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2019 SFVJACC NEW YEAR'S LUNCHEON



Once again, Ritsuko Shinbashi, with help from her students, Mrs. Yukiko Yoshimoto and Arie Isohata did a beautiful floral arrangement for the luncheon.



Kampai!! Toasting in the new year are Senior Advisor, Kenji Watanabe, Danny Okazaki, Deputy Consul Hiroki Matsuo and President Kay Oda.



Outgoing President Danny Okazaki introduced Kay Oda, the new CC President.



Roy Imazu - 2019 Recipient of the CC Lifetime Achievement Award

This year the Lifetime Achievement Award is for Roy Imazu who has been volunteering for more than thirty years here at the SFVJACC in many capacities. What kind of person is that dedicated?

Roy was born on August 19, 1931 in Holtville, California in the hot Imperial Valley. In 1942, his family was relocated to Poston, Arizona. Later, Roy was in the US Navy during the Korean War on a radar destroyer in the western Pacific zone. Later he completed his education on the GI bill at CSUN in liberal arts. His wife Iris and he had four children Nancy, Gordon, Greg, and Lauren and now have nine grandchildren.

At the CC, he was a member of the Board of Directors, was instrumental in installing the new flooring, and chief fundraiser for replacing the plumbing with PVC. If there was a project that needed help, Roy would respond like the roofing, spraying the weeds, painting, and raking the playground. He was honored by the SFV JACL for his tireless volunteerism and friendly smile that makes our center a welcoming place.

In the community, Roy is a member of the Southern California Gardeners' Federation and the CC Gardeners Association. He is an Advisory Board charter member for the beautiful Japanese Garden in Van Nuys. As a concerned citizen, he reduced the speed along Haddon Avenue with speed bumps. If he sees a problem, he wants to fix it. He has made a mark on history by initiating the Imperial Valley Reunion with Tak Kawashima. Finally, Roy likes to gamble at Indian casinos when residual funds are available.

Roy is a hard working landscaper who served his country, is a good husband, father, grandfather, and most of all, a role model for the SFVJACC. He is deserving of the 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award.

Congratulations Roy Imazu!

SFVJACC MISSION STATEMENT

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



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to All!

I am personally grateful for the sacrifices of the pioneers whose vision, hard work, dedication, and money that created this gathering place. On December 12, 1959, the San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center founders dedicated our beloved and iconic memorial hall that is now called the gym.

Later, Timbo Whitsell added much needed restrooms, classrooms, print room, and storage space to the gym. In 1984, Nikkei Village opened on Laurel Canyon for low income residents. It was sold in 2012 to repay loans for the newer Nikkei Senior Gardens. By 1997, Michael Motoyasu brought the Nikkei Pioneer Building from Lockheed to house clubs and activities that were severely crowded. Most events are enjoyed in Dr. Sanbo Sakaguchi Hall today.

Our past president, Danny Okazaki, began to set up guidelines and policies to promote wider use of our shared spaces. He expressed his opinions but always allowed the majority to prevail as long as the policies were fair and uniform.

My mentor, Harold Muraoka, always told me that YOUTH is the future of the center. We must provide a place where they can have fun, honor our elders, and learn about our culture. I regret that he had to endure criticism while dedicating his life to do what he thought was best for the center. That is, he focused on a plan for a place for our aging members at NSG. He felt that the center needed a director so surplus funds from NSG are earmarked for that position.

I will follow through by seeking staff that will develop programs that are good for our members. The CC has been fortunate to have the land, resources, and builders who believe in our dream that has lasted for sixty years.

Finally, recent surveys by the Future Planning Committee led by Margaret Takimoto tell us that we need more space. We need a multipurpose building with meeting spaces for the growing Japanese Language School enrollment, sports programs, and clubs. It could host our large events for Super Bingo and Judo tournaments, performing and visual arts on a raised stage, and provide a full size basketball court. Currently, there is no board approval. We will not proceed to break ground unless the center is financially stable.



新年明けましておめでとうございます。2019年度のCC会長ケイ・オダでございます。

先駆者の方々のビジョン、勤勉な奉仕 そして寄付金により皆さんが集えるコミュニティーセンターがこの場所にあることは個人としても有難く感謝しております。

当センターは1959年12月12日に現在の体育館がメモリアルホールとしてスタートしました。その後、ティン

ボー・ウィッセルさんが教室、

印刷室、倉庫、トイレを体育館内に増設し、1984年にはローレルキャニオン沿いに低所得者向けの日系ビレッジを開業しました。2012年には日系シニアガーデンのローン返済の為に売却に至りました。1997年にはマイケルモトヤスさんのご尽力でがロッキード社のクラブハウスを移設し、昨今ではドクターサンボ・サカグチホールでたくさんのイベントを楽しむ事が出来ております。

昨年度のCC会長のダニーオカザキさんはいかに多数の人々が共用スペースを活用できるようにとガイドラインとポリシー作りで着手しました。彼の意見だけが取り入れるわけではなく公平で尚且つ統一したポリシーが必要だと述べています。

子供達がこのセンターの未来だと私の良き助言者でもあったハロルド村岡さんが常々におっしゃっていました。センターは子供達が安心して遊べて、年配者を敬い、そして日本文化を学べる場所を提供しなければなりません。村岡さんがセンターにとって最良だと願い多大なる尽力を捧げられましたが、時には批判に耐えなければならなかった時もあり遺憾に思います。それ故に高齢者の場所としてNSG設立にも尽力を注がれました。私も継続してセンターの皆さんの為、多種プログラム作成できる人材を探し出す事に力を注ぎたいと思います。センターは幸いにも土地、資産、物件を維持していますから、あと60余年は安泰に夢のために頑張れるでしょう。

最後に、マーガレットタキモトさん率いる未来計画委員会が実施したアンケートによると、もっとスペースが必要だという結果が出ました。スポーツプログラム、さまざまな同好会が集え、日本語学園の入学者増加にも対応可能な会議室を含む多目的ビルディングが欲しい。また大きなイベント、スーパービンゴ、柔道大会が開催出来、演劇やビジュアルアートができるステージ、フルサイズのバスケットボールコートのある体育館が欲しい、等々。まだ役員の承認許可が降りておりませんし、CCの財政が安定してからの着工となります。

Kay Oda
SFVJACC President



2019 Scholarships Applications Now Available

SFVJACC Scholarships

Dr. Sanbo Sakaguchi Scholarship
Kay Furuta Sakaguchi Scholarship
Lilly Sakaguchi Thibodeaux Scholarship

Applications Due April 1, 2018

SF Athletics Scholarships

Hoshiko Hirano Award
Wayne Yamamoto Memorial Award
Lauren Taguchi Memorial Youth Service Scholarship

Evan Niizawa Memorial Continuing Education Scholarship
Applications Due March 8, 2018

