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SFVJACC, Nikkei Senior Gardens and SFV Hongwanji Buddhist Temple Receive Grants From Keiro -



SFVJACC Receives Second Grant From Keiro

Our Community Center would like to thank Keiro for selecting us as a recipient of their 2017 grants program. This grant will provide funds for an oral histories program (described in the article by Nancy Takayama below). This is the second year we have received a grant from Keiro. With the first grant, which the Center received in 2016, we were able to provide computer, iPad, iPhone and smart phone classes to our seniors—a much needed program that many of the seniors were able to take advantage of.

SFVJACC feels very fortunate to be able to partner with Keiro and to provide these programs to our senior members. Keiro, founded in 1961, is dedicated to enhancing the quality of senior life in the Japanese American community. The Keiro Grants Program provides funding to qualified non-profit, community-based organizations serving the Japanese American and Japanese senior population and by supporting projects and programs that create a positive impact on the quality of life for the community. The Keiro grants enable community partners to tackle problems faced by our older adults, such as social isolation and lack of access to quality health support services.

Keiro Oral Histories Grant

By Nancy Takayama

Before Interstate 5 freeway was built, directly across Branford Street from the community center was Roger Jessup Farms, with those smelly cows and a tiny produce stand surrounded by acres and acres of land. This produce stand sold the freshest fruits and vegetables. People from all over the valley purchased their produce from this tiny stand.

I remember this stand because we would pick up my grandmother whose hands smelled as if she picked and bundled green onions among other produce on the farm. The farmland was owned by the Oda family, Mas and George Oda. I remember when I was little, I thought I would help my grandmother in the field. I grabbed a basket and reached down to pick a large red strawberry and right next to it something huge moved. This thing had long legs and the body was the size of a large strawberry. I screamed and ran out of that field never to return. I found out later that the bug with the long legs was a potato bug and perfectly harmless. I still remember this produce stand because while visiting the stand I watched from across the street the community center gym being built.

I'm sharing this story because starting in May, the center will begin an oral history project. We will be reaching out to members to come share their stories of growing up in the valley or what brought you to the valley. The Japanese American experience and the community center stories will be an important legacy to leave for the next generation. There are too many untold and forgotten parts of our heritage that should be recounted and recorded before they are lost.

Through a program grant from Keiro, we will be offering workshops to learn to interview and record our stories and archive our oral history. We will teach you to use the internet to research historical facts and document our forgotten legacy.

For more information contact Nancy Takayama at: nt.high.mtn@gmail.com or call and leave a message at: 818-899-1989.



Nikkei Senior Gardens and SFV Hongwanji Buddhist Temple Articles on page 4.

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

My oldest child is a senior and over the years I have had the privilege of many of you sharing moments when your kids were in the last year of high school and getting ready to take on the next step of their amazing lives. I have tried to remember those times, their excitement and just being proud, to remind me to notice the accomplishments and maturity of not just Kylie, but of the good friends she has made over the last fourteen years. Having coached them for many of their older years, I am proud of each one of them, not just for their skills, but the bonds they have made with each other, their achievements they have shared with me, and taking on the responsibilities in their young lives.

As I was watching the smiling faces of the young kids at the Athletics Pancake Breakfast this year, it brought back the memories of when Kylie started running up and down the Center's gym, just happy to be hanging out with her new friends. Many of those same girls were there once again, working together, catching up, and just having fun. Even the ones that have stopped playing basketball, still remain close, not just the team but to many of the girls individually. Kylie's first coach told me years ago, many of these friendships will last beyond college and very likely longer.

The SFVJACC has been very good to my daughter and her friends, through the families' generosity to share their homes for get togethers, Athletics with the games and team events, volunteering at the Center's annual events, Art & Crafts with the seniors, Japanese School and I am sure many others. I was talking to someone the other day and it was pointed out how many more choices our members have today to socialize, learn, and create new joys and hobbies in life. Hopefully, like mine and those families I have known ahead of me, your families have been, and will have similar experiences like ours.

A few dates to be sure to remember: Veterans Memorial Service on May 27 at 5 pm and Family Day June 9 from 11:30 am – 3 pm. I hope you all will be able to attend or just stop by.

Danny Okazaki

Save the Date!
Family Day
June 9, 2018
 Flyer on page 13

Theme of the event:
Emergency Preparedness Day
Let's get ready and be prepared in case of an emergency!

Veterans Memorial Day Service



Please join the members of the SFVJACC for the Memorial Day Service to be held in honor of the deceased veterans of the San Fernando Valley.

The service will be held on Sunday, May 27, 2018. As in the past, all CC organizations, families of deceased veterans listed on the Memorial, all veterans and the community are invited to observe this event.

SFV community members are asked to submit names of deceased veterans so that their names may be inscribed on the memorials located in the Kiyoshi Muranaga Veterans Memorial Garden. Qualifications include: Service in any branch of the armed services, served at any time in war or peace and any family member must be a resident of the San Fernando Valley. Please call Lois Okui at (818) 899-1989 or email loisokui@aol.com. Organizations are asked to give the name of the individual representing the organization



Families of the deceased are asked to call and let us know if they will be attending the services.

