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JORDYN CROWNED 77TH NISEI WEEK QUEEN

By NJ Nakamura



The SFVJACC's candidate, Jordyn Adachi, was selected as the 2017 Nisei Week Queen. Her family, friends and many community members were there to support her at the Nisei Week Coronation ceremony, held August 19, at the Aratani Theater in Little Tokyo. Also in the audience was her grandmother, Carolyn Sato, who was a Nisei Week princess in the 1960s.

As Nisei Week Queen, Jordyn, and the court members, will be actively involved with the local Japanese American community. They will also serve as ambassadors for Little Tokyo during their visits to Nagoya, Japan, Honolulu and San Francisco. It is Jordyn's desire that she will be able to continue to promote the feeling of family and traditions among the Japanese Americans and Japanese.



Congratulations Jordyn!

Queen Jordyn with (L-R) Nancy Oda, CC President Danny Okazaki, 2016 Nisei Week Queen Jaclyn Tomita, Kiyo Watanabe and daughters, Tenka and Asuka and NJ Nakamura.

Steak Dinner Nite

By Tadao Okui

Steak Dinner Nite was once again a huge success. This was the second year Steak Dinner Nite was revisited. It seems more than twenty years ago the men of the CC would set up a big brick BBQ in the middle of the patio near the gym and BBQ steaks to order. Everyone would bring their own plates, forks and knives and enjoy a good steak along with trimmings. This year Jeremy Tsuneishi once again purchased the whole boneless rib eye and this time with help from Kiyo Watanabe, Bing Lau, Tiffany Pearlstein, Kay Oda, John Doomey and Tadao Okui cut the roast into very nice looking steaks. BBQing the steaks to perfection were Kiyo Watanabe, Jeremy Tsuneishi, John Doomey, Kay Oda and Danny Okazaki.

Thank you to Liz Doomey for setting up all the volunteers, Bing Lau for the music and the many volunteers listed on page 5.

The board decided to help support the Budokan with a 50/50 raffle drawing, raising over \$500. Thank you to all who participated. Bingo games were played and everyone seemed to have a good time. Thank you to Dr. Bo and Iku Sakaguchi for providing the cakes for dessert.

All in all it was a good night for families to get together and have a fun time.

* Pictures and acknowledgements on page 4 and 5.



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

By Danny Okazaki, SFVJACC President

I want to start off thanking all the volunteers and amazing people who make the San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center a unique and special place that young and old can all feel proud to be a member of!

One of the most rewarding things about being on the board is learning the history of the CC and meeting the people that volunteer their time, as well as the many members, all making our community center a fun and memorable place to meet, learn and play. Your kindness and generous donations, impact our kids, friends, family and visitors, with lasting moments or teaching opportunities, which you may not realize will help their future, in addition to our Center. Being a volunteer is not just a generous gift of your time, fixing of a problem, or fulfilling a duty; it helps change lives, build friendships, educate others, and create the safe environment for our families and future families. Even the small acts can have enormous value to one or many people, which is what I wanted to take this time to thank you all for.

I have learned many things over the last 10+ years that I have been a member, first as a parent, then as a coach, and humbly the last few years serving on the board under the guidance and great leadership of Nancy Oda and Paul Jonokuchi. Today we serve over 800 members providing a variety of activities including language classes, clubs, sports and social events to meet the needs of the diverse Nikkei community, and only because of the sacrifices of the volunteers. If you have not looked, visit the website www.sfvjacc.com for our updated calendar, recent newsletter, or just to see what has been happening at your center in familiar and new places.

Thank you again and I hope to see you at the upcoming annual membership meeting at 9:30 AM on December 2. Check the website for updated details.

Note: Danny became president after the passing of Paul Jonokuchi.



San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center

CC ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2017

9:30 - 10:30 AM

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- FINANCIAL STATUS
- FUTURE CC PROJECTS/VISIONS

**COME JOIN US FOR
THIS INFORMATIVE
MEETING AND
REFRESHMENTS.**



MEIJI SENIORS CLUB

We are still looking for seniors who would like to donate their time in becoming members of our board. You are invited to attend our meetings on the first Friday of each month in the conference room at 12:30 PM to see what we do and perhaps take an active interest in helping us create more programs for our seniors in the future.

The Community Center and Meiji Senior Citizens Club held a well-attended Judd Matsunaga Elder Law Seminar on August 26, 2017. The event was very informative and assisted several families with planning their estates. The 6 weeks Diabetes Workshop started on September 13th and ends on October 18th. We have 15 members attending this informative event.

Upcoming events: San Manuel Casino Trip will be on Oct. 18th. Check with Kay Yamada for sign-up sheet for this trip. Our next trip to Las Vegas will be on November 13 to 15, 2017. The sign-up forms are on the table in the lobby of Dr. Sanbo Sakaguchi Hall. Don't forget to turn in your form for Super Bingo. The deadline is October 16th for the November 4th Super Bingo.

