10th Annual Super Bingo Fundraiser

Every year we wonder how the Super Bingo Fundraiser can measure up to the last one. We realized we are able to because of the generosity of our donors and guests. This year the event raised an amazing $35,000!

The evening started off with MC Miles Chen welcoming everyone and then it was time to eat. Over 350 people were fed Korean ribs, salmon, mac-potato salad, green beans in miso sauce and rice prepared by Hitomi Hashimoto and her kitchen staff (many from her cooking class). Added to the meal were sesame chicken from Small Island and sushi from Musashi Restaurant. Every year, many look forward to the dessert table which was laden with home baked cakes, cookies, mochi and the delicious mochigashi donated by Mikawaya.

The night was filled with much activity - there was the Silent Auction where people could bid on items ranging from Lakers, Clippers or Kings tickets to dinner for two at Roy’s in Pasadena, 50-50 Raffle where the cash prize is split with the CC, $5, $10, $25 Table as well as the bingo games and raffle.

At the end of the evening all the guests who purchased gold packages received an insulated tote bag donated by PSCS filled with goodies such as Morinaga tofu, Pepperidge Farms cookies or Goldfish crackers, Mary Kay Satin Hand Cream, dental hygiene packets plus many other things.

This event was once again a huge success thanks to over 100 donors, 252 Gold Package participants and over 50 volunteers. A special THANK YOU goes out to our hard working and dedicated planning committee, who began planning in March to ensure that this fundraiser was a success. (Go to page 6 and 7 for the names of all the donors, participants, volunteers and planning committee.)

Top Super Bingo Prize Winners!

1st Place Raffle Prize Winner Lois Okui
2nd Place Raffle Prize (IPAD) Winner Toji Hashimoto
3rd Place Raffle Prize (IPOD) Winner Laura Ito
50-50 Raffle Winner Sindy Saito
Blackout Winner Masako Hollowell

Thank You To Everyone Who Supported The Super Bingo Fundraiser!
We Raised $35,000!

MISSION STATEMENT
To promote the Japanese culture and preserve the Japanese American experience through education, events and activities for our community.
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE  
By Paul Jonokuchi

I hope you and your family are in good health despite the unpredictable weather. If you haven’t noticed yet, there are new glass backboards installed in the gym. It was done just in time for the upcoming CBO season. Thank you to Chuck Itagaki for working on this project. They look fabulous.

We also have a website designed by Keith Matsushita. It’s very user-friendly and has all the photos, announcements and activities that are going on at the Center. Please visit and log on to SFVJACC.com to get all the updates.

Last time I reported that we signed a revenue sharing agreement with Nikkei Senior Garden which will be very beneficial and it looks very bright for our next generation. The funds will go into our Endowment Fund, which will help with future growth and to hire an Executive Director who will run the daily operation of the center. I have heard a few members express their concerns - why should they continue to donate with that revenue coming to the Center. Well, it goes to cover our basic operating expenses. We ask for your understanding and your continue support of the Community Center. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Super Bingo Fundraiser turn out to be great event serving close to 350 dinners. A big thank you to all the volunteers, cooks, and donors for making it possible. Also, special thank you to Lois Okui and her committee, as well as Hitomi Hashimoto and her cooking class volunteers for their fantastic job!

It’s coming close to the end of the year and I would like take this moment to thank each and everyone for your continue support of the Community Center. It has been a great year and we’re looking forward to another eventful year. We wish everyone a memorable holiday season and healthy Happy New Year. Don’t forget about our New Year Luncheon on January 3, 2015, so please come and celebrate with us.
THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATIONS!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
For the Months of Sept. & Oct. 2014

