

## FAMILY DAY

By Tiffany Pearlstein

May 18, 2019 - We had a great turn out for family day this year. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this a memorable event. The theme we had in mind when planning this year was physical fitness. Our goal was to keep the kids active with a variety of activities. The SF Athletics Dominators, Tigers and Warriors had cornhole and ring toss games going the entire event in the courtyard. They also organized a water balloon toss and basketball shooting competitions to add to the excitement... a 3-point contest for the older kids and free throw contest for the younger ones. All the kids were excited to win lots of prizes. It looked like the water guns were the most popular though. The kids kept the event going strong with water guns even after all the activities were completed. Japanese School added even more fun with watermelon wari and tsunahiki-tug of war. Many kids also tested their strength at the rock wall provided by the Bert Corona Charter School. Bing, Jaclyn and Jordyn kept the attendees in the hall entertained with a few games of bingo. The event finished with raffle prizes and pinatas for the kids.

For lunch we enjoyed freshly barbequed burgers and hot dogs by Kay, Kiyo, Kimi, Jeremy and Doug. Kei made delicious homemade chili. There was also rice, coleslaw and chips. Volunteers from JACL served the food, keeping the line moving efficiently. John D, Jon P., Clay and Harris ensured that the food and supplies were replenished throughout food service. After lunch, the Girl Scouts passed out popsicles using an ice cream cart provided by Pico Ice Cream.

At 1:00 pm, the SFVJACC Scholarship recipients, Skye Kita, Tre Lau, Kelli Ogimachi and Allison Yamada were introduced and presented with their awards. Congratulations to these outstanding students!

**A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped!** SFVJLI, SFV JACL, SF Athletics (Dominators, Tigers and Warriors) and Kirk Takayama from Bert Corona Charter School.

Thank you also to all those who supported our raffle fundraiser! We raised \$7,234 which will go towards the exterior painting of all the CC buildings. The top raffle winners were Cecelia A. Furukawa (First Prize of \$500 plus Second Prize of \$300) and May Wood (Third Prize of \$200).



The ever popular ice cream cart.



Many braved the Rock Wall Challenge

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**Bios on page 5.**



Water guns are always a big hit.



The greeting committee

**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

I would like to thank the CC Board of Directors for their leadership and vision to benefit all members. We have been tackling important policy questions like club guidelines and rental policy by going over the details. We do not rubber stamp anything. They are working hard for you. For example, Akiko Manaka brought Girl Scouts to the Center with a cultural twist. New board member, Tiffany Pearlstein, successfully planned our annual Family Day held on May 18 with inter-generational fun activities. Memorial Day chair, Liz Doomey, planned a traditional day with a dinner to honor our veterans. Tadao and Lois prepare the newsletter, mail them, and are in charge of Super Bingo. Bing Lau, Nancy Oda, Jeremy Tsuneishi, and Kiyo Watanabe are working on safety, maintenance, technology, interviewing personnel and seeking future programs to promote the Japanese culture. Treasurer Denise Tanaka keeps our bills paid on time and provides important data when requested. Our board represents all ages and organizations.

Last month, we said, "Farewell and thank you to Kaori Hall." During that time, I sat in her place taking in calls. Fortunately I was able to contact the Little Tokyo Service Center (LTSC) for help several times. It's an amazing resource for our community. I came away with an appreciation for them, and all of you. Happily, today we introduce Christine Inouye who will be the new bilingual administrative assistant on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Welcome!

This month, we received a check for \$109,688.00 from the Nikkei Senior Gardens surplus cash. Many of us chose to stay home but if you're looking for assisted living, Michael Motoyasu will gladly give you and your family a tour.

Finally, we want to thank our Nisei Week Queen candidate, Ariel Imamoto, for representing us. Good Luck and have fun!

CC役員の皆さんが持ち前のリーダーシップ、そしてCC会員の為になるビジョンを意識し活動して下さることに大変感謝しております。ガイドラインやレンタルポリシーなどの重要な課題に取り組み安易に承認することなく懸命に働いています。

例を挙げますと、アキコ・マナカさんがガールズスカウトをスタートし、5月18日の恒例のファミリーデーは新役員のティファニー・パールSTEINさんが幅広い世代が楽しめる企画を計画して成功に収めました。

メモリアルデーはリズ・ドゥミーさんが退役軍人を称える恒例夕食会を計画しました。タダオ&ロイス・オクイはCC会員誌を準備から送付アレンジまで手がけ、スパービンゴ担当でもあります。ビーング・ルー、ナンシー小田、ジェレミー・常石、キヨ渡辺は安全及び整備面、テクノロジー、人材面接、日本文化の振興になるプログラムを探索しています。会計担当のディニス田中は支払いの管理、要求に応じて重要なデータを提供して頂いています。CC役員は全ての年齢層と組織の代表です。

4月まで働いて下さったカオリ・ホールさんには感謝致します。幾度となく彼女に代わって電話対応をして感じた事ですが、リトル東京サービスセンターへの問合せをつなぐ機会がございました。LTSCは我々のコミュニティーにとって素晴らしいリソースです。5月から毎週火曜日と木曜にクリスティーン井上さんがバリンガルのアドミスタッフとして加わって下さいました。ようこそ、クリスティーン！

5月には日系シニアガーデンから過剰金 \$ 109, 688を受け取りました。介護生活が必要な方で日系シニアガーデンのツアーに参加したい方はマイケル・モトヤスさんまでお問合せ下さい。

最後に、有難いことにアリエル・イマモトさんがSFVJACC代表の二世ウィーク女王候補者として選出されました。がんばってください！

Kay Oda  
SFVJACC President



## CC Would Like To Start Boy Scout Troop

If you are interested in a Boy Scout experience for your child, the CC would like to explore forming such a group.

