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CC's Virtual Senior Get Togethers

By Liz Doomey

Our goal is to keep our members connected with the Community Center and since we are not able to meet in person, we are trying to keep active through virtual forums. The committee is providing different types of activities and entertainment we can do virtually. This is where you come in, we need your assistance with the education of your family members to the "new" method of connecting with our seniors who do not know how to use the internet. Reach out to your parents or grandparents, teach them how to use electronic devices such as tablets, iPad, laptop, etc. or join them to show how easy it will be for them to be with us. We meet twice a month on Mondays from 10:30 AM to about noon. Our next meeting will be on October 12th so register with Lois Okui to get your invitation access by emailing her at lois_okui@sfvjacc.com

So far we have had three "Get Togethers" with 17-20 seniors and we hope, in time, for more to join. At our first one, we had lunch together as we shared activities we were doing during the pandemic and ended with a "kitchen" scavenger hunt. Nancy Takayama and Shirley Docken were the winners. The second one, Akiko Manaka showed us how to make healthy fruit popsicles as well as two refreshing beverages and we socialized after. The last one on September 28th was bingo. The lucky winners were Shirley Dockens (blackout winner), NJ Nakamura, Nancy Fukumoto, Naomi Suenaka Derr, Nancy Takayama, Patty Takayama and Lynn Yoshizumi.

2020 SFVJACC Scholarship Recipients

By Leslie Shirasawa

This year the Community Center awarded scholarships to five deserving applicants. Congratulations to all of them!

Alyssa Miku Inoue .. Mrs. Kay Kazuko Furuta Sakaguchi Scholarship

Megan Miyamoto Dr. Sanbo Sakaguchi Scholarship

Hale Chiba..... Lily Sakaguchi Thibodeaux Scholarship

Sage Kita Lily Sakaguchi Thibodeaux Scholarship

Alana Yamauchi Lily Sakaguchi Thibodeaux Scholarship

Their profiles and photos are on page 4.

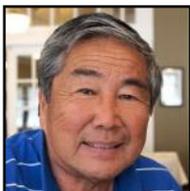
SFVJACC Receives JA Community Foundation COVID-19 Emergency Summer Grant

Earlier this year, the JA Community Foundation established the JACF COVID-19 Emergency Grant Program 2020, after recognizing that their community-based grant recipients were facing new hardships with the pandemic. This grant was offered to help with those challenges and funding shortages they incurred these past months.

SFVJACC was fortunate to be chosen as one of the recipients of the Summer COVID-19 Emergency Grant, receiving \$7,500. The funds will be used for the purchase of necessary equipment and supplies needed to meet the LA County Health's safety guidelines.

Thank you JACF!





PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

The CC has been closed since March 6th. Even with the doors closed our Board and volunteers and others have worked hard for our members to try to get back to a new normal safely. We are trying to keep people educational, socially and athletically involved and active.

The virtual program committee made up of Liz Doomey, Akiko Manaka and Lois Okui have had two successful events involving about twenty people each with topics like cooking, snacks, chatting and games. Up next is a Bingo game, a prelude to a form of Super Bingo. which is always a highly anticipated event. The committee needs input on what types of virtual programs to create, either new and old that are wanted.

The Reopening Committee members Bing Lau, Akiko Manaka, Kay Oda, Jeremy Tsuneishi and medical doctor, Dr. Richard Kang have been advising the Board about procedures and protocols for reopening the CC safely and within the LA County Department of Health guidelines.

The Endowment Committee is hard at work on the CC’s investments which are doing well. The committee members are Kenji Watanabe (Chair), Dick Kaku, Gene Matsushita, Nancy Oda, Kay Oda and Liz Doomey.

The Future Planning Committee, under the leadership of Margaret Takimoto and Eric Hirota, will be finishing plans and presenting their recommendations for a new multipurpose facility to the Board within the month.

The Hot Meals Program director, Kei Inoue, cleaned out refrigerators and freezers last month. We are hoping for their return within the guidelines.

