BINGO! BINGO! We heard this word a lot on the night of our Super Bingo Fundraiser, on November 6th. We played five games plus a blackout and over 25 bingo prizes were given out, some cash, others gift cards or certificates. Also handed out were small gifts for “Good Neighbors”, people who were sitting across, in back or to the right or left of the bingo winners. About eighty little goodies, such as toothbrushes, tablets and other items were won by players each time a special bingo number was called. This year, we had one lucky blackout winner, Marge Yoshida, who won $500.00.

The night started out with a delicious buffet dinner, prepared by Hitomi Hashimoto, her volunteers and Small Island Restaurant. The dessert table was amazing thanks to Mikawaya and the many volunteers who made the luscious homemade goodies.

The Silent Auction this year was the most successful of all the years, raising over $6,000, thanks to donations such as Clippers, Lakers, Kings and UCLA tickets, Paramount Studio tour & lunch, beautiful jewelry and much, much more. Fuyumi Hashimoto did an awesome job coordinating the auction.

The event ended with the raffle drawing, with prize after prize being given away. The top three prize winners were: $1,000—Walter Fujimori; $500—Christian Mahony; 32” Panasonic HDTV— Emiko Kami. Congratulations!

Our many thanks to Tamlyn Tomita, who was terrific as Mistress of Ceremony. Tamlyn was entertaining and fun and there was never a dull moment as she told her memories of the Center. She has a lot of history at the CC, having grown up here and her mother is still very active in many of the senior programs, so for her to come back to the CC is so heartwarming. We are so appreciative of the time she gives to us.

Thank you to all the donors and our dedicated Super Bingo committee for making this fundraiser such a special and fun event. This year we were able to raise over $25,000. No small feat, especially in these economically hard times.

Once again, thank you to everyone!

Submitted by Tadao and Lois Okui

Caption

MC Tamlyn Tomita did a terrific job keeping the program flowing and people entertained.