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Elizabeth "Liz" Doomey Chosen As The 2019 Woman Of The Year

Liz Doomey will be honored at the 2019 Women of the Year Luncheon sponsored by the Downtown Los Angeles Japanese American Citizens League and the Japanese Women's Society of Southern California. It will be held on Sunday, May 5, 2019 at

Quiet Cannon at 12:30 pm. Liz will be honored along with Linda Aratani, Norie Morita, Joan Sumiko Kaneshiro Oshiro and Margaret Shimada. They are being recognized as exceptional leaders in the Japanese American community.

Elizabeth "Liz" Doomey brightens up everywhere she goes with her beautiful smile. Her parents Yoneko and Shigeo Frank Takimoto surely must have felt joyful when she was born on August 14, 1944 in the Manzanar Concentration Camp. After the war ended, the family of four moved into the San Fernando Japanese School in San Fernando, CA. Liz grew up in San Fernando attending local schools. By 1959, the San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center was built by the Issei and Nisei volunteers for the sake of the children. She actively participated as a teenager at the Center.

She worked for Gemco, where she met her husband, John. They have been happily married for forty-three years. Both work hard at the Center to take care of anything that needs to be done.

In her spare time, Liz enjoys playing golf and for 30 years has monthly lunches with golf buddies.

Our Liz comes from a family that believes in service. For example, her mother was in charge of the SFV Women's Club and her Aunt Mabel Takimoto was also a Woman of the Year recipient.

Among Liz's notable accomplishments was managing bond issues for the State Farm Stadium and Gila River Arena in Arizona and other bonds for Oregon. Two of her employees were deaf, so she learned American Sign Language so she could communicate with them on the job at First Interstate Bank.

The health and welfare of our seniors has been upmost in her mind. As a result of her leadership as president, the Meiji Club, which is the largest club with 400 members, has brought many different seminars to help enrich the lives of the members.

Currently, she's on the SFVJACC Board of Directors, Coordinating Council Secretary, SFV Meiji Board of Directors and a member of the Endowment Committee. She has also supported the Tuna Canyon Detention Station fundraisers. Due to her involvement with almost every club at the center, she is a one-woman welcoming committee.

Liz's two children are carrying on the legacy of service. Audrey Eiko takes care of grandmother, Yone's, daily needs while working at Costco. Bachan now 97 years old, enjoys playing mahjong and hanafuda at the Center. Son, Raymond, and his wife, Glenda live in Torrance where he is the Chief Financial Officer for Auxilius Heavy, Ind. LLC and Controller for STC-QST,

LLC. He is a member of Lighthouse Community Church of South Bay and is a Sunday School teacher for the one-year olds for the past 14 years.

Granddaughter, Kristi Fukunaga, 20, attends Arizona State with a major in Education. Rachel, 17, is a senior at West High in Torrance and has applied to several colleges.



2019 SFVJACC Queen Ariel Imamoto

By NJ Nakamura

Ariel Imamoto has been selected as the SFVJACC Queen for 2019. She is 22 years old and recently graduated from California State University Fullerton with a degree in business administration and accounting. She currently works at

Tillys, in Irvine, as an accounts payable specialist.

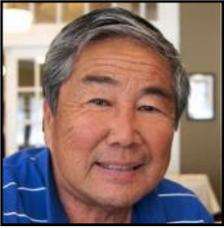
When asked about her involvement with the San Fernando Valley JA Community Center, Ariel said, "My family has been involved with the SFVJACC since my father and his siblings were young. My dad and his siblings all played basketball and baseball and attended the SFV Japanese Language Institute (SFVJLI) until their high school years. I became formally involved with the SFVJACC when I was eight years old and began playing basketball on the SF Up-N-Coming team. After joining Athletics, the Community Center became like another home to me since I was there two or three times a week for practice. Not to mention the hours we spent enjoying time with friends at events like the SFVHBT Obon, Pancake Breakfast and CC Family Day. Since then, I also attended the SFVJLI for two years, volunteered at the Athletics' Pee Wee Clinic, became a member of the SFV JACL, volunteered at Obon with Athletics, SFVJLI and SFV JACL, volunteered during CC Clean Ups, and worked at Kizuna's Summer Camp at SFVJACC. I also interned for the Tuna Canyon Detention Station Coalition and volunteered with Team Mirai."

