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PNS Celebrates Year of the Boar

The Pasadena Nikkei Seniors (PNS) welcomed in the Year of the Boar at their annual New Year Party with over 200 members and guests in attendance.

Pasadena Mayor Terry Tornek and Deputy Consul Hiroki Matsuo, representing the Los Angeles Office of the Consulate General of Japan, greeted the crowd with warm words of welcome. Also extending New Year greetings were 2018 Nisei Week Queen Alice Amano and her fellow princesses, including Miss Pasadena JCI, Juli Drindak.



An annual highlight of the New Year Party is the recognition of PNS members turning 88 years old in the coming year. In Japanese culture, the 88th birthday is celebrated as *Beiju*, or Rice Age, and is a milestone deserving special recognition. This year Alice Kikkawa, David Kikuchi, and Cliff Nakatani were honored for attaining that significant age.

Also honored were Gini Ishida and Ron Ota for their "above and beyond" volunteer service to the Pasadena Nikkei Seniors and the Pasadena Japanese American community. Gini is a baker extraordinaire who has been serving up delicious individual desserts for attendees of the monthly PNS luncheons for the past two years. And whenever a community event needed a sound system, be it indoors or outdoors, Ron was the man to call for setting up speakers, microphones, amplifiers or anything else necessary for providing exceptional, quality sound.

The Pasadena Nikkei Seniors were recipients of a grant from Keiro subsidizing the cost of its monthly luncheons and bus transportation for one or two day trips, and Keiro representative Makoto Kotani was in attendance to present the grant check to Scott Shinmoto, author of the PNS grant proposal.

Jake Matsumoto, an eighth grade student from Flintridge Prep High School was also on hand for a community service project, manning a booth to collect "Words of Wisdom" from PNS members that he planned to compile and share with his peers. Local singer/guitarist Ken Okuno provided entertainment, singing songs from the 30s-50s composed and sung by artists such as Hoagy Carmichael and Nat King Cole.

Jake Matsumoto Community Impact Project

Dear Pasadena Nikkei Seniors, Thank you for providing support for my display at the annual New Year's luncheon and enthusiastically contributing your "Words of Wisdom." For those who were not able to attend, I worked with the Pasadena Nikkei Seniors for my Community Impact Project (CIP) that is an assignment given to 8th graders at Flintridge Preparatory School to create a project that leaves a positive impact on the community. As part of my project, my friends and I created 48 homemade holiday cards to send out to "homebound" seniors. In January, I was able to collect 90 "Words of Wisdom" at the PNS New Year's luncheon. These "Words of Wisdom" are words of advice or lessons learned to pass down to future generations. I have compiled them into one document and will be printing copies for people to take home at a future luncheon. Again, I just wanted to thank everyone who supported me throughout my project.

Sincerely, Jake Matsumoto

Event Calendar

April

- 14 – Santa Anita "Day at the Races"
- 25 – San Manuel Casino Bus Trip
- 27 – PNS Luncheon at PJCI hosted by Ron Dyo and Miss PJCI committee

May

- 18 – Pasadena Buddhist Temple Fundraising Dinner
- 25 – PNS Luncheon at PJCI

June

- 1 – Miss Pasadena JCI Matsuri BBQ at Pasadena Buddhist Temple
- 20 – Pala Casino Bus Trip
- 22 – PNS Luncheon at PJCI

Contact Ron Dyo (gofishnjo@hotmail.com), Ron Toshima at toshima@sbcglobal.net, or Jeannie Toshima 626-799-6684 for Luncheon Reservation.

The Pasadena Nikkei Seniors gratefully acknowledge and thank the following individuals for their donation received January - March 2019. Please let Ron Toshima know if anyone has inadvertently been overlooked and they will be acknowledged in the next newsletter.

Kay Abe	Dan & Sue Kato	Lily Nishimura	Roy & Pam Sunada
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Cliff & Akimi Ching	Lillian Kawashima	June Ogawa	Yoshiko Takahashi
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San Manuel Casino

April 25

The Pasadena Nikkei Seniors' next casino bus trip will take us to San Manuel Casino on Thursday,

April 25. Please meet at the Pasadena Buddhist Temple at 7:45 am and the bus will leave at 8:00 am, returning about 3:45 pm.

The cost is \$10 for members, and \$20 for non-members, which goes toward membership dues. Everyone will get \$10 in slot play at San Manuel, with snacks, bottled water and driver's tip and donation to Temple for parking included. Contact Wade Utsunomiya (utsunomiya@earthlink.net or (626) 799-7719) to reserve a seat on the bus.

PNS New Year Party Raffle Prize Donors

Clifford Ching
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 Ken Ota, Community Bank
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"Day at the Races"

The Tokyo City Cup, along with "Japan Family Day", is scheduled to be held at Santa Anita Race Track on Sunday, April 14. Besides the running of the Grade III Tokyo City Cup, there will be Japanese cultural and food booths. As in the past, PNS members will be seated together in the FrontRunner Restaurant in the clubhouse, and all attending will be responsible for paying for their own parking and admission. Lunch can be ordered off of the restaurant menu.

But with racing currently suspended, the outing cannot be confirmed at this time. Please contact Ron Toshima, 626-826-1005 or (toshima@sbcglobal.net) if you are interested in attending.

View photos from these events on the PNS Website: pasadenanikkeiseniors.weebly.com/