

# SAN FERNANDO VALLEY JAPANESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY CENTER

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# SFV JACC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS KYLIE OKAZAKI AND DAVIS YOSHINO

By Nancy Oda

College life is expensive these days with most graduates incurring huge debt. One of the solutions is the SFVJACC Scholarship Program. Dr. Sakaguchi practiced medicine here in San Fernando for many years. Many members were part of the 3000 babies that were delivered by him or his sister, Dr. Mary Oda.

The Lily Sakaguchi Thibodeaux Scholarship is as interesting as she was. It is for both traditional students and those with performing and visual arts interests.

This year, the Dr. Sanbo and Kazuko Sakaguchi Scholarship for high school graduates entering college was awarded to **Davis Yoshino** who will be attending UCLA studying Economics. He is the grandson of long time members, Yas and Nancy Gohata, and son of Karen Yoshino and Gary Yoshino.



Back row (L-R): Chisato Kanagi, Bing Lau, Danny Okazaki, Kylie Okazaki, Davis Yoshino, Nancy Gohata, Jeremy Tsuneishi, Denise Tanaka.

Front row (L-R): Liz Doomey, Kiyo Watanabe, Kay Oda, Tadao Okui, Nancy Oda

The Lily Sakaguchi Thibodeaux Scholarship was awarded to **Kylie Okazaki** who is attending Cal State University at Fullerton studying nursing, a much needed vocation. She is the daughter of Yumi and CC President, Danny Okazaki.

There are many avenues to these scholarships but many do not take advantage of its promise. Both students this year found strength in the friends they found at the Center. We are proud of these bright, creative, and kind hearted students. The Center welcomes scholarship applicants starting in January each year.

Members of the selection committee are Kay Inaba, Chisato Kanagi, Grace Iwamasa and Nancy Oda.

# CC Steak Dinner Nite By Tadao Okui

On Saturday evening, September 15th, the CC had their Steak Dinner Nite. It seems the popular place to be these days. This being the third year of Steak Nite revisited, the people flocked to the CC wanting their meat. At least 30 years ago, the CC used to have this event where the CC families came, bringing their own plates and utensils to enjoy a steak cooked by the Gardeners in the center of the patio near the gym in a big pit bordered by cinder blocks. You would line up and they would throw your steak on your plate directly from the BBQ pit. Only question was, "How do you want your steak cooked?" The purpose of this night was for the Board to thank all the members for supporting the CC. I don't remember what we did afterwards. I'm not sure if we played bingo but things are being done a little differently these days grilling our steaks on the new Santa Maria BBQ's donated by Stuart Matsuda.

Three years ago, then CC President Paul Jonokuchi remembering the times we had 30 years ago wanted to bring Steak Night at the CC back to thank our membership. The first year we probably served about 150 steaks; the following year maybe 200 steaks. This year we were close to 300 steaks maxing out seating in Dr Sanbo Sakaguchi Hall. Thanks to Jeremy Tsuneishi for purchasing the steaks and showing a group of volunteers how to cut the steaks. That is right, we even cut our own steaks. You might of noticed the different sizes of the steaks. I am sorry if you got too little of a steak or you might have gotten too big of a steak. Thank you to the guys that battled the heat of those Santa Maria grills and grilled those fabulous steaks.

At least all the people I had asked enjoyed their steaks.

The evening started with

all of the volunteers coming early to set up the hall, prepare the corn, salad and rice and of course set up the BBQ grills. Thank you to Bing Lau who started the evening off as the emcee and preparing everyone for a fabulous night. After everyone was done eating, dessert was served. The Board wanted to do something different and decided on ice cream sodas.

### SFVIACC MISSION STATEMENT

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



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you.

For all the time, effort and love you all give to the Community Center and each other. With new activities and groups forming and existing ones continuing to do well, I cannot express the gratitude for each of you and your efforts.

Our membership has so many caring people, experienced and talented individuals, that what you provide to the community both our members and friends of the communities, is sometimes overwhelmingly amazing.

As my term comes to an end, I look forward to continuing to hear and see all the great things that are going on and planned for the future. I need to thank the board as they have all worked so hard to listen, and positively impact, all aspects of our community center both publicly and behind the scenes.

I hope everyone has a fantastic upcoming holiday season with family and friends. 2018 has ideally been good to each of you. I know I will miss some friends and people, but I am also thankful for everyone who has been so kind to me and others!

Check the calendar at <a href="www.sfvjacc.com">www.sfvjacc.com</a> for your favorite events and maybe some new ones. And with Super Bingo, Clean Up Day, New Years, and all the other activities occurring at this time of the year, I look forward to seeing you come out, have fun, and spend time with friends.

