



# SAN FERNANDO VALLEY JAPANESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY CENTER

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## CC'S SUPER BINGO IS BACK!!

By Tadao Okui

On November 5, 2022, the Community Center, after a two year hiatus, once again had our biggest fundraiser of the year. Although this fundraiser was limited to 150 people, we ended up allowing more and everyone seemed to have a good time. I think the biggest part was just being able to gather with people and friends they haven't seen in a while.

This year, because of the pandemic, the Super Bingo Committee decided to cater the dinner rather than having our food committee cook it. We ordered bentos from Cherrystone's which consisted of teriyaki beef, huli huli chicken, green beans, chap chae, rice, potato-mac salad and takuan. There was so much food, I saw everyone taking home the food they couldn't finish.

Besides dinner, the night consisted of bingo games, a silent auction, a flea market, the all popular 50-50 raffle and a regular raffle. It was a packed filled night that ended with a lot of winners. We were very fortunate to have many generous donors provide us with prizes, silent auction and flea market items and a gift bag of food and things for each participant.

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### The big winners of the night!!



Ruby Yamaoka  
1st - Raffle Prize



Teddy Yamane  
2nd - Raffle Prize



Pauline Wada  
3rd - Raffle Prize



Gary Ogimachi  
Blackout Winner



Carol Ng  
50-50 Raffle

## SENIOR HEALTH & HOME SAFETY PRESENTATION SERIES

By Lois Okui

The ten session presentation series was made possible through a generous grant from the Japanese American Community Fund. This series is being coordinated with the Friday Senior Hot Meal Program and has raised the consciousness and awareness of our seniors and their caregivers. So far, we've had six speakers present on a wide range of topics and turnout has been great, ranging between 75-150 seniors attending. Many of the speakers are members of the Center and/or grew up at the Center. The following are the presentations from October 14 through November 18. See page 16 for the schedule of the remaining presentations.

We are very lucky to have CC member, Garry Monji, as our grant writer and would like to thank him for the numerous grants he has garnered for the Center. We truly appreciate his time and efforts he has put into these worthy programs.



### Fall Prevention Strategies

Megan Young  
Occupational Therapist,  
Providence St. Joseph's  
Medical Center (Burbank)

### Palliative Care is not hospice. Do you know the difference?

Greg Kimura, MD  
Medical Consultant,  
Palliative Care  
(Los Alamitos)



### Importance of Correct Spinal Mechanics in Daily Life

David Honjio  
Doctor of Chiropractic,  
Chiropractic Health  
Clinic (San Fernando)



### Self-Defense Awareness

Emily Kumagai  
Matsubayashi Shorin  
Ryu Dojo



### Aging In Place and Essential New Planning Tips

Laurie Shigekuni  
Attorney at Law, Laurie  
Shigekuni & Associates  
(San Francisco)

### Strengthening Your Body to Prevent Falls

Fernando Ruiz, MS  
Graduate Candidate  
Kinesiology, (CSUN)

Picture not available.



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

The Community Center is back and in-person activities have returned. We have had an active and busy 2022.

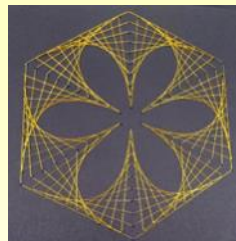
From the beginning, we have joined together as a group rather than individual entities to reach the goal of making our Center a place where members can come and participate in activities that meets our mission. Following are some things that happened in 2022 -

- Judo Club, with a donation from Green Valley Growers, created a new landscaping in the front of the Nikkei Pioneer Building. The garden was done in honor of their prominent leaders Timbo Whitesell, Kenji Watanabe, Allan Tokunaga and Bobbie Endow.
- The Nagasawa Education Scholarship was established. The Community Center, SF Athletics and SFV JACL currently have nine scholarships available to our members. Check the Website under scholarships for details. [www.sfvjacc.com](http://www.sfvjacc.com)
- In honor of Todd Matsuda, the Stuart Matsuda Family with parents, Ike and Yoshi Matsuda, donated \$10,000 to the SF Athletics Program. Thank you to Tamlyn Tomita and Daniel Blinkoff for their \$10,000 donation to the Center.
- In April, the senior Hot Meal program restarted with the first two bento lunches from Nijiya Market (\$4 was subsidized by the Hot Meal program). On May 13, Kei Inoue and her volunteer staff started cooking delicious meals again. They provided a great Thanksgiving lunch for us on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.
- May 29, we had our first in-person Memorial Day Service since 2019. David Honjio played taps, Bacon Sakatani brought the 48 Stars American Flag Signing Program, a project where members who were incarcerated at relocation centers during WWII could sign the vintage flag. Also on display was WWII memorabilia from Sandy Yamamoto's father, Shiro Shiraishi.
- SFV Hongwanji Buddhist Temple celebrated their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and Rev. Patricia Usuki retirement.
- SFV Meiji Club had a luncheon, by invitation only, to celebrate members who turned 85 years-old in 2021 and 2022.
- In March, SFV Taiko disbanded. We want to thank Reid Taguchi for the time he gave teaching the group the last seven years and for the \$15,000 they donated to the Center.
- A Self Defense Class for seniors was held in July and taught by SFV Queen Emily Kumagai and her dojo with a great group turnout. The seniors learned how to defend themselves. Another class is being planned.
- October 23, Tuna Canyon Detention Station's "Only The Oaks Remain" exhibit returned to Sakaguchi Hall with its new retractable displays. It was a well-attended event. Thank you, Kyoko Nancy and Kay Oda.
- September 17, the CC's Steak Dinner Night was held. Over 300 dinners were served to a hungry and happy crowd.
- Former CC President Danny Okazaki resigned due to a new job (he is now the Associate Executive Director at NSG). Thank you, Danny for your guidance throughout the pandemic. You kept our members informed and this past year we have been able to do so many more events and programs with your help.
- Our sincere appreciation for the hard work the SFV Bonsai Club and the many volunteers who came out to trim our Pine Tree and tend to our gardens.
- Thank you to Keiro for all the programs they provided to our members throughout the pandemic and for the returning in-person forums that assist our members with AARP classes, Iyashi Care, Tech Hour and the upcoming class on Emergency Procedures (3-part session starting on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>).
- October 29, we had a great turn out show up for the CC Clean-Up, our first in three years. Coordinator Bing Lau had to keep one step ahead to find jobs for everyone to do. Thank you all for helping our Center sparkle.
- New clubs have joined the CC family - *Movie Review Club*, a monthly group (first Monday of each month) that has lunch, watch a movie and review it from 12 to 3 PM. *Volleyball Club* meets on Sundays in the gym from 6 to 9 PM (5<sup>th</sup> grade to adults). *Dining with the Chef* (every quarter) with chef, John Nishio, showing us how to make a variety of culinary goodies. Suggestions welcome for new ideas and thoughts to make our Center family friendly.
- The Super Bingo did well, with 175 people attending. Thank you for your support and making our biggest fundraiser a success!
- Invitations to the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, December 7, have been mailed. We hope you will attend this very informative and important meeting which starts at 6 pm. Dinner will be served.