Donations
Jake Kuwata & Faith United Methodist Church
Boy Scout Troop 719
Donations from his Eagle Scout project
Rich Nakajima, Pan Pacific Services
Wells Fargo Foundation Grant for Non-Profits
Nishida Family - Kazzy, William & Jeanette Tuliano
In memory of parents Kazuo and Chiyi Nishida
Harley & Cora Sagara, Cindy & Noman Morishige
In memory of mother May Sagara
Team Mirai - Sugo Life
Proceeds from their fundraisers
Mr. Tomoaki Ishizawa (Visitor from Japan)
Evelyn Mitarai
Bronze Leaf for the Donation Tree
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Use of Facilities
Sandy Nobuyuki
Etsuko Hashimoto
Ping Pong Club
Wednesday Nite Basketball
Tuesday Exercise Class
SFV JACL
Seniority
Poker Club
C For East Japan
Hula Wahines
Harmonica Class
Friday Exercise Class
JACL Pacific Southwest District
Lois Okui
Crossway Church
Nancy Gohata

Miscellaneous
Coffee Donation ........................................... $34.75
Copier Donation ........................................... $17.00
Don Akamine ..................... 2 (1 lb) Jars of coffee creamer
Yone Takimoto ........... 2 lbs. Coffee, 2 bags of green tea
Maku Cuizon .............. 2 lbs. CoffeeMate creamer, 1 pkg. styrofoam cups
Sylvia Yamashita ...................... 4 Pkgs. Napkins
Arline Ong ....................... 3 Cases of Copy paper
Curly & Flo Sato ..................... 2 lbs. Decaf coffee

DONATIONS TO HOT MEALS
For the Months of September & October 2014
J. Longworth ........................................... Box on udon
Musashi Restaurant ..................... 200 lbs. rice, 10 gal. oil & 4 pkgs. chopsticks
Satsuki ........................................... Pastry for kitchen staff
Yone Takimoto .................. Fukujinzuke 3 times & takuwan
Liz Doomey .......................... Cake to celebrate John’s birthday
Al Tokunaga ..................... Miscellaneous fish
Doreen Kawamoto ................ Ice cream
Sandy & Karl Nobuyuki ........ Cake for Tuesday lunch
Sally Hamamoto ................ Cake for Tomi’s birthday
Hisako Hazard .................... Kitchen aprons
SF Athletics ......................... Paper cups
Eiji & Marge Sato ............... 4 heavy duty aluminum foil & 1 plastic wrap (3000 sq. ft.)
Dr. Bo Sakaguchi ........................ Monetary Donation (for Hot Meal and volunteers)
Yoko Kawamura .................. Large box of special nori
Michiko .............................. 2 boxes chocolate sandwich cookies, etc.

SF MEIJI SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB
49TH NEW YEAR’S LUNCHEON

JANUARY 10, 2015
12 NOON

Tickets are available through Board and Cabinet Members

SFVJACC New Year’s Luncheon
January 3, 2015
11:30 am

See flyer on page 11
For more information, call 818 899-1989
San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center
Schedule of Income Received
For the Eleven Months Ended November 30, 2014

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San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center
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On October 4, the Center held its annual clean-up. Parents and kids from Athletics and Japanese School came to do the hard and dirty job of cleaning out the storage rooms in the gym and by the Judo dojo, besides the usual jobs of cleaning the gym and the garden work. Faithful members from the Gardeners Association, Ken Shinbashi, John Kobayashi and Fumio Nakama did quick work of trimming the front garden and the playground trees. A delicious lunch was prepared by members of JACL for all the hungry volunteers. We thank and appreciate all those who took the time to beautify our Center!

Thank You to the following:

Sachi Arai
Jill Clever
Kevin Endow
Dennis & Jill Fukumoto
Susanna & Caitlin Fukumoto
Nancy Gohata
Shoichi & Fusako Hagiwara
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Teresa Hito
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Paul Jonokuchi
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Doreen Kawamoto
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Lon & Reid Kurashige
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Linda Miyamoto
Isabelle Miyata
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Nancy Oda
Noelle Ogasawara
Kei Ogata
Lois Okui
Megan Okui
Camille Pagkalinanwan
Ken Shinbashi
Margaret Takimoto
Denise Tanaka
Linda Tanaka
Stacy, Ty & Derek Tanaka
Shaun & Nathan Tanaka
Wesley Tanijiri

Nancy Takayama
Patti Takayama
Kaemin Tosasuk
Sumi Yamaguchi
Linda & Grant Yamamoto
Darlene, Alana & Brenden Yamauchi
Gary, Davis & Taylor Yoshino

CC Clean Up
Thank You So Much!!
THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SUPER BINGO DONORS!

