



# San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center

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## 2015 CC NEW YEAR'S LUNCHEON



Mistress of  
Ceremony  
Tamlyn Tomita



Consul  
Izuru Shimmura



Past CC President  
Fumio Nakama did  
a rousing Kampai!



Senior Advisor Kenji  
Watanabe gave the  
New Year's greeting.



Floral arrangement done  
by Ritsuko Shinbashi.



2015 Board & Cabinet (L-R): Treasurer Denise Tanaka, Vice President Tadao Okui, Board members Phil Shigekuni, Chuck Itagaki, Liz Doomey, Paul Jonokuchi (President), Danny Okazaki, Akiko Manaka, and Recording Secretary Lois Okui. • Missing: Board member Nancy Oda.



The Kagamiwari Ceremony (breaking of the sake barrel) was performed by Kenji Watanabe, Paul Jonokuchi and Consul Izuru Shimmura.



Volunteer Appreciation Award recipients - (L-R); Ken Shinbashi, John Kobayashi and Fumio Nakama for their many years of faithful service of keeping the gardens and grounds beautiful.

### MISSION STATEMENT

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

More pictures on page 6.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! I hope everyone is having a prosperous and healthy New Year! I would like to thank the Board for allowing me to serve as President for another year. The young talented Board members have done a marvelous job of bringing their leadership skills, ideas and enthusiasm to moving this Center forward. The month of January was very busy with all the New Year's gatherings of various organizations. I would like to thank these organizations for inviting me (the Center) to be a part of their program. I enjoyed them very much!

This year's CC New Year's Luncheon was overwhelming with so many people attending the event. We would like to thank Akiko Manaka for chairing the event. She did a fantastic job! There were a lot of good comments.

We would like to give special thanks to Lois & Tadao Okui, Gene & Genevieve Lew, the Jr. Board, to name a few, for their time and effort in organizing, planning and making this event successful every step of the way. And to all the volunteers and helpers who came to lend a helping hand—our hats go off to you!

Our Endowment Committee is meeting regularly to keep the Board informed about our investment funds. The funds are doing very well. In just a few months, we had a few donors contribute to the Endowment Fund. If you wish to donate, we welcome you! These funds will be used to secure the future of the Center. It's managed by Dave Nagano who is our investment advisor.

As we look back last year, we had quite an exciting year with the Family Day Picnic at Orcas Park, Hawaiian Luau and specially the long awaited signing of the revenue sharing agreement between Nikkei Senior Gardens and SFVJACC. We will be receiving those revenues during the year, however it's not sufficient enough to cover our monthly operating expenses. Instead it will be placed in the Endowment Fund for future uses.

For the coming year we have formed a Future Planning Committee that will focus on short and long term plans for the Community Center. The committee is chaired by Margaret Takimoto with three members-at-large, two representatives from Athletics, Meiji Senior Club, Japanese School, Judo Club and the Board to have an over-all cross section of groups. It's going to be exciting! We will keep you in informed of the development.

If you look at the 2015 calendar we have a variety of programs and activities provided for you. On that note, we will be striving forward for our future planning so let us all work together for the common goal of making this Community Center a great place to remember.

Paul Jonokuchi, President



Safe Way  
Certifications

### Food Handling Workshop

If you are cooking or serving food at the Pancake Breakfast, Obon, or at any large gathering, you must be certified. Certificates are good for two years. RSVP to Lois Okui at (818) 899-1989. No admission charge.

**Date: Saturday, February 28, 2015**

**Time: 9:30-11:00am • Place: Dr. Sakaguchi Hall**



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### Suzume no Gakkou Summer Camp

**July 6-10, 2015**

**9:00-1:00 PM**

**for grades entering 2-6**

Please contact:  
[bighisa@aol.com](mailto:bighisa@aol.com)  
to register.