SUNDAY, MAY 27, 2018 ♦ 5:00 PM

12953 Branford Street, Pacoima, CA 91331 - In the Courtyard.

A light dinner will be served in the Dr. Sanbo Sakaguchi Memorial Hall following the service, .

For veteran information and confirmation:
Lois Okui (818) 899-1989 or email loisokui@aol.com

For donations and remembrances,
please make donation payable to SFVJACC-Veterans Fund.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

For the Months of January & February 2018

Donations

SFV Meiji Senior Citizens Club
Harry Nakada
Year end donation
Dexter Frye
Matching donation
Duane and Karen Koyano
In memory of father Wesley Koyano
SFV JACL
Year end donation
Jane Taguchi and Family
In memory of father Minoru - For Building Fund
SFVJACC Girl Scouts Troop 1466
Leonor Bennett
FIA Insurance, Inc
Holiday donation
Grace Iwamasa
In memory of Gil Iwamasa
David and Candice Linder
Harvey Negoro & Isabelle Miyata
For Super Bingo Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
Amy Niwa
In memory of Ron Yoshida
Cheryl Noda
Tara Chiu
In memory of Lyle Asaoka
Mary Ishimoto
Dorothy Kajiki
Cheryl Yoshioka
Mieko Taguch
In memory of husband Minoru Taguchi - For Building

Use of Facilities

SFV Ballroom Dance
Tuesday Nite Basketball
SFV Judo Club
Wednesday Nite Basketball
Ping Pong Club
Duane Koyano
Tadao Okui
Timothy Sarian & Leslie Piatt
Jan & Co.
Kapunas
Tuesday Exercise Class
Thursday Nite Basketball
Aloha Club
Tai Chi Class
Friday Exercise Class
Hitomi's Cooking Class
Hula Wahines
Senior Arts & Crafts
Japanese American Christian Chapel
SFV Honwanji Buddhist Temple
Harmonica Class

Miscellaneous

Coffee donation
Don Akamine..... 1 (3 lbs) Coffee
John and Liz Doomey..... 1 Box of green tea, 2 scissors
Curly & Florence Sato ... 1 Pkg (625 sheets) copy paper
Smoky Sugii 1 (3 lbs) Coffee

DONATIONS TO HOT MEALS

For the Months of January & February 2018

John and Liz Doomey..... Birthday cake for mother Yone Takimoto
Marilyn Kishi..... Ginger
Michiko Kus..... Spam, noodles & mushrooms
Yoshi Matsuda..... Birthday cake for husband Ike Matsuda
Musashi Restaurant 100 lbs Rice, 5 gal shoyu, 5 gal oil, 3 pkgs chopsticks
Eiko Muto Oranges and lemons
Jane Sato Donuts for kitchen volunteers
SFV Judo Club Monetary donation
Paul Shimizu 4 Boxes of tangerines, 1 box of lemons
Rex and Lorraine Shimizu 1,000 Plastic grocery bags
Frank Shimizu 2 Boxes each oranges & Satsuma tangerines
Ray and Jean Shinsato Monetary donation
Ruby Yamaoka..... 2 Pies for the kitchen volunteers
Sylvia Yamashita..... See's Candies for Kitchen volunteers
Harris Yoneoka..... 1 doz McCormick brown gravy

*Thank you so much for
your generous donations!*



Dr. Sanbo and Kay Sakaguchi Lilly Sakaguchi Thibodeaux Scholarships

Applications are available on
the SFVJACC website.

Due April 1, 2018

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Naomi Blackburn	Shigeru Kaminiura
Mihee Chir	Cookie Lelevier
Richard & Carmela Higashi	James Mihara
Kimiko Ikeda	Steve Nelson

Keiro Grants - Continued from Front Page

Nikkei Senior Gardens Receives Grant from Keiro

By Patti Kimura

Nikkei Senior Gardens is pleased to announce that Keiro has awarded a \$40,000 grant to the community as part of Keiro's 2017 grants program. The grant will be used by Nikkei Senior Gardens to purchase a 9 passenger, handicap accessible bus for residents' outings and medical appointments and to enhance their daily lives by providing additional options for their transportation needs.

Nikkei Senior Gardens was also a recipient of Keiro's 2016 grants program. The funds from this grant was used to renovate and expand Nikkei Senior Gardens' medication station to help better serve the community.

Keiro, an organization engaged in improving the quality of life for older adults and their caregivers in Southern California's Japanese American and Japanese community, began their grants program in 2016. The Keiro grants program supports non-profit organizations and groups to serve the most vulnerable older adults in the Japanese American and Japanese community. Keiro also provides "*Genki Living*" programs that include classes, information, and resources to help seniors better manage their daily lives. Keiro's latest endeavor is their "*Iyashi Care*" program. Keiro has partnered with Providence Health & Services Southern California to bring palliative care services to Japanese American and Japanese-speaking older adults who are living with advanced illness and debilitating symptoms through the end of life. For more information, visit www.keiro.org.



Nikkei Senior Gardens Board of Directors, Leona Hiraoka, President and CEO of Keiro, (3rd from right) and Gene Kanamori, Vice President of Keiro (2nd from right) stand in front of newly renovated medication station.

