2018 CC New Year’s Luncheon

SFV Taiko opened the program with a dynamic performance.

Lifetime Achievement recipient Frank Tanaka and his family.


Rev. James Iwata of Sunrise Four-square Church did the invocation.

Consul Shigeru Kikuma, Kiyo Watanabe and Danny Okazki did the ceremony of breaking the sake barrel (kagami biraki) which represents harmony and good fortune.

The beautiful floral arrangement was done by Ritsuko Shinbashi (pictured with her husband Ken).

“Year of the Dog”

2018 CC President Danny Okazaki

Emcee Jaclyn Tomita and Consul Shigeru Kikuma.

Acknowledgements & more pictures on page 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**

The start of the year brings many of us all together for one or more New Year’s celebrations. For myself, as a first-time President, it has been a great opportunity to meet many of you, as well as people from other organizations that make up our amazing communities. The generations of members from kids to grandparents, is especially capturing, as I watched kids, helping serve and clean up, and enjoying themselves just like the adults and realizing it can be fun spending the time with friends and family. In fact, when I was thanking one person for volunteering, he said it’s easy when you want to be there! And getting to see my cousin and Yumi, an old friend, it also reminded me that these times give us an opportunity to be surprised and catch up with people that we have not seen in years, too.

It was a great honor being able to present the Lifetime Achievement Award to Frank Tanaka at our New Year’s Luncheon and it was nice to see how happy he was to have family and friends there to support him. As we spoke, it was not only apparent how much he loved to give back and help, but also how much he appreciated his friends as he was continually praising and complimenting them, ensuring that I know how much they do, too!

Whether you’re a member of Meiji Club, Ping Pong Club, Judo, Japanese School, Athletics, Girls Scouts, dance, music, Taiko, storytelling and any of the other great clubs offered, I can see how easy it would be for many close friendships to have formed!

I hope to see or meet you all during the coming events planned for this year. The Memorial Service, Family Day, Steak Dinner and of course, Super Bingo, will all be great opportunities to be with friends and meet new ones, too.

Danny Okazaki
SFVJACC President

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**Dr. Sanbo and Kay Sakaguchi
Lilly Sakaguchi Thibodeaux Scholarships**

Applications are available on the SFVJACC website.
Due April 1, 2018

See page 10 for more info on the CC & Athletics Scholarships

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**27 Years of Dedicated Service**

Thank you to Doreen Kawamoto for her 27 years of serving as the representative of SFV JACL and Chatsworth West United Methodist Church to the Coordinating Council. Pictured with Doreen are members of Coordinating Council and the CC Board.

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**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

- Michiko Anderson
- Derrick & Kelley Baker
- Jeanie Berger
- Ryan Dao
- Akiko Hasunuma
- Rita Higa
- Kuniko Higaki
- Sean & Andrea Holstein
- Shoji Ikeda & Kay Teng
- Masanori & Victoria Ishida
- Jose & Jennifer Jimenez
- David & Celia Kwan
- George & Barbara Kurata
- Betty Kwong
- Angela Louie
- Sayaka Maejima-Gonzalez
- Mari McQuay
- Gary Omura
- Randall & Eiko Page
- Erendira Penunuri Melendrez
- John Nakama & Hae Kyoung
- Choi Itzel Morales Rodriguez
- Jonathan & Yuki Rutner
- Jack & June Sakaji
- Hortensia Sumida
- Brian & Jennifer Tam
- Michael & Jill Teagardin
- Cynthia Woo
- Noriko Yamanaka
- Suzie Yang
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

For the Months of November & December 2017

Donations
Lipo and Dorothy Rosero
Donation Tree Gold leaf in memory of brother Tommy Takimoto
SF Athletics
Year end donation
Dorothy Yamamoto
Albert and Mitzi Kushida
Shigeko Muraoka
William & Priscilla Ishibashi, Kathy Ishibashi
In memory of Lyle Asaoka
Anonymous
Kay and Nancy Oda
In appreciation of winning Super Bingo raffle prize
Kathryn Frye
In honor of father Dr. Bo Sakaguchi
Patti Kimura
In appreciation of winning Super Bingo raffle prize
Kay and Nancy Oda
In memory of sister Ernie Jane Nishii
Greg Kimura
United Way Charitable Contribution
Liz Doomey
Avon Rory the Lion Fundraiser
Kay Saeiviat
Teri Tanaka
SFV Hongwanji Buddhist Temple
John and Liz Doomey
In memory of Ernie Jane Nishii
John and Liz Doomey
In memory of Shugiko Yamada