Collaborating  
with KIZUNA  
for grades 6-8

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

### **For the Months of Nov. & Dec. 2014**

#### **Donations**

Helen Nina Oda Abe  
Creation of the Lily Sakaguchi Thibodeaux  
Scholarship Endowment Fund  
Bo and Ikuko Sakaguchi  
In memory of brother Dr. Sanbo Sakaguchi & wife  
Kay Furuta Sakaguchi—For the CC Scholarships  
Stuart Matsuda  
For the CC Endowment Fund  
Scott Shibuya  
In memory of uncle Takaaki Yamanaka  
Willard and Jill Clever  
SF Athletics  
Year End Donation  
Roy Ito  
In memory of Yuko Kondo Ito  
Emiko Suyehiro  
Harold & Shigeko Muraoka  
Ken & Ritsuko Shinbashi  
In memory of son-in-law Lonny Matsuda  
Glen Yamane  
Kathryn Frye  
In honor of father Bo Sakaguchi  
Kathryn Frye  
Roger and Linda Itaya  
Monte and Eleanor Minami  
Kay and Nancy Oda  
Tuna Canyon Detention Station Coalition  
Team Mirai  
Proceeds from their Movie Nite  
Anonymous  
IBM Charitable Contribution  
Greg Kimura  
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David and Candice Linder  
Don Akamine  
Wally and Joy Longworth  
Kay Saevivat  
Richard and Leonor Bennett  
Mark and Melanie Sandnes  
In Memory of Steve Everding  
Taro and Mary Ishimoto  
Kelvin and Donna Arie  
Cars 4 Causes  
Rena Clark  
In Memory of Steve Everding

#### **Use of Facilities**

SFV Ballroom Dance Club  
Patti Kimura  
Yoga Class  
Ping Pong Club  
Hitomi's Cooking Class  
Bert Corona Charter School  
Kupunas  
Meiji Ondo Group  
Yuriko Muso - Calligraphy Class  
Tuesday Exercise Class  
Jan & Co  
Seniority

#### **Use of Facilities**

Poker Club  
John Goka  
Friday Mah Jong  
Friday Exercise Class  
Harmonica Class

#### **Miscellaneous**

Don Akamine .... 2 lbs. CoffeeMate, 1 pkg. napkins  
Lauren Arie..... 2 (2 lbs.) Coffee  
Frank and Marge Tanaka..... 2 (2lbs) Coffee  
Curly and Flo Sato ..... 2 lbs. Decaf coffee

## **DONATIONS TO HOT MEALS**

### **For the Months of November & December 2014**

Sandy & Karl Nobuyuki ..... Monetary donation & 3 boxes of  
green tea bags  
Paul Rosete ..... Cake in memory of Bea Rosete  
Musashi Restaurant ..... 200 lbs. rice, 5 gal. oil, 5 gal.  
shoyu & 4 pkgs. Chopsticks  
Yone Takimoto ..... Takuwan ( 2 times)  
L. Kishi ..... Box of assorted cookies

#### **Fish Donations:**

Lynn Freed – Canoga Park ..... Yellow fin tuna  
Robert Michener – Oxnard ..... Yellow fin tuna  
Robert Goka – Northridge ..... Yellow fin tuna

#### **Fish pick-up crew:**

Bert Inoue, Harris Yoneoka, ..... To pick up fish in San Diego  
Lance Inoue & Ryan Kagiya  
Lance Inoue ..... Use of his truck to pick up fish  
Dr. Bo & Iku Sakaguchi ..... Dinner rolls & pumpkin pies for  
Thanksgiving lunch  
Michiko ..... Multigrain bars for kitchen  
volunteers  
Mickey Lau ..... Crocheted pumpkins with treats  
for kitchen volunteers  
Robert & Setsuko Sato ..... Monetary donation  
Diane Yoneoka ..... Repaired bag holder for knives  
Harris Yoneoka ..... Repaired Japanese fine strainer  
Ike & Yoshi Matsuda ..... 2 packs of Kleenex  
Chiz Morita ..... Cake in memory of Roy Murakami  
Rex & Lorraine Shimizu ..... Porto's pastries & homemade  
candies for kitchen volunteers  
Lorraine Kaneshiro ..... 1 gal. corn & large can peanuts  
Jean Asuncion ..... Pens for kitchen volunteers  
Ken & Yoko Nomura ..... Special cookies for kitchen  
volunteers

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR  
THEIR GENEROUS DONATIONS!

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## Greetings from the Meiji Club

The Meiji Club held their 49<sup>th</sup> Annual New Year's Luncheon on January 10, 2015 with over 270 people attending. It is always a full house and members come early to catch up with old friends and share stories.

