



# SAN FERNANDO VALLEY JAPANESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY CENTER

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## Bingo!

By Lois Okui

On November 7th, the Community Center would have held the Super Bingo Fundraiser, our biggest fundraiser of the year but because of the COVID-19 pandemic, it wasn't possible this year. With the Center being closed for most of the year, the CC Board wanted to do something to let our membership know that the Center is still here so we held a virtual bingo event—what we called Pandemic Bingo.

The response was great—with 85 people playing! Doing an event virtually was quite a challenge for us, especially since many of us are not techie people. Thanks to Bing Lau and Fuyumi Hashimoto, everything went smoothly.

People seemed to enjoy the social hour, especially since they hadn't seen each other for months. Fuyumi, acting as the coordinator of the event, made this possible by setting up Zoom breakout rooms where people were able to meet in smaller groups, making it easier to visit with each other.

Bing handled the bingo board, as well as taking on the role of emcee. He made the evening fun, doing things like a "dance off" when there was a 3-way tie for bingo. Someone even commented that he was better than actor/comedian Ken Jeong, TV host of "I Can See Your Voice". Quite a compliment!

We played five bingo games with multiple winners for each game. The lucky bingo winners: Linda Asao, Randy Burris, Kimiaki Chiba, Debbie Ching, Shirley Docken, John Doomey, Lauren Kanagi, Jayne Komoto, Greg Lew, Ken Mui, Sharlene Miyagishima, George Oda, Danny Okazaki, Takie Ono, Greg Sugioka, Patty Takayama, Wesley Tanijiri, Darlene Yamauchi and Megan Young. The winner of the blackout game was Eiji Sato and as a bonus a second winner was added with Linda Asao being the winner.

Besides playing bingo, Bing set up a "Wheel of Names" with all 85 players' names on it and everyone had a chance to win more prizes. Winners were Linda Asao, Randy Burris, Araceli Cano, Debbie Ching, Jill Clever, Greg Lew, Sharlene Miyagishima and Kenso Nomura.

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

From our family to yours, we wish everyone a happy holiday season!

As my presidential term is coming to an end, I want to thank the board for all their support and guidance to do what we felt best for our members. I am also very happy with the incoming board that will be led by Danny Okazaki. In addition, Liz Doomey will continue to serve on the board. Newly elected board member, Charles Muranaka, will bring fresh ideas and youthful energy. Garry and Joy

Monji will head a grant writing project.

I will continue on the CC Cabinet as 3rd vice president with a goal to bring to a vote on a proposed Project Nozomi, the new multi-purpose building and new full time Center Director.

It has been a hard year for the Board dealing with COVID 19 with our main goal of trying to keep our members physically and socially active. We have successfully reopened Judo with no contact exercises while complying with L A County COVID-19 guidelines. The Board has also tried various online programs for our seniors. I was especially happy with the Pandemic Bingo event which combined the thrill of playing Bingo with social contact through small chat rooms where members could see and talk to others in a smaller setting. We need help to identify and provide services to those who would like to participate in future online events.



Judo Outdoor Class

Let's all look forward and help make plans when we can come together safely to make SFVJACC a place where our community can gather for cultural, athletic, social and educational events.

Sincerely,  
Kay Oda  
SFVJACC President



### **NOTICE TO 2020 CC MEMBERS**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and because the Community Center was closed most of the 2020 year, the CC Board has decided to waive **2021 membership fees** to current members.

Thank you members for your understanding and patience during this difficult time.

### *In Loving Memory...*

Our thoughts and condolences go out to the families of —

Walter Fujimori  
Robert Kobata



## **Class Of 2021**

### **High School and College Students**

#### **Announcing 2021 Scholarships**

Deadline: April 15, 2021

A variety of opportunities are available for you.

