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Steak Dinner 2019

By Liz Doomey

On Saturday, September 21, 2019, we had another successful Steak Dinner!! Over 290 dinners were served!!

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers for working so hard to make the event run smoothly.

The volunteer team did an excellent job from cutting the meat Friday night, then on Saturday—shucking corn, tossing the salad, and cooking the rice. Meanwhile, in the Pioneer Hall, the rest of the team was busy setting up the room to seat 300 people, and the beverage and ice cream soda tables.

A special thank you to Jared Doi, Troy Kadonaga, Ryuto Murata, Scotty Nimura, Andy Okazaki, Elijah Ramos and Xander Rhee from the SF Blakers basketball team and Aiden Banayo from the SF Samurai for doing a great job all day from start to finish. They earned community service hours for helping at our event.



Thank you Blakers and Samurai volunteers.

A big thanks to the Kitchen and BBQ Teams. They did a fantastic job with food prep and cooking. Everyone enjoyed their meals. We also want to acknowledge the co-chairpersons, Jeremy Tsuneishi and Tiffany Peralstein, for a such successful event.

We hope everyone had fun playing bingo. The lucky winners were Debbie Ching, Toshiko Heck, Marian Murphy, Hiromi Nishimura, John and Michelle Sunada and Brenda Trotta and Stephen Rhee was the big blackout bingo winner.

We would like to thank our devoted members for supporting our events all year. Without your support we would not be able to have the fun events we have. We hope you are enjoying each of them. We are grateful for your continued donations at these events and gladly will take any feedback you have.

The next event will be the Super Bingo Fundraiser on Saturday, November 2, 2019. Don't forget to send your forms in when you receive them in the mail or use the form in this newsletter.



Steak Dinner Co-chairs Tiffany Pearlstein and Jeremy Tsuneishi with emcee Bing Lau

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Bingo Winners

SFVIACC MISSION STATEMENT

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

SF Queen Ariel Imamoto 2019



"I think that the Nisei Week experience is unique. As the Nisei Week court, we are given an amazing gift to interact with so many different groups of the Japanese American community. I felt like a princess during the festivities, but what I think is amazing about this

experience is the potential impact that we can make on those in the community. So far, one of my favorite memories from Nisei Week is when we visited the residents at the Keiro facilities in Los Angeles to sing for them. While I was nervous and almost dreaded having to sing in front of a group, these worries disappeared when I saw how genuinely happy the residents were that we visited them. My Nisei Week experience up to this point has been amazing and I am so excited for the rest of the journey and to continue giving back to my community."

Ariel Imamoto
2019 SFVJACC Queen



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

The beloved pine tree in front of the Memorial Hall (gym) that was so much a part of our history for sixty years died last summer. Planting a new pine tree took place on August 24 and 25 with the help of the SFV Bonsai Club, Japanese School, and the SF Judo. John Doomey is faithfully watering the tree every day to assure a good start. Thank you so much.

More than 290 members and friends enjoyed the BBQ steak dinner that was hand cut on the evening of September 21. Just think, our beautiful Santa Rosa bbq pits donated by a member with young fathers manning the grills. That's community spirit!

I am proud to be president of CC whose board members are Liz Doomey, Bing Lau, Akiko Manaka, Tiffany Pearlstein, Jeremy Tsuneishi and Kiyo Watanabe along with First Vice President Tadao Okui, Treasurer Denise Tanaka, administrative assistant-secretary Lois Okui and Second Vice President Nancy Oda fill out the cabinet. These people are the "movers and shakers" of the Center whose goal is to promote our mission statement as one united group.

We will always listen to our CC members' concerns and make decisions that will be beneficial for all.

I am sorry that Akiko Manaka will not seek re-election this year due to family and other commitments. I thank her for all her wisdom and contributions such as initiating the Girl Scout Troop on behalf of our membership.

The CC has three openings for the board next year. Please consider running for office (meetings are on the third Wednesday of the month) or help us keep our Center engaging and relevant. Contact me at Kay_Oda@sfvjacc.com or leave a message in the office please.

Kay Oda
SFVJACC President



The planting of the new pine tree. A group picture of all the people who help with the planting on page 4.

Honoring The Founders At The 60th Anniversary Luncheon

The early founders of our Center left Japan and immigrated to the United States for a bright future. Today, yonsei and gosei enjoy the fruits of their labor.

In 1951, although some of the Japanese and Japanese Americans were still living in trailer camps located at Winona and Hollywood Way in Burbank as late as 1956, the Issei and Nisei raised \$30,000 to buy 4 1/2 acres of land. Many took laborious jobs as gardeners as they resettled after World War II.

