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Disney VoluntEARS Paints Wall Mural At The CC

By Nancy Oda

Take a look around the Japanese School and you will find an explosion of colors, and stories that magically appeared with the Disney VoluntEARS with Haruna O. King in charge of the community service day. At work, they are responsible for the creation, design and construction of Disney theme parks worldwide. Thank you to Yumi Yamazaki, chief artist for the meaningful images. Levi Ponce and Brandt Marshall prepared the wall the day before with Tiauna Vasquez who definitely had a chance to learn from the best.

The wall starts with a giant peach signifying "Momotaro." As you may know, Peach boy is one of the most famous

children's stories. There's a yummy rice triangle for "Omusubi Kororin". The mice are happy to get rice triangles and are dancing joyfully. A bright red crab is dancing representing "Saru Kani Gassen." Next, "Urashima Taro" seeks adventure on the back of a turtle. Unfortunately, he opens the mysterious box and becomes an old man. He promised to not open the box originally and was punished. Creative Executive, David Jue, put the finishing touches on the red tassels. What looks like bamboo tells us a rich story about a princess found by childless couple. It ends when she flies away to the moon wearing a feathered robe. The visual includes "The Man Who Made Old Trees Blossom."

Thank you to the Tokyo Disney Resort Imagineers and PPG Paints that donated all the many buckets of colorful paint. The event on July 14, 2018, was coordinated by Kiyo Watanabe and Nancy Oda.



SFVJACC MISSION STATEMENT

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

**Thank you Disney VoluntEARS
for the beautiful mural!**

Volunteer list and more pictures on page 2.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Someone reminded me that the next Hollywood Dodgers Las Vegas Invitational Tournament will be the last time that Kylie's team, which started in Kindergarten, will play together. It made me think of the history of the team, families, events together, and of course the games, so I found a few pics with the girls and many included their younger siblings (Andy, Jared, Scotty, & Emily), which brought back lots of fun memories that I had forgot about.

History is so important, it not only inspires us, but it also reminds us of the exciting times and events that form much of what we do and appreciate today. These past few months, many of us shared times at Family Day and SFVHBT Obon, all of which are rich with historical moments, made possible by the many volunteers and those who helped build the center which we all cherish today!

I mention this because some great people have approached me and the board, all asking about building a book or archive chronicling what we can, the history of events, moments, and people of our community center. I am not sure if any of you can share or donate images, with a brief description, but if so it would be a great start to what we believe could be an amazing project that can be shared and enjoyed by every one of all generations current and future!

In the coming months, please join us at the Steak Dinner on September 15th, stop by the Japanese School and enjoy the wonderful mural created by Tokyo Disney Resort Imagineers, and attend one of the many activities held at the center every day. Check the website www.sfvjacc.com for schedules and lastly remind your friends to renew their memberships in case they have forgotten as Super Bingo is coming soon so you do not want to miss out on the reminders and tickets.

Enjoy the rest of summer and thank you for all you all do!

Danny Okazaki, SFVJACC President

Disney VolunteARS Paints Wall Mural At The CC - Continued from front page.

Volunteers were:

- Eddie, Kayley & Dylan Choi
- Liz & John Doomey
- David & Yuki Edminster
- Benjamin Embuido
- Sabrina Hansen
- Kelly Holliday
- Mikiko Inayama
- Hiro Izawa
- Tadashi Inayama
- Catherine A. Jean
- Daniel Jue
- Yoshiko Kawada
- Haruna King
- Karin Kojima
- Vivian Lee
- Ellie Liou
- Isabella & Kaori Lopez
- Eri Luna
- Brandt Marshall
- Kay, Kyle & Nancy Oda
- Levi Ponce
- Ralph Rathburn
- Emily Sasaki
- Misato Sakata
- Mikako Sato Stetson
- Aya Shigenaga
- Amy Tran
- Annie Tran
- Tiauna Vasquez
- Kiyo, Asuka & Tenka Watanabe
- Charlie Watanabe
- Christopher Wilson
- Lisa Wilson
- Kentaro Yajima
- Yurica Yamaguchi
- Yumi Yamazaki
- Owen Yoshino
- Go Yoshino