My sincere wish is that everyone has a fabulous Christmas and a very Happy New Year. See you in 2023!

Liz Doomey

2022 Interim SFVJACC Co-President



**SENIOR ARTS &  
CRAFTS CLASS**

**STRING ART  
PROJECT**

**BEGINS ON MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2023  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Kay Yamada has volunteered to teach us string art.  
All the materials will be provided. Contact Liz  
Doomey at (818) 429-4096 to be put on the class list.

The class is currently teaching how  
to make plumeria leis

## **Acknowledgements**

### **For the month of October & November 2022**

#### **Donations**

Japanese American Community Foundation .....  
Grant money for the Senior Health and Home  
Safety Series Presentations  
Kitaman, Inc.....  
For Project Nozomi  
RGEAR, LLC .....  
For Project Nozomi  
Liz Doomey's Facebook Birthday Fundraiser .....  
Ikuyo Sakaguchi .....  
For the Legacy Fund  
Al and Mitzi Kushida .....  
Year End donation  
Carol Ng.....  
In appreciation for winning the Super Bingo  
50-50 Raffle prize  
Garry and Joy Monji.....  
Dr. Randall Fong.....  
In memory of his uncle Ernie Fong  
Ruby Yamaoka .....  
In appreciation of winning 1st prize in the Super  
Bingo raffle  
Hiko and Etsuko Hashimoto .....  
In memory of Ernie Fong  
Audrey Fukunaga & Liz Doomey.....  
50% of her sales from the CC Craft Boutique  
Doug Nakada.....  
In memory of his mother Helen Nakada  
Linda Takayama .....  
50% of her sales from the SF Athletics Craft  
Boutique  
Jean Fong and Family .....  
In memory of her husband Ernie Fong  
Ed and Margaret Tajiri .....  
Year End donation  
Barbara Demsey.....  
15% of her sales from the CC Craft Boutique  
Pat Donato.....  
Keiro .....  
In appreciation for advertising their events in our  
newsletter  
Audrey Fukunaga & Liz Doomey.....  
15% of her sales from the SF Athletics Craft  
Boutique  
Jocelyn Robertshaw .....  
15% of her sales from the SF Athletics Craft  
Boutique  
Linda Kuratomi.....  
Karen Muranaka .....  
15% of her sales from the CC Craft Boutique

#### **Use of Facilities**

Ping Pong Club.....  
Maria Okumura .....  
Tuesday/Friday Exercise Classes .....  
Hawaiian Hula.....  
Merry Hiroshima .....  
Omotenashi Consulting, Inc .....  
Aloha Club .....

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#### **Use of Facilities**

Yonsei Basketball - Erika Yamasaki .....  
Tuna Canyon Detention Station.....  
Ukulele Club.....  
Thursday Nite Basketball .....  
Jan & Co.....  
Country Western Music.....  
Hitomi's Cooking Class .....  
Bridge Club (Group disbanded) .....

#### **Miscellaneous**

Coffee donation.....  
On Call Medics..... 7 Refurbished wheelchairs  
Robert and Linda Takayama..... 4 Boxes white  
corn for Family Steak Dinner

*Thank you for  
your generous donations!*

### **Seeking Queen Candidates for 2023**

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

#### **Qualifications:**

1. Single woman who has never been married or had children
2. Between the ages of 19 to 25 years
3. 50% Japanese ethnicity
4. USA citizen or legal permanent resident
5. Family connection to our Community Center

Contact NJ Nakamura  
for more information:  
818-893-6503 or  
njnakamura.nj@gmail.com

The 2022 Super Bingo  
Emcees were past SFV  
Queens ~ L-R: Jaclyn  
Tomita, Kendra Motoyasu  
and Ariel Imamoto



### **Dining With The Chef**

**Sunday, December 11**

**2:00 - 4:00 PM**

**Chef John Nishio will demonstrate  
how to make Makisushi and  
California Roll**

**Cost: \$20 per person**

*(to cover cost of ingredients, fees plus a  
donation to Grateful Crane Ensemble)*

**Limited: 20 people**

Please contact Liz Doomey, call or text to 818-429-4096  
or email [lizdoomey@yahoo.com](mailto:lizdoomey@yahoo.com) by December 6th.



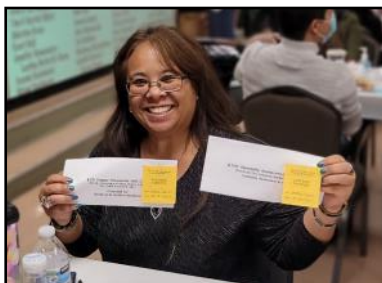
# **SUPER BINGO FUNDRAISER** - Continued from front page.

## **WE RAISED ALMOST \$20,000!!**

Ariel Imamoto and Kendra Motoyasu, were the emcees for the evening, with Jaclyn Tomita helping. These three ladies were our past SFV Queens who represented our Community Center at Nisei Week. Our lovely emcees did a wonderful job keeping the program moving so there was never a dull moment.

We want to thank all the volunteers who came Friday night before the event to help set up the hall and fill the gift bags. Thank you to the 20+ volunteers who helped during the event serving the bentos, desserts, drinks, acting as runners when someone got a bingo, selling the 50-50 raffle tickets and taking care of the flea market and silent auction. We couldn't have done this event without everyone's help.