We have two black and white panorama pictures of the picnics held in 1952 and 1953. It's an interesting picture with vintage cars in the background and smiling faces with expressions of hope for a better tomorrow.

By May 1959, ground was broken for a Memorial Hall now affectionately known as the gym. A huge crowd gathered on December 12 to celebrate the new building. Some remember playing in the dirt and looking across the street at the George Oda farm.

On December 14, 2019, we will dedicate a newly planted black pine tree entrusted to us by the San Fernando Valley Bonsai Club, tentatively scheduled at 8:00 AM.

On Saturday, January 11, 2020, a special New Year party and installation will honor the founders of our Center at the Odyssey Restaurant in Granada Hills at 12:00 noon.



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

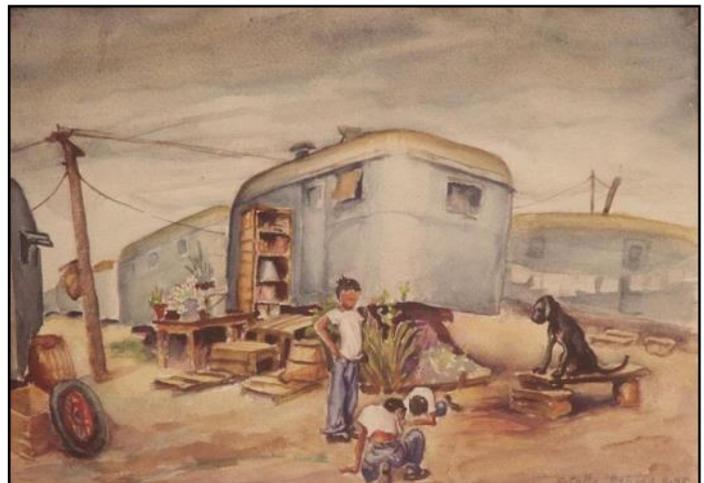
If you are able to be an event sponsor, please contact Nancy Oda at nancy_oda@sfvjacc.com by November 11.

Heritage Level
\$5,000 with VIP seating for 10.

Legacy Level
\$2,500 with VIP seating for 10.

Community Organization or Clubs Level
\$1,000.

Please collect the sponsorship donations and turn in by December 20, 2019.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

For the Months of July & August 2019

Donations

Ikuyo Sakaguchi
 In memory of her husband Bo Sakaguchi
 Tamlyn Tomita and Daniel Blinkoff
 Nancy Oda's Facebook Giving Campaign
 Pauline Wada
 In memory of her husband Mas Wada
 Eiko Muto
 In memory of Bo Sakaguchi
 May Wood
 To Liz Doomey's & Nancy Oda's Facebook Giving Campaign
 Jill Clever
 To Liz Doomey's Facebook Giving Campaign
 John and Liz Doomey
 For Emily Woo's Girl Scout Gold Award Project
 Cherry Uyeda
 Suzi Delander
 Kenzo and Ritsuko Shinbashi
 To Liz Doomey's Facebook Giving Campaign (raising money to replace the pine tree in the front garden)
 Jan Schuetze
 In memory of Fusako Wadamoto
 Joy Longworth
 To Liz Doomey's Facebook Giving Campaign
 Marion Shigekuni
 To Liz Doomey's Facebook Giving Campaign

Use of Facilities

Aikido Daiwa, Inc.
 Marian Nakagawa
 SFV JACL
 Aloha Club
 Ping Pong Club
 Kupunas
 Lorraine Shimizu
 Brian Yasui
 Monday Nite Basketball
 Valley Japanese CC
 Aloha Club
 Tuesday Exercise Class
 Friday Exercise Class
 Line Dancing
 Thursday Nite Basketball
 Wednesday Nite Basketball
 Hitomi's Cooking Class
 Hula Wahines
 Senior Arts & Crafts
 Bridge Club
 Harmonica Class
 Kotobuki-Kai Azuma Dance Class

Miscellaneous

Coffee Donation
 Country Western Music.....1 Case (10 reams) of copy paper

DONATIONS TO HOT MEALS

For the Months of July & August 2019

John Doomey..... Birthday cake for his wife Liz Doomey
 Walter and Warren Fujimori..... Kitchen supplies (forks, spoons, etc.)
 Roy Imazu..... Ice cream for Friday's lunch
 Musashi Restaurant..... 100 lbs. Rice & 3 pkgs. chopsticks
 Eiko Muto..... Tomato plants & nori treats for the kitchen volunteers
 Ken and Yoko Nomura Cookies & cucumbers for the kitchen volunteers
 Marge Sato Electric fan for the kitchen
 SFV Judo Club..... 10 lbs. of Rice
 Frank and Paul Shimizu..... Oranges
 Naomi Suenaka Sponges
 Robert and Linda Takayama 1 Case of Eggplant

Thank you so much for your generous donations!



