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The Obon Festival is just around the corner. We're looking for volunteers to help behind the counter at the popular Dough Ball game booth. You'll be right in the middle of all the fun and able to enjoy the festivities with family and friends.

Please join us at the SFV Hongwanji Buddhist Temple's Obon Festival on Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at the SFVJACC, 12953 Branford St., Pacoima 91331.

The Dough Ball Booth shifts are:

Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>: 5:00-7:30pm and 7:30-10:00pm

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Shorter shift adjustments have been made if our membership can help recruit more volunteers to work in the booth.

Volunteers have always enjoyed working in this booth!!!!

To volunteer, please contact Marcia Mahony at [msmahony2@gmail.com](mailto:msmahony2@gmail.com) or (818)-669-0409.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**



### **COME JOIN US IN THE FUN AND ACTIVITIES**

**June/July**  
No Third Tuesday Movie  
Night

**June 12**  
Board Meeting

**June 15**  
Maritime Museum Tour

**June 29-30**  
SFVHBT Obon Festival

**July 10**  
Board Meeting

**August 14**  
Board Meeting

### **Questions or Comments?**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



In this President's message I wish to talk about something all the members of our community should share with each other. We as an organization want to protect our friends, family and community. Please share this.

Lately, I have been receiving some very different but still annoying robo/scam calls on my home and mobile phone. Most calls, if I don't recognize the number, I let it go to voice message, some I will answer to tell them to put me on their DO NOT CALL LIST.

The most recent and annoying calls I have been receiving is from a woman named *Elizabeth Miller*, who is calling about paying back a student loan. The thing about this call is; 1) It's been 40 years since I've been in college and, 2) I've never taken out a student loan. This Elizabeth person left me a call back phone number and a reference number. The Elizabeth's voice message sounded pretty authentic and real. Well, this morning she called again. Same voice, same message, same reference number except she was not Elizabeth Miller, she was Elizabeth Warren. I picked up the call because I was curious. I answered "hello". She kept talking. I said "hello" again. She still kept talking. Elizabeth was not a real person. She was a recording. These scammers are trying all different types of schemes and stories to get to your personal information.

**For your information and future reference**, the IRS, Social Security, MediCare, MediCal, Microsoft, Apple, iCloud, anything computer or government related, ***will never call you on your phone***. Do NOT give them any information regardless how much they may insist or threaten.

Right now, there isn't a way to stop or report these annoying calls. However, some telephone services do offer some call blocking features that you can access via your telephone service online account.

Your smartphone has a call blocking feature built into your phone. Once you receive an unwanted call, you can block the number.

Some wireless telephone services are offering free apps to block these type of calls. I found a video article at [USAToday.com](https://www.usatoday.com/videos/tech/columnist/2018/07/06/how-stop-those-annoying-robocalls-once-and-all/34090265/) that explains some mobile phone options and offers advice.

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## 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE MANZANAR PILGRIMAGE

Our Chapter's involvement with the Manzanar Pilgrimage began in 1976, our country's bicentennial year. Longtime community activist, the late **Paul Tsuneishi**, was instrumental in securing a bus sponsored by the City. Our first SFVJACL bus to Manzanar was filled to capacity with isseis, niseis, sanseis, and yonseis. For almost all of the participants, this was their first trip to Manzanar. In 1976, Manzanar was the stone structure at the camp's main entrance and the obelisk cemetery shrine, both built by internees, as well as piles of broken plates and cups and the remnants of the camp gymnasium. But the lasting memory of that first pilgrimage was the relentless winds. It swirled dust the entire time we were there. Many of the isseis did not leave the bus to participate in the program. That first pilgrimage experience led our Chapter to sponsor a bus to the Manzanar Pilgrimage every year from 1977 to 1997.

In 2004, the Chapter sponsored a bus for the 35<sup>th</sup> Manzanar Pilgrimage which highlighted the grand opening of the Manzanar Interpretive Center. In 2009, the Chapter sponsored a bus for the 40<sup>th</sup> Manzanar Pilgrimage, which was the last time Yas and I were in charge.

In 2017, our Chapter sponsored two buses to the Manzanar Pilgrimage led by **Patty Takayama** and **Tomo Hattori**. It marked the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of President Roosevelt's signing of Executive Order 9066. One bus carried passengers from the SFVJA community and the other bus carried students, faculty and staff largely from California State University, Northridge (CSUN) mixed with SFVJACL members and members from the CSUN Muslim Students Association.