**Here are just a few of the many lucky winners of the night...**



L-R: Jaclyn Tomita, Interim CC President Liz Doomey, Ariel Imamoto and Kendra Motoyasu



## **THANK YOU TO OUR SUPER BINGO DONORS!!**

### **MAJOR DONORS**

Inoue, Bert & Kei  
Ishimoto, Taro & Mary  
Komoto, Jane & Vivian, Darryl  
Morinaga Nutritional Foods  
Murphy, Dennis & Marian

Murphy, Dennis & Marian  
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PCSC  
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SFVJACC Hot Meal  
Upper Crust Enterprises  
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Arii, Donna  
Arriola, Kasey  
Asaoka, Mitsu  
Chiba Restaurant  
Clever, Jill  
Docken, Shirley  
Doomey, John & Liz  
Elliot, Tim & Harriet  
FIA Insurance Services  
Greco, Marsha  
Hall, Kaori  
Hashimoto, Fuyumi  
Hashimoto, Hitomi  
Hollowell, Masako  
Kadonaga, Dale

Kaku, Tracy  
Kamimura, Christy  
Kimura, Patti  
Kishi, Marilyn  
Lasting Butterfly Kisses -  
Jennifer Hamamoto  
Lew, Gene  
Matoi, Joanne  
Matsuzaki, Judy  
McClure, Teri  
Michie's Place - Michie Sujishi  
Miyagishima, Sharlene  
Miyata, Isabelle &  
Negoro, Harvey  
Mui, Ken & Priscilla

Nakada, Doug  
Nakada, Will  
Nakamura, Joanne  
Nakamura, Morris & Susan  
Ng, Henry and Carol  
Nikkei Senior Gardens  
Nomura, Russell  
Okazaki, Danny & Yumi  
Okita, Dennis & Barbara  
Okui, Tadao & Lois  
O'Neill, Coleen  
Pearlstein, Tiffany  
Sakaguchi, Ikuyo  
SFV Japanese Language  
Institute

SFV Meiji Senior Club  
Shimizu, Lorraine  
Takayama, Linda  
Takeshima, Shoji & Shari  
Takeshita, Jack  
Tsuchimoto, Kei  
Watanabe, Kyoko  
Yamada, Katsuko  
Yamaoka, Emmy  
Yamashita, Diane  
Yamashita, Mas & Norma  
Jean  
Yoshimura, Kathy  
Young, Kevin & Megan

## THANK YOU TO OUR SUPER BINGO PARTICIPANTS!!

|                          |                               |                            |                            |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Arii, Kelvin             | Ito, Laura                    | Moriguchi, Reiko           | Sato, Setsuko              |
| Asuncion, Jean           | Iwamasa, Grace                | Morikawa, Dean             | SFV Judo Club              |
| Betz, Keiko              | Iwaoka, Masaaki & Sachiko     | Mui, Ken & Priscilla       | Shigekuni, Phil & Marion   |
| Chiba, Kimiaki           | Kaku, Dick & Pauline          | Murphy, Dennis & Marian    | Shimizu, Eiji & Florence   |
| Chinn, Joyce             | Kaku, Tracy                   | Nakada, Douglas            | Shinbashi, Kenzo & Ritsuko |
| Chiu, Carol              | Kami, Kay                     | Nakada, Willie             | Shinsato, Raymond          |
| Clever, Willard & Jill   | Kanagi, Chisato               | Nakamura, Richard & NJ     | Shiotani, Tami             |
| Corpuz, Maddy            | Kasahara, Pattie              | Nakata, Sam                | Shishido, Anna             |
| Date, Stan & Diane       | Kawamoto, Raymond             | Ng, Henry & Carol          | Shojinaga, Richard & Grace |
| Docken, Terry & Shirley  | Kimura, Patti                 | Nicklaus, Garland & Debbie | Stewart, Doug & Stephanie  |
| Doomey, Liz              | Kimura, Sumie                 | Niizawa, Guy & Tracy       | Takayama, Robert & Linda   |
| Emmons, Penny            | Kishi, Marilyn                | Niwa, Amy                  | Tanaka, Denise             |
| Fukumoto, Eiji           | Kobayashi, John               | Oda, George                | Tanaka, Leonard            |
| Goto, Grace              | Kodani, Powell & Faye         | Oda, Kay                   | Uyeda, Cherry              |
| Gotori, Mary             | Komoto, Jayne                 | Ogimachi, Gary             | Uyehara, Mark & Loreen     |
| Hamamoto, Sally          | Kuratomi, Linda               | Okamura, Arthur            | Yamada, Katsuko            |
| Hamamoto, Scott          | Kus, Michiko                  | Okita, Barbara             | Yamamoto, Gary & Sandra    |
| Hashimoto, Hiko & Etsuko | Lew, Gene & Genevieve         | Otake, Julie               | Yamane, Teddy & Midori     |
| Hashimoto, Hitomi        | Manaka, Timothy               | Plaskow, David & Diane     | Yamamoto, Janet            |
| Hatakeda, Harold         | Matoi, Joanne                 | Rosero, Lipo & Dorothy     | Yamaoka, Ruby              |
| Hazama, Yo               | Matsuda, Ike                  | Saito, Elaine              | Yamasaki, Erika            |
| Hollowell, Masako        | Matsumura, Rose               | Sakuda, Dale               | Yamashita, Diane           |
| Houk, Heather            | SFV Meiji Senior Club         | Sasaki, Stephen & Karen    | Yamauchi, Darlene          |
| Ikeda, Rosie             | Miyagishima, Glenn & Sharlene | Sato, Eiji & Marge         | Yoneoka, Diane             |
| Imazu, Roy               |                               | Sato, Jennie               | Yoshimura, Kathy           |
| Inoue, Kei               | Monji, Garry                  |                            |                            |

## THANK YOU SUPER BINGO VOLUNTEERS!!

|                                    |                              |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Arison, Jay                        | Nakada, Gary**               |
| Arriola, Kasey & Ramon*            | Nakada, Will**               |
| Cheng, Joe & Grace                 | Nicklaus, Garland & Debbie** |
| Cheng, Kenny                       | Okui, Amy                    |
| Couey, Kenji                       | Okui, Tadao & Lois**         |
| Doomey, Liz**                      | Okui, Megan**                |
| Hashimoto, Fuyumi*                 | Shojinaga, Susan             |
| Kamimura, Christy                  | Takayama, Nancy*             |
| Kimura, Patti**                    | Watanabe, Tenka              |
| Miyagishima, Glenn & Sharlene**    | Watanabe, Asuka              |
| Miyata, Isabelle & Negoro, Harvey* | Watanabe, Kiyo               |
| Monji, Garry                       | Yokomizo, Erin               |
| Mori, Michelle                     | Yoneoka, Harris              |
| Nakada, Doug                       | Yoshimura, Matthew*          |
|                                    | Yoshimura, Steve & Kathy*    |

\* Helped at Friday night set up

\*\* Helped both Friday & Saturday nights

## SUPER BINGO COMMITTEE

|                       |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Arriola, Kasey        | Manaka, Akiko      |
| Doomey, Liz           | Nicklaus, Debbie   |
| Hashimoto, Fuyumi     | Okui, Megan        |
| Hashimoto, Toji       | Okui, Tadao & Lois |
| Miyagishima, Sharlene | O'Neill, Coleen    |
| Kimura, Patti         | Yoshimura, Kathy   |



*Thank You For Your Support*



## SFV Meiji Senior Citizens Club News

By Liz Doomey

In November, the Meiji Board began their 2023 membership campaign. You can purchase your membership from any of our board members for \$5 per person. All mail in membership requests will need to provide information besides name and address, we will need your emergency contact information, birthdate (to calculate 85-year celebration) and phone number.

