

# Torrance Sister City Newsletter



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Torrance Sister City Association



Kashiwa, Japan

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## President's Message

By Werner Willoughby

To all of you who enabled Bunka-Sai to be such a wonderful event, you were magnificent!! Thank you!!



Thank yous to the following for extra special effort:

Anonymous Donor – for donating \$1000 to purchase meats for the BBQ Booth

Scott Villalva and his crew at the Cultural Arts Center - for all of the help with the event.

Mark Fujimori and the Park Rangers - for setting up the large tents in the eating area.

Patsy and Ron Shintani - for arranging the loan of and picking up/delivering the canopies from JCI

Kenneth Chan – renting the truck, and picking up the tables from PVHigh and the grill from Andy's Termite

Butch Ihde – for the loan of the tables from PVHigh

Kenneth Chan and Mas Ueki – for moving the equipment and supplies from the storage unit to the event

Teri Kuwahara – for the paper lanterns that gave the event that cultural touch, assembling the program, ads and donations.

Teri and Gary Kuwahara – for manning the “bank” during the event.

Tricia Takasugi and Dr. Dan Fichtner – for the great MC job on stage with the performers.

Patsy Shintani – for coordinating ads and donations for the program.

Allen Teng , Mike Grabowski, Gina Bullock and crew – for their assistance with Central Services, tickets, flyers, and the programs.

Shun Kohrogi – for help with the publicity on Japanese TV and the publications LaLaLa, and Lighthouse

Lori Chong-Eurich – for the publicity through Torrance Unified and local newspapers, and being the stage manager

Seishi Noto and Minamitani Semho for their demonstrations of Bonsai and Ikebana, respectively.

The 2013 Cultural Exchange Students and their families – for working from Friday through Sunday

Steven Ihde – publicity and leadership with the Exchange Students

Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute (JCI) – for publicizing our event in their newsletter

Suzie Wand – for coordinating city resources supporting Bunka-Sai

Individuals and businesses that purchased ads and made donations - thank you for your generous support

Behind the scenes is a group loaded with experience and committed to the success of their booth, by assembling the supplies, equipment, working out the logistics and communicating with their volunteers. Countless hours over many weeks and months were dedicated to their booth. Chairpersons and their booths were; Cheng Leong, and Bryce Yamauchi for Teriyaki/BBQ, Lou Martel for Cotton Candy, Mariko and Jim Namimoto along with Sumi and Mas Ueki for Yakisoba and Curry, Stephanie Ewing-Warner and Butch Ihde for Dango, Hazel Taniguchi and May Cambra for the Silent Auction, Rachel Todd and Kristen Inouye for the Student Games, Shirley and Jenny Tanaka for the Desserts, Jill Maroney for Gift Booth, Teri Kuwahara and Tim Goodrich for Big Raffle, Patsy Shintani for Volunteer Table, Pam Miike for Origami, Lori Chong- Eurich for Entertainment, and Donna Dunlap for Hourly Drawing. To all of the above thank you from TSCA and myself, you made Bunka-Sai a success just waiting to happen!!

TSCA is an organization of volunteers, but for Bunka-Sai, Patsy's crew came out in full force, members, friends, neighbors, exchange student alumni, high school students, Bank of America volunteers, Japanese Cultural Club members, moms and dads, brothers and sisters, grandmas and grandpas, well over 160 at last count.

Many of the parents of the exchange students were amazed and inspired by the effort of so many for their children. For one weekend out of the year so many people came together and contributed their time and efforts toward a successful Bunka-Sai, and ensure the “trip of a life time,” to all of you a big thank you on behalf of TSCA and the exchange students, domo arigato gozaimasu to you all!!

If I omitted your name, please forgive me and accept my apologies and gratitude for your help at Bunka-Sai!