Ariel will be attending the SFVJACC Memorial Service on Sunday, May 26. Later that evening, she will be formally introduced to our Community Center members.

Congratulations to Ariel!

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

TIMES CHANGE

We have been fortunate that our gardens have been kept up for 60 years by our wonderful and giving volunteer gardeners and bonsai club members. The last few years have proven difficult to keep it up so with Roy Imazu's and Frank Tanaka's advice we have hired a gardener to get the CC back to its attractive state. It's important to maintain the beauty, safety, and cleanliness of our beloved Center.

We have organized two new committees this year. One committee will set up guidelines for clubs and activities that are fair and reasonable. We want to encourage new programs and a clear path on how to get approvals. Bing Lau, Tiffany Pearlstein and Jeremy Tsuneishi are working on this potential transition from donations to fees. However, donations are gladly accepted!

The other committee comprised of Kimi Chiba, Kei Inoue, and Dick Kaku will work up a job description for the Community Center Director. Please send your thought on requirements to kaysoda1@gmail.com

January and February Board of Directors meeting minutes are online at www.sfvjacc.com

Save the date!

We will celebrate our 60th anniversary on January 11, 2020 at noon. Let's make it a grand reunion for all of our members.

Kay Oda
SFVJACC President

時代の遷り変り — CC創立以来60年間、ガーデナーと盆栽クラブのボランティアの皆さんのお陰で庭園を美しく保ってこれました。ボランティアのみなさんの高齢化によりここ数年手入れをする事が非常に難しくなってきたと今津ロイさん、田中フランクさんから報告があり、美しく安全で清潔に保つことは重要なのでガーデナーを雇うことになりました。

今年は2つの新しい実行委員会を作りました。ひとつは各クラブ、アクティビティーの公正で妥当なガイドラインを作成する委員会です。新しいプログラムを促すためにも承認までの明確な手続方法作り上げたいと思います。使用時のドネーションシステムから使用料設定に変更するようにビングラウ、ティファニーパールSTEIN、常石ジェレミーさんが検討中です。もちろんドネーションも歓迎です！もうひとつは千葉公明、井上ケイ、角ディックさんをリーダーにセンター役員の職務記述を見直す委員会を作りました。

ご意見や質問がある方はこちらまでご連絡下さい。 kaysoda1@gmail.com、1・2月の役員会議事録はCCホームページ(www.sfvjacc.com) から閲覧できます。

Save the date! — 2020年1月11日(土曜日)正午より創立60周年の記念行事を予定しております。皆さんで大懇親会にしましょう！

SF Samurai 2018-2019 CBO League - 1st Place Winners They had an undefeated record!



Back row (L to R): Harrison Hirota, Lucas Chow, Kyle Oda, Jaren Yee, Ethan Wong, Aidan Banayo
Front row (L to R): Coach Kay Oda, Coach George Suarez, Nick Kuroda, Nolan Suarez, Brennan Leem, Bryce Iwai, Carsen Yahata, Taylor Kwan, Coach Craig Yahata

SF Athletics Pancake Breakfast

By: Tiffany Pearlstein and Kevin Endow

Our annual pancake breakfast fundraiser was held on March 16th. The Aloha Girls, SuperSonics and Titans were charged with organizing the event this year and it was a huge success thanks to all the hard work from our SF Athletics families. We were able to raise a little over \$15,000. All proceeds go directly towards the benefit of our young athletes. The money helps with fees for gym permits, maintenance of our gym and other functions throughout the year. Our athletics program not only helps young players enhance their basketball skills, but also builds friendships across all our families. We are extremely grateful for the support from all the CC members and community. Your support is key in the success of our program.

The day started just before sunrise and it was non-stop until after 11am. Set-up was completed Friday evening so that we could hit the ground running Saturday morning. We had our famous pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee. Attendance was great which kept all our volunteers busy. It is always so wonderful to see our families come together. The kids enjoyed supervising the adults making the pancakes. Some of our cooks even made a few Mickey Mouse shaped pancakes at the end of the day as a fun surprise. Our gym was transformed into a food service area. Our diligent players and parents were able to keep wait times to a minimum. Inside the hall, diners were offered orange juice and coffee. The hall was filled with lots of conversation and laughter.