John Doomey has cared for the bonsai pine tree since it was planted and has been watering it multiple times a week, especially during our hot summer. He also watches over the Center and does many jobs needed around the Center.

The Scholarship Committee made up of Grace Iwamasa, Chisato Kanagi and Leslie Shirasawa, along with the help of Lois Okui, have selected our outstanding high school seniors for Scholarship Awards which was delayed by the pandemic.

The SFV Japanese Language Institute has opened up their school with online classes, under Chief Coordinator Noriko Murata and PTA President Kiyoko Watanabe. Learn the Japanese language and culture by signing up for all youth and also Adult Conversation classes.

SFV Judo Club is close to reopening outdoors with no contact and keeping social distancing using drills and exercises to keep in shape.

We are trying to keep the Center up as much as we can.

Kay Oda
SFVJACC President

School Daze

By Nancy Oda

After a long spring and summer, it’s autumn! That means that noisy kids go back to school and new and veteran teachers are getting ready for that energy pouring into a clean, well stocked, but empty classrooms. Well, many classrooms are empty and will remain that way until it’s safe to return since COVID-19 has changed education starting as early as March. Our students and their parents have had to adjust really fast. It’s a whole new world. Like adults who now work from home, many students will be “home schooled.”

Many of our members are credentialed teachers so despite a family with various ages, homes have become a “one room school house.” So, what and how are they learning? There’s a lot of online assignments and zoom meetings. WiFi woes.

Families are setting up work spaces and schedules putting their own job responsibilities on hold. Some are creative like cooking, baking, and even yoga. You’ve heard that “everything I needed to know, I learned in kindergarten.” Relationship building through interaction and modeling is so important for kids. Hopefully, there won’t be lasting harm.

One important thing that is missing online would be connecting with others in a healthy, social and emotional way. Reaching out to friends, teammates, aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents brings warmth to an otherwise sterile learning situation. Let’s help the kids express themselves.

Somehow there’s a silver lining since many children and their siblings will have common ground to talk about with almost anyone they meet in the world since this pandemic is historic.

This has been a test for all of us indeed. Hopefully, the pandemic will subside soon, but what changes will we embrace as we learn together how to get along in tough times?



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

For the Month of September 2020

Donations

- JA Community Foundation
COVID-19 Emergency Grant
- Brenda Reitz.....
- SFV JACL.....
Proceeds from the Nakano Nursery Plant & Kaori's
Face Mask Drive-Thru Give Away
- Andrew Yamashita
- Charles and Karen Muranaka and Family.....
In memory of mother Jane Muranaka
- Tamlyn Tomita Daniel Blinkoff.....
- Greg Kimura
- United Way Charitable Contribution
- Claudia Culling
- In honor of Nancy Oda
- Mary Endo
- In memory of Greg Librando

Thank you for your generous donations!

60th Anniversary T-Shirt

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\$10 per T-Shirt

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In Loving Memory...

Our thoughts and condolences go
out to the families of —

Jane Muranaka
Mark Nakamura
Timbo Whitesell



**Childhood
Milestones**

Please send pictures of your kids
who entered preschool, kindergarten,
middle school, and/or high school
for the holiday issue.

Due: October 15

Email to tpearlstein@gmail.com or
lois_okui@sfvjacc.com



SFV MEIJI SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB NEWS
By Liz Doomey

Hope everyone is doing well and is surviving the isolation as best we can. To help with the problem of isolation, the Community Center will be having virtual "Get Togethers" on October 12th, 26th, November 9th and 23rd from 10:30 AM to about noon (see the article about the Virtual Get Togethers on the front page). Please register with Lois Okui to receive an invitation to join in. Email her at lois_okui@sfvjacc.com

Keiro has several programs for October. You can find information regarding their forums on page 9 (Keiro's forum flyer) or go to <https://www.keiro.org/what-we-do/classes/virtual-keiro-forums>

The Meiji Club board has made the decision to cancel our New Year's Installation Luncheon for 2021 due to the Coronavirus. The Community Center is dependent on the CDC and other government health agencies for their guidance to reopen the Center.