#### **Dr. and Mrs. Sanbo Sakaguchi**

For academic excellence

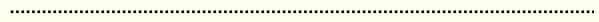
#### **Lily Sakaguchi Thibodeaux Scholarship**

For Leadership and Service

#### **Mrs. Kazuko Sakaguchi**

For Visual or Performing Arts

Contact: [nancyoda64@gmail.com](mailto: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 9 for descriptions of the scholarships.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**For the Months of October and November 2020**

**Donations**

Robert & Juliet Ozawa, Ernest & Noreen Ozawa,  
 Janice & Lance Updyke and Families.....  
 In memory of mother Hideko Ozawa  
 SFV Taiko .....  
 From their Face Mask Fundraiser done in June  
 Helen Oda Abe .....  
 In honor of Kay and Nancy Oda for their civic  
 volunteerism  
 Brenda Reitz .....  
 Farmers Employee Reward Program  
 Joanne Nakamura.....  
 In memory of husband Mark Nakamura  
 MUFG Union Bank, N. A.....  
 For the 60th Anniversary Legacy Booklet  
 Anonymous .....  
 Anonymous .....  
 Roy Iketani .....  
 In memory of wife Nancee Iketani  
 Ikuyo Sakaguchi.....  
 Madeline Corpuz.....  
 In memory of husband Jimmy Corpuz  
 Gary Monji.....  
 Cherry Uyeda.....  
 Jill Yoshizawa.....  
 Farmer's Employees Rewards Program  
 Anonymous .....  
 In memory of Nancee Iketani  
 Mary Endo.....  
 In memory of Timbo Whitesell

**Use of Facilities**

Jan & Co .....  
 Country Western Music.....

**Miscellaneous**

Estate of Zinnia Seiko Kawakami Cameron .....  
 ..... 2 Boxes of Family DVD videos

*Thank you for your generous donations!*

**2021 SFVJACC Board of Directors**

Liz Doomey

Bing Lau

Sharlene Miyagishima

Charles Muranaka

Danny Okazaki - President

Jeremy Tsuneishi

Kiyo Watanabe

**Cabinet Members**

Denise Tanaka - Treasurer

Lois Okui - Secretary

Tadao Okui - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Akiko Manka - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Tiffany Pearlstein - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Kay Oda - 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President

**Grant Writers**

Garry and Joy Monji

**County Supervisor Kuehl and LA County Food Bank Food distribution**

On October 14 and November 17, the SFVJACC and Bert Corona Charter School co-hosted a free drive thru food distribution to community members in need. This event was put on by the L A County Food Bank and Supervisor Shiela Kuehl and served about 2,300 families.



The Center was well represented by John Doomey and Kiyo Watanabe who oversaw this event for the Center. This was a small part in helping our neighbors and community in need.

Pictured: Ruben Duenas (on left) and Kirk Takeyama (on right) from Bert Corona and Kiyo Watanabe and John Doomey (center) from the CC.



# SFV Meiji Senior Citizens Club News

By Liz Doomey

It's been a little over nine months since we closed the Center because of COVID-19. I'm sure you feel the same as I do, that we can't wait for the day this virus is under control and we can visit again. We had to cancel the annual New Year's Luncheon for 2021. The Meiji Club officers are meeting to decide ways we can honor our recognition of the 85 years young members and other events for 2021. Currently, we rely on using email addresses to send the CC Newsletter and are having bi-monthly virtual gathering to keep in contact with members. If you have not heard from us, please send your email address to me and I will add your name to the list. On the second Monday of each month, we do games and other demonstrations. The fourth Monday we do Bingo. The virtual meetings start at 10:30 AM for about an hour. Suggestions are accepted for future forums. I encourage you to keep busy, reach out to family and friends during this time of isolation. Your mental health is very important.

I welcome any comments that you would like to share. Send them to me and I will pass them along to the membership. [lizdoomey@yahoo.com](mailto:lizdoomey@yahoo.com) or 818-892-7381.

Below is the schedule for the Keiro December virtual forums. These have been fun and informative so go to Keiro.org and register for their forums.

Have a safe and healthy holiday season and pray for a better 2021.

Date	Time	Keiro Forum	Presenter
December 1 Tuesday	10:30-11:30 am	Pop Culture Series Week 5: Social Media	Kelsey Uyeda
December 2 Wednesday	10:30-11:30 am	Conversation Kitchen: Black Sesame Cookies	Keiro Staff Member
December 3 Thursday	3:00-4:00 pm	Sharing Our Mother's Recipes	Marion Nishimura NJ Nakamura
December 8 Tuesday	10:30-11:30 am	Pop Culture Series Week 6: Nerd Media	Kelsey Uyeda
December 9 Wednesday	10:30-11:30 am	Mochi Madness	Keiro Staff Member
December 10 Thursday	3:00-4:00 pm	Feel Good Vibes - Favorite Holiday Songs	Kelsey Uyeda
December 15 Tuesday	10:30-11:30 am	Pop Culture Series Week 7: Disney	Kelsey Uyeda
December 18 Friday	4:00-5:00 pm	Kokoro no Hashi - Performances of Dance, Magic and Singing	High School Students will perform

## Bingo! - Continued from front page.

We want to thank everyone who participated in this virtual event. We also want to thank our donors for their generous donations which made this event such a success.