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THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED

**SUPER BINGO PACKETS & REGISTRATION TABLE**

| Linda Ogimachi | NJ Nakamura | Debbie Nicklaus |
| Denise Tanaka | Kathy Norihiro | Jeri Okamoto |
| Linda Yamada | Coleen O'Neill | Julie Otake |
| Kay Yamada | Janet Yamamoto | |

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| Nancy Fukumoto | | |
| Cathy Nakano | | |
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| Linda Kuratomi | | |
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**Thank you to all the volunteers who helped**

| Dinner Servers, Bingo/Raffle/50-50 Raffle Runners/$5, $10, $25 Table & Others |
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| Ramon Arriola | Tracy Kaku | Will Nakada | Glen, Audrey, Amanda, Brooke & Jordan Yamamoto |
| Miles Chen | Christy Kamimura | Jon & Amy Okui | Jared, Jonathan & Jayden Yamasaki |
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| Miku Inoue | Gary Nakada | Travis Shoijnaga | |

**Thank you to all our super Bingo supporters**

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| Ayumi Inoue | | | |
Friday Night Bowling League - Mabel Takimoto, 94 years young, was hot on the lanes with 3 strikes, 7-8 spares and she picked up two major splits. Way to go Mabel!

Congratulations Jake Kuwata! In November, Jake earned the rank of Eagle Scout. He, like his brother Hawk, did his Eagle Scout project at the Center. The beautiful gray benches around the trees in the back parking lot were built by him and members of his troop in July. There is one more brother eager to follow in their footsteps.

Great job Jake!!

JACL Ballroom Dance held their annual dance on October 25. Everyone that attended had a great time. Ballroom Dance meets every Tuesday evening from 7 - 9 pm. Come join the fun!

Hot Meal Turkey Lunch - The all volunteer Hot Meal kitchen staff prepared a wonderful home-cooked holiday meal for the seniors on Friday, November 19. It was delicious and special, especially for the seniors who don't have family to spend the holidays with. We want to thank you Kei Inoue and her staff for their willingness to serve the seniors.

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7th Grade Silver Division Champs

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Sho Chiku Bai
Porter Ranch Bonsai Club
Happy New Year 2015

We meet on the first Sunday of every month
9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
Contact Yoko or Walter at 818-746-6677

Greetings from our members.

Pictured from left: Walter Zipusch, Yoko Zipusch, Ben Estorga, Georgette Tuck, Toshi Furuta

Not pictured: Alan Dorfman, Michael Arnold, Marilynn Fisch, Bradley Brizee

松竹梅 盆栽クラブ

• We are proud to announce Sho Chiku Bai Bonsai trees were displayed at the Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens on Chinese New Year 2014.
• Two saikei bonsai were also displayed at the Descanso Garden Club in July 2014.
• Bold Cypress bonsai was displayed at the 45th Annual Descanso Exhibit and won a ribbon in the advanced class in June 2014.

Procurmbs Nana Juniper  1000 Stars and a Cotoneaster  Yoko at Descanso

Roy's Corner - Being a member of the local Chapter of the California Rare Fruit Growers organization introduces me to many new fruit varieties. Have you ever heard of Goji Berry plant? Also known as Chinese Wolfberry. It is supposed to be high in antioxidants. I have room for a shrub of this size in my yard. I plan to order it from a nursery in the state of Washington when it becomes available. If you have space in a sunny part of your yard, you may want to consider a few blueberry bushes. They can be planted in a container so a paved area would be OK. They require an acid soil so that means a lot of peat moss in the mix. Another requirement is that the soil must be kept damp.... I have been growing “volunteer” cherry tomatoes this summer. It has good size with good flavor. If you want some specimens to be used as seeds next year, give me a call---Your comments are welcome at (818) 522-4891

Hula Classes
Would you or your child be interested in learning the hula. Please call to let us know at 818 899-1989.