Sincerely, Danny Okazaki SFVJACC President

# CC ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

# Saturday, December 1, 2018 9:00—10:30 AM

Topics to be discussed:

- Financial Status Reports from the CC Treasurer and the Endowment Committee
- Future Projects/Visions Future Planning Committee
- Updates from Organizations

# Seeking Queen Candidate For 2019

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



Past SFVJACC queens are Jaclyn Tomita, Jordyn Adachi and Lauren Arii

### Qualifications:

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

Contact NJ Nakamura for more information: 818-893-6503 or <a href="mailto:njoar">njnakamura.nj@gmail.com</a>

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### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

For the Months of July & August 2018			
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Dr. Bo and Ikuyo Sakaguchi \$10,000.00 Tamlyn Tomita \$1,000.00 SF Ballroom Dance Club \$500.00			
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Crescent Bay Sports League			

Project Grad LA	\$300.00
Ping Pong Club	
Tuesday Exercise Class	
Friday Hanafuda	
Kupunas	
Meiji Ondo Group	
Thursday Nite Basketball	\$200.00
Tuesday Mah Jong	\$200.00
Wednesday Nite Basketball	\$200.00
Tai Chi Class	\$185.00
Senior Arts & Crafts	\$145.00
Friday Exercise Class	\$101.00
Line Dancing	
Monday Nite Basketball	
Friday Mah Jong	
Aloha Club	
Hula Wahines	\$66.00
Harmonica Class	\$25.00
<u>Miscellanous</u>	
Coffee donation	\$44.00
Eiko Muto	
Ron and Jan Kondo1 Box (18	80 Ct) Coffee-mate
Grace Iwamasa	1 (3 lbs) Coffee

### **DONATIONS TO HOT MEALS**

### For the Months of July & August 2018

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\$100 In memory of her parents Joe and Lily Ikuta (donation is to help replace the missing pots)
200 lbs. Rice, 5 gal. shoyu, oil
Fresh homegrown tomatoes
Food scale
Cake
3 1/2 Gal. mayonnaise
Cake
a 2 Flats of strawberries

### From the Months of May and June

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<b>Donations In memory of Pauline Kak</b>	u's Mother Tutu:
Humberto and Marjorie Comacho	\$50.00
Alice Kaku	\$50.00
Tracy and Billy Kaku	\$200.00
Judy Matsuzaki	\$50.00
Reiko Moriguchi	\$100.00
Randall tanijiri and Monica Camacho	\$50.00
Katie Tanijiri	\$100.00
Wesley and Kristy Tanijiri	\$100.00

Thank you so much for your generous donations!

# Thank You, Thank You!

We would like to thanks **Roy Imazu** and **Frank Tanaka** for working on the dying pine trees in the Center's gardens. With their care, the trees look like they're going to survive.

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# CC Steak Dinner Nite - Continued from front page.

It was a big hit! Many of the seniors loved the ice cream sodas commenting that they haven't had one in years and that it was a nice change. The evening ended with Bingo with nine lucky people winning cash prizes. Many people left that night saying the CC Steak Dinner was a really fun and enjoyable evening. Good steak, delicious ice cream sodas and bingo how could you go wrong?

Steak Dinner Co-Chairs Liz Doomey and Jeremy Tsuneishi and the CC Board would like to thank all the hard working volunteers for making this one of the best steak dinners ever. Special thanks to Kei Inoue and her Hot Meal volunteers for making the salad, rice and corn and to Jeremy and his crew of

grillers who endured the hot grills. Also to John Doomey who cleaned and prepped the BBQs the week before the dinner.







### **Thank You Volunteers!!**

Dick Bennett Kimi Chiba Hale Chiba Kenji Couey John & Liz Doomey Cathy Fujimoto Kaori & Raiden Hall Kei & Bert Inoue Ray Kawamoto Patti Kimura Gregg Kita Luc & Jamie Lac Bing & Diana Lau

Karen & Wyatt LaMarsna

Stephen Maekawa Tim Manaka

Teri McClure Doug Nakada Gary Nakada

Will Nakada John Nakama Joel Nakama

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Alex Oda

Kay & Nancy Oda Danny Okazaki Tadao & Lois Okui

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Ken & Ritsuko Shinbashi

Denise Tanaka

Jeremy, Emi & Wesley Tsuneishi

Kiyo Watanabe Clay Yahiro

Teddy & Midori Yamane Harris & Diane Yoneoka



Food Prep - Hot Meal Volunteers











Kanji Sahara (left) and Nancy Oda of Tuna Canyon Detention Station Coalition with Assemblyman Al Muratsuchi (right).

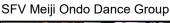
# NISEI WEEK PARADE



Kisui "Fuji" Fujimoto rode in the Korean War Vets vehicle as Victor Muraoka walked with other vets in the parade.



NJ and Richard Nakamura's granddaughter, Miya Valencia (center), was chosen Princess of the Romper Stomper in the Baby Show. Pictured here with mom, Deanna Nakamura Valencia.







Lucas Wimmer won Mr. Photogenic of the Jet Setters.