In 1958, veteran Frank Tanaka started Troop 104 that helped hundreds of young boys become leaders in their communities. Many earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

Today, we have a Girl Scout troop but no program for the boys. If you want this type of opportunity for your youngster, please write to [contact@sfvjacc.com](mailto:contact@sfvjacc.com)

## CC T-SHIRT CONTEST



Looking for original  
art for the CC's  
60th Anniversary  
T-shirt

Requirement:  
Memorial Hall Building (gym)  
1959-2019

Camera ready

Submit by July 29 via email  
to [nancyoda64@gmail.com](mailto:nancyoda64@gmail.com)

Prize: \$50

Gym is space for basketball,  
judo, volleyball, ping pong,  
bonsai, and talent show.

Contestants: Any age

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

### For the Months of March & April 2019

#### Donations

SFV Meiji Senior Club  
Yearend donation  
Todd Uramoto  
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In memory of mother Fusako Wadamoto  
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#### Donations In Memory of Dr. Bo Sakaguchi

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Tadao and Lois Okui  
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#### Use of Facilities

Elder Law Services of California - Judd Matsunaga  
SFV Judo Club  
Nikkei Senior Gardens  
Wednesday Nite Basketball  
SFV JACL  
Ping Pong Club  
Tadao Okui  
Marge Tanaka  
Kupunas  
Thursday Nite Basketball  
Hitomi's Cooking Class  
Aloha Club  
Tuesday Exercise Class  
Friday Exercise Class  
Michael Gort  
Senior Arts & Crafts  
Harmonica Class

#### Miscellaneous

Coffee Donation  
Copier Donation  
Don and Suzan Akamine.....1 (3 lbs) Coffee  
Anonymous.....1 (2 lbs) Coffee  
Leonor Bennet ....2 Boxes Food service vinyl gloves  
Curly and Florence Sato.....1 (3 lbs) Coffee and  
2 reams copy paper  
Smokey Sugii.....1 (3 lbs) Coffee

*Thank you so much for  
your generous donations!*

## DONATIONS TO HOT MEALS

### For the Months of March & April 2019

Anonymous.....	Monetary donation
Ray and Jean Shinsato.....	Monetary donation
Hisako Hazard .....	25 lbs bag of Rice
Gene Lew .....	6 Small handcrafted wooden cutting boards
Musashi Restaurant.....	200 lbs of Rice, 4 pgks of chopsticks, 2 lg bottles of oil
Eiko Muto .....	Ono oranges
Toni Sakaguchi .....	Assorted multiple Kikkomon products
Janet Schuetze .....	Monetary donation In memory of husband Gene Schuetze
Janet Schuetze .....	Monetary donation In honor of Kei Inoue's CC Appreciation Award
Naomi Suenaka .....	Large SS bowl and wooden sushi container
Robert and Linda Takayama .....	3 Boxes of asparagus
Leonard and Geneva Tanaka .....	Monetary donation
Sylvia Yamashita .....	Easter candy for kitchen volunteers
John Tanaka .....	Sushi Ginger

Apologies to **Musashi Restaurant** for omitting  
their January/February donation of 100 lbs.  
of rice, oil and chopsticks.



Thank you to James Kitazaki (on left) for donating the beautiful stained glass window panel that's hanging in the kitchen. He donated it in honor of Kei Inoue for receiving the CC's Appreciation Award in January. Kei is sitting in the middle next to Ruby Yamaoka who transported the panel. Thank you to Clay Yahiro, Harris Yoneoka and John Doomey for hanging it.

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Jim and Maxine Cain  
Eriko Hirano & Kevin Hickey  
Isra and Jennifer Lee  
Kirsten Lindquist

Eizo Masuda  
Mark & Leticia Muranaga  
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## 2019 SFVJACC SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

By Nancy Oda

The Scholarship Committee comprised of Grace Iwamasa, Chisato Kanagi, Nancy Oda, and Leslie Shirasawa is pleased to announce this year's recipient of four awards. We congratulate all of our graduates and continuing college students.

The Kay Kazuko Furuta Sakaguchi and Lilly Sakaguchi Thibodeaux Scholarships are endowed scholarships.

### **DR. SANBO SAKAGUCHI SCHOLARSHIP**

Dr. Sakaguchi was a Lifetime member of the SFVJACC who volunteered his services at the SFV Judo Club Kohaku tournament and Alemany High School football games. This scholarship is intended for high school and college students who exhibit academic excellence, service, and leadership.

**Allison Keiko Yamada** is the daughter of David and Leslie Yamada who have been members for fifteen years. Allie is a senior attending the University of San Francisco. She was on the Dean's Honor Roll last year and currently, the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. Margaret Takimoto wrote, "She is a tremendous role model for the youth and her strength of character is exceptional. She is modest, unassuming, yet has a powerful personality." Allie is the first student to win the Dr. Sanbo Sakaguchi Scholarship two times. Her grade point average is 3.43. Her experience as coach along with her friend, Dayna Tanaka, of the SFV Samurai is the primary reason as to why she is pursuing a career as a Pediatric Occupational Therapist. Her goal is for all children to have the opportunity to enjoy playing regardless of their abilities. She can be proud that her boys are playing still and achieving success.

### **KAY KAZUKO FURUTA SAKAGUCHI SCHOLARSHIP**

Kay Sakaguchi was the wife of Dr. Sakaguchi and a longtime supporter of the Asia America Symphony. Thus, it is earmarked for students who are interested in pursuing a future in the visual and/or performing arts.