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

For the Months of May & June 2018

Donations

Jean Asuncion
Penny Emmons
Katherine Campos
Dexter Frye
 Matching donation
Greg Kimura
 United Way Charitable Contribution
Linda Takayama
 From the sale of her donated floral vases
Yas and Nancy Gohata
 In appreciation of their grandson Davis Yoshino
 receiving the Dr. Sanbo Sakaguchi Scholarship
Mary Hashiba and Family
 In memory of Neil Hashiba
Emmy Yamaoka
 In memory of husband Tad Yamaoka
George and Grace Goto
 From the sale of their donated plants
Yoshi and Cathy Nakano
 From the sale of their donated vegetable plants
Mike Anderson

Use of Facilities

Koso and Marian Nakagawa
Karaoke
Ping Pong Club
Thursday Nite Basketball
Tuesday Exercise Class
Hitomi's Cooking Class
Jan & Co
Wednesday Nite Basketball
SF Athletics
Senior Arts & Crafts
Yoga Class
Aloha Club
Friday Exercise Class
Manzanar Reunion Committee
SFV Japanese Language Institute
Hula Wahines
Country Western Music
Harmonica Class

Miscellaneous

Coffee donation
Copier donation
Don Akamine 1 (3 lbs) Coffee
Eiji and Marge Sato 1 Reams copy paper
Smokey Sugii 1 (3 lbs) Coffee
Phil and Marion Shigekuni..... 1 (3lbs) Coffee

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Loretta Dubin Lindy Matsuda
Damian Hattori Raymond Pierce
Ronald Lynn Koyu & Keiko Shiroma

DONATIONS TO HOT MEALS

For the Months of May & June 2018

Jean Ascunio 3 Packs Spam
George & Grace Goto Monetary donation
Emiko Houk 10 lbs Steak
Roy Imazu Ice cream cups for Friday lunch
Dick & Pauline Kaku Monetary donation In memory
 of mother Tutu
Darrell & Eileen Kawana Monetary donation In memory
 of Pauline Kaku's mother Tutu
Lily Kumagai Cake for Friday lunch
Michiko Kus 1 Box of plastic spoons
May Rivera & Chiz Morita Monetary donation In memory
 of Pauline Kaku's mother Tutu
Musashi Restaurant 100 lbs Rice
Sherri Nakamura Birthday cake for mom Dorothy
 Nakamura and assorted cookies
 for the kitchen volunteers
Kenso Nomura Sunomono & large apple pie for
 the kitchen volunteers
Northridge Hawaiian Civic Club .. Miscellaneous kitchen supplies
Marion Shigekuni 2 Dozen donuts for the kitchen
 volunteers
Harris Yoneoka Drumsticks for the kitchen
 volunteers

*Thank you so much for
your generous donations!*



Have You Seen Or Do You Have These Missing Pots?

(Missing Since March 2018)

- 40 quart Stainless Steel (relatively new - 1.5 years) bottom of pot NSF sps-40
- 32 quart Aluminum, diameter 12-13" by 12" high
- 20 quart (?) Aluminum - unsure of the size, it may be 9" high
- Stainless steel, copper bottom - large diameter 16" by 7" high (?) with burnt wooden handles

Please return **ASAP**....it's very inconvenient for Hot Meal to provide weekly lunches.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Kei Inoue, Hot Meal Coordinator

CC Family Day

By Liz Doomey

June 9, 2018 - Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make Family Day a success. A lot of hard work went into making this event fun for all ages. The Rough Riders and Lighting Sparks did a fine job entertaining the kids with games. This year we had something new for the kids - the use of Bert Corona Charter School's rock wall with assistant principal, Kirk Takeyama, overseeing the rock climbing.

This year's theme was "Emergency Preparedness". Emergency survival kits were available for sale. Our guest speakers were Michael Takeshita of Los Angeles County Fire Department, Ken Kondo from the Office of Emergency Management and Nathan Wolfstein from the Volunteer Emergency Command Center. They were very informative and after their talk, raffled off emergency survival products to our members.