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# SFV Meiji Senior Club News

We made it through the record-breaking heat wave of Summer, the passing of long time Meiji friends and look forward to the season of family and friends celebrating the holidays.

Thank you for your support of the Steak Dinner held on September 15<sup>th</sup>. The Center had record-breaking participation enjoyed by all.

The Las Vegas trip is scheduled for November 12<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>. Reservation forms are in the lobby of the hall. Deadline for reservations is October 26<sup>th</sup>. Those of you who would like to reserve a seat on the San Manuel Casino Turn Around Bus on December 6th, please contact Kay Yamada. 818-763-4861.

Turn in your suggestions for future classes, seminars or social events to the Meiji mail slot in the lobby and we will search for resources.

Thank you,

Liz Doomey, President



# San Fernando Valley Japanese Language Institute

By Kiyo Watanabe, PTA President

The San Fernando Valley Japanese Language Institute (SFVJLI) got off to a good start for the new 2018-2019 academic year. Classes meet every Saturday from 8:30am to 12:30pm and currently there are 79 students enrolled, ages from 4 to 18. Not only does the school offers Japanese language courses for children but we also offer a "Japanese Conversation Class for Adults", geared toward adult learners who want to explore the language and cultures of Japan. This exciting program started on August 18 and currently there



are 8 students enrolled. The program runs for 10 weeks, total of 24 hours and tuition is \$280. If you're interested in enrolling in the "Japanese Conversation Class for Adults", we have the winter session coming up. Contact the SFVJLI for more info.

On Saturday, September 15, the J-School had a Fire and Emergency Drill and fire presentation by J-School alumnus, Assistant Chief Michael Takeshita. Mr. Takeshita held an engaging presentation, teaching the students and faculty the importance of having an emergency plan and different interesting facts about fire safety. The students were also given souvenirs with County of Los Angeles Fire Department bag. We truly appreciate Mr. Takeshita's generosity in providing this presentation for our students.



SFVJLI will be holding a Fall Yard Sale on Saturday, October 13 from 9:00am to 12:30pm. In the past, our yard sales have been a huge success. The proceeds from our Fall yard sale will go after school cultural activities. Please come and

shop around, you never know what treasure you may find! If you have any gently used items to donate for our school event, that would be greatly appreciated as well. If you would like to donate, please contact our office for more information.

Love to shop at Marukai and/or Tokyo Central? We have Marukai /Tokyo Central 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, come visit us at our school office on Saturday, email SFVLI at SFVJLI@hotmail.com or ask Office Manager Yoshiko Kawada or PTA President Kiyo Watanabe in person.

You can also support the J-school by liking our Facebook account or make online purchases through Amazon Smile (0.5% of eligible purchases will be donated to SFVJLI) or sign up on Goodsearch.org. Goodsearch will donate to SFVJLI every time you search for something on the internet.



# SF ATHLETICS TOURNAMENT NEWS



# SF Ruff Riderz Hollywood Dodgers Las Vegas Tournament 2nd/3rd Grade Division Champs

Back row (L-R): Coach Jeremy Tsuneishi, Brandon Chow, Jaden Perez, Toby Weiss, Wesley Tsuneishi, Sho Evens, Coach Rad Nakama Front row (L-R): Ryan Muranaka, Mikey Murata, Rawson Nakama, Eric Hisanaga, Elliot Jahng

### SF Emeralds

Hollywood Dodgers Las Vegas Tournament 4th Grade "A" Division champs

(L-R): Jenna Weiss, Coach Jeremy Tsuneishi, Madelyn Geromini, Emi Tsuneishi, Jamie Lac, Bee Bee Burris, Olivia Vance, Sophia Battle, Alyssa Badua, Allyson Nagasuka, Coach Luc Lac



# SF Aloha Girls - Hollywood Dodgers Las Vegas Tournament Champs



(L-R): Aloha Girls Champs Coach Thang Huynh, Coach Kelly Nakano, Michaela Okuyama, Maggie Paloma, Kamryn Endow, Olivia Yoshizaki, Lindsey Kadonaga, Lauryn Chang, Lani Murata, Miye Kodama, Adriana Bautista, Coach Kevin Endow

# SF ATHLETICS TOURNAMENT NEWS

### SF Dominators

Pasadena Bruins Crown City Classic Tournament 2nd Grade Division 2nd Place

Back row (L-R): Coach Sean Matsumoto, Coach Justin Yoshizawa, Evan Yoshizawa, Lucas Kwon, Sean Chang, Hudson Kim, Spencer Matsumoto, Coach Jacob Sotelo

Front Row (L-R): Parker Low, Ocean Nakama, Hayes Geromini, Dexter Rhodes, Kyle Nakaza





# SF Wolfpack

Pasadena Bruins Crown City Classic Tournament

6th Grade White Division Champs

Back row (L-R): Coach Don Shimabukuro, Garrett Kido, Matthew Jose, Travis Dao, Zen Shimabukuro and Assistant Coach Bruce Sakamoto

