

San Fernando Valley Japanese American Citizens League Newsletter April/May 2018

ONLY THE OAKS REMAIN

In 1941, seventy-seven years ago, the FBI knocked on doors to arrest men on the West Coast thought to be dangerous. Over 2000 were taken from their families and moved in a few days to Fort Missoula, Montana, Santa Fe, New Mexico, and/or Crystal City, Texas and to the Tuna Canyon Detention Station right here in the Valley. Since 2013, the Tuna Canyon Detention Station Coalition has been preserving the stories of the Japanese, German, and Italian immigrants, and Japanese taken from Peru, and others by interviewing descendants and telling their stories through its traveling exhibit. Along with publishing a book, the Tuna Canyon Detention Station Coalition will present a play to tell this story. This rare historic story took place just a few miles away off the 210 freeway where the Verdugo Hills Golf Course used to be.

Soji Kashiwagi has written a play, "Only the Oaks Remain" to tell their story.

See flyer on page 11.



KIZUNA SUMMER CAMP

Join Kizuna Summer Camp, a local summer camp for kids ages 7-13 (entering 2nd grade to entering 8th grade), centered on building a foundation of Japanese American culture and heritage. This will be the fourth year hosting the program in the San Fernando Valley area.

Camp this summer is from June 18-23, 2018, from 9 am-5 pm at the San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center. Pricing begins at \$245 per child. Early bird registration ends on April 30th. For more information go to **support@gokizuna.org.**

UPCOMING EVENTS



COME JOIN US IN THE FUN AND ACTIVITIES

April 7 & April 14Telling Our Stories

April 15

Only the Oaks Remain Grateful Crane Ensemble

April 17 Third Tuesday Movie Outing

April 28Manzanar Pilgrimage

May 5, May 12 & May 19 Telling Our Stories

May 15 Third Tuesday Movie Outing

June 3 Community Informational Meeting - Koreisha/Keiro

June 18-22 Kizuna Summer Camp

Questions or Comments?

Please email kyoshino@verizon.net or send comments to: Nancy Gohata 14229 Carl Street Arleta, CA 91331

PRESIDENT'S MESSSAGE



Being this is my first President's message I had to think about what profound statement I should be making. After thinking about it I decided not to make a statement at this time and just introduce myself. Some know me but many only know me by name.

I'm a real Valley girl. Born in San Fernando and delivered by **Dr. Sanbo Sakaguchi**, my Nisei parents **Toshio and Sumiko (Iwaoka) Takayama** met and married in Manzanar. I have two older sisters, **Joanne and Patty** and a younger brother, **Duane**. We all went to Hadden Avenue Elementary, Pacoima Junior High and San Fernando High School. I worked a summer at Dr. Sanbo's medical office in the lab with **Lillian Thibodeaux**.

In 1971, I left the Valley for San Francisco and moved in with sister, Patty. Living in the Bay Area I discovered myself and became somewhat independent. After ten years, Patty moved to Japan and I went to Honolulu. I lived on Oahu for sixteen years. There I learned about community, *ohana*, disability awareness and equality.

I returned to the San Fernando Valley in November 1998 to spend as much time as I could with my dad. My mom past away in the late 80's, so it was important to me to learn what I could about him and his life. Unfortunately, Dad passed away several months later.

Losing my parents and the few aunts and uncles I had made me think about the family history I did not know. Through my parent's friends I heard stories I never knew. It was during this period, while collecting snippets of family and San Fernando Valley Japanese American history, I was contacted by CSUN professor **Edith Chenn** and began work on an oral history project. The idea was to collect stories about Japanese American farmers in the San Fernando Valley prior to the outbreak of WWII. Some of you may recall the photo exhibit that was displayed at the Community Center and the San Fernando Museum. Or you may have seen the film clip years ago by David Ono on KABC news.

Later, I served as the President of the SFV JACL for five years, preceding **Brian Moriguchi.** Since then, I worked at the Pacific Southwest District JACL office and also served on the PSW board. You may have seen my name in connection with the Grateful Crane Theater Ensemble, on whose board I sit and am involved with the Tuna

Canyon Detention "Onlythe Oaks Remain," project.