If you need assistance of any kind, please contact me at (818) 892-7381 or lizdoomey@yahoo.com. We are here to help our members.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Diane Masuda
Gary Monji
Jennifer Tashima
Akiko Yamada

Food for Thought....

"If plan A doesn't
work, the alphabet has
25 more letters —
204 if you're in Japan."

— Claire Cook

2020 SFVJACC Scholarship Recipients - Continued from front page.



Alyssa Miku Inoue, is the daughter of Lance and Ayumi Inoue and the recipient of the Mrs. Kay Kazuko Furuta Sakaguchi Scholarship. She graduated from Santa Susana High School and will attend UCLA where she plans to major in Civil Engineering. High school honors include certification in engineering and CA seal of biliteracy in Japanese. Alyssa has always loved origami which she said "is both fun and soothing." She enjoys making kusudama, a form of modular origami. She has donated several of her kusudama to Nikkei Senior Gardens and in high school created an origami club. Alyssa was also a student at the SFVJLI and has participated in various SFVJACC activities.



Megan Miyamoto, is the daughter of Eric and Linda Miyamoto and graduated from El Camino Real Charter High School. She received an AP Scholar with Distinction in high school. She will be attending Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, majoring in Business Administration. Megan's extracurricular activities include being assistant drum major for the marching band and founder of the Munch Bunch, a food culture club. Some of her community service consists of SF Athletics, SFVJLI, Kizuna Summer Camp and SFV Hongwanji Young Buddhist Association. One of Megan's goal is "to give back to the JA community by representing them in the Nisei Week court". Megan is the recipient of the Dr. Sanbo Sakaguchi award.



Hale Chiba, is the son of Kimiaki and Sayoko Chiba and a recipient of the Lily Sakaguchi Thibodeaux Scholarship. He graduated from El Camino Real Charter High school. He graduated with high honors (gold Cord) and received the Athletic Director's Excellence Award. Hale played volleyball in high school for 3 years and was varsity Team Captain. He also received several volleyball awards, including the CIF scholar Athlete award. Hale is an active member of the Jr. Young Buddhist League. Community service includes SF Athletics (played with the Hawks), SFVJLI and he has worked as a volunteer for super Bingo and Obon. Hale wrote that "he sees the CC expanding some of its less developed programs (Taiko, Volleyball)." He will be attending UC Riverside majoring in Applied Mathematics.



Sage Kita, is the son of Gregg and Katie Kita. He graduated from West Ranch High School as an AP Scholar with Distinction. He will be attending UC Santa Barbara majoring in financial math and statistics. Sage played basketball at West Ranch for four years where he was Team Captain for two years and awarded many awards. He has also volunteered for Loving Hearts, a non-profit organization and has worked as a part-time Driver for Postmates. He participated in SF Athletics as member of the Hawks basketball team. Sage wrote that for the future of the CC "envision a prosperous basketball program that inspires children to grow and develop as athletes." He has been awarded the Lily Sakaguchi Thibodeaux Scholarship.



Alana Yamauchi, is the daughter of Victor and Darlene Yamauchi. She graduated from Granada Hills Charter High School. Her scholastic honors include an AP award and Gold Seal Bearer. She will be attending UC Riverside majoring in Biochemistry. She played on her high school basketball team. Her community service includes participation in SF Athletics, Rising Stars, Kizuna Leadership. She has volunteered in the PeeWee Clinic, Not Your Average Basketball Camp and at Obon. For two years, she has coached the SF Tigers and if her college schedule permits, will continue coaching the team. Alana's vision of the CC includes more volunteer opportunities and inclusion of other sports (volleyball, indoor soccer) and wrote "how excited I was when I found out that there was volleyball at the CC!" She has earned the Lily Sakaguchi Thibodeaux Scholarship.

Congrats! The Future is Yours!



San Fernando Valley Japanese Language Institute Update

By Kiyo Watanabe, PTA President

Japanese school is going into their 8th week of online school instruction. Our students are getting used to being online for their classes and turning in their homework assignments by email. Since our school is online for safety measures, most of our usual special events have been canceled at this time.