Thank you, Liz Doomey, President.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

For the Months of July & August 2017

Donations

JACCC

Opportunity partnership

Mickey Lau

Sylvia Yamashita

In honor of her birthday

Greg Kimura

United Way Charitable Contribution

Use of Facilities

SFV Howanji Buddhist Temple

Hawaiian Island Creations

Koso/Marian Nakagawa

SFV JA CL

Crescent Bay Sports League

Ping Pong Club

Wednesday Nite Basketball

Tuesday Exercise Class

Hanafuda

Tuesday Mah Jong

Aloha Cub

Zumba

Kapunas

Thursday Nite Basketball

Senior Arts & Crafts

Tai Chi Class

Friday Exercise Class

SFV Japanese Language Institute

Hula Wahines

Friday Mah Jong

Miscellaneous

Coffee donation

Copier donation

Anonymous..... 2 (3 lbs.) Coffee

Anonymous..... 1 (3 lbs.) Coffee

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Don Akamine..... 1 (2 lbs.) Coffee

Flo Sato..... 1 Ream of copy paper

SFV Ballroom Dance..... 1 (3 lbs.) Coffee, 1 Box (500 ct.)
Coffee filters, 1 Pkg (50 ct.)
styrofoam cups

Smokey/Toshi Sugii..... 1 (3 lbs.) Coffee, 1 box green tea

Yone Takimoto..... 1 (2 lbs.) Coffee

DONATIONS TO HOT MEALS

For the Months of July & August 2017

Anonymous..... Japanese style apron

Mitsu Asaoka..... Ham

Pat Donato..... Cake for Karl and Sandy
Nobuyuki's anniversary

Michiko Tokunaga Kus..... Daifuku mochi, seaweed snacks

Evelyn Mitarai..... Birthday cake

Musashi Restaurant..... 4 (50 lbs.) Rice, 5 gal. shoyu, 5
gal. oil, 4 pkgs. chopsticks

George Oda..... Shoyu

Phil and Marion Shigekuni..... Dozen donuts

Robert and Linda Takayama..... 6 Flats of Strawberries

Yone Takimoto..... Takuwan

*Thank you so much for
your generous donations!*



Computer Classes at the Center thanks to Keiro and JA Foundation

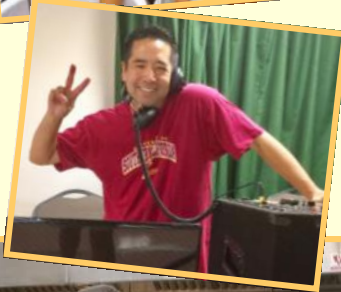
Thanks to grants from Keiro and the JA Foundation, the Center was able to set up a computer/smartphone program for the seniors. With the grants, we purchased eight laptop computers, a printer, a large screen TV for the conference room and accessories plus



a part-time instructor. Classes for the computer, iPhone and iPad started in August with about 50 seniors taking advantage of this great opportunity.

If you have any of these devices and would like to learn how to use them, contact the instructor, Nancy Takayama at nt.high.mtn@gmail.com or (818) 601-6296.

Steak Dinner Nite



Photos by Joy Longworth & Liz Doomey.
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Thank You to the Following For Their Generous Donations to Our Steak Dinner—

Morita Produce - 3 Boxes of Corn
Dr. Bo & Iku Sakaguchi - 4 Sheet Cakes



Lucky bingo winners!

Thank You to the Following For Helping and Giving Their Time

John Doomey	Kay Oda
Liz Doomey	Nancy Oda
Don Fujitani	Danny Okazaki
Audrey Fukunaga	Lois Okui
Hitomi Hashimoto	Tadao Okui
Toji Hashimoto	Tiffany Pearlstein
Bing Lau	Keiko Pinson
Diana Lau	Linda Takayama
Tre Lau	Robert Takayama
Joy Longworth	Curtis Takimoto
Linda Longworth	Margaret Takimoto
Wally Longworth	Denise Tanaka
Isabelle Miyata	Jeremy Tsuneishi
Doug Nakada	Wesley Tsuneishi
Gary Nakada	Asuka Watanabe
NJ Nakamura	Kiyo Watanabe
Richard Nakamura	Tenka Watanabe
Harvey Negoro	Clay Yahiro
Sandy Nobuyuki	Diane Yoneoka
Alexander Oda	Harris Yoneoka

SFVJACC Scholarship Recipient Taryn Manaka

By Nancy Oda



Taryn and her father, Tim Manaka.