This year with the help of President Nancy Takayama and Shawn Iwaoka, we were able to sponsor a bus for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Manzanar Pilgrimage. With fifty-four pilgrims, forty-three years later after our first Pilgrimage, our bus was quite diverse. It's always gratifying when our youth and the greater community are seeking to learn the history of all of its citizens.

As reported in the LA TIMES (Sunday, April 28, 2019) more than 2,000 people attended the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Manzanar Pilgrimage.

Keynote Speaker **Dale Minami** and remarks by **Warren Furutani**, **Bruce Embrey**, and all of the Manzanar Committee participants gave us hope to continue the struggle for social justice. More than ever, in today's political climate the Manzanar experience must never be forgotten.

Article submitted by Nancy Gohata



## **Joanne Nakano, May Wood and Julie Pritikin Share Their Impressions of the Manzanar Pilgrimage**

Going on the 50<sup>th</sup> Pilgrimage brought back memories of the 1<sup>st</sup> pilgrimage. I had recently returned to Los Angeles after serving two years as a Peace Corps volunteer in the Philippines. There was activism among young adults in Los Angeles. For example, Little Tokyo was going through redevelopment. Many of the transit hotels that housed Issei bachelors were been torn down. Pioneer Project was formed out of concern for the plight of displaced Isseis. Members going door-to-door collected things to sell at swap meets. The proceeds were used to aid Isseis. Around this time first Manzanar Pilgrimage took place. Members of the Pioneer Project joined that first Pilgrimage.

On a personal note, Manzanar is an important part of the Nakano family history. As the family was preparing for evacuation to Manzanar in April 1942, my husband Ken's mother went into labor. His father had to go to the police station to get an O.K. to break curfew. His mother was rushed to Santa Monica Hospital where Ken was born. Ken's father and sister had to proceed to Manzanar, but new born babies were not allowed to travel. Ken and his mother were sent to the County Hospital and subsequently to Santa Anita Assembly Center. There for over a month, Ken and his mother stayed. His mother didn't know if and when she'll see her family. She kept a diary of her thoughts. One poignant entry was written about her trip to Manzanar after she finally got her travel clearance. ".....stopped several places for fruit and groceries. As we rode along to Manzanar, everything in the way of freedom felt like a dream and nothing mattered but to see the family. Got to Lone Pine about 5:30 p.m. and we got out to shop for groceries and bought small gifts for each of the family members. Had the happiest feeling to enter into Manzanar and could hardly wait until I saw the family and friends. Am the happiest person on earth to be able to join the family here in Manzanar..."

During this pilgrimage, with the map of Manzanar camp site, Ken was able to determine the approximate location of his family's block. Ken, Emi (7 ) and Kenji (8 ) walked through the grassy field where Block 25 was. They also went to the education center which has a wall of internee names. The kids were excited when they found their grandpa's name. We hope that this pilgrimage experience will expand their awareness and understanding of what happened over 75 years ago and that they will help carry forward the motto "Never Again". Perhaps they will attend the 100<sup>th</sup> Pilgrimage in 2069.

Thank you for making this experience possible.

Ken & Joanne Nakano

As a first time attendee, it was an honor to attend the amazing 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Manzanar Pilgrimage attended by an inclusive group of different ethnic backgrounds, cultures, religions who are joined in spirit with the hopes and dreams of the late SUE EMBREY and JACL to rejoice in the miracle of America and the ideals of the Constitution, but to also raise our voices and stand tall against the ugliness of racial prejudice, betrayal of our civil rights and failure of the justice system to protect our Constitutional Rights.

May Wood



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I have known about Manzanar and the Japanese incarceration my whole adult life. My husband and I went to Manzanar with our son, many years ago. I don't think the museum was there yet, and if it was, it was closed. We saw the beautiful stone monument and some buildings.

I knew about the history from movies and historical fiction novels. I met my friend, Nancy Oda, in 1983 and learned that she was born in Tule Lake. Another friend's father was in Heart Mountain.