During the Pancake Breakfast, Athletics also held a silent auction that raised over \$1,500. We were lucky enough to auction off a Nintendo Switch, six Disneyland Park-Hopper Tickets, an Amazon Echo Plus and Kindle Oasis. Thank you to all the bidders that stayed and placed bids until the very last second. We hope to have another silent auction next year, so be sure to come and you could go home with a full stomach and a great auction item.

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who donated items for this event!! The Okuyama Family, Liz and John Doomey, Breakthrough Sports, Gavina Coffee, Trader Joe's, Costco, Ralphs and Sprouts.



THANK YOU!



SFV MEIJI SENIOR CLUB NEWS

By, Liz Doomey

Thank you to all who took the time to fill out the Keiro Survey. Your feedback showing interest in the different programs they have to offer are appreciated. We are working on the dates that these classes will be available. The first class offered is the AARP Smart Driver Class that will be held on Wednesday, April 10th and Thursday, April 11th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in the conference room in the Dr. Sanbo Sakaguchi Hall. The \$25 fee is being waived by Keiro. There is still room so please contact Liz Doomey, 818-429-4096 to register.



On March 20th, we had our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at the Vegas Seafood Buffet in Glendale. Just our way of saying "Thank you" to the many members who help at the Meiji Club events in 2018/19.

On Friday, March 22nd we had our first fundraiser, "Bingo" after Hot Meal. Five games for \$5 for 50/50 prize fund. We plan to have more "Bingo" games in 2019. Look for dales in the next newsletter.

Our next trip to Las Vegas will be May 13th

to the 15th. Forms for the trip are available on the CC lobby credenza. Also, the next San Manuel Casino trip will be on June 19th. See Kay Yamada if you are interested in this trip.



Bingo winners were Vincent Jacinto, Shigeko Tanabe, Leah Imamura, Jean Asuncion and Liz Doomey.

Two From The Community Center Make Yonsei 26 Team



Kyle Minami & Peyton Motoyasu were selected to the Yonsei 26 team and will travel to Shibata, Japan this summer for a Goodwill Tour. They are super excited and honored to be a part of the team and look forward to meeting the Japanese players and families and learning more about the culture!

As part of the preparation for the trip, they need to fundraise by selling raffle tickets and Yonsei t-shirts. Please support them if you see them selling at any of the CC events.

Note: The Yonsei Basketball Association is a non-profit organization founded in 1993 by Southern California Japanese Americans interested in establishing a cultural exchange program for 8th grade boys and girls. Participants take part in a goodwill exchange by way of playing basketball and taking part in a home stay experience, learning and sharing the two cultures.

Players and parents undergo a detailed selection process. Participants are selected for academic excellence, positive attitude, extracurricular activities, and sound basketball skills.



CELEBRATING TEN YEARS OF TRADITION

By Patti Kimura

In February 2009, Nikkei Senior Gardens opened their doors fulfilling the vision of Harold Muraoka and Harry Nakada to build an assisted living community that respects and celebrates Japanese heritage and culture. On Saturday, March 16, 2019, they celebrated their tenth anniversary with a special program and entertainment.

During the festivities of the afternoon, the families of Harold Muraoka and Harry Nakada were given certificates of recognition from the California

Legislature Assembly “for a life dedicated to public service and good will”. Assemblymember Luz Rivas presented the certificates honoring both men for their efforts in bringing Nikkei Senior Gardens to the 39th District. Special oil painting portraits of Harold and Harry were also unveiled at the celebration and will be permanently displayed at Nikkei Senior Gardens honoring both men. The oil paintings were commissioned by



resident Tom Ige and donated to Nikkei Senior Gardens in honor of the founders. Special recognition was given to thirteen residents who have been living at Nikkei Senior Gardens since its first year of opening and two residents who reached centenarian status.

Tamlyn Tomita, actor of TV, movies and stage, was emcee for the afternoon. Entertainment was provided by Keiko Kawashima and Scott Nagatani of Grateful Crane Ensemble; SFV Taiko Group, SFV Meiji Ono Group; Tangi Taufalele; Sachiko Kawakami and Nikkei Senior Gardens singers.