The hot dog lunch and ice cream bars were delicious and the homemade baked desserts from the Bake Sale were a special treat. For entertainment, we played bingo games with new styles of the games introduced.

Thank you to all for your support of this family event. Our wish is that in the event of a disaster you are more informed and make it through with the knowledge the speakers gave you.

We hope you'll join us again next year with a few, new surprises.



Thank you Stuart Matsuda for donating two ranch style BBQs!!



More pictures on next page.

Thank you to the following for their generous donation to Family Day!

Richard and Leonor Bennett
 John and Liz Doomey
 Taro and Mary Ishimoto
 Sho and Dale Kadonaga
 Joy Longworth
 Judy Matsuzaki
 Kay and Nancy Oda
 Ping Pong Club

A special thanks to Kei Inoue for making the awesome chili and coleslaw. A BIG Thank You to Liz Doomey for planning the Family Day event.

SFVJACC Scholarship Recipients



2018 Lily Sakaguchi Thibodeaux Scholarship recipient Kylie Okazaki (with her parents Yumi and Danny).



Davis Yoshino, the recipient of the 2018 Dr. Sanbo Sakaguchi Scholarship was unable to come.

An article on Davis and Kylie will appear in the next issue of the newsletter.

Congratulations!



Thank You To All The Volunteers That Made Family Day A Success!

Thank You To Those Who Donated To The Bake Sale!

Liz Doomey	Marion Shigekuni
Cathy Fujimoto	Lorraine Shimizu
Doreen Kawamoto	Jean Shinsato
Linda Kuratomi	Stephanie Stewart
Michiko Kus	Margaret Takimoto
Joy Longworth	Janet Yamamoto
Yoshi Matsuda	Teddy Yamane
Evie Mitarai	Midori Yamane
Yo Monji	Ruby Yamaoka
Pricilla Mui	Diane Yoneoka
Carolyn Sanwo	Megan Young
Marge Sato	

Jay Arison	Bing Lau	Ray Shinsato
Gabriel Calvillo	Evelyn Lau	Jean Shinsato
Doug Carden	Diana Lau	Denise Tanaka
Kimi Chiba	Wally Longworth	Linda Tanaka
Sayoko Chiba	Joy Longworth	Kiyo Watanabe
Hana Chiba	Akiko Manaka	Asuka Watanabe
Kenji Couey	Evie Mitarai	Tenka Watanabe
John Doomey	Mia Nakazawa	Emily Woo
Melissa Endow	Nancy Oda	Anita Woo
Kevin Endow	Kay Oda	Clay Yahiro
Kamryn Endow	Danny Okazaki	Janet Yamamoto
Peyton Endow	Tadao Okui	Teddy Yamane
Adrian Gauthier	Lois Okui	Midori Yamane
Kei Inoue	Audrey Sato	Harris Yoneoka
Chuck Itagaki	Ritsuko Shinbashi	Diane Yoneoka
Michiko Kus		

Leadership Training

By Nancy Oda

Craig Ishii (pictured in the center) shared strategies to engage young SFVJACC members between the ages of 27-45. Craig Ishii is the former CEO of KIZUNA that has held its program here for the last three years. The SFVJACL Suzume no Gakkou has retired making way for KIZUNA discovery camp each June.

Many of the former Junior Board members have been elected to the Board of Directors. To enable busy younger members to participate, meetings were reduced from twice a month to once a month.

These days, emails and text messages get many tasks done. Although we have the best SoCal JA newsletter, we need stronger communication tools to inform young adults and their families. Recently, programs like the Girl Scouts have grown from 2 to 19. We still need to bring back the Boy Scouts. The Japanese Language School enrollment has necessitated teacher recruitment. We have growing need for membership services.

Craig recommended term limits and mobility to leadership positions. Further, he felt that there should be exit strategies. Other leaders present were from the SFVJLI, SFVJACL and the SFVHBT. We must all close the generation gap to revitalize our organizations and to embrace change. We're in this together.

Members, it's time to step up and volunteer in some small or big way. You are welcome to chair an event. You do not have to wait until you're old. We need your voice to improve policies, programs, and to continue our cultural mission.