Remembering Dr. Bo T. Sakaguchi

Bo Sakaguchi's mother was a teacher who had a vision for her children despite working from dawn to dusk doing stoop labor. Young Bo was in the 11th grade at North Hollywood High School when his family was forced to leave the farm and friends behind. While in Manzanar, he tragically lost his father and sister. Regardless, Bo's oldest brothers became dentists and the next two were medical doctors. So when it was time, Bo went to USC dental school and joined the family practice in San Fernando.

Later, he and lifelong friend, Mas Okui, taught teachers and retold stories, attended the Manzanar Pilgrimages, and attended its exhibits. Bo and his wife, Iku, supported the SFVJACC, SFVHBT, and SFV JACL in many ways but especially with scholarships.

Sadly, Dr. Bo passed away on April 3, 2018.

There's a gap on Monday at the Bridge table, Senior Hot Meals, line dancing, and mahjong at the back of Sakaguchi Hall, named after his brother, Sanbo. We miss his impish smile and kindness.

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Thank You To The Following For Their Generous Donations!

Kimiaki and Sayoko Chiba
 Taro and Mary Ishimoto
 Chuck Itagaki
 Garland and Debbie Nicklaus
 Bill and June Takeshita



Thank you to the Steak Dinner Volunteers!

Kimi Chiba	Lois Okui
John Doomey	Tadao Okui
Liz Doomey	Tiffany Pearlstein
Cathy Fujimoto	Shoji Takashima
Michiko Kus	Linda Takayama
Wendy Kagiya	Robert Takayama
Bing Lau	Denise Tanaka
Diana Lau	Jeremy Tsuneishi
Akiko Manaka	Midori Yamane
Tim Manaka	Teddy Yamane
Dennis Murphy	Diane Yoneoka
Marian Murphy	Harris Yoneoka
Doug Nakada	Asuka Watanabe
Gary Nakada	Kiyo Watanabe
John Nakama	Tenka Watanabe
Kay Oda	Megan Young
Nancy Oda	

We apologize for any name omitted.



Pine Tree Planting

Thank you to members of SFV Bonsai Club, J-School and Judo (pictured here) for planting the pine tree in front of the gym. The new tree is replacing the 50 year-old tree that died due to the extreme heatwave we had last year. On September 29, the Bonsai Club trimmed and trained the tree.



Domo arigato!!





SFV MEIJI SENIOR CLUB NEWS

By Liz Doomey

Our next trip to the San Manuel Casino will be on Oct.16th. Contact Kay Yamada (818) 763-4861 for the sign-up sheets if you are interested in joining the Gamblers.

Get on the bus for an opportunity to win BIG BUCKS! The Las Vegas trip is November 11th to the 13th. Stay at the newly remodeled California Club. Contact Grace Iwamasa at (818) 368-9086. Deadline is Friday, October 25th for reservations.

Special Thank you to the Meiji Ondo Dancers for volunteering to perform at the Keiro no Hi Festival held at the JACCC on Saturday, September 14th. We had over 30 people take the complimentary bus they provided and at least 10 others who drove themselves. They had fabulous entertainment from groups throughout the southland and booths providing information for our seniors.

Anyone interested in having another CarFit program is asked to contact the CC or Liz Doomey (818) 429-4096 to sign up.



If you would like to have me research any other programs please call me with your requests, Liz Doomey 818-429-4096 or lizdoomey@yahoo.com

Our apologies for omitting Frank and Marge Tanaka's name from the iPad class list in the last newsletter and to announce that Masako Hollowell was the raffle prize winner of the Handybar at the CarFit program held on July 12th.

General Meeting & Coordinating Council Event

**Wednesday,
December 4, 2019**

6:00 PM

**Come and Join us for the
annual general meeting.**

Dinner will be served.

Reservations due by November 27, 2019

**For information, call the CC office.
(818) 899-1989**

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San Fernando Valley Japanese Language Institute

By Yurica Yamaguchi

The San Fernando Valley Japanese Language Institute (SFVJLI) got off to a good start with the first day of classes on August 10 for the new academic year 2019-2020. Currently, there are 72 students enrolled for the classes that are held every Saturday from 8:30am to 12:30pm. We are still accepting applications for kids ages 4-18 for the 2019-2020 school year. Apply now! Contact SFVJLI at sfvjli@hotmail.com for more info.

Not only does the SFVJLI offers Japanese language courses to 4-18 years old, but, we offer a "Japanese Conversation Class for Adults". On August 17th, 11 adult students (6 beginners session and 5 intermediate session) had started their Japanese conversation course. If you're interested in enrolling in the "Japanese Conversation Class for Adults", we will be offered this winter session as well. If you know anyone interested in learning Japanese, the 10-session course is held on Saturdays starting on January 2020 from 10:15am to 12:30pm for just \$280 tuition plus \$20 material fees. Contact SFVJLI at sfvjli@hotmail.com for more info.