Donations In memory of Tommy Takimoto
Darlene Coyle
Kent and Vicki Kuwata
Bernardo and Patricia Rosero
Paul and Lori Tamura
Michiko Tokunaga Kus
Johnny and Katsuko Yamada
Toji and Hitomi Hashimoto
Roy Imazu
J. Van Osten

Use of Facilities
Japanese Calligraphy
SFV JACL
Ping Pong Club
Line Dance Class
Senior Arts & Crafts
Tuesday Exercise Class
Yoga Class
Friday Exercise Class
Bridge Club
Hitomi’s Cooking Class
Thursday Nite Basketball
Aloha Club
Hula Wahines
Danny and Yumi Okazaki
Harmonica Class

Continued in next column.

Miscellaneous
Anonymous..................................................1 (3 lbs) Coffee
Tim and Harriet Elliott.................................2 (3 lbs) Coffee
Rumiko Kojima .............................. One box of persimmons
SFV Ballroom Dance Class.....................1 (3 lbs) Coffee
Smoky Sugii...........................................1 (3 lbs) Coffee

DONATIONS TO HOT MEALS

For the Months of November & December 2017
Michiko Kus................................. Cookies, noodles, nori
Kathryn Frye................................. Monetary donation in honor of her father Dr. Bo Sakaguchi
Albert and Mitzi Kushida....... Monetary donation
Marion Shigekuri and
Mitzi Kushida ......................... See's candies for kitchen volunteers
Fumiko Miyata ......................... Cake for the holidays
Musashi Restaurant .............. 100 lbs. rice, 3 pkgs. chopsticks
Harry Nakada ......................... Monetary donation
Sherre Nakamura ................ Monetary donation
Ken and Yoko Nomura ......... Fruit flavored jelly desserts for kitchen volunteers
Jane Sato ............................ Cakes for kitchen volunteers
Sets Sato ............................. Monetary donation
Phil and Marion Shigekuni... See's chocolate for kitchen volunteers
Yone Takimoto ................. Takuan
Sylvia Yamashita ............. See’s lollipops
Ben Toyoshima ...................... Box of Belguim cookies

Apologies to the Following For Omitting Their Donation in the Last Newsletter
Hot Meal (September & October 2017)
Musashi Restaurant ...... 100 lbs. rice, 5 gals. oil, 5 gals. shoyu, 3 pkgs. Chopsticks
Super Bingo Fundraiser (November 4, 2017)
Craig Tanaka (Pepperidge Farms)

Thank you so much for your generous donations!

Funny Quote of the Month
I need to start eating healthy, but first I need to eat all the junk food in the house so it’s not there to tempt me.
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2018 SFVJACC New Year’s Installation Donations

Kelvin and Donna Arii  
Jill Clever  
Toji and Hitomi Hashimoto  
Kaname and Kuriyo Inaba  
Ken and June Kageyama  
Ken and Priscilla Mui  
Yuriko Muso  
Kazuko and John Nakama  
Karl and Sandy Nobuyuki  
Kay and Nancy Oda  
SFV Hongwanji Buddhist Temple  
SFV Japanese Language Institute  
SFV Meiji Senior Club  
Frank and Marge Tanaka  
Valley Japanese Community Center  
Kenji and Kyoko Watanabe

The SFVJACC Girl Scouts lead the pledge of allegiance and helped serve tea and cake.

Grateful Crane Ensemble did a medley of oldies & Japanese songs.

San Fernando Valley Japanese Language Institute

By Kiyo Watanabe, PTA President

Happy New Year from San Fernando Valley Japanese Language Institute! We hope all of you enjoyed celebrating the holidays with family and friends.

On Saturday, January 20, our students, school staff, PTA members and special guests were treated to the longstanding Japanese New Year’s tradition of Mochitsuki. The students took turns pounding sweet rice to make mochi. Then, they had the opportunity to eat the yummy mochi with their favorite toppings. SFVJLI would like to thank the Sakamoto Family, the Takeshita Family, Auntie Evelyn and Auntie Sachi who graciously shared their equipment and helped the students make the mochi. Despite chilly and windy conditions, the event was truly enjoyed by everyone who attended!