If no changes to your information from last year, just send in \$5 per person with your names. Thank you.

Please join us at our New Year's Installation Luncheon on January 14, 2023 to be held in the Dr. Sanbo Sakaguchi Hall at 12 noon. Board members are selling tickets to this event for \$25 person. Last day to purchase tickets will be December 31, 2022.

Update from the DMV for those 70 and over with driver's license expiring in December and early 2023, when you get your renewal request, go on-line and you will only need to pay your license fee. No test, photo, or eye test will be required. The newspaper article did not give the last day to apply next year so check to see if you qualify on-line at DMV.gov

Board Members: Ritsuko Shinbashi, Ikuko Sogabe, Sandra Yamamoto, Yoshimi Sussan, Kay Yamada, Liz Doomey, Gene & Genevieve Lew, Joanne Nakamura, Jean Shinsato, Yoshi Matsuda, Nancy Takayama, Joy Longworth, and Toshi Toda

### **Upcoming Keiro Forums: 10:30 - 11:30 AM - Register at Keiro.org**

**When you register for one it will automatically register you for all the month's forums.**

December 1, 2022 - The Importance of Friendship  
As You Age

December 13, 2022 - Connectedness Bingo

December 12, 2022 - Cooking for Care, Donabe  
Done Right 3 PM

December 15, 2022 - Community Conversations:  
Connectedness

## Senior Classes, Forums & Workshops

By Liz Doomey

### **AARP Smart Driver Class**

On October 19th and 20th, John Nakaki from Keiro came out to conduct the second AARP Smart Driver Class of 2022. Seven of our members received their certificate of completion. Contact Liz Doomey (818) 429-4096 if you're interested in signing up for the 2023 class. Date of class will be determined by the interest shown by members to warrant a class.



### **CHP Age Well, Drive Smart Program**

Thank you to Stuart Olesker and his senior volunteer team for coming to SFVJACC on October 21st after Hot Meal to present their Age well, Drive Smart Program. They presented informative ways to drive safer and drive longer to our seniors. If you know of any other senior groups that could use their services, contact Stu at (818)687-2479.

### **Keiro's Iyashi Care**

On Oct. 28, our guest speakers were Heather, Yulia, Lauren, and Naomi from Keiro. They gave a presentation on Iyashi Care, a palliative care program created in partnership with Providence Health & Services. They talked about the differences between palliative care and hospice care and all the services palliative care provides. Thank you, Keiro, for a very informative program. For more information go to [Keiro.org](https://www.keiro.org)



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L-R: Heather Harada, Yulia Nakagome, Lauren Yoshiyama and Naomi Arnot

## Senior Classes, Forums & Workshops - Continued from page 6.

### CC Board Honors Veterans at Hot Meal

The CC Board honored our vets on Veteran's Day with a cake to thank them for their service. This was done during the Hot Meal lunch. The Country Western Music Group also honored the veterans and all those in attendance with music, their way of thanking them for their dedication to our country and to show appreciation for their service.



### Keiro's Tech Team

The Tech Team from Keiro came to our Center to work with seniors who wanted to learn how to utilize their devices (cell phones, computers and iPads). Makoto, Kent, Keiko and Lauren worked one-on-one to answer any tech questions about their devices. We are planning on providing more classes in 2023. Terry and Shirley Docken, Maddy Corpuz, Joy Longworth, Kay Kami, Masako Hollowell, Richard & Lynn Yoshizumi, Chisato Kanagi and Liz Doomey benefited from the forum.

### About Meiji Senior Citizen's Group

By NJ Nakamura

Where will seniors find friendly faces, lots of social activities and feel a sense of belonging, all in one place? The San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center (SFVJACC) is the place to be! At that place, the Meiji Senior Citizen's group offers fun-filled activities.

It all started in the 1950s. Several Issei members wanted to start a senior citizens group. They wrote their own bylaws and got their own non-profit tax ID number through the California Franchise Tax board. Since those founding "fathers" were born during the Meiji era (1868 to 1912), they chose the name, "SFV Meiji Senior Committee."

Today, the official, modernized name is the SFV Meiji Senior Citizen's Committee on Aging. Now that getting together is safer health-wise, this group is slowly bringing back the Meiji activities. Those who recently celebrated their 85<sup>th</sup> birthdays were honored at a special luncheon this past June.

There are also plans for the return of the annual Meiji New Year's luncheon. As for current social activities, there is Line Dancing, Ondo Dancing, Country Western Music and Tai Chi. The Meiji committee is searching for people to begin meeting for Mahjong, Hanafuda, Bridge, Karaoke and Harmonica.



The membership fee is \$5 a year. This helps to cover the cost for the pocket size calendar and the ball point pen, which are given to paying members on alternate years. The dues also help cover the expenses for the office supplies, such as postage and stationary, as well as the fee for the Meiji's separate liability insurance which is required by the SFV JACC.

All adults are welcome to join, no matter how young you are. For more information, please contact Ritsuko Shinbashi 818-892-0470, Kay Yamada 818-763-4861 or Genevieve Lew 818-988-3840.

## SF Athletics Basketball



### SFV Raptors

VFW Tournament  
1st Place Champs  
3rd Grade Boys  
Division

L-R: Grant Yamaguchi,  
Liam Choi, Austin Lee,  
Mikah Chi, Deegan  
Nakama, Aaron Tsuneda,  
Grady Magcase, Max  
Lydick, Lucas Wimmer,  
Cody Tan

## The Start of the CBO League

### SFV Dragon Ballers

L-R: Brayden Maranan, Izaiah Lara, Sola Evans,  
C.J. Ito, Cole Magcase, Jackson Moffat, Max Kadotani,  
Drew Ezaki, Miles Magcase

Missing: Theodore Kim



SF Dragons enjoying snacks after  
their game at Venice CC.

L-R: Jonathan Pham, Ryder Nacu,  
Owen Wake, Benjamin De Leon,  
Kara Yamaguchi



### SF Guardians

7th Grade Boys  
1st game of the season

L-R: Lucas Padua,  
Kai Gonzalez, Drew  
Magcase, Mikey Murata,  
Aiden Duong, Grayson  
Padua, Finn Komives,  
Justin Ezaki, Luke  
Kadotani

## SF Athletics Basketball



### SF Shooting Stars

8th Grade Girls

South Bay Youth (SBY)  
Basketball League  
Co-Champs

5-1 Record

Front (L-R): Alana Yeck,  
Kaelyn Yoshizawa, Sarah Louie,  
Marlise Fenton

Back (L-R): Coach Wesley Tanijiri,  
Hayley Reitz, Kayla Tanijiri,  
Sarah Huang, Joey Takiguchi,  
Coach Justin Yoshizawa

Missing: Allyson Nagatsuka



## San Fernando Valley Japanese Language Institute

Our first fundraiser, the Fall Yard Sale, was on Nov 5, 2022. It feels fantastic to get it all done and we raised over \$1,000.00 from sales plus a generous donation from Liz and John Doomey. Preparations for the yard sale started at 7:00 am and it ended well after 3:00 pm, just right before the CC's Super Bingo Fundraiser. Thank you very much to the school and community volunteers who made it possible. We must regulate and limit future donations, so do not bring anything to the Community Center without any authorization from JLI Board. We would like to try to put less work into the yard sale hours for our small group of volunteers by keeping donations manageable to handle in the future.