You may have also seen me at the Community Center teaching technology classes on how to use your smart phone or laptop computer. Now that you know me, just a reminder, our SFV JACL board meets the second Wednesday of the month. I invite you all to join in, bring a friend and meet our members. Welcome!

Nancy Takayama



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THE 49th ANNUAL MANZANAR PILGRIMAGE SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2017



The 49th Annual Manzanar Pilgrimage, sponsored by the Manzanar Committee is scheduled for Saturday, April 28, 2018. This year's gathering will pay homage to the 30th Anniversary of the signing of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988.

The SFVJACL Chapter will not be sponsoring a bus this year, but the Manzanar Committee will reserve 10 seats for Valley residents. The Manzanar Committee bus will arrive at the SFVJA Community Center, 12953 Branford Street, Pacoima, CA 91331 at 7:00 am and depart promptly at 7:30 am.

Bus fare is \$40, \$25 for students, and complimentary fare for former internees. A \$12 Chicken or Vegetarian Bento can be ordered. For reservations and more information, please contact Nancy Gohata at nancygohata@gmail.com or at (818) 371-8013.

VENTURA JACL INSTALLATION

February 11, 2018

Ventura County JACL's installation on February 11, 2018 is a testament to their strength of character and nerves of steel. Four days before their annual luncheon, the first restaurant went bankrupt but the Chapter managed to secure the Palm Garden Hotel right off the 101 on Ventu Park Road in Thousand Oaks. All the guests enjoyed the BBQ lunch menu selected by newly installed President **Elizabeth Hirayasu**.

After lunch, past president **Ann Chilcott** spoke about how she felt about the Oxnard Cemetery project. She thanked everyone for their support during her tenure for the past ten years.

President Elizabeth introduced guest speaker, **Ann Kaneko**, Professor at Pitzer College and filmmaker, who shared her video about water in the Owens Valley and its impact on the environment. The historical context was Manzanar that is located in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The Arai Pond was an example of the use of water in camp. The native Americans nearby have solutions like using gravity to move water. They also observed vegetation like bushes and grass that grow depending on the water or lack of water table. DWP was part of the water struggle.

Harry Kajihara, Ventura JACL President, PSW redress chair, and JACL fundraising lobbying arm, Legislative Education Committee and much more was recognized by **Ken Inouye**. Harry's wife, and three daughters were all in attendance during the honors. Ken Inouye talked about leadership that is modeled by Governor Maritza Kitazawa. Governor Carol Kawamoto, and President Elizabeth.

Finally, the 2018 Ventura County JACL board was duly installed.

Happy SFVJACLers brought home bags of fresh fruit and vegetables and door prizes prepared by Edwin and Marcia Miyasaki. SFVJACLers attending the installation were seated: L-R Nancy Gohata, Barbara Okita, Linda Tanaka, Yas Gohata (Standing) Nancy Oda, Dennis Okita, Nancy Takayama, Kiyo Fukumoto. It was a wonderful event marking Ventura County's many accomplishments, honorable members, and success in preserving an important monument. Article submitted by Nancy Oda



DAY OF REMEMBERANCE 2018

The theme for this year was, "The Victory ... and the Unfinished Business." Many past and current activists were joined by many concerned attendees to reflect on Executive Order 9066 and to remember the struggle to achieve the passing of Civil Liberties Act of 1988. This Act provided \$20,000 payment and an official apology to those impacted by EO 9066.

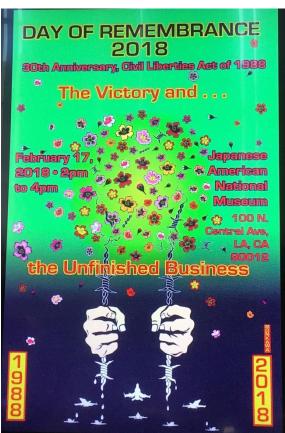
The participants were joined by many San Fernando Valley JACL Board members who listened to speeches and stories by many speakers who reflected on how EO 9066 and the Act of 1988 affected them and their families. It was gratifying to be among JA's and others who cared deeply about this country and its institutions.