Front Row (L-R): Jasen Serapio, Joren Sakamoto, Brendan Jusi and Jonevan Limpus

# SF Lakers

Hollywood Dodgers Las Vegas Tournament

> 8th Grade Division Champs

Back row (L-R): Coach Brent Doi, Scotty Nimura, Roman Stewart, Troy Kadonaga, Ethan Kodama, Jared Doi, Tyler Chang, Kayden



# SF ATHLETICS TOURNAMENT NEWS



# Thank You Coach Dayna!

The twelve year old SF Samurai said goodbye to their coach, Dayna Tanaka, who is going to La Sierra College. The team thanks her, Russell Nakajima and Ellie Yamada for increasing their inner and outer game. Their last tournament together was the Pasadena Bruins Crown City Classic 15th anniversary tournament where they took championship.

Back row (L-R): Kyle Oda, Harrison Hirota, Lucas Chow, Ethan Wong, Jaren Yee, Aidan Banayo Front Row (L-R): Brennan Leem, Nick Kuroda, Coach Dayna Tanaka, Carsen Yahata, Taylor Kwan

### SF Hawks

Pasadena Bruins Crown City Classic Tournament

> 12th Grade Division Champs

Back row (L-R): Coach Kay Oda, Sage Kita, Kyle Okui, Clyde Seo, Mike Watanabe, Nick Maekawa, Tyler Kam, Coach Gregg Kita





# SF Hawks South Bay F.O.R. Tournament 11th Grade Gold Division

Champs
(L-R): Sage Kita, Grant Kim, Nick Maekawa, Kyle Okui, Clyde Seo,

Tyler Kam, Brett Borden

### Pee Wee Clinic

By Margaret Takimoto

SF Athletics held their 12th annual Pee Wee Clinic for four Saturdays in July. Thirty-eight youngsters (4-7 years) attended the clinic where the children learned basketball fundamentals. Camp director, Curtis Takimoto, along with camp counselors worked with the kids on dribbling, passing and shooting skills. All the participants enjoyed the program and were given a certificate of participation along with a hot dog, pizza, popsicle party on the last day. The Pee Wee clinic is held every summer to introduce new players to the game and to encourage new players to join the SF Athletics in the fall

Special thanks to the following junior, prep player and alumni of the SF Athletics. We wouldn't have been able to provide the Pee Wee Clinic without the support of the camp volunteers!

### **Volunteer Counselors:**

Lucas Chow
Caitlin Fukumoto
Kate Higashi
Ryan Higashi
Declan Hirota
Harrison Hirota
Bryce Iwai
Taylor Kariya
Grant Kuwata
Tyler LaMarsna
Wyatt LaMarsna
Tre Lau
Kyle Minami

Tyler Minami Kyler Motoyasu Russell Nakajima Dustin Niizawa Jayson Niizawa Kylie Okazaki Michaela Okuyama Curtis Takimoto Dayna Tanaka Ethan Wong Alana Yamauchi Allison Yamada Jaren Yee









### Pee Wee League

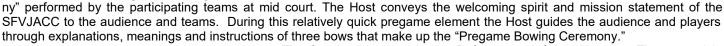
By Margaret Takimoto

July 2019 - Over four Sunday mornings this past July, SF Athletics hosted its third "SF Athletics Invitational Summer Pee Wee Basketball League." This annual event draws Kinder and 1<sup>st</sup> grade teams from CBO and CYC organizations. This year,

teams from SF Athletics, West LA and Pasadena Bruins participated. SF Athletics Prep players (Alana Yamauchi, Blake Motoyasu, Evan Motoyasu, Justyne Nakano, Kylie Okazaki, Madison Quan, Tre Lau and Tyler Minami) contributed to the league as Referees. No score is kept during games so officially no participating team won but there was definitely a winner.

What makes this league special is the SFVJACC influence and community spirit that make it more than just basketball. This is especially evident, before and after games, when the scoreboard timer reads 00:00.

Each game starts with a Host from SF Athletics welcoming the audience to the SFVJACC and a "Pregame Bowing Ceremo-



The first bow is towards the Referees and Score Keepers. The second is towards the audience and the third is towards each other. Each bow representing different aspects of respect and gratitude. The bowing is always a little rough the first week, but by the

fourth week the players typically are bowing in unison at a uniform height.

At the close of each game, every audience member is encouraged by the host, to come onto the gym floor, line up and raise their hands to create a post game "Parent Tunnel" for the kids to run through. Kids love the tunnel. Somehow players who were dragging on the court

magically seem to have a renewed energy as they run through the tunnel and parents tend to forget who lost the game after kids squeal in delight running through the tunnel.

