

# Torrance Sister City Newsletter



Torrance, California



Torrance Sister City Association



Kashiwa, Japan

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## TSCA welcomes the 2013 Kashiwa Student Exchange Group to Torrance



Front L - R: Takahiro Takikawa, Kaori Shinada, Mr. Masahiko Arai (Adult Leader), Maako Sugiyama, Yunchao Chi  
Back L - R: Rikako Suzuki, Hikaru Sano, Kurumi Hagiwara, Yuri Masuda



Hikaru Sano

16 years old, in 11th grade at Reitaku High School (welfare education). She wants to learn about American traditional activities, shop in Los Angeles, go to the beach, and eat American food. She anticipates talking and cooking with host families. Hikaru's father is an office worker with a car, mother a housewife who reads books. Her sister (26) is an office worker who does handicrafts; brother (25) a physical therapist who bikes; and brother (23) a government official who plays basketball.



Kaori Shinada

20 years old, a sophomore at Kyoritsu Women's University. In line with her studies in early child education, Kaori would like to go to a nursery school and observe children at activities in U.S. Her hobbies include basketball, soccer, and listening to music. In addition to talking with host family, she wants to do or watch sports, shop, and go to the beach. Her father is a company employee who likes to walk. Mother is a librarian who gardens, and sister (21) is a student who plays basketball.



Kurumi Hagiwara

17 years old, in 12th grade at Bunkyo Gakuin University Girls' Senior High School. She enjoys basketball, dancing and singing. Her father is Optician's president and plays golf. Mother is a housewife who likes to draw. Her two brothers (14 and 10) play basketball and TV games. Kurumi would like to go to the Aquarium of the Pacific, see the night view from Griffith Observatory, eat delicious food - and of course talking, shopping, cooking and playing with host families.



Maako Sugiyama

19 years old, a sophomore at Tokyo University of Science (Pharmaceutical Sciences). With an interest in health care, Maako wants to learn about the role of pharmacists in the U.S. and go to a pharmacy. With her host family, she wants to learn about U.S. culture and to share her culture through Japanese tea ceremony, abacus, and yukata/clothes. She also plays piano. Her father is an office worker who likes to stroll. Mother is a nurse who sews, and brother (16) plays table tennis.



Rikako Suzuki

16 years old, in 11th grade at Higashikatsushika High School. She enjoys calligraphy, playing piano, and mountain climbing. She is a member of her high school mountaineering club. While in Torrance, she would like to go to a place to enjoy nature, swim in the sea, and shop. She looks forward to talking with host family and exchanging cultures. Rikako's father is an office worker, enjoys the PC. Mother is an office worker who reads books. "I wish my host family would become my second family," she writes.



Takahiro Takikawa

16 years old, in 11th grade at Shibaura Institute of Technology Kashiwa High School, enjoys volleyball, watching baseball and soccer. While in the U.S., he hopes to visit a high school and college, go to the beach, eat delicious food, visit Disneyland, shop, and talk with host families. Takahiro's father is a bank employee who watches sports. Mother is a bank employee who likes to shop and cook. Brother (22) is a student at UCI and lives in Irvine, CA. His sister (18) is a student who watches baseball and listens to music. Jack, the family Jack Russell terrier (7), likes to eat and play!



Yunchao Chi

16 years old in 11th grade at Higashikatsushika High School. Chi wants to go shopping in Los Angeles and go to the beach. He anticipates talking with host family about their school life, music interests, and hopes to play basketball. Chi's father is a computer engineer who enjoys golf. His mother is a housewife who likes to cook. His 8-year-old brother enjoys swimming.



Yuri Masuda

19 years old, a sophomore at Meteorological College. Her father is an office worker who enjoys photography. Mother likes to watch movies and travel. Her sister (15) plays volleyball, and brother (13) likes cycling. Yuri hopes to sightsee with her host family, walk around town looking at structures, learning about history, and experiencing the different climate, culture, and local delicious food.



Masahiko Arai

Educated at University of Minnesota at Twin cities and Tokyo University of Science (Molecular Biology), Mr. Arai is a business consultant who enjoys tennis, soccer, and music (guitar). His wife, Ayumi, is an office worker at Kikkoman, who enjoys cooking, singing, and wine. They have 3 daughters (15, 13, and 10) who mainly enjoy musical activities. Mr. Arai is interested in American people's usual daily life and understanding cultural differences. He looks forward to talking with his host family, enjoying local food, scenic place, and possibly playing tennis.

