

SAVE THE DATE

SFV JACL's 81st Installation

Sunday, January 22, 2023

11:30 am

SFV JACC - Sakaguchi Hall
(Details to follow)

Guest Speaker - Emily Woo

Emily earned her Girl Scout Gold Star by writing and publishing a book about the history of the SFV JACC

For information or reserve Luncheon seat contact Linda Tanaka
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2023 SFVJACL Events

- January 8** – Greater Los Angeles New Year's & Installation Lunch
- January 22** - SFV JACL Installation Luncheon at SFV JA Community Center
- January 29** - Ventura County JACL Installation
- March 25** - Big Band Concert with Dan Taguchi
- May** - SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS
- June 23-24** - SFV Hongwanji Buddhist Temple Obon
- July** - JACL National Convention – Little Tokyo
- August** – Summer Gathering
- September** - Santa Anita Field Trip
- October** - Halloween Festivities
- Pacific Citizen Holiday Issue Fundraiser Begins
- SFVJA Community Center Clean-Up

OTOSHIDAMA (お年玉) CAMPAIGN

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For a limited time, we are offering amazing deals on memberships, including a \$150 instant rebate on Thousand Club Life! So, what exactly is Otoshidama? What makes this Japanese tradition so thoughtful and special? And how can YOU take part?

Otoshidama is the Japanese custom of presenting children money in a decorative envelope on **New Year's Day**. The tradition is said to have started among worshippers in shrines, who offered kagami-mochi (two stacked round rice cakes topped with a mandarin) to Toshi-kamisama, the New Year God. It was believed that by making this offering, practitioners would be blessed with good fortune in the New Year.

This ritual eventually became more widely practiced during the Edo Period (1603-1868). During this time, people began to gift children with money as a way to honor the long-standing tradition. Since then, **the act of offering children and young adults money during New Year has become a staple in Japanese households**, who anxiously wait to receive their monetary gift each New Year.

Here at the JACL, we recognize how important it is to **educate our friends and family on our legacy and mission for civil rights**. Through this time-honored tradition, **you can do exactly that while taking part in a unique part of Japanese culture**.

With New Year's approaching, we hope that you consider gifting someone you know with a membership to the JACL. As a reminder, each new giftee will receive a welcome package from us that will include: **Power of Words Educational Handbook / Graphic Stickers / Free New Year's Issue of the Pacific Citizen**



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COMBINED HALLOWEEN PARTY

This past Halloween, SFV JACL joined with the Japanese Language Institute and the Temple to host a special celebration event on Saturday, October 29th, at the SFV JACC, Sakaguchi Hall for school aged children.

The Japanese Language Institute sponsored a Halloween costume party for their students. After lunch they were invited to view the science experiments performed by middle school teacher Linnae McKeever, who captured not only the attention of the audience, but joyful cheers.



The SFV JACL group set up a spooky photo backdrop for children to show off their smiling or scary faces. While the photos were being printed the children,

decorated picture frames with colored markers and stickers. At the other craft table participants were provided with stickers and color markers to decorate orange Trick or Treat bags with handles. Afterwards, they were given pretzels and assorted candy to fill their decorated Halloween Trick or Treat bags. *By: Patricia Takayama*



Hello all,

We are going to start having convention planning meetings to discuss the plenary workshops, guest speakers, and the relevant logistics for the **2023 National Convention in Los Angeles**.

Some of you have already expressed interest in being a part of the convention planning team and we are excited to work together on this project.

Please email me for the best date and times during the weeks we can set up online meetings to start to discuss our next actions.

If you know anyone that would be interested in joining the calls or who would have ideas for the convention, any and all are welcome to reach out to me and join these meetings as well.

Thank you for your time and hope you all have Happy holiday break!

Best, Ryan Yoshikawa / PSW District Governor / ryoshikawa@jacl.org



Will Never Be Forgotten

Reverend Alfred Yoshihisa Tsuyuki, head minister of the Konko Church of Los Angeles, peacefully passed away on November 21, 2022, at the age of 81.

Born and raised in Boyle Heights, many knew Rev. Tsuyuki as being an active member of the community, within Los Angeles and beyond. He served countless individuals and families as a spiritual leader, unwavering in faith and exuding positivity. "I am here to serve humanity was his calling. He fulfilled this commitment through the ministry with selflessness, sincerity, and gratitude.



Mary Adams Urashima, leader of the Historic Wintersburg Preservation Task Force in Huntington Beach, died on the night of Nov. 20, surrounded by family.

Mary Adams Urashima chaired the grassroots preservation effort to save Historic Wintersburg and is the author of *Historic Wintersburg in Huntington Beach*. She identified and named the historic property, which was designated one of America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places in 2014 and one of America's National Treasures in 2015. Urashima's advocacy has helped to stave off demolition of the historic site and enabled discussions between the property owner and the City of Huntington Beach that are working toward its full preservation as a heritage site.
(2022 California Preservation Foundation)



Jim Matsuoka, passed away on October 21, 2022, at the age of 86.