On the last day of the league, T-shirts featuring the SF Athletics Pee Wee League Logo, created by Bruce Arikawa, were handed out to the teams. Players were also treated to popsicles in the Quad and families were able to enjoy the shade of canopies with a cool flow of

air coming from the PortaCool fans. Families from every organization lingered around in the Quad to "talk story" long after the games had completed. Lasting memories of good times at the CC were sure to have been created.

Who won the SF Athletics Invitational Summer Pee Wee Basketball League?

The SFVJACC won.

Asuka, Marcos and John!







# SPV CAIRO

In Japanese, the word 'Taiko' signifies 'drum', and for centuries has served spiritual, religious, and military purposes. In our contemporary world, Taiko has evolved to become a symbol of entertainment and recreation, while still honoring the spiritual

qualities that can be felt by both player and listener. Present at many traditional festivals, a performance by a skilled and passionate group or individual can be simultaneously powerful and graceful, or subtle yet unmistakably apparent. As a Taiko player, manifesting such a broad range of emotions requires engaging the entire body and mind with the instrument as though it were an extension of the self.

Here at the community center, students are taught to explore their creativity through carefully guided structure that does equal justice to well-established principles. In a time when Taiko classes were non-existent in the San Fernando Valley, Reid Taguchi and Eryn Tokuhara co-founded the San Fernando Valley Taiko class in 2015 with the belief that the Taiko experience should be fun, intellectually stimulating, and



physically rewarding. They have a shared background, having been members of UCLA's Kyodo Taiko group for much of their university life. As instructors, they bring to every class one of the main tenets from Kyodo: to be positive and high-spirited, and to have that energy underlie what is done in class and extend to each member's life beyond it. With these premises they have



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worked hard to build what has now become a two-tiered class system ranging from beginning to intermediate levels, and to orchestrate many original works for performances that embody through sound and sight the essence of what we believe Taiko to represent. We are very honored to have been given opportunities to perform at such venues as our very own Japanese Language Institute events, our yearly Obon festival, the Santa Clarita yearly marathons, CSUN's new performing arts center, the Skirball Center, and most recently inside Little Tokyo's Japanese American National Museum during the final weekend of this year's Nisei Week festival.

Current members include children as well as adults from different ranges of age, though the minimum age recommended for children is 10 because it is thought that proper comprehension and execution of techniques happens better from this age forward. Classes are held every Sunday except for holidays, with the Beginner's Level from 10–11:30a.m., and Intermediate Level from 12–1:30p.m. We hope to continue serving communities for many years to come, and to see you there!

# SFV TAIKO T-Shirts Available Now!

More information on next page.

# SFV TAIKO T-Shirts Only \$15!

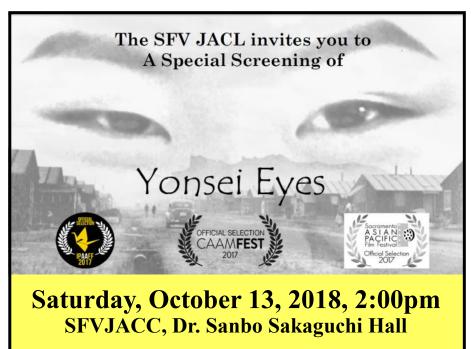




All proceeds will go to SFV Taiko for future equipment and events.

Cash or checks payable to SFVT or PayPal SFV.TAIKO@gmail.com (small fee when using a credit or debit card, no charge if direct from bank account)

Email your order and arrange pick up: SFV.Taiko@gmail.com Sizes: Adult XL, Large, Medium, Small and Youth Large

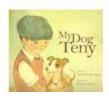


Donation: \$10.00 / Bento: \$12.00 Donation for 18 yrs and under: \$5.00 (Deadline to order Bento: Saturday, Oct. 6th)

"YONSEI EYES" is a story of two fourth-generation Japanese Americans who embark on a pilgrimage to the place where their grandparents were once imprisoned during World War II.

Following the screening there will be a Q&A with Produce/
Director JON OSAKI

We will also screen the Short Film "MY DOG TENY" Based on the book Written by Yoshiko Wayne Osaki



For tickets and info, contact:
Nancy Takayama - nt.high.mtn@gmail.com
Nancy Oda - nancyoda64@gmail.com
Nancy Gohata - nancygohata@gmail.com

# SUPER BINGO FUNDRAISER Saturday, November 3, 2018 5:00 PM

For an order form or more information, call Lois Okui (818) 899-1989 or email Tadao Okui at tadokui@aol.com



### Grandchildren

By Old Wakaba, Bud Sagara

A grandmother once said that her grandchildren are the reward for not strangling her own children when they were in their terrible teenage years. Parents rarely have the time to simply enjoy their children because they're always chauffeuring them around, busy at work trying to provide a decent home, and planning for the

children's needs. Grandparents, however, can devote the time to just enjoying their grandchildren. A late friend of ours, Tom Kira, once said, "If I had known how much fun grandkids are, I would have had them first." The following are

my observations of grandparents and grandchildren bonding at different stages of life.