We are accepting donations for pandemic and school safety equipment and items for our reopening. If you are willing to help, please email us at SFVJLI@hotmail.com



SFV TAIKO'S FACE MASK FUNDRAISER

By Marie-Reine Velez



Many thanks to everyone who supported the SFVJACC Face Mask Fundraiser at the beginning of this summer! Featuring two different types of masks with hand-dyed fabric by members of SFV Taiko, the fundraising campaign sold over 300 masks to members of the community, their family, and friends--and to people as far as Northern California, Texas, and Massachusetts.

Face masks were ordered in June, then produced and shipped in July. Together we raised over **\$2,500** for the San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center!

Thank you to the members of the SFV Taiko group who coordinated the fundraising campaign, dyed the fabric, and made the masks; and special thanks to non-SFV Taiko members Ruby Estolas, Ana Carlson, and Brandon Cheng for additional help with the masks. We are deeply moved by the generous response to the fundraiser. Additionally, we received wonderful feedback from mask-wearing supporters:

"Beautiful and comfortable"

"We really love them"

"The masks are perfect"

We appreciate all the support and this opportunity to come together as a community while we cannot gather in person. Thank you and take care!



Thank You For Your Support!

How I Became a CC Member

By Shirley Yoko Docken

My mother loved knitting and conversing in Japanese. Both, I do not do.

In 2010, my 94 year old mother came to live with my husband and me. Kyoko Narikawa was Kibe: born in Los Angeles and raised in Japan. She was a member of the Seinan Senior Center on Jefferson Blvd. in Los Angeles. She sorely missed speaking Japanese with her friends there.

I lived in North Hills for decades, but did not know that there was a Japanese Community Center relatively nearby. I took her 2-3 times to the SFVJACC to see if she would like to join. It finally dawned on me that my mother was too shy to join by herself. She would be most comfortable if I sat right next to her. So we joined. We went to Monday morning Arts and Crafts class where Sally Hamamoto welcomed us.

My husband and I were so glad we joined. When my mother was no longer well enough to attend regular activities at the Center, Terry and I enrolled in Hitomi Hashimoto's Japanese cooking class so we could learn how to cook some Japanese dishes for her. The kindness extended by Hitomi, Toji and Fuyumi Hashimoto and NJ Nakamura encouraged us and we still continued our cooking classes 6 years after my mother passed away, three weeks shy of her 98th birthday in 2014.

Our classmate, Joy Longworth, invited me to participate in obon lessons with Christine Inouye at Sun Valley CC. My husband video taped lessons on my iPhone so I could practice additionally at home. So in my late 70's I've become an Obon devotee, and have enlisted my kids and grandchildren and great grandchild to join me dancing each season. Thank you Liz and John Doomey, Debbie Henson and Vanessa Mihara, my Bon Odori mentors.

My membership in the SFVJACC ignited my long dormant identity in Japanese culture and related activities. I went on my first Manzanar Pilgrimage with Liz Doomey's support and subsequently taken different family members as well.

Sequestering at home has made me reflect on my life and my choices. It's made me very grateful for my loving family and for the friends made through the Center. I look forward to the day we can greet each other in person again! Thank you all!



Shirley Docken with her husband, Terry and her mother, Kyoko.

SAVE THE DATE



**SFVJACC
GENERAL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 2, 2020
7:00 PM**

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

Sponsored by Little Tokyo Service Center



If you have a loved one affected by Alzheimer's disease, come and join us.

A non-judgmental, confidential place to share frustrations, concerns and ideas.

Group Meetings are being done virtually until further notice.

All meetings are confidential.

If you are interested in attending or want more information, contact Lois at (818) 892-1487 or lois_okui@sfvjacc.com



News From The Gardens...

By Mayumi Barr, Director of Life Enrichment

“Quality of Life” Artworks

September 21, 2020 was “Keiro No Hi (Respect for the Aged Day)” and it is a national holiday in Japan to honor the elderly who have been making a contribution to society for a long time, celebrating their longevity, deepening their interest in the welfare of the elderly, and improving their lives.