Want to join Girl Scouts?
Call 818  899-1989 if you are interested.
A Visit from Santa

By Old Wakaba, Bud Sagara

Kazuo loved working as the Santa for the local mall during Christmas because so many children would come to see him. Christmas cheer was in the air and everyone seemed to be nicer to one another. As one little boy climbed up onto his lap, Santa Kaz noticed that he was holding a photograph of a young girl. When Santa Kaz asked the young lad about the photo, the boy sadly replied that it was a photo of his sister, Connie, who was very sick. The boy added that Connie really wanted to visit Santa in person, but she was in a hospital. Santa Kaz tried to be jolly and coaxed a smile from the little boy by asking what he wanted Santa to bring him for Christmas. Santa Kaz glanced to his left to see the boy’s grandmother waiting patiently nearby. When the boy was finished, he hugged Santa Kaz, showed him the photo again, and asked him to remember his sister.

As the grandmother walked near Santa Kaz to gather up her grandson, she hesitated for a moment as if she wanted to say something, but slowly continued on. Santa Kaz noticed and jokingly asked if there was anything she wanted to say to Santa. The grandmother turned and said that her name was Reiko and the child in the photograph was her granddaughter. Her tears began to fall as she told Santa Kaz that her granddaughter was a cancer patient in Children’s Hospital, and that Connie was not expected to live past Christmas. Reiko said that she knew it would be asking a big favor, but was there any way for Santa to go to the hospital to see Connie? A visit from Santa was all that the little girl had asked for Christmas. Santa Kaz started to get misty-eyed himself as he told the grandmother to leave the hospital information with one of his elves and that he would see what he could do.

For the remainder of his work shift, Santa Kaz kept thinking about the grandmother’s request. How could he refuse a wish from a dying child? He had a ten year old granddaughter himself. After Santa Kaz finished talking with all the boys and girls, he retrieved the information that the grandmother had left and drove all the way downtown to Children’s Hospital. Upon finally arriving at Connie’s hospital room, Santa Kaz peeked through a half-closed door and saw little Connie lying in a bed with all kinds of wires and tubes coming out of her hospital gown. The room was full of people, including the boy and grandmother he had spoken to earlier. A young woman sitting at bedside was stroking Connie’s thin hair and quietly speaking to her. Santa Kaz could sense the closeness and warmth within this family and their love for this sick child.

Taking a deep breath, and forcing a smile on his face, Santa entered the room, bellowing a hearty, “Ho, ho, ho!” “Santa, you came!” Connie shrieked weakly. Her skin was very pale and her hair was missing in patches from the chemotherapy, but Connie’s eyes were huge, sparkling brown pools. She raised her spindly arms to hug Santa as he came near. Santa’s heart melted immediately and he had to choke back his tears to put on a brave front for Connie. Even though Santa’s attention was on Connie, he could hear gasps and quiet sobbing from the people in the room. As Santa and Connie began talking, the family members crept to the bedside to lightly touch his shoulder as if to say “thank you” without words.

Santa and Connie talked and talked, and she assured him that she had been a very good girl all year. As their time came to a close, Santa asked the family if it would be okay to pray for Connie. Connie’s mother nodded in agreement and the entire family circled around Connie’s bed, holding hands. Santa asked Connie if she believed in God who lives in heaven. Connie answered, “Oh, yes, Santa, I do.” Santa then told Connie that he was going to ask God to watch over her. Santa ended his prayer with a quote from Psalm 145:8-9, “The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in love. The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.” Emotions were heartfelt at that moment, tears of hope, tears of despair, and tears for this little girl who was loved so much.

Santa mustered all his courage as he held Connie’s frail hand and told her authoritatively, “You have a job to do, and that is to concentrate on getting well. I want you to have fun with your friends this summer, and I expect you to visit me at my temporary home in the mall next year.” Santa knew it was a long shot to make such demands on a little girl with terminal cancer, but it was all he had to give her...Hope. Santa leaned down and kissed her goodbye on the forehead and quickly left the room. As he hurriedly walked back to his car, he began to cry; a big, shoulder shaking cry.