We hope to do many more virtual events in the coming months, especially after receiving many positive comments about the Pandemic Bingo.

### A BIG Thank You to the Following for Donating so Generously to the Pandemic Bingo Event.

Anonymous  
Mitsu Asaoka  
Willard and Jill Clever  
Terry and Shirley Docken  
John and Liz Doomey  
FIA Insurance Services, Inc.  
Fuyumi Hashimoto  
Will Nakada  
Richard and NJ Nakamura  
Garland and Debbie Nicklaus  
Kay and Nancy Oda  
Tadao and Lois Okui  
SFV Japanese Language Institute

## FACEBOOK FUNDRAISER FOR THE CC

Done by Liz Doomey

Thank you to the following members and friends for their generous donations! \$3,305 was raised!  
Proceeds will go towards the ongoing cost of supplies used for reopening the Community Center.

Jean Asuncion	Reiko Moriguchi
Michael Pacelli & Shuko Akune	Dennis & Marion Murphy
Rose Bystrom	Eiko Muto
Kevin Couey	Douglas Nakada
Grace Dacenay	Marion Nishimura
Terry & Shirley Docken	Kay & Nancy Oda
John & Liz Doomey	Arthur & Lila Okamura
Tim Elliott	Barbara Okita
Kaori Hall	Julie Otake
Hideko Hamamoto	David & Diane Plaskow
Debbie Henson	Joanne Ritoper
Joan Ishihara	Lillian Sasaki
Dick & Pauline Kaku	Eji & Marge Sato
Chisato Kanagi	Ken & Ritsuko Shinbashi
Josephine Kane	Naomi Suenaka
Pat Kasahara	Benjamin Suillion
Al & Mitzi Kushida	Denise Tanaka
Ike & Yoshi Matsuda	May Wood
Meiji Ondo Group	Janet Yamamoto
Garry Monji	Minoru & Yukiko Yoshimoto

# 2020 Quarantined School Celebrations

School celebrations were very different in 2020. Let's take a moment to celebrate some of our younger CC members



Charlie Reyman  
5th Grade



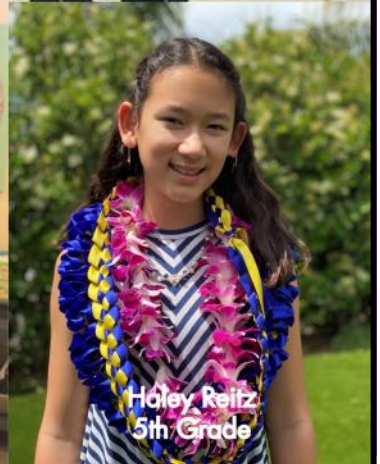
Kyle Oda  
8th Grade



Gavin Banayo  
6th Grade



Joshua Lee  
5th Grade



Haley Reitz  
5th Grade



Jaren Huang  
8th Grade



Kaelyn Yoshizawa  
5th Grade



Jenna Weiss  
5th Grade





Taylor Kwai  
8th Grade



Deegan Nakama  
Kindergarten



Magdalena Paloma  
8th grade



Allyson Nagatsuka  
5th grade



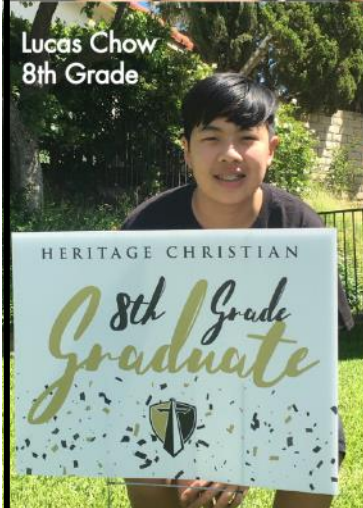
Mikah Chi  
Kindergarten



Lucas Wimmer  
Kindergarten



Aila Low  
Kindergarten



Lucas Chow  
8th Grade



Harrison Hirota  
8th Grade



Quinn Suarez  
6th Grade

Nolan Suarez  
8th Grade



Lindsey Kadonaga  
8th Grade



Caleb Jin  
6th Grade



Spencer Chinn  
8th Grade



# San Fernando Valley Japanese Language Institute

By Kiyo Watanabe, PTA President

In our 97th year and despite a pandemic, SFVJLI is still going strong with virtual online classes with limited events scheduled throughout the school year.