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

For the Months of November & December 2018

Donations

Lorraine Iida
 In memory of mother Chieko Iida
 SF Athletics
 Year end donation
 Jack Takeshita
 SFV Meiji Seniors Club
 Al and Mitzi Kushida
 John and Liz Doomey
 In Honor of Isabelle Miyata
 Greg Kimura
 United Way Charitable Contribution
 Pamela Hamashita
 Mickey Lau
 In appreciation for the expression of good wishes
 during her recovery from an injury
 David and Candice Linder
 Suzi Delander
 Chocolates for East Japan
 Kinya and Shizuye Tatsumi
 In memory of Harry Nakada
 Taro and Mary Ishimoto
 Cheryl Shojinaga

Use of Facilities

Shuko Akune
 Calligraphy Class
 Ping Pong Club
 Ikenobo Ikebana Class
 Jan & Co.
 Kupunas
 Monday Nite Basketball
 Wednesday Nite Basketball
 Hitomi's Cooking Class
 Yoga Class
 Aloha Club
 Senior Arts & Craft
 Tuesday Exercise Class
 Friday Exercise Class
 Bridge Club
 Hula Wahines
 Mandolin Class
 Harmonica Class

Miscellaneous

Coffee donation
 Don Akamine 1 (2 lbs) Coffee
 Janie Nakata..... 1 (3 lbs) Coffee
 Marge Tanaka 1 (3 lbs) Coffee

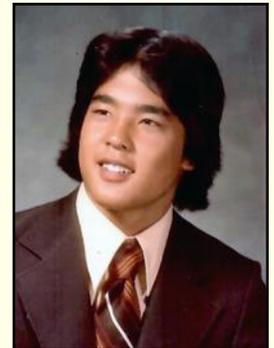
DONATIONS TO HOT MEALS

For the Months of November & December 2018

Jean Asuncion, Yoko/Ken Christmas goodies for kitchen
 Nakamura, Ruby Yamaoka, volunteers and tea cakes
 Pauline Kaku, Janet Schuetze,
 Emi Suyehiro, Ray Kawamoto,
 Jane Sato and Ken Barton Yellowtail Tuna (vacuum sealed)
 Ernie and Jean Fong 6 Boxes of Dim Sum
 Sue Hiraoka Monetary donation - In memory of
 husband Tom Hiraoka
 Ray Kawamoto Pumpkin Mochi for kitchen
 volunteers
 Michiko Tokunaga Kus 20 lbs. Rice
 Al and Mitzi Kushida Monetary donation
 Musashi Restaurant 200 lbs. Rice and 2 pkgs. Chop-
 sticks
 Yoko and Ken Nomura Box of Senbei
 Marge and Eiji Sato 2 Large pork loins
 Marion and Phil Shigekuni Donuts for Kitchen volunteers
 Stanley Shigeta Kaki
 Rex and Lorraine Shimizu 6 oz. Styrofoam containers
 Sam Toji Tangerines and lemons
 Sylvia Yamashita Box of See's Candies for kitchen
 volunteers

IN MEMORY OF TODD MATSUDA

The Matsuda Family: Ike, Yoshi, Stuart and Michelle, made a \$10,000 donation to the SFVJACC Athletics program in memory of their son and brother, Todd Matsuda. Todd participated in SFVJACC Athletics as a youth and excelled in sports at Poly High School in Sun Valley. Todd played both baseball and football and was selected to the 1978 All East-Valley League First Team Defense as a Linebacker. He was also voted Varsity Football Captain and Most Valuable Player by his teammates.



**WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS**

Ron Aloni	Arthur & Lila Okamura
Yuri Hirashima	Gracie Santos
Grace Hiura	Kazuko Yoshida
Curtis & Sharon Monji	Yumi Ueno
Sean Niizawa	

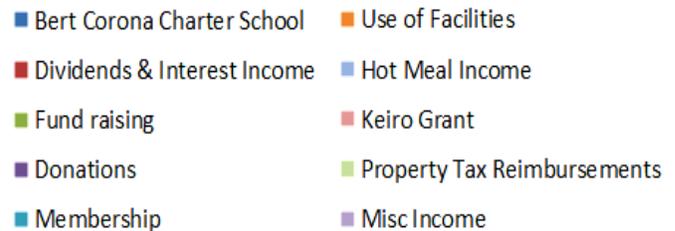
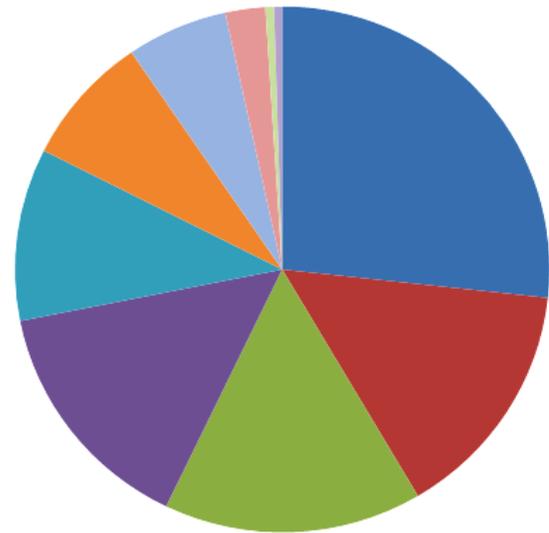
*Thank you so much for
your generous donations!*

2018 Income/Expense

Income

11/1/17-
10/31/18

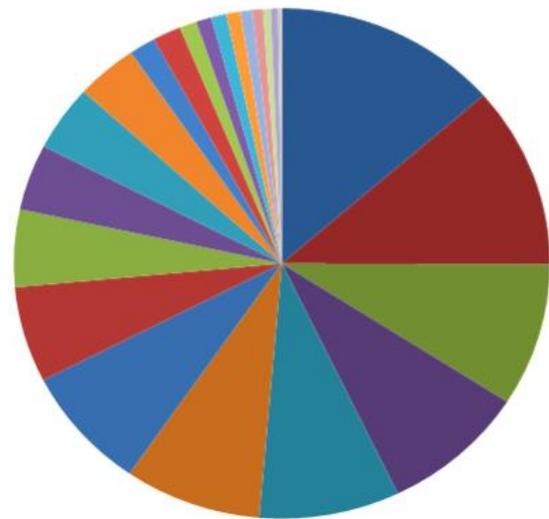
Bert Corona Charter School	\$ 110,000
Dividends & Interest Income	60,909
Fund raising	64,322
Donations	60,518
Membership	43,665
Use of Facilities	32,913
Hot Meal Income	25,165
Keiro Grant	10,000
Property Tax Reimbursements	2,094
Misc Income	2,018
Total Income	\$ 411,604



Expense

11/1/17-
10/31/18

Maintainence & Supplies	50,913
Loss on Sale of Securities	43,214
Insurance	33,963
Depreciation	32,932
Utilities	31,824
Grant Expenses	31,049
Salaries	29,430
Hot Meal Expenses	22,765
Fund Raising Expenses	18,405
Office Equipment & Supplies	15,731
Security - CCTV System/Wifi	15,664
Advisor Fees	13,938
Survey/Planning Expense	6,000
Property Taxes	6,433
Newsletter	3,871
Scholarships	3,500
Miscellaneous Expenses	3,443
Postage	3,193
New BBQ's	2,700
Telephone	2,399
Koden	1,700
Donations	1,650
Professional Fees	500
Website	352
Total Expense	\$ 375,569



CC New Year's Luncheon - Continued from Front Page.