Email me at nancyoda@juno.com

During his tenure with Kizuna, Craig led the organization's development of its highly effective leadership development pipeline, a strategy which is lauded for its ability to create a unique age-specific experiences, and successive educational experiences for all ages of the next generation. This pipeline is responsible for the development of key new leadership within the Japanese American community.



Back row (L-R): Kay Oda, Denise Tanaka, Bing Lau, Priscilla Mui, Craig Ishii, Tadao Okui, Kiyo Watanabe, Danny Okazaki, Nancy Takayama. Front row (L-R): Nancy Oda, Lois Okui, Liz Doomey



SFV MEIJI SENIOR CLUB NEWS

We are always looking for additional seniors to join us on the first Friday of the month after Hot Meal to continue our efforts for involvement in the Meiji Club Board.

The New Tax Bill & Your 2018 Investment Strategy Workshop by the Kondo Wealth Advisors held on June 16th was well attended. I believe that Mr. Alan Kondo was able to answer a lot of the questions relating to next year's tax program.

The Las Vegas trip is scheduled for August 13th-15th. The need to sign-up for this trip early is so that we can make room reservations at the hotel.

There will be an Elder Law Seminar on Saturday, August 25th from 10 AM to Noon. This event will be conducted by Judd Matsunaga. Everyone is invited to attend this seminar. Call (800) 403-6078 for reservations.

The San Manuel trip scheduled in July has been postpone until September 12th.

We are trying to find a date for the Caregiving and Alzheimer/Dementia Classes to be held on a Saturday morning to accommodate those who are employed. Please call Liz Doomey to add your name to the list (818)429-4096.

Please send your suggestions for programs, seminars, field trips or other activities you would like to have to the SFVJACC - Attention: Meiji Club or email or text to Liz Doomey – lizdoomey@yahoo.com (818-429-4096). Help us help you to a better and healthier 2018.

Thank you,
Liz Doomey, President



San Fernando Valley Japanese Language Institute

By Kiyoko Watanabe, PTA President

San Fernando Valley Japanese Language Institute (SFVJLI) closed the 2017-2018 Academic Year on June 2nd, 2018 with the annual Speech Contest along with a potluck lunch. It was an opportunity for the students to show what they have learned during that school year. Teacher Ms. Sachiko Liou sensei retired from JLI after working 30 years at the school. We greatly appreciate her contribution to our school. "Thank you, Liou sensei – Otsukaresama deshita."

SFVJLI had another successful Obon booth fundraiser event at the SFVBT Obon Festival on June 23 and June 24. We hope you had a chance to taste our Cold Somen, Edamame, Mugicha and Lemonade. Thank you all for your support!



On Saturday, August 11th, we look forward to starting our new Academic Year. If you have a child (4 years old and older) interested in learning Japanese, we are still accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year. In addition, we have an adult conversation course starting later in the Fall. For more info, please contact our office at (818) 896-8612 or email sfvjli@hotmail.com.



SUPER BINGO FUNDRAISER

November 3, 2018



SF Blakers

Dave M. Inouye Memorial Basket- ball Tournament 8th Grade Division

(L-R): Coach David Chang,
Tyler Chang, Andy Okazaki,
Kyle Imanishi, Ryuto
Murata, Xander Rhee,
Elijah Ramos, Coach
Danny Okazaki



SF Y2K

Tigers Tournament Girls Prep 2nd place

Back row (L-R): Mackenzy Iwahashi, Madison
Quan, Chyanne Pagkalinawan

Front row (L-R): Haylyn Nguyen, Kayla Chong,
Janelle Doi, Justyne Nakano, Kylie Okazaki

College Bound

Pictured are girls from SF Y2K
and Tigers. The girls played against
each other throughout high school
and next year they'll be playing
College ball (pictured wearing
their school T-shirts).