Keiro, founded in 1961, is a mission-driven organization engaged in improving the quality of life for seniors in the Japanese American and Japanese communities of Southern California. This year, Keiro hosted “The Virtual Keiro No Hi Festival” in September. This fun and interactive livestream festival included workshops, entertainment and “Quality of life” Fine Arts showcase for community members to participate in and share their art. Twelve talented residents from Nikkei Senior Gardens were featured in Keiro’s virtual showcase this year. The amazing artworks include watercolor paintings, oil painting, quilting, 3D wooden puzzles, Japanese calligraphy, knitting plush, decorative object and more. Some of the pieces took many years to make while others were created for the first time during activities classes. The various art methods were reflected towards each resident’s great passion and joy for life.



Yoshiko M. “Winter” with Oil Painting



Sadao D. “Locomotive” with 3D wooden puzzles



Satoko Y. “ Kutaniyaki Vase and Cymbidium Flowers “ with watercolor painting



Bonnie N. “Asian Outlook” with Quilting



SAN FERNANDO VALLEY JAPANESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY CENTER

Pandemic Bingo

CC VIRTUAL EVENT

Saturday * November 7, 2020

6 pm

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We’ll be sending more information on this event later this month.



Rabbit in the Moon

By Old Wakaba, Bud Sagara

My wife and I stay home because of the COVID-19 pandemic. While this isolation gives us time to work on things around the house we had put off, it also gifts us with time for personal reflection. The other evening, I spent a few minutes just peering out a bedroom window at the full moon, lighting the sky with a kind of luster that illuminates dreams and fairy tales. The moon continues to captivate us to reveal feelings of romance, of mystery and of loneliness. American author Tahereh Mafi wrote, “The moon is a loyal companion. It never leaves. It’s always there, watching, steadfast, knowing us in our light and dark moments, changing forever just as we do. Every day it’s a different version of itself. Sometimes weak and wan, sometimes strong and full of light. The moon understands what it means to be human. Uncertain. Alone. Cratered by imperfections.”

A full moon always reminds me of the folktale that I learned as a kid about the rabbit in the moon who is busy pounding *mochi*. The silhouette of the rabbit is clearly visible to me because I grew up looking for it. As the tale goes, the Man in the Moon came down to earth disguised as a beggar because he was curious about what the animals of the forest were really like. He came upon a fox, a monkey, and a rabbit and asked if they had any food they could share with a poor soul. “This would be a good test of the character of each animal and to see to what extent they would be willing to help a complete stranger,” he thought.



The monkey immediately scampered up into the trees, jumping from limb to limb. He soon returned with an armload of fruit and laid them all at the beggar’s feet. “This was an easy job for me. Look at all that I have gathered for you,” proudly exclaimed the monkey. The Man in the Moon observed that the monkey was a quick and efficient worker. Later, the fox returned with a plump, silvery fish in its mouth and told the beggar, “I used my stealth and hunting skill to catch this fish. You must do your part by making a fire so you can roast it.” “Surely the fox is sly and cunning,” thought the Man in the Moon. Meanwhile, the rabbit scurried back and forth across the forest floor, but could not find any food for the beggar. The downcast rabbit returned to the trio and lamented that he had nothing to give. Upon seeing the fire that was made to roast the fish, the rabbit said to the beggar, “I have nothing to offer you except myself, so I’m going to jump into the fire so that you can feast on my body.”

As the rabbit was about to leap into the fire, the beggar sprang up and placed himself between the rabbit and the fire. Then the beggar instantly transformed back into the Man in the Moon and stood straight and tall in front of the three animals. Upon seeing this strange transformation, the three were shaken with fear. “Take heart, do not be afraid,” the Man in the Moon said and then continued, “All three of you have shown great kindness to a stranger and that makes my heart glad, but the rabbit has been more than compassionate as he offered himself completely for my sake. I will take the rabbit to my home to live with me forever.” And that is how there came to be a rabbit in the moon.