Put April 26th and 27th 2014 on your calendar!! ☺

## May Calendar

May	3	City Hall Closed
	13	Association Meeting 7:00 p.m. West Annex Commission Room
	17	City Hall Closed
	27	Memorial Day Holiday
	31	City Hall Closed

*Happy Mother's Day May 12*

# The 40th Anniversary Celebration In Kashiwa

by Hazel Taniguchi and Donna Dunlap

Our exchange students always come back from Kashiwa and say that their trip was "awesome!" That's exactly how the adult anniversary delegates feel after an anniversary celebration trip.....Awesome, fantastic, outstanding, unforgettable, wonderful, terrific, magnificent, awesome! From start to finish, our Kashiwa hosts were so welcoming, attentive, helpful, and fun to be with, really like family! The following is a report of the trip to Kashiwa March 22 - 27, 2013.

## ARRIVAL AT NARITA

Being on the airplane for 11 hours is not much fun, but when we landed at Narita, it was all worth every hour spent in cramped economy seats. Kashiwa City staff and Torrance Committee members were there to greet us with a smile and a hug, some of them having driven to the airport in their own vehicles, a one-and-a-half - two hour drive. We felt so welcome and happy to see our friends again.

## CHERRY BLOSSOMS

We usually go to Kashiwa in the fall, so going in the spring this time was a very different experience. We wished for, hoped for, and prayed for many cherry blossoms during the time we were in Kashiwa. Well, our wishes, hopes, and prayers were answered! So many cherry blossom trees were in full bloom, just for us! What a beautiful sight that was! We were in Kashiwa at the right time!

## THE YOSHIDA ESTATE

This estate belongs to the Kikkoman soy sauce family. The house and gardens are so traditional, cultural, beautiful and full of history. The Yoshida family gave part of their vast estate to the City of Kashiwa about two years ago. The property was designated a Japanese National Cultural Asset in 2010 and also declared a Japanese Scenic Beauty Garden in 2012.

## THE BANQUET

So many people attended the banquet. Prior to dinner and the program, we were hosted for tea and a tea service demonstration by Mrs. Masako Asano and her group. We were first served sweets that resembled cherry blossoms, then tea. Also before dinner we were treated to "Rakugo," Japanese comic storytelling. What was so special about this was that the storyteller was Ittetsu Kojima, a Kashiwa 1993 exchange student. His professional name is Takekawa Shinoharu, and he was outstanding, keeping us laughing the entire time.

During dinner and the program, we visited with friends we have not seen for a long time. We presented the Torrance Committee with the gifts from TSCA: windbreakers, modeled by Butch Ihde, Dave Sargent, Sherwin Ruben, and John Matsuda and small flags, shown by Dan Fichtner, Barry Henson, and Mark Gelbaum. Former Mayor Akira Honda attended, together with Mayor Akiyama and Chairperson of the City Assembly Mr. Yamauchi. Mayor Scotto presented the gift from our City: a framed photo of the "Lights, Camera, Action" event. A good time was had by all!

Donna Dunlap presented two hardcover copies of "Tour of Torrance," a 20-page picture book featuring the highlights of the city created by Lori Eurich and Donna Dunlap. The books

with captions in English and Japanese will be placed in the Torrance section of the Kashiwa library and at the Kashiwa International Relations Association office.

The evening ended with an incredible Kashiwa Odori. Nearly everyone in attendance was up dancing, so many that the entire banquet hall was encircled with dancers and a second smaller circle in the center of the room. It was the most impressive odori we have ever experienced, and it was so touching to see the participation.

## TOKYO BUS TOUR

Going on a bus to Tokyo allowed us to see the countryside and a typical Japanese rest stop. We went to Tokyo to visit the Sky Tree, a broadcast tower 634 meters tall, designated in the Guinness Book of Records as the world's tallest tower on November 17, 2011. From the observation deck, we could see a panoramic view of Tokyo — beautiful! The members of the Torrance Committee did an outstanding job keeping all 24 of us from Torrance together, a most difficult thing to do in that huge crowd.

## CITY ASSEMBLY DINNER

One of our dinners was hosted by the 36 members of the Kashiwa City Assembly, the counterpart of our City Council. After the formal introductions and speeches, we even played bingo and won beautiful Japanese prizes. The five assemblymen who visited Torrance in February were all there, and it was nice to see them again.