**Skye Yukiko Kita** is the daughter of Gregg and Katie Kita, who have been members for eleven years. She will be graduating from West Ranch High School and attending Boston Conservatory at Berklee where she will explore Contemporary dance. Her academic GPA is 3.94. She has received many dancing awards including the WCE top 3 Regional Dancer and USA Top 6 Regional dancer. She has been part of the Assisteens of San Clarita. She volunteers at the senior disabled center, cleaned up local parks, and helped underprivileged kids learn consumer skills. She is an alumni of Suzume no Gakkou Summer Camp. Skye wrote, "I feel that an arts program at the Community Center would be beneficial for the new generation of artists as it would encourage them to explore their creativity and possibly spark a new interest." Her audition tape documents her love of dance from a very young age. She is the first member to receive this award.

### **LILLY SAKAGUCHI THIBODEAUX SCHOLARS**

Mrs. Thibodeaux was a bright and engaging person who loved culture, nature and life, she brought a smile, optimistic attitude, attention and support and an element of fun into all the lives she touched.

We are proud of the two students who were selected for this honor.

**Bing "Tre" Lau** is the son of Bing and Diane Lau, who have been members for ten years. Tre is a graduate of Granada Hills Charter High School who will be going to UC San Diego focusing on a Psychology major this fall. Although he has a busy schedule donating much of his free time to the CC, he is disciplined and has managed his time wisely to maintain a high grade point average of 3.4. He is known as a person that you can count on. Tre played with the Wasabi basketball team for nine years while contributing to the Not Your Average Basketball Camp for 5 years and Pee Wee League for three years. Tre is a member of the Kings and Queens Bowling League and Matador Bowl Juniors League since 2014. He contributed an average of 8 years each to the Obon, Pancake Breakfast, and CC cleanup. His strongest traits are that he is always ready to give back, make his world better, and respectful. Danny Okazaki wrote, "His smile and ability to engage with people is so important when serving the many of the members of the community."

**Kellie Ogimachi** is the daughter of Gary and Linda Ogimachi who have been members for nine years who is graduating from Faith Baptist High School with a grade point of 4.10. She has received the Margaret Rasmussen Award that entitled her to free tuition for her sophomore year. Kellie will be attending California State University Pomona or SLO as a pre-vet/ animal science major. She was an active member of the History Club as Treasurer, that raised \$500 for Operation Gratitude, a nonprofit group for veterans. She was the captain of Varsity Cross Country team as well as MVP. She played second base on the Varsity Softball team for three years. She has worked as an Algebra I and Geometry tutor and lately as a Kumon teaching assistant. She supported many CC activities like Super Bingo for four years. She is a member of the Crossway Church. She has helped with the annual Terminal Islander New Year's Party and summer picnic. She is the perfect student to receive the Lilly Sakaguchi Thibodeaux Award.



Pictured: Scholarship Award recipients, Skye Kita, Tre Lau, Allison Yamada and Kelli Ogimachi (center, L-R), flanked by Scholarship Committee members Nancy Oda and Grace Iwamasa (on far left) and Leslie Shirazawa and Chisato Kanagi (far right).





## SFV MEIJI SENIOR CLUB NEWS

By Liz Doomey

The second class the seniors will be doing from the Keiro Survey is the iPad Class. This class is for six weeks and started on May 22<sup>nd</sup> and will end on June 26<sup>th</sup> and is from 10 am to noon. All interested parties were notified and we were able to have eight participants. We are trying for an additional class this summer, with two classes per week for three weeks. They will be Monday and Wednesday classes. Anyone interested in basic iPad classes, please contact Liz Doomey at 818-429-4096 or lizdoomey@yahoo.com.

Keiro is offering a Senior "CarFit" program on July 12<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to noon. A sign up sheet is in the lobby of the Community Center. They will make sure each driver of their automobile knows basic functions of their cars, such as, how far to sit from the steering wheel, the gas and brake pedals and that their side mirrors are in the correct position, etc. They can only do 12 people so sign up early. We will have a raffle of one HandyBar for the lucky person. (**Top** Rated HandyBar - Car Assist Cane Handle Automotive Standing Aid + Vehicle Emergency Escape Tools with Window Breaker & Seat Belt Cutter).



HandyBar

Our next San Manuel Casino trip will be on June 19<sup>th</sup>. The next trip to Las Vegas trip will

be on August 12<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup>. Information and sign-up sheets are on the CC lobby credenza. If you enjoyed the last Bingo we had after hot meal in April our next game will be on July 19<sup>th</sup>, so mark your calendar now.



The AARP Driving Class was held on April 10 and 11 and was taught by John Nakaki of Keiro. If you would like to attend the next session, please contact Liz Doomey at 818-429-4096.

## Woman of the Year Liz Doomey

I would like to express my appreciation to the SFVJACC for nominating me and the Japanese Women's Society of Southern California and the Downtown Los Angeles Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League approval for the Women of the Year 2019 award. I was happy to see so many of my family and friends in attendance at the ceremony and to hear that they had a very nice time. Their support made this



honor even more special. Thank you to Nancy Oda for being there for me and for being a wonderful person to emulate. There are so many women at the CC that give of their time and effort that deserve this honor more than I do but do not want or expect to be recognized, to them I would like to say I accept this honor in their names.

Thank you, Liz Doomey

← Liz with family and friends.

# 2019 MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

By Liz Doomey

May 26, 2019 - On Sunday we gathered to honor the veterans who sacrificed their lives through all the wars and in peace. The SFVJACC was presented with and a flag that flew over Iraq and a certificate from Intelligence Specialist Chief Petty Officer, David Sumida. Frank Tanaka told of his struggle after the Korean war with PTSD in a heartwarming speech that brought tears to many of the guests.