One year later, Santa Kaz was back at his part time job at the mall listening to boys and girls go on and on about the toys they want for Christmas. A little girl climbed up on his lap and said, “Hi Santa, do you remember me? You visited me at the hospital.” Santa Kaz’s mouth fell open as he looked into those big brown eyes. Tears immediately sprang from his. “Connie!” he exclaimed as he hugged her tightly. He had barely recognized her because her hair was full and silky and her complexion rosy. He looked over and saw Connie’s mother and grandmother waving at him while wiping away their tears. This was the best Christmas ever for Santa Kaz as he gazed up to heaven and whispered, “Father, thank you for your love for us by sending your only Son to be born in Bethlehem so many years ago.”

Merry Christmas

Old Wakaba Note: This is my version of a Christmas story from the Internet whose author was listed as unknown.
Happy New Year

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY
JAPANESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY CENTER

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JANUARY 3, 2015
11:30 AM

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LTHS Offers Three Cash Prizes for Short Story Contest
By: Patricia Takayama

The Little Tokyo Historical Society announced its second annual fiction short story contest. This year, the contest has expanded to include a Japanese-language and youth division. The deadline for submission is January 31, 2015.

The prize for the first place winner is $600 for each of the adult (English and Japanese language) divisions, while the first place award for the youth division is $400. The theme for the fiction story is “Imagine Little Tokyo.”

The purpose of the contest is to raise awareness of the Little Tokyo neighborhood of Los Angeles through a creative fiction short story that takes place in contemporary, past, or future Little Tokyo. The winning stories will be published in the Rafu Shimpo newspaper and the Discover Nikkei website.

Writers with far ranging, young and elderly perspectives are encouraged to submit stories. For more information, contest details and guidelines go to their website at: www.littletokyohs.org.

Welcome New Community Center Members

Phil & Kim Bishop  Brett & Heather Houk  Stuart & Chizuko Ramsbottom
David Castro  Susan Istvan-Wood  Kiko Rubin
Cyrus Chan  Elizabeth Akiyama Kim  Jennie Sato
Peter & Sharon Conroy  Taeko King  Naomi Shigiyama
Alberto Davila  Tamiko Mendoza  Taki & Deborah Shimojima
Kevin & Melissa Endow  Kaz Matamura  Akiko Sugamata
Charles & Kathy Funakura  David Nagano  Marian Takesue
Alex & Tyo Katsume Hamidi  Long & Gena Doi-Long Nguyen  Ryan Tanaka
Morgan Hamon  Jon & Amy Okui  Cindy Tanaka-Cohen
Michael Helms  Anthony & Heidi Olsen-Coronado  Johnny & Irene Umeda
Richardo Hernandez  Porter Ranch Aloha  Jon Pablo & Mercey des Valdez Valdez
COORDINATING COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONS—MEETINGS—CONTACT PERSONS

Coordinator Council.......................... 1st Wed., 7:00 PM........... Nancy Oda .......... 818 786-0914
Community Center........................... 1st/3rd Wed., 7:00 PM........ Paul Jonokuchi ....... 818 894-5327
Athletics................................................ 3rd Tues., 7:30 PM....... Margaret Takimoto ...... 818 701-7628
CC News.................................................. Lois Okui ............. 818 892-1487 ........ Email: loi sokui@aol.com
Chatsworth West United Methodist Church .................................................. 2nd Sun., 1:00 PM....... Doreen Kawamoto ...... 818 764-8850
Crossway Church....................................... 2nd Sun., 12:30 PM.......... Diane Date ............. 818 701-6607
SFV Bonsai Club................................... 4th Sun., 8 AM-12 PM....... Walter Zipusch ...... 818 746-6677
SFV Fishing Club............................... 3rd Mon, 8:00 PM........... John Goka
SFV Hongwanji Buddhist Temple........................................ 2nd Mon., 7:30 PM....... Terry Ishigo .......... 818 899-4030
SFV JACL .................................................. 2nd Wed., 7:00 PM........ Doreen Kawamoto .... 818 764-8850
SFV Japanese Language Institute........ Sat., 9:30 AM-12:30 PM...... Stephen Nakata ....... 818 896-8612
SFV Judo Club ................................... 4th Wed., 7:03 PM......... Mo Barrera ......... 818 331-9444
SFV Landscape Gardeners .............. Sat. of every other month........ Nob Tamai ...... 818 347-3912
SFV Meiji Senior Citizens...................... 1st Fri., 12:30 PM......... Kay Yamada .......... 818 763-4861
Nikkei Senior Gardens......................... 2nd Thurs., 7:00 PM........ Toji Hashimoto ...... 818 897-4216
Sho Chiku Bai Porter Ranch Bonsai Club.................................. 2nd Fri., 7:30 PM........ Neil Hashiba ...... 818 732-5837
Sunrise Foursquare Church....................... 1st Sun., 9 AM-12 PM...... Yoko Zipusch .......... 818 746-6677
Valley Japanese Community Center........................................ Reverend Paul Iwata ...... 818 782-8738