SFVJLI will be hosting our annual New Year’s Party on the evening of Saturday, February 3. Bento boxes in two different sizes will be available for purchase at the party. There will be a supervised kids’ room, plenty of entertainment and a raffle fundraiser activity at the event. In addition, 2017 Nisei Week Queen, Jordyn Adachi (who was sponsored by SFVJACC) is scheduled to be joining us at the party. It is sure to be a memorable evening. If you would like to donate items for the raffle fundraiser, please contact Kiyo Watanabe at watanabekiyo@sbcglobal.net or SFVJLI@hotmail.com.
SFV Meiji Senior Citizens’ Club New Year’s Party
Shinnen Akemashite Omedeto Gozaimasu, Happy New Year.

Thank you Nancy Gohata for doing a fine job as MC, our members and our honored guests for attending the Meiji Senior Citizens’ Club 52nd Annual New Year’s Luncheon. A special thank you to the Country Western Group and the Meiji Ondo Dancers for providing entertainment for the luncheon. Congratulations to Gerri Radman, recipient of the 2017 Meiji Club Recognition Award for her years of service to the members of the Center and to Faye Kodani, the winner of a $100 raffle prize.

I would like to thank the officers and board members for their support in 2017. Most of these men and women have been board members serving you our member for years. We are always looking for additional seniors to join us on the first Friday of the month to continue our efforts for improvements to the Meiji Club. A Special thank you to Kay Yamada for her guidance these past few years and for taking care of the Casino trips. To Grace Iwamasa for doing the Las Vegas Trips. These trips take a lot of planning and they do a fine job of keeping our members happy. The next Las Vegas trip is February 12th to the 14th.

2017 set a new membership record of 405 members. As our population gets older Meiji also reaps the reward of new members turning 55 or older. Thank you for supporting the club.

Our purpose and goals are to provide our membership with activities and programs that help keep our seniors active and informed. We would like to continue this in 2018. Many seniors took advantage of Nancy Takayama’s computer and cell phone classes due to the grant received from Keiro. Thank you, Nancy, for continuing your hard work in 2018. We also have had several programs last year, diabetes classes, Judd Matsunaga’s Elder Law seminar and AARP Senior Driving Class. Also, there are different activities at the Center five (5) days a week. Please check the newsletter for them.

Please send your suggestions for programs, seminars, field trips or other activities you would like to have to the SFVJACC attention: Meiji Club or email or text to Liz Doomey – lizdoomey@yahoo.com (818-429-4096). Help us help you to a better and healthier 2018.

Thank you and my wish for everyone is to have a fabulous 2018.

Liz Doomey, President

We welcomed seventeen members into the 85-Years Young club in 2018:

George Baba
Chizuko Morita
Harriet Nishizaka
Reiko Tsutsui
Teresa Dang
Sachiko Mukai
Ikuyo Sakaguchi
Sumiko Yamaguchi

Member and Organization Raffle Prize Donors:
Avon – Liz Doomey
SFV Ballroom Dancers
SFV Judo Club
SFV Meiji Bowling

Emcee: Nancy Gohata
Photographer: Gene Lew
Sound System: Nancy Takayama

Volunteers:
Hale Chiba
Kimi Chiba
John Doomey
Lisa Doomey

Jean Shinsato (L) presented Gerri Radman with the Meiji Recognition Award.
Deputy Consul General Hiroki Matsuo

I apologize for any names omitted.
Meiji Senior Club New Year’s Party - Continued from page 6.

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Country Western Group

Some of the young volunteers that helped with serving and clean up.

ALZHEIMER’S SUPPORT GROUP

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

Meetings:
First Saturday of the Month (except for January, July, September)
Time: 10 am - 12 pm

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

Meiji Ondo Dancers
Christmas Bells by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

By Old Wakaba Bud Sagara

During my research for another story, I came across an article regarding the origin of the Christmas carol “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day.” This popular carol was inspired by a poem, “Christmas Bells,” by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Even though Christmas has passed, I felt that the back story about Longfellow was noteworthy and possibly of some comfort to those who have lost loved ones.

The Christmas season is traditionally a time for family, reflecting on the blessing received during the past year, eating too much, and going to parties and gatherings. Yet, for many people, like Longfellow himself, personal tragedies make Christmas a particularly painful reminder, akin to ripping off the scab from a wound. It bleeds anew. Longfellow’s poem, “Christmas Bells,” does not sugar coat the deep personal problems we encounter in life, but it renews our hope in bringing light to the darkness.