# President's Message



By Werner Willoughby

On behalf of the Torrance Sister City Association, I would like to extend a warm welcome to the Kashiwa student delegation of Yunchao Chi, Kurumi Hagiwara, Yuri Masuda, Hikaru Sano, Kaori Shinada, Maako Sugiyama, Rikako Suzuki, Takahiro Takikawa and their adult leader, Mr. Masahiko Arai. Here's hoping that their stay will be full of fun activities, interesting cultural experiences, exposure to historically significant topics especially in the Japanese American community, memorable interactions with the people of Torrance and joyous interactions with their host families.

Many thanks to the following host families who have graciously extended their hospitality to the Kashiwa delegation: The Sutherlands, Gelbaums, Cortez-Barragans, Lobos, Nomiya, Chan-Fukudas, Kawabutas, Kranzs, Matsumotos, Rubins, Tiansays, Ihde-Dunlaps, Shrivastava-Higas, Todds and Willoughbys.

If you have not yet made reservations for the Sayonara Banquet scheduled for Wednesday evening, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:00 p.m., at the Toyota USA Automotive Museum, please mail your order form ASAP or reserve your seats at the Welcome Reception. The Sayonara Banquet will be the last opportunity to say goodbye to the Kashiwa delegation.

Best wishes to the 2013 Torrance student delegates who will be college freshmen in the fall: Emiko, Ken, Matthew and Vanessa as well as Rachel and Kristen from 2012. May the new high school seniors Jay and Cindy and juniors Ann and Melanie have an outstanding and memorable year.

Thank you Mr. Ron Kimmel for your efforts in maintaining our membership records and assembling the 2013 Membership Directory which you should have received in the mail. It's a beautiful directory with many dates, names, and personal information that have been researched and updated by Ron. Thanks again, Ron, on a job well done. It's a valuable resource.

Thank you to our Kashiwa Liaison Ms Akiko Maruta for all of the exciting photos that were sent to me and which I forwarded to the Board, host families, TSCA members and supporters. I began every morning by checking my email for the new photos of the day. What was the day's adventure going to be? Making soba noodles, experiencing Judo, interacting with the elementary students, hunting for fireflies and listening to the famous Kashiwa Municipal High School band. Everyday the photos enabled the people of Torrance to enjoy and experience the trip of a "lifetime" through our students and their adult leader Steven Ihde. Many thanks to Torrance Committee members and the citizens of Kashiwa for enabling our students and adult leader to have such a memorable experience. Thank you Kevin Butt and Matthew Medlock for your efforts in presenting Judo to our students. The smiles and excitement in Torrance matched those in Kashiwa.

If you see us out and about in Torrance between August 5th and the 21st, don't hesitate to approach the group, introduce yourself and welcome the 2013 Kashiwa delegation to Torrance. The entire city is playing host to the students and their adult leader. The Kashiwa delegation will be thrilled and happy to talk with you. Happiness is contagious....you'll feel happy as well!!

# AUGUST CALENDAR

August	5	Kashiwa Students Arrive Welcome Reception, 5:45 at Nakano Theater
	9	City Hall Closed
	21	Sayonara Banquet, 6:00 at Toyota USA Auto Museum
	22	Kashiwa Students Leave
	23	City Hall Closed

(Next TSCA meeting will be September 9, 2013)

## Membership News

**Membership Chairman:**  
**Ron Kimmel**



The directory has been mailed to all members; if you did not receive your copy please call.

Add the following to the business and organization section:

Kitchen Deli  
2018 W Carson St  
Torrance CA 90501

Please use the 2013 membership application on the back of the newsletter. This form reflects the dues increase enacted in 2012.

If you have any questions, call Ron Kimmel at (310) 530-2382.