The party started with a welcome message from Nancy Gohata, the MC. She then introduced the invited guests and Vice Consul Chikara Komiya from the Japanese Consulate General's Office spoke. This year the Meiji Club will be led by Co-Presidents Liz Doomey and Kay Yamada. There were 13 members who were honored into the 85 Year Young Club. There was also a special presentation made to Yoshi Matsuda and Jean Shinsato for their many years of service and support of the Meiji Club.

Entertainment was provided by our own members - Line Dancers, Paul Jonokuchi and Ondo Dancers. We also enjoyed a delicious bento and many raffle prizes were distributed.

The Meiji Club would like to thank everyone for the generous donations and special thanks to Judd Matsunaga for the sparkling apple cider, Craig Tanaka for the Pepperidge Farm cookies and Ritsuko Shinbashi for the beautiful flower arrangement.



Vice Consul  
Chikara  
Komiya



Thirteen seniors were honored into the 85 Year Young Club this year.

The Meiji Club has various classes and activities going on throughout the year. If you are interested in going to Las Vegas (second week in Feb, May, August and November) or on a turn-around to an Indian Casino (next trip is to San Manuel in March), please contact Kay or Liz or call the CC at 818-899-1989.

We thank everyone for supporting the Meiji Club and we hope to have various classes and activities in 2015 so please take advantage of these resources. Next year we will be celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and are making special plans!

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2015 Meiji Club Board (L-R): Yoshi Matsuda, Sumi Yamaguchi, Paul Jonokuchi, Liz Doomey, Evelyn Mitari, Genevieve Lew, Kay Yamada, Ken Kumagai, Ritsuko Shinbashi and John Yamada.

### Thank You for Your Generous Donation

Doomey, Liz  
Fujimoto, Kisui  
Furuyama, Teruko  
Gohata, Yas/Nancy  
Goto, George & Grace  
Hazama, Yo  
Hirasuna, Richard/Suzie  
Hori, Fukashi  
Inaba, Shigeko  
Itaya, Roger & Linda  
Kageyama, Ken/June  
Kumagai, Lily

Lew, Gene & Genevieve  
Longworth, Wallace/Joy  
Matsuda, Ikuo/Yoshi  
Matsunaga, Judd  
Mitarai, Evelyn  
Mochizuki, Yaeko  
Monji, Yoshiko  
Moriguchi, Robert/Akiko  
Morita, Chizuko  
Nakama, Fumio/Kazuko  
Nakamura, Mark/Joanne  
Nakada, Harry

Nomura, Kenso  
Okamoto, Masao/Tsukimi  
Pasadena Nikkei Seniors  
Sakaguchi, Bo  
Schuetze, Gene & Janet  
Seinan Senior Citizens Club  
SFV Hongwanji Buddhist Temple  
SFV Japanese Language Institute  
SFV Landscape Gardeners Assoc.  
SFVJACC  
Shigekuni, Phillip/Marion  
Shimizu, Rex/Lorraine

Shinbashi, Ritsuko  
Shinsato, Ray/Jean  
Shishido, Anna  
Tanaka, Craig  
Tanjiri, Katie  
Valley Japanese CC  
Watanabe, Kenji  
Yamada, John/Kay  
Yamaguchi, Hiroshi/Yoshiko  
Yamaoka, Ruby  
Yamashita, Sylvia



## Greetings from the Meiji Club - Continued from page 4



The Line Dancers were part of the entertainment at the Meiji New Year's Party.



### News Around the CC....

Ralph Ahn teaches practical exercises to increase balance, maintain strength to carry things such as groceries, and breathe deeply and more in his Tuesday Exercise Class. Classes are held in the dojo from 9 - 10 am. Come join him and get healthy.