2019 SFVJACC Board of Directors and Cabinet - Back row (L-R): Danny Okazaki (outgoing president), Jeremy Tsuneishi, Tadao Okui, Kiyo Watanabe, Kay Oda. Front row (L-R): Nancy Oda, Denise Tanaka, Akiko Manaka, Tiffany Pearlstein, Lois Okui, Liz Doomey.



Jaclyn Tomita, former SFV Queen and 2016 Nisei Week Queen, did a fantastic job as emcee.



The Center recognized Kei Inoue with the 2019 CC Appreciation Award. Kei also received an orchid plant from friends Eiko Muto and Janet Yamamoto.



Harriet Furuya sang in honor of Roy Imazu. Afterwards, she introduced the documentary, "Remembering Rafu Mandolin Club," by David Osako about a Japanese-American mandolin orchestra that was popular in the Los Angeles area in the 1950s and 1960s. Harriet started singing with the group at age 16 and longtime CC member Eiko Muto's husband was the leader of the band.

Kei and her dedicated staff of Hot Meal volunteers.



SFV Taiko opened up the program with a powerful performance.

Thank You For Your Donation To The 2019 CC New Year's Luncheon

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| Jill Clever | Dr. Bo and Ikuyo Sakaguchi |
| John and Liz Doomey | SFV Japanese Language Institute |
| FIA Insurance Services | SFV Judo Club |
| Yas and Nancy Gohata | SFV Meiji Senior Club |
| Kei Inoue | Margaret Takimoto |
| Christine Iso | Frank and Marge Tanaka |
| Ken and Priscilla Mui | Valley Japanese Community Center |
| George Murakami | Kenji and Kyoko Watanabe |



SFV MEIJI SENIOR CLUB NEWS

It has been an honor to serve as the president of the Meiji Senior Citizens Club these past four years. My goal was to provide programs with informational and educational seminars that would benefit our members. With the help of Keiro, we have been able to have classes that aided our members. Looking ahead to 2019 and with the help of a survey now being conducted, we will be able to see what seminars the seniors are interested in that will teach them ways to stay healthy and informed. Please send in your survey forms and we will publish the results in the next CC Newsletter. If you have not received a form, email lizdoomey@yahoo.com or contact the CC office (818) 899-1989 and we'll send you one.

Akemashite Omedeto Gozaimasu! We celebrated our 53rd Annual New Year's Luncheon on January 12th. A special thank you to Nancy Gohata, who did an excellent job as the MC and to Nancy Takayama for taking care of the audio for the event. Ms. Florence Takaaze was recognized for her dedication to our Tai Chi Group for 25 years. Deputy Consul Hiroki Matsuo and Meiji Club made a special presentation to 100 years-old Tomi Nakata. This year we added fifteen new members to our 85 Years Young Club.

Congratulations to Junko Sakaji, the \$100 grand prize winner of the raffle. We were fortunate to have lots of raffle prizes because of the generosity of the Meiji Senior Club, SFV JACL, Ping Pong Club, Bridge Club, Wally & Joy Longworth, Evelyn Mitarai, the Doomey's and Koda Farms. Our appreciation to Judd Matsunaga, for his annual contribution of the Martinelli's Cider for Kampai.

The program was chocked full of entertainment from the Line Dancers (choreographer - Emi Hino), Karaoke, Ping Pong Club (chorus leader - Saeko Nakamori) and Meiji Seniors Ondo Group (dance instructors - Janet Yamamoto and Julie Otake). They all did an excellent job of entertaining us and ringing in the new year with their performances.

None of these events can happen without the assistance of our Board Members and the many volunteers who donate their time and efforts to make our programs run so smoothly.

Liz Doomey, 2018 Meiji Seniors Club President



Tomi Nakata and Deputy Consul Hiroki Matsuo

Thank You for Your Donation!

Clever, Jill	Sakaguchi, Bo & Iku
Fujimoto, Kisui	Schuetze, Janet
Fukumoto, Kiyo	Seinan Senior Citizens Club Inc.
Gohata, Yas & Nancy	SFV Hongwanji Buddhist Temple,
Goto, George & Grace	SFV Japanese American Community
Inaba, Shigekeo	Center
Kageyama, Ken & June	Shigekuni, Phillip & Marion
Kawamoto, Doreen	Shinozaki, Ayao & Fujiko
Kimura, Sumi	Shinsato, Ray & Jean
Kitazaki, Jimmy	Shishido, Anna
Kodani, Powell & Faye	Tanaka, Denise
Kushida, Al & Mitzi	Tanaka, Frank & Marge
Longworth, Wally & Joy	Tanijiri, Katie
Matsuda, Ike & Yoshi	Toshima, Ron
Mitarai, Evelyn	Usuki, Rev. Patricia
Mochizuki, Yaeko	Valley Japanese Community Center
Monji, Yoshiko	Watanabe, Kenji & Kyoko
Nakata, Sam	Yamada, John & Kay
Okamura, Art & Lila	Yamaguchi, Hiroshi & Yoshiko
Pasadena Nikkei Seniors, Inc.	



Florence Takaaze was honored for her dedication to the Tai Chi Group. She is pictured here with Kay Yamada.



2019 President Ken Kumagai presented Liz Doomey, outgoing president with an appreciation gift.



2019 Board of Directors (L-R): President Ken Kumagai, Ray Shinsato, Genevieve Lew, Jean Shinsato, Joy Longworth, Yoshi Matsuda, Kay Yamada, Audrey Fukunaga, Liz Doomey and Grace Iwamasa.

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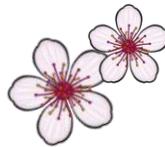
New Members of The 85 Years Young Club - Back row (L-R): Bettie Tamaki, Shigeko Tanabe, Nobuko Welch. Front row (L-R): Yoshi Matsuda, George Nakatsu, Phil Shigekuni, Ayao Shinozaki.