Around the age of one is the "no" stage in which the answer to everything is "no" or the shaking of her head "no" until it's about to fall off. Sometimes the "no" is an abrupt rejection of an offer, but other times the "no" comes with a wide-eyed stare as if my granddaughter is just messing with me. Her parents try to reason with her or coaxing her into doing what they want, but it usually ends up in either a more emphatic "no" or a flood of tears and wails of discontentment. On the plus side, this stage is also a time of wonder when the sound of her laughter is genuine and big sunshine smiles are easy because everything in her world is new. Doing the same silly thing over and over again begets that wonderful laughter that far outweighs the "nos".



There are also times when Grandpa gets pretty worn out by a five-year old, but the granddaughter insists on serving imaginary tea in tiny colorful cups with matching saucers. I pay my imaginary bill for the imaginary tea with the imaginary money we had previously cut out from plain paper into rectangles and colored green with crayons. Too bad this money doesn't work when we pay for groceries. Suddenly, the whole scenario changes from the formal tea when my granddaughter looks up at me and says, "Let's dance, Grandpa." This is an abrupt change, but she is obviously in charge of the afternoon's program. There is no music playing and dancing is not one of my favorite activities especially when I am two hours late for a snooze on the sofa. So we dance; me with feet that have no rhythm and the little girl who flickers around the room like a firefly. The moment is played out in slow motion like a fairy tale; so magical and full of laughter that the scene becomes permanently etched into an old man's memory. Dances finally end and the fairy grandchild has to go home, leaving the house quiet again. The house returns to its orderly manner and all the tiny colorful cups and saucers are put away. All things are back as they should be, but I just wish that the magic would have lingered a little longer.

Later there is elementary school homework which would not be so hard for a college graduate, but it's not always easy. For



example, my granddaughter presented me with a homework problem: "A bus made three stops on the way into town. At the first stop, 16 people got on. At the second stop, four people got on and then one fourth of all the people on the bus got off. On the third and last stop, half as many people got off as got on at the first stop and 11 people got on. How many people were on the bus by the time it got to town?" I asked my granddaughter if her teacher had made a mistake and passed out questions from her night school course because I don't remember trying to figure out these things until I was in college. She told me that Mrs. O'Neill gives everyone the same kind of questions for homework and that Mrs. O'Neill is the nicest teacher in the school. It's comforting to know that the names of teachers haven't changed since I was a kid. Teachers must always turn in their first names when they sign up to teach elementary school. They must also wear sensible shoes with low heels and take special courses to learn how to detect kids who are chewing

gum. Well, just give me a couple of more minutes and I'll have the answer to the problem right after I do some research in the sports section.

Graduation from elementary school is a time to look back at all those informative years in a relatively sheltered environment and look forward to the adventures and dangers in middle school. One of my granddaughters graduated from San Jose Street School and said her goodbyes to the bungalows with the same institutional brown green paint, the asphalt playground with hundreds of cracks in it, and the drinking fountains that just trickle. Now she faces the grown-up world where acceptance is often more important than common sense and her classmates change with every period. This is the place where bullying raises its ugly head, gangs look for new recruits, and drug dealers find new customers. It's kind of scary for parents and grandparents to realize what the world has in store for their little innocents, but graduation is a time for new beginnings, no matter what directions they may take. The principal of the school makes introductory remarks and proceeds to pass out the certificates of promotion. She tells the audience how each student contributed to the school and how they will be missed by all. It sounds like a eulogy. There is sadness in growing up while at the same time it's an endorsement of the courage of young students as they move out from under our protective wings and into a world that is uncharted for them. It won't be easy. Not all will be swift enough to escape the many predators that abound and some will fall.

There is, however, always light shining in the darkness and part of it is the youths themselves. They are so full of energy, new ideas, and visions of brighter things that grandma and grandpa never even considered. Some of God's wisdom about grandchildren and children is written in Proverbs 17:6 "Grandchildren are the crown of the aged, and the glory of children is their fathers." We do our best to guide them, but it is God's will that will ultimately determine their paths. When children are blessed with vigor and God given talent; it's like having wings. I can see it in the twinkle of their eyes and hear it in those giggles that burst through in any situation. My granddaughters see the joy in being kind, gentle and in loving their neighbors as themselves even though they make those funny faces at the oddest times. That is assurance to me that these vibrant young people will be ready to leave the home and fly on their own. I just wish that the magic of being with them at that age would have lingered a little while longer.



# CASINO NIGHT AT NIKKEI SENIOR GARDENS



Nikkei Senior Gardens held their annual Casino Night with residents trying their luck at blackjack, 5 card draw poker, craps and the ever popular money wheel. The top four winners of the evening won \$50 Target cards with all participants winning a variety of prizes.