A silent auction fund raiser was sponsored by Oya Koko Foundation, the all-volunteer organization whose primary purpose is to raise funds to support the mission of Nikkei Senior Gardens. Thank you to all who supported Oya Koko through the silent auction, card sales and t-shirt sales during the 10th anniversary celebration.

Thank you also to all the volunteers who helped make the tenth anniversary celebration a special and wonderful event.

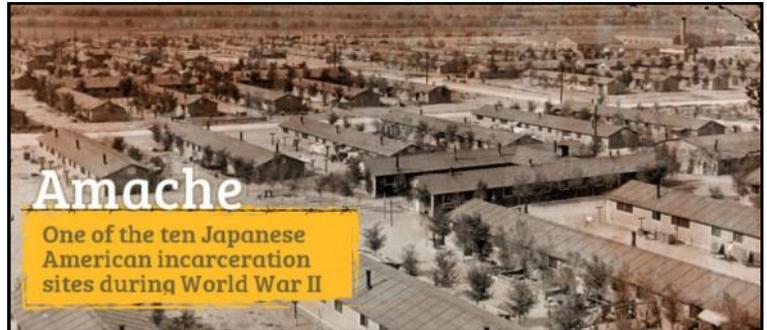




Amache

By Old Wakaba, Bud Sagara

When my wife and I attended the Super Bowl party at Harry and Susan’s house to watch the Patriots defeat the Rams, an old friend approached me with phone in hand saying, “You’ve got to see this.” I was hoping for something better than the low-scoring football game or some silly pet video. He directed me to a public television documentary on Amache, a WWII relocation camp for interned Japanese Americans in Granada, Colorado. My mom and her family were interned in Amache as was his family. Some of this article is based on that documentary entitled; *Colorado Experience-Amache* which I would surely recommend viewing.



In February 1942, President Franklin Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 which forced the relocation and internment of 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry, both citizens and aliens, out of the Pacific military zone.

General John DeWitt, commander of the Pacific military zone was quoted, “A Jap’s a Jap. They are a dangerous element, whether loyal or not.” This was an extreme moment of injustice in America--a mass hate crime and the betrayal of an American people. Two-thirds of those interned were American citizens. On what legal ground was the government allowed to incarcerate American citizens solely because of their ancestry and without due process? There was no wholesale incarceration of American residents who were of Italian or German ancestry.

Japanese American families had less than a week to either sell or dispose of their property for pennies on the dollar as they were ordered to take only what they could carry in their hands. Cameras and radios were forbidden. Out of their respect for authority, the Japanese were strangely compliant as they waited patiently in line for buses or trucks to take them to unknown processing centers. Eventually, the internees were sent by train to one of ten internment camps run by the War Relocation Authority. When the assigned internees finally arrived at Amache, they were shocked by the “nothingness” of the land. There were no trees, no mountains, no water; just blowing sand, sagebrush, and isolation. The days were hot in summer and freezing cold in the winter; they were definitely not in the city anymore.

The living spaces were called “apartments”, but they were primitive military-style barracks made of wood frame and covered with tar paper. There was a pot-bellied stove for heat in the middle of the room, metal military cots with cloth sacks that could be filled with hay for mattresses, no plumbing, no running water, no furniture, and no partitions for privacy. Each barrack contained four to six apartments and one apartment could house 3-9 people in a family. A dozen barracks made up a “block”, which shared a mess hall, communal bathroom with no partitions, laundry facility, and a recreation room. Each block contained between 250-300 internees. Meals consisted of strange things to the Japanese palate like liver or chicken gizzards. If you did not like what was being served, then you went hungry. The government spent as little as possible to warehouse so many people.

The Amache camp covered 10,500 acres and had a population topping out at 7,500 internees which made it the tenth largest city in Colorado. It was surrounded by barbed-wire fences, gun towers and patrolled by armed guards who had orders to shoot anyone who tried to escape. Although there were a few isolated incidents of internees’ being shot and killed at other camps, Amache for the most part was peaceful. Rather than trying to burn the camp down because of the anger over their situation, the Japanese spent their energy to radically transform their environment. They planted trees and vegetable gardens, decorated barrack walls, made their own furniture from scrap wood, built playgrounds and made their desolate space livable. Beauty, hope and community are hardly the words one would use to describe a prison camp, but that’s what was forged there because of their indomitable character as Japanese and as Americans.