Symbols of white rabbits are popular in Japanese culture and can often be found on things like clothing, tableware, and linen. Fans of the anime heroine Sailor Moon will probably recognize the name “*Usagi Tsukino* because her name literally means “moon rabbit” in Japanese. Other Asian countries also have moon rabbits in their folklore. In China, the moon rabbit is the companion of the moon goddess *Chang’e*, but instead of pounding *mochi*, this rabbit is busy making the elixir of life. In Korea, the moon rabbit is busy pounding in a mortar to make rice cakes while standing underneath a *gyesu* tree, a symbol of long, bountiful life. One of the biggest holidays in Korea is *Chuseok*, a mid-autumn festival that is celebrated on the 15th of August on the lunar calendar.

The moon has silently watched all the celebrations, drama, and turmoil that unfold on earth. Through history, the young and old have gazed up at the moon and whispered their deepest personal questions to it. “What will the person be like that I marry? How do I get myself out of this mess? Is this all that there is to life?” The moon never answers, but continues to be the companion of the lonely.

As adults, we know there is no Man in the Moon or a rabbit pounding *mochi*. These are folktales for children to stimulate their imaginations and to help them make sense of the wonders of this world. There may also be a lesson in this folktale for grown-ups who are willing to lend an ear. This tale reminds us that others take notice of how we live our lives. Are we like the busy monkey that takes pride in his work and that becomes its identity? Are we like the fox that uses its cunning to take advantage of weaker animals for its gain? Are we like the rabbit that puts the needs of others ahead of its own? Which character describes us?

In the gospel of Matthew 16: 25-26, Jesus declares, “For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?” This is a hard truth because it is contrary to the values of society that we live in today. Dedicating a life to earthly rewards like success, money, recreation and the praise of men are not bad things in themselves, but they distract a person from the spiritual things that really matter—loving and living for Jesus Christ. When we are called to walk with Jesus, our lives and priorities are changed forever. It’s like a seed that is buried in the ground when planted. The seed itself perishes, but it is changed dramatically and set free to a new life to grow and become what God intended it to be.

San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

ONLINE **SILENT AUCTION**

BIDDING OPENS 11/1/20 - 11/15/20



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We hope you can join us and enjoy the array of auction items we're gathering!

All funds will be used to help towards temple operations.

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ACCEPTING DONATIONS UNTIL 10/04/20

The auction's success will rely on donations from our generous sangha and community. Donations of gift cards, homemade crafts, professional services, or tickets to community events will be greatly appreciated.

If you want to donate an item for auction please contact:

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Upcoming Keiro Programs

Keiro. 

Join Keiro on Zoom to learn something new and stay connected with others!

Virtual Forums

- Estate Planning 101
Thursday, Oct. 8
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
- Succulent Pumpkin
Demonstration
Thursday, Oct. 15
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Symposium

Saturday, October 24
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Learn about your health during COVID-19, investing, and staying connected.

Speaker Series

Wednesday, October 28
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Learn about cannabis use among older adults from a physician and an attorney.

Registration: Visit keiro.org to see the full list of virtual forums and to register for these events. Zoom links and instructions will be emailed to you.

All programs are FREE unless otherwise noted and are made possible by Keiro along with support from our community partners, donors, and volunteers.



**SAN FERNANDO VALLEY
HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE**

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www.sfvhbt.org

Resident Minister: Rev. Sala Sekiya
Temple President: Carolyn Sanwo

Due to the COVID-19 situation, services are being held via Zoom until further notice. Please contact the temple if you wish to be included on the invitation list. All other temple activities have been cancelled or postponed until further notice. Please check our website for updates. Thank you, and be safe and well.

October

- 4 10:00 am Shotsuki monthly memorial and Eshinni-ko / Kakushinni-ko service
- 11 10:00 am Regular service
- 18 10:00 am Regular service
- 25 10:00 am Pet Memorial service

November

- 1 10:00 am Shotsuki monthly memorial and Ancestors' Perpetual Memorial service
- 8 10:00 am Regular service
- 15 10:00 am Regular service
- 22 10:00 am Regular service
- 29 10:00 am Regular service

Your donations gratefully accepted:

- PayPal on sfvhbt.org or
- Check mailed to SFVHBT (address above)



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

English Department

Pastor Roland Hazama
Pastor Raynold Nakamura

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, services and meetings are being done virtually. Visit our website for more information.