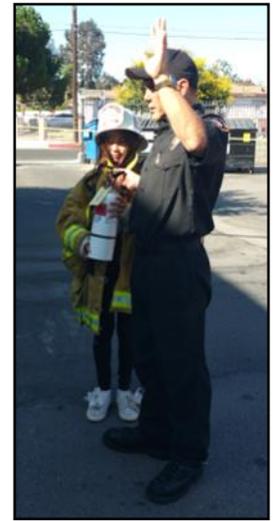
On Saturday, September 21, SFVJLI had its annual Fire and Emergency Drill and fire presentation by SFVJLI alumnus Assistant Chief Mike Takeshita. Mr. Takeshita held an engaging presentation to teach the students and faculty the importance of having an emergency plan and different interesting facts about fire safety. We truly appreciate his generosity in providing this presentation for our students.

SFVJLI will be holding a Fall Yard Sale on Saturday, October 5 from 8:45am to 11:30am. In the past, our yard sales have been a huge success. The proceeds from our Fall yard sale will go support our afterschool programs. Please come and shop around, you never know what treasure you may find! If you have any gently used items to donate for our school event that would be greatly appreciated as well. Please contact our PTA President, Kiyo Watanabe at watanabekiyo@sbcglobal.net or call him at (818) 237-8540 if you would like to donate.



Love to shop at Marukai and/or Tokyo Central? We have Marukai /Tokyo Central Gift Cards available for sale in \$10 increments. The school receives 6% of all proceeds from the sale of the gift cards. If you would like to purchase gift cards, come visit us at our school office on Saturday, email SFVLI at SFVJLI@hotmail.com or ask Office Manager Yoshiko Kawada or PTA President Kiyo Watanabe in person.

You can also support the J-school by liking our Facebook account or make online purchases through Amazon Smile (0.5% of eligible purchases will be donated to SFVJLI) or sign up on Goodsearch.org. Goodsearch will donate to SFVJLI every time you search for something on the internet.



SF Athletics Tournament Results

SF GUARDIANS

Hollywood Dodgers Las Vegas Tournament

4th Grade Division Champs

Back Row (L-R): Coach Nancy Duong, Coach Ethan Ezaki, Coach Vince Magcase
Front Row: Justin Ezaki, Aiden Duong, Eli Yoshizaki, Lucas Padua, Grayson Padua, Drew Magcase, Finn Komives, Kai Gonzalez



SF RUFF RIDERZ

Hollywood Dodgers Las Vegas Tournament

4th Grade Division Champs

Back row (L-R): Coach Jeremy Tsuneishi, Sho Evans, Wesley Tsuneishi, Elliott Jahng, Toby Weiss, Brandon Chow, Coach Rad Nakama
Front row (L-R): Jaden Perez, Rawson Nakama, Mikey Murata, Ryan Muranaka



SF ALOHA GIRLS

Hollywood Dodgers Las Vegas Tournament

7th Grade Division Champs

Back row (L-R): Coach Thang Huynh, Coach Kelly Nakano, Adriana Bautista, Miye Kodama, Lauryn Chang, Michaela Okuyama, Lindsey Kadonaga, Coach Kevin Endow
Front row (L-R): Olivia Yoshizaki, Maggie Paloma, Kamryn Endow, Lani Murata



SF Athletics Tournament Results



SF SHARKS

Hollywood Dodgers
Las Vegas
Tournament

10th Grade Division
Champs

(L-R): Coach Jason Tanaka,
Jaren Tanaka, Nic Nguyen,
Akira Ishii, Aidan Acosta,
Austin Lee, Jake Lee.

SF DRAGON BALLERS

Pasadena Bruins
Tournament

2ND Grade Division
3RD Place

L to R: Coach Vince Magcase,
Theodore Kim, Izaiah Lara,
C.J. Ito, Cole Magcase,
Miles Magcase, Drew
Ezaki, Sola Evans, Assistant
Coach Ethan Ezaki
Missing: Brayden Baker



SF GUARDIANS

Pasadena Bruins
Tournament

4th Grade Division
Champs

(L-R): Kai Gonzalez, Sho Evans,
Eli Yoshizaki, Grayson Padua,
Lucas Padua, Drew Magcase,
Justin Ezaki, Finn Komives,
Aiden Duong