SFVJLI is still seeking energetic teachers to come on board with us. We would like to start an advanced/college prep Japanese class – Teen 4 and additional services to the Adult Conversation Class and the rest of kinder to teen classes. If you or someone you know is interested, please email us at [sfvjli@hotmail.com](mailto:sfvjli@hotmail.com)

The school semester will end on December 17 with a Holiday Program and potluck meal for school members and their families and school staff.

The SFVJLI New Year's

Party is scheduled for Feb 4, 2023. Please email [sfvjli@hotmail.com](mailto:sfvjli@hotmail.com) for any questions.

By Kiyo Watanabe, PTA President



**SFVJACC New Year's Installation**  
**Saturday, January 7, 2023**



## William Lloyd Hitt (1932-2022)

Tuna Canyon Board member Ernie Nishii wrote, "Life is impermanent--but his legacy will always be with us with people who may not remember his name but will know his impact."

Korean War combat veteran Lloyd Hitt promised while fighting on Pork Chop Hill that if he was spared he would work hard for good causes. Fortunately for us, he survived.

After the war, Lloyd graduated from U.S.C. with a Pharm.D (Doctor of Pharmacy) in 1959. He then worked at Hober's Pharmacy in Sunland as chief pharmacist and store manager until his retirement in 1995. Lloyd then noticed that the local historical society and Bolton Hall Museum needed help, so he volunteered. He was successfully involved in many local community affairs as well as a poetry and writing group. In addition, Lloyd was an influential charter member of the Land Use Committee of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council, which originally met at Bolton Hall.

Starting in 2006, with Paul Tsuneishi and the Japanese American community, Lloyd spent more than ten years compiling information and advocating for the Tuna Canyon Detention Station site. A critical contact was made with David Scott, grandson of Tuna Canyon's Officer-in-Charge Merrill H. Scott, who had numerous rare photos of this detention station. These photos became an integral part of the Tuna Canyon Detention Station Coalition's traveling exhibit. Lloyd personally guided people through this exhibit when it was at Bolton Hall in the summer of 2016. He also participated in the 2017 Manzanar Pilgrimage.

Lloyd once said "Of the many community projects I have championed over the years, to be involved with the Tuna Canyon exhibit, "Only the Oaks Remain", has been the most important project for me as it relates to the past, present, and the future. The exhibit represents years of preparation by people of a wide range of talents, races, and ethnicities with a goal to determine what happened at the WWII Tuna Canyon camp and more important to educate and remind the American public that this must never happen again. The timing is perfect with the world in its current state as people are divided over race and religion. The exhibit reminds us how a few racists coming together can spread fear that affects the outcome of how a nation responds to war in a time of crisis and fear. The tribal barriers have to come down for lasting peace."



Ernie and Marie Masumoto,  
Lloyd and Marlene Hitt, Kyoko Oda



Lloyd wanted to protect the Tuna Canyon Detention Station (TCDS) from disappearing into obscurity. Despite a lukewarm response to his initial outreach efforts, he worked with Los Angeles City committees and officials to obtain official recognition for the Tuna Canyon site. Eventually he and a broad coalition of local and Japanese American activists supported then-Councilman Richard Alarcon and the Los Angeles City Council, who voted to preserve one acre with oak trees of the Tuna Canyon site as Historic-Cultural Monument No. 1039.

As Tuna Canyon Board member Dr. Russell Endo said, "One of our guiding lights and sources of inspiration has passed."

Tuna Canyon will remind us that civil rights are only as strong as those who have fought to protect them. The Japanese, German, and Italian immigrants and hostages from Latin America who passed through Tuna Canyon in violation of their rights cannot be ignored any longer.

A service for Lloyd was held on November 19 with a reception and "sharing" afterward.



## TUNA CANYON SHOW AT SFVJACC

By Kyoko Nancy Oda

The center opened its doors on October 23 to launch a new version of "Only the Oaks Remain" traveling exhibit. Mas Okui remarked that a lot of work went into the display by Dr. Kanji Sahara, project director and the coalition. We were honored that Yo Hazama, Larry and Eileen Furukawa and relatives, Haru Kuromiya, Betty Matsushita, Donna Sugimoto, Nancy Takayama, Ted Tayenaka, and Teddy Yamane were the nisei and sansei sons, daughters and granddaughters of the Tuna Canyon Detention Station in attendance.

Kyoko Nancy Oda was introduced by Ariel Imamoto who was an Aratani grant intern. A brief PowerPoint focused on the site that is only fifteen minutes away that held men and some women of Japanese, German, and Italian ancestry during World War II.

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Ariel Imamoto, Kyoko Nancy Oda  
and Kathy Masaoka

## TUNA CANYON SHOW AT SFVIACC - Continued from page 10.

Founding board member, Claudia Culling, gave a brief update on the Historic Cultural Monument 1039 that is one acre of land under the oaks saying that Snowball West has filed an appeal so they can build 225 houses on the rest of the property. Updates to follow when a decision by the judge is made.

Kathy Masaoka who is a descendant, teacher, and activist shared her Issei grandparents' impact on her motivation as a leader for reparations in 1980 as a leader of the Nikkei for Civil Rights and Reparations and now the Nikkei Progressives. Popular Grateful Crane actor, Darrell Kunitomi stepped up during a brief technical interlude.

A delicious snack donated by Maxwells Chicken Rice in Northridge was served after the question and answer period.

Thank you to Liz Doomey, Joy Longworth, Teri McClure, Kei Inoue and family, Sharlene and Glenn and Miyagishima, Kay, Devon and Kyle Oda,

Tadao Okui and Denise Tanaka. Set up volunteers included Tyler Miyagishima, Sean Shojinaga and Aya Shigenaga. Also instrumental that day were Colleen and Ed Cababa, Jenny Chomori, Jason, Justin, and Janet Fujii, David Fujioka, Teeny and Sei Miyano from the Manzanar Committee that quickly packed the lighter version exhibit that is available for short stays in schools, libraries and churches. Emmy awarded Robert Horsting, producer of "Citizen Tanouye", videoed the program.