The keynote speaker was **Alan Nishio**, member of the National Coalition for Redress and Reparation (NCRR). He stated he was proud of his participation, as a UC Berkeley student, in the Free Speech Movement, activities for civil rights and social justice, and the opposition to the war in Vietnam. He continued his involvement in the effort to get redress and reparation for all those placed in concentration camps. The NCRR and others continued the struggle even with little hope of achieving their goals. He said their goals were achieved by the power of the grassroots movement and the ability of individuals working together to create social change.

There is still, "Unfinished Business," and as we all ponder our current political, social, and national situation in this country, we cannot help but realize there is still a need to take care of business. As Mr. Nishio stated, "Silence is consent."

We hope you will join us for the next DOR.

Article submitted by Kiyo Fukumoto



DONATIONS

We received a very generous Koden Gaishi from our Board member **Linda Tanaka** and her sisters **Jean Tsukashima** and **Carol Kobayashi** in loving memory of their late mother **Tsuruyo Itai**. She had just celebrated her 102nd birthday! The three lovely daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren will all miss her dearly. Our warm sympathy and regards to all the family members. Our deepest appreciation goes to the family for the donation to our Chapter. Thank you.

Dr Bo and Iku Sakaguchi, our perennial donor, has generously donated to keep our Chapter viable. His financial support will enable us to present meaningful programs, such as, our upcoming "Only the Oaks Remain" with the Grateful Crane Ensemble. It is a musical story of our grandfathers who were held in *Tuna Canyon Detention Station* in Tujunga, CA in December 1941. For more information, see flyer and article in this newsletter.

TELLING OUR STORIES

The spring session of Telling Our Stories will begin Saturday, April 7th, 2018 at 2-4pm at the SFV JACC, Pioneer Center conference room. Academy Award winning writer, Tim Toyama will be back to lead the group in framing our stories. The spring class will meet for five sessions: April 7, 14th, May 5th, 12th and 19th, at a cost of \$5 per session or \$25.

Come join the group. Make some new friends and share your life experiences. Jot down a few memoir notes and have a good time. Do you remember the first time you saw snow? Had a snowball fight? Do you recall the first time you ate an artichoke? Rode a roller coaster or drove a car? How many firsts did you have as a child? What about your first kiss? Or got caught with your hand in the cookie jar, so to speak? We've all had more than our share of "OMG" moments. Here is a chance to share them and explain how you reacted afterward. It is never too late to jot those funny moments and share them with new friends and invite old friends to reminisce. It is fun and exciting. You many be surprised about the things your classmates share. After all these years, you may still learn something new about your neighbors.

We need a minimum of six persons to sign up for the class. Please let me know if your are interested, Contact: Patty Takayama at: pe.high.mtn@juno.com or leave a message with your name and phone number at: 818-899-7916.

SFVJACL member, **David Osako**, shared his thoughts about articles written in the November and December 2017 Pacific Citizen by **Marsha Aizumi**. Marsha is the author of the book – *Two Spirits, One Heart: A Mother, Her Transgender Son, and Their Journey to Love and Acceptance*. David wrote: "I wanted to say how very touched I was by Marsha Aizumi's heartfelt articles. It counsels us to try to be as sensitive and self-aware as Marsha in her loving attitude and behavior with her son. She makes me proud to be JA and human, and inspires me to be better." He went on to say how he appreciated her writings and her willingness to share her experiences with us.

Marsha is a member of our Chapter and has made many speaking appearances sharing the journey she has taken with Aiden and her family.



COMMUNITY CORNER

Congratulations to **Paul S. Chan**. The Century City Bar Association has named Paul S. Chan as Trial Lawyer of the Year. Paul, along with his wife, **Kim Gohata** are members of our Chapter. Paul, who is a partner at Bird, Marella, Century City, has been a supporter of the annual Pacific Citizen Holiday Ads Fundraiser



Congratulations to Granada Hills Charter High School Senior, **Davis Yoshino**, grandson of **Yas** and **Nancy Gohata**, who was accepted to UCLA for the 2018 fall semester. Congratulations also to parents, **Gary Yoshino** and **Karen Yoshino**. Karen is the Chapter Newsletter Editor.