(L-R): Madison Quan (Pomona-Pitzer),
Chyanne Pagkalinawan (Redlands),
Mackenzy Iwahashi (Cal Lutheran)

Not pictured: Kayla Chong





Sado Kado Shodo 2018 At Nikkei Senior Gardens

By Patti Kimura

Nikkei Senior Gardens was once again privileged to host JACCC's Sado Kado Shodo 2018. Sado Kado Shodo is a cultural arts program made possible by the JACCC together with the Department of Cultural Affairs, City of Los Angeles. This program is a series of lectures and demonstrations of Japanese cultural arts that include Japanese tea ceremony, flower arranging and calligraphy. Ikebana demonstrations were presented by Mr. Kitajima of Sogetsu School, MMe. Shinbashi of Ikenobo School and Ms. Palter of Ohara School. Japanese calligraphy demonstrations were presented by Mr. Kosaka, JACCC Master Artist in Residence and Mr. Yoshida, guest artist.

Another style of calligraphy was presented by Mme. Ikuta of Beikoku Shodo Kenkyu Kai. Tea ceremony was presented by Ms. Palter of Urasenke School. Nikkei residents enjoyed the many different artistic styles of the different instructors and experienced the beauty of Japan's cultural arts.



Mme. Shinbashi - Ikebana



Ms. Palter - tea ceremony



Mr. Yoshida - calligraphy



SFV Judo Club

Judoka learn from the best during the recent training workshops with two Olympians at SFV Judo Club. Thank you to Marti Malloy from San Jose who was a bronze medalist in London @57K. Travis Stevens from Boston was a silver medalist in Rio.





The Pioneer Generation

By Old Wakaba, Bud Sagara

In his best seller, "The Greatest Generation," former NBC news anchor Tom Brokaw gives accounts of the lives of men and women who grew up during the Great Depression and World War II, and then built the America that we know today. We all know this generation. We called them Dad, Mom, Uncle, Auntie, Grandpa or Grandma. At a time in their lives when they should have been young and carefree, this generation and their families were struggling through the worst economic period in American history, the Great Depression. In 1942, they were rounded up and put into internment camps solely because of their Japanese ancestry. In spite of this, they volunteered for the United States Armed Forces and distinguished themselves bravely in the bloody fighting in Italy, France and Germany because they still believed in the ideals that defines America. They fought for our country in spite of the injustice of their circumstances because it was the right thing to do and they fought for the hope of a better future for their children. Again, in 1950, the young men served bravely in the Korean War and distinguished themselves with honor as the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and MIS did in WWII.

Upon returning from military service, they started with nothing but determination to build lives for themselves and their families. This generation gave the world new inventions, new business processes, art, literature, and economic power that were unseen in the history of mankind. Very few aspired to greatness; instead they desired quieter lives after all they had been through. They toiled as gardeners, farmers, nurserymen, and factory workers to make a better life for their families than the one they had known. With this same quiet strength, Japanese American pioneers built the San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center with nothing more than dreams, sacrifice and hard work. After the Nisei pioneers met in family homes in the evenings to make their dreams of a CC come to life, the Community Center was established in 1951. They pooled their ideas and hard earned money to purchase the property on Branford Street in 1953. The pioneers met over the next few years in a house on the northeast corner of the property that served as the first permanent location of the SFVJACC.

Finally, construction of the original CC buildings began around 1960. The construction was a slow process in which CC members sometimes provided the manual labor to keep the construction costs down. The late Tom Ikuta, who was the CC President back in 1952, would sometimes sleep in his truck overnight at the construction site to prevent thieves from stealing construction materials. He would then put in a full day of work in his landscaping business and return the following night to the construction site after having dinner at home. His wife, Sara, and other wives of pioneer members had to surrender their husbands for many evenings and weekends in order for the CC to be built.



We recently lost one of the few remaining CC pioneers who sacrificed so much to build our CC. Harry Nakada was a humble man who spent a lifetime serving the CC while shunning the limelight. Harry and his wife Helen always included CC activities in the upbringing of their family, and now their children and grandchildren are faithfully serving the CC. He instilled in them *gaman*, duty, honor, and respect while showing kindness and gentleness to all. Harry made anyone talking to him feel that he was genuinely interested in what they were doing at the time. He would always welcome you with a warm smile and cheerful greeting, but underneath that grandfatherly exterior was a man of steel. The years aged that steel a little and it may have been bent in places, but it had been refined by fire in the crucible of life. In addition to serving twice as President of the CC, he and Harold Muraoka spearheaded the effort to develop and construct Nikkei Senior Gardens. In accomplishing this complex project, Harry did not have professional

experience in finance, fundraising, real estate loans, zoning, or construction. What he had was the will to put the needs of others ahead of him, and to do whatever it took to complete a project for the benefit of all seniors for years to come.