SF Athletics Tournament Results

SF DOMINATORS

Pasadena Bruins Tournament

3rd Grade Silver Division
Champs

Back row (L-R): Coach Justin
Yoshizawa, Coach David Kwon
Front row (L-R): Evan Yoshizawa, Ryan
Kwon, Hudson Kim, Hayes Geromini,
Lucas Kwan, Kyle Nakaza, Dexter
Rhodes, Parker Low



SF WOLFPACK

Pasadena Bruins Tournament

7th Grade White Division
Champs

Back row (L-R): Coach Don
Shimabukuro, Garrett Kido, Nathan
Galang, Travis Dao, Zen Shimabukuro,
Assistant Coach Bruce Sakamoto
Front row (L-R): Brendan Jusi, Joren
Sakamoto, Jasen Serapio, Jonevan
Limpus, Zachary Song



SF Hawks • Pasadena Bruins Tournament • 11th Grade Division Champs

(L-R): Coach Gregg Kita, Tyler Kam, Grant Kim, Mike Watanabe, Noah Tsai, Clyde Seo, Kyle Okui,
Sage Kita, Jaden Mai, Rane Kita, Nick Maekawa, Coach Kay Oda

SF Athletics Tournament Results

Nikkei Games 3-on-3 Tournament

SF DRAGON BALLERS 1

2nd Grade Division
2nd Place Silver Medal Winners



(L-R): Miles Magcase, Brayden Baker, Cole Magcase

SF DRAGON BALLERS 2

2nd Grade Division
3rd Place Bronze Medal Winners



L to R: C.J. Ito, Theodore Kim, Drew Ezaki

SF GUARDIANS

4th Grade Silver Division
2nd Place Silver Medal Winners



(L to R): Justin Ezaki, Kai Gonzalez and Grayson Padua

SF KUNFEDI

7 Yr. Old Girls Bronze Division
1st Place Gold Medal Winners



(L to R): Emma Tanijiri, Mina Lee, Lauren Okuyama, Penny Song

SF PIRANHAS

10 Yr. Girls Bronze Division
1st Place Gold Medal Winners



(L to R): Kayla Tanijiri, Kaelyn Yoshizawa, Charlie Reyman

THE GRATEFUL CRANE FREE CONCERT

By Patty Takayama



The Grateful Crane Ensemble performed a medley of 1960 -1970 songs in a free concert to honor and show appreciation to hardworking Sansei and Nikkei caregivers. The free concert was held on Sunday, August 25, 2019 at the SFVJACC Sakaguchi Hall and was co-sponsored by the SFV JACL and was open to all SFV JACC Members and Guests. .

The lead singers included: **Keiko Kawashima, Kurt Kuniyoshi, Helen Ota** and **Brian Yamamoto**. They featured songs from the carefree Sansei years dancing at Rodger Young Auditorium and singing songs such as "My Girl," and "Back in The Day." The beat picked up and began to swing with the performance of

"Jail House Rock," by Kurt Kuniyoshi. The cha cha was popular with quite a few people who took to the dance floor with such tunes as "Hello Stranger" and "Suavecito." performed by guest singer, Brian Yamamoto.

The musicians included **Scott Nagatani** on keyboards, **Danny Yamamoto** on drums and **Hiro Morozumi** on bass.



Soji Kashiwagi



Kurt Kuniyoshi



Brian Yamamoto



Keiko Kawashima

NISEI WEEK PARADE 2019

Nisei Week Tanabata Festival - The Meiji Ondo Group submitted a kazari and won third place in the nonprofit category. It was made by Cathy Fujimoto, Debbie Nicklaus and Martha Nishinaka.



← Congratulations to Meiji Ondo Group on their 3rd place winning Kazari!!



Nisei Trading Lords: Jiro Takahashi, Kay Oda, Tets Tanimoto Seated: Yoneo Inouye

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Lisa N. Arnold
 Peter Bae
 Ares & Meryl DeLeon Baes
 Chris & Margaret Bennett
 Susan Broder

Kit-Lan Chu
 Susan Chung
 Connie Darling
 Philip Ikuta
 John & Charlene Ishikawa

Won Kim
 Masakazu Kurihara
 Khiraj Lama
 Phoebe Le
 Steve Lee
 Emmaruth Lontok
 Simon & Jocelyn Robertshaw

Sabrina Moore
 Lisa Nishimura-Iches
 Greg Rees
 Shan Shoji
 J. Tanaka Designs
 Keith & Pam Yamaguchi
 Corey Yamaoka



Wheatfield with Crows

By Old Wakaba, Bud Sagara

We talk about it all the time, but we never seem to be satisfied with the weather. It's too hot, too cold, too smoggy or too windy. Some say that there are no real seasons here in Southern California and every day is beige, but there are some days in autumn when splashes of color paint our skies with brush strokes that not even Van Gogh could equal. There are intense sunsets with streaks of oranges and reds in a fiery mix that sear into the scattered clouds above.