Residents lived in family groups and elected their own governing bodies for each block. They established schools, churches, gardens, theaters and newspapers. Youths played organized sports and engaged in socials. From the outside, they re-created Anytown, USA, but they still remained for three long years behind barbed wire in an atmosphere of tension, suspicion, and despair. The children started each school day with the pledge of allegiance and would sometimes shout the last line, “with liberty and justice for all.” When one student asked his teacher for the reason why his family was brought to the camp, his teacher replied, “There are people outside the camp that want to harm you.” The student then asked, “Then why are the guns pointed inside the camp?”

When the War ended, the internees were simply told to leave after being given \$25 and a one way train ticket. The Amache camp was completely removed soon after as if to say, “This never happened; America is still the same, the land of the free.” The Japanese Americans returned to wherever home was to find that all was lost or stolen. They faced extreme prejudice in the form of few places to rent and few jobs, plus the constant barrage of racial epithets. The *Nisei* are members of the greatest generation and when one ponders what they endured and accomplished, we can only express our gratitude. Our highest appreciation is not in our words, but by striving to live our lives as well as they did.

The Congressional Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians which reviewed the facts and circumstances of Executive Order 9066 concluded in 1983: “Not a single act of espionage, sabotage or fifth column activity was committed by an American citizen of Japanese ancestry or by a resident Japanese alien on the West Coast.” How could all this injustice happen?

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Whenever mass hysteria and racial prejudice come together, the result can never be good. Those in authority made decisions based upon unsubstantiated statements, personal biases and/or popular sentiment. This common malady of the human race repeats itself over and over again because of man's sinful nature from Adam. Is there no escape? Psalm 139: 23-24 says, "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Ask God through prayer to search our hearts to reveal our sin so that we are able to walk in his footsteps in the way everlasting. What is the "way everlasting?" Jesus clearly teaches us in John 14:6, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."



San Fernando Valley Japanese Language Institute

By Mikiyo Ueda, Historian

We had the annual Kurimanju sale on March 9th. It was great to see so many people coming together to spend long hours to make over 2,000 Kurimanju. The sale was very successful due to the great planning of the PTA. Everything went precisely as planned. People were able to enjoy delicious Kurimanju again this year.



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**Saturday
April 13
2019**

10:30AM to 12:30PM

10:30-11:05
Class Observation
11:05 - 11:20
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For any additional information,
Q&A, please stop by the office & speak to our staff.

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SFVJACC Support for Parkinson's Disease

By Naomi

"Soaring With Hope for Parkinson's Disease (SWH)" is an art installation with a mission to raise global awareness and give hope to those affected by Parkinson's Disease (PD). Naomi, Amy, and Clara, are the original founders living with young onset Parkinson's Disease. Naomi is also a member of the Center and is part of the SFV Taiko group. Since the day she started attending taiko classes, the taiko group has been patient and supportive with Naomi as they accommodated her disease and folded cranes to support her. The Monday morning Senior Arts & Craft group has also helped with folding cranes, writing messages of HOPE on the wings and stringing the cranes. The goal for the art project is to fold 10,000 cranes. Remarkably, 16,000 cranes have been collected to date and 50% of the cranes collected came from CC members. **This has only been made possible due to the tremendous and appreciative kind help of the San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center members.**



To date, over 500 volunteers have given 2,000 hours of their time towards the SWH project and messages from 39 countries have been received. Their work will be showcased at the World Parkinson's Congress in Kyoto, Japan this June!

Continue to support them by viewing their website - www.soaringwithhope4pd.org Note: Shipping the cranes to

Japan is costing over \$2,000. You could help by sponsoring a crane to soar to Japan (donate). Just go to their website to support "Soaring With Hope for PD".



Naomi (on the far right) and the SFV Taiko group.



Naomi (on the far left) and the Senior Arts & Craft group.