There are countless stories of pioneers who made the CC what it is today, from big projects to small things like clearing weeds and preparing lunches for workers. We should all be grateful for what they have done through the years. When asked about their accomplishments, one found that the men and women of the pioneer generation were very humble like Harry. They didn't talk about themselves or accomplishments, but would rather talk about their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. These modest men and women of steel forged the world that we live in today. Sure, they had little use for the technologies of today and had to ask their grandkids to program their cell phones, but their legacy is unmatched. They gave the next generation solid values, worked for the greater good, instilled a sense of community, and had a reverence for God.

Harry was not a man of great material wealth, yet he was a very rich man. He loved and encouraged his family and they adored him in return. One continues to see all that Harry stood for in each of his children: Gary, Patti, Lois, Will, and Doug as they serve the community as he did. He lived his life in the grace he had been given, the unsearchable riches of Jesus Christ, and now he is with Jesus in glory with his beloved Helen. It wasn't any of his accomplishments that Harry wanted people to remember, it was his God. May the same be said of all of us when we leave this earth; that we put our faith and trust in Jesus for all things. Psalm 9:10 reads, "And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you." May we always keep our hearts focused on Jesus and be of service to all who call upon His name. That's what Harry did and he did it well.



From the Los Angeles Times, May 3, 1959

2018 San Fernando OBON Wrap-Up

by Carolyn Sanwo 2018-2019 Obon Chair

San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple's Obon Festival took place on June 23 & 24 at the SFVJACC. It was a full two days of meeting old and new friends, playing games, enjoying a variety of good food, taking in the cultural displays of bonsai, calligraphy, doll-making and taiko performances and, of course, the exhilarating obon dancing. We even had perfect weather! For the second year in a row, Community Center clubs kicked off the festivities both Saturday and Sunday with brief demonstrations or performances. This year, the featured CC clubs included Judo, Country Western, Ukulele & Hula, Tai Chi, Tuesday Exercise Class, Yoga, Zumba, Ping Pong, Line Dancing, the SFVJACC Ondo Dancers, and SFV Taiko. The audience enjoyed the demonstrations and learned about the active lifestyle CC members of all ages can enjoy.

This year's festival saw a lot of "firsts" including a new BASKETBALL GAME for kids of all ages; a delicious SALMON dish; a Beer AND WINE Garden; a SILENT AUCTION; and a display of local non-profit organizations such as the Tuna Canyon Detention Station, Nikkei Senior Gardens, Keiro, JACCC / Sustainable Little Tokyo, Egao and the Martial Arts History Museum. In addition, guests were able to peruse a display entitled Buddhism in WWII Camps curated by Eiko Masuyama of Nishi Hongwanji, a SFVHBT display to learn about our history (in 2021, our sangha will celebrate 100 years in the SFV!), and read a bit about what Buddhism is including, "What is Obon?"

SFVHBT would like to most gratefully acknowledge the support of SFVJACC and the following organizations/clubs for their participation — SFVJACC Athletics, SFV Judo Club, SFV JACL, SFVJLI, Nikkei Senior Gardens, SFV Bonsai Club, Sunrise Foursquare Church, Valley Japanese Community Center, Arts & Crafts, Japanese Calligraphy Class, Japanese Doll-Making Club, CSUN's Pi Theta Kappa and CSULB's Zeta Epsilon Tau. Thank you all very much. It was a real community effort and a genuine pleasure to work with everyone! Let's do it again in 2019! *Onegaishimasu*

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SFVJACC Steak Dinner Nite

September 15, 2018
5:00 PM

Dr. Sanbo Sakaguchi Hall
\$20/Adult \$10/Child

Ribeye Steak, Rice, Salad, Corn on the
Cobb and Ice Cream Sodas

Plus Bingo!