SFV Hongwanji Buddhist Temple receives grant from Keiro to enhance quality of life for Japanese and Japanese American older adults.

SFV Hongwanji Buddhist Temple was recently awarded a \$10,000 grant from Keiro, an organization engaged in improving the quality of life for older adults and their caregivers in Southern California's Japanese American and Japanese community. SFVHBT will implement an acoustical retrofit of its Social Hall to create a more inviting environment for older members, their caregivers, and others who are hard-of-hearing to participate in activities offered on a weekly basis.

"As the mostly Japanese American membership has aged, it is now difficult for these elderly members to hear the programs presented in the Social Hall," said Rev. Patricia Usuki, Resident Minister, SFVHBT. "The building acoustics produce a high amount of reverberation, reflecting and amplifying noise, which disrupts the ability to hear even regular conversation clearly. This grant from Keiro makes it possible for us to address one of the most pressing needs among our elderly members in a meaningful way."

Funds will be used to install acoustical panels throughout the Social Hall. These panels will create the single greatest reduction in dangerous noise levels, as the panel fabric absorbs 80% of sound waves that hit this material. With a venue improved to address the acoustical needs of older members with hearing loss, SFVHBT will expand programming to increase participation in religious, cultural, and educational activities. Relevant and culturally sensitive events will be offered to target the needs of older adults throughout the local Japanese American community.

"Keiro's mission has always been to improve the quality of life for seniors in the Japanese community and we are able to extend our reach and impact by working with other community-based organizations that share our mission and commitment to outreach efforts," said Leona Hiraoka, President and CEO of Keiro. "We are delighted to award this grant to San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple in support of the great work they do, and we know this will go a long way to meeting a key need among those we serve."

San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple is one of 41 organizations that were awarded grants totaling close to \$500,000. Applications were evaluated by an independent community-based review committee and recipients were selected based on their ability to take a diverse and holistic approach to addressing a particular need, or needs, of older adults in the Japanese American and Japanese community.

About Keiro

Keiro is a mission-driven organization engaged in improving the quality of life for older adults and their caregivers in the Japanese American and Japanese community of Los Angeles, Orange and Ventura counties. Keiro delivers a wide range of resources to address the challenges and barriers that aging presents: isolation, limited financial resources, complex health conditions, and cognitive and memory disabilities. Keiro also partners with companies and organizations that can expand its services and ability to reach seniors and caregivers, and participate in research and innovative work where Keiro can contribute to advancing progress in resolving the challenges of aging. Keiro is based in Los Angeles. For more information, Visit Keiro.org



SFV MEIJI SENIOR CLUB

By Liz Doomey

On March 21st, a rainy Wednesday afternoon, we had our annual Appreciation Luncheon for the leaders of the Meiji Club and the volunteers who helped out at our events throughout the year. Due to the rain several of our guest were not able to attend but we like to thank them for all their help.

Our purpose and goal is to provide our membership with activities and programs that help keep our seniors active and informed. We would like to continue this in 2018. 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 Board.

- On Friday, April 13th we will be doing a 50/50 Bingo right after Hot Meal. Hope you will come join us for lunch and stay to play.
- On Wednesday, April 18th, we will be going to the San Manuel Casino. See Kay Yamada if you are interested in going.
- The next AARP Senior Driving Class will be on Monday, April 23rd and Wednesday, April 25th from 8 AM to Noon. This is a two day, four hour class. Contact Liz Doomey at lizdoomey@yahoo.com or call 818-429-4096.
- There will be a Wealth Management Workshop on Saturday, June 16th from 10 AM to Noon. Alan Kondo and Akemi Kondo Dalvi of Kondo Wealth Advisors will cover the new tax bill and investment strategies. Everyone is invited to attend this free workshop since it will affect the young and old alike.

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.

Liz Doomey, President



TUNA CANYON DETENTION STATION EXHIBIT IN SANTA BARBARA

By Nancy Oda

Come to Santa Barbara by train or automobile. The Tuna Canyon Detention Station exhibit, "Only the Oaks Remain," will be on exhibit at the Santa Barbara Historical Museum located at 136 E. De La Guerra Street in old town until May 27, 2018. Let your friends and relatives know about this important historical event. You can go up by train or drive up since 101 freeway is clear now. It takes about one and 1/2 hours to get there. Take the 96B off ramp for Garden Street. The Opening Night was spectacular with Togen Daiko from the Oxnard Buddhist Church and Lady Nancy Teramura Hayata who danced to "One Thousand Cranes" arranged by Hiroshima Jazz Band. Sandy Endow Goe, a descendant, made a short clip honoring her grandfather and mother. A well kept doll named Betsy that went to Manzanar and was cherished by her mother was on display. <https://youtu.be/ydQCEN1hw3E>

Thank you to Gene and Genevieve Lew for making a bench much like the one seen in Officer Merrill Scott's photo.

The Tuna Canyon exhibit book is available online at www.tunacanyon.org/contact at \$20 each plus shipping and handling or see Nancy Takayama at the CC. \$20 each .