The Lily Sakaguchi Thibodeaux Scholarship was presented to Taryn Manaka who is the youngest child of Tim and Akiko Manaka of Northridge who have been members of the SFVJACC for more than twenty years. She is attending Valparaiso University in Indiana after graduating from Charminade College Preparatory where she earned awards as a Scholar Athlete, for the Superior Debate Award and member of the honor roll.

Her extra curricular activities consisted of being the Junior Varsity Girls Basketball captain, as well as manager every year. She received the Blue Crew award for the hardest working student, and participated in STRUT which stands for "staying true together" that raised \$150 for an animal rescue. In summer of 2016, she worked at FIA Insurance as a clerk.

Her community involvement includes helping at the SFV Suzume no Gakkou summer camp, Pee Wee Clinic, NYABC special needs basketball clinic, Super Bingo, and New Year's events. She has been most instrumental in the success of the Center's newly formed Girl Scout troop with her mother, Akiko.

Taryn wrote that she would love to see the CC start a mission trip to help others who suffered during the earthquake tsunami. I think that if we went once a year, it would draw younger members to the center.

LILY NORIKO SAKAGUCHI THIBODEAUX

By Nicole Thibodeaux



Lily Noriko Sakaguchi Thibodeaux was born in Fresno, CA on September 20, 1921 as the sixth child of Hisaji and Shiichiro Sakaguchi. A self-proclaimed "Yankee Girl," Lily grew up on her family's farm in the San Fernando Valley and graduated from North Hollywood High School as an Epebian and Gold Seal Bearer. In 1940, she started college at UCLA, but her education was interrupted when her family was forcibly relocated to Manzanar Internment Camp. Having always identified as a proud American, Lily was deeply affected by the internment experience, but she made the best of her situation, teaching high school biology and tutoring children.

Upon leaving Manzanar, she resumed college at the University of Pennsylvania, graduating in 1948 with a B.A. in biological science and a lifelong pride of her Ivy League education. Prior to re-settling in Los Angeles to start her family, Lily had cultivated an accomplished scientific career, having served as a cancer and cytogenetics researcher for the National Academy of Science, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Always interested in self-improvement, she became a licensed lab

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LILY NORIKO SAKAGUCHI THIBODEAUX - Continued from page 5.

and x-ray technician in addition to earning her secondary teaching credential from CSUN and taking classes in real estate and investment. She spent the majority of her life working with her siblings, Dr. Sanbo Sakaguchi and Dr. Mary Oda, running the practice's lab and x-ray departments.

Lily was known for her fun, cheerful, and outgoing personality. At work, she enjoyed interacting with patients, many of whom would remark that she had a "twinkle in her eye." She lived for adventure, and her kids' fondest memories of her were their many skiing and camping trips. Having once owned a Jaguar, Lily loved fast cars and was known to weave wildly in and out of traffic.

Lily also had a passion for new knowledge and culture, which she attributed to her father. Anxious to pass it on to the next generation, she would take her kids and grandkids to concerts, art museums, and restaurants to try new food. Her interest in fine arts led her to collect contemporary art pieces, learn how to play the shamisen, and dabble in sumi-e painting.

Our family is proud to represent Lily's legacy of education and enjoying life. She showed us how to work hard and enjoy the spoils. She would be thrilled to support a young person seeking higher education and improvement of the Japanese-American community. From the Thibodeaux family to yours, *Best of Luck*, and remember that you will always find support in your JACC family!

CC YOUTH ACHIEVING HIS GOAL - FOR LOVE OF THE GAME – THE SEQUEL

Where has the time gone? It has been two years since SFVJACC graciously introduced my journey to it's members. As a recap, I am Keston Hiura who played baseball for the University of California, Irvine (UCI) from 2015 – 2017. I grew up playing basketball with the San Fernando Timberwolves for many years. Those memories will be with me forever.

My three years playing baseball at UCI was a dream come true. I would love to say I envisioned it while dreaming about my future. That would be a lie since I couldn't have imagined better results. Things were going great until I injured my throwing arm. As a result I couldn't play in the field and I became the Designated Hitter (DH). It would be easy to get discouraged but instead I saw this as a challenge. I've always believed in the words: "Trust in the process – Trust in Him". Things happen for a reason, God was testing me. This was the first time I was faced with a potential career altering injury. With hard work and the right frame of mind, I was able to play my last 1&1/2 seasons just by batting as a DH. Trust in Him.... During my college career I was honored with being selected as: All-American, Big West Conference Player of the Year, Team USA Collegiate National Team, and became the 2017 NCAA D1 batting average and on-base champion.



Keston Hiura with his parents, Kirk and Janice and sister, Lindsey, at the signing of his contract.