**NIKKEI BOWLING** - The SFV Nikkei Bowling League completed a successful Summer Season in September and is already off to a fast start for the Fall. Here are some pictures of the league's stars for the Summer. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Stan Date anytime ([standate@gmail.com](mailto:standate@gmail.com)). Bowling is a great way to have fun and meet others.

2309 - High Average - Duane Koyano (220) and Jacey Opiana (200)

2312 - High Handicap Game - Brenna Maxfield (299) and Eugene Lew (305) not pictured



2305 - High Handicap Series: Tami Shiotani and Jacey Opiana (tied 789), Mike Hara (844)



2306 - Champions - Randy Tomita, Diane Date, Tony Shiotani



2310 - Most Improved Average - Kaori Hall (129 to 138) and Donny Chitwood (139 to 162)

**IREICHO** The **Ireichō** contains the first comprehensive listing of over 125,000 persons of Japanese ancestry who were incarcerated in US Army, Department of Justice, Wartime Civil Control Administration, and War Relocation Authority camps. Embedded into the very materiality of the Ireichō are special ceramic pieces made from soil collected by the project from seventy-five former incarceration sites from Alaska to Hawai'i, Arkansas to California, and from almost every other region of the United States. It is part of a multi-faceted project (*Irei: National Monument for the WWII Japanese American Incarceration*) to address the erasure of the identities of individuals of Japanese ancestry who experienced wartime incarceration.

On September 24, 2022, the Japanese American National Museum hosted a private event to consecrate and install the Ireichō. Below is an article by Kyoko Nancy Oda on the event.

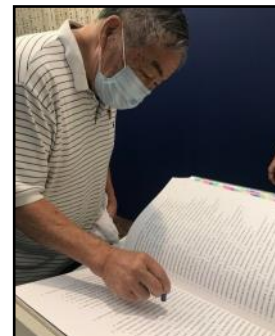
On September 24, Pastor Paul Iwata of the Sunrise Japanese Foursquare Church and I represented Tuna Canyon Detention Station and were among representatives of 75 incarceration locations and clergy who walked to the Japanese American National Museum from Nishi Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, where in 1942 many Japanese Americans boarded buses to be transported to the camps. It is the first time a comprehensive list of these 125,000 incarcerated has been compiled, displayed and memorialized.



*Pastor Paul wrote,*

"Participation in this momentous event was an eye-opener for me. Being present with over 150 delegates who represented all of the camps and detention centers helped me to realize the scope of incarceration and its effect on shaping the course of history for Japanese-Americans. We gained a deeper appreciation for the strength, courage, and resilience of our parents and grandparents."

The museum has implemented a reservation system for people who would like to view the names and use a special hanko (stamp or seal) to leave a mark for each person in the Ireichō as a way to honor those incarcerated during WWII. While interest is high and slots have already been filled for the rest of the month, you are encouraged to stamp in the book of names until October



Kay Oda signing the Ireichō

2023. For your convenience, here is the link to the museum's reservation system for viewing and placing hanko stamps into the Ireichō - <https://www.janm.org/exhibits/ireicho>

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CC member, Shirley Docken, signed the book on November 17, 2022. Here are her thoughts about it -

As a member of JANM, I received an email inviting us to stamp our family names in the Ireichō. This was the first time one book was produced containing the names of 125,000 incarcerated Japanese residents during WWII. Many were American citizens. My brother Isao, sister-in-law Diane, my sister, Joanne, and my husband, Terry and I got together to honor and acknowledge the difficulties our parents faced during those years. We were first at Santa Anita and then taken to Manzanar. My brother, Hiroshi, was a toddler, I was a few months old and my mother was pregnant with my brother, Akira. Akira and Isao were born in Manzanar. It was a terrible time for my mother with anxieties about the future and babies and toddlers to tend with. It struck me how difficult it must have been for her as I was looking at her name in the Ireichō. We were babies and children with few worries.

After making our mark on this historical document, we went to have lunch at Suehiro Cafe.

*Thoughts from Pat and Diane Narikawa -*

My husband and I went to the Irei Exhibit at JANM in little Tokyo yesterday with the family. We were overwhelmed and impressed by the sheer size and scale of the Ireichō - a sacred book of names of incarcerated people. It's hard to wrap your brain around the true scale and number of people that were in the camps when you see just how large the book is.

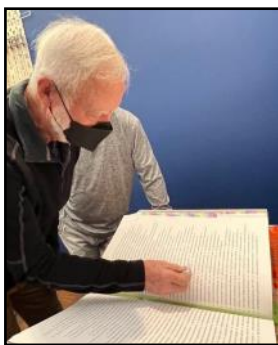
We are thankful to everyone who worked to assemble this beautiful physical record, and we are honored to have taken part in the stamping of recognition.

This visit was moving and sparked many emotions about our ancestors and their experiences.

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L-R: Diane and Pat Isao Narikawa, Joanne Ritoper, Shirley and Terry Docken.



Shirley's husband,  
Terry, signing  
the book.

*Thoughts from Joanne Ritoper -*

Although I was born in 1953, long after the events of WWII, my parents and four siblings were all interned at Manzanar. On Thursday, I joined my sister, my brother-in-law, my brother, and sister-in-law at the Japanese American National Museum to honor and acknowledge those members of my family listed in the Ireicho. The staff at JANM was kind enough to accommodate our party of five before the museum's opening hours. We were led to a small area where the Ireicho was placed. There were wooden plaques with all the internment sites, including temporary ones. I didn't realize there were that many sites.

The Ireicho is a huge thick manuscript where each internee's name is beautifully printed, and listed in order of their birth year. We were instructed how to stamp a dot below each name of those we wished to acknowledge. I think because we had the special accommodation of the staff and no other party waiting in line, each of us were lucky enough to stamp every member of our family. I was especially touched because I wanted to acknowledge both of my deceased parents, and my brother who we lost last year and was able to do so. I was so happy to be a part of history by honoring the sacrifices of my family in a permanent, tangible way that will be recorded for posterity.

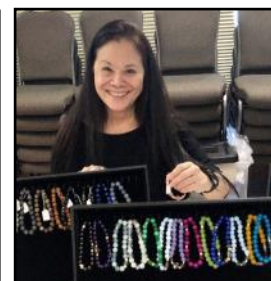
## Craft BOUTIQUE

### SFV JAPANESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY CENTER

By Liz Doomey

We had the second craft boutique of the year in the Dr. Sanbo Sakaguchi Hall on Saturday, November 19th. There were 17 vendors selling jewelry, Avon, Pampered Chef, homemade crafts (scrubbers, kitchen towels, water bottles holders, flannel blankets, etc.), teas and other miscellaneous holiday items. The CC members and the vendors had a wonderful time connecting with old friends, as well as new ones.