Nikkei Senior Gardens gives a big THANK YOU to members of the Nikkei Senior Gardens Board of Directors who generously donated monetary donations used to buy raffle prizes and supplies for the evening. Thank you to Board



Volunteer Toji Hashimoto (right) is the dealer for the blackjack table.

Members Stan Date, Tadao Okui, Kirk Sasaki, Eric Sato, Ron Takasugi, and Cherry Uyeda. Thank you to the anonymous donor for donating the four \$50 Target gift cards. A very special thank you to Judd Matsunaga of Elder Law Services for donating a craps table to Nikkei Senior Gardens. Judd also volunteered to run the craps table for the evening. A big thank you to all the volunteers who came out to help put on another successful and fun casino night.



Volunteer Judd Matsunaga (left) looks sharp as he works at the craps table.

# San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple's

# \$8.00 donation per plate Sale from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM Pre-order strongly recommended.

To order, please contact: Steve Kumagai

nippongolf@sbcglobal.net

(661) 513-9482

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

Or, fill out the following form and mail with donation (no cash please) to: SFVHBT

Please write: **Chow Mein** on the outside of the order envelope. All chow mein made with chicken flavoring in the sauce.

9450 Remick Avenue Pacoima, CA 91331

Order:	Chow mein with meat (\$8.00/plate)
_	Vegetable chow mein (\$8.00/plate)
Name:	
Telephone:	
Total payment:	



# SFVHBT MOCHITSUKI FUNDRAISER 2018

The San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple will hold its annual MOCHITSUKI FUNDRAISER on Sunday, December 9, 2018. Temple members will b producing the delicious hand-made mochi to supply our community for the holiday season. Please let your friends know, too!

\*NOTE: ORDER BY NOV. 11 to guarantee availability and best price!

Mochi orders placed after Nov. 11 will be subject to availability at the "AFTER 11/11/18 price (see below)

MOCHI ORDER PICK-UP: SUNDAY, DEC. 9 (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 -**

(This order form available at www.sfvhbt.org)

NAME PHONE OR EMAIL

	QTY	ORDERS RECEIVED (or postmarked) BY 11/11/18	ORDERS RECEIVED (or postmarked) <u>AFTER</u> 11/11/18	TOTAL DUE
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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** 

Please write: "MOCHI" on envelope

9450 Remick Avenue Pacoima, CA 91331

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

# Volunteer Opportunities at The Japanese Garden in Van Nuys



The Japanese Garden in Van Nuys (*Suiho-en* or "Garden of Water and Fragrance") is a 6-1/2 acre cultural showplace created by world-renowned art and architecture historian, Dr. Koichi Kawana. We seek motivated volunteers to serve the Garden and its mission, in the following categories:

**Docents** lead tours informing the public about the Garden and water reclamation process.

**Gift Shop Volunteers** process admissions and sell a variety of merchandise on weekdays and Sundays. Previous sales experience is helpful, but not necessary.

**Tea Service Volunteers** provide tea and cookies to the public for a small fee on the second and fourth Sunday of each month.

If interested, please contact us by phone (818-756-8000) or email (betty.ethridge@lacity.org).

<b>COORDINATIING COUNC!</b>	L ORGANIZATIONS - MEETINGS - CONTACT PERSONS
	. 1st Wed., 7:00 PM Nancy Oda 818 786-0914
	. 3rd Wed., 7:00 PM Call CC Office 818 899-1989
	. 3rd Tues., 7:30 PM Margaret Takimoto818 701-7628
CC News	. Lois Okui818 892-1487 Email: loisokui@aol.com
Chatsworth West United Metho	dist Church
	. 2nd Sun., 1:00 PM Pastor Ruy Mizuki 818 341-1270
Crossway Church	. 2nd Sun., 12:30 PM Jennifer Trax 818 896-1676
	. 2nd Thurs. (even months), 7 PMTadao Okui 818 515-8247
	. 4th Sun., 8 AM-12 PM Kazuhiko Nakanishi805 492-3439
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	. 2nd Mon., 7:30 PM Jean Taguchi
	. 2nd Wed., 7:00 PM Nancy Gohata 818 371-8013
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### 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:
The 15th of every odd month.