Fast forward to June 12, 2017. As I sat in the UCI clubhouse with my family, relatives, coaches and baseball teammates for the 2017 MLB Draft, all eyes glued to the television. I was nervous all day, couldn't eat or concentrate. By the way, I am in the middle of finals at UCI with one tomorrow. I remember the words distinctly...."And with the 9th selection in the Major League Baseball draft, the Milwaukee Brewers select Keston Hiura from the University of California, Irvine". The room erupted in a roar. Various publications had predicted me being selected anywhere from pick 15 – 25. If I had a healthy arm that possibly didn't require surgery I could have been a top 10 pick.

Trust in Him.... My grandfather who passed away three years earlier was my biggest fan. I ended my college career batting .442. I remembered my grandfather used to tell me stories about the 442nd Infantry Regiment from WWII. My grandfather's favorite number was 9, I was the 9th pick. Trust in Him...Trust in God. An article was written after the draft. It said I was the "highest selected Asian baseball player ever" in the MLB Amateur Draft. I never felt so proud to be an Asian American.

Since June I have been playing baseball with the Brewers minor league team affiliates in Arizona and Wisconsin. It turned out I didn't require surgery but instead I started a throwing and rehab program. I am now playing 2nd base and it has been a great experience so far. I've met many Brewers players and

wonderful fans. Just like in the movies, long bus rides, sleeping in strange hotel rooms with teammates, training, practices, and games, it's all good. I wouldn't give this up for anything. This has been my dream since I was a little kid playing in the Pony League. Still have a couple more chapters to reach in my dream.

Trust in the Process - Trust in Him. I was told on different occasions that I was too small, too slow, not good enough, it's just a dream, etc. All I can say is try your best, give 100%, set the bar high and strive to reach it. Do the best you can, try to improve on your personal qualities and goals instead of comparing yourself to others. With a little luck and hard work, you never know where it will lead you. I've never met Kevin Costner or Kelly Preston but maybe someday, with a little luck it might happen. Until that day arrives I am content with For Love of the Game – I do love it!



MARIAN CHUN HONORED AT NISEI WEEK AWARDS DINNER

By NJ Nakamura



Marian Chun was the recipient of the Nisei Week Inspiration Award. She was honored at the Nisei Week Awards Dinner, held on August 21, at the Double Tree Hotel in Little Tokyo.

Better known as "Aunty Marian," she helped to establish the Nisei Week Hospitality committee in 1973. During the annual Nisei Week festival, visitors and court members from the cities of Honolulu, San Francisco and Seattle were always treated with a trip to Disneyland, breakfasts, dinners, and tours of city.

Ohana is the Hawaiian word for family and Aunty Marian has set the example of taking care of everyone as if they were family members. Her example of Ohana is an inspiration because she has shown us that family members are NEVER forgotten or left behind.

SFV JAPANESE LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

By Carmen Aronis

The SFVJ Language Institute's 2017-2018 school got off to a good start with the first day of classes being on August 12. Currently there are 80 students enrolled for the classes that are held every Saturday from 8:30am to 12:30pm. Our Adult Conversation and Writing class also started on August 12 as well. Another Adult Writing and conversation class will be offered this winter. If you know anyone who is interested in learning Japanese, the 10-session course is held on Saturdays from 10:30am to 12:30pm for just \$280.

On September 16, our J1A, J1B, and J2 Classes visited Nikkei Senior Garden and performed for the seniors. They did a great performance and the seniors were delighted to interact with the children. It was a very special occasion.

This past Saturday, Sept 23, the J-School had a fire drill and fire presentation by J-School alumnus Assistant Chief Mike Takeshita. As always Mr. Takeshita held an engaging presentation to teach the students and faculty the importance of having an emergency plan and different interesting facts about fire safety. The students were also given different souvenirs from Mr. Takeshita. We truly appreciate his generosity in providing this presentation for our students.



We will be holding a Yard Sale on Saturday, October 14 from 8:30am to 12:30 pm. In the past our yard sales have been a huge success. Please come and shop around, you never know what treasure you may find! Also if you have any gently used items to donate that would be greatly appreciated as well.

SFVJLI will be holding our Annual Curry Sale Fundraiser at the end of October. The exact date has yet to be determined. Volunteers donate their time to lovingly prepare the yummy Curry. SFVJLI's president will notify the Community Center when the pre-order date for the Curry will

be. Please consider purchasing some, it's a great way to help support the J-School! Please contact Kiyo Watanabe at watanabekiyo@sbcglobal for more information.

Speaking of supporting the J-school, we have Marukai Gift Cards available for sale in \$10 increments. The school receives 6% of all proceeds from the sale of the gift cards. If you would like to purchase gift cards please contact Carmen Aronis at aronis79@gmail.com or Kiyo Watanabe at watanabekiyo@sbcglobal You can also support the J-school by simply liking us on Facebook!