Thank You To Our Volunteers

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| John/Liz Doomey | Nancy Takayama |
| Ray/Jean Shinsato | Clay Yahino |
| Evelyn Mitarai | Lois Okui |
| Kay Yamada | Harris/Diane Yoneoka |
| Grace Iwamasa | Gene/Geneviene Lew |
| Yoshi Matsuda | Maddy Corpuz |
| Julie Otake | Nancy Gohata |
| Janet Yamamoto | Linda Tanaka |
| Mitzi Kushida | Rex Shimizu |
| Ken/Ritsuko Shinbashi | Kaori/Raiden Hall |
| Wally/Joy Longworth | Reiko Moriguchi |
| Marion Shigekuni | Pauline Kaku |
| Sam/Rumi Nakata | Kisui Fujimoto |



Curtis Monji accompanied Eiji Sato in the song, Shuretoko Bojyo.



Jill Clever sang "Kassai".



Meiji Ondo Group performed two dances "Tokyo Gorin Ondo" and "Victory".



The Line Dancers performed to "My Girl" and "Rockin' with the Rhythm of the Rain".



Kiyomi Smith sang Konomichi wo yuku.

The Ping Pong Club sang "Hana wa Saku" and "Hanagasa Ondo".



Here's What's Happening Around The Community Center . . .

Maintenance Repair Of The Ceiling Mounted Basketball Goal



On December 28, Kay Oda, Jeremy Tsuneishi, Kevin Endow and Jon Pearlstein spent the day doing maintenance work on the large cross support on both baskets. We want to thank them for giving their time to make sure everything was safe and secure for all who use the gym.



CC's Annual Donation to Foothill Police's Christmas Basket Program



Nancy Oda presented a \$500 donation to Sgt. Ojeda and lead officer Munguia at the CC's December Coordinating Council Dinner Meeting.

Rising Stars

The CC is pleased to support four Rising Stars as a gold sponsor of their annual Miniature Golf Tournament. This year, the students explained their objectives using a PowerPoint. Margaret Takimoto and their parents also came to the January CC Board meeting.



(R-L): Kaydee Inouye, Sara Nishimura Iches and Justin Ishikawa. Not pictured: Jayden Yamasaki.

CC Volunteers Appreciation Dinner



On November 17, 2018 the CC thanked our many dedicated volunteers with a dinner from Mario's Italian Deli in Glendale. CC Board member Liz Doomey planned this dinner to show the CC's appreciation for their help at our annual events (Family Day, Steak Dinner, New Year's Luncheon, etc.).

Thank you Volunteers!



Tuna Canyon Detention Station

It was a historic day at Los Angeles City Hall for the Tuna Canyon Detention Station. City Councilmembers Monica Rodriguez and David Ryu introduced a resolution acknowledging Tuna Canyon Detention Station and its important place in Los Angeles and American history. The TCDS Coalition worked hard and long for this moment. Nancy Oda was invited to speak when the Resolution was presented to the Coalition. She thanked the Mayor and the City Council their help in bringing this dark past to light, to help descendants heal, and to educate the current and future generations.



(L-R): Kay Oda, James Okazaki, Tadashi Zokszaki, Councilmember Monica Rodriguez, Nancy Oda, Councilman David Ryu, Kanji Sahara, and Donna Sugimoto.

2018 CC General Meeting

December 1, 2018

Meeting Agenda

- SFVJACC – Agenda, membership, highlights, and potential projects for 2019 – Danny Okazaki
- Finance – Denise Tanaka
- Endowment Committee – Dick Kaku
- Future Planning Committee – Margaret Takimoto
- SFV Athletics – Margaret Takimoto
- Organizations
- Questions

2018 Projects

- ◆ Disney Mural
- ◆ WiFi
- ◆ 2nd Keiro Grant
- ◆ Site Survey
- ◆ Steak Dinner
- ◆ Super Bingo



Membership

Continues to be strong at 850

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|-------------------|------------------------|
| ◆ Meiji Club | ◆ Japanese Calligraphy |
| ◆ Athletics | ◆ Line Dancing |
| ◆ Girl Scouts | ◆ Mandolin |
| ◆ Hot Meal | ◆ Mah Jong |
| ◆ Arts & Crafts | ◆ Ondo Dancing |
| ◆ Ballroom Dance | ◆ Ping Pong |
| ◆ Bowling | ◆ SFV Judo |
| ◆ Bridge | ◆ Tai Chi |
| ◆ Country Western | ◆ Taiko |
| ◆ Music | ◆ Ukulele |
| ◆ Exercising | ◆ Yoga |
| ◆ Hanafuda | ◆ Zumba |
| ◆ Harmonica | ◆ Shigin |
| ◆ Hawaiian Hula | ◆ Karaoke |
| ◆ Cooking | ◆ Volleyball |
| ◆ Ikenobo Ikebana | |

Goals For 2019

- ◆ Audio System
- ◆ Maintenance
- ◆ Website



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San Fernando Valley Japanese Language Institute

Holiday Program by Mikiyo Ueda, Historian

SFVJLI had another successful annual holiday program which was held on December 15, 2018. All the student practiced for this day and they really did a great job on the stage. They enjoyed singing, acting, dancing and more. We all had a great time and ended the program with a delicious potluck lunch.



2019 Mochi-Tsuki By Kiyo Watanabe, PTA President

The 2019 SFVJLI events started well with the Annual SFVJLI Mochi-Tsuki by the Takeshita and Sakamoto Families in the CC Courtyard on January 26, 2019. Each student and teachers, PTA members who helped with this event got to pound mochi and then eat freshly made mochi. SFVJLI would like to thank everyone from the Takeshit and Sakamoto Families for their generous continued support.



Akemashite omedetou gozaimasu!



SFVJLI KURIMANJU SALE

March 9, 2019.

Only 2,000 will be made for sale.
Pre-orders are recommended.

For more information, email SFVJLI@hotmail.com or call (818) 896-8612.



RAIN

By Old Wakaba, Bud Sagara

It announces its presence by softly tapping on roofs and windows. I sometimes peek outside to verify what my ears had already told me, it's raining. No matter how much we water our lawns or how often we wash our cars, we cannot influence when this life-giving blessing will come to our thirsty city. Weather forecasters on television grimly declare that bad weather is on the way, but in reality, rain is good weather for thirsty Southern California.

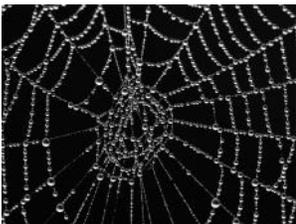


Rain is a natural element in which romanticism is born. It whispers about things from the past and hopes for the future. The camellia bush outside our front window that looked dull and sunburned the day before, now shines in a bright display of raindrops that sparkle like Christmas lights on a dark night. The rain signals toadstools to rise like white umbrellas for tiny ground dwellers. It causes the overhead power lines to hum and crackle, car tires to hiss on the wet roads and flames to sputter in trash can fires as the homeless try to warm themselves.

