 5
SF 4

NEXT GAME:
TOMORROW • 1:10PM
VS. GIANTS

as kids and adults hold out different things waiting for an autograph or picture, or even on occasions hearing complete strangers talk about Keston as we sit next to them without them realizing who we are.

Currently Keston is taking a few months off of baseball, his "shutdown time", where he can relax a bit, give his mind and body some time to recover from a long previous 10 months of playing. He still works out keeping his body in tune, proper nutrition and sleep. All this in preparation for his upcoming 2020 season, where hopefully this time Brewers can make it to the World Series.

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We guess this is like all parents who's kids become of age and how proud we are of their accomplishments. Whether it be graduating from high school, college, or professional school, getting their first job or their dream occupation, buying their first home, getting married, starting their own family, etc. There are many things we are thankful for including their good health and decision makings. Never in a million years would I have thought Keston will be a professional athlete. I mean, he was THE KID running up and down the SFVJCC basketball court, playing games, doing fundraisers or CC cleanups. He started out just like many other kids, playing multiple sports, enjoying being a kid. Somewhere along the way he caught a few breaks, made the right decisions, and had the drive, belief, and confidence to do what he always wanted to do and fulfil his dream.

Not Your Average Basketball Camp



NYABC (Not Your Average Basketball Camp) held a special needs Basketball Clinic on November 3 and 17 for ten participants from the JPSACC (Japanese Speaking Parent Association of Children with Challenges). Co-Directors Curtis Takimoto and Ryan Lee, along with volunteers from the SF Athletics Prep teams and Yonsei 26 teams, provided instruction and basketball skills to the special needs participants at the SFVJACC gymnasium.

Seeking Queen Candidates For 2020

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



Ariel Imamoto,
2019 SF Queen

Qualifications:

1. Single woman who has never been married or had children
2. Between the ages of 19 to 25 years
3. 50% Japanese ethnicity
4. USA citizen or legal permanent resident
5. Family connection to our Community Center

Contact NJ Nakamura
for more information: 818-893-6503 or email
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Go to www.sfvjacc.com**

SFVJACC SCHOLARSHIPS

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, 2020.

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.

Winners will be notified and awards will be presented at the SF Athletics Jamboree.

SFV JACL SCHOLARSHIPS

DR. SANBO AND MRS. KAY SAKAGUCHI SCHOLARSHIP

The Dr. Sanbo and Mrs. Kay Sakaguchi Scholarship supports outstanding graduating high school seniors and undergraduate students with interests in social justice and civil rights. Generously funded by the Sakaguchi family, longtime supporters of the Japanese American community, the award is administered by the San Fernando Valley chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL). The JACL is the nation's oldest and largest Asian American civil rights organization.

Deadlines: TBA

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 frustrations, concerns and ideas.

**Meetings: 1st Saturday of the Month
(except January/July/September)**

Time: 10 am - 12 pm

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

Business Banner Opportunity



Size of Banner - 4' x 4'
For Display In The Gym

\$500 a Year

Contact: kaysoda1@gmail.com

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the Center in this way.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

Patricia Celi
Valeriy Grach
Ellen Horwitz
George Mish

SFV JACL's 78th Annual Installation Luncheon

Sunday, January 19th, 2020

Knollwood Country Club
12024 Balboa Blvd, Granada Hills 91344
Social Hour: 11:30am Lunch: 12:00pm
\$35.00 per person
Reservation Deadline: January 6, 2020



Guest Speaker
Duncan Ryūken Williams

Duncan Williams is currently Professor of Religion and East Asian Languages & Cultures and the Director of the USC Shinso Ito Center for Japanese Religions and Culture and former Chair of USC's School of Religion.

His latest book is *American Sutra: A Story of Faith and Freedom in the Second World War*, which got up to #3 on the LA Times Bestseller List for Nonfiction.

Using newly translated sources and extensive interviews with survivors of the camps and veterans of the war, *American Sutra* reveals how the Japanese American community broadened our country's conception of religious freedom and forged a new American Buddhism.



For Reservations & Questions

Contact: Linda Tanaka
Email: lkitai@hotmail.com
Ph: (805) 527-1224





60th Anniversary
and
2020 New Years Celebration
Honoring our CC Founders

Saturday, January 11, 2020
Registration begins at 12:00pm
Program 12:30 - 3:30pm

\$100 Per Person

Please respond by December 28th

Odyssey Restaurant
15600 Oydsey Drive
Granada Hills 91344

All proceeds will go towards the building fund.

Please join the SFVJACC as we honor the 94 men and their families who founded the community center.

These individuals strongly promoted the development of the center's Memorial Hall (gym). It will be 60 years since it was built and it continues to stand as a symbol of their perseverance and wisdom.

Through the following years, many people have enjoyed the friendships that grew out of this effort.