Even though he was one of America’s most acclaimed poets, he did not escape personal tragedy. On July 9, 1861, his beloved wife, Fanny, burned to death in an accident in their home. She was apparently using a candle to melt sealing wax to close an envelope containing a locket of one of their daughter’s hair. In the midst of melting the sealing wax, she set her gauzy dress afire. Longfellow was awakened in the next room by her screams, but in his futile efforts to put the flames out with his own body to save his wife, he suffered burns to his arms, hands and face. Fanny fell into a coma and died the next day.

He was not able to attend his precious wife’s funeral because of the severity of his burns. Later, to hide his facial scars, he grew the beard that gave him the wise, distinguished look captured in so many later paintings and photographs of him. The scars on his face had made shaving very difficult, so the beard was more of a necessity than vanity. Over time, his physical wounds healed, but there were inner scars and deep anguish within his soul. There were long periods of silence, except for a letter to his sister-in-law, Mary Appleton Mackintosh, a month after Fanny’s death. In the letter, Longfellow revealed the depth of his hurt. The letter read, “How I am alive after what my eyes have seen, I know not. I am at least patient, if not resigned; and thank God hourly - as I have from the beginning - for the beautiful life we led together, and that I loved her more and more to the end.” He kept this pain quietly within him until he wrote “The Cross of Snow” eighteen years after Fanny’s death. He wrote, “These eighteen years, through all the changing scenes and seasons, changeless since the day she died.” For those of us who have lost loved ones, this mystery of “changing yet changeless” is familiar, but hard to describe. We lift up the Asaoka, Kajiki, Suenaka, Takimoto families and others who have recently experienced the loss of a loved one.

On Christmas Day in 1863, Longfellow wrote “Christmas Bells” after listening to the church bells ring. Even though the Civil War was raging and the pain in his own heart from the loss of Fanny was so real, he still clung to the promise of a better future. His famous poem begins:

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

The forth stanza captures Longfellow’s anger and hopelessness about the Civil War which included his son, Charles, who was wounded and almost paralyzed while serving in the Union Army.

“Then from each black, accursed mouth
The cannon thundered in the South,
And with the sound
The carols drowned
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!”

The poem then gracefully turns to Longfellow’s deep faith in God and the promises that good will prevail over all evil. God is the only answer to all our emptiness and he is the giver of perfect peace. Longfellow continues:

“And in despair I bowed my head;
‘There is no peace on earth,’ I said;
‘For hate is strong,
And mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!’

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
‘God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
The Wrong shall fail,
The Right prevail,
With peace on earth, good-will to men.’”

Romans 8:28 reads, “And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.” Our life experiences certainly tell us that not everything that happens to us makes us feel good.

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Support Girl Scout Troop 1466!
The girl scouts will be selling cookies at the Super Bingo Volunteer Dinner on Saturday, February 10th.
Cookies are $5/box.
Please see the CC website for more information.
Cookie Season is Here!
Ask me about cookies or visit girlscoutcookies.org
Come make new friends and have some fun!
Continued from Page 8 - Christmas Bells by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
That is because we live in a fallen world where evil reigns. This verse assures us that God uses every circumstance that we face for our long-range good. God’s plan may not specifically include our happiness for all occasions, but he has a unique purpose for each of our lives. Henry Longfellow embraced this hard lesson during his years of sorrow. We may not understand what God has in store for our futures, but we should hold fast to his promises and the faith that he has given to us. Faith in God is not a leap into the dark; it is a response to the light.
Support Girl Scout Troop 1466!
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All Scholarship Applications Now Available on the CC Website - Go to www.sfvjacc.com

SFVJACC SCHOLARSHIPS

DR. SANBO AND KAZUKO SAKAGUCHI SCHOLARSHIP

The Dr. Sanbo and Kazuko Sakaguchi Scholarship is the most prestigious recognition awarded at the San Fernando Valley 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.

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.

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 SFVJACC. Applications must be postmarked by April 1, 2018.

ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIPS

HOSHIKO HIRANO AWARD

This award honors the memory of Hoshi Hirano, the woman who started and developed the Girls Athletics program at our Community Center.

The purpose of the award is to recognize those girls who have contributed to the Girls Athletics program by their participation, performance and/or service to the program. The award committee will also consider any or all awards and performances by all applicants in all athletics/scholastic activities accomplished in high school.

This award is open to all senior girls graduating from high school this year. The candidate must have participated or is currently participating in the Community Center Girls Athletics program. For the purpose of the award this includes from Sure Shot to their final year of high school.

WAYNE YAMAMOTO MEMORIAL AWARD

The purpose of the award is to recognize a senior boy who has contributed to the San Fernando Boys Athletics program by his participation, performance and/or service to the program. The award committee will also consider any or all awards and performances by all applicants in all athletics/scholastic activities accomplished in high school.