Athletics - Tournament Updates



SHOYU UP

Pasadena Bruins Tournament Coed - Arroyo Division Champs

Back row (L-R): Lauren Tiangco, Emily Pham, Katie Kim, Kiele Ohashi

Front row (L-R): Scott Nimura, Troy Kadonaga, Andy Okazaki, Maddox Tsutsui

Coaches: Danny Okazaki, Liane Tiangco, & Kylie Okazaki

SF SAMURAI

Pasadena Bruins Tournament 6th Grade Champions

The boys played hard with all the players putting up points, grabbing rebounds and then enjoying downtime eating together.

Back row (L-R): Coach Dayna Tanaka, Lucas Chow, Nolan Suarez, Aidan Banayo, Harrison Hirota, Jaren Yee, Ethan Wong, Kyle Oda, Coach Russel Nakajima

Back row (L-R): Nick Kuroda, Bryce Iwai, Brennan Leem, Carsen Yahata



SF LAKERS

Hollywood Dodgers Tournament—Las Vegas 6th Grade Purple Champs

(L-R): Jared Doi, Ethan Kodama, Troy Kadonaga, Andy Okazaki, Kaden Wee, Tyler Chang, Scott Nimura

Coaches: Brent Doi & Rob Kodama



Athletics - Tournament Updates

SF SHARKS

Hollywood Dodgers Tournament—Las Vegas 9th Grade Champs

Back row from left to right

Akira Ishii, Allen Lew, Ethan Mo, Lemuel Li

Front row from left to right

Austin Lee, Evan Motoyasu, Nic Nguyen, Jaren Tanaka

Missing Tyler Minami and Coach Jason Tanaka



NYABC

Not Your Average Basketball Camp (NYABC) is running a special needs basketball clinic on October 29th, 2017. Their mission is space for participants to explore the game of basketball and offer one on one coaching/supervision for your child.

If you or anyone you know is interested in this wonderful opportunity, please contact curtistakimoto@gmail.com for additional information, cost, etc. by October 20th, 2017. Thank you!



RIBBON LEI WORKSHOP

Saturday, October 28, 2017

9:00 AM – 12 Noon

Dr. Sanbo Sakaguchi Hall

Fee: \$10



- We will be show how to make two different ribbon leis - the Braided lei and the Plumeria lei.
- We will supply ribbon for the Braided lei and a sample kit for the Plumeria lei to get you started.
- Please bring a doll making sewing needle, buttonhole thread (any color) and scissors.

Interested - contact Liz Doomey at (818) 429-4096 or Lois Okui at (818) 899-1989 by October 13, 2017.



The Santa Anas

By Old Wakaba, Bud Sagara

There is a hush over the hills and canyons of the Valley as we wait for the grand entrance. Nothing is moving until the first gentle breeze appears in the tops of the trees. They had travelled a long way from the hot, dry deserts; taking with them all the moisture in the air while sending the temperature soaring. They are the Santa Ana winds.

With their coming, the Valley takes on a stunning appearance with vivid hillsides through smog free air. It's easy to forget how beautiful the surrounding mountains are because we rarely get to see them so clearly, but there is also something in the air that makes one's hair stand on end. Within hours, the winds build strength as if Popeye has eaten his spinach. Trees bend, windows whistle, and boys coming home from school fly imaginary airplanes by holding their arms out in the gusts. Even plastic lawn chairs skitter across the patios as if ghosts were rearranging the furniture as gritty dust goes everywhere. The Santa Ana winds dance to an unpredictable tune as they crisscross the Valley floor. Newscasters warn their listeners to be watchful as the station's cameramen show us views of wind whipped trees in Porter Ranch. Firefighters are already manning their trucks on the winding canyon roads that cut through the tall dry brush of the hillsides. All it takes is one small spark to start a long, hot tragedy of misery, loss and death.



A wildfire announces itself with a grey plume of smoke as the winds distribute its distinctive smell around the Valley. Homeowners scurry around with their garden hoses to wet down their roofs and surrounding areas of their homes as other family members pack their cars with their valuables and pets in preparation for a sudden evacuation. Sheriff's Deputies begin the task to inform whole neighborhoods that the wildfire is coming. Command posts and emergency shelters at local schools are activated. As the flames sensually entwine with their partner, the Santa Anas, they emerge as an overpowering, unstoppable, red-orange beast that feasts on acres of brush and homes with an insatiable hunger. Man is no match for this beast as the homeowners drop their garden hoses and quickly exit in their cars. Only the brave teams of men and women in their helmets and yellow jackets who have answered the call of the fire bell are heading toward the wildfire instead of running from it. The helicopters and airplanes that buzz the canyons look like gnats when compared to the size of the fire at its peak. The firefighters and the pilots are fighting an unwinnable war at this point in the life of a wildfire where retreat is sometimes the best strategy. Why would anyone want to take such a dangerous job? So many kids want to be firefighters when they grow up, but probably should have thought further when faced with the beast. A shift in the wind could prove fatal as the thin line of firefighters and their trucks mark the boundary between disaster and calm.