MEMBERSHIP IS IMPORANT TO OUR ORGANIZATION

I would like to report the following changes from the reports of the National Membership office up to February 23, 2018:



We would like to welcome **May Wood**, who joined our chapter in January!

We extend our special congratulations and gratitude to **Amy Niwa** who changed her membership category from Couple/Family to a Thousand Club membership! Thank you!

Thank you to the following members who renewed their memberships in the past two months:

June Aochi-Berk, Jean-Paul deGuzman, Kiyo Fukumoto, Linda Itaya, Roger Itaya, Darren Kameya, Naomi Suenaka, Roger Tamaki, Tracie Yamashita-Dye, Ted Iida, Reilly Yamauchi, and Kathie Yonemura.

I recommend that JACL members who are online take a look at BigThink.com. It was started by people who wanted to have a youtube channel for <u>ideas!</u> Here's a link that leads to the Japanese concept of Ikegai:

http://bigthink.com/philip-perry/searching-for-meaning-in-your-life-this-japanese-concept-can-help-you-find-it

There are many more interesting articles on the website, and you can sign up for weekly updates. If you are not online, you might want to have a family member explore this website with you. I do send out links to other interesting articles via emails titled "SFV JACL Misc Items".

Article submitted by Harold Kameya

NUCLEAR CATTLE

Tsuruku Lauritzen helped organized an event held at the Art Share Theatre in the Arts District in Los Angeles on Saturday, March 10th to help educate our community about issues related to the Fukushima disaster. Our Chapter co-sponsored this event with the Fukushima Support Committee. The film, *Nuclear Cattle* was screened at this event. The film dealt with cattle farmers who were asked to destroy their cattle after the Fukushima Nuclear Plant disaster. Although the cattle had no value, some farmers chose to keep their cattle as a symbol of resistance. The film examines the turmoil and inner conflict faced by these farmers. Their plea for assistance from the Japanese government came to an unsuccessful close four years ago.

After the screening a panel discussion followed addressing the issue of a Nuclear-Free Future. The Panel included: **Harvey Wasserman** who is an advocate for solar energy. His website is Solartopia.org. **Beverly Findlay-Kaneko** – Families for Safe Energy.

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the Fukushima Support Committee – https://www.facebook.com/groups/334755083611990/

Editors note: some of the information above came from the March 17, 2018 Senior Moments article by **Phil Shigekuni** titled FUKUSHIMA: WHERE ARE WE AFTER 7 YEARS?

TAMALE MAKING WITH ROY IMAZU

The rain didn't stop us! About twelve SFV-JACLers and family were treated to a special tamale-making led by **Roy Imazu**, and organized by **Nancy Gohata**. Roy is a 1949 Belmont High School grad, and learned how to make his favorite tamales and shared his special pork and cheese tamale recipe with us at the SFVJACC kitchen.

In addition to making tamales, we also learned some secrets of some SFVJACLers. Did you know that Nancy Gohata cooked the same recipe for dinner seven nights straight after they were married, making her husband **Yas** to ask, "Is that all you know how to make?" She said, "If you have any complaints, then you can cook..."So Yas says he now cooks "in self-defense". We say "smart lady!" Also... **Marion Shigekuni** said "After today, I think I'll just go buy my tamales; it's easier!"

The **Yamashiro** sisters – **Kei**, drove in from Santa Ynez, in the rain; **Lee**, from Glendale and **Jill**

(**JoJo**) from Van Nuys can now make tamales for the family. They had better learn because their mother June cannot cook or bake - - or make tamales. The girls also learned what a "shamoji" was - a "sha-mo' whooji "?

Roy also made home-made takuan and kimchee, and we enjoyed home-made caramel popcorn made special by **Mitsu Asaoka**, while making the tamales. So in addition to learning how to make tamales, we had a fun afternoon getting together. Anyone for takuan and kimchee with their tamales?