Thank you to Mario's Italian Deli and Market in Glendale for providing the pasta dinner for our guests. We appreciated Hitomi Hashimoto, NJ Nakamura and Jaclyn Tomita for presenting Ariel Imamoto, SFVJACC Queen and Nisei Week candidate with the wonderful cakes from Rose Bakery in Van Nuys.

A special thank you to Jan & Co. group for playing several patriotic songs for this year's program. They did an excellent job and had the audience singing along with them. Group: Jan Schuetze, Yoshiko and Ike Matsuda, Barbara Nakatsu, Toji Hashimoto, and Curtis Monji.

It takes a team effort to make any event go well and I think that this team did an excellent job. Thank you to:

*Registration Desk* - Kay Yamada, Teri Tanaka, Denise Tanaka

*Emcee* - Jennifer Hamamoto

*Invocation/Benediction* - Reverend James Iwata

*Pledge of Allegiance* - Henry Nakamura

*Audio* - Bing Lau

*Flowers* - Frank and Marge Tanaka

*Set-up and Clean-up:*

Jay Arison

Kenji Couey

John & Liz Doomey

Cathy Fujimoto

Kisui Fujimoto

Joy & Wally Longworth

Sandy Nobuyuki

Kay Oda & Nancy Oda

Eddie Ohara

Tadao & Lois Okui

Kiyo Watanabe

Tenka & Asuka Watanabe

Clay Yahiro

Harris & Diane Yoneoka



Frank Tanaka talked about PTSD.



SF Queen Ariel Imamoto was introduced at the event.

Veterans who attended the service.



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Center

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Yamada, John/Kay

Yamaoka, Emmy

Yamaoka, Ruby



## Be the Change You Want to See!

In an effort to reach our eight hundred plus families, a survey to explore the needs of the center was sent out by US Mail. A total of 200 members responded to fourteen questions with interesting results. Because the online Survey Monkey can give us results quickly, there was a \$100 incentive raffle for those who chose that option. Readers, you may want to look at the results by logging on to [www.sfvjacc.com](http://www.sfvjacc.com)

The Future Planning Committee met with representatives from all of our CC organizations on May 19, 2019, in Dr. Sanbo Sakaguchi Hall. Thirty people were divided into three groups to discuss the following three questions.

- 1) What does it mean to be a CC member?
- 2) What activities would you like to see?
- 3) Do you feel that the existing facilities are capable of supporting the emerging activities just discussed?



Here is a brief summary.

The Center is a place to make friends, enjoy the Japanese culture, and learn its history. Most importantly, "Aunties and Uncles," can be together with the family in a safe place.

The ideas were flowing from all corners of the room. One idea was to offer leadership and job opportunities for young adults. Someone wrote that we should organize Hot Meals one more day a week. Adult and Child Day Care needs were noted. Some thought that a BBQ Club, Wine and Sake Club, Fishing and Golfing Club would be fun. The list included night time enrichment classes for working adults such as Ikebana, calligraphy, exercise, photography, games, and a book club. Anime, Hip Hop, and an Art Show were also mentioned.

Among the improvements needed are more storage, an acoustically insulated room with wooden floors and mirrors, a multipurpose room for large events such as dinners, sports, a raised stage and rear projection room, and additional meeting spaces.

You may have your own suggestions. Please come to the next meeting that will be held at night on July 18 in Dr. Sanbo Sakaguchi Hall from 7-9 pm. Light refreshments will be served. **RSVP by July 11 by writing to [contact@sfvjacc.com](mailto:contact@sfvjacc.com)**

## CSUN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Thank you to Emily Minoda, Shelly Baroa, Allyssa Cruz, Megan Phung, Angelo Junio, and Angelo Mutia for working on needed projects including a CC timeline, activity trifold for the obon, CC photo gallery, and new pamphlet.

Since our center was established after the war and the need for youth enrichment, they were also exposed to obon dances by Cathy Fujimoto and Asako Tomita, SFV Taiko at the Japanese Garden, and Dr. Bo's Manzanar interviews. Some went to the 50th anniversary of the Manzanar Pilgrimage on the SFVJACL bus or attended the showing of "Alternative Facts."

We wish them well as they graduate soon. Arigatou! Nancy Oda and Nancy Takayama were the leaders.



**THANK YOU**



## SF Athletics Jamboree

By Kevin Endow

On May 11<sup>th</sup>, about 100 families and over 300 people attended our annual SFVJACC Athletics Jamboree. Just prior to the Jamboree, about 100 of our players participated in an in-depth basketball clinic that covered key aspects for youth basketball provided by Breakthrough Sports.

After working up an appetite, players and families were provided with a delicious street-taco style dinner. Once everyone began to get settled with their dinners, the program began with recognizing our honored guests and announcing this years' Scholar Athletes, Janelle Doi, Tre Lau and Justyne Nakano. Please find and read the more detailed and thorough article regarding these exemplary 2019 Scholarship Recipients in this newsletter.



Thanks to our wonderful emcee Charlene Paloma, the night continued with numerous raffle prizes ranging from gift cards to squishy stuffed animals to Lego Sets for every single player. Once the raffle was complete, everyone was treated to a fun and widely entertaining slide show with team camaraderie, friendships and hard-fought victories on full display.

For this years' players and coaches gifts, shooting shirts were given out and they must have been well-liked since many players already wore them this past weekend at the Tigers Tournament.

Popsicles and mochi ice cream were served for dessert and completing our night, was our grand prize raffles that included a Clippers team autographed hat and basketball! Congratulations to all the grand prize winners!

A special thanks to the families of the Lightning Sparks, Ruff Riderz and Guardians for planning this wonderful event. We all hope to see everyone again next year!