L-R: Gene Lew & Kay Oda





Tuna Canyon Detention Station Coalition

LA's Historic Cultural Monument #1039

History in Our Own Backyard

By Nancy Oda

Mark your calendar to see the original Tuna Canyon Story show on Sunday, April 15, 2018, at the San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center at 2:00 pm.

The San Fernando Valley Japanese American Citizens League is sponsoring the event. Tickets are \$20. Bento lunch is available at \$10. Dessert and tea will be served complimentary.

It's been seventy-six years since the FBI knocked on the door to arrest men on the west coast thought to be dangerous. Over 2,000 were taken from their families and moved in a few days to Ft. Missoula, Montana, Santa Fe, New Mexico, and/or Crystal City, Texas.

Since 2013, Tuna Canyon Detention Station Coalition has been preserving the stories of the Japanese, German and Italian immigrants, and Japanese taken from Peru, and others by interviewing descendants, taking its exhibit to ten locations, publishing a book, and now this dramatic play.

The SFVJACC and SFVJACL are the proud sponsors of the rare historic story a few miles away off the 210 freeway where the Verdugo Hills Golf Course used to be.

San Fernando Valley JACL
in support of the Tuna Canyon Detention
Station Coalition
Presents

Grateful Crane Ensemble
Performing



“Only the Oaks Remain”

Musical Production Written by Soji Kashiwagi

In December 1941, where did they take nearly 1,500 Issei who were arrested by the FBI after the bombing of Pearl Harbor? Were they taken to local jails? And if so, what happened to them after that? This is what Grateful Crane's "Only the Oaks Remain" is all about.

Through actual Issei letters, diary entries and poems, we tell the little known story of the Tuna Canyon Detention Station in Tujunga and our grandfathers who were held there.

Sunday, April 15, 2018 – 2 P.M.

General Admission - \$20 ♦ Obento - \$10

***San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center
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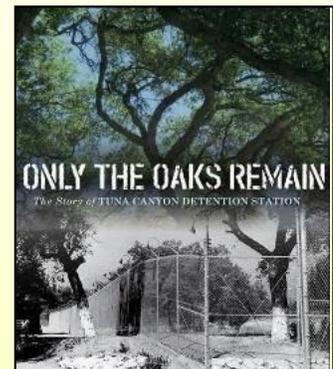
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Make checks payable to: **SFV JACL**

Mail to: 12953 Branford St. / Pacoima, CA 91331



Tuna Canyon Exhibit Book



San Fernando Valley Japanese Language Institute

By Kiyo Watanabe, PTA President



The annual Kurimanju Fundraiser was another great success (March 10, 2018). SFVJLI would like to thank everybody who put in delicious handmade creations. We made over 2,000 Kurimanju and we were completely sold out without any leftovers. Thank you. SFVJLI would like to thank everyone who purchased our Kurimanju and supported our school fundraising event. Thank you very much!

The SFVJLI will have a second Yard Sale on May 5, 2018. So Start your spring-cleaning and donate gently used items to our Yard Sale. If you have large items that need to be picked up by our volunteers, please come and talk to us at the office so we can schedule the pick up date and time. Feel free to start bringing Yard Sale donation items to our school on Saturdays.



2018 San Fernando Obon Festival

JUNE 23 (4:30-10pm) & 24 (4:30-9pm)

Save the date! Bring your family and friends! It's time for everyone to come out and enjoy the traditional **sights, sounds, tastes** and **energy** that is the largest gathering of its kind in the San Fernando Valley — our annual **SAN FERNANDO OBON FESTIVAL**.



Both Saturday and Sunday will start with a showcase introducing various activities offered at the SFVJACC that keep us all active, healthy and socially engaged. There will also be displays of Japanese cultural arts including Doll-Making, Calligraphy and Bonsai — all activities you may want to consider trying out yourself. Look for the temple display covering nearly one hundred years of history! Yes, in just three years, we will celebrate 100 years as a Sangha in the San Fernando Valley. You may recognize some familiar faces in our historic photos. Come visit Temple Bookstore and browse our selection of nenju, books on Buddhism and temple-wear; you can also try your luck at a few Silent Auction offerings. Be sure to check out the Japanese Flea Market and Arts & Crafts items for sale, too. Of course OBON wouldn't be OBON without games for the young and older, the many delicious foods and desserts to try, lively Taiko performances (Saturday @ 6:30pm; Sunday @ 6pm), the energetic dancing to participate in, and the chance to win the \$1,000 Grand Prize (just for a \$2 raffle ticket)!

San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple thanks you for your support and looks forward to this unique community gathering as we reflect on those who came before us, pause in gratitude, and in deep appreciation, dance for joy!



SF Athletics Pancake Breakfast

By Randy Burris

Our annual Athletics Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser was held on March 17th (St. Patrick's Day). Once again the Community came together to make it a very fun and successful event. We had the usual fare: pancakes, sausages, juices and coffee; all the comfort food you could enjoy. The boys and girls teams were out late on Friday to help set up and bright and early on Saturday morning to start. The Emeralds and the Wolfpack were in charge this year and would like to thank the teams and everyone else for all their help and hard work.