### **SPECIAL CLASSES**

Arts & Crafts	Monday	10:00 AM-12:00 PM	Sally Hamamoto8	318 361-2902
Ballroom Dance	Tuesday	7:00-9:00 PM	Barbara Okita8	
Bowling*, Matador Bowl	Thursday	9:30 AM	George Seko8	318 998-0682
Bridge*	Monday	12:00-3:00 PM	Sam Toji6	361 255-2824
Country Western Music*	1st /3rd Tuesday	10:30-11:30 AM	Janet Schuetze	318 767-1819
Exercise Class	Tuesday	9:00-10:00 AM	Ralph Ahn8	318 302-6658
Exercise Class	Friday	10:00-11:00 AM	Phil Shigekuni8	318 893-1581
Hanafuda*				
Harmonica Class*	Friday	1:00-11:30 AM	Call CC office8	318 899-1989
Hawaiian Hula (Hula Wahines)	Friday	12:30-1:30 PM	Suzan Akamine8	318 367-1723
Hitomi's Cooking Class	4th Tuesday	7:00-9:00 PM	NJ Nakamura8	318 893-6503
Ikenobo Ikebana	2nd/4th Wednesday	10:00-2:00 PM	Ritsuko Shinbashi 8	318 892-0470
Japanese Calligraphy	1st/3rd Thursday	9:30-11:00 AM	Yuriko Muso8	318 726-8935
Japanese Classical Dance	Friday	3:00-5:30 PM	Dianne Fukuwa3	310 217-0443
Karaoke*				
Kokusei Shigin Class	Tuesday (J-School)	10:00-11:30 AM	Shigeru Kamimura 8	318 992-4673
Line Dancing*	Thursday	8:45-10:00 AM	Call CC Office8	318 899-1989
Mandolin	Friday	9:30-11:00 AM	Call CC Office8	318 899-1989
Nikkei Bowling League	Friday (Canoga Bowl)	9:00-11:00 PM	Stan Date8	318 701-6607
Tuesday Mah-Jong*				
Friday Mah-Jong*	Friday	1:00-3:00 PM	Yone Takimoto8	318 765-6735
Ondo Dancing*	2nd/4th Friday	7:00-9:00 PM	Masako Rodriquez 8	318 899-8777
Ping Pong Club	Thursday/Tuesday	10:00 AM-3:00 PM	Aaron Sanwo6	661 755-0584
Qi Gong	Thursday (J-School)	7:00-8:30 PM	Mamie Kosaka6	361.645.4515
Shigin Class (Kokusei)	Thursday (J-School)	10:00-11:30 PM	Shigeru Kamimura8	318 992-4673
SFV Judo Club	Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri	7:00-9:00 PM	Kenji Couey8	318 381-7232
Tai Chi Class*	Monday	9:00-10:00 AM	Florence Takaaze3	310 202-6693
Taiko	Sunday	10:00 AM-2:00 PM	sfv.taiko@gmail.com	
Ukulele Class	Friday	9:30-11:30 AM	Call CC Office8	318 899-1989
Yoga Class				
Zumba	Monday	7:30-8:30 PM	Margaret Takimoto 8	318 701-7628

### YOUTH SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

### **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 Saturdav	11:30—2:00 PM	Nikkei Pioneer Conference Room

<sup>\*</sup>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 sfvhbt@sfvhbt.org www.sfvhbt.org

Resident Minister: Rev. Patricia Usuki Temple Co-Presidents:

Priscilla Mui and Jean Taguchi

Sunday, 11:00 am Dharma School

#### October

7	10:00 am	Eshinni/Kakushinni
		Shotsuki monthly memorial
		service
13	9:30 am	Dharma discussion
14	10:00 am	Regular service
18	10:30 am	Service at Nikkei Senior
		Gardens
21	10:00 am	Regular service
27	2:00 pm	Dharma discussion
28	10:00 am	Pet Memorial service
		Trunk or Treat Costume
		Party

No	vember	
4	10:00 am	Shotsuki monthly and
		Eitaikyo ancestors'
		perpetual memorial service
11		Chow mein fundraiser (no
		service)
	11:00 am	- 1:00 pm Chow mein pick-
		up
15	10:30 am	Service at Nikkei Senior
		Gardens
18	10:00 am	Music service, appreciation

lunch

25 10:00 am Regular service

### December

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2	10:00 am	Shotsuki monthly memorial
		and Bodhi Day service
9	6:00 am	Mochitsuki (no service)
	12:00 pm	<ul> <li>2:00 pm Mochi pick-up</li> </ul>
15	9:30 am	Dharma discussion
16	10:00 am	Regular service
20	10:30 am	Service at Nikkei Senior
		Gardens
22	9:30 am	Dharma discussion
23	10:00 am	Regular service
29	9:30 am	Dharma discussion
30	10:00 am	Regular service
31	6:00 pm	New Year's Eve 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**

9:009:45 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.sfjp.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

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 – 5<sup>th</sup> 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:

2<sup>nd</sup> 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 818-642-2332

Email: pmiwata@gmail.com www.sunrisejapanesechurch.org 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**

October 6, 2018 CC Clean Up

October 13, 2018 SFV Japanese Language Institute Yard Sale

October 14 & 21, 2018

Not Your Average Basketball
Camp (NYABC)

October 20, 2018 SFV JACL Short Film "Yonsei Eyes" November 3, 2018
Super Bingo Fundraiser

November 17, 2018
SFV Japanese Language
Institute Curry Sale

December 1, 2018
CC Annual Membership Meeting



# 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, ideas and joy.

**Meetings: First Saturday of the Month** 

(except for January, July, September)
Time: 10 am - 12 pm

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





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