## 2019 Athletics Scholarship Winners

By Margaret Takimoto



### Wayne Yamamoto Scholarship Award

Wayne Yamamoto was a student athlete and was a member of SF Athletics in the 1960's and who's memory we honor with the Wayne Yamamoto Memorial Scholarship. This years award is presented to Tre Lau. He is the son of Diana and Bing Lau. Tre played SF basketball for nine years with the Gang Green and Wasabi. He attends Granada Hills Charter High School. His interests included playing basketball, volleyball and bowling. Tre says the following, "All of the experiences that I have had because of Athletics have taught me important lessons about character, leadership, and what it means to be an active member within the community. It was through these experiences that I learned more about the qualities of compassion, patience, and respect, and learned to incorporate them into the fundamental building blocks of all my relationships and even more importantly my morals. Through all the opportunities that the Athletics program has made available to me I have grown as a person and began to have a new understanding for the strength of the community." Tre be attending UCSD!

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**Hoshiko Hirano Scholarship Award**



Hoshiko Hirano was the first Girls' Athletics Commissioner and was instrumental in starting the girls athletics program in the 1960's. In those days the girls only played softball. The late Mrs. Hirano, along with her husband Yoshio Hirano, who was the boys' commissioner were actively involved in promoting our program. The Hoshiko Hirano Memorial Scholarship was established to honor her memory and contribution to the Girls' Athletics program. Athletics was honored to have Mitch Hirano, the Hirano's youngest son and Natalie, granddaughter present at the Jamboree. They traveled from Utah to visit Mr. Hirano who is a resident at Nikkei Senior Gardens.

We are please to award this year's Hoshiko Hirano Scholarship to Janelle Doi. She is the daughter of Leanne and Brent Doi. Janelle played SF Athletics Basketball for 9 years with the Y2 K team. She will be graduating from Granada Hills Charter High School and played high school basketball and was team captain. Her involvement in school activities includes National Society of High School Scholars, Student Council President, Big Buddies Coordinator. Janelle's community involvement includes being the co-founder and VP of Changes in the Community, Yonsei 22 captain, Kizuna counselor, Rising Stars participant.

Janelle has been accepted at UC San Diego.

**Lauren Taguchi Memorial Youth Service Scholarship Award**



Athletics established the Lauren Taguchi Memorial Youth Service Scholarship in 2009 to honor her memory. As an active member of the SF Athletics, as well as many other community organizations, Lauren was an exemplary student athlete, a role model, friend and teammate who demonstrated sportsmanship on and off the court. We are pleased to announce Tre Lau was selected as recipient of the Lauren Taguchi Memorial Youth Service and is son of Diana and Bing Lau. The scholarship committee's selection was based on his spirit of volunteerism and citizenship, through community service. Tre's community involvement includes volunteering at the Providence Holy Cross Hospital, where he volunteers in the ICU department, La Tuna Canyon Project (volunteer greeter), co-chair GHCHS Mend Drive, Ronald McDonald House-Rens Raiders volunteer. As an Athletics player Tre, participated in Obon, Pancakes Breakfast, CC clean up, Pee Wee Clinic as camp volunteer and Pee Wee League referee and score keeper. Tre participated at the NYABC special needs basketball camp as a volunteer coach and with Rising Stars Youth Leadership Program alumni working the Japanese Speaking Parents Association Children with Challenges as a volunteer buddy taking children Christmas shopping. Tre said "For years I have volunteered for the community, helping out at events, learning how things are run, and imagining

what I can do to improve the community. But I'm not concerned with what I can do now to make the community a better place, rather I'm more interested in how I can make it better in the future." Tre will be attending UCSD.

**Evan Yoshio Niizawa Memorial Continuing Education Scholarship Award**



The Evan Yoshio Niizawa Memorial Continuing Education Scholarship is given in memory of his accomplishments, scholastic excellence and participation in athletics in the face of severe illness and life challenges. Evan was an inspiration to all who knew him and admired his determination in all aspects of his life. The Evan Niizawa Memorial Continuing Education Scholarship was established by his parents Guy and Tracy Niizawa along with SF Athletics this year to honor Evan's memory. Evan had a long battle with cancer but was able to continue his highly successful high school career and attend UC Berkeley but had to leave school in the end. This award is given to a current or past member of SF Athletics who has demonstrated scholastic excellence and overcame challenges during their life.

We are pleased to announce Justyne Nakano was selected as recipient of the Evan Niizawa Memorial Education Scholarship. She is daughter of Irene Osako and Dane Nakano. Justyne has been on the Honor Roll throughout her high school career while having a successful varsity basketball career. She was selected team captain for 3 years and received MVP awards over the years. Justyne has had time to volunteer at the Habitat for Humanity, Cloud Nine, Church on the Way, Better Living and Monday Night Mission. She states "...my academic and athletic achievements were handled by me solely from a very young age. I was able to grow up faster and mature becoming a responsible adult minded individual. These traits that I have acquired have taught me to develop my ability and achieve success on my own." Justyne faces her life challenges with perseverance and resolve becoming a responsible and self reliant young adult. We know that she will pay it forwarded in Evan's memory. Justyne will be attending San Francisco State College.

Tre, Janelle and Justyne, we are very proud of all of you and wishing you much success in your college endeavors.

*Congratulations!*





## San Fernando Valley Japanese Language Institute

### Spring Yard Sale by SFVJLI- Record Sale of all time!

May 4th was a very sunny and nice day. It was a perfect day for our bi-annual yard sale. We generally do well during the yard sale, but this year we were exceptionally successful thanks to the generous donations from all of the families teachers, CC members and Temple. Parents and teen volunteers worked together for many hours to ensure that we had a record sale.