The weather cooperated with us finally in a week where it had rained all week; we had a beautiful sunny Saturday and a great turnout. The smell of sausages and pancakes began around 7 am and we had our first early risers right on time at 7:30. From there it was non-stop until 11:00. We even made a batch of special green pancakes in honor of St. Patrick's Day, which was a big hit with everyone!

As of the writing of this article, we had raised \$12,200 and counting! A BIG thank you to all that donated to our event. All the proceeds from this event go



directly towards the boys and girls that participate in the SF Athletics. The money helps support permits for gyms, education for volunteer coaches, maintaining our own gym and many more functions throughout the year. Beyond the money raised, this is an excellent program that teaches kids the importance of teamwork and will build life long friendships. The hope being that these kids will be the future parents that involve their kids in the program as well so the CC can continue to thrive for many generations to come.

Unfortunately, we were short donations this year from our bigger sponsors, so the teams came together once again and provided money to help buy supplies as well as various raffle prizes for our wonderful raffle drawings we had in the Pioneer building the morning of the Pancake Breakfast. We also had some much appreciated donations from outside sources that we would like to recognize for their generosity.



Coffee Sponsors:

- Gavina
- Hyun Joe from 7-11 In Hollywood
- Dennis Wee from Brian's Shave Ice in Tarzana

Other Donations/Discounts:

- Rosie's BBQ in Chatsworth donated butter, syrup & packaged utensils/napkins
- Stuart Jose and Family donated packaged utensils/napkins
- Challenge Butter gave us a very nice discounted price on butter

Raffle Prizes:

- SF Athletics Teams and Families

*We apologize in advance if any sponsors/donation names were missed or omitted. Just please know that all donations went to a great cause supporting our boys and girls.

We hope everyone enjoyed the event and ate their fill. I know it takes a lot of work, but it is worth it and it is truly a fun event for all, kids and adults. We look forward to next year's event being even bigger and better. Thank you again for supporting our Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser!



SF ATHLETICS BASKETBALL NEWS

SF Dragon Ballers 1 & 2 2018 CBO League ♦ Sureshot Kinder Division



Some of the Dragon Ballers with their very first trophy!
L-R: Mina, Drew, Braden, Emma, Ryan, C.J., Sophia, Theodore, Sola

SF SuperSonic 2018 Megalopolis Invitational ♦ 4th Grade Champions



L-R: Asst Coach Charles Muranaka, Jonathan Paloma, Sean Wimmer, Declan Hirota, Taizo Ito, Caleb Jin, Joshua Pearlstein, Evan Muranaka, Michael Wong, Coach Brian Ito

Jr. Clippers Clinic

By Rich Wong

Over 80 kids gathered on Sunday, March 18 at Taft High School in Woodland Hills for the first ever Jr. Clippers Clinic hosted by SFV Athletics. Boys and girls from grades 2 through 8 worked with eight trainers from the Los Angeles Clippers on different drills to improve their passing, dribbling, shooting and other fundamental basketball skills. The clinic lasted an hour and a half and provided some much needed down time for the parents, especially those that worked at the Pancake Breakfast the day before. This is our first year working with the Jr. Clippers organization and it has been very successful so far. The Clippers will be bringing their Street Team to the SFV Jamboree on April 28.

Pictures of the clinic on page 9.

Jr. Clippers Clinic



2018 Pepsi Youth Bowling District Finals



Tre Lau and Kai Burris are still smiling after battling the lanes at the Pepsi Youth Bowling District Finals

Simi Valley, CA – The next generation of Nikkei bowlers has arrived. Three SFVJACC youth bowlers, Kai Burris, Tyler Takeshima and Tre Lau, participated in the 2018 Pepsi Youth Bowling District Finals held at Harley's Valley Bowl, in Simi Valley, over the March 17th- 18th weekend. Kai and Tyler competed in the U15 division and Tre competed in the U20 division. Tre placed 7th in the U20 division and will compete in the State Finals in May.

Tre Lau - 611 Series, 238 High Game.
 Kai Burris – 453 Series, 163 High Game.
 Tyler Takeshima - 427 Series, 151 High Game.



Enjoy VBS Fun!

July 16-20, 2018
 9:00am to 12:00pm

at Crossway Church
 9610 Haddon st., Pacoima

for more info, contact: info@crosswaysfv.org
 or call 818-896-1676



Telling Our Stories

By Patty Takayama



The spring session of Telling Our Stories will begin Saturday, April 7th, 2018 at 2-4pm at the SFVJACC Nikkei Pioneer conference room. Academy Award winning writer, Tim Toyama will be back to lead the group in framing our stories. The spring class will meet for five sessions: April 7, 14th, May 5th, 12th and 19th, at a cost of \$5 per session or \$25.

Come join the group. Make some new friends and share your life experiences. Jot down a few memoir notes and have a good time. Do you remember the first time you saw snow? Had a snowball fight? Do you recall the first time you ate an artichoke? Road a roller coaster or drove a car? How many firsts did you have as a child? What about your first kiss? Or got caught with your hand in the cookie jar, so to speak? We've all had more than our share of "OMG" moments. Here is a

chance to share them and explain how you reacted afterward. It is never too late to jot those funny moments and share them with new friends and invite old friends to reminisce. It is fun and exciting. You may be surprised about the things your classmates share. After all these years, you may still learn something new about your neighbors.