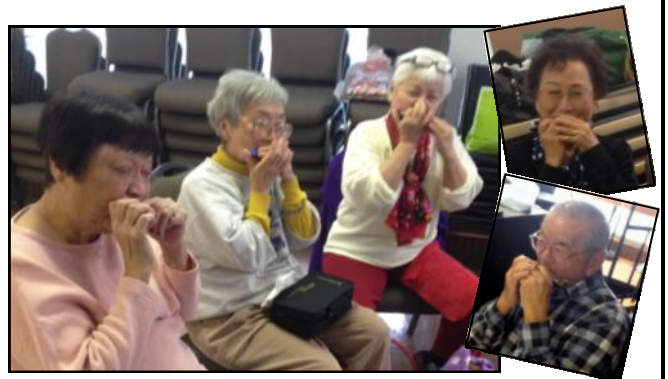
Ralph and Ann Ahn



**Hitomi's Cooking Class** - This is a very popular class. There are times when Hitomi has as many as 30 students. One of the highlights - eating the dishes they have just prepared. The class meets the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7 pm .



**Ikenobo Ikebana Class** - Back row (L-R): Dennis, Sachiko Iwai, Momoyo Chikasawa and Claire Chung. Front row (L-R): Yukiko Yoshimoto, Instructor Ritsuko Shinbashi and Janet Minami. Ritsuko's class meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday at 10 am - 1 pm.



**Harmonica Class** - This class meets Fridays from 11 - 11:30 am. Playing the harmonica is a good way to learn and improve breathing and reduce stress.



## 2015 CC New Year's Luncheon - Continued From Front Page



The Hula Wahines, our seniors' hula group, performed two beautiful dances, one with the ipu, a Hawaiian gourd drum.



Four past CC members' names were added to the Memorial Plaque this year.



The SFV JACL Suzume no Gakkou Summer Camp students opened our New Year's program with two songs that they had learned at camp



George Murakami, brother to Roy, represented the Murakami Family.



Two CC members helped during one of the songs by singing the chorus.



The Matsutoya Kai & Minyo Station were very entertaining as they performed Minyo, Japanese folk music.



# SFV JAPANESE LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

## Holiday Party

The first half of J-School came to an end on December 20, 2014 with the Holiday Party. Songs, skits and speeches from the students showed off what they have learned in the first half of J-School. Each class had a presentation for all the parents, family and friends in the audience and to demonstrate the Japanese they have learned since starting J-School. For some students, with limited knowledge of the Japanese language, it was truly a treat to hear how



much Japanese they can actually speak and sing, after only a few months of J-School. The Holiday Party ended with a potluck lunch and a special visit from Santa!



## Mochitsuki

With the New Year comes the Japanese tradition of making mochi (Mochitsuki). There was unexpected rain and chilly weather on January 10, 2015, but this did not hamper the students pounding sweet rice and rolling the paste into mochi. The J-School was able to have the Sakamoto and Takeshita families come out with their mochitsuki equipment. J-School alumni Mike Takeshita, Bruce and Eddie Sakamoto steamed sweet rice and showed the students how to pound the rice using a kine and usu. "Aunties" Sachi Sakamoto and Evelyn Motoyama showed the students how to roll the rice paste into mochi using mochiko. Former PTA president Kimiaki Chiba, and his son Hale, came to help also. The students were then able to



taste the mochi they helped make with a variety of toppings like daikon, nori, shoyu and tsukemono. There is nothing like eating freshly made mochi!

The J-School would like to thank the Takeshita, Sakamoto and Motoyama families for donating their time and equipment to show the students how mochi is made and participating in the tradition of mochitsuki.



## Ping Pong Club Goes to Las Vegas

By Aaron Sanwo



On Dec.19, 2014, some of the members of the SFVJACC went to Las Vegas to see Burt Tokuhara play in the U.S. National Table Tennis Tournament. Burt, along with Ken Furutani, founded the club eight years ago. Burt has been training for the past year and a half for competition. Burt has been playing in a number of local sanctioned USATT events, and has been doing quite well. He is being coached by Steve

Kunimoto, a renowned doubles player during his playing days.

Burt entered in six events at the National tournament held in the Las Vegas Convention Center. The first event he entered was the U2700 doubles.

Burt was able to reach the semi finals. This was a major accomplishment! Burt was competing with the best players in our nation.

During the next four days, Burt was entered in one other doubles competition and four singles competition. Burt played extremely well. The members of the club who went to cheer Burt on were able to see him play the last two days of the tournament. We saw Burt reach the round of 32 in the U1300 division. The club members were also fortunate enough to see the semi-finals and finals of both the women's and men's divisions. What a treat! We thoroughly enjoyed the skills of the finest table tennis players in our country.