George Asao
Tom Endow
Mas Enomoto
Katsutarō Fujinami
Floyd Fujii
Mas Furushiro
George Harada
Joe Hatanaka
Fred Higashida
Kunizo Higashida
Roy Higashida
Tokinori Higashida
Yosh Hirano
Kazuo Hombo
Shigeo Hombo
Joe Ikuta
Tom T. Ikuta
Mas Imamoto
Fred Imoto
Billy Ito
Yoshio Izumi
George Kadonaga
John Kaneko
Kenji Kihara
Hideo Kobayashi
George Koike
Gene Kono
Kenji Kurosaki
Hiroyuki Matsuo
Sam Mayeda
George Mayekawa
Arata Mizushima

Takeshi Monji
Fred Morishita
Robert T. Mukai
George Murakami
Roy Murakami
Seigoro Murakami
Minoru Muranaka
Fred Muto
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Tom Nagatani
Harry Nakada
Tom Nakamoto
Pete Nakao
Tadashi Namba
Haruki Nitta
Kenji Nitta
Shigeo Nitta
Mas Noda
Setsuji Oda
Tom T. Ohara
Gengi Okura
Kay Oshiyana
Frank Sagara
Akira Sakamoto
George Sakamoto
Jim Shiba
Bill Shibuya
George Shibuya
Mike Shimotsukasa
Roy Shiome
Ted Shoji
Richard Suenaka

Hiro Tabuchi
Yosh Takayama
Fred Takemoto
Henry Takemoto
Shigematsu Takeyasu
Fred Takimoto
Shigeo Takimoto
Tosh Takimoto
Berry Tamura
George Tamura
Frank Y. Tanaka
Yutaka Tatewaki
Kinuya Tatsumi
George Masato Tokunaga
Kiyoshi Tomiye
George Tsukashima
Herbert Tsutsui
Kaoru Tsutsui
Mitsuo Usui
Rokuro Watanabe
Bob Yamabe
Bob Yamanaka
John Yamano
Mas Yamano
Sekai Yamanouye
Shig Yamaoka
Shigeto Yasuda
Hideo Yokomizo
Tatsuo Yorita
Imaharu Yoshimura

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY
HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Udon Fundraiser

Saturday, February 22, 2020
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

It is time again for the Temple's *delicious Udon Sale!*

The price of each udon is \$8.00.
You may eat at the Temple or take out.

Order deadline: Saturday, February 15, 2020.

You may place your order by putting your payment
and order form in SFVHBT's mail box at
SFV JACC, or by mailing the attached tear off,
or by contacting the temple:
sfvhbt@gmail.com or (818) 899-4030

Thank you for your continued support.

In Gassho,
San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

----- tear off -----

Udon Order

I wish to order _____ udon @ \$8.00 each
Total: _____

Please return this tear off with checks made payable to:

SFVHBT
9450 Remick Avenue
Pacoima CA 91331

Name _____

Phone or E-mail _____

Help!

On January 12, 2020
as a fundraiser during the New
Year's luncheon, we will be
holding a

Silent Auction

We need as many temple mem-
bers as possible to contribute
items for the silent auction.
These could include items or
services you might have or can
provide; or items that you might
request of friends or those you
do business with.

These might include, but are
not limited to:

Restaurant Meals	Movie Tickets
Home-cooked Meals	Event Tickets
Cooking Lessons	Local Tours
Dance Lessons	Spa Services
Vacation Packages	Haircuts
Automotive Services	Massages
Design Services	Paintings
Pet Services	Ceramics
Sewing Services	Jewelry

Time is short so we need every
temple member to put on your
thinking cap and see what you
might be able to contribute or
whom we might be able to
speak with about contributing
to our silent auction.

Remember how much fun we
had last January!

As soon as you have some-
thing, please email the temple
at sfvhbt@gmail.com

Gassho

Future Taiko Players:

SFV Taiko will be accepting new students to our group starting January 12, 2020 from 10:00—11:30 am. The first class is free to try it out. You know you've always wanted to learn taiko, so now is the time to start. Classes are held on Sundays at the SFV Japanese American Community Center. Beginners - 10:00 to 11:30 am; Intermediates - 12 noon to 1:30 pm

If you are interested in joining the classes, please email us at sfv.taiko@gmail.com and we'll put you on the email list so we can send you details of the class.