We need a minimum of six persons to sign up for the class. Please let me know if you are interested, Contact: Patty Takayama at: pe.high.mtn@juno.com or leave a message with your name and phone number at: 818-899-7916.



The Forgotten War

By Old Wakaba, Bud Sagara

Sixty-eight years have passed since the start of the Korean War. At Memorial Day celebrations across our nation, including the one at our own Community Center on May 27th, 2018, our war veterans are honored from the dwindling remainder of the “greatest generation” of WWII, including the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, to the veterans from the wars in Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan. Strangely, the veterans of the Korean War are hardly given a mention. Why is that?

Because the Korean War for unknown reasons failed to gain the hearts and minds of the American people, it is sometimes referred to as the “forgotten war.” The war was not an “American” war that involved fighting an enemy who was a direct threat to us, but a “United Nations police action,” which had a psychological impact on the public of making it something less than a war like WW II. While the debate about the Vietnam War raged with high media coverage, the Korean War simply slipped from the national conscience. Even though it followed the same bloody, horrific and life-changing script of destruction as the aforementioned wars, it was described as a so-called “police action.” Should not this police action that caused more than 2 million deaths, including 37,000 American soldiers and three times that number wounded, be recognized more fully?

This war started in 1950 and has been suspended in history because no peace treaty was ever signed. This war has not ended. The cooperation between North and South Korea in the recent Winter Olympics tried to smooth over this fact. Throughout the years following the armistice, soldiers are still fired upon and die in the demilitarized zone. This war that was not won or lost now threatens a worldwide nuclear holocaust. Just ask anyone who was in the Hawaiian Islands in January how it felt when informed that a missile strike was imminent. What would you do with your last 15 minutes of life?

There were no parades when these Korean War veterans came home to recognize their sacrifices. It was as if no one even knew that they were away. They came home on trains or buses, sometimes met by relatives, sometimes they just showed up at the door of the family home. They took off their uniforms and went on with their lives.

In honor of all our veterans, especially the ones who served in the Korean War, the following are excerpts from the late Al Martinez, Los Angeles Times columnist and Korean War veteran, to give us a glimpse of the face of war that our brave soldiers endured. “Night was the worst of all times in Korea, its absolute darkness embracing the potential of a dozen ways to die. Twilight was almost as bad because anticipation entered in the equation and heightened our awareness of every shape that blurred into ebony and every sound that rustled in the wind. I certainly knew that the snap of a twig could be the last sound I would ever hear and the final, single tap of a drumbeat before the bullet.”

“The memory of night’s menace has lasted 45 years, emerging at unexpected moments like a bird startled into flight, causing an almost physical reaction to keep low and seek cover. This is how I felt the first time I saw the Korean War Veterans Memorial as dusk fell over the Mall in Washington DC. I looked all the terrible memories of Korea in the face, held to the scene by a fascination that would not allow me to glance away, staring into the eyes of a warrior-statue whose horror is eternalized in stainless steel. The nineteen soldiers that compose the memorial seemed to move with the shadows that shifted with the transitions from day to evening. Pale green spotlights cast their faces into ever-deepening expressions of tension and anxiety. The images were haunting. I saw myself there and heard a twig snapping...”

War brings life lessons that we learned from our grandparents and parents about the hard times of WW II from the battlefields and from the internment camps. There are words that they taught us like *giri*, which means duty, honor, and responsibility. One must honor and give allegiance to your country even when some of its people do not reciprocate. *Kodomo no tame ni* which means that we will do whatever it takes for the sake of the children because we did not want our children to suffer the same prejudice that we did. The young men volunteered out of the camps to serve in the military while the women and children conducted themselves as true Americans even though incarcerated behind barbed wire fences. They hoped that things might be different if they fought with all they had to make those changes. The 442nd Regimental Combat Team’s motto was “Go For Broke.” This was Hawaiian Pidgin slang in playing craps, meaning “to wager everything on one roll.” This was total commitment. They lived up to that motto by becoming the most highly decorated combat unit in United States military history with a 314% combat casualty rate. *Shikata ga nai* means that some things just can’t be helped, but at other times you have to go for broke to change things as these brave Nisei soldiers did.

War between nations has plagued the world since Adam and Eve. The Nisei soldier fought to change the corrupt environment that surrounded his family and to combat the threat to his country from abroad. The common man wants peace, but there is no peace on earth. It is only when the wicked passions of men that cause wars are changed by the grace of God that true universal peace will become attainable. Isaiah 2:4 is a familiar verse that says, “He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, and neither shall they learn war anymore.” When men finally bow down to God, they shall not save their weapons for future use or believe in the theory that the best way to preserve peace is to be prepared for war. Instead, they shall beat their swords into plowshares and turn their spears into pruning hooks. The spirit which created war shall be conquered. When lust and envy and hatred shall be dethroned and the spirit of God shall be dominant over the entire world, only then shall man learn war no more. Is not God’s ways so much better than man’s ways?