SPECIAL CLASSES

Arts & Crafts................................. Monday 10:00 AM-12:00 PM Sally Hamamoto 818 361-2902
Ballroom Dance............................. Tuesday 7:00-8:30 PM Nancy Gohata 818 899-4232
Bowling*, Mission Hills Bowl... Thursday 9:30 AM George Seko 818 998-0682
Bridge*…..Monday/Weekend 12:00-4:00 PM Ray Shinsato 818 767-5550
Country Western Music*............. 1st /3rd Tuesday 10:30-11:30 AM Janet Schuetze 818 767-1819
Craft Workshop.......................... 2nd Sat, even months 10:00 AM-12 PM SFVJACC@gmail.com 818 899-1989
Exercise Class............................. Tuesday 9:00-10:00 AM Ralph Ahn 818 897-1322
Exercise Class.............................. Friday 10:00-11:00 AM Reverend Leo Fong 818 618-4368
Guitar Class................................. Tuesday 10:15-11:30 AM Greg Librando 818 896-6503
Hanafuda*…… Friday 1:00-3:00 PM Yone Takimoto 818 765-6735
Harmonica Class*........................... Friday 11:00-13:30 AM Call CC office 818 899-1989
Hawaiian Hula............................. Friday 12:30-1:30 PM
Hitomi’s Cooking Class .............. 4th Tuesday 7:00-9:00 PM NJ Nakamura 818 893-6503
Ikenobo Ikebana.......................... 2nd/4th Thursday 10:00-1:00 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 3:00-6:30 PM Diane Fukushima 310 217-0443
Karaoke*............................... 1st/3rd Thursday 10:00 AM-12 PM Walter Fujimori 818 352-1075
Kokusei Shigin Class............... Thursday (Off premises) 2:00-4:00 PM Paul Jonokuchi 818 894-5327
Line Dancing*............................. Thursday 8:45-10:00 AM Mark Nakamura 818 363-3038
Mandolin................................. Friday 9:30-11:00 AM Call CC office 818 899-1989
Mah-Jong*............................... Tuesday 1:00-3:00 PM Yoko Kawamura 818 765-3513
Ondo Dancing*.......................... 2nd/4th Friday 7:00-9:00 PM Masako Rodriguez 818 899-8777
Ping Pong Club.......................... Thurs/2nd, 3rd, 4th Tuesday 10:00 AM-3:00 PM Burt Tokuhara 818 469-8934
Qi Gong........................................ Thursday (J-School) 7:00-8:30 PM Mamie Kosaka 661.645.4515
SFV Judo Club.......................... Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri 7:00-9:00 PM Mo Barrera 818 331-9444
Tai Chi Class*............................. Monday 9:00-10:00 AM Florence Takaaze 310 202-6693
Tkulele Class............................. Friday (Gym) 9:00-11:30 AM Greg Librando 818 896-6503
Yoga Class............................... Wednesday 10-11 AM/11:00 AM-12 PM 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 9:00-11:00 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.

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: loi sokui@aol.com

CC Deadline: 2nd Friday of every odd month.