All the vendors were requested to donate at least 15% of their sales to SFVJACC Project Nozomi Fund. The Craft Boutique Fundraiser was able to raise over \$1,000. Thank you, Jocelyn Tanaka Robertshaw, for organizing the event.



## CC CLEAN UP DAY

Thank you to everyone who came to the CC Clean Up on Saturday, October 29. We were able to trim and clean the CC gardens, as well as getting some projects done that were put off during the two years we were closed, due to the pandemic. A big thanks to the Hot Meal staff for preparing lunch for over 100 volunteers and served by SFV JACL.

We would also like to thank our councilwoman, Monica Rodriguez, for donating the trash dumpster for our Clean Up Day.

### Thank You Volunteers

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| Jeff/Kian Matsuda             | Harris Yoneoka             |
| Ricardo Nagaoka               | Jill Yoshizawa             |

We apologize if we omitted any names.



## HUNGER

By Old Wakaba, Bud Sagara

Hopefully you had a memorable Thanksgiving holiday with family in spite of the uncertainty of COVID and an early flu season. Let me share a few silly stories about our favorite holiday pastime: eating.

At one Thanksgiving dinner, a mom asked her young daughter to help serve the pumpkin pie for dessert. The girl managed to bring the tray of plated pie to the table where her father sat. Each time her father took a plate off the tray, he promptly passed it to one of the guests seated at the table. After this happened a third time, the girl said to her father, "It's no use Daddy, all the pieces are the same size."

Turkey is the star of Thanksgiving, while some vegans and vegetarians would rather have alternatives such as tofu turkey or other soy products. It's alleged that turkeys suffer much after being raised in confined spaces and then ultimately sent to our dinner tables. The Japanese people have thrived for centuries in even more crowded conditions than turkeys and they don't seem any worse for the wear. My doctor recommended that I find alternatives to red meat, so turkey at Thanksgiving works for me. Tradition dictates that we eat turkey for Thanksgiving, just like we eat Dodger dogs at the stadium even though we have been told about the unhealthy ingredients in hot dogs. History tells us that the Native Americans and the Pilgrims ate other meats like venison, wildfowl and fish on the first thanksgiving. Imagine if they had shared alligator meat with their meal. How would they cook it? My wise friend said, "probably in a *croc* pot."

The late Mr. Tom Ikuta, a founding pioneer of the CC and avid fisherman, would tell us kids tall stories on his many visits to our house decades ago. I remember he said that in Japan the freshness of fish is highly prized. Mr. Ikuta said he ate at a restaurant where the *sashimi* is so fresh that it's still quivering when served. He continued that at another Japanese restaurant, the chefs introduced tiny, live fish into hot broth containing cubes of tofu. In trying to escape the heat of the broth, the tiny fish embedded themselves in the tofu seeking shelter from the heat and that's how the unique tofu and fish dish was prepared. Mr. Ikuta's stories certainly left lasting impressions on me.

This reminds me of another story of a man who was being treated to dinner by his boss at a fancy seafood restaurant. His boss insisted that he order the clams because they were so fresh, so he reluctantly did. When he squeezed lemon on the clams, they moved! He thought, "Yuck, I'm not going to eat anything that's still alive, but I don't want to insult my boss by leaving them on the plate." When his boss left the table to greet someone across the room, the man quickly slipped the clams into his pocket and asked the waiter to take the plate away. When the dinner was over, he and his boss parted ways, but now what to do with the clams in his pocket? As the man was leaving the restaurant, he noticed the small fountain at the entrance of the restaurant. He stealthily slipped the clams out of his pocket and into the fountain. Hence, the origin of the song, "Three clams in a fountain..." Anyone remember Doris Day?

One last story: A couple decided to invite another couple whom they had just met to an Italian restaurant that was known for the freshness of their ingredients. A tense situation arose when the female guest announced with a tone of superiority that she does not eat any animal flesh and prefers that everyone at the table do the same. Her husband weakly explained to the other couple about his wife's strong vegan lifestyle. The other wife did not want to cause a scene so she ordered the vegetarian pasta, but her husband would not knuckle under to the vegan's demand. He told the waiter that he would like to have the chicken cacciatore and asked the waiter if it was possible for the chef to kill the chicken at the table? The vegan wife immediately left the table in a huff with her husband in tow. The poor waiter, who remained silent during the confrontation, explained calmly to the remaining couple that they do not kill chickens at the table. The wife was mortified by her husband's actions and asked him to explain himself. Knowing he was in hot water, all the husband could muster was that he loved all kinds of animals as long as they were sautéed in tomato sauce with mushrooms and zucchini.

Thank you for bearing with my lame jokes and puns, but there is a serious and chilling side to the abundance that most of us enjoy during the holiday season--the underlying problem of hunger all over the world. Religious and charitable organizations and food banks cannot keep up with the demand for food for the hungry and poor. Hunger is with the homeless, senior citizens, and even the nice family down the block. So as we embark upon the holiday season with our overflowing shopping carts, please pause to think about the many that have nothing. The Epistle of James 2:15-16 says, "If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and filled,' without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?" *Words or sympathy cannot warm and feed a person; only the provision of clothing and food can achieve that. This is a call for action. The strength of a society is clearly known by how it takes care of its vulnerable community.*

Why would a loving God allow hunger to be present in a rich nation such as ours or allow it to ravage our entire globe? I certainly don't have the answer, but maybe it's to awaken our hearts to the physical and spiritual starvation that is so prevalent in this broken world. Our hearts break quickly at the sight of homeless men and women in long line waiting at shelters for their only meal of the day. Do our hearts break as well for the millions and millions of people in line for eternal judgment because of spiritual starvation? Visible misery reaches our hearts directly, but do we weep over the suffering that many are destined for because they do not have Jesus in their lives? Please think about what you're celebrating this Christmas season. Is it the good times with family and friends, gifts, and good food? A true Christmas isn't about pretty ribbons or tinsel on trees. It's about the spirit of giving without expecting anything in return and the joy and peace found in the birth of the long awaited Messiah, the Christ. God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

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### December

- 4 10:00 am Shotsuki monthly memorial and Bodhi Day service (hybrid)
- 11 11 am - 1 pm Mochi pick-up (no service)
- 18 10:00 am Regular service (hybrid)
- 25 No service
- 31 6:00 pm New Year's Eve service

### January

- 1 10:00 am New Year's Day service (hybrid)
- 8 10:00 am Shotsuki monthly memorial service (hybrid)
- 15 10:00 am Ho-onko service (hybrid); ten-tative New Year's pot-luck lunch
- 22 10:00 am Regular service, book club
- 29 10:00 am Regular service