Burt Tokuhara (on right) and Mike, his doubles partner.



Some members of the CC Ping Pong Club went to Vegas to support Burt Tokuhara as he competed in the U.S. National Table Tennis Tournament..



## Scholarship Applications Available For High School Seniors

**WAYNE YAMAMOTO MEMORIAL AWARD** - The purpose of this award is to recognize a senior boy who has contributed to the SF Boys Athletics program by his participation, performance and/or service to the program. Any or all awards and performances in athletics/scholastic activities accomplished in high school will be considered. This award is open to all senior boys graduating from high school this year. The candidate must have participated or is currently participating in the Community Center Boys Athletics program.

**HOSHIKO HIRANO AWARD** - This award honors the memory of Hoshi Hirano, the woman who started and developed the Girls Athletics program at our Community Center. The purpose of the award is to recognize a senior girl who has contributed to the Girls Athletics program by her participation, performance and/or service to the program. Any or all awards and performances in athletics/scholastic activities accomplished in high school will be considered. This award is open to all senior girls graduating from high school this year. The candidate must have participated or is currently participating in the Community Center Girls Athletics program.

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

Go to [www.sfvjacc.com](http://www.sfvjacc.com) to download all applications.

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, MARCH , 2015.**

Winners will be notified and awards will be presented at the SF Athletics Jamboree on April 25,2015.





## On the Road

By Old Wakaba, Bud Sagara

In the 1950's, my grandparents lived in Denver, Colorado, so our family would take a road trip each summer to visit them. There was always excitement around the house in preparation for the trip as piggy banks were raided for spending money and the days were marked off on the calendar in the kitchen. When the departure day finally arrived, my Dad would wake us up in what seemed to be the middle of the night so that he could make the desert drive between Sun Valley and Las Vegas before sunrise. One could see a million stars on those early morning drives in the desert. In those days, cars did not have air conditioning, so there still remained long hours of driving through the Nevada and Utah deserts in the baking heat of summer. The kids sat in the backseat, with everyone staking out their own territory. The immediate response for any border intrusion was getting sluggish. No one dared to cry out in fear of the wrath of Dad. One odd thing my Dad did was to have a canvas bag of water hanging from the front bumper. I still do not know what that bag was for other than another final resting place for splattered bugs.



I recall looking out the window at miles and miles of the same sun-blached rocks and desert, and wondering how anything could live under such conditions. I also wished that in the future someone would invent a machine to keep the inside of a car cool on long, hot trips like this one. Everyone looked forward to the stops for gas. There is nothing better than an icy soda after getting out of a hot car; but unfortunately, sodas led to unplanned bathroom breaks by the side of the highway. The road trip would take two days to get to Denver, so our family would rest for the night in a small town along the route. My Dad would choose the motel by his uncanny method of "when I see it, I'll know it." Staying in a motel is a fun experience for a kid and it would be a bonus if the motel had a pool. It didn't matter that I would have to sleep with my brother and sister in one bed; it was an adventure just to stay at a different place and eat in a restaurant.

The scenery changed from desert to farmland as we neared the Colorado border and the temperature in the car became bearable. We would stop at a roadside fruit stand in Grand Junction, Colorado for the best peaches in the world. As we entered the mountains, every bend in the highway presented a view that was more spectacular than the previous. Everything was so green as the majesty of creation was on full display in the Rocky Mountains. As the car struggled up the mountains in the thin air to the continental divide at Pike's Peak, it actually became very cold in the car. Anticipation grew on the downhill ride for the next couple of hours as we were nearing our destination. Finally, we were at Grandma's house and to see her smile and feel her hug was worth all those hours in the backseat of our car.