As an American Jew, I knew about the Holocaust and I read about it both in fiction and non-fiction books. Because I was born in the 1950's, I didn't experience it first hand, but I knew we had lost family members in Auschwitz- a sister of my grandfather, two sisters of my grandmother, and many cousins and other family.

Until this trip, I didn't realize that there had been an ongoing pilgrimage to Manzanar, so I feel honored to have participated in the 50th Anniversary of the first Pilgrimage.

I was amazed to see how many people showed up. I noticed that people came from a variety of backgrounds and that there was every age group. It is important to remember history and to learn from it. I liked seeing the survivors, the families of survivors and the young children. I was impressed to see many Muslims there and happy to know that they began participation after 9/11. I liked that there was an interfaith service. I loved the Taiko drumming and the banners. I also did the two ondo dances, Tanko Bushi and 1 + 1, which I used to teach elementary students (I was a music teacher for LAUSD). We missed the museum so I guess we need to return another day.

I loved the messages given by the various speakers. I loved the t-shirts worn by many saying "Solidarity by any means necessary." I also liked the t-shirt saying "Never again, to anyone, anywhere." My husband bought a shirt commemorating the 50th Anniversary Pilgrimage.

I am looking forward to the day when there will be an interpretive center at Tuna Station. This will be wonderful and give access to many students and the community, because as wonderful as Manzanar is, it is a long journey.

I especially like the page in the booklet that showed "then" and "now". We are living in dangerous times once more. I think it is especially important now that all peoples stand together, united. When the Japanese were incarcerated, no one came to defend them except a few Quakers. Now that there is so much hate against Muslims, Jews, and immigrants, we must all stand together, work together, and fight together so that this never happens again.

Julie Pritikin

## SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2019  
AT THE SFVJA COMMUNITY CENTER

DAN TAGUCHI'S  
BIG BAND IS BACK!!!



## OUR TRIP TO THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE MANZANAR PILGRIMAGE

By Phil Shigekuni

When I was asked to be on a bus with Muslims going to the Manzanar Pilgrimage this year, my reaction was mixed. How could I not welcome an opportunity to tell my camp story of 77 years ago to a group of people our community had befriended after 9/11? On the other hand, I would miss being with all my friends on the bus leaving from our Community Center in the San Fernando Valley.

For my wife, Marion and me, the trip was quite satisfying. We learned a whole lot about people we only knew from the media. On the bus we sat behind two members of the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR), Roula Allouch, an attorney and Nahad Awad. They were from the National Chapter. Nahad was raised in Palestine and came to the U.S. around 1994. He has a degree in engineering and was one of the founders of CAIR. He now serves as its executive director. Nahad has had a longtime interest in our camp experience during the war which he had shared with daughter, who was eight at the time of 9/11. On the day after 9/11, he discovered his daughter had packed her suitcase. Her explanation to him was that remembering the story Nahad had told her about how we were forced to leave our homes after Pearl Harbor, she had prepared herself for the same fate!

On the bus going up, I met Wendy, one of the few who did not have an Arabic name. She told me she is Christian, which surprised me. Then she told me working at another CAIR office was a young Jewish woman. I thought how good it was to include non-Muslims in their organization. Incidentally, on the bus, Wendy was given credit for doing a major job in organizing for the pilgrimage. As I related on the bus, we need to provide more opportunities for Muslims to interface with others. We struggle to deal with tragedies we have come to witness in this country involving deranged individuals who strike out because of distorted impressions of others. We would do well to provide more avenues to bring together Muslims and others to bring about great mutual understanding. I received a warm letter of thanks from Hussam Ayloush, executive of the CAIR L.A. office.

NOTE: The complete article by Phil Shigekuni can be found under Senior Moments in the May 4, 2019 edition of the Rafu Shimpo.



Photo:

(L-R): Nihad Awad, Phil Shigekuni, Dale Minami, and Roula Allouch

## ENLIGHTENMENT ABOUT THE “SMOKING GUN”

It was great to catch up with our friends who came to the show called “*Alternative Facts*” including past SFVJACL President, **Brian Moriguchi**, past National JACL Director, **Karl Nobuyuki**, LTSC’s **Bill Watanabe**, and GCE’s **Soji Kashiwagi**.

Filmmaker **Jon Osaki** flew from San Francisco to SFVJACC on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, as he premiered his well researched story to communities about the secret lies of EO9066. Ventura Counties JACL member, **Ann Chilcot**, wrote that it was jaw dropping.