After a couple of days of intense battle, the Santa Anas quietly slip away from the wildfire, leaving its lover to be slain by the brave warriors in the helmets and yellow jackets. After the wildfire has been contained, residents begin to return to their properties to see if the wildfire had spared or destroyed their lives. For those in the path of the wildfire, all that remains is a black tangled mess of what was a home and the personal treasures that perished there. A few residents begin to gently sift through the ashes to look for things that aren't there anymore. They may eventually find a bucket full of charred memories after all that digging in the rubble, but the devastation is for the most part complete. Some residents stand silently staring at the remains while others weep as if they were attending a funeral to pay their respects to the dead. It's hard to start a new life when everything around is dead, but that is actually the doorway to a new life.

Most of us survived the misery, smoke and heat of the recent La Tuna Canyon fire without harm. Again, the brave men and women of fire crews from all over California and neighboring states battled the fiery beast gallantly. My wife and I were able to see a small task force of ten fire trucks from places unknown lined up in the big Target parking lot near the CC. As they began to head out toward the fire lines, the traffic in both directions voluntarily stopped to allow the fire trucks to exit the parking lot in deference to heroes within them. It was like watching soldiers in formation going into battle. It reminded me of black and white photographs of the 100th Infantry of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in two long lines of soldiers marching on the side of a muddy Italian road to the front. There was no fanfare; only the quiet determination to do a job that needed doing, and then they were gone.

A wildfire devours all in its path and leaves only destruction. It would not be surprising for people to be at a total loss and fearful of what the future holds for them, but there is hope even in grave situations. Psalm 46:1-2 says, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth gives way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea." This tells us that in the face of utter destruction, even the end of the world, we can have quiet confidence in God's ability to save. God promises to save us spiritually for all eternity, but not necessarily to protect us from catastrophes or bodily harm while we live in this world. He is not a temporary retreat until a wildfire or violent storm passes, He is our eternal refuge and can provide strength in any circumstance. There is hope for all who believe in the life saving gospel and it is never too late to believe. God brings new life to his Creation from the dead and blackened soil of the fire areas by bringing the spring rains. This is a story of restoration in the aftermath of dark days and disasters where faith alone gives us hope that new life will come again.



THANK YOU SFV BONSAI CLUB!

On Sunday, August 13th, the SFV Bonsai Club did their annual trimming of the pine trees throughout the Community Center. Last year, they did the job on one of the hottest days of the summer and this year was no different. We really appreciate all the work and time the Club puts in to beautify the trees. We can't thank them enough!

Akira Kimura - Master

Kazuhiko Nakanishi - President

Takeyoshi Inoshita - Counselor

Shogo Wakamatsu - Past president

Osamu Yakura - Treasurer

Mikizo Suzuki - Secretary

Kuniaki Yamazaki - Past president

Javier Vallin

Shigetaro Murata - Treasurer



SFV Bonsai Club Meeting Schedule for 2017

October 22 4th Sunday
November 19 3rd Sunday
December 17 3rd Sunday
(Pot Luck Party)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Nancy Huynh
Heather Lee
Mikkie Loi

Kevin & Kelly Kanegi Lydick
Hiroko Kono
Chelsea Pinon
Darren & Katherine Stewart
Akemi Yamauchi

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
10 am - 12 pm

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

Helping Hands

By Nancy Oda

Preparing for a fun lunch fundraiser for Tuna Canyon was easy when the "Meiji Machine" got together with SFV Hawks parents and grandparents.

On October 8, four hundred guests will enjoy sweet candy treats wrapped in a furoshiki made one by one., a brainchild of Kiki Hiji and Barbara Maekawa. What looked like a huge job was minimized by Shirley Dockens, Liz Doomey, Kaori Hall, Doreen Kawamoto, Jan Kubota, Joy Longworth, Rose Maekawa, Reiko Moriguchi, Kay Oda, Hiroyo Sakaguchi, Stephanie Stewart, and Kay Yamada.

The LEGACY PROJECT is sponsored by the National Park Service Japanese American Confinement Sites grant. Project director, June Aochi Berk, will interview twenty five descendants who are the children of the Japanese, German, and Italian immigrants, and Japanese taken

from Peru during World War II to Tujunga. It is part of the traveling exhibit that has been to San Diego History Museum, Japanese American National Museum, Manzanar, Pasadena Playhouse, and Bolton Hall Museum. It will travel to the Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center and open there on October 20.

"Thank you to the San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center and it's amazing members who cheerfully help me," says Nancy Oda. Tickets are still available for this event at the Quiet Cannon in Montebello.

Contact: suewong911@gmail.com For further information see www.tunacanyon.org



San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple's

Yakisoba Fundraiser November 12, 2017

\$8.00 donation per plate

*Sale from
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM*

Pre-order strongly recommended.