Article submitted by June Aochi-Berk

Instructor Roy Imazu with Linda Tanaka



Front: Yas Gohata and Doreen Kawamoto Standing L-R June Berk, Mitsu Asaoka, Kei Yamashiro, Marion Shigekuni, Jill Yamashiro, Nancy Gohata, Linda Tanaka, Mitzi & Al Kushida, Lee Yamashiro, and Roy Imazu.



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FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP DESK!!

Do you have any undergrads or graduating high school seniors in your family? Are they interested in issues of social justice and civil rights? If so, please email the scholarship chair at deguzman.ucla@gmail.com for more information about our **Dr. Sanbo and Mrs. Kay Sakaguchi Scholarship program**.



You can also find more information at http://bit.ly/2roOOEe. Scholarship applications will be due in mid-May (further details will be added to the website in the next few months).

Thank you! JP deGuzman

KOREISHA SENIOR CARE AND ADVOCACY

At our monthly board meeting on Wednesday, March 14th, our guest speaker was **David Monkawa**, an advocate for the Koreisha Senior Care and Advocacy, a non-profit organization.

KSCA's mission statement is "to ensure the welfare of seniors by advocating for the continuance of Japanese culturally sensitive healthcare and retirement facilities."

David gave us an informed snapshot of how Koreisha is trying to appeal to the Keiro board to use its assets to rebuild affordable long-term care facilities for Nikkei elders and seniors. On February 19, 2015, then California Attorney General **Kamala Harris** stated "Any and all funds received from the sale of assets pursuant to the Asset Purchase and Sale Agreement, shall be held, used, and distributed solely and exclusively for healthcare and residential care services to Japanese American older adults. Through protests, demonstrations and petitions, Koreisha continues to fight for better care for our seniors. An informational program on this issue is being planned by the SFV JACL for the JA community for



Phil Shigekuni and Koreisha Spokesperson, David Monkawa

Sunday, June 3, 2018 at 2:00 PM.

For more information contact: Kiyo Fukumoto at kiyofukumoto@yahoo.com.

Article submitted by Marcia Mahony

THE SHORT STORY AWARDS RECEPTION

The winners of the *2018 Imagine Little Tokyo* short story writing contest will be announced at the Awards Reception on Thursday, April 19th, 2018 from 6pm-8pm at the Union Church in Little Tokyo.

The winning stories will be announced followed by a dramatic reading of the Japanese, English language and Youth category stories.

Everyone is welcome to join the light reception and announcement celebration of our contest winners, and enjoy the short fiction story presentation.

Article submitted by Patricia Takayama

YAMATO WORLD TOUR 2017-2018, CHOUSENSHA-THE CHALLENGERS

The forecast called for cool temperatures, cloudy skies with a chance of showers so it should've come as no surprise when on Sunday, March 11th we heard the sound of thunder. What was surprising was that at the time of hearing the loud booms and rattling sensations one usually equates with the weather phenomenon, we happen to be sitting comfortably in the beautiful venue that is the Center for the Performing Arts on the campus of California State University, Northridge. With special appreciation to Associate Professor in Asian American Studies at CSUN, **Tomo Hattori**, who graciously and generously secured the great tickets for our group which included: **Margarete Allen**, **June Aochi-Berk**, **Kiyo Fukumoto**, **Conner and Haley Fukumoto**, **Yuki Fukumoto**, **Nancy and Yas Gohata**, **George Iwamoto**, **Macia Mahony**, **Isabelle Miyata**, **Yosak Murakami**, **Dorothy Shiba**, **Tere Smith**, **Jean Taguchi**, **Linda Tanaka**, and **Jean and Ron Tsukashima**, we were treated to an entertaining extravaganza of showmanship and musicality by the taiko group Yamato from Asuka Japan.

Strobe lights lit up the stage while a fog machine created a mysterious and eerie mood. A chord was struck, the dye was cast. Musicians clad in costumes that appeared tribal, hip, and ethnic all at the same time beat out rhythms on all manner and size of taiko drum that were tribal, hip, ethnic, mysterious, and eerie as well. Fue, shamisen, and chappa were added to the mix to create energetic, lively, and melodious musical pieces. We clapped, we laughed, we stomped our feet, we cheered, and we gave a few standing ovations all in response and reaction to the performers and their feats of musical performance. We all had a workout, although not as strenuous as the musicians', and I think it is fair to say that a good time was had by one and all. Following the performance we snapped a photo with one of the performers. He gave us one of his patented exuberant facial expressions which made for a great photo opportunity.