COORDINATING COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONS - MEETINGS - CONTACT PERSONS

Coordinating Council.....	1st Wed., 7:00 PM.....	Danny Okazaki.....	818 899-1989
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.....		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.....	818 517-7907
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 Takayama.....	818 601-6296
SFV Japanese Language Institute.....	2nd Sat., 8:30 AM.....	Kiyo Watanabe.....	818 237-8540
			818 896-8612 (Office)
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.....	Joy Longworth.....	818-896-7775

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

Call Tadao Okui
at 818-517-7907 or
email:
tadokui@aol.com

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

Email:
loisokui@aol.com

CC Deadline:
The 15th 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.....	Sam Nakata.....	818 894-5307
Bridge*.....	Monday.....	12:00-3:00 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.....	818 302-6658
Exercise Class.....	Friday.....	10:00-11:00 AM.....	Phil Shigekuni.....	818 893-1581
Hanafuda*.....	Friday.....	1:00-3:00 PM.....		818 899-1989
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.....		818 899-1989
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 (Winnetka Bowl).....	8:00-10:00 PM.....	Stan Date.....	818 701-6607
Tuesday Mah-Jong*.....	Tuesday.....	1:00-3:00 PM.....		818 899-1989
Friday Mah-Jong*.....	Friday.....	1:00-3:00 PM.....		818 899-1989
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
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

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



**SAN FERNANDO VALLEY
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9450 Remick Avenue, Pacoima
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www.sfvibt.org

Resident Minister: Rev. Patricia Usuki
Temple Co-Presidents:
Priscilla Mui and Jean Taguchi

Sundays, 11:00 am Dharma School

December

- 1 10:00 am Shotsuki monthly memorial and Bodhi Day service
- 8 6:00 am Mochitsuki (no service)
11:00 am - 2:00 pm Mochi pick-up
- 15 10:00 am Music service
- 19 10:30 am Service at Nikkei Senior Gardens
- 21 9:30 am Dharma discussion
- 22 10:00 am Regular service
- 28 9:30 am Dharma discussion
- 29 10:00 am Regular service
- 31 6:00 pm New Year's Eve service

January 2020

- 1 10:00 am New Year's Day service
- 4 9:30 am Dharma Discussion
- 5 10:00 am Shotsuki monthly memorial service
- 12 10:00 am Ho-onko: Shinran Shonin's memorial service, New Year luncheon, Silent Auction
- 16 10:30 am Service at Nikkei Senior Gardens
- 18 9:30 am Dharma discussion
- 19 10:00 am Regular service
- 26 10:00 am Regular service

February

- 1 9:30 am Dharma Discussion
- 2 10:00 am Shotsuki monthly memorial service, annual general meeting
- 9 10:00 am Nehan-e: Shakyamuni Buddha's memorial service
- 15 9:30 am Dharma Discussion
- 16 10:00 am Regular service
- 22 Udon fundraiser

** Drop My Ego - everyone welcome!
Learn something new and live
life to the fullest!*

Please contact SFVHBT for class location and other information or to sign up. Cost is \$35 for 3 or more DME classes throughout the year or \$15/class.



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(2 blocks east of Laurel Canyon Blvd.
between Branford and Osborne St.)

Office Phone:

818 896-1676 (English)
(818) 899-4115 (Japanese)

Please refer to our website for more information: www.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

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
United Methodist
Church**

(Formerly West Valley
UMC merged with Chatsworth UMC)

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

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

E-mail: chatsworthumc@juno.com
FAX: 818 341 1271

Pastor: Karen Murata
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
Tommy Matsuda

www.ska.org
818 999-0412

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

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,
couples, and families. Please call.

Phone: 818-782-8738
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Newsletters in English and Japanese are
posted on our website.

Seminary Classes taught by Pastor Paul in
Biblical Studies and Greek/Hebrew.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CC

December 4, 2019
CC General Meeting &
Coordinating Council Dinner

December 14, 2019
SFV Japanese Language
Institute Holiday Program

December 14, 2019
SFV JACL Holiday Program

December 26 - 31, 2019
Nikkei Pioneer Building closed
due to floor maintenance

January 11, 2020
CC 60th Anniversary & New
Year's Luncheon at the
Odyssey Restaurant

January 18, 2020
SFV Meiji Senior Club New
Year's Luncheon

January 26, 2020
SFV Judo Club Tournament

January 26, 2020
SFV Judo Club Super Bowl Party

Saturday, December 14th, 2019 - 2 PM
SFV JACC / 12953 Branford Street / Pacoima

HOLIDAY MUSICAL SHOW

Free Admission
FREE Goodie Bag for All kids
FREE Photo with Santa Claus (for Everyone)

Lots of Christmas and Holiday Songs
Sung by the
Grateful Crane Ensemble

Obento Tickets - \$10 / pre-order deadline Dec 8th / See any JACLer
Athletics Bake Sale & Pizza Slice - \$2
Call or email to reserve your Goodie Bag by Dec 11th
(818) 899-7916 / pe.high.mtch@gmail.com
Leave your name, phone number
of kids and their ages

This Free Event is sponsored by SFV JACL



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2020 MEMBERSHIP FORM

(Membership Period: January 1 to December 31, 2020)

1. Complete the information below.

2. Make check payable to "SFVJACC".

3. Send your check and this form to: SFVJACC

Address above in the
left hand corner.

Family Membership - \$60.00

Single Membership - \$40.00

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Name _____ Phone _____
(Last Name) (First Name)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address _____

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If you would like to receive the newsletter in digital form instead of a hard copy, please check the box.

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Thank you for supporting our Community Center.

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