Rain brings with it the rebirth of life through precious water. There are people who miss this natural poetry and are unaware of the Lord's blessings in the rain. All they see is wet shoes, wheels of every sort being slowed in traffic jams, windshield wipers that need replacing and the mud tracked in by the dog. They cannot see how the rain washes away the dirt and grime from the city to make it spotless and presentable. They cannot see the joy of a kid on a bicycle going full speed through a puddle with feet held high to avoid the spray. They cannot feel how a light drizzle caresses with the softness of a mother's hand or how it makes the air smell clean and of earth and wood.

The strength of rain should never be underestimated as we all witnessed in the massive mudslides in Montecito where lives were lost and homes destroyed in January 2018. Drops of rain contain the power to wear down mountains and carve canyons into solid rock. In intersections like the one at Tuxford Street and San Fernando Road, rain forms pools that swallow automobiles of unknowing drivers even after moderate storms. In other parts of the country, we watch newscasters describing people being rescued from their homes by boat from lakes where city streets used to be. Hopefully for us, the tapping on the roof is merely a herald of the spring to come in turning the browns of the hills into lush greens.

When I was in middle school so many years ago, rainy days meant that P.E. classes would meet in the gym. The teachers might organize huge games of dodgeball or some other fun sport, but sometimes they colluded with the female P.E. teachers to create the most awkward situation imaginable--having to dance with a girl! The students divided with all the boys on one side of the gym and all the girls on the opposite side. The music started to play while the teachers were in the buffer zone urging students to step forward, with the male teachers threatening swats for unwilling boys. In between taking unnecessary bathroom breaks in herds of seven or eight, both sides huddled in groups, hoping that no one would approach them. Finally the teachers demanded that each person choose a partner and dance, like it or not. "OK, I gotta do this, so I'll just try to make it out of here alive," was my thought at that time. The most awkward were the slow dance songs like "My Girl" by the Temptations, although a personal favorite of mine, it seemed to last three hours under these circumstances. My partner and I would spend the imagined three hours attempting small talk of whether or not we liked the song or our teachers while I shuffled with my clumsy feet in a circle at an uncomfortable distance from her. Strangely, this momentary contact with a female was not as terrible as feared; in fact, it wasn't that bad at all. When the period finally ended, these experiences were to be never spoken of in public again, but they always left a hint of a smile.



Rain and the accompanying dreary skies tend to turn a person inward, connecting us with the things buried deep in one's heart. As a teen, I would sometimes stare out the window as the rain strung pearls into every spider web and ask those questions that were of monumental importance for me at that time: What college should I go to? What kind of job will I have? What will the girl be like that I'm going to marry? When will the zits on my face clear up?

Sometimes we take for granted all the abundant ways that God has blessed us like sending us the rain that we desperately need or having a P.E. teacher force us to dance. When we rely on our own abilities and accomplishments for our security and well-being, we tend to forget about God who is the Creator of all things and the one who holds everything together in his hands. In the gospel of

Matthew 5:45, Jesus says, "For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust." This demonstrates how God blesses everyone in the world, even those who do not believe in him or his power. He brings rain because of his goodness to enable the earth to be fruitful to provide bread for us and seed for the sower. He could just as well withhold the rain as he has done in the past to chastise his people when they did not heed his commands. Rain is just one of the considerable blessings of life that is received solely at God's prerogative. All this flows from God's great mercy to all of his creation.

Even though it is a huge struggle for most of us, we must try to imitate God in doing the same good to our enemies as we do for our friends and family. If we were to seek revenge upon our enemies instead of trusting God to do it, we would ourselves receive condemnation. This sentence is clearly seen in the rays of the sun and in each drop of rain that God freely gives to his enemies. If God had not loved us while we were his enemies, we could never have become his children. When we cease to imitate him, we cease to be his.



Here's What's Happening Around Nikkei Senior Gardens

By Patti Kimura

Meet Our Bon Dance Volunteers

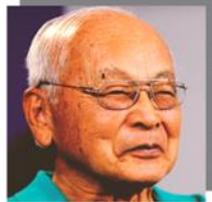
Every first and third Tuesday at 2:00 pm in the Solarium you can hear the sounds of Japanese music that many would recognize as Obon Festival dance music. CC members Janet Yamamoto, Cathy Fujimoto and Julie Otake volunteer to teach residents the dances of the summer Obon festivals. These ladies also are part of the Meiji Ondo Group that meet twice a month at the CC to practice Bon-Odori. By the time the San Fernando Valley Obon is held in June, the residents are ready to participate in the fun of dancing at the Obon.



Back Row (L-R) Kiyoko H., Volunteer Janet, Volunteer Cathy, and Sachiko K.
Front Row (L-R) Tamiko I. Volunteer Julie.



FACES OF CAREGIVING 介護の顔



Join us for conversation, community, & refreshments at our **Faces of Caregiving** video event

FEBRUARY 16TH • 9:30 - 11:30AM

San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center
12953 Branford St, Arleta, CA 91331

Event will be in English & videos will have Japanese translation
イベントは英語ですが、ビデオは日本語の翻訳付きです



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AlzheimersLA.org

NIKKEI SENIOR GARDENS WILL BE CELEBRATING THEIR 10TH ANNIVERSARY



NIKKEI
SENIOR GARDENS
Assisted Living & Memory Care

MARCH 16, 2019



SFVJACC Athletics

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 16, 2019



7:30—11:00 am



Donation \$4.00 per person

12953 Branford Street • Pacoima, CA 91331

Pancakes, Sausages, OJ, Coffee. Silent Auction & Raffle Prizes!

Please Support the CC Athletics Programs and Athletes



girl scouts
cookie program

Girl Scout Cookie Season Is Here!

Ask me about cookies or visit girlscoutcookies.org



**Cookies
\$5.00
per
box**

Support Girl Scout Troop 1466!

