

Pasadena Nikkei Seniors, Inc.

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NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

They say that time flies when you're having fun. Truth be told, life hasn't been much fun or exciting since social distancing became the norm some six months ago. But in looking at the calendar now I find October looking me square in the face, so where exactly has the time gone?

Thanks to COVID-19, activities planned for the PNS 2020 calendar have all been wiped out, along with the regularly scheduled Pala Casino bus trips. The monthly PNS luncheons have also fallen victim to the coronavirus, but I am happy to report that the lunch delivery service initiated in April by Ron Dyo and Jeannie Toshima has been ongoing. Thanks to the two of them, along with an extremely faithful core of reliable volunteers, the PNS is currently making twice a month lunch deliveries to our SENIOR PNS members, as well as to those who had been regularly attending the monthly luncheons in the past.

A special thanks needs to be extended to the Pasadena Buddhist Temple's Women's Association (especially to Jeanne Ideno and Kathy Kumagai) who used Jayme Kiyomura Chan's Mainland Catering Co. to prepare a meal delivery for our members in early September. Lunas Restaurant in San Gabriel also provided meals for delivery, and because Keiro grant funds were used to subsidize this meal, we were able to expand the list of members who were able to receive one of their lunches.

Typically at this time of the year, the PNS would begin making plans for next year - 2021. But given the uncertainty of the times, scheduling events on a calendar doesn't make sense, so planning for next year is currently on hold. It's highly unlikely the annual PNS New Year Party that's normally held in January will occur, but perhaps a coming out party may be held in its place once we can all safely gather again. The PNS Board is hoping that a more optimistic outlook for 2021 will be in the offing when the next newsletter comes out at the end of the year.

With Halloween right around the corner, we all know that the holiday season will quickly be upon us. But given the current situation, it will sadly be a holiday season like we've never seen before. Fortunately, no one that I know has fallen ill or died from the coronavirus. This tells me that my friends, family and acquaintances have been diligently practicing the prescribed safe social distancing mandates. For most of us, holiday plans will be drastically different from years past. Festive holiday gatherings and celebrations likely won't occur. For those of you who do venture out, please continue to do what you've been doing to remain in good health, for your health and safety is of the utmost importance to all of us. Please take care!

Support Local Businesses

Those few among us who still subscribe to the LA Times may have read the recent article with the news that Vroman's Bookstore may not make it through the year. When speaking of the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the health and well being of people is obviously a primary concern. But another negative effect of the pandemic is the struggle for survival that local businesses face due to the Safer at Home mandates that prevent customers from frequenting their establishments.

Vroman's Bookstore and Canterbury Records are two of my favored stomping grounds, but I must confess that I recently hadn't visited these places much even during the best of times. We do frequent local mom and pop establishments such as San Gabriel's Yama Seafood and Fortune Bakery as often as we can. I'm sure you all also have those family run businesses that you like to support. But now more than ever they need our support, so order take out from your favorite restaurants and buy from brick and mortar shops and businesses whenever you can. They can really use our help now.

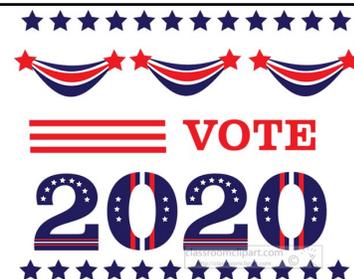
Loss of Friends and Family

Sadly, there have been a number of friends and family members who have passed away in recent months. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, it has been impossible to have funerals and memorial services. Obituary notices are sometimes not being posted, are often overlooked or are not seen because many households no longer subscribe to newspapers. For these reasons, many people are unaware of these recent passings. So the names of some long-time Pasadena residents who have recently passed away are listed below. The Pasadena Nikkei Seniors express our deepest sympathies to those friends and families who have lost a loved one.

*Matsy Chuman, Hisako Furumasu, Sadie Hatashita,
Kats Horiuchi, Dr Sadao Itano, Lillian Ito, Sally Kishi,
Edna Matsumoto, John Mitsumori, Sayo Nakatani, Kiyo Ogawa,
Yuki Okazaki, Itsy Ota, Fumi Shigetomi, Kiyoshi Takeda,
Alice Tanahashi, Dorothy Tsuboi, Jane Tsuboi Nagano,
Jon Utsunomiya, Michiko Yamamoto*



**Daylight Savings Time
Ends on November 1**
**Don't forget to move
your clocks BACK 1- hour**



CITY OF PASADENA



CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO:

MRS. ITSY OTA

In honor of a lifetime marked by an impeccable work ethic and decades of working as an integral part of a family business that has served the Pasadena community with integrity for decades. This certificate is a heartfelt recognition of a life well lived. Mrs. Ota touched the lives of all who were blessed to know her. Her legacy will endure.

Dated this 30th day of April, 2020

Vice Mayor Tyron Hampton

Pasadena Honors Itsy Ota

Through the efforts of Pasadena Vice Mayor Tyron Hampton, the City of Pasadena presented a Certificate of Recognition posthumously to Itsy Ota, who along with her late husband, John, owned and operated Johnny's Sport Shop for more than 60 years. Itsy received the honor for her "impeccable work ethic" and for serving "the Pasadena community with integrity for decades".

Itsy's son, Bob, continues running the business, though the shop's hours have been heavily impacted by the coronavirus. Next time you stop by to replenish your tackle box inventory or moan about the one that got away, take a moment to share your memories of Johnny and Itsy. I'm sure it will bring a smile to Bobby's face.