*The Torrance students will be reporting on their trip at the September association meeting and in future newsletters.*



# Students and Host Families 2013

## Kashiwa Student

Yunchao Chi  
Kurumi Hagiwara  
Yuri Masuda  
Hikaru Sano  
Kaori Shinada  
Maako Sugiyama  
Rikako Suzuki  
Takahiro Takikawa  
Mr. Masahiko Arai

## Family #1 August 5-12

Robert and Barbie Tiansay  
Kevin and Indu Lobo  
Sherwin and Marilyn Rubin  
Bob and Vera Little  
Tash and Miae Nomiya  
Kenneth Chan and Janice Fukuda  
David and Randi Gelbaum  
Bill and Dana Sutherland  
Butch Ihde and Donna Dunlap

## Family #2 August 15-22

Tom and Jeannie Kawabata  
Sheila Allen  
Dave and Linda Kranz  
Mickey and Frances Matsumoto  
Butch Ihde and Donna Dunlap  
Edwin and Mayumi Todd  
Leo Barragan and Dana Cortez  
PK Shrivastava and Reiko Higa  
Werner and Aileen Willoughby

## Welcome Reception

Thursday, August 5, 2013

5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Nakano Theater at the Torrance  
Cultural Arts Center  
3341 Civic Center Dr.  
Torrance, CA 90503

Family — Main dish plus salad, side  
dish, or dessert

Single or couple — Salad, side dish,  
or dessert

RSVP by Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>

to Donna Dunlap at [IhdeBat@aol.com](mailto:IhdeBat@aol.com)

## Sayonara Banquet

Wednesday, August 21, 2013

6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Toyota USA Automobile Museum,  
19600 Van Ness Ave.

Reservations only mailed by  
August 6<sup>th</sup>.

No tickets sold at the door.

Questions?

Contact: Tiffany Yoshida at  
[tcyoshida@yahoo.com](mailto:tcyoshida@yahoo.com)

## Chili Cook-Off at The Square Dance!

Come join us for a chili cook-off at the annual square dance honoring this year's Kashiwa Exchange Students.

Break out your favorite recipes and work up a gallon of your best home-made chili to enter in our cook-off contest. Enter more than one recipe if you like!

### Prizes for the best chili!

If chili is not your thing, bring cornbread or a salad. And please bring ample portions. Let's show our Kashiwa friends some abundant western hospitality.



The event will be a potluck, singles and couples bring a salad or cornbread, families of 3 or more to bring chili and a side (either cornbread or salad).

- \* When: Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:30 p.m. and ending approx. around 9:00 p.m. (chili dinner/contest and square dance)
- \* Where: Toyota USA Automobile Museum, 19600 Van Ness Ave.

RSVP on the Activity Order Form by August 5<sup>th</sup>. Late RSVP only accepted by email by July 30<sup>th</sup>. For information contact Steven Ihde at [steven.ihde@gmail.com](mailto:steven.ihde@gmail.com)

COME FOR THE CHILI!

STAY FOR THE DANCING!

## CALLING ALL TSCA MEMBERS:

Please plan to join the fun next August and become a Host Family. Keep our Student Exchange Program in mind when you plan next summer's vacation. Hosting a Kashiwa student will be one of the most interesting and gratifying cultural experiences you'll ever have!

**AUGUST ACTIVITIES EMERGENCY CONTACT AND CONSENT FORM  
2013**

**Please note:** If you, a family member or guest is/are a participant in any of the activities during August this form must be completed and accompany the **Participation and Order Form** when it is mailed back to TSCA.

**Family Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please supply as much of the following information as applicable. If you have a guest, please copy this form and complete a separate form for them. If they are a minor include their parents as the primary and secondary sources and have one of the parents sign the release at the bottom.

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Cell phone #</u>	<u>Work phone #</u>	<u>Relation in Family</u>
1) Primary Contact/ Participant	_____	_____	_____	_____
2) _____ Secondary Contact/Participant	_____	_____	_____	_____
3) _____ Participant	_____	_____	_____	_____
4) _____ Participant	_____	_____	_____	_____
5) _____ Participant	_____	_____	_____	_____

**Specific health information you may wish to provide:**

Person #

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

In the event any of the above individuals need IMMEDIATE medical attention, I give my permission to TSCA'S assigned activity leader(s) to obtain the necessary medical aid or assistance for IMMEDIATE care.

Signature of Primary Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail with Participation and Order Form to: Torrance Sister City Association  
August Activities  
c/o Community Services Department  
3031 Torrance Blvd.  
Torrance, CA 90503**

**DUE: July 5, 2013**

# 2013 Kashiwa Exchange Student's Activities

Please read these instructions carefully.