Our Panda Express Online Fundraisers are scheduled once a month until March 2021. We had successive Panda days in October and November already. We want to thank everybody that supported SFVJLI by signing up with online orders. Our next monthly fundraiser is Saturday, December 5th. The link for this fundraiser is -

<https://community.pandaexpress.com/virtual-fundraiser/events/promotions/ad48e497-f43d-29a9-c31a-210da1233297/en/landing>

Tokyo Central/ Marukai Gift Certificates that supports Japanese school are available for purchase. Please email [sfvjli@hotmail.com](mailto:sfvjli@hotmail.com) or call us, SFVJLI: (818) 896-8912; Kiyo Watanabe (818) 237-8540 if you're interested.

Please check out our website: [www.sfvjli.com](http://www.sfvjli.com) For direct donations, we have a brand new "Donate" clickable link that you may want to try.



We have our school hoodie sweatshirt, t-shirt, and hats for sale. If you would like to support and display the strength of our school and community, please call our school office or reach out to Kiyo Watanabe (818) 237-8540. We will try our best to get the gift certificates or school attire to you by no-contact transaction or by mail.



The final day of JLI's 2020 school year is December 19, 2020 which is the day of our Holiday Program. We are planning to have a special guest join us at the online Virtual Program.

SFVJLI hopes that everyone stay safe and we wishes to see you soon.



LITTLE TOKYO  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## 8th Annual Imagine Little Tokyo Short Story Contest Seeking Entries

"Imagine Little Tokyo" the 8<sup>th</sup> annual short story contest sponsored by The Little Tokyo Historical Society, (LTHS) is accepting submissions for its 2021 short fiction story contest. The three competition categories are: English language, Japanese language and youth (18 years and under). The short story contest is sponsored by the LTHS in partnership with the Japanese American National Museum's (JANM) Discover Nikkei project. The submission deadline is: Sunday, February 28, 2021.

First prize in each of the categories is \$500 and publication of the winning stories in the Rafu Shimpo and JANM's online portal: Discover Nikkei. The story must be original, fiction, and written either in Japanese or English language. For more information and guidelines, see "Imagine Little Tokyo Short Story Contest" or view [littletokyohs.org](http://littletokyohs.org) for more information.

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic the normal announcement celebration was held virtually earlier this year for the 2020 contest winners, but portions of the Imagine Little Tokyo Short Story Contest awards celebration were recorded and appear on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) with dramatic readings of the winning stories.

By: Patricia Takayama





## Two Babies in a Manger

By Old Wakaba, Bud Sagara

The following story is set in a time before the COVID-19 pandemic when families and friends could celebrate in warm Christmas gatherings. The holidays this year will not be the same as we spend them together, yet physically apart. We bid you to keep safe, healthy and hopeful for the coming year.

Eiji was on his phone swiping through photos from friends on Instagram to see what they were doing. He came across a photo of them out to dinner and thought, "Why didn't they invite me?"

There were times like this when Eiji would sink into an ocean of disappointment about what's missing in his life. From the outside, he appeared to have checked off all the boxes that society says leads a person to happiness, fulfilment and success. He had a good job, lots of friends, and drove a nice car; but the allure of all these things didn't satisfy an undefined yearning hidden within him.

Eiji had a wonderful girlfriend, Kim, whom he knew was very different from him in her outlook. Kim was the most beautiful woman Eiji had ever met, but her real beauty shone from within her. She was kind, gentle and quick to love others by caring for their needs. When Eiji was with her, he felt complete. It wasn't like a crazy rush of emotions or prancing through a meadow like in a Hallmark movie; it was the calming peace of being safe and secure.

There was one issue in their relationship that kind of bugged Eiji. Kim would sometimes ask him to join her for church service on Sunday or attend other church activities. He begrudgingly attended the few church events just to please her. When he did go with her, Eiji realized that going to Kim's church wasn't that bad, especially attending the pot lucks with all the home cooked dishes from many ethnic cultures. The dessert table was usually so fabulous that Eiji considered masquerading as a Christian for that reason alone. Eiji observed that the other church members were like Kim in that they were so welcoming, loving, and so full of life; not like the people with whom he normally associated who were self-centered and usually complaining about something.