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

Kay Abe
Red and Alice Hamane, in memory of Itsy Ota and
Kiyoshi Takeda
Alan & Lori Hatakeyama
Linda Inouye
Tami Kamei
Wing and Evelyn Lew, in memory of Itsy Ota, Kiyoshi
Takeda & Sayo Nakatani
Kathy Matsumoto
Mary Matsumoto
Cliff Nakatani
Walt & Sakiko Naydo
Mas Nishikawa
Dave and Mary Noguchi, in memory of Itsy Ota
Bob & Deena Ota
Dorothy Potter, in memory of Fumi Shigetomi
The Fumi Shigetomi Family: Terry Watanabe, Patty
Nakamura, Nancy Wong and Shelley Haxby
George Sugimoto
Bryan & Jeri Takeda
Miyuki & Bryan Takeda
Bob & Mae Uchida
Suzie Yamanaka, in memory of Itsy Ota
Robert & Yuki Yokoyama

Keiro

During the time of COVID-19, Keiro is hosting various webinars through Zoom. Please use this time to learn something new and stay connected with Keiro and others!

Virtual Keiro Symposium: *Designing Your Future*

Saturday, October 24, 2020

10:00 a.m. – noon

Keiro Symposium is held virtually this year, and thanks to our donors and sponsors, the event will be complimentary.

We bring experts from technology, finance, and healthcare to share with us how we can prepare for the future starting now.

<https://www.keiro.org/what-we-do/events/keiro-symposium>

Keiro Speaker Series

Cannabis Use by Older Adults: A Growing Trend

Wednesday, October 28, 2020

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

This is a weekday evening programming we just started, and for this session in October, we will have a doctor and an attorney tell us about Cannabis.

<https://www.keiro.org/what-we-do/events/keiro-speaker-series>

Veterans Conference

Saturday, November 7, 2020

11:00 am- noon - Virtual Webinar

12:30-2:30 p.m. Private consultations

Registration open now, consultation and bento registration close Oct. 30th. First come first served.

<https://www.keiro.org/what-we-do/events/veterans-conference>

Visit the PNS Website: <https://PasadenaNikkeiSeniors.weebly.com>

The Pasadena Buddhist Temple's Sunday School is conducting a See's Candies fundraiser. If you are looking for holiday gifts, this is an easy way to skip going to the store and standing in lines. The cost in this fundraiser would be the same as in the store. All orders are due by November 22nd and will be ready for pick-up on Sunday, December 6th at the Temple.

Please fill out the form on the back side of this page and mail it in with your payment. Checks should be made out to PBT Sunday School. NO gift certificates are available this year, but you can order **Almond Royal** and **Bridge Mix** (these are not pictured on this page).

See's CANDIES.

2020 Winter Fundraising



Assorted Chocolates
Milk and dark decadence.
Delivered in seasonal wrap.
1 lb \$23.50 #50318
2 lb \$45.00 #50319



Milk Chocolates
Pure milk chocolate goodness.
Delivered in seasonal wrap.
1 lb \$23.50 #50326



Dark Chocolates
A taste of cacao in every bite.
Delivered in seasonal wrap.
1 lb \$23.50 #50330



Nuts & Chews
Yummy, crunchy and chewy.
Delivered in seasonal wrap.
1 lb \$23.50 #50334
2 lb \$45.00 #50335



Truffles
Wonderfully decadent and rich.
1 lb \$26.75 #902



Toffee-ettes®
Crunchy toffee, milk chocolate and almonds.
1 lb \$23.50 #316



Assorted Lollipops
Vanilla, Butterscotch, Café Latte and Chocolate.
Approximately 30 lollipops.
1 lb 5 oz \$21.90 #296



Peanut Brittle
Buttery, crunchy and irresistible.
1 lb 8 oz \$23.25 #355



Winter Wonderland Box
The ultimate stocking stuffer.
4 oz \$8.00 #9722



Assorted Peppermints
Creamy mint treats in milk and dark chocolate.
8 oz \$11.75 #358



Assorted Molasses Chips
Crispy wafers covered in milk and dark chocolate.
8 oz \$11.75 #360



Mini Bells & Holly Assortment
An irresistible treat.
4 oz \$8.00 #9717

**2020 See's Candies Winter Fundraiser for
Pasadena Buddhist Temple's Sunday School
Order Deadline – November 22, 2020
Orders will be ready on Sunday, December 6th**

Name: _____ Phone# _____

Email Address: _____

() – I will pick up my order. *Name of person picking up my order _____

() - I will need delivery of my order. My address is: _____

Item	Quantity Wanted	Price	Subtotal
1# Assorted Chocolates (#50318)		\$ 23.50	
2# Assorted Chocolates (#50319)		\$ 45.00	
1# Milk Chocolates (#50326)		\$ 23.50	
1# Dark Chocolates (#50330)		\$ 23.50	
1# Nuts & Chews (#50334)		\$ 23.50	
2# Nuts & Chews (#50335)		\$ 45.00	
1# Truffles (#902)		\$ 26.75	
1# Toffee-ettes® (#316)		\$ 23.50	
1# 5 oz Assort. Lollypops (#296)		\$ 21.90	
1# 8 oz Peanut Brittle (#355)		\$ 23.25	
4 oz Winter Wonderland Box (#9722)		\$ 8.00	
8 oz. Asst. Peppermints (#358)		\$ 11.75	
8 oz Assort. Molasses Chips (#360)		\$ 11.75	
4 oz Mini Bells & Holly Assortment (#9717)		\$ 8.00	
1# Almond Royale		\$ 23.50	
1# Bridge Mix		\$ 23.50	

Total due and enclosed:

Please make check out to **PBT Sunday School** and mail it with this order form to:
Pasadena Buddhist Temple, 1993 Glen Avenue, Pasadena 91103.

If you have any questions, feel free to call the Pasadena Buddhist Temple, 626-798-4781.