Ladies (Ages 2-102):

You're invited to
Hawaiian-style gospel
dance classes.

They're fun, free and full of fellowship.

Please join us!

Saturdays, June 8, 22, and 29

9:30-11:30 am

Crossway Church - in Howe Hall

9610 Haddon Avenue, Pacoima

Dress comfortably. No RSVP needed.



2019 Scholarships Applications Still Available

SFVJACC Scholarships

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

Applications Due April 15, 2019



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!)

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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.

Veterans Memorial Day Service

Please join the members of the SFVJACC for the Memorial Day Service to be held in honor of the deceased veterans of the San Fernando Valley.

The service will be held on Sunday, May 26, 2019. As in the past, all CC organizations, families of deceased veterans listed on the Memorial, all veterans and the community are invited to observe this event.

SFV community members are asked to submit names of deceased veterans so that their names may be inscribed on the memorials located in the Kiyoshi Muranaga Veterans Memorial Garden. Qualifications include: Service in any branch of the armed services, served at any time in war or peace and any family member must be a resident of the San Fernando Valley. Please call Lois Okui at (818) 899-1989 or email loisokui@aol.com. Organizations are asked to give the name of the individual representing the organization. Families of the deceased are asked to call and let us know if they will be attending the services.



SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2019 ♦ 5:00 PM

12953 Branford Street, Pacoima, CA 91331 - In the Courtyard.

Following the service, a light dinner will be served in the Dr. Sanbo Sakaguchi Memorial Hall.

For veteran information and confirmation: Lois Okui (818) 899-1989 or email loisokui@aol.com

For donations and remembrances, please make donation payable to SFVJACC-Veterans Fund.

2019 SAN FERNANDO OBON FESTIVAL

June 29 (Saturday, 4:30-10 pm) & 30 (Sunday, 4:30-9 pm)

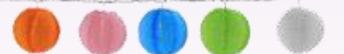
SAVE THE DATE! Bring your family and friends! It's time for everyone to come out and enjoy the traditional sights, sounds, tastes and energy that is the largest gathering of its kind in the San Fernando Valley — *San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple's* annual **OBON FESTIVAL!**

Held at the SFVJACC, additional free parking will be available on the south side of Branford, courtesy of the Branford Business Park. Plan to arrive early both days to take in all Obon has to offer —

- * SFVJACC SHOWCASE * TAIKO PERFORMANCES * BONSAI EXHIBIT *
- * JAPANESE CALLIGRAPHY EXHIBIT * JAPANESE DOLL-MAKING EXHIBIT *
- * JAPANESE FLEA MARKET * SILENT AUCTION * SENIOR ARTS & CRAFTS *
- * TEMPLE BOOKSTORE * TEMPLE HISTORY DISPLAY * BUDDHISM IN WWII CAMPS DISPLAY *
- * COMMUNITY NONPROFIT DISPLAYS/TABLES * FAMILY-FRIENDLY GAMES *
- * RAFFLE DRAWING * DELICIOUS FOOD & DRINK! *
- * *OBON DANCING* *



San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple thanks you for your support and looks forward to this unique community “Gathering of Joy” as we reflect upon our ancestors and myriad others who have passed on before us. And in expressing our deep gratitude, “just dance!”



This photo is of the first known Obon festival held in the San Fernando Valley - Pacoima, 1923 (photo courtesy of Mrs. Y. Kimura)

2021 marks the 100th Anniversary of our Sangha in the San Fernando Valley!



MANZANAR REUNION

June 10,11 & 12, 2019

California Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada

Everyone is welcome to attend—family, friends and anyone interested in the history of Manzanar. Come and meet up with old friends, and make new ones! Learn more about Manzanar from the National Park Service rangers.

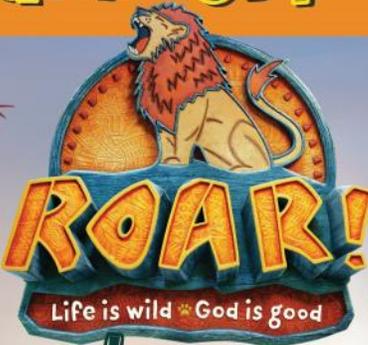
Monday, June 10th will be an ice-breaker social. The following morning, join in the reunion-sponsored slot tournament, followed by an opportunity to go bowling with the buffet banquet that evening. The program will be an informative presentation by the Manzanar Park rangers with an

opportunity to learn how they preserve the site to continue the legacy.