## VISIT TO MAYOR'S OFFICE AND CITY ASSEMBLY

Mayor Hiroyasu Akiyama came to Torrance in October 2012 with the Kashiwa delegates. It was good to renew acquaintances with him. At the City Assembly, our visit was broadcast live from Kashiwa. Torrance residents were able to view the reception at 5:00 p.m. the day before because of the 16-hour time difference. After our visit to City Hall, we went to Kashiwa Furusato Park to plant another cherry blossom tree. There, we saw the tree that was planted during the 20th anniversary visit by then-Mayor Katy Geissert, then-Councilwoman Dee Hardison, Lowell Hardison, Dave and Toni Sargent, and Hazel Taniguchi. That tree was a mature tree in full bloom!

## HOME VISITS

All of us were assigned to homes for lunch and socializing. Mayor Scotto and Cindy Scotto were entertained by Mayor Akiyama and family. All of us were served delicious lunches and had a very good time getting to know our hosts better. Home visits are always a highlight of the anniversary trips.

## KASHIWA MUNICIPAL HIGH SCHOOL

What a treat to watch and listen to the award-winning band at the high school! The band members practice every chance they get, including weekends. They are truly outstanding, and we could have listened to them all day. Mr. Shuichi Ishida is back as the band director!! For those of us who know him, it was a very pleasant surprise to see him back at KMHS.

Our two English teachers, Kevin Butt and Matt Medlock, did a presentation on the high school and then took us on a brief tour. Both ELTs are doing very well and looked very relaxed and happy.

## MAYOR'S DINNER

Mayor Akiyama hosted us the last night with a very delicious dinner at the very new Oak Village Kashiwanoha Restaurant. The Kashiwa delegates who came to Torrance last October

were all there. This was where/when we from Torrance showed off our singing talents by singing three songs: “Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star” in English and Japanese, “If You’re Happy and You know It.....” in English and Japanese, and “Sukiyaki” in Japanese with everyone in attendance singing. “Sukiyaki” has a special meaning to the Japanese people after the Great Eastern earthquake and tsunami, and now with the song ending with all in attendance holding hands in a large circle again encircling the entire hall, it has special meaning to all that were there.

**MEALS**

Everywhere we went, we were served such delicious food. Many of our meals were in courses, as many as eight or nine — luckily, small portions each time, absolutely beautiful and delicious! Presentation is very important in the Japanese culture.



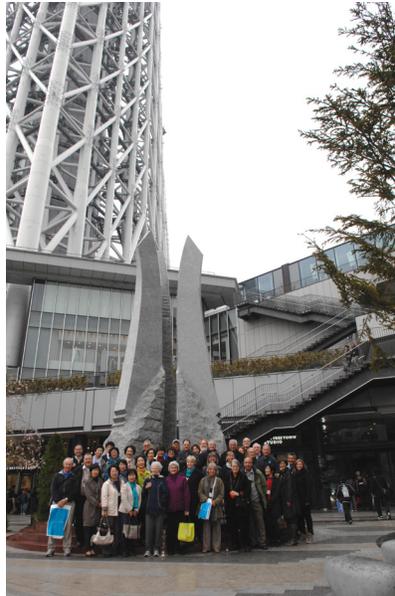
Mayor Frank Scotto presented a framed photo of “Lights, Camera, Action” to Mayor Hiroyasu Akiyama.



Hazel Taniguchi was happy to see Mr. Shuichi Ishida, longtime band director.



Donna Dunlap presented the Torrance Book to Yoko Nakano, chairperson of the Kashiwa 40th Anniversary Committee.



The group visited the Sky Tree, the tallest broadcast tower in the world, in Tokyo.



Past Kashiwa exchange student Ittetsu Kojima performed Rakugo, comic storytelling, prior to the banquet.

**2018**

Anniversary celebrations happen only every five years, and they do much to renew and strengthen our friendship with Kashiwa. The Sister City relationship between Torrance and Kashiwa is one to be proud of, thanks to the Mayors and City staff and the many dedicated volunteers in each city. If you’ve never been to Kashiwa on an anniversary trip, please think about going some day soon. The 45th anniversary will be celebrated in 2018.



Mayor Scotto is served tea and sweets.



Another cherry tree was planted for the 40th Anniversary.



This cherry blossom tree was planted during the 20th Anniversary.



Books given to the Kashiwa Library in the past were checked out by the group.