Join us for services Sundays at 10:00 am through our livestream at

<https://www.facebook.com/crosswaychurchsfv/>



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Lay Leader: Jim Melichar

Due to the changing times of the COVID-19 pandemic, services are being held on Sundays at 10 am and bible study on Thursdays at 10 am and 7 pm through Zoom.

If you would like to join the services or bible study meetings, call (818) 341-1270 or email at chatsworthumc@juno.com



**SUNRISE FOURSQUARE
CHURCH**

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

Pastors:
Rev. Paul Iwata
Rev. James Iwata

Join us for our worship services on Sundays at 10:30 am through Facebook at

https://www.facebook.com/pg/sunrisejapanesechurch/posts/?ref=page_internal

COORDINATING COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONS - MEETINGS - CONTACT PERSONS

Coordinating Council	3rd Wed., 7:00 PM.....	Danny Okazaki.	818 899-1989
Community Center.....	1st 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: lois_okui@sfvjacc.com
Chatsworth West United Methodist Church.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	2nd Sun., 1:00 PM.....	Rev. Karen Murata.....	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.	818 517-7907
SFV Bonsai Club	4th Sun., 8 AM-12 PM..	Kazuhiko Nakanishi ..	805 492-3439
SFV Hongwanji Buddhist Temple.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	2nd Mon., 7:30 PM.....	Carolyn Sanwo	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..	2nd Fri., 12:30 PM.....	Ritsuko Shinbashi	818 892-0470
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
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or email:
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**Want to submit an
article for the CC
Newsletter?**

Email:
lois_okui@sfvjacc.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*.....	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.....	Call CC office	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.....	Mayumi Dennis	818 224-3346
Japanese Calligraphy.....	1st/3rd Thursday.....	9:30-11:00 AM.....	Call CC office	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.....	Call CC office	818 899-1989
Friday Mah-Jong*.....	Friday.....	1:00-3:00 PM.....	Call CC office	818 899-1989
Ondo Dancing*.....	2nd/4th Friday.....	7:00-9:00 PM	Janet Yamamoto	818 365-8361
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.....11:00-12:30 PM..... Nikkei Pioneer Conference Room
 (Times for the podiatrist is approximate.)

*Meiji Senior Citizens' Activity or Service

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



**SAN FERNANDO ATHLETICS
BASKETBALL SIGN-UP 2020-2021 Season
Boys and Girls Grades Kindergarten – 12th**

Sign up October 1, 2020 - November 15, 2020

Due to the Covid-19, Athletics program is on a hold as all the Boys and Girls leagues have cancelled their 2020-2021 season and practice facilities are unavailable. However, Athletics board decided to still hold registration, anticipating that in the future we will be able to play and practice adhering the safe practice guideline.

We know this time has been trying for everyone. The SFVJACC and the Athletics Association thank you for your continued participation. **Every player, new and returning, must submit an online registration form to be placed on a team by November 15th.** Volunteerism is key to the success of this program. Family participation in the Athletics fundraisers is required to keep the program running. The two mandatory fundraisers are Pancake Breakfast (March tentative) and Obon (June Tentative).

Any questions please contact by email: [Athletics@SFVJACC.com](mailto: Athletics@SFVJACC.com) attn Kevin Endow or Dana Chow

go to <https://tshq.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=2464240>

New Players

“Register” in the top righthand corner. Create a username and password.
Select “ALL NEW PLAYERS” even if you have a friend on a team.
Complete information.

Returning Families

“Login” in the top righthand corner.
Your players will auto-generate-select returning team name.
Complete information.

NOTE: This year Athletic and 2021 CC fees are waived until the CC has government guidance to practice or play.

CC membership fee for 2021 waived for **returning families**.