Family Day

Saturday ♦ June 9, 2018

12:00 - 3:00 pm

SFVJACC

12953 Branford Street, Pacoima, CA 91331

Emergency Preparedness Day!

Lunch -

Hot Dogs, Chili, Rice,
Coleslaw, Chips

Adults—\$5.00

Kids (5-10 years) - \$3.00

Kids under 5 years—Free

Ice Cream Cart

Kid's Games

Bingo

Bake Sale

Let's get ready in case of
an Emergency!

Guest speakers -

Michael Takeshita of LA county
Fire Department &

Ken Kondo from the Office of
Emergency Management.

Shakey Quakey House -

Kids over 7 will learn about
earthquakes and what to do
when one happens.

Family Day Reservation Form

Deadline: Friday, June 1, 2018

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Number of adults _____ X \$5.00 = _____

Number of Children _____ X \$3.00 = _____

(Ages 5-10 years • Under 5 free)

Total Amount _____

Please fill out this form and mail with your check to: SFVJACC—Family Day
12953 Branford Street

(Please make check payable to SFVJACC)

Pacoima, CA 91331

For more information, call Liz Doomey (818) 429-4096 or Lois Okui (818) 899-1989

SAN FERNANDO ATHLETICS BASKETBALL SIGN-UP 2018- 2019 Season

Boys and Girls grades Kindergarten - 12th
Sign up April 1, 2018 - July 1, 2018

The San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center Athletics Association invites you to join one of our Boys or Girls basketball teams. The Boys basketball teams participate in the Crescent Bay Optimist Sports League (CBO), and Girls basketball teams participate in the Japanese American Optimist Girl's Basketball League (JAO). Practices are held at the Community Center and/or at local middle and high school gyms.

The SFVJACC and the Athletics Association thank you for your continued participation. We know this coming season will be as enjoyable as seasons past. **Every player, new and returning, must submit this completed registration form and payment to be placed on a team by August 1st.**

- Boys and Girls in grades Kindergarten through 12th are eligible to play.
- Volunteerism is key to the success of this program. Family participation in the Athletics fundraisers is required to keep the program running. The two mandatory fundraisers are Pancake Breakfast (March) and Obon (June).
- **\$65** per player registration fee and **\$60** *per family* annual SFVJACC membership fee is due with this registration form. Cash or checks payable to *SF Athletics*.
- League and uniform fees will be collected at the beginning of the season by team parent representative.

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Detach on dotted line and return lower portion
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Check if Boys or Girls Sign-Up: BOYS K-8 9-12 Prep

GIRLS K-8 8-12 Prep

New: Returning: If returning, team played with last year: _____

(Use one form per child)

Mail Sign ups to: Boys: Darlene Yamauchi 18167 Karen Dr. Tarzana, CA 91356 email: DMYYama14@gmail.com
(818) 344-6885 (home) (cell) (818) 317-1672
Girls: Leslie Shirasawa 5254 Seneca Pl, Simi Valley, CA 93063 email: DKYZIG@aol.com
(805) 520-8020 (home) (cell) 805 660-0676

Please print

PLAYERS NAME: _____ SCHOOL GRADE IN SEPT: _____

AGE: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

PARENT(S) NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

NEW PLAYER or if any information has changed from previous year, please complete below:

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

If multiple children are participating in the program. \$60 CC Family Membership fee is paid through which team:

Team Name: _____

For Registrar use: \$60 CO Family Membership Fee: Cash or Check* _____ \$65 Player Fee: Cash or Check* _____

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JOIN KIZUNA'S SUMMER CAMP IN SFV!

About

Kizuna's Summer Camp is a local program for kids ages 7-13 (entering 2nd grade to entering 8th grade), centered on building a foundation of Japanese American culture & heritage.



Dates	Monday, June 18 - Friday, June 22, 2018
Time	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM daily
Location	San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center 12953 Branford Street, Paoima, CA 91331

Pricing

EARLY BIRD GROUP

\$230

Per student

Our best deal - Register more than one person at the same time before April 30!

EARLY BIRD SINGLE

\$245

Per student

Register before April 30! Find a friend to get the even lower group price.

STANDARD GROUP

\$255

Per student

Discount still available! Just register more than one person to get the group discount.

STANDARD SINGLE

\$265

Per student

Individual student registration cost.

* No refunds: fees will not be returned after received.

Visit store.kizuna-la.org/products/summer-camp

Please contact info@kizuna-la.org or (213)973-4465 for more information.

Volleyball Clinic

April 22, 2018

1:00 - 5:00 PM

Place: SFVJACC Gym

Ages: 4th Grade to Adults

Coach: Alec Imamoto

Wear comfortable clothes.

Register online at kayoda@juno.com



Soccer Clinic

June 2, 2018

1:00 PM

Location: On the field of Bert Corona Middle School.

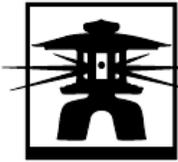
Level:

Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced

Learn from Robert Kodama, founder & director of Ksports Soccer Camps.