Jon met and filmed the late **Aiko Herzig Yoshiaga** whose research and verve are responsible for overturning **the Yasui, Hirabayashi, and Korematsu** cases in the US Supreme Court. She recognized the tenth copy of the Dewitt report that was not burned which had evidence of false information, political influence, and racism. He captured key interviews or recorded text from historical testimony and sought former Solicitor General, Neal Katyal, and the Coram Nobis team of **Peter Irons, Don Tamaki, and Dale Minami**. It was an enlightening dissection of lies.

It proved that there was no threat of sabotage nor cause to incarcerate Japanese and Japanese American citizens. In fact, the intelligence decoders barely could read ten words per minute. Regardless, some leaders today suggest that it was a good solution.

It was emotional to see young Milo Osaki’s personal reactions to the exhibit called “Exclusion” now showing at the Presidio.

Currently Executive Order 13769 which is known as the Muslim ban is causing concern about similar potential violations of civil liberties.

Thank you to **Kanji Sahara** for sharing his Terminal Island exhibit depicting the 48 hour deadline to evacuate the village by February 27<sup>th</sup>. CSUN Community Engagement students were in charge of setting it up and packing it later.

GLAJACL Members, **Iku Kiriya** (traci’s mom and **Joyce Okazaki** drove in from South Bay since they missed seeing the movie at the GCi DOR since “*Tales of Clamor*” was at the Aratani Theatre.

Many thanks to **Elizabeth** and **John Doomey**, **Nancy Gohata**, **Mitzi** and **Al Kushida**, **Linda Kuratomi**, **Michiko Kus**, **Marcia Mahony**, **Isabelle Miyata**, **Harvey Negoro**, **Kay Oda**, **Denis Okita**, **Nancy** and **Patti Takayama**, **Linda Tanaka**, and **May Wood** for greeting guests with their famous SFV ACL hospitality.

For further information about enemy aliens, go to: <https://www.archives.gov/research/japanese-americans/internment-files>.

Article submitted by  
Nancy Oda

Photo:

Front Row (L-R):  
Nancy Oda, Linda Tanaka,  
Jon Osaki, May Wood,  
Marcia Mahony

Back Row (L-R):  
Nancy Gohata,  
Nancy Takayama, Michiko  
Tokunaga Kus, Mitzi  
Kushida, Dennis Okita





## IN MEMORIAM

### Dr. Bo Sakaguchi

We remember camp survivor, **Dr. Bo T. Sakaguchi**, who wore a red USC cap with a Manzanar Junior Ranger badge that symbolizes his life story. Born on August 11, 1925 to immigrant farmers, Shiichiro and Hisaji from Nagano ken, he passed away at home on April 3, 2019.

The bone chilling cold, blasting wind, dust, or searing heat could never deter him from coming to the Manzanar Pilgrimage until this year, the fiftieth anniversary. Along with lifelong friend, Mas Okui, he taught teachers and retold stories, attended the Manzanar High School reunions, and supported exhibits. He advised youth to not judge an entire race or religion by the actions of a few.

Young Bo was an eleventh grade student at North Hollywood High School when his family was forced to leave their crops and friends behind. By 1943 he graduated from Manzanar High School but missed his friends back home. Incidentally, the class song was "Don't Fence Me In." He was delighted when in 2005 North Hollywood High School awarded him the class of 1943 diploma that he had been denied.

During his camp days, he wrote about social activities and life events as reporting staff of the camp newspaper, the Manzanar Free Press. Unfortunately, within six months, the large family of nine lost their father, and Dr. Obo, at the Manzanar Base Hospital and sister, Chico, a well-known Nisei writer in Philadelphia. The Sakaguchis endured massive losses of their farm, family, and dignity. By VJ day, he was drafted in the U.S. Army then became a clerk in Fort MacArthur typing discharges.

His mother who was a teacher, had a vision for her children despite working dawn to dusk doing stoop labor. All of her Nisei (second generation) children would be professionals. Bo's two oldest brothers were dentists and the next two were in medical school. So, when it was time, Bo went to USC to become a dentist joining his brother and sisters in a practice in San Fernando, California for forty-three years.