By Mikiyo Ueda, Historian



### Undokai By Lambert Gagnon, Historian

Undokai 2019 was a successful event with more than 70 kids and dozens of parents participating in this fun and excited occasion.

There were 9 competitive contests: potato sack race, balls throwing, donut race, cheers where each team must rally their members, soran bushi dance, ball race, hula hoop race, tug of war, and finally the relay.

The Red team led until the tug of war where the White team dominated and easily won the contest. Then on the relay, the Red team almost pulled a major come back but the White team held on the last moment to sweep the victory.

Congratulation White Team! We will see you next year.



### **Japanese Language Teacher Needed**

SFVJLI is accepting applications for a Japanese language teacher who can start in August for the next school year. Applicant must be able to speak and understand intermediate to advanced Japanese and have knowledge of Japanese culture to teach elementary school level students. If you are interested, please send your resume to [sfvjli@hotmail.com](mailto:sfvjli@hotmail.com)



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For returning (group 2) students: Marugoto: Japanese language and culture Starter (A2) *Rikai*.  
USBN 978-4-384-05755-3

Questions?: [ninapoly@hotmail.com](mailto:ninapoly@hotmail.com) (course) [sfvjli@hotmail.com](mailto:sfvjli@hotmail.com) (enrollment)

## SF Athletics News - Tournament Winners

### SF SUPERSONICS

WLA Tournament  
5th Grade Champs

L to R: Head Coach Brian Ito,  
Grant Chang, Luke Kim, AJ  
Lee, Caleb Jin, Taizo Ito, Evan  
Muranaka, Jonathan Paloma,  
Asst. Coach Charles Muranaka

Not pictured: Aiden Jahng,  
Sean Wimmer



### SF RUFF RIDERZ

WLA Tournament  
3rd Grade Champs

(L-R): Coach Jeremy Tsuneishi,  
Brandon Chow, Ryan Muranaka,  
Mikey Murata, Sho Evans, Jaden  
Perez, Rawson Nakama, Wesley  
Tsuneishi, Coach Rad Nakama

Not pictured: Elliott Jahng  
and Toby Weiss

Ruff Riders also took first  
place in the CBO League.

### SF HAWKS

San Jose Ninjas  
Tournament  
11th Grade Champs

L-R: Asst. Coach Kay Oda,  
Grant Kim, Sam Namkoong,  
Mike Watanabe, Clyde Seo,  
Sage Kita, Rane Kita, Tyler  
Kam, Coach Gregg Kita.

Not pictured: Nick Maekawa.





## SF SHOOTING STARS

FOR Tournament  
4th Grade Silver Division  
2nd Place Winners

Back row: Head Coach Wesley Tanijiri, Coach Justin Yoshizawa, Coach Mike Takiguchi  
Front row: Kaelyn Yoshizawa, Kayla Tanijiri, Hayley Reitz, Sarah Louie, Sarah Huang, Marlise Fenton, Joey Takiguchi



## SF DOMINATORS

Tigers Tournament  
2nd Grade Division  
2nd Place Winners

Back row: Coach Rad Nakama, Coach Justin Yoshizawa  
Front row: Dexter Rhodes, Hudson Kim, Kyle Nakaza, Ocean Nakama, Parker Low, Ryan Kwon, Evan Yoshizawa

## SF BLAKERS

Tigers Tournament  
8th Grade Silver Division  
Champs

Back row: Coach Brent Doi, Kyle Imanishi, Andy Okazaki, Elijah Ramos, Kyle Minami, Scott Nimura, Jared Doi, Coach Rob Kodama  
Front row: Troy Kadonaga, Ryuto Murata, Xander Rhee, Tyler Chang, Ethan Kodama





## Boomers

By Old Wakaba Bud Sagara

At the Super Seniors luncheon at Crossway Church, everyone had a great time as we shared delicious bento, live performances, fun games, and renewed acquaintances. Although all the guests were seniors, they surely did not act as if they spend their days in rocking chairs doing Sudoku puzzles. They were as vibrant and joyful as they were in the season of their youth. These are the baby boomers and like many of us, this is our generation.

When boomers look back at the 1950's, it was a time when life was so much simpler and free. For many, we grew up in a traditional family setting in the Valley, with a stay-at-home mom and a father who went to work outside the home. For Japanese American kids, this meant that boys helped dad on the gardening route, at the nursery, or on the farm. Doing manual labor in the hot Valley sun is a great motivator for kids to study hard in school so that they could land a future job doing anything but that. Riding in the back of dad's pickup truck sitting among his tools of the trade was always fun. There were no seatbelts in passenger cars so kids on the back bench seat would slide around on the plastic seat covers every time dad made a sharp turn. Moms would hang onto their babies or they would slide off the seat as well. We managed to survive without seatbelts. Cars had huge tailfins and probably got 12 miles per gallon as they spewed toxic exhaust down the highway. Gas was only 19 cents a gallon back then, plus a person received a handful of S&H green stamps to be traded-in later for practical household items.



In those days, there was one telephone per household, if a family could afford one. The phones themselves were always heavy, black and came with a rotary dial. To make a call, one had to put a finger in the hole in the dial corresponding to the desired number and turn the dial clockwise all the way over to the little metal stop. Next, the finger was pulled back to let the dial return itself back to the original position and then one would repeat for each number. Phone numbers had no area codes, just a name and five numbers. For example, our phone number in Sun Valley was ROgers 7-3997.