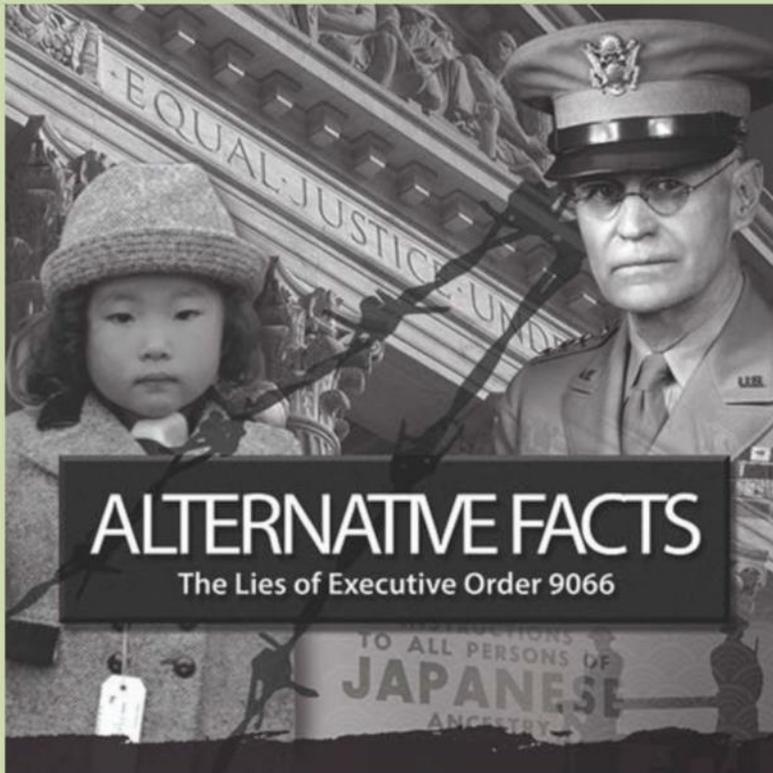
The Girl Scouts will be selling cookies at the
Super Bingo Volunteer Dinner on Saturday, February 23rd.

Contact Joanna Ng and Alyssa Geromini (gstroop1466@gmail.com)
for more cookies.



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, March 30, 2019, 1:00 pm



SFV JACL invites you to a screening of "Alternative Facts"

SFVJACC, Dr. Sanbo Sakaguchi Hall

Donation: \$15. / Bento reservation by March 17: \$10.

Students under 21: Free

Contact: Nancy Oda (nancyoda64@gmail.com) or

Nancy Gohata (nancygohata@gmail.com) or

Nancy Takayama (nt.high.mtn@juno.com)



Volunteer Opportunities at The Japanese Garden in Van Nuys

The Japanese Garden in Van Nuys (*Suiho-en* or "Garden of Water and Fragrance") is a 6-1/2 acre cultural showplace created by world-renowned art and architecture historian, Dr. Koichi Kawana. We seek motivated volunteers to serve the Garden and its mission, in the following categories:

Docents lead tours informing the public about the Garden and water reclamation process.

Gift Shop Volunteers process admissions and sell a variety of merchandise on weekdays and Sundays. Previous sales experience is helpful, but not necessary.

Tea Service Volunteers provide tea and cookies to the public for a small fee on the second and fourth Sunday of each month.

If interested, please contact us by phone (818-756-8000) or email (betty.ethridge@lacity.org).



WORK PLACE GIVING CAMPAIGN & MATCHING GIFTS

Does your work place or company do employee giving campaigns or matching gifts to non-profit organizations? Consider naming our Community Center as a recipient. Thank you to our members that have been doing this for years. Your donations do help!



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You shop. Amazon gives.

Do you shop on Amazon?

Why not shop on
AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support our Center every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile offers the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon and 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases will go to our Community Center.

To register, go to
smile.amazon.com



SAN FERNANDO VALLEY HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE

9450 Remick Avenue · Pacoima, California 91331 · Phone (818) 899-4030 · sfvhbt@sfvhbt.org · www.sfvhbt.org

Chili Cook-Off, Bingo, & Bake Sale

5:00 PM, Saturday, March 30, 2019

Admission*: \$10/person for dinner and one free Bingo game!
Bingo - additional cards: \$2/card or \$5/3 cards.
Menu: Chili, rice, side dishes, and beverages.

* Chili cook-off contestants receive free admission PLUS 2 free Bingo cards for the first game!

To place an order or enter the cook-off, please fill in the form below and return it with your payment to SFVHBT (9450 Remick Avenue, Pacoima CA 91331); or contact Margarete Allen (margareteba@verizon.net or 818-899 6373) or Linda Miyamoto (linda.miyamoto@yahoo.com or 818-317-2809) or the temple (SFVHBT@gmail.com or 818-899-4030).

Thank you for your supporting our fundraiser!

I will enter the Chili Cook-off
(free admission plus 2 free Bingo cards for the first game)

_____ additional dinners at \$10 each (includes 1 Bingo card)
\$ _____ total enclosed

Name: _____

Phone or e-mail: _____



Volleyball Club

The Club is on a short hiatus.

For more info or if you would like to join, please contact Kay Oda at

kaysoda1@gmail.com

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 frustrations, concerns and ideas.

Meetings: First Saturday of the Month (except January/July/September)

Time: 10 am - 12 pm

For the schedule or info, call the CC (818) 899-1989.



2019 San Fernando Pee Wee Basketball Clinic

Saturdays (May 11, 18 and June 1, 8)

Registration 10:00 a.m. Clinic 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

SFV Japanese American Community Center

12953 Branford Street, Pacoima, CA 91331

Clinic Director: Curtis Takimoto

1993-2007 SFVJACC Athletics - Terminators

2003 Frosh, 2004 JV, 2005-2007 Varsity Basketball - Chatsworth HS;

2005-2011 - Counselor Pierce Brahma Basketball Camp (Ages 8-12); 2007-2012 UCI Intramural Basketball

2012-present NAU Basketball; 2016 JV Basketball Coach Beckman HS, Irvine

C.O.R.E Basketball League Director - Corona Del Mar; 2016 Yonsei Boys' Assistant Coach

2016-2017 JV Basketball Assistant Coach South Pasadena HS; 2018-2019 Frosh/Soph Cypress HS;

2019 Yonsei Boy's Coach

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

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

**For Boys and Girls (4 through 7) ready to learn the basics & meet new friends!
4 Saturdays of fun!**

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

To register, go to www.sfvjacc.com or for more information, call Margaret (818) 701-7628 or email: JNCMOM@aol.com • All forms and payment due by April 12, 2019.

- Zumba with Keiko -



It's not just a dance class. It's for your healthy life, too.

Come join us to have fun,
laugh while you dance and more!