# Bunka-Sai 2013





# Awesome Volunteers!!

We just completed the most successful Bunka Sai in history! This success is because of you! Record breaking sales, record breaking visitors, record breaking volunteers, and record breaking smiles! There were over 158 volunteers in addition to over 100 high school students helping throughout the 2 days and Friday night prep.

A **big shout out** to the delegate families who spent Friday night, all day Saturday and all day Sunday working in the gift booth, teriyaki booth, dango booth, yakisoba booth and dessert booth. It is the opinion of many that this group of families is one of the best ever. All these parents were so helpful and were always willing to help in any way they could. In their wrap up meeting, they expressed their appreciation to TSCA and all the volunteers.

A **big shout out** to the high school students who came in full force from North, West, Torrance and Peninsula High Schools. I have never seen such an energetic bunch of students who helped with everything and I mean everything. A **big shout out** to the Bank of America volunteers, 25 total who put in 3 hour shifts over the 2 days. A **big shout out** to our friends from the JCI, JACL and GEO who helped in the food booths. And of course, a **big shout out** to the JCI, for the lending of 4 food booths with the special sidings which enabled us to meet the health inspection guidelines.

A **big shout out** to the student club who came through and had record breaking sales with their children activities. Another **big shout out** to this year's Kashiwa delegates and adult leader who again broke records with their sales of the hourly drawing tickets. They looked so awesome in their new purple Hapi Coats which was a gift from Kashiwa this past year.

A **big shout out** to all the returning volunteers who came out to help again and this would include the chairs of all the areas who I know put in many hours of planning and hard work. It really felt like everyone had a great time working/volunteering because I saw so many smiling faces, including mine. All of you really made my duty as volunteer chair this year a wonderful and gratifying experience. **A big shout out and a "big thank you" to everyone!**

Last but not least, a **big shout out** to Werner Willoughby and his wife Aileen. Werner put in countless hours of planning, driving all over town, and just plain hard work. He did all this and always had smile on his face. His commitment and passion for TSCA is equaled by no other. Thank you, Werner and Aileen, for keeping a smile on all our faces!

*Yours,  
Patsy Shintan  
Volunteer Chair 2013*

# The Desserts Booth Report – Many Thanks to All

by Shirley and Jenny Tanaka

A baker's dozen of thanks to Frances, Marilyn, Pam, Lori, Leslie, Barbie, Susan R, Joey, and Manda for their wonderful help with the mochi and other desserts. We were such busy bakers, and we achieved the most successful Desserts Booth ever!

A double scoop of thanks to Dana, Barbie, Dick, Ada, Lindsay, Noelle, and Natasha for taking excellent care of the booth, adroitly handling sales, and making many happy customers.

A triple layer of thanks to Adrian, Hazel, and Lori for their generous donations of yummy cookies and snacks. We enjoyed them all!

Your participation whether baking, cutting, or packaging the sweet treats, manning the booth, or cleaning up, made it all possible. We hope you had a little fun working with us! We enjoyed giving you mochi making lessons and hope you're inspired to bake throughout the year. Join us again at the next Bunka-Sai!



## Remembering Verna Mattox



Sadly we have to report the passing of another friend and supporter of our Kashiwa-Torrance exchange relationship: Verna Mattox has passed away. She was the adult leader for the 1978 delegation and opened her home to Hiroko Okawa Sugiyama during her return stay in Torrance. On April 25th we received this notice of Verna's passing:

Good afternoon,

My name is Chris Tellez and I am the grandson of Verna Mattox as well as 1990 Exchange Student.

She served TSCA as an adult leader, member, board member and host parent.

Because she was incredibly involved with TSCA and had made many friends during her time I wanted to let the association know of her passing early this morning.

She passed away from natural causes at the incredible age of 96.

I do not know who else may still be around from her time with the association but wanted to pass on the word. We do not have any information on memorial services at this time. Those Interested in additional information for them can contact me at [jeditellez@gmail.com](mailto:jeditellez@gmail.com) or by phone at 310-999-5334.