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- 5 10:00 am Shotsuki monthly memorial service and Annual General Meeting (hybrid)
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| Coordinating Council .....                   | 3rd Wed., 7:00 PM.....           | Kay Oda.....            | 818 899-1989                 |
| Community Center.....                        | 1st Wed., 7:00 PM.....           | Call CC Office.....     | 818 899-1989                 |
| Athletics.....                               | 3rd Tues., 7:30 PM.....          | Margaret Takimoto.....  | 818 701-7628                 |
| CC News .....                                | Lois Okui.....                   | 818 892-1487.....       | Email: lois_okui@sfvjacc.com |
| Chatsworth West United Methodist Church..... | 2nd Sun., 1:00 PM.....           | Pastor Eric Iki.....    | 818 341-1270                 |
| Crossway Church .....                        | 2nd Sun., 12:30 PM.....          |                         | 818 896-1676                 |
| Nikkei Senior Gardens.....                   | 2nd Thurs. (even months), 7 PM.. | Tadao Okui.....         | 818 517-7907                 |
| SFV Bonsai Club .....                        | 4th Sun., 8 AM-12 PM ..          | Kazuhiko Nakanishi ..   | 805 492-3439                 |
| SFV Hongwanji Buddhist Temple.....           | 2nd Mon., 7:30 PM .....          | Eric Reardon.....       | 818 899-4030                 |
| SFV JACL.....                                | 2nd Wed., 7:00 PM.....           | Nancy Takayama.....     | 818 601-6296                 |
| SFV Japanese Language Institute.....         | 2nd Sat., 8:30 AM.....           | Kiyo Watanabe.....      | 818 237-8540                 |
|  |                                  |                         | 818 896-8612 (Office)        |
| SFV Judo Club .....                          | 4th Wed., 7:03 PM.....           | Kenji Couey .....       | 818 381-7232                 |
| SFV Meiji Senior Citizens Club..             | 1st Fri., 12:30 PM.....          | Ritsuko Shinbashi.....  | 818 892-0470                 |
| Senior Hot Meals .....                       | Fri., 11:30 AM.....              | CC Office.....          | 818 899-1989                 |
| Sunrise Japanese Foursquare Church.....      |                                  | Reverend Paul Iwata.... | 818 782-8738                 |
| Valley Japanese Community Center.....        | 2nd Fri., 7:00 PM .....          | Joy Longworth .....     | 818-270-6833                 |

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## SPECIAL CLASSES

|   |   |                         |                                     |              |
|---|---|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Aloha Club (Poker) .....                | Tuesday (11 AM-3 PM)/Friday (12:30-3:00 PM).... | CC Office.....          | 818 899-1989                        |              |
| Ballroom Dance .....                    | Tuesday.....                                    | 7:00-9:00 PM .....      | Barbara Okita ..... 818 784-5128    |              |
| Bowling*, (Winnetka Bowl).....          | Tuesday.....                                    | 9:30 AM .....           | Sandra Yamamoto....                 |              |
| Country Western Music* .....            | Tuesday.....                                    | 10:00-11:15 AM .....    | Janet Schuetze..... 818 767-1819    |              |
| Exercise Class .....                    | Tuesday.....                                    | 9:00-10:00 AM .....     | Liz Doomey..... 818 892-7381        |              |
| Exercise Class .....                    | Friday.....                                     | 10:00-11:00 AM .....    | Liz Doomey..... 818 892-7381        |              |
| Hawaiian Hula (Ohana Pu'uwai Nani) .... | Monday.....                                     | 11:00 AM-12:00 PM ..... | Suzan Akamine..... 818 367-1723     |              |
| Hitomi's Cooking Class .....            | 2nd Tuesday .....                               | 7:00-9:00 PM .....      | NJ Nakamura..... 818 893-6503       |              |
| Ikenobo Ikebana .....                   | 2nd/4th Wednesday .....                         | 10:00 AM-12:00 PM ..... | Mayumi Dennis ..... 818 224-3346    |              |
| 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.....                                   | 10:00-11:15 AM .....    | Call CC Office..... 818 899-1989    |              |
| Movie Club.....                         | 1st Monday .....                                | 12:00-3:00 PM .....     | Liz Doomey..... 818 892-7381        |              |
| Nikkei Bowling League.....              | Friday (Winnetka Bowl) ...                      | 8:00-10:00 PM .....     | Stan Date .....                     | 818 701-6607 |
| Ondo Dancing* .....                     | 2nd/4th Friday .....                            | 7:00-9:00 PM .....      | Janet Yamamoto..... 818 365-8361    |              |
| Ping Pong Club.....                     | Thursday/Tuesday .....                          | 10:00 AM-3:00 PM .....  | Aaron Sanwo .....                   | 661 755-0584 |
| Senior Arts & Crafts .....              | Monday.....                                     | 10:00 AM-12:00 PM ..... | Liz Doomey..... 818 892-7381        |              |
| SFV Judo Club .....                     | Mon/Wed/Fri .....                               | 6:00-9:00 PM .....      | Kenji Couey .....                   | 818 381-7232 |
| Tai Chi Class* .....                    | Monday.....                                     | 9:00-10:00 AM .....     | Florence Takaaaze .... 310 202-6693 |              |
| Ukulele Club .....                      | Friday.....                                     | 10:00-11:30 AM .....    |                                     |              |
| Zumba .....                             | Monday.....                                     | 7:30-8:30 PM .....      | Margaret Takimoto.... 818 701-7628  |              |

**Note: The classes and services in red are not yet meeting at the CC.**

## YOUTH SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Girl Scouts.....3rd Saturday .....2:00-4:00 PM ..... Troop Leader: Akiko Manaka

## SUPPORT GROUPS & SERVICES

Dementia Caregivers Support Group....1st Saturday.....10:00 AM-12:00 PM ..... Facilitator: Coleen Nakamura,  
Online only Little Tokyo Service Center  
Contact her at [cnakamura@ltsc.org](mailto:cnakamura@ltsc.org)

Blood Pressure Screening\*.....3rd Friday.....9:30-11:00 AM ..... Nikkei Pioneer Conference Room

\*Meiji Senior Citizens' Activity or Service

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## UPCOMING IN-PERSON EVENTS AT THE CC

**December 7, 2020**

SFVJACC Annual General  
Meeting

**December 10, 2020**

First Aid/CPR Training

**December 17, 2022**

SFV Japanese Language Institute Holiday  
Program

**January 7, 2023**

SFVJACC New Year's Installation Luncheon

**January 14, 2023**

SFV Meiji Senior Club New Year's

**January 21, 2023**

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