Monday night from 7:30 - 8:30

At San Fernando Valley JACC, Sakaguchi Hall

SFVJACC members \$5.00/class

Non-SFVJACC members \$10.00/class

(First Monday of the month is free for the first time)

Wear comfortable clothes and tennis shoes to
workout. Bring a towel and water



YOGA CLASS

MIND&SOUL

EVERY WEDNESDAY 10:00AM

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY
JAPANESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY CENTER HALL



AKIKO CHAN



COORDINATING COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONS - MEETINGS - CONTACT PERSONS

Coordinating Council.....	1st Wed., 7:00 PM.....	Nancy Oda.....	818 786-0914
Community Center.....	3rd Wed., 7:00 PM.....	Call CC Office.....	818 899-1989
Athletics.....	3rd Tues., 7:30 PM.....	Margaret Takimoto.....	818 701-7628
CC News.....	Lois Okui.....	818 892-1487.....	Email: loisokui@aol.com
Chatsworth West United Methodist Church.....			
.....	2nd Sun., 1:00 PM.....	Pastor Ruy Mizuki.....	818 341-1270
Crossway Church.....	2nd Sun., 12:30 PM.....	Jennifer Trax.....	818 896-1676
Nikkei Senior Gardens.....	2nd Thurs. (even months), 7 PM..	Tadao Okui.....	818 515-8247
SFV Bonsai Club.....	4th Sun., 8 AM-12 PM..	Kazuhiko Nakanishi.....	805 492-3439
SFV Hongwanji Buddhist Temple.....			
.....	2nd Mon., 7:30 PM.....	Jean Taguchi.....	818 899-4030
SFV JACL.....	2nd Wed., 7:00 PM.....	Nancy Gohata.....	818 371-8013
SFV Japanese Language Institute.....	2nd Sat., 8:30 AM.....	Kiyo Watanabe.....	818 896-8612
.....			818 237-8540 (cell)
SFV Judo Club.....	4th Wed., 7:03 PM.....	Kenji Couey.....	818 381-7232
SFV Meiji Senior Citizens Club..	1st Fri., 12:30 PM.....	Liz Doomey.....	818 892-7381
Senior Hot Meals.....	Tues. & Fri. (no meal on 5th Tues. & 5th Fri.)....		818 899-1989
Sunrise Foursquare Church.....		Reverend Paul Iwata.....	818 782-8738
Valley Japanese Community Center.....			
.....	2nd Fri., 7:30 PM.....	Christine Inouye.....	818 825-9583

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

Call Tadao Okui
at 818-515-8247 or
email:
tadokui@aol.com

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

Email:
loisokui@aol.com

CC Deadline:
The 15th of every
odd month.

SPECIAL CLASSES

Arts & Crafts.....	Monday.....	10:00 AM-12:00 PM.....	Sally Hamamoto.....	818 361-2902
Ballroom Dance.....	Tuesday.....	7:00-9:00 PM.....	Barbara Okita.....	818 784-5128
Bowling*, Matador Bowl.....	Thursday.....	9:30 AM.....	George Seko.....	818 998-0682
Bridge*.....	Monday.....	12:00-3:00 PM.....	Sam Toji.....	661 255-2824
Country Western Music*.....	1st /3rd Tuesday.....	10:30-11:30 AM.....	Janet Schuetze.....	818 767-1819
Exercise Class.....	Tuesday.....	9:00-10:00 AM.....	Ralph Ahn.....	818 302-6658
Exercise Class.....	Friday.....	10:00-11:00 AM.....	Phil Shigekuni.....	818 893-1581
Hanafuda*.....	Friday.....	1:00-3:00 PM.....	Yone Takimoto.....	818 765-6735
Harmonica Class*.....	Friday.....	1:00-11:30 AM.....	Call CC office.....	818 899-1989
Hawaiian Hula (Hula Wahines).....	Friday.....	12:30-1:30 PM.....	Suzan Akamine.....	818 367-1723
Hitomi's Cooking Class.....	4th Tuesday.....	7:00-9:00 PM.....	NJ Nakamura.....	818 893-6503
Ikenobo Ikebana.....	2nd/4th Wednesday.....	10:00-2:00 PM.....	Ritsuko Shinbashi.....	818 892-0470
Japanese Calligraphy.....	1st/3rd Thursday.....	9:30-11:00 AM.....	Yuriko Muso.....	818 726-8935
Japanese Classical Dance.....	Friday.....	3:00-5:30 PM.....	Dianne Fukuwa.....	310 217-0443
Karaoke*.....	1st/3rd Thursday.....	10:00 AM-12:00 PM.....	Janet Yamamoto.....	818 365-8361
Kokusei Shigin Class.....	Tuesday (J-School).....	10:00-11:30 AM.....	Shigeru Kamimura.....	818 992-4673
Line Dancing*.....	Thursday.....	8:45-10:00 AM.....	Call CC Office.....	818 899-1989
Mandolin.....	Friday.....	9:30-11:00 AM.....	Call CC Office.....	818 899-1989
Nikkei Bowling League.....	Friday (Canoga Bowl).....	9:00-11:00 PM.....	Stan Date.....	818 701-6607
Tuesday Mah-Jong*.....	Tuesday.....	1:00-3:00 PM.....	Yone Takimoto.....	818 765-6735
Friday Mah-Jong*.....	Friday.....	1:00-3:00 PM.....	Yone Takimoto.....	818 765-6735
Ondo Dancing*.....	2nd/4th Friday.....	7:00-9:00 PM.....	Masako Rodriguez.....	818 899-8777
Ping Pong Club.....	Thursday/Tuesday.....	10:00 AM-3:00 PM.....	Aaron Sanwo.....	661 755-0584
SFV Judo Club.....	Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri.....	7:00-9:00 PM.....	Kenji Couey.....	818 381-7232
Tai Chi Class*.....	Monday.....	9:00-10:00 AM.....	Florence Takaaze.....	310 202-6693
Taiko.....	Sunday.....	10:00 AM-2:00 PM.....	sfv.taiko@gmail.com....	818 899-1989
Ukulele Class.....	Friday.....	9:30-11:30 AM.....	Call CC Office.....	818 899-1989
Yoga Class.....	Wednesday.....	10:00-11:00 AM.....	Call CC Office.....	818 899-1989
Zumba.....	Monday.....	7:30-8:30 PM.....	Margaret Takimoto.....	818 701-7628

YOUTH SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

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

SUPPORT GROUPS & SERVICES

Alzheimer's Support Group..... 1st Saturday..... 10:00 AM-12:00 PM..... Facilitator: Isabelle Miyata
Blood Pressure Screening*..... 3rd Friday..... 9:30-11:00 AM..... Nikkei Pioneer Conference Room
Podiatrist*..... 2nd Saturday..... 11:30—2:00 PM..... Nikkei Pioneer Conference Room

*Meiji Senior Citizens' Activity or Service

For more information, call the CC at (818) 899-1989.