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2nd Fri., 7:30 PM........ Neil Hashiba ...... 818 732-5837
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9450 Remick Ave., Pacoima
818 899-4030  www.sfvhbtt.org

Rev. Patricia Usuki
Temple President: Roger Itaya
Dharma School: Sunday 11:00 am

BUDDHIST TEMPLE CALENDAR

December
7  Shotsuki: Monthly Memorial service & Bodhi Day (Shakyamuni Buddha's enlightenment); appreciation luncheon 10 am
14  No service; mochitsuki fundraiser
21  Music service 10 am
28  Regular service 10 am
31  (Wed., 6 pm) Joya-e New Year's Eve service

January
1  New Year's Day service 10 am
4  Shotsuki: Monthly Memorial service, 10 am
11  Ho-onko: Shinran's Memorial service, 10 am; New Year's luncheon
18  Regular service, 10 am
25  Regular service, 10 am

Service at Nikkei Senior Gardens on the third Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m.

San Fernando Valley
HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE

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
9:30 AM
Kid Venture Children's Ministries (infant - 6th grade)
Sunday School for ages junior high through adult
10:30 AM
Coffee Fellowship
11:00 AM
Worship Service (childcare for infants-Pre-K)

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

Sunday Schedule
11:00 AM
Worship Service
Lunch and Fellowship
After worship service on the 1st and 3rd Sundays
Wednesday, 10:00 AM
Prayer Meeting @ church

Please ask about other weekday meetings.

Chatsworth West
United Methodist Church

(Formerly West Valley UMC merged with Chatsworth UMC)

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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

Japanese Class – 2nd & 4th Sunday @ 9AM
Instructor: Junko Wayama

Shotokan Karate of America
Fri. @ 6:30 PM  Rm.1
Instructor: April Warynick
www.ska.org
1 213 437 0988

Electrobattles Dance for children
Fri. evening, Rm. 5
Instructor: Sharon James

Chi Fung Mind & Body Fitness
Tuesday @ 9AM  Rm.2
Instructor: Leo Fong
SUNRISE FOURSQUARE CHURCH
5852 Laurel Canyon Blvd.
North Hollywood, CA 91607

English: Pastor Paul Iwata
Japanese: Pastor Haruko Iwata

Phone: 818-782-8738
818-642-2332

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

Website: www.sunrisejapanesechurch.org

Sunday Morning Service - 7:30 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

A Quote and a Thought for You
"Get wisdom and understanding. Do not forget or turn away from the words of my mouth. Do not leave her alone, and she will keep you safe." Proverbs 4:5-6

Wisdom and understanding help us to make the right decisions that set us on a safe path of life with its richest opportunities.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CC

December 6, 2014
CC Annual General Membership Meeting

December 13, 2014
SFV JACL Holiday Party

December 20, 2014
SFV Japanese Language Institute Holiday Program

January 3, 2015
CC New Year’s Luncheon

January 10, 2015
SFV Meiji Senior Club New Year’s Party

January 25, 2015
SFV Judo Club Tournament

February 7, 2015
SFV Japanese Language Institute New Year’s Party

March 21, 2015
SF Athletics Pancake Breakfast

Tuna Canyon Detention Station Updates
By Nancy Oda

Tuna Canyon was originally a Civilian Conservation Corp Camp before December 7, 1941. That night, an order went out by US Secretary of State, Frances Biddle, "to arrest or cause the arrest of aliens" on an ABC list. Immediately twelve foot high fences with barbed wires and search lights were installed and armed guards took over the CCC camp and it became a prison. More than 2000 Japanese, Germans, Italians, and Japanese civilians from Peru were housed on what is now the Verdugo Hills Golf Course in Tujunga.

Despite the recent delay of the case between Snowball West and the City of Los Angeles, the Coalition has applied for a Japanese American Confinement Sites grant from the National Parks Service. The goal is to build a museum quality traveling exhibit called, "Only the Oaks Remain." We need to collect oral histories and respectfully request your help.

Contact Nancy Oda at nancyoda64@gmail.com. Should the HCM designation be removed, the Tuna Canyon Detention Station Coalition will reapply for Historic Cultural Monument status.

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
Time: 10 am - 12 noon

For more info, call the Center. (818) 899-1989
San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center

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(Member period: January 1 to December 31, 2015)

1. Complete the information below.
2. Tear off the membership card for your records.
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