Kids never used a phone except when talking to Grandma and Grandpa in some distant city. There was no need to call friends to ask if it was okay to come over. We just hopped on our bikes, rode to the friend's house, knocked on the door and walked in. We played football, basketball or baseball regularly; or sometimes made up our own games that involved some form of tag, hide and seek, or dodge ball. When injuries occurred, the game would stop and the injured kid would ride his bike home for treatment. Cuts and abrasions were washed with soap and water and then slathered in mercurochrome, which left large swatches of red-orange color on the injured skin. In later years, mercurochrome was banned in the United States for medicinal use because it was considered a toxin, but we all still managed to live.

Fast food was the rage in the 1950's with TV dinners, Jiffy Pop popcorn, and RC cola being the darlings of the day. We would eat Hostess cupcakes and Twinkies, six tacos for a dollar at Taco Sambroso on Lankershim Boulevard, and cheap hamburgers at the Sirloin Burger in North Hollywood. The yellow and blue Helms Bakery trucks would drive the streets of the neighborhood selling fresh bread and pastries. When the Helms man pulled open those extra-long drawers at the back of the truck to reveal row after row of donuts and pastries, it was like the aroma of heaven. Together with friends we would share a Nehi grape soda when we could pool our pennies to make ten cents or we drank water right out of the garden hose when we didn't have the money. We didn't die from drinking out of the hose either. Does anyone really like cream soda besides me? No one was overweight because we were always outside playing and running around when not at school or helping dad with his route. Boomers were active from day one.



On those rare weekend days when dad's work did not call and mom wanted us out of the house, we might go to the Lankershim Theater for a double feature plus a cartoon. Kids would be dropped off and left unsupervised for a whole afternoon with problems few and far between. After the movies, we would walk a few doors down to Thrifty for an ice cream cone if we had the money or just wait in the parking lot to be picked-up by mom. Sometimes we would see our friends from the CC there because the theater was not far from Arminta Street and Blythe Street where many lived. Kids had the freedom to go places and to learn how to conduct themselves on their own, but a kid had better be home before the streetlights came on or there would be trouble. When we messed up, we learned to take responsibility for our actions. Corporal punishment was swift and sure in those days.

The 1950's bring memories of being young and free with the whole world waiting to be conquered. Is this the type of freedom you still long for or is there something else you yearn for but can't quite put your finger on it? In his letter to the Galatians, the Apostle Paul writes in verse 5:1, "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery." Jesus died to set us free from the slavery to our own sins. Sin causes us separation from holy God and a main cause of this separation is our own selfish desires.

Perhaps we try to conquer unwanted desires under our own power, but the huge, steep mountain of our own selfishness sends us falling back to the ground in failure every time. Maybe it's too discouraging to even try to climb so high a mountain. Wouldn't it be a lifesaver if Jesus offered to lift us up past the top of the mountain and even higher to the dwelling place of God? Once we're in God's presence, we would freely do whatever he commands, not out of necessity, but out of gratitude and love. It's comforting to know in this life that even if we stumble, we will not fall back to the ground. Instead, we are being held in Jesus' loving arms for all eternity. There is no greater freedom than being in Christ Jesus. Before all the busy days come to a close, please respond to Jesus' call "Come to me," so you can be home before the streetlights come on.



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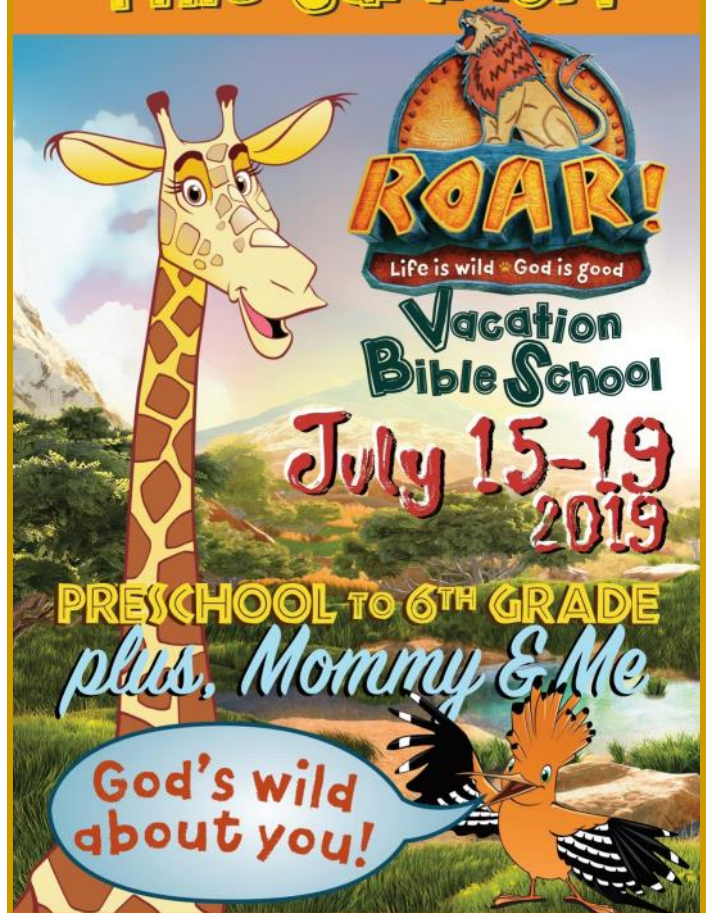
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## It's Time for OBON!

Long established as the largest Japanese American festival of its kind in the San Fernando Valley, the San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple OBON Festival will be held on June 29 & 30, at the SFVJACC.

Bring your family and friends! There will be something for everyone!