When my wife and I took a road trip to Denver in November, I noticed how things had changed from the last time I made this trip fifty years ago. The entire trip was made on sleek Interstate highways instead of the two lane roads that connected every hamlet and town along the route. The open spaces and hills were carved up so that track homes could be built where wildflowers and trees once grew. Why does progress look so much like destruction? Small towns were largely ignored by the Interstate highways as we zipped by them in a blink of an eye. This denied us the opportunity to use "when I see it, I'll know it" to explore, meet new people, or to find that special place to build memories. Today, gas stations are automated as we all know; and attached to them are quick stop food places that sell over-processed, sterile, plastic-covered packages that are oven-fresh, tasteless and untouched by human hands. I personally yearn for the old days and those wondrous meals eaten on long counters in roadside diners, dripping in gravy, heaped with fries, and actually touched by human hands. My arteries would clog over such dishes now, but I regret the loss of them nonetheless. There also seems to be an abundance of antique shops wherever one goes these days. Most sell old junk that is no better than my own old junk stored in the garage. If you happen to go back to where you grew up, you might find that things have changed while you were away. It's because the old neighborhood changed, but you did not change in the same way.

Whatever your recollections are of road trips, no two are alike. We get the feeling that we do not take a trip; the trip takes us. Humans have an innate longing to explore and seek new places and experiences. We are sojourners, each searching for a place that we imagine to be heaven. Everyone has a favorite vacation spot or two, but the ultimate journey is the one that gives new life and hope that can continue for eternity. All one has to do is to open your heart and partake of the living water, and then set sail to the place that you left for such a long time ago.



## Welcome New Community Center Members

George & Helen Oda Abe  
Marty & Dana Bay  
Makoto Ino

Alan Kosaka  
Albert Piantanida  
Gina Quintero

Paul & Sheila Rosenthal  
Kanji Sahara  
Hiroyo Sakaguchi

Kumiko Takita  
Mark & Kim Tjenalooi



# **SFVJACC Athletics**

## ***Pancake Breakfast!***

**Saturday, March 21, 2015**

**7:30 – 11:00 am**

(Donation \$3.00 per person)

**12953 Branford Street ♦ Pacoima, CA 91331**

*Pancakes, Sausages, OJ, Coffee!*

*Raffle Prizes!*

(You do not need to be present to win)

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



### Scholarship News

Seniors, it's time to look online for a scholarship application. We are proud of you and want to make sure that you have our support as freshman. We believe that a good education will improve the quality of your life. Fortunately, there are two new scholarships this year. We are pleased to announce the Dr. Sanbo and Kazuko Furuta Sakaguchi Scholarship, sponsored by Dr. Bo and Iku Sakaguchi and the Lily Sakaguchi Thibodeaux Scholarship, sponsored by the Thibodeaux family and Helen Nina Oda Abe. The deadline is April 1. Applications are online at [sfvjacc.org](http://sfvjacc.org)

Further, the SFV JACL will be selecting an honoree active in civil rights.

Both SFVJACC and SFV JACL scholarships will be awarded at the upcoming picnic on Saturday, May 16, at Orcas Park in Lake View Terrace.





## Introducing The New SFVJACC Website...

In the summer of 2013, the Community Center began a transition into the 21st century with a full re-design of the official SFVJACC website. After many revisions and updates, that transition has culminated into the finished product which can be accessed today by anyone in the world with an internet connection.

The leading force in this change was our website manager Keith Matsushita, who is responsible for managing the SFVJACC website on a regular basis. To cater to the wide range of age groups and increasingly diverse ethnic cultures at the community center, the new website needed to be simple and easy to use. Prior to this, the website had not seen a major update since the 1990s. One of the main challenges faced during the design phase of the site was the need to retain the theme, and culture of the community center, which Keith solved through the use of natural, green colors that can be seen throughout the site.

The long-term goal of the website is to replace the analog system of distributing media by snail-mail to our members. Flyers, videos, and an ever-lasting selection of photos from SFVJACC-related events

can be viewed on the site today - and the site will only improve even more over time.

For example, the newsletter you are reading right now can be accessed online by going to the SFVJACC website at [www.sfvjacc.com](http://www.sfvjacc.com), or by finding us through your favorite search engine. To access this (or the current newsletter) specific newsletter, click on the "NEWS" button that can be found at the top of any page on the site. Then, click the "SFVJACC Newsletter" button. This will take you to the SFVJACC Newsletter Information page. From there, click on the green "Read Newsletter" button on the left-hand side of the page to read the latest newsletter! Older newsletters can also be viewed by clicking on the green "Newsletter Archive" button at the bottom right-hand side of the page.