Matsuoka, long-time social justice activist, and a founder of the National Coalition for Redress and Reparations (NCRR; now known as **Nikkei for Civil Rights and Redress**), and was among the leaders of a group of activists who participated in the first organized Manzanar Pilgrimage on a very cold December 27, 1969.

24 Hour Early Access - 2023 Kakehashi Program Applications Now Open

We are excited to announce the return of our in-person Kakehashi project trips! This year's program will be from **March 6 - March 14, 2023**. This year's cohort will consist of **37 participants** who will travel to Japan with the purpose of enhancing their understanding of the Japanese economy, society, history, diverse culture, politics, and the diplomatic policies of Japan through people-to-people exchanges. Participants are expected to play an active and important role in the future of U.S.-Japan relations.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this year's program will consist of a smaller number of participants. **Please be very thorough in your application.** We are limiting the amount of applications we will receive to 225. Individuals who participated in our virtual program in 2021 will be eligible to participate in this year's trip, however, they will need to reapply!

Some changes to this year's program include an increase in the age requirements; participants can be up to 27 years old when they leave for the trip. All participants who attend will also need to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 as defined by CDC guidelines. All other requirements are laid out in the Kakehashi applications and online at jacl.org/kakehashi.

Applications will close on **Sunday, December 11th at 11:59 pm Hawaiian Standard Time or after we have received 225 applications total.**

The JACL Kakehashi Program is coordinated by the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) and the Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE), and supported by funding from the Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



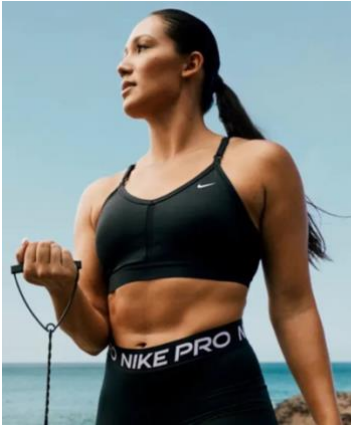
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Nike has chosen **Pi'ikea Kekihenelehuawewehiiekau'ōnohi Lopes** and **Janee' Kassanavoid** to be the new faces of its indigenous collection.

Lopes will be featured on Nike's Times Square billboard performing her award-winning hula kahiko. She is the first Native Hawaiian to be a part of the brand's N7 Fall collection.

Lopes, 22, is a student at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa studying for her master's degree in education, *Maui Now* reports. She won the 2022 Miss Aloha Hula title in April at the Merrie Monarch Festival after impressing judges with her mastery of the Hawaiian language ʻōlelo Hawai'i.



Kassanavoid (born January 19, 1995) is an American track and field athlete who specializes in the hammer throw.

She set her personal best of 78.00 m (255 ft 10 in) on April 30, 2022 in Tucson, Arizona. On July 17, 2022, at the 2022 World Athletics Championships in Eugene, Oregon, Kassanavoid won the bronze medal with a distance of 74.86 m.^[3] As she is Native American (specifically, of the Comanche tribe), this made her the first Native American woman to win a medal at the World Athletics Championships

Watch here:

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All SFV JACC members, Coordinating Council members and their organizations are cordially invited to attend the **SFV JACC General Meeting on Wednesday, December 7th.**

Dinner will be served at 6 PM.

Each organization will give an update to let everyone know what they have been doing, what they will be doing in 2023, and any other information that they would like to share.

Please **RSVP** Liz Doomey a head count, so we can plan our order. 818-429-4096

"Chanpon"

The name for this column will be "**Chanpon**". According to the Kenkyusha Japanese English dictionary means "together". Please submit your thoughts, articles, photos with narrative and recipes to Patty Takayama at: pe.high.mtn@gmail.com

Year of the *Usagi* (Rabbit)

2023 is a year of the Water Rabbit, - starting from January 22nd, 2023 (Chinese or lunar New Year) and ending on February 2024. The sign of the Rabbit is a symbol of longevity, peace and prosperity in Chinese culture. **2023 is predicted to be a year of hope.**

People born in a year of the Rabbit are believed to be vigilant, witty, quick-minded and ingenious. Personality strengths also include: optimistic, gracious, generous, kind-hearted and alert.

Years of the Rabbit include **2023, 2011, 1999, 1987, 1975, 1963, 1951, 1939, 1927** etc. For information on your personal zodiac sign in the Year of the Rabbit, check online for - Chinese zodiac signs

HAIKU

(three versus, 5-7-5 syllables per line)

The *Usagi* (Rabbit)

The water Rabbit
Is witty, optimistic,
Kindhearted and fun.



Childhood Memories of OSHOGATSU

My childhood memories of **Oshogatsu**, New Year's Day in Hawaii, are as special as Christmas. It was fun decorating the front door with bundles of bamboo, pine, and straw with red ribbons on each side of the door with my grandfather. This was to ward off evil spirits. The **osoji** (meticulous cleaning) of the house was hard work. My mom would say, "We cannot clean or sweep on New Year's Day because we do not want to sweep out good luck, and we want a clean house all year. Osoji rituals also symbolize the purification of the mind and soul and the start of a fresh new year. Then, the house was decorated with the *kagami mochi* and an *Ikebana* arrangement.