This award is open to all senior boys graduating from high school this year. The candidate must have participated or is currently participating in the Community Center Boys Athletics program. For the purpose of the award this includes from Sure Shot to their final year of high school.

LAUREN TAGUCHI MEMORIAL YOUTH SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

The Lauren Taguchi Memorial Youth Service Scholarship is given to honor her memory as an active member of the SFVJACC Athletics as well as many other community organizations. As a student athlete, Lauren was a role model, friend and teammate who demonstrated sportsmanship on and off the court. A $500.00 award will be given to the graduating high school senior who best demonstrates the spirit of volunteerism and citizenship, through community service. Applicants should be responsible students, active in school and in their community, as well as participated in SFVJACC Athletics for at least 5 years. The student selected will receive the award to be applied towards his or her college education. The scholarship will be awarded at the SFVJACC Athletics Jamboree.

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.

ALL ATHLETICS APPLICATIONS MUST BE POST MARKED BY FRIDAY, March 9, 2018.

Winners will be notified and awards will be presented at the SF Athletics Jamboree, April 28, 2018.
SFVJACC Athletics

Pancake Breakfast!

Saturday, March 17, 2018
7:30 – 11:00 am
Donation $4.00 per person
12953 Branford Street • Pacoima, CA 91331

Pancakes, Sausages, OJ, Coffee! & Raffle Prizes!

Please Support the CC Athletics Programs and our Boys and Girls Athletes!

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SAN FERNANDO VALLEY HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE
9450 Remick Avenue, Pacoima CA 91331

Chili Cook-Off & Bingo Fundraiser
5:00 PM, Saturday, March 24, 2018

Admission*: $8/person for dinner and one free Bingo game!
Bingo - additional cards: $2/card or $5/3 cards.
Menu: Chili, rice, side dishes, and dessert.

* Chili cook-off contestants receive free admission
PLUS 2 free Bingo cards for the first game!

To place an order or enter the cook-off, please contact temple
(SFVHBT@gmail.com or 818.899.4030) or
John Mullins (jamullins@gmail.com or 714-749-2937).
**HAWAIIAN-STYLE GOSPEL DANCE CLASSES**

Ladies (ages 2–102):
You’re invited to Hawaiian-style gospel dance classes. They’re fun, free, and full of fellowship. Please join us and bring your lady and girl friends and neighbors along too. Dress comfortably. No RSVP needed.

**Saturdays, March 3, 10 & 17**
9:30 - 11:30 am
Crossway Church, in Howe Hall
9610 Haddon Avenue, Pacoima

**ZUMBA fitness with keiko at SFVJACC**

Location: Pioneer Hall at San Fernando Japanese American Community Center
$ 5.00 per class for CC Members
$10.00 per class for Non-Members
Class will meet every Monday 7:30p.m. - 8:30p.m
*Wear comfortable clothes and tennis shoes, and bring water and towel.
For more information please contact Margaret Takimoto: jncmom@aol.com
Sponsored by SFVJACC Athletics

**WORK PLACE GIVING CAMPAIGN & MATCHING GIFTS**

Does your work place or company do employee giving campaigns or matching gifts to non-profit organizations? Consider naming our Community Center as a recipient. Thank you to our members that have been doing this for years. Your donations do help!
COORDINATING COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONS—MEETINGS—CONTACT PERSONS

Coordinating Council .................. 1st Wed., 7:00 PM .......... Nancy Oda .......... 818 786-0914
Community Center .................. 3rd Wed., 7:00 PM .......... Call CC Office .......... 818 899-1989
Athletics .................. 3rd Tues., 7:30 PM .......... Margaret Takimoto .......... 818 701-7628
CC News .................. Lois Okui .......... 818 892-1487 .......... Email: loisokui@aol.com
Chatsworth West United Methodist Church .................. 2nd Sun., 1:00 PM .......... Pastor Ruy Mizuki .......... 818 341-1270
Crossway Church .................. 2nd Sun., 12:30 PM .......... Jennifer Trax .......... 818 896-1676
Nikkei Senior Gardens .................. 2nd Thurs. (even months), 7 PM .......... Tadao Okui .......... 818 515-8247
SFV Bonsai Club .................. 4th Sun., 8 AM 12 PM .......... Kazuhiro Nakashita .......... 805 492-3439
SFV Hongwanji Buddhist Temple .................. 2nd Mon., 7:30 PM .......... Terry Ishigo .......... 818 899-4030
SFV JACL .................. 2nd Wed., 7:00 PM .......... Nancy Gohata .......... 818 371-8013
SFV Japanese Language Institute .................. 2nd Sat., 8:30 AM .......... Kiyo Watanabe .......... 818 896-8612
SFV Judo Club .................. 4th Wed., 7:03 PM .......... Kenji Couey .......... 818 381-7232
SFV Meiji Senior Citizens Club .................. 1st Fri., 12:30 PM .......... Liz Doomey .......... 818 892-7381
Senior Hot Meals .................. Tues. & Fri. (no meal on 5th Tues. & 5th Fri.) .......... 818 899-1989
Sunrise Foursquare Church .................. Reverend Paul Iwata .......... 818 782-8738
Valley Japanese Community Center .................. Christine Inouye .......... 818 825-9583