Aside from newsletters, you can access documents like scholarship applications, basketball registration forms, and much more directly on the site! If you can't find what you're looking for, go to the Site Search page by clicking the "SITE SEARCH" button at the top right of any page. Then, use the site search utility to find what you're looking for. The easiest way to get to know the new site is by experiencing it first-hand. Please take some time to explore all the pages on the website because there are too many features to list.

Please contact our website manager at [keith@sfvjacc.com](mailto:keith@sfvjacc.com) for any questions, comments and concerns about the site. For general community center-related questions, you can use the contact box on [www.sfvjacc.com/contact](http://www.sfvjacc.com/contact) page for a quick response.

## REJECTED: A FORUM on TULE LAKE INMATES

**Sunday, February 22, 2015**

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

**In Dr. Sakaguchi Hall**



Art Hansen

On February 22, 2015, Dr. Art Hansen, professor emeritus from Fullerton State, author, Takako Day, and inmate, Yukio Kawatani, will lead a dialogue with the community from 2:00 - 4:00 PM in Dr. Sakaguchi Hall.

Japanese and Japanese Americans have suffered indignities from their own people to this day. The Tule Lake Segregation Center was the hotbed where haters began to name call. It is time to learn from this tragic episode in American History. It is time to heal. We were all victims.



Yukio Kawatani



# THE ART OF HULA - HAWAIIAN DANCE

**Instructor: Mikilani Young, Kumu Hula**

## Class Description

Sway your hips this way and escape to the Hawaiian Islands by taking this fun and educational class on the art of hula, the dance of Hawai'i. In addition to a few dances, students will learn Hawaiian language and history, as well as basic hula steps and hand motions.

## Class Objective

To educate the community about authentic hula and the Hawaiian culture. There are many misconceptions about hula, and it is my mission that students leave with an understanding of what hula is and what it is not.

## Class Outline

In this class students will learn:

1. Authentic hula. This will include 12 - 16 steps (depending on age), as well as 8 - 10 hand motions and 2 dances. One dance will be in the ancient style, known as Kahiko; the second will be in the modern style, called 'Auana.
2. Hawaiian culture and history. Through the learning of authentic, traditional dances students will learn how Hawaiian history and culture has been preserved and passed down for centuries through this powerful, beautiful and yet graceful dance.
3. Hawaiian language. Hawaiian names for basic hula steps and hand motions will be taught at all age levels.

## Class Times

### Session 1: April 18 - June 6, 2015 (8 weeks)

Beg 1	3 - 5 years old	2:00 - 2:30 pm	Cost: \$40.00 (8 weeks x \$5 per class)
Beg 1	6 - 10 years old	2:30 - 3:00 pm	Cost: \$40.00 (8 weeks x \$5 per class)
Beg 1	13 - 55 years old	3:00 - 3:45 pm	Cost: \$56.00 (8 weeks x \$7 per class)

### Session 2: June 13 - August 8, 2015 (8 weeks) No class on July 4th

## VALLEY JAPANESE COMMUNITY CENTER

### Tannisho Book Reading Class

Tannisho was written in 13th Century by Yuien, one of the immediate followers of Shinran (Jodo Shinshu Founder).

He elaborated on the essence of the universal truth which he learned from Shinran. Tannisho is one of the most reviewed Buddhist publications in the world. It impinged on various scholar's ways of thinking such as D.T. Suzuki and M. Heidegger.

Reverend Kazuaki Nakata, Los Angeles Homba Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

Valley Buddhist Temple book reading "Tannisho"

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## TAIKO CLASSES

Interested in learning how to play the taiko drums? Call Lois Okui at 818 899-1989.

Classes are tentatively scheduled to start in April.