For info or to register online at kayoda@juno.com





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CPA

Alan Kondo
CFP™, CLU

Saturday, June 16, 2018

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

RSVP to: 818-899-1989

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

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2018 San Fernando Pee Wee Basketball Clinic

Saturdays (July 7, 14, 21, 28)

Registration - 10:00 am • Clinic - 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

SFV Japanese American Community Center
12953 Branford Street, Pacoima, CA 91331

Clinic Director: Curtis Takimoto

1993-2007 SFVJACC Athletics - Terminators • 2003 Frosh, 2004 JV, 2005-2007 Varsty Basketball - Chatsworth HS
2005-2011 - Counselor Pierce Brahma Basketball Camp (Ages 8-12) • 2007-2012 UCI Intramural Basketball
2012-present NAU Basketball • 2016 JV Basketball Coach Beckman HS, Irvine
C.O.R.E Basketball League Director - Corona Del Mar • 2016 Yonsei Boys' Assisant Coach
2016-2017 JV Basketball Assistant Coach South Pasadena HS

\$50 (includes Coaching by SF Coaching Staff, Jersey and Basketball)

Register Today! (There's space for only 20 boys and girls! First come, first served!)

For Boys & Girls, 4 through 7, ready to learn the basics & meet new friends!

4 Saturdays of fun!

(8-year-olds who have never played before also welcome)

Registration Forms Available on the SFVJACC Website at www.sfvjacc.com

All forms and payment due by May 31, 2018

Questions? Call Margaret (818) 701-7628 or email: JNCMOM@aol.com

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	Kazuhiko Nakanishi	805 492-3439
SFV Hongwanji Buddhist Temple .....	.....	.....	.....
.....	2nd Mon., 7:30 PM	Jean Taguchi	818 899-4030
SFV JACL	2nd Wed., 7:00 PM	Nancy 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 .....	.....	.....	.....
.....	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:
The 15th of every
odd month.

SPECIAL CLASSES

Arts & Crafts	Monday	10:00 AM-12:00 PM	Sally Hamamoto	818 361-2902
Ballroom Dance	Tuesday	7:00-9:00 PM	Barbara Okita	818 784-5128
Bowling*, Matador Bowl	Thursday	9:30 AM	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	1:00-11:30 AM	Call CC office	818 899-1989
Hawaiian Hula (Hula Wahines)	Friday	12:30-1:30 PM	Suzan Akamine	818 367-1723
Hitomi's Cooking Class	4th Tuesday	7:00-9:00 PM	NJ Nakamura	818 893-6503
Ikenobo Ikebana	2nd/4th Wednesday	10:00-2:00 PM	Ritsuko Shinbashi	818 892-0470
Japanese Calligraphy	1st/3rd Thursday	9:30-11:00 AM	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	Call CC Office	818 899-1989
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	Yone Takimoto	818 765-6735
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 Rodriguez	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	10:00 AM-2:00 PM	sfv.taiko@gmail.com .....	.....
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 Co-Presidents:
Priscilla Mui and Jean Taguchi

Sunday, 11:00 am Dharma School

April

- 1 10:00 am Combined Shotsuki monthly memorial and birth of Shakyamuni Buddha service
- 7 9:30 am Dharma discussion
- 8 10:00 am Regular service
- 14 9:30 am Dharma discussion
- 14 10:00 am BWA Sakura social
- 15 10:00 am Regular service
- 21 BWA Rummage Sale
- 22 No service at SFVHBT (temple retreat)
- 28 9:30 am Dharma discussion
- 7:00 pm DME - Rummikub
- 29 10:00 am Regular service

May

- 5 4:00 pm DME - Wizard School Scavenger Hunt, Getty Center
- 6 10:00 am Shotsuki monthly memorial service
- 12 10:00 am BWA service and meeting
- 13 10:00 am Shinran Shonin's birthday service and Mother's Day celebration
- 17 10:30 am Service at Nikkei Senior Gardens
- 20 10:00 am Regular service
- 26 9:30 am Dharma discussion
- 27 10:00 am Memorial Day service, temple
- 11:45 am Memorial Day service, Forest Lawn, Hollywood Hills



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, 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

5852 Laurel Canyon Blvd.
Valley Village, CA 91607

English: Pastor Paul Iwata

Email: pmiwata1@hotmail.com
haruko.iwata@gmail.com

Website:

www.sunrisejapanesechurch.org

Phone: (818) 782-8738
(818) -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

April 7-20, 2018

SFV JACL - "Telling Our
Stories Workshop

April 15, 2018

SFV JACL - "Only the Oaks
Remain" performed by
Grateful Crane

April 28, 2018

SFV Athletics Jamboree

May 5, 2018

SFV Japanese Language
Institute Yard Sale

May 27, 2018

Veterans Memorial Service

June 9, 2018

Family Day

June 18-22, 2018

Kizuna Discovery Camp

June 23 & 24, 2018

SFV Hongwanji Buddhist
Temple Obon

June 7, 14, 21 & 28

SF Athletics Pee Wee Clinic



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.

All Graduating High School Seniors

Yonsei Scholarships Applications Are Now



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.

