



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
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
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Mark and Melanie Sandnes
In Memory of Steve Everding
Taro and Mary Ishimoto
Kelvin and Donna Aarii
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 Aarii..... 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 49th 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 50th 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 Mitarai, Genevieve Lew, Kay Yamada, Ken Kumagai, Ritsuko Shinbashi and John Yamada.

Thank You for Your Generous Donation

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| Doomey, Liz | Lew, Gene & Genevieve | Nomura, Kenso | Shinbashi, Ritsuko |
| Fujimoto, Kisui | Longworth, Wallace/Joy | Okamoto, Masao/Tsukimi | Shinsato, Ray/Jean |
| Furuyama, Teruko | Matsuda, Ikuo/Yoshi | Pasadena Nikkei Seniors | Shishido, Anna |
| Gohata, Yas/Nancy | Matsunaga, Judd | Sakaguchi, Bo | Tanaka, Craig |
| Goto, George & Grace | Mitarai, Evelyn | Schuetze, Gene & Janet | Tanijiri, Katie |
| Hazama, Yo | Mochizuki, Yaeko | Seinan Senior Citizens Club | Valley Japanese CC |
| Hirasuna, Richard/Suzie | Monji, Yoshiko | SFV Hongwanji Buddhist Temple | Watanabe, Kenji |
| Hori, Fukashi | Moriguchi, Robert/Akiko | SFV Japanese Language Institute | Yamada, John/Kay |
| Inaba, Shigeko | Morita, Chizuko | SFV Landscape Gardeners Assoc. | Yamaguchi, Hiroshi/Yoshiko |
| Itaya, Roger & Linda | Nakama, Fumio/Kazuko | SFVJACC | Yamaoka, Ruby |
| Kageyama, Ken/June | Nakamura, Mark/Joanne | Shigekuni, Phillip/Marion | Yamashita, Sylvia |
| Kumagai, Lily | Nakada, Harry | Shimizu, Rex/Lorraine | |

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.

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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 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

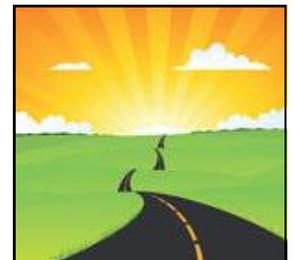
In the 1950's, my grandparents lived in Denver, Colorado, so our family would take a road trip each summer to visit them. There was always excitement around the house in preparation for the trip as piggy banks were raided for spending money and the days were marked off on the calendar in the kitchen. 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 slugged. 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

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, 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 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 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 Karawatani



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)

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| 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"
First Tuesday of the month, 7-9 pm • Refreshments served.

Valley Buddhist Temple (in auditorium)
8850 Lankershim Blvd. • Sun Valley, CA 91352



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

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|---|---|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Coordinating 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 |

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for an event?**

Call Tadao Okui
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Newsletter?**

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2nd Friday of
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SPECIAL CLASSES

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 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 Takaaze | 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

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| 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
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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.*



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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.



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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 1st and 3rd Wednesday @ 3:00PM
Musical Director: Steve Foreman

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



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Sunday Morning Service - 10:30 a.m.
(Prayer for Healing on 5th Sundays)

Sunday Evening Service - 6 p.m.
Thursday Evening Bible Study - 7 p.m.

Late Night Counseling and Prayer
on the Last Friday of the Month
From 8 p.m. to 12 midnight

Location: The Prayer Chapel'
14705 Wyandotte St.

Van Nuys, CA 91405 (mailing address)

Torrance Home Meeting – 7 p.m.
On the 2nd Wednesday of the month

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CC

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



Saturday, March 7, 2015

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