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

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Steak Dinner Reservation Form

Deadline is Saturday, September 1, 2018

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Number of steak dinners @ \$20 per person _____ X \$20 = _____

Number of steak dinners @ \$10 per child _____ X \$10 = _____

(Children 5-10 years) Total amount _____

Mail this form and your check made payable to SFVJACC to: SFVJACC - Steak Dinner
12953 Branford Street
Pacoima, CA 91331

COORDINATING COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONS - MEETINGS - CONTACT PERSONS

Coordinating Council	1st Wed., 7:00 PM	Nancy Oda	818 786-0914
Community Center	3rd Wed., 7:00 PM	Call CC Office	818 899-1989
Athletics	3rd Tues., 7:30 PM	Margaret Takimoto	818 701-7628
CC News	Lois Okui	818 892-1487	Email: loisokui@aol.com
Chatsworth West United Methodist Church			
.....	2nd Sun., 1:00 PM	Pastor Ruy Mizuki	818 341-1270
Crossway Church	2nd Sun., 12:30 PM	Jennifer Trax	818 896-1676
Nikkei Senior Gardens	2nd Thurs. (even months), 7 PM	Tadao Okui	818 515-8247
SFV Bonsai Club	4th Sun., 8 AM-12 PM	Kazuhiko Nakanishi	805 492-3439
SFV Hongwanji Buddhist Temple			
.....	2nd Mon., 7:30 PM	Jean Taguchi	818 899-4030
SFV JACL	2nd Wed., 7:00 PM	Nancy Gohata	818 371-8013
SFV Japanese Language Institute			
.....	2nd Sat., 8:30 AM	Kiyo Watanabe	818 896-8612
SFV Judo Club	4th Wed., 7:03 PM	Kenji Couey	818 381-7232
SFV Meiji Senior Citizens Club			
.....	1st Fri., 12:30 PM	Liz Doomey	818 892-7381
Senior Hot Meals	Tues. & Fri. (no meal on 5th Tues. & 5th Fri.)		818 899-1989
Sunrise Foursquare Church		Reverend Paul Iwata	818 782-8738
Valley Japanese Community Center			
.....	2nd Fri., 7:30 PM	Christine Inouye	818 825-9583

**Want to reserve
the Community
Center for an
event?**

Call Tadao Okui at
818-892-1487 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	George Seko	818 998-0682
Bridge*	Monday	12:00-3:00 PM	Sam Toji	661 255-2824
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
Japanese Classical Dance	Friday	3:00-5:30 PM	Dianne Fukuwa	310 217-0443
Karaoke*	1st/3rd Thursday	10:00 AM-12:00 PM	Janet Yamamoto	818 365-8361
Kokusei Shigin Class	Tuesday (J-School)	10:00-11:30 AM	Shigeru Kamimura	818 992-4673
Line Dancing*	Thursday	8:45-10:00 AM	Call CC Office	818 899-1989
Mandolin	Friday	9:30-11:00 AM	Call CC Office	818 899-1989
Nikkei Bowling League	Friday (Canoga Bowl)	9:00-11:00 PM	Stan Date	818 701-6607
Tuesday Mah-Jong*	Tuesday	1:00-3:00 PM	Yone Takimoto	818 765-6735
Friday Mah-Jong*	Friday	1:00-3:00 PM	Yone Takimoto	818 765-6735
Ondo Dancing*	2nd/4th Friday	7:00-9:00 PM	Masako Rodriguez	818 899-8777
Ping Pong Club	Thursday/Tuesday	10:00 AM-3:00 PM	Aaron Sanwo	661 755-0584
Qi Gong	Thursday (J-School)	7:00-8:30 PM	Mamie Kosaka	661.645.4515
Shigin Class (Kokusei)	Thursday (J-School)	10:00-11:30 PM	Shigeru Kamimura	818 992-4673
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	
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
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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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Resident Minister: Rev. Patricia Usuki
Temple Co-Presidents:
Priscilla Mui and Jean Taguchi