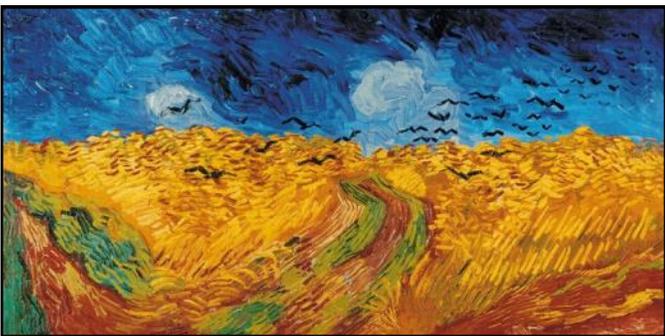
The leaves of the liquidambar along parkways and in front yards respond to the cool moisture of the night by going out with an explosion of color. These are not the brilliant autumn colors of New Hampshire or the vibrant yellows of aspens in Colorado, but it does at least contribute a few days of splendor for those who hunger for seasons. Many of us at the CC have persimmon trees in our backyards. Not only are we blessed with the delicious fruit when the squirrels leave us some, but also with the brilliant reds and oranges of the leaves just before the trees shut down for the winter. Autumn is a time to slow down, to listen, to ponder deeper things than our workday lives and to walk softly on fallen leaves. This nurturing gap between summer and winter reminds us of the fleeting nature of beauty and how it's to be savored and saved in the memories of life.

Raking leaves in the fall is said to be therapeutic in connecting oneself to the rhythm of the season. Based on my leaf raking experience while helping my dad's landscaping business when I was a kid, it was just more work and it continues to be the same today. After I've raked the fallen leaves into neat piles in the backyard, the crazy dog senses a squirrel hiding within each pile and sets out to seek and destroy. Among the things I love about fall are the gentle breezes; so refreshing, and hard enough to blow the leaves in my front yard into my neighbor's.

Autumn gives birth to clear mornings, stunning sunsets, and nights lit by starry skies. Its winds will lift multi-colored leaves to ride the currents and then deposit them gently to earth. It's a message from God to this busy, troubled world saying, "Look away from today's worries and take the time to enjoy what I have created for you."

Vincent van Gogh loved these kinds of days. He understood that we are just sojourners in this world of color and forms that offer us so much beauty in amazingly different ways. The earth in all of its glory is God's creation and all one has to do is to simply look. Van Gogh was a post-impressionist painter whose work highly influenced 20th century art. His paintings are praised today for their beauty, emotion and color. His personal life, however, was a struggle with mental illness and he remained poor and virtually unknown throughout his life. He died in France at the age of 37 from a self-inflicted gunshot wound, but not before leaving his mark in history by his use of oil and canvas to convey his understanding of the world. Vincent saw the beauty.

Van Gogh is a part of this article because of a mundane moment while looking through the clearance posters at Michael's on Chatsworth Street in Granada Hills. I came across a marked-down reprint of Van Gogh's masterpiece, Wheatfield with Crows, which was striking to me. We did not purchase it because I'm too cheap and there's no place to put it in our home, but I felt a calming, mesmerizing draw to it. The composition is of a threatening sky with different intensities of blues and menacing clouds, with black crows flying both toward and away from you at the same time, and a dead end path going through the middle of the painting. Art commentators say that this painting expresses deep sadness and a window into Van Gogh's emotional state in the last months of his life. Whatever you feel about paintings or other works of art may reflect the inclinations of your heart. Some may see beauty in the world in everyday places and scenes, while others may feel that there is no time in this hectic life to contemplate non-productive things like paintings because of the



demands placed upon them. When was the last time you took a moment to just look?

Art is like weather, it's all in the eye of the beholder. A certain piece just grabs hold of you as if it was created especially for you. Art museums can be a hassle with the jostling crowds, especially when someone blocks your view or when groups of tourists descend like locusts. But, sometimes an almost magical moment happens when the surrounding crowd and the noise fade away as you let the beauty, emotion and color of the work wash over you and fill your senses and your soul. One doesn't have to go to a museum or rummage through the clearance posters at Michael's to find something that resonates within your inner being. God's glory fills the earth and all one has to do is pause for a moment and look.

Psalm 121:1-2 says, "I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth." It's always wise to look to the strong for strength. The author of this Psalm looks away from his troubles that have tormented him and looks to the Lord for help. To look elsewhere is to search in vain for something or someone who will not provide what we need. Satan wants us to keep our eyes on our sorrows and the ugliness of the world so that we may become discouraged, wallow in self-pity and curse God. But when we really look to see the beauty that is present all around us; in a child's laughter, ripe strawberries, or mountain streams, this causes our eyes to be lifted up to the eternal hills of heaven. That's where God is and where he wants our hearts to be. All one has to do is look to him.