One December day, Eiji agreed to accompany Kim to visit the local homeless shelter to help with a Christmas program that Kim's church volunteered to put on for the residents. Kim was responsible for the crafts tables for the children. Eiji's main job was to set up the tables with the materials needed for the children to build a nativity scene. One of the volunteers began by telling the children the well-known story of Joseph and Mary arriving in Bethlehem and finding that there was no room at the inn for them to stay except in the stable where the animals were kept. The stable was a dark and smelly place, but that's where the baby Jesus was born and placed in a manger. A manger is a feeding trough for animals. Who would have thought that the only Son of God would have a manger for his bed?

After the Christmas story was told, the children were given pre-cut pieces of cardboard to glue together to build a manger and small cutouts of baby Jesus and animals to color to place in their nativity scene. Yellow sheets of paper were also cut into strips by the children to represent the straw floor of the scene. As the children were busy working on their nativity scenes, Eiji could not help but marvel how Kim would move from table to table assisting the children all the while encouraging and complimenting them on their creations. Her glowing love for the children filled the room and it somehow affected Eiji also. He wanted to be a part of that love, he wanted to serve and spread love to others like Kim did.

Instead of sitting on the sidelines as he usually did, Eiji rose and walked to a table to help the children like Kim. As he looked closely at a nativity scene made by one of the boys, he noticed that there were two baby Jesus cutouts in a rather lopsided manger. He asked the boy why there were two babies in the manger. The boy simply explained, "I wanted to give the baby Jesus a gift like the wise men, but I don't have anything to give. So I prayed and Jesus told me that He would be happy if I stayed close to Him always." That's why the boy put two babies in the manger. One was the baby Jesus and the other was him. Eiji asked the boy why he would always want to be with Jesus. The boy replied, "Because Jesus loves me and He will never leave me."

It was like bells and whistles went off in his head as his tears began to flow. Eiji could see for the first time what had been missing in his life. He had met Jesus of Nazareth through the faith of that boy. Observing that Eiji was in some kind of distress, Kim had made her way over to ask him if he was OK. As Eiji explained to Kim the revelation he had just experienced, tears of joy began to run down her cheeks also. "I've been praying for you to meet Jesus for such a long time. Praise God," she whispered as they held each other tightly.

In the gospel of Luke 15: 4-7, Jesus tells this parable, "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent." God loves each one of us so much that he sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, to seek us when we are lost and he will continue that search until all his children have been restored to him. The real meaning of Christmas is love in action; every time you love others by word and deed, the true light and joy of Christmas shines brightly.



Jesus

**The light and joy  
of the world**

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



**All Scholarship Applications Now Available on the CC Website -  
Go to [www.sfvjacc.com](http://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.

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**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.

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**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, 2021.

**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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 a date and place to be determined.**



**SAN FERNANDO VALLEY  
HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE**

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www.sfvhbt.org

Resident Minister: Rev. Sala Sekiya  
Temple President: Carolyn Sanwo

Due to the COVID-19 situation, services are being held via Zoom until further notice. Please contact the temple if you wish to be included on the invitation list. All other temple activities have been cancelled or postponed until further notice. Please check our website for updates. Thank you, and be safe and well.

**December**

- 6 10:00 am Shotsuki monthly memorial and Bodhi Day service
- 13 10:00 am Regular service
- 20 10:00 am Regular service
- 27 No service
- 31 6:00 pm New Year's Eve service

**January 2021**

- 1 10:00 am New Year's Day service
- 3 No service
- 10 10:00 am Shotsuki monthly memorial service
- 17 10:00 am Ho-onko: Shinran Shonin's memorial service
- 24 10:00 am Regular service
- 31 10:00 am Regular service

Your donations gratefully accepted:  
- PayPal on [sfvhbt.org](http://sfvhbt.org) or  
- check mailed to SFVHBT (address above)



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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

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, services and meetings are being done virtually. Visit our website for more information.

Join us for services Sundays at 10:00 am through our livestream at

<https://www.facebook.com/crosswaychurchsfv/>



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**Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors**

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**Pastor: Karen Murata**  
**Lay Leader: Jim Melichar**

Due to the changing times of the COVID-19 pandemic, services are being held on Sundays at 10 am and bible study on Thursdays at 10 am and 7 pm through Zoom.