The West Annex of Torrance City Hall located at 3031 Torrance Blvd; is the main drop-off and pick-up location. There are other locations on certain days, so please read these instructions carefully. The starting times are **departure times**. Please meet at the location **at least 10 minutes before that**. Transportation will be by a City of Torrance bus provided to TSCA for our use only unless otherwise noted. Priority on the bus goes to the Kashiwa group, activity leader(s), Torrance exchange students, and host families. Drop-off and pick-up arrangements are the responsibility of the host families, not the activity leader(s). **Students or the activity leader will call to inform host families of arrival times at the West Annex if the arrival time is different than the posted time.** \* If you have any questions please email me at: [w.p.willoughby@gmail.com](mailto:w.p.willoughby@gmail.com)

<u>DAY AND TIME</u>	<u>DETAILED INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS</u>
<b>Monday</b> <b>August 5</b>	11:15 a.m. The 2013 Torrance students, Steven Ihde (2013 Adult Leader), and Werner Willoughby (TSCA President) will board a city bus to meet the Kashiwa students at LAX. The Kashiwa students will arrive via ANA flight #6 at 11:25 a.m.
	3:00 p.m. First host families take their student, or adult leader, home from the West Annex. Second host families are also welcome to meet their guest at this time.
	5:30 p.m. All host families and students meet at the Nakano Theater for the Welcome Reception. All TSCA members/friends are encouraged to attend. This is a potluck, singles or couples bring a salad or dessert. Families bring a salad or dessert and a main dish. Bring your own serving utensils. Please arrive by 5:30.
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>August 6</b>	9:00 a.m. Courtesy call to Mayor Frank Scotto
	10:00 a.m. Torrance Fire Department
	11:30 a.m. P/U box lunches at Torrance Bakery/ Local Place, Wilson Park for lunch
	1:00 p.m. Torrance Police Department
	2:30 p.m. Japanese Garden
	3:30 p.m. Return to West Annex, girls select Square Dance dress for the next evening.
	4:15 p.m. Host families pick up students at the West Annex
	6:50 p.m. Meet in the City Council Chambers. Kashiwa group to be introduced and speak briefly. Host families and TSCA members are encourage to attend
7:30 p.m. Ice cream social sponsored by the Torrance Y's Men's Club for the Kashiwa group and host families. YMCA – 2900 W. Sepulveda Blvd., 90505	
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>August 7</b>	9:30 a.m. Depart West Annex for Oriental Motor and Torrance Bakery. <b>Note this is for Kashiwa Students Only</b>
	10:00 a.m. Oriental Motor
	1:00 p.m. Torrance Bakery
	3:30 p.m. Host families pick up students at the West Annex
	5:30 p.m. Chili Cook-off/Square Dance at Toyota USA Automotive Museum (19600 Van Ness Blvd. 90501) with Boots'n Bows Square Dance Club. Both host families are encouraged to participate. Families of two or more bring chili, singles bring cornbread.
	9:00 p.m. Host families take student home.
<b>Thursday</b> <b>August 8</b>	8:00 a.m. Depart West Annex for the Getty
	10:00 a.m. The Getty opens
	1:00 p.m. Arrive at UCLA, lunch on campus
	2:00 p.m. Begin tour of campus (bring sunscreen)
	4:30 p.m. Leave UCLA for West Annex
	5:30 p.m. Arrive West Annex
<b>Friday</b> <b>August 9</b>	8:15 a.m. Depart West Annex for King's Hawaiian Bakery <b>Please note: safety requirements for the bakery – closed toe shoes, pants, no jewelry, watches, necklaces or photography inside the bakery.</b> Bring <b>sunscreen</b> and a towel as the beach is our next destination
	10:30 a.m. Depart King's for beach party at Torrance Beach
	3:00 p.m. Host families pick up students at Torrance Beach, (Miramar Park, near the parking kiosk and dolphin statue)
	5:00 p.m. Depart West Annex for Dodger Stadium. The Kashiwa guests will have a "Dodger Dog" for dinner. The return time is approximate, due to possible extra innings and traffic. We will call those families not attending the game as to our possible arrival time at the West Annex. <b>Please note that backpacks are not allowed in Dodger Stadium. Backpacks should be left home.</b>
	Approximate 11:00 p.m. Host families pick up students at the West Annex. <b>NOTE: City Hall/ West Annex are closed today – no restroom facilities</b>