SPECIAL CLASSES

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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: 2nd Wednesday of every odd month.

For more information, call the CC at (818) 899-1989.
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HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE
9450 Remick Avenue, Pacoima
818 899-4030  sfvhbt@sfvhbt.org
www.sfvhbt.org

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

Sunday, 11:00 am  Dharma School

February
3  11:00 am - 1:00 pm  Udon fundraiser
4  10:00 am  Shotoku monthly memorial service; annual general meeting
11  10:00 am  Shakyamuni Buddha’s memorial service; Mochi-tasting party - everyone welcome, suggested donation $10 - includes a package of komochi and many delicious ways to prepare mochi
15  10:30 am  Service at Nikkei Senior Gardens
17  9:30 am  Dharma discussion
7:00 pm  Movie Night - “Harimaya Bridge”
Everyone welcome - contact temple
18  10:00 am  Regular service
25  10:00 am  Temple clean-up

March
3  9:30 am  Dharma discussion
4  10:00 am  Shotoku monthly memorial service
11  10:00 am  Regular service
15  10:30 am  Service at Nikkei Senior Gardens
17  9:30 am  Dharma discussion
18  10:00 am  Spring Equinox service
Spring Equinox seminar - Rev. Dr. Duncan Williams on his new book, American Sutra: Buddhism and the World War II Japanese American Experience - everyone welcome, but please RSVP to temple
24  5:00 pm  Chili-Bingo fundraiser - everyone welcome (see flyer)
25  TBA
31  9:30 am  Dharma discussion

April
1  10:00 am  Combined Shotoku monthly memorial and birth of Shakyamuni Buddha service
7  9:30 am  Dharma discussion
8  10:00 am  Regular service
15  10:00 am  Regular service
19  10:30 am  Service at Nikkei Senior Gardens
22  No service at SFVHBT (temple retreat)
28  9:30 am  Dharma discussion
29  10:00 am  Regular service
SUNRISE FOUR SQUARE 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) 2332

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CC

February 3, 2018
SFV Japanese Language Institute New Year’s Party

March 17, 2018
SF Athletics Pancake Breakfast

March 25, 2018
SFV JACL - “Day of Independence” Screening

April 7 - 20, 2018
SFV JACL - “Telling Our Stories Workshop

April 21, 2018
SFV Hongwanji Buddhist Temple Yard Sale

April 28, 2018
SF Athletics Jamboree

May 5, 2018
SFV Japanese Language Institute Yard Sale

May 27, 2018
Veterans Memorial Service

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

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Mark Your Calendar!

All Graduating High School Seniors

Yonsei Scholarships

The Yonsei Basketball Association's Scholarship
Information and application will be available online at yonseibasketball.com on February 1, 2018.

There will be multiple scholarships available, ranging from $1,000-$1,500.

Applications will need to be postmarked no later than May 1, 2018.
San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center

2018 MEMBERSHIP FORM
(Membership Period: January 1 to December 31, 2018)

1. Complete the information below.
   □ Family Membership- $60.00
2. Make check payable to “SFVJACC”
3. Send your check and this form to: SFVJACC – Membership
   □ Single Membership- $40.00

(Please Print)

Name ___________________________________________ Phone __________________________
   (Last Name) (First Name)
Address _______________________________________________________________
City ___________________________________________ State _______ Zip Code ____________
Email Address ________________________________________________________________
Emergency Contact __________________________________ Phone __________________________

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

* For Information, Please call SFVJACC at (818) 899-1989. Thank you for supporting our Community Center. FAX is (818) 899-0659  Website: www.sfvjacc.com