Having experienced injustice, Dr Bo was a firm believer for *justice* and *civil rights* and an ardent supporter of JACL. On The national level, he and his wife Iku were Life Time members for decades. He was always there to support our chapter fundraisers: civil right programs, plays, movies, dinners, including our Ono Ono Chicken Plate lunches, always stating, "How hot and long the line was, but it was worth it." His generous monetary donation to the Dr Sanbo and Kay Sakaguchi Scholarship is a legacy and it is still ongoing. His quiet manner, ever ready smile, and strong supporter of JACL will be a model for us to follow.

Dr. Bo Sakaguchi never sought the limelight nor stood on a soap box to protest but his actions spoke loudly about his belief in the principles of America. The image of the youngest Sakaguchi son will remain forever in his red USC cap with the Manzanar ranger pin. He was always fun loving, happy and smiling, willing to fight for civil rights—all the way to the end.



Article submitted by Nancy Oda and Mitzi Kushida



A decorative border with a repeating pattern of stylized flowers, leaves, and geometric shapes in blue, red, and black on a light blue background.

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Since 1929, Japanese Americans have shown they care about America. The JACL members have fought for civil rights for all people, sacrificed to defend this country, and fought for equality and justice for all. Join us as we continue to fight for human rights and equal justice for everyone living in this country as stated in our Bill of Rights and our Constitution. The JACL is staying vigilant of hate crimes, racism, defamation, stereotyping and making sure people are not denied their rights because of their race, color, place of origin, religion or their cultural beliefs.



Please share our newsletter with family members and friends. Help spread the word about joining the San Fernando Valley JACL, so they can participate and enjoy the many fun and enriching activities planned during the year. I KNOW they will like our members, and we look forward to meeting new friends.

So, please go to [mbr.@jacl.org](mailto:mbr.@jacl.org) and plan to become a part of a relevant, dedicated, and active organization.

Article submitted by Kiyo Fukumoto, Membership Chair.

## 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BRIDGING COMMUNITIES IFTAR

For the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row, our Chapter sponsored a table at the Bridging Communities Iftar, held at the Nishi Hongwanji Buddhist Temple on Thursday, May 16, 2019. Board member, traci ishigo, from #VigilantLOVE, a healing and arts-driven organization that challenges Islamophobia and mainstream narratives of insularity, was one of the organizers of this event. The evening began with a *Getting to Know You Bingo Game*. Through this game we learned a little about Japanese and Muslim traditions. We also learned the interests of those in attendance. Table members created a haiku and enjoyed the performance by members of the Solidarity Arts Fellowship. We had the opportunity to learn more about Ramadan and the Break the Fast tradition.

Board members, **Kiyo Fukumoto, Nancy Gohata, Michiko Tokunaga Kus, Nancy Oda, Marion & Phil Shigekuni, Nancy Takayama, May Wood** and JACL member, **Yas Gohata** attended this year's IFTAR.

For more information go to: [www.vigilantlove.org](http://www.vigilantlove.org). If you wish to make a donation to this organization go to: [www.vigilantlove.org/donate-1](http://www.vigilantlove.org/donate-1).

Photo:

Seated (L-R): Nancy Oda, May Wood, Yas Gohata, Janet Okubo, Kiyo Fukumoto  
Standing (L-R): Nancy Gohata, traci ishigo, Marion Shigekuni, Phil Shigekuni, Michiko Kus





## 2019 WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Over 60 members of the San Fernando Valley Japanese American Citizens League and the San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center attended the Luncheon at the Quiet Cannon for the 2019 Women of the Year, sponsored by the Japanese Women's Society of Southern California and Downtown Los Angeles Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Our very own, **Elizabeth Doomey** was one of the five women selected for the honor of representing a cross section of the finest Japanese American women in California. Liz is President of the **SFVJACC**, former President of the **Meiji Club**, a member of the **SFVJACC Board of Directors**, **Coordinating Council Secretary**, an early supporter for the establishment of the **Tuna Canyon Detention Station Memorial**, a member of the Endowment Committee and a volunteer extraordinaire for as many functions as she can attend.

The **Japanese Women's Society of Southern California** also known as the **Nanka Nikkei Fujinkai** is celebrating 115 years of community service beginning in 1904. Over the years other women's organizations such as the **Rafu Fujinkai** (1930), have combined their efforts with the **JWSSC**.