# TSCA's 2001 Exchange Students Reunion In Kashiwa

by Jill Maroney

Two of TSCA's 2001 Exchange Students had a reunion recently in Kashiwa. Gina Landon Chapman and Rachel Maroney Ain, along with their new husbands, met at the home of Yoko Kaneko for a mini reunion. The Kaneko family has hosted many students over the years, including Gina, Rachel, and current English Language Teacher, Matt Medlock, and Rachel's sister, Adrian Maroney. Also at the reunion were Rachel's host parents, The Kiguchis, and Rachel's host sister, Chiaki Sakai. It's wonderful seeing how the TSCA and KIRA programs create life-long friendships!

In photo, from left (top): Gina's husband, Brent Chapman, Matt, Rachel, Gina, Mina Kaneko, Masako Kiguchi, Haruo Kiguchi, Yoko Kaneko.

From left (bottom): Matt's friend Jason, Naoya Kaneko, Keiko Yamazaki, (Gina's host mom, whose daughter, Mika was a 2002 student), Chiaki.

Not pictured: Farris Ain, Rachel's husband (photographer).



From left, Gina, Rachel, Chiaki.



## Membership News

Membership Chairman:  
Ron Kimmel

New and renewed memberships for 2013:

Kawai, Masuru Kent (I)

Okamoto, Joanne Harada (I)

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.



## Award For Kristie Wand

by Hazel Taniguchi

Kristie Wand, daughter of Tom and Suzie Wand, attends Loyola Marymount University. On Sunday, April 21, 2013, Kristie was one of eight undergraduates who were inducted into Kappa Delta Pi (Chi Lambda Chapter). The great majority of inductees were graduate students.



Suzie, Kristie, and Tom Wand

Kappa Delta Pi is an International Honor Society in Education. The criteria for selection of undergraduates was to be academically in the top 10% of those in the School of Education and to receive a recommendation from a faculty member.

The ceremony and reception were held at LMU, with Kristie's family in attendance.

Congratulations, Kristie!

## Gourmet Delights from Japan

by Lori Chong Eurich

Matt Medlock, one of our English teachers at Kashiwa Municipal high school has discovered some of the most unusual and tastiest dishes in his free time. Here's a sampling from some of his recent outings. Japanese food is known for being artful, novel and oishii (delicious). Thanks to Matt for tempting us with these fun photos & captions. Bon Appetit! Check them out online at the TSCA website for a delicious view!



**Title: Garlic Sensation**

Caption: This chain ramen shop can found all over the kanto region. The name Kadofuji literally means "corner fuji". I think the name best describes its signature ramen dish-the oily soy sauce garlic ramen which has a mountain or "fuji" of bean sprouts.



**Title: Sweet Flowers**

Caption: These sugar Sakura flowers are commonly used during tea ceremonies. The sweetness of the sugar is used to counteract the tea's bitterness.

# Benzaiten by the Bay

By Kevin Butt

Foreign Language Lecturer in Kashiwa



At approximately 2.5 miles in circumference, Enoshima (江ノ島) is a small island off the Kanagawa (神奈川) coast only a few stops from the Daibutsu (大仏) in Hase (長谷) along the historic, beach-gliding Enoden Train Line (江ノ島電鉄).

Dedicated to Benzaiten, the Buddhist goddess of 'everything that flows,' the once-sacred island hangs at the end of a tombolo, an emerald necklace that dangles into the Pacific blue from the proud neck of 神奈川県.

Believed to be raised from the sea floor by the goddess herself, the island houses three temples in her honor, the most notable of which memorializes her love affair with and then subsequent banishment of a five headed dragon that had begun terrorizing the island and surrounding area. Well, technically, the most notable temple is the one with a nude statue sculpted in her honor, but the dragon one has to be at least top two.

The main draw of the island, apart from its adopted tropical feel and semi-decent views of the southern coast, are the Iwaya (岩屋) Caves.

At the end of an arduous hike up and down OSHA-disapproved stairs over the twin-peaks that make up the core of Enoshima, one finds a slippery-when-wet walkway among tidal pools and sharp fangs of death that leads to a set of turnstiles (¥500).

These cool, quiet caves are a relaxing return to the more touristy philosophies of Japan.

Carved out of the side of the rock-face by centuries of waves, the narrow, low-ceilinged bores offer tourists a genuine comic book experience, complete with random Buddha statuettes floating in calm, dark cave ponds, and carvings of fire breathing dragons guarding semi-precious stones.