<b>Saturday and Sunday August 10, 11</b>		FREE WEEKEND WITH FIRST HOST FAMILY <b>Wear sunscreen for outdoor activities!</b>
<b>Monday August 12</b>	8:15 a.m.	Depart West Annex for Farmer Brothers
	8:30 a.m.	Arrive Farmer Bros. <b>Please note: safety requirements – closed toe shoes, cover entire foot, sox, pants, no jewelry, watches, necklace in facilities</b>
	10:30 a.m.	Depart F.B. for Ralphs Market/shopping/cooking
	1:00 p.m.	Depart for park/lunch/games Bring <b>Sunscreen</b>
	4:00 p.m.	Depart for West Annex
	4:30 p.m.	Host families p/u students at West Annex
<b>Tuesday – Thursday August 13 – 15</b>		San Diego – BRING SUNSCREEN!! The itinerary will be included on a separate handout 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> host families arrange transfer of luggage. 2 <sup>nd</sup> host family pick up at West Annex when student return
<b>Friday August 16</b>	8:00 a.m.	Depart West Annex for ITS (International Transport Service)
	8:30 a.m.	Arrive ITS
	11:00 a.m.	Depart ITS for Costco
	11:30 a.m.	Arrive and tour Costco
	12:30 p.m.	Lunch
	1:00 p.m.	Torrance Tour
	3:45 p.m.	Host families pick up students at the West Annex
	5:00 p.m.	Meet at Wilson Park/Hollywood Bow Park and Ride
	6:00 p.m.	Board bus to Hollywood Bowl concert
	8:30 p.m.	Hollywood Bowl concert (Tchaikovsky 1812, fireworks)
	11:45 p.m.	Host families pick up students from Wilson Park (time is approx.)
<b>Saturday and Sunday August 17 – 18</b>		FREE WEEKEND WITH SECOND HOST FAMILY <b>Wear sunscreen for outdoor activities!</b>
<b>Monday August 19</b>	8:00 a.m.	Depart West Annex for Universal Studios
	8:00 p.m.	Depart Universal Studios
	9:00 p.m.	Host families pick up students at West Annex (time is approx...)
<b>Tuesday August 20</b>	8:30 a.m.	Depart West Annex for Little Tokyo – Japanese American National Museum, Rafu Shimpo, Go for Broke Monument, Japanese American Cultural and Community Center.
	3:45 p.m.	Depart for West Annex
	4:30 p.m.	Host families pick up students from West Annex
<b>Wednesday August 21</b>	8:30 a.m.	Meet at the West Annex for a continental breakfast, practice speeches, walk to Del Amo Mall for shopping and lunch
	2:30 p.m.	Host families pick up students by the East entrance to Jo-ann's inside the mall by the escalator.
	6:00 p.m.	Sayonara Banquet at the Toyota USA Automotive Museum. Museum – 19600 Van Ness Blvd., 90501 All host families should attend. <b>This may be the most memorable event</b>
<b>Thursday August 22</b>	10:00 a.m.	Meet at the Tom Bradley International Terminal for check-in, three hours before flight time. The second host family will transport their Kashiwa guest to the airport. Allow plenty of time for traffic congestion. First host families may also participate. Drop off your guest with their luggage at the curb (TSCA people will be there to assist) and then park your car. Farewells should not be prolonged as the Kashiwa group needs to be at their departure gate at least an hour-and-a-half before boarding their aircraft
	1:10 p.m.	The Kashiwa group leaves for Japan via ANA Flight #5

*Sayonara, until we meet again!*



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## 2013 Membership Application

Except for the Life Membership, all dues are in effect from January 1st to December 31st.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Individual	\$20 per year
Family	\$40 per year
Supporting	\$75+ per year
Benefactor	\$125+ per year
Life member	\$2000+(one time donation)

My membership is:     NEW     RENEWAL     I do not want to be listed in the TSCA directory

Directory Update: New address\_\_ New telephone number\_\_ New e-mail address\_\_

I am interested in participating in TSCA activities. \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a donation to TSCA (in addition to my annual dues) in the amount: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Total enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Make your check payable to TSCA and mail with this form to: The Torrance Sister City Association  
c/o The Community Services Department  
3031 Torrance Blvd.  
Torrance, CA 90503

If you have any questions about your membership, please call Ron Kimmel at 310-530-2382.