The **Downtown Los Angeles Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League** (101 total chapters), is the oldest chapter in Southern California beginning in 1929 whose mission is to secure and maintain the civil rights of Japanese American and others who are victimized by injustice and bigotry.

Many JACLers were there to support Liz – they included **Nancy & Yas Gohata**, **Doreen Kawamoto**, **Linda Kuratomi**, my sister, **Michiko Kus**, **Mitzi & Al Kushida**, **Evelyn Mitarai**, **Isabelle Miyata & Harvey Negoro**, **Karl & Sandy Noboyuki**, **Kay Oda**, **Barbara and Dennis Okita**, **Marion and Phil Shigekuni** and **Nancy Takayama**. Liz's daughter, **Audrey Fukunaga** mingled among her family, friends, guests and supporters to take photographs of the event.

During the Presentation of the Awards, our SFVJACL Board Member, **Nancy Oda** (a 2010 honoree) provided a heartfelt biographical sketch of **Liz Doomey**. She spoke of Liz's growth as a highly active community member following the legacy of her mother, **Yone Takimoto** and Aunt **Mabel Takimoto**, who also was honored as a Woman of the Year in 1993. She soon enlisted the active participation of her family, such as her husband, **John** and daughter, **Audrey**. As President of the **Meiji Club**, Liz increased the membership to 400 members, the largest club in the SFVJACC. She is a one-woman dynamo who finds it hard to say NO to any request for participation in a community event.

The other honorees for 2019 Women of the Year included **Linda Aratani**, **Norie Morita**, **Joan Sumiko Kaneshiro Oshiro**, and **Margaret Shimada**. (Full profiles found in the May 11, 2019 issue of the **Rafu Shimpo**)

Article submitted by May Wood



Liz and Nancy Oda



Mitzi & Al Kushida, Barbara Okita, Michiko Tokunaga Kus, and Dennis Okita

Other JACLers supporting Liz were Yas and Nancy Gohata, Doreen Kawamoto, Linda Kuratomi, Marcia Mahony, Evelyn Mitarai, Isabelle Miyata & Harvey Negoro, Karl & Sandy Noboyuki, Kay Oda, Nancy Takayama, and May Wood



# TAMINARU FIELD TRIP

**JUNE 15, 2019**  
**LA Maritime Museum**

**Life in a Japanese-American  
Fishing Village before the War**



## Schedule

9 am Carpool leaves SFV JACC  
10 am Arrive at LA Maritime Museum  
11:30 am Lunch at Senfuku Restaurant  
1 pm Visit Terminal Island Monument  
1:30 pm Leave for SFV  
3 pm Return to SFV JACC

Adults, \$5

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Los Angeles Maritime Museum

## CHEER

After her fall in February, **June Berk** wrote that she is doing well, and thanked us for thinking about her.

On March 29, 2019, Board members, **Mitzi Kushida**, **Nancy Gohata**, **Michiko Kus** and **May Wood** visited with **Iku Sakaguchi** while she is recovering from a vertebrae injury. Mitzi brought orchids and Nancy shared pastries from her favorite bakery. Iku was in good spirits and we enjoyed a great conversation with her in the dining area of the Brookdale Assisted Living Home in Northridge. She was soon to be discharged. Iku sent a card to JACL thanking us for the flowers, cards and pastries. Article submitted by May Wood

## JAPANESE AMERICAN NATIONAL MUSEUM GALA

The theme for the JANM GALA held on April 13, 2019 was, “*Vision and Commitment: Our Journey of Renewal*” More than 1,000 attendees gathered at the InterContinental Los Angeles Downtown Hotel to join other Nikkeis and their friends in raising funds for JANM. Check books were opened by participants, and the collective contributions reached over the one million dollar mark. The generosity of the Japanese American Community is a reflection of the financial strength established by the older and younger generations of Japanese Americans in Los Angeles and its suburbs. The Museum stands as a monument to all pioneers, Iseis, and the following generations who continue to write new chapters to our story as we continue to be a viable member of American Society.

The evening program had speeches, musical performances, recognitions in Memoriam, and testimonials which celebrated the successes, achievements, and dedication of the larger JANM family.