## **COORDINATING COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONS—MEETINGS-CONTACT PERSONS**

Coordination 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: loisokui@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
Nikkei Senior Gardens.....	2nd Thurs., 7:00 PM.....	Toji Hashimoto .....	818 897-4216
SFV Bonsai Club.....	4th Sun., 8 AM-12 PM.....	Walter Zipusch .....	818 746-6677
SFV Fishing Club.....	3rd Mon., 8:00 PM.....	Al Tokunaga .....	818 982-4236
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
Senior Hot Meals .....	Tues. & Fri. (no meal on 5th Fri.) .....		818 899-1989
Sho Chiku Bai Porter Ranch Bonsai Club.....			
.....	1st Sun., 9 AM-12 PM.....	Yoko Zipusch .....	818 746-6677
Sunrise Foursquare Church.....		Reverend Paul Iwata .....	818 782-8738
Valley Japanese Community Center .....		Neil Hashiba .....	818 521-3297

**Want to reserve the  
Community Center  
for an event?**

Call Tadao Okui  
at 818-892-1487  
or email:  
tadokui@aol.com

**Want to submit an  
article for the CC  
Newsletter?**

Email:  
loisokui@aol.com

CC Deadline:  
2nd Friday of  
every odd month.

## **SPECIAL CLASSES**

Arts & Crafts.....	Monday	10:00 AM-12:00 PM	Sally Hamamoto	818 361-2902
Ballroom Dance.....	Tuesday	7:00-8:30 PM	Nancy Gohata	818 899-4232
Bowling*, Mission Hills Bowl.....	Thursday	9:30 AM	George Seko	818 998-0682
Bridge*.....	Mon/Wed	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	11:00-11:30 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 Fukuwa	310 217-0443
Karaoke*.....	1st/3rd Thursday	10:00 AM-12:00 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 Takaaaze	310 202-6693
Ukulele 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.



## SAN FERNANDO VALLEY HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE

9450 Remick Ave., Pacoima  
818 899-4030 [www.sfvhbt.org](http://www.sfvhbt.org)

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

### BUDDHIST TEMPLE CALENDAR

#### February

- 1 Shotsuki: Monthly Memorial Service  
10 am
- 7 **UDON FUNDRAISER – 11am – 1pm**
- 8 Nehan-e: Shakyamuni Buddha's  
Memorial Service 10 am  
Annual General Meeting - All  
Members
- 21 Dharma discussion 9:30 a.m.
- 22 Regular Service 10 am

#### March

- 1 Temple clean-up
- 7 Dharma discussion
- 8 Shotsuki: Monthly Memorial Service  
10 am
- 14 Seminar – 1:30- 4 p.m.
- 15 Shunki Higan-e  
Spring Equinox Dharma Service  
10 am
- 21 Dharma discussion 9:30 a.m.
- 22 Regular Service 10 am
- 28 Dharma discussion 9:30 a.m

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



**crosswaychurch**  
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9610 Haddon Avenue  
Pacoima, CA 91331  
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#### Office Phone:

818 896-1676 (English)  
(818) 899-4115 (Japanese)

Please refer to our website for more  
information: [www.crosswaysfv.org](http://www.crosswaysfv.org)

#### English Department

Pastor Roland Hazama  
Pastor Raynold Nakamura

#### Sunday Schedule

9:30 AM  
Kid Venture Children's Ministries  
(infant -6<sup>th</sup> 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, friend-  
ship, 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.  
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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

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818 341 1270

E-mail: [chatsworthumc@juno.com](mailto: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 @ 10AM & 7:15PM  
Tuesdays @ 1PM**

**Choir practice 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday @  
3:00PM**  
Musical Director: Steve Foreman

**Japanese Class – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday @  
9AM**  
Instructor: Junko Wayama

**Shotokan Karate of America**  
**Fri. @ 6:30 PM Rm.1**  
Instructor: April Warynick  
[www.ska.org](http://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.  
Valley Village, CA 91607

English: Pastor Paul Iwata

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

Website:

www.sunrisejapanesechurch.org

Japanese: Pastor Haruko Iwata

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

Sunday Morning Service - 10:30 a.m.  
(Prayer for Healing on 5<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CC

**February 7, 2015**

SFV Japanese Language  
Institute New Year's Party

**February 22, 2015**

SFV JACL Tule Lake No-No  
Boys

**February 28, 2015**

Food Handling Class

**March 8, 2015**

Daylight Savings Time

**March 21, 2015**

SF Athletics Pancake Breakfast

**April 19, 2015**

SFV JACL Film - Hula Girls

**April 25, 2015**

SF Athletics Jamboree

**May 16, 2015**

Family Day Picnic at Orcas Park



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