**SAN FERNANDO VALLEY
HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE**

9450 Remick Avenue, Pacoima
818 899-4030 sfvibt@sfvibt.org
www.sfvibt.org

Resident Minister: Rev. Patricia Usuki
Temple Co-Presidents:
Priscilla Mui and Jean Taguchi

Sunday, 11:00 am Dharma School

February

- 3 10:00 am Shotsuki monthly memorial service, annual general meeting
- 10 10:00 am Nehan-e: Shakyamuni Buddha's memorial service
- 11:30 am Mochi-tasting party: everyone welcome, suggested donation \$10 - includes a package of komochi and many delicious ways to prepare mochi
- 16 9:30 am Dharma Discussion
- 17 10:00 am Regular service
- 21 10:30 am Service at Nikkei Senior Gardens
- 23 Udon fundraiser
- 24 10:00 am Regular service

March

- 2 9:30 am Dharma Discussion
- 3 10:00 am Shotsuki monthly memorial service
- 9 10:00 am BWA meeting
- 10 10:00 am Temple clean-up (no service)
- 16 6:00 pm Dinner and movie "Departures"
- 17 10:00 am Regular service
- 21 10:30 am Service at Nikkei Senior Gardens
- 23 1:00 - 4:00 pm Spring Equinox seminar
- 24 10:00 am Spring Equinox service
- 30 8:00 am BWA Rummage Sale at SFVJACC
- 5:00 pm Chili cook-off, bingo, bake sale
- 31 10:00 am Regular service

April

- 6 9:30 am Dharma Discussion
- 7 10:00 am Shotsuki monthly memorial and birth of Shakyamuni Buddha service and Infant Presentation Ceremony
- 13 9:30 am Dharma Discussion
- 14 10:00 am Regular service
- 18 10:30 am Service at Nikkei Senior Gardens
- 20 9:30 am Dharma Discussion
- 21 10:00 am Regular service
- 28 No service at SFVHBT (temple retreat)



9610 Haddon Avenue
Pacoima, CA 91331
(2 blocks east of Laurel Canyon Blvd.
between Branford and Osborne St.)

Office Phone:

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

Please refer to our website for more information: www.crosswaysfv.org

English Department

Pastor Roland Hazama
Pastor Raynold Nakamura

Sunday Schedule

9:00 - 9:45 AM
Sunday School for ages
junior high through adult

10 - 11:15 AM
Worship Service
(childcare for infants - Pre-K)

Kid Venture Children's Ministries
(K - 5th grade)

11:15 - 11:45 AM
Coffee Fellowship

Youth Fellowship

Friday, 7:30 PM

Meetings at the church
for Jr. High and Sr. High

Mid-Week Home Groups

We believe that fellowship, friendship, and spiritual growth happens best in our small groups that meet during the week. We have a number of groups meeting in the San Fernando and Santa Clarita Valleys. Come, visit, and get to know our church. For more information, please call us or check our website.

Japanese Department

Pastor In Hyun

Please refer to our website for more information:

www.sfjp.weebly.com

Sunday Schedule

10:00 AM
Worship Service

Lunch and Fellowship
after worship service on the
1st Sundays

Wednesdays, 10 am
Prayer @ Pastor's house



**Chatsworth West
United Methodist
Church**

(Formerly West Valley
UMC merged with Chatsworth UMC)

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

10824 Topanga Canyon Blvd.
Chatsworth, CA 91311
818 341-1270

E-mail: chatsworthumc@juno.com
FAX: 818 341 1271

Pastor: Ruy Mizuki
Lay Leader: Jim Melichar

Worship Service 10AM
Sunday School 10AM
Social Hour following service
Nursery care provided

Bible Study Thurs @ 10 AM & 7 PM

Shotokan Karate of America

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

Electrobattles Dance for children

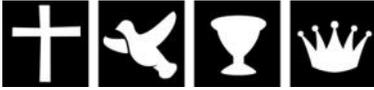
Sat. @ 11 AM Rm.1
Instructor: Sharon James

Chi Fung Mind & Body Fitness

Tuesday @ 10 AM Fellowship Hall
Instructor: Leo Fong

Fellowship @ High Noon Lunch & Activity - Wednesdays

For info call Lowell (818) 694-1046



SUNRISE FOURSQUARE CHURCH

Church address:
5853 Laurel Canyon Blvd.
Valley Village, CA 91607

Pastors:
Rev. Paul Iwata
Rev. James Iwata

Meetings and Addresses:
Sunday Morning Service – 10:30 a.m.
(Prayer for Healing – 5th Sundays)

Sunday Evening Service – 6 p.m.
Thursday Night Bible Study – 6 p.m.
In the Prayer Chapel at
14705 Wyandotte St.
Van Nuys, CA 91405

Worship Praise and Service Preparation
every Saturday at 3 p.m.

Monthly Events:

2nd Sunday – Board Meeting
After the service at church

Prayer on the last Friday of the month from
8 p.m. in the Prayer Chapel

Counseling is available for individuals,
couples, and families. Please call.

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

Email: pmiwata@gmail.com
www.sunrisejapanesechurch.org
Newsletters in English and Japanese are
posted on our website.

Seminary Classes taught by Pastor Paul in
Biblical Studies and Greek/Hebrew.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CC

February 2, 2019

SFV Japanese Language
Institute New Year's Party

March 16, 2019

SF Athletics Pancake
Breakfast

March 3, 2019 - 3:00 PM

Project Nozomi Group -
Seeking a cross organization
discussion about our future
(in Sakaguchi Hall)

March 19, 2019 - 3:00 PM

Project Nozomi Group -
Seeking a cross organization
discussion about our future
(in Sakaguchi Hall)

March 9, 2019

SFV Japanese Language
Institute Kurimanju Sale

March 30, 2019

SFV JAACL - Movie Screening
"Alternative Facts"



Fore!

**It is time for the 16th Annual
Rising Stars Miniature Golf Tournament
at the Camelot Golfland!**

By Christopher Guerra

Join us on Saturday, March 9, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the annual Rising Stars Youth Leadership Golf Tournament at the Camelot Golfland located at 3200 Carpenter Ave, Anaheim CA 92806. Check in begins at 9 a.m. with a 10 a.m. shotgun start. This tournament is packed with all day fun for the entire family and for a great cause: to help keep the Rising Stars Program around for future leaders!

Make sure to enter the tournament soon! Fees are \$20 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under. In addition, the entry fee includes a delicious continental breakfast, all you can eat pizza lunch, and a golfer goody bag! If you are not golfing, lunch is available for \$10. Prizes will also be awarded to the top 3 golfers for both the adult and children. (make sure to keep those scores low!)

On top of an exciting round of golf, there will be a raffle for all golfers to enter. This year's top raffle prizes include a Go Pro Hero 7, Fit-bit, and a gift card tree! Other items will be raffled off as well. Raffle tickets are \$2 and the winner need not be present to win.

Building off of the ground work paved by the Building Community Through Leadership (BCL) program in 2003, for members of Community Service organizations, the Rising Stars Youth Leadership program seeks to develop leadership skills in youth and encourage active participation within the Japanese American Community in order to build leaders for the future.

The program continues to grow and starting with RS13, a new workshop and outing activity was added to the program to further enrich the purpose of the Rising Stars experience. The golf tournament is in fact organized and put on by students in Rising Stars. The tournament serves as a means for the students to apply what was learned during each session and apply these learned skills in the real world.

For any questions, please visit www.risingstarsylp.org or call (213) 254-5722. For additional questions, please contact risingstarsyouth@gmail.com.