The keynote speaker was broadcast journalist, **Ann Curry**. She was a co-host on NBC’s “Today Show” for fifteen years and has since hosted the “We’ll Meet Again” series on PBS. The series, “Chasing the Cure” will debut in July on TNT/TBS. To hear Ms Curry’s informative and moving presentation go to the website **JANM.org.**, scroll down to **First & Central: The JANM BLOG:** Click on **April 26, A Recap of the 2019 Gala Dinner and Silent Auction.** Please take the time to watch the video. Please share the JANM website with family members, friends, and young people. They can take pride in what a “hapa” person is doing to represent themselves and Japanese living in America.

Article submitted by  
Kiyo Fukumoto

Back row: (L-R): Brian Moriguchi,  
Kay Oda, Mas Yamashita  
Middle row: Linda Tanaka, Aki  
Moriguchi, Bob Moriguchi, Norma  
Jean Yamashita  
Front: Nancy Takayama, Nancy Oda,  
Kiyo Fukumoto





## SFV JACC FAMILY FUN DAY

The weather was perfect on Saturday, May 18th for the SFV JACC Family Fun Day. Our SFV JACL Chapter was assigned to serve lunch. As the hot dogs and hamburgers were grilled, our members stood in line and pretended to be experienced servers. **Al Kushida** greeted and distributed the plates and napkins, next **Linda Kuratomi**, served the piping hot hamburgers, followed by our efficient **Marion Shigekuni**, who served the hot dogs in buns, and then **Nanacy Takayama** gave the eager and hungry patrons a bowl of rice to go with the homemade chili by **Kei Inoue**. Next came **Mitzi Kushida** and **Michiko Kus**. They served a generous amount of chili with onions and cheese, and finally **May Wood** capped the lunch plate with a serving of delicious coleslaw. For more goodies, our friendly **Phil Shigekuni** assisted on the condiments and chips table. Oh my, this is too much to carry! Not a problem, we had the little guy, **Kai Gonzalez**, who helped elders with a smile. The crowd was huge this year and a good time was had by all. What a wonderful day of Community Service!

Article submitted by Mitzi Kushida

Photo (L-R):  
Marion Shigekuni,  
Al Kushida, Nancy Takayama,  
Mitzi Kushida, May Wood,  
Tiffany Pearlstein  
(Family Day Chairperson),  
Michiko Kus.



## MAY DONATIONS

Our Chapter sponsored a bus to the Manzanar Pilgrimage for its 50th Anniversary. The attendees expressed this journey as being educational, most meaningful, and an emotional experience for them. Our Chapter was honored to receive a very generous donation from **JOANNE NAKANO, JANICE TERAMURA, SHARON TERAMURA, AND ELI TIZCARENO**. Our sincere gratitude goes to all for your thoughtfulness.

Article submitted by Mitzi Kushida





## Imagine Little Tokyo Short Story Winners Announced

On April 18<sup>th</sup>, the winners of the sixth annual Imagine Little Tokyo 2019 short story contest were announced at a celebration at Union Church of Los Angeles. Little Tokyo Historical Society president, Michael Okamura gave opening remarks before introducing chair of the LTHS short story committee, mystery writer, Naomi Hirahara, known for her Mas Arai series.



The winner of the youth category was 12 year old, Austen Lock, who wrote about his great grandfather who served in the 442<sup>nd</sup> during WWII.

The Japanese language category winner was Naoko Okada for her story “Ben and Aiko.” The story begins with several chance meetings over an extended period time at Nisei Week, English language class, accidental meeting in Tokyo and again in Los Angeles.

Finally, the English language adult category was awarded to Cody Uyeda for his story, “Promise Me You’ll Remember.” Cody is a student at USC’s Gould School of Law.

Finalists in each of the three categories: youth and adult English and Japanese language were also announced ahead of the dramatic reading by an actor for each of the winning stories. The Japanese language story was read in Japanese and a translated version was made available for those who wish to follow along.

The San Fernando Valley Chapter of the JACL is one of the sponsors of the Imagine Little Tokyo short story contest, so you are encouraged to read the complete versions of the stories which will appear in The Rafu Shimpō as well as at: [www.discovernikkei.org](http://www.discovernikkei.org), the website for the Japanese American National Museum.

Article submitted by: Patty Takayama

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