Visit to Nikkei Senior Gardens

By

Being members of athletics at the Japanese Community Center means giving back to the community and on July 22 and July 29, 2019, fifteen basketball players representing the Guardians (4th grade boys), Killer X-Overs (5th grade boys), Emeralds (6th grade girls), Dominators (3rd grade boys), Dragon Ballers (2nd grade boys) and Starbursts (1st grade girls) had the opportunity to participate in an activity with residents from Nikkei Senior Gardens.

Nikkei Senior Gardens is literally just around the block from the JACC and is an assisted living residency program that celebrates Japanese heritage and culture. Our basketball players participated with approximately 20 residents in an art and craft activity celebrating Tanabata (Star Festival). Residents greeted players with bright eyes,



cheerful smiles, and gave them caring pats on their heads. Many residents spoke Japanese and were eager to engage in conversation and were intrigued to know more about our players. Together with the residents we assembled paper flowers and created a Kazari with hanging ribbons to be displayed as part of the Tanabata celebration. The experience at Nikkei Senior Gardens was memorable for our players and the residents as they worked together and created beautiful Japanese cultural projects. Our basketball players were grateful for the opportunity to meet the residents from Nikkei Gardens and to spend time together.





Here's What's Happening Around Nikkei Senior Gardens

NSG Residents' Visit to Little Tokyo for the Tanabata

By Patti Kimura

Residents took a trip to Little Tokyo for a lunch outing and the Nisei Week Tanabata Festival. Nikkei Senior Gardens participated in the festival by making a Tanabata kazari. The kazari was designed and assembled by Activity Assistants Yukie and Takako. Flowers on the kazari were made by NSG residents and volunteers from SFV Athletics basketball teams Guardians and Emeraled.



Crossway SFV Church presents

Fall Festival

October 31

6pm - 8pm

Safe Family Fun!
at 9610 Haddon Ave.
Pacoima

Free Candy, Prizes, Food & Drinks!

Game Booths & Jumpers

818-896-1676 www.crosswaysfv.org



Crossway Church of SFV **SUPER SENIORS LUNCHEON**

It's time for good food, great fellowship and fun. Please come, relax and enjoy. Invite a senior friend and wear something festive and fun.

Date: November 16, 2019 - Saturday
Time: 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM
Place: Crossway Church - Howe Hall
Lunch: \$15.00

Please RSVP by Sunday, November 10.

See Lois Okui, Sumi Kimura or Shigeko Inaba; or call Crossway Church at (818) 896-1676.

San Fernando Nikkei Bowling League

The SFV Nikkei Bowling League ended its Summer Season and made the following awards to their top bowlers. Congratulations to our Stars!!



The Champs - Paul Shimizu, Diane Date, David Shimizu

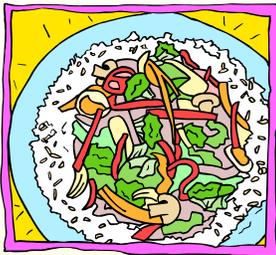


High Handicap Game - Harvey Nakamoto (307); Tami Shiotani (278)
High Handicap Series - Dean Wake (802); Santana Mitchell (734)

If you're interested in having fun with a great bunch of people, please contact Don Kobayashi (League President) at kimo1946@aol.com or Stan Date (League Secretary) at standate@gmail.com. The league bowls every Friday night from 7:50 to 10:20 at Winnetka Bowl. We look forward to seeing you there.

San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple's

Annual Chow Mein Fundraiser & 50:50 Raffle *
November 10, 2019



\$8.00 donation per plate
Sale from - 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Pre-order strongly recommended.

* Winner need not be present for 50:50 raffle.

To order, please contact:

Dennis Okita..... barbokt@aol.com.....(818) 784 5128
Temple Office..... sfvhbt@gmail.com(818) 899-4030

Or, fill out the following form and mail with donation (no cash please) to:

SFVBHT - 9450 Remick Avenue, Pacoima CA 91331

Please write: **CHOW MEIN** on the outside of the order envelope

All chow mein made with chicken flavoring in the sauce.

Order: _____ **Chow mein with meat (\$8.00/plate)**
_____ **Vegetable chow mein (\$8.00/plate)**

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Total payment: _____



**PRE-ORDER
MOCHI**
by
NOV. 10!
& SAVE !!!

SFVHBT MOCHITSUKI FUNDRAISER 2019

The San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple will hold its annual **MOCHITSUKI FUNDRAISER** on **Sunday, December 8, 2019**. Temple members will be producing the delicious hand-made mochi to supply our community for the holiday season. Please let your friends know, too!