To order, please contact: Aaron Sanwo
aaronsanwo@gmail.com
(661) 755-0584

Temple Office
sfvhbt@gmail.com
(818) 899-4030

Or, fill out the following form and mail with donation (no cash please) to: SFVHBT
9450 Remick Avenue
Pacoima, CA 91331

Please write: **YAKISOBA** on the outside of the order envelope

Order:	_____	Chicken yakisoba (\$8.00/plate)
	_____	Vegetable yakisoba (\$8.00/plate)
Name:	_____	
Telephone:	_____	
Total payment:	_____	

Valley Japanese Community Center

Sat, October 7, 2017

GARAGE SALE & UDON SALE

9 am - 3 pm

11 am - 4 pm

Donation Items
Needed !



\$7 a bowl
Drink & Bake Sale

Donation suggestions: Toys, Tools, Gently used Clothes, Kitchen item, Decorations
NO large furniture/appliance/TV, NO bed/mattress

8850 Lankershim Blvd. Sun Valley CA 91352

Let's Talk About It:

Memory Loss & Alzheimer's

Come learn about how aging affects our memory.



This program will cover:

- The difference between normal aging and dementia
- What to do if there are memory concerns
- Dementia and Alzheimer's disease – what is the difference?
- Diagnosis and treatment options

**WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 1, 2017**

1:00 to 3:00 pm

*San Fernando Valley Japanese
American Community Center
12953 Branford Street
Pacoima, CA 91331*

To RSVP or for more information:
Call 818-899-1989



**PRE-ORDER
MOCHI
BY
NOV. 18!
& SAVE !!!**

SFVHBT MOCHITSUKI FUNDRAISER 2017

The San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple will hold its annual **MOCHITSUKI FUNDRAISER** on **Sunday, December 10, 2017**. Temple members will be producing the delicious hand-made mochi to supply our community for the holiday season. Please let your friends know, too!

***NOTE: ORDER BY NOV. 18 to guarantee availability and best price!**
Mochi orders placed after Nov. 18 will be subject to availability at the "AFTER 11/18/17 price (see below)"

MOCHI ORDER PICK-UP: SUNDAY, DEC. 10 (12-2pm)
at San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple - 9450 Remick Avenue, Pacoima

HOW TO ORDER:

1) **E-MAIL** sfvhbt@sfvhbt.org or 2) **PHONE** temple (818) 899-4030 or 3) **MAIL IN** completed order form below

- SFVHBT MOCHI ORDER FORM -

NAME _____ PHONE OR EMAIL _____

	QTY	ORDERS RECEIVED (or postmarked) BY 11/18/17	ORDERS RECEIVED (or postmarked) AFTER 11/18/17	TOTAL DUE
KO-MOCHI (1 lb pkg)		\$4.50	\$5.00	
AN-MOCHI (3/pkg)		\$4.50	\$5.00	
OKASANE SET		\$5.00	NONE	
CHECK # _____	ENCLOSED =			\$ _____

Please send pre-order form and check (payable to SGVHBT) to: **SFVHBT**
9450 Remick Avenue
Pacoima, CA 91331
(please write: "MOCHI" on envelope)

Thank you for your support. In Gassho ~ San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

CAREGIVER TRAINING SPONSORED BY LITTLE TOKYO SERVICE CENTER



Little Tokyo Service Center (LTSC) is recruiting interested persons to be on their Caregiver Registry. **There is a constant and growing demand for in-home care. LTSC would like to try and have more caregivers trained and registered to refer to individuals and families in need.** In order to be considered for the Registry attendance at LTSC's caregiver training is mandatory. This training is also open to anyone wanting to learn about basic caregiving skills **with priority given to registry applicants.**

Pre-registration is required and will be **limited to the first 30 registrants.**

The training will be conducted in English with Japanese interpretation.

Please contact Jun Hori or Kiyoko Kaneda at LTSC, (213) 473-3035, to RSVP by October 6, 2017 and for further information. Persons not pre-registered will not be allowed to participate in the training.