Now with the tasks all completed, on New Year's Eve, we drove up to Kamehameha School to view the fireworks below. In Hawaii, New Year's Eve fireworks were very elaborate. It was always exciting. Then, the adults enjoyed the **toshikoshi** *soba* later in the evening. My sisters and I went straight to bed. First thing in the morning, we were reminded to behave with a happy face, not a grumpy face, because you do not want a grumpy face all year. We were dressed in kimonos and went to the Shinto Temple to pray for good health, happiness, and prosperity. We looked forward to going to my Obachan's house to play with my cousins in our new outfits. We had to wear everything new for *Oshogatsu*, say "**Akemashite Omedito Gozaimasu**," to my grandmother and have a little **ozoni** before we could play. The food was great, but as a kid, I did not appreciate all the symbolic dishes as I do now.

Today, Oshogatsu customs have changed, but to all of us, it is still an important holiday.

Submitted by Linda Tanaka

Japanese New Year's Traditions

Oseichi Ryori is the name given to traditional New Year's cuisine. Historically, New Years is celebrated for three days in Japan. As food is prepared in advance of the holiday to accommodate visitors and plans to visit family and friends. In the old days, before refrigerators, to avoid spoilage,



many of the prepared dishes were made of boiled vegetables, or some were prepared with preservatives like *ajinomoto* or salt, in the case of fish and served in lacquered boxes, easily stacked and laid out for serving, requiring little preparation except perhaps for hot water for tea and soup (*ozoni*), requiring little interruption while entertaining guests.

Typical Oseichi ryori include: *maki sushi*, *sashimi*, *tako* (octopus), *nishime* (boiled vegetables such as bamboo shoots, gobo, *renkon* (lotus roots), sliced carrots) *kamaboko*, (small fish cakes) sweet (good luck) black beans, *kinpira gobo* (*thinly sliced gobo and carrots cooked in hot chili oil*), *ozoni*, *kuri kinton* (sweet chestnut dish), among other regional specialties.

Upon waking on New Year's Day, some regions eat *ozoni*, a soup broth with mochi and some thin vegetable leaf. Other areas preserve the *Otoso* tradition, where using an ornate lacquer ware set, the person sips *Otoso* (*flavored sake*) or *amasake* three times for good luck. Then, people sample other items such as *kazunoko* (fish eggs) to symbolize reproductive good fortune and *mochi* and or *ozoni* for steadfastness and long life. The tradition varies according to the customs of the geographical region.



By: Patricia Takayama



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Asian Americans in Public Elections

Midterm Election 2022 was a robust season for Asian Americans running for public office. Statewide for California, Treasurer, Fiona Ma and Attorney General Bob Bonta won their races.

As for judicial offices, California has one Justice, Goodwin Liu, sitting on the State Supreme Court. For Court of Appeals, Carin Fujisaki won in District #1, and Joanne Motoike, in District #4.

In the Superior Court of Los Angeles, Carolyn "Jiyoung" Park was up for office #118 and Renee Yolanda Chang was running for office #70. In Orange County, Michelle Bell was ahead of Deputy, Attorney General Peggy Huang.

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In the California State Senate, district #22, Vincent Tsai (R) lost.

Asian American candidates running for the State of California Assembly are: for Dist. #28, Janet Nguyen* (R), Dist. #49, Mike Fong* (D) Dist #66 Al Muratsuchi* (D) each won their seats. Dist. #65, Fatima Iqbal-Zubair lost, while in Dist. #67, Soo Yoo's race is too tight to call.

L.A. County Community College Bd. of Trustee has elected Kelsey Iino. And, L.A. City Council #11 Dist. announced for Traci Park.

In 9 southern California school board districts, 15 of the candidates are Asian Americans. Also in 4 southern California Water Districts 3 of the candidates are Asian Americans.

Judging by the family names of the candidates we are witnessing diverse participation of the Pan Asian Diaspora in our healthy California democratic republic voting selection hopefully we will continue to see greater participation and representation in our local, statewide and national elections. Congratulations to all who voted and participated as a volunteer to represent our Asian American community.

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By: Patricia Takayama

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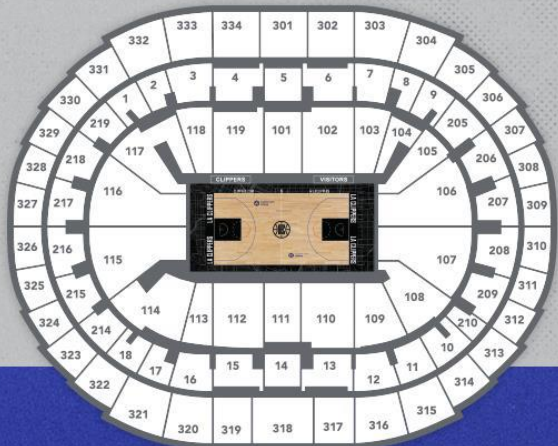


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