***NOTE: ORDER BY NOV. 10 to guarantee availability and best price!**

Mochi orders placed after Nov. 10 will be subject to availability at the "AFTER 11/10/19 price (see below)"

MOCHI ORDER PICK-UP: SUNDAY, DEC. 8 (11 am - 2pm)

at San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple - 9450 Remick Avenue, Pacoima

HOW TO ORDER:

1) **E-MAIL** sfvhbt@sfvhbt.org or 2) **PHONE** temple (818) 899-4030 or 3) **MAIL IN** completed order form below

- SFVHBT MOCHI ORDER FORM -
(This order form available at www.sfvhbt.org)

NAME _____ **PHONE OR EMAIL** _____

	QTY	ORDERS RECEIVED (or postmarked) BY 11/10/18	ORDERS RECEIVED (or postmarked) AFTER 11/10/18	TOTAL DUE
KO-MOCHI (1 lb pkg)		\$4.50	\$5.00	
AN-MOCHI (3/pkg)		\$4.50	\$5.00	
OKASANE SET		\$5.00	NONE	
CHECK # _____	ENCLOSED =			\$ _____

Please send pre-order form and check (payable to SGVHBT) to:

Please write: **"MOCHI"** on envelope

SFVHBT
9450 Remick Avenue
Pacoima, CA 91331

Thank you for your support. In Gassho ~ San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

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: 1st Saturday of the Month (except January/July/September)

Time: 10 am - 12 pm

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

Business Banner Opportunity



Size of Banner - 4' x 4'
For Display In The Gym

\$500 a Year

Contact: kaysoda1@gmail.com
if you are interested in supporting the Center in this way.

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.....		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.....	818 237-8540
			818 896-8612 (Office)
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.....	Joy Longworth.....	818-896-7775

**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.....		818 899-1989
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.....		818 899-1989
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.....		818 899-1989
Friday Mah-Jong*.....	Friday.....	1:00-3:00 PM.....		818 899-1989
Ondo Dancing*.....	2nd/4th Friday.....	7:00-9:00 PM.....	Masako Rodriquez.....	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.



SFVJACC
60th Anniversary Luncheon
JANUARY 11, 2020



**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

October

- 5 9:30 am Dharma discussion
- 6 10:00 am Shotsuki monthly memorial and Eshinni-ko/Kakushin-ko service
- 12 9:30 am DME* – Hike
- 13 10:00 am Regular service
- 11:30 am DME* – Okonomiyaki
- 17 10:30 am Service at Nikkei Senior Gardens
- 19 9:30 am Dharma discussion
- 20 10:00 am Regular service
- Basics of Buddhism class
- 27 10:00 am Pet Memorial service

November

- 2 9:30 am Dharma discussion
- 3 10:00 am Shotsuki monthly and Eitaikyo ancestors' perpetual memorial service
- 10 Chow mein fundraiser (no service)
- 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Chow mein pick-up
- 16 9:30 am Dharma discussion
- 17 10:00 am Regular service
- 21 10:30 am Service at Nikkei Senior Gardens
- 23 9:30 am Dharma discussion
- 24 10:00 am Regular service

** 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.



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

Office Phone:

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

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

English Department

Pastor Roland Hazama
Pastor Raynold Nakamura

Sunday Schedule

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

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

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

11:15 - 11:45 AM
Coffee Fellowship

Youth Fellowship

Friday, 7:30 PM

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

Mid-Week Home Groups

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

Japanese Department

Pastor In Hyun

Please refer to our website for more information:

www.sfpj.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
Tommy Matsuda

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 – 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

October 5, 2019
SFV Japanese Language
Institute Yard Sale

October 12, 2019
CC Clean Up

November 2, 2019
Super Bingo Fundraiser

November 3 & 17, 2019
NYABC (Not Your Average
Basketball Camp)

November 16, 2019
SFV Japanese Language
Institute Curry Sale

November 14, 2019
SFV Japanese Language
Institute Holiday Program

December 4, 2019
CC General Meeting &

Saturday, December 14th, 2019 - 2 PM

SFV JACC / 12953 Branford Street / Pacoima

FREE HOLIDAY SHOW

FREE Goodie Bag for All kids

FREE Photo with Santa Claus (for all ages)

Lots of Christmas and Holiday Songs
Sung by the Grateful Crane Ensemble



Free Admission Tickets available November 1st

Obento Tickets - \$10

See any JACLeR

Or Call or email to reserve your goodie bag and
your photo date with Santa

(818) 899-7916 / pe.high.mtn@gmail.com

Leave your name, phone number

of kids and # of adults

This Free Event is sponsored by SFV JACL