The popular CC Showcase will open the festivities at 4:30pm each day in the gym. So come early and don't miss the performances and demonstrations by CC clubs including *Line-Dancing, Hula, Taiko, Judo and more!* Following Showcase, the south half of the gym will be transformed into a "museum" of local history with displays on "Tuna Canyon Detention Station," "Buddhism in Camps," our own "Temple History" and "What is OBON." Nonprofit organizations Nikkei Senior Gardens, EGAO, and SFVJACC will also have a presence. Enjoy the cultural exhibits presented by the SFV Bonsai Club, SFV Japanese Doll Making Group, and SFV Calligraphy Club; and of course, treat yourself to the delicious selection of ethnic foods and family-friendly carnival games. Come browse the Japanese Flea Market and Silent Auction, too! The rousing taiko performances at the yagura will signal the start of Obon dancing in which everyone is encouraged to participate "just as you are" as an expression of appreciation for departed loved ones.

Free Obon overflow parking will be available at the Branford Business Park.

**All Welcome! but please, NO PETS!**

Obon dance practice will be held on Tuesdays & Thursdays (6:30-8pm) on June 18, 20, 25 & 27 in the SFVHBT parking lot at 9450 Remick Ave.

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

Coordinating Council.....	1st Wed., 7:00 PM.....	Danny Okazaki.....	818 899-1989
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 Takayama.....	818 601-6296
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

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## **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 (Winnetka Bowl).....	8:00-10:00 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
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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.

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the  
date**

**CC STEAK BBQ DINNER—SEPTEMBER 21, 2019**  
**SUPER BINGO FUNDRAISER—NOVEMBER 2, 2019**



## 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

Sundays, 11:00 am Dharma School

### June

- 2 10:00 am Shotsuki monthly memorial service
- 9 10:00 am Regular service
- 11:30 am DME\* – Fix-it day
- 15 9:30 am Dharma discussion
- 16 10:00 am Father's Day and Graduation service
- 18 6:30 pm Obon dance practice
- 20 10:30 am Service at Nikkei Senior Gardens
- 6:30 pm Obon dance practice
- 22 9:30 am Dharma discussion
- 23 10:00 am Regular service
- 11:30 am DME\* – Obon dance practice
- 25 6:30 pm Obon dance practice
- 27 6:30 pm Obon dance practice
- 29-30 4:30 pm Obon Festival

### July

- 6 9:30 am Dharma discussion
- 7 10:00 am Summer service
- 13 9:30 am Dharma discussion
- 14 10:00 am Obon-Hatsubon service, July-August Shotsuki
- 18 10:30 am Service at Nikkei Senior Gardens
- 21 10:00 am Summer service
- 12:00 pm DME\* – Snapchat, Instagram
- 27 9:30 am Dharma discussion
- 28 10:00 am Summer service



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### Office Phone:

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

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

### English Department

Pastor Roland Hazama  
Pastor Raynold Nakamura

### Sunday Schedule

9:00 - 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](http://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](mailto:chatsworthumc@juno.com)  
FAX: 818 341 1271

**Pastor: Ruy Mizuki**

**Lay Leader: Jim Melichar**

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

### Bible Study Thurs @ 10 AM & 7 PM

### Shotokan Karate of America

**Fri. @ 6:30 PM Rm.1**

Instructor: April Warynick  
Tommy Matsuda

[www.ska.org](http://www.ska.org)  
818 999-0412

### 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 – 5<sup>th</sup> 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:

2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:pmiwata@gmail.com)  
[www.sunrisejapanesechurch.org](http://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

**May 11 & June 1, 8, 2019**  
Athletics Pee Wee Clinic

**June 1, 2019**  
SFV Japanese Language  
Institute Speech Contest

**June 15, 2019**  
HIC (Hawaiian Island  
Creation) Warehouse Sale

**June 29 & 30, 2019**  
SFV Hongwanji Bhuddist  
Temple Obon

**July 12, 2019**  
Car Fit (9 am to 12 pm)  
In the CC Parking Lot -  
Sign up in CC Office.  
Limited to 12.

**August 24, 2019**  
Judd Matsunaga - Elder Law  
Seminar

**September 7, 2019**  
SFV JACL - Japanese American  
Roots for Children

**September 21, 2019**  
CC Steak BBQ Dinner

**October 5, 2019**  
CC Clean Up

**October 19, 2019**  
CC Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

**November 2, 2019**  
Super Bingo Fundraiser

## 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.



## July Major Paint Project - Getting Ready for our 60th Anniversary

Each October, we get together to clean the center, make repairs, and remove junk but It's been thirty years since our center has been painted. Health and safety inspections occur all the time as well.

Thank you for buying Family Day raffle tickets. Proceeds were earmarked  
for painting, a long overdue project.

**Sorry for the inconvenience but we must move cars away from Sakaguchi Hall  
for three days. Specific days to be announced.**

This July, the CC members will see the spaces beautified, unified and become a color coordinated landmark. It's important that we feel connected. That is, all big and small clubs and organizations like the Japanese Language Institute, SFV Judo Club, SF Athletics, and Meiji Club will be celebrating the improvement together as we ready ourselves. The 60th anniversary is December 12, 2019.



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(Membership Period: January 1 to December 31, 2019)

1. Complete the information below.

2. Make check payable to "SFVJACC".

3. Send your check and this form to: SFVJACC

Address above in the  
left hand corner.

☐ Family Membership - \$60.00

☐ Single Membership - \$40.00

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(Last Name) (First Name)

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If you would like to receive the newsletter in digital form instead of a hard copy, please check the box. ☐

If you would like to be omitted from future CC Directories, please check the box. ☐

Thank you for supporting our Community Center.

\* For information, please call SFVJACC at (818) 899-1989. Fax is (818) 899-0659. Website: [www.sfvjacc.com](http://www.sfvjacc.com)