If you would like to join the services or bible study meetings, call (818) 341-1270 or email at [chatsworthumc@juno.com](mailto:chatsworthumc@juno.com)



**SUNRISE FOURSQUARE  
CHURCH**

Church address:  
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Valley Village, CA 91607

Pastors:  
Rev. Paul Iwata  
Rev. James Iwata

Join us for our worship services on Sundays at 10:30 am through Facebook at

[https://www.facebook.com/pg/sunrisejapanesechurch/posts/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/sunrisejapanesechurch/posts/?ref=page_internal)

## **COORDINATING COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONS - MEETINGS - CONTACT PERSONS**

Coordinating Council .....	3rd Wed., 7:00 PM.....	Danny Okazaki. ....	818 899-1989
Community Center.....	1st 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: lois_okui@sfvjacc.com
Chatsworth West United Methodist Church.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	2nd Sun., 1:00 PM.....	Rev. Karen Murata.....	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
SFV Bonsai Club .....	4th Sun., 8 AM-12 PM..	Kazuhiko Nakanishi ..	805 492-3439
SFV Hongwanji Buddhist Temple.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	2nd Mon., 7:30 PM.....	Carolyn Sanwo .....	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..	2nd Fri., 12:30 PM.....	Ritsuko Shinbashi .....	818 892-0470
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

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The 15th of every odd  
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## **SPECIAL CLASSES**

Arts & Crafts .....	Monday .....	10:00 AM-12:00 PM.....	Sally Hamamoto .....	818 361-2902
Ballroom Dance.....	Tuesday .....	7:00-9:00 PM .....	Barbara Okita .....	818 784-5128
Bowling*, Matador Bowl.....	Thursday.....	9:30 AM .....	Sam Nakata .....	818 894-5307
Bridge* .....	Monday .....	12:00-3:00 PM.....	Ray Shinsato.....	818 767-5550
Country Western Music*.....	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.....	Call CC office .....	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.....	Mayumi Dennis .....	818 224-3346
Japanese Calligraphy .....	1st/3rd Thursday .....	9:30-11:00 AM.....	Call CC office .....	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.....	Call CC office .....	818 899-1989
Friday Mah-Jong* .....	Friday.....	1:00-3:00 PM .....	Call CC office .....	818 899-1989
Ondo Dancing* .....	2nd/4th Friday.....	7:00-9:00 PM .....	Janet Yamamoto .....	818 365-8361
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
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## **SUPPORT GROUPS & SERVICES**

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

(Times for the podiatrist is approximate.)

\*Meiji Senior Citizens' Activity or Service

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



## News From The Gardens...

By Mayumi Barr, Director of Life Enrichment

Nikkei Senior Gardens celebrated their Halloween Festival on October 29th. Their traditional event was a little different than prior years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For instance residents and team members who dressed up, incorporated face coverings in their costumes and everyone maintained social distancing while participating in activities. The hallways and rooms were decorated in

Halloween colors, and residents were delighted to see the giant jack-o-lanterns, spider-webs, ghosts, witches, and many not-so-scary objects throughout the community. Residents dressed-up as trick-or-treaters and were given goody bags and sticker game cards to complete six missions. Some of the missions required residents to play hands-on games, go through a giant spooky maze, take a math quiz, and complete Stroop effect brain teasers. The final mission was held in the dining hall for the pumpkin decorating voting. This year's entries for the pumpkin decorating contest varied from cute, funny, realistic and creative. Residents voted for what they felt was the best



Hiromi N. created "Hawaiian Bride" pumpkin and won 3rd place.



Tomiye Y. won 1st place with "Cowboy Pumpkin".



Winners in the Team Members category are Jeanette Torres, Amber Washington and Diana Maldonado.

decorated pumpkin submission from thirty-six Assisted Living and Memory Support residents, and five team member submissions. For resident polls, First place was awarded to Tomiye Y. with "Cowboy Pumpkin" and for the team member polls, the winner was Jeanette Torres with "Mischievous skeletons on a pumpkin carriage." Upon completing all missions, residents received special prizes and had Halloween-themed cupcakes and drinks to close the fun-filled festival.



Satoko Y. received 2nd place with "Cute Little Girl" pumpkin.

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