Sunday, 11:00 am Dharma School

August

- 4 9:30 am Dharma discussion
- 5 10:00 am Summer service
- 11 10:30 am BWA Summer Somen Social
- 12 10:00 am Summer service
- 16 10:30 am Service at Nikkei Senior Gardens
- 18 9:30 am Dharma discussion
- 19 10:00 am Summer service
- 26 10:00 am Summer service

September

- 9 10:00 am Shotsuki monthly memorial;
Dharma School starts
- 15 9:30 am Dharma discussion
- 16 10:00 am Regular service
- 20 10:30 am Service at Nikkei Senior Gardens
- 23 10:00 am Fall Equinox Higan service
12:30 pm Fall Equinox Higan seminar
- everyone welcome
- 30 10:00 am Temple clean-up



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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

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**

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818 341-1270

E-mail: chatsworthumc@juno.com
FAX: 818 341 1271

Pastor: Ruy Mizuki
Lay Leader: Jim Melichar

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

Bible Study Thurs @ 10 AM & 7 PM

Shotokan Karate of America

Fri. @ 6:30 PM Rm.1
Instructor: April Warynick
www.ska.org
1 213 437 0988

Electrobattles Dance for children

Sat. @ 11 AM Rm.1
Instructor: Sharon James

Chi Fung Mind & Body Fitness

Tuesday @ 10 AM Fellowship Hall
Instructor: Leo Fong

Fellowship @ High Noon Lunch & Activity - Wednesdays

For info call Lowell (818) 694-1046



SUNRISE FOURSQUARE CHURCH

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

Pastors:
Rev. Paul Iwata
Rev. James Iwata

Meetings and Addresses:
Sunday Morning Service – 10:30 a.m.
(Prayer for Healing – 5th Sundays)

Sunday Evening Service – 6 p.m.
Thursday Night Bible Study – 6 p.m.
In the Prayer Chapel at
14705 Wyandotte St.
Van Nuys, CA 91405

Worship Praise and Service Preparation
every Saturday at 3 p.m.

Monthly Events:

2nd Sunday – Board Meeting
After the service at church

Prayer on the last Friday of the month from
8 p.m. in the Prayer Chapel

Counseling is available for individuals,
couples, and families. Please call.

Phone: 818-782-8738
818-642-2332

Email: pmiwata@gmail.com
www.sunrisejapanesechurch.org
Newsletters in English and Japanese are
posted on our website.

Seminary Classes taught by Pastor Paul in
Biblical Studies and Greek/Hebrew.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CC

August 25, 2018
Elder Law Seminar

October 6, 2018
CC Clean Up

September 15, 2018
CC Steak Dinner

November 3, 2018
Super Bingo Fundraiser

September 22, 2018
Alzheimer's Seminar
(Flyer on back page)

December 1, 2018
CC Annual Membership Meeting

Rising Stars™
Youth Leadership Program
Building Tomorrow's Leaders Today



Rising Stars Youth Leadership Program is a five-month leadership development and cultural education program for high school students. The Program is designed to develop leadership skills and inspire high school students' involvement in the Japanese American community.

Participants will learn:

- Team Dynamics — Understanding who we are and how to work in groups with those different from us.
- Speak to Persuade — How to do powerful and persuasive public speaking.
- Cultural Values — How Japanese values influence us and how we lead.
- Assertiveness/Ethics — How to be assertive, not passive or aggressive, and how to be ethical, in various real-life situations.
- Networking — How to introduce ourselves to new people, talk with them, and develop a network.
- Financial Fitness — How to do a budget, write checks, do online banking, use debit & credit cards and ATM machines, and manage our finances.

Program Fee: \$250, payable upon acceptance to the program. (Actual cost of the Program is in excess of \$1,000 per student, but is underwritten by donations and sponsorships.)

Location

Japanese American Cultural and Community Center
Little Tokyo, Downtown Los Angeles

Date

October 13, 2018 - April 13, 2019 ♦ Saturdays 8:30AM - 4PM

Applications for the 2018-2019 Rising Stars Youth Leadership Program are available on their website:

www.risingstarsylp.org



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By September 7, 2018