We welcome anyone who is interested in the internment at Manzanar or any other facility.

For information, call: Grace Deguchi (310) 968-1666 or Cherry Uyeda (818) 981-2629 or Marian (Oda) Murphy (818) 891-8808 or email at ymeinla@roadrunner.com Registration forms and payment must be received by May 1, 2019 to ensure hotel room reservations.

This Summer!



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July 15-19 2019

PRESCHOOL TO 6TH GRADE

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To register, go to
smile.amazon.com



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	Sam Nakata.....	818 894-5307
Bridge*.....	Monday	12:00-3:00 PM.....	Ray Shinsato	818 767-5550
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
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

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
7:00 pm Family Movie Night: Coco
- 14 10:00 am Regular service
11:30 am DME* – Line dancing
- 18 10:30 am Service at Nikkei Senior Gardens
- 20 9:30 am Dharma Discussion
- 21 10:00 am Regular service
11:00 am Basics of Buddhism class, everyone welcome
- 28 No service at SFVHBT (temple retreat)

May

- 4 10:00 am BWA monthly service and meeting
- 5 10:00 am Shotsuki monthly memorial service
- 12 10:00 am Gotan-e Shinran Shonin's birthday service and Mother's Day celebration
- 16 10:30 am Service at Nikkei Senior Gardens
- 18 9:30 am Dharma Discussion
DME* – Potluck & perform music
- 19 10:00 am Regular service
12:00 pm DME* – Art: shadowing and perspective
- 25 9:30 am Dharma Discussion
- 26 10:00 am Memorial Day service, temple
11:45 am Memorial Day service, Forest Lawn, Hollywood Hills

** Drop My Ego - everyone welcome!
Learn something new and live
life to the fullest!*

Please contact SFVHBT for class location and other information or to sign up. Cost is \$35 for 3 or more DME classes throughout the year or \$15/class.



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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

April 14, 2019

NYABC (Not Your Average
Basketball Camp)

April 28, 2019

NYABC (Not Your Average
Basketball Camp)

May 4, 2019

SFV Japanese Language
Institute Yard Sale

May 11, 2019

Athletics Jamboree

May 11 & June 1, 8, 2019

Athletics Pee Wee Clinic

May 18, 2019

CC Family Day

May 19, 2019

Future Planning Committee -
Focus Group (3 pm)

May 26, 2019

Veteran's Memorial Service



YONSEI BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION 2019 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

In keeping with the Yonsei mission of supporting the academic and community service involvement of the youth of our communities, Yonsei will be awarding the \$1,500 Sue Kamiyama Scholarship and four additional \$1,000 Yonsei General Scholarships this year. The Yonsei scholarship information and application can be downloaded from the Yonsei website: yonseibasketball.com

Primary requirements are:

1. Must be graduating in May/June 2019 and have an overall grade point average of at least 3.0. The GPA is based on 4.0 maximum numbering system. Plus and minus grades are not recognized, nor are extra points given for special college courses taken (i.e. Advanced Placement). GPA's shall be based on the final grades received in the 10th and 11th grades and the 1st semester of the 12th grade. Transcripts must be included so the GPA can be verified.
2. Applicants must be able to demonstrate community service in the Southern California area.
3. Two (2) letters of recommendations must be submitted, one of which must be from a community service organization in which you actively participate or have participated in during your high school years.
4. Applicant will have to attend an accredited college or university, and a copy of the Letter of Acceptance from the college or university should be submitted with this application.
5. Applicant must send in completed application **postmarked by May 6, 2019.**

Note: Participation in the Yonsei Basketball Association is NOT a requirement. All qualified high school graduates are eligible to apply for our scholarships. Participation in a sports program is also NOT a requirement.

**For an application, go to the Yonsei Basketball website at
www.yonseibasketball.com**

If any questions or clarifications are needed, please contact Ken Mui at 818-661-8899 or email to kkmui@aol.com.