Date: October 14, 2017 (Saturday)
Time: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Registration will be from 8:30 - 9:00 am.
Place: SFV Japanese American Community Center
12953 Branford Street, Pacoima, CA 91331

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY
JAPANESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY CENTER

SUPER BINGO FUNDRAISER

**Saturday, November 4, 2017
5:00 PM**

**Nikkei Pioneer Building
12953 Branford Street • Pacoima, CA 91331**

GOLD PACKAGES - \$100.00

Package includes 5 Bingo Cards, 5 Raffle Tickets & 1 Dinner

Additional Dinners (limit 1 per package) - \$30.00/person (pre-orders only)

Deadline Monday, October 16, 2017

- Cash & Other Prizes for each Bingo Game
- Blackout Game Prize - \$500
- Raffle - Top 3 Prizes - \$500 Each
- Cash & Other Prizes for each Bingo Game

**Huge Silent
Auction, too!**

**If Gold Packages Are Available After The Deadline (Monday, October 16),
Cost Will Be \$125 With No Additional Dinners**

For info, call Lois Okui 818-899-1989 or email Tadao Okui: tadokui@aol.com

**All proceeds will go towards the security system (surveillance cameras)
and WiFi throughout the Community Center.**

Reservation Order Form on page

San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center

Super Bingo

Saturday, November 4, 2017 at 5:00 PM

Order Form

Deadline Friday, October 16, 2017

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address _____

- Please print legibly and fill out information completely.
- Make check payable to "SFVJACC" and note "Super Bingo" on check.
- Gold Package is \$100.00 and includes 5 Bingo Cards, 5 Raffle Tickets, and 1 Dinner.
- Additional dinner tickets are available for \$30.00 per person (pre-order only). **Limit 1 additional dinner per Gold Package.**
- If Gold Packages are available after the deadline (Monday, October 16), the cost will be \$125 with no additional dinners.

Please give me _____ Gold Package(s) @ \$100.00 each. \$ _____

Please give me _____ additional dinner ticket(s) @ \$30.00 each. \$ _____

Limit 1 additional dinner per Gold Package.

Total amount due \$ _____

***Bingo cards and raffle tickets are to be picked up at the door.**

Please mail check and this entire form to: SFVJACC
Super Bingo
12953 Branford St.
Pacoima, CA 91331

Any questions, contact Lois Okui at 818-899-1989 or email Tadao Okui: tadokui@aol.com.

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Thank you for your support.

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.....	Doreen Kawamoto.....	818 764-8850
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.....	Doreen Kawamoto.....	818 764-8850
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	Asako Giegoldt	805 433-3763
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	Reid Taguchi	818 571-1797
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

October

- 1 10:00 am Eshinni/Kakushinni/
Shotsuki monthly me-
morial service
- 8 10:00 am Temple clean-up (no
service)
- 15 10:00 am Regular service
- 19 10:30 am Service at Nikkei Sen-
ior Gardens
- 22 10:00 am Pet memorial service
- 28 9:30 am Dharma discussion
- 29 10:00 am Music service

November

- 5 10:00 am Shotsuki monthly and
Eitaikyo ancestors'
perpetual memorial
service
- 11 10:00 am BWA service and meet-
ing
- 12 Yakisoba fundraiser
(no service)
- 16 10:30 am Service at Nikkei Sen-
ior Gardens
- 18 9:30 am Dharma discussion
- 19 10:00 am Regular service
- 26 10:00 am Regular service



9610 Haddon Avenue
Pacoima, CA 91331
(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, friend-
ship, 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: 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
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

5852 Laurel Canyon Blvd.
Valley Village, CA 91607

English: Pastor Paul Iwata

Email: pmiwata1@hotmail.com
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 5th 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 2nd Wednesday of the month

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CC

October 7, 2017
CC Annual Clean Up

October 14, 2017
LTSC Caregiver's Training
Seminar (flyer on page 14)

October 14, 2017
SFV Japanese Language Institute
Yard Sale

October 15, 2017
Curry Sale - Mitch Sekine
Scholarship Fundraiser

October 28, 2017
Ribbon Lei Workshop (flyer on
page 9)

October 29, 2017
Not Your Average Basketball
Camp (flyer on page 9)

November 1, 2017
Memory Loss and Alzheimer's
Seminar (flyer on page 13)

November 4, 2017
Super Bingo Fundraiser (flyer on
page 15)

December 2, 2017
CC Annual Membership Meeting
(flyer on page 2)

December 9, 2017
SFVJACL Holiday Party

December 16, 2017
SFV Japanese Language Institute
Holiday Program

December 18 - 26, 2017
Gym Closed - For Floor
Maintenance

YOGA CLASS
MIND & SOUL
EVERY WEDNESDAY 10:00AM
SAN FERNANDO VALLEY
JAPANESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY CENTER HALL

AKIKO CHAN
12953 BRANFORD STREET, PAGOIMA, CA 91331



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12953 Branford Street, Pacoima 91331
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San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center

2018 MEMBERSHIP FORM

(Membership period: January 1 to December 31, 2018)

1. Complete the information below.
2. Tear off the membership card for your records.
3. Make check payable to "SFVJACC".
4. **Send your check and this form to:** SFVJACC – Membership

Family Membership - \$60.00

Single Membership - \$40.00

(Please Print)

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

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

* For information, please call SFVJACC at (818) 899-1989. Thank you for supporting our Community Center.
FAX is (818) 899-0659.