After the performance, twelve members of our group gathered for a tasty meal organized by Nancy Gohata at Hot Wok where opinions about the performance were shared and included "They're quite entertaining," and "I like their style," along with a debate about the number of women in the group as well as smiles and good cheer. All in all the afternoon provided many opportunities for camaraderie, excitement, laughter, and fun which begs the question; Can we do it all again sometime soon?

Article submitted by Jean Taguchi



Standing (L-R): Dorothy Shiba, Jean Taguchi, Isabelle Miyata, Yas Gohata, Yamato Drummer, Marcia Mahony, Kiyo Fukumoto, Jean Tsukushima, Ron Tsukushima

Kneeling: Nancy Gohata & Linda Tanaka Children: Haley & Conner Fukumoto.

Missing the Photo Opt: Margarete Allen, Yuki Fukumoto, Yusak Murakami, & Tere Smith.

EATON COLLECTION VIEWING AT JANM

Board member, June Aochi Berk, also serves as a JANM Docent. On February 25, she led JACL Members Jeanne Shannon, David Osako, Marion and Phil Shigekuni, as well as guest Mel Roth, on a visit to view the Eaton Collection of camp art. You may recall, three years ago the collection was put up for auction by the estate of Allen Hendershott Eaton and was met with opposition from the community. The collection was subsequently donated to JANM. We were all impressed with the intricate display of artistic skill displayed, considering the lack of equipment and the scarcity of materials available. June shared that her mother tore up materials from unusable clothing, into strips, wove them and braided them, and pasted them on cardboard paper from left over rice paste, making these lovely zori slippers to give away as gifts. Our thanks to June for a pleasant afternoon.



Front row: (L-R) Jeanne Shannon, June Aochi-Berk, Marion Shigekuni Back row: Mel Roth, David Osaka, Phil Shigekuni

Article submitted by Phil Shigekuni

IN MEMORIUM

Sympathies were extended to JACL member **Emi Shimoyama** Hino with the passing of her husband, **Franklin (Frank) Yusuke Hino** on January 20, 2018 at the age of 83. Born in Honolulu, Frank served as a Marine, worked as a technical writer for aerospace, and enjoyed fishing and baseball. He leaves three sons, a stepson and stepdaughter, and seven grandchildren. A Celebration of Life was held in Gardena where many of his friends related warm and heartfelt recollections of their very humble and unforgettable friend.

Condolences goes to Board member, **Linda Tanaka**, whose mother, **Yuki Itai**, passed away on January 31, 2018. She was 102 years old. Born in Honolulu, Hawaii, Mrs. Itai lived in the Los Angeles area for 59 years. She spent 25 years at Nikkei Village in the San Fernando Valley. She often said those were her happiest times, being with good friends. She also enjoyed being part of the Meiji Senior Club – participating in many of their activities. The last two years, Mrs. Itai was a resident at Kei-Ai (formerly Keiro). She leaves behind her three daughters, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

We were sadden to hear of the passing of **Ted Iida** on March 15, 2018. Ted and Chieko Iida have been long time members of the SFVJACL Chapter. The Iidas have been supporters of our annual Pacific Citizen Holiday Ads Fundraiser from the very beginning of the campaign. Ted was an active member of the Japanese American Community, serving as SFVJACC President in 1979 and president of the SFVH Buddhist Temple in 1980-1990. Funeral service is scheduled for Thursday, April 5th at 1:00 pm at the SFVH Buddhist Temple.



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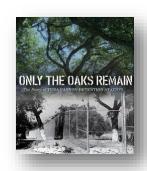
"Only the Oaks Remain"

Written by Soji Kashiwagi

Sunday, April 15, 2018 – 2 P.M.

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Thousand Club - \$200

A membership category where members make a larger annual contribution to their chapter and national programs of the organization

Century Club - \$350

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Thousand Club Spouse or Century Club Spouse - \$32

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