However, probably of more interest is that the second of the two caves is dedicated to the dragon deity that once inhabited the island. Complete with carved, gold-leafed statues and jewel encrusted figurines, the East-Cave of Iwaya stands in reverence to the monster that long ago terrorized the residents of Kanagawa.

Of course, the other legends say that this dragon-terror came as a response to the prayers of Tokimasa Hojo (北条時政), the first Hojo Regent. The story goes that Hojo arrived on the island of Enoshima bearing with him prayer and supplication for the prosperity of his offspring [then the father-in-law of Minamoto no Yoritomo (源頼朝), the first shogunate of Kamakura]. At his call, a dragon appeared, answering his prayer with a promise of protection for the harbor, a promise sealed with three triangular dragon scales, which is at the root of the three-triangle design of their kamon.

Now, a few logistics: the far side of the island, including the caves, pretty much runs on temple-time. This basically means that everything closes in time for the early-bird special. This usually means that, in the summer, everything closes before the sun goes down at around 5. However, it will probably take you only 120 minutes to walk through most of the 'historical' parts of the island.

That being said, it is a nice half-day excursion. Trying to pack it in with Kamakura, however, was a little dicey, as all we could really do was get to Enoshima, take the escalators, and then run to the caves before everything closed. Of course, that did offer us a nice leisurely stroll back through the quaint island village, as there is literally only one road that bisects the island, so it's pretty hard to miss something.

But we are getting ahead of ourselves. Before you even get to the temples, you have to pass through the market village, which is pretty much an indiscernible hodgepodge of buildings and luxury spas of no particular make or influence. One immediately gets the sense that this particular style of unremarkableness hides a particularly remarkable secret.

But it's no secret.

Since its founding as a pleasure garden in the late 19th century, Enoshima has since grown to become the heart of Shonan, a resort area that runs along the coast of Sagami Bay, which features the closest sandy beaches to the Kanto area.

In particular, what is not so interesting is that its beaches are kinda bland, and surf particularly weak, and the island has no direct access to natural hot-spring water. So one wonders what exactly made Enoshima, the sacred island, such a leisure hot-spot in the first place.

Nearly 20 years into their rule, and more than 10 after moving the capitol from Kyoto to Tokyo, the Meiji government (明治政府), in its bid to restore Japan to a more pure form of Japaneseness, wrote into law a separation of Shintoism and Buddhism in a policy called Shimbutsu-bunri (神仏分離).

This new law forced the release of Buddhist-held properties, including

the sacred island of Enoshima, opening the door for land prospectors to swoop in to develop the most coveted and picturesque real estate of the time: temple property. In 1880, one Samuel Cocking, a British merchant wed to a Japanese woman, used his wife's registry to purchase much of the under-developed high lands, turning it into a luxury garden and thriving port-town.

Matthew and I didn't take the time to walk the pay-to-see luxury gardens, though the rest of the island's pleasure gardens are quite quaint and relaxing. The Cocking-areas are, more or less, appropriately named for being romantically themed with snug benches possessing overlooking views of the shore or sea. They're cute, even if it weren't for the overabundance of friendly cats. But, again, we did not venture into the heart of the Love-Tunnel that was the Samuel Cocking Garden and Greenhouse.

It's a solid recommendation for anyone who has only a few things left to do in Kamakura for a second or third trip: much more relaxing than fighting tourists in Hase or pounding the pavement in Kita-Kamakura. But also one that I'm in no particular hurry to experience a second time.





# TORRANCE SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

3031 Torrance Boulevard

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## Be a **HOST FAMILY** in August for a student from **Kashiwa**

**Share our American culture with a student from Kashiwa for the experience of a lifetime!**

August 5 - 12 or August 15 - 22

The students stay with two host families during their three week stay in Torrance.

All daytime activities are planned and hosted by the Torrance Sister City Association (TSCA). Host families are responsible for transporting their student to and from the West Annex at City Hall each morning and late afternoon. Some weeknight activities are planned and host families are welcome to join in on the fun! At all other times the host families will arrange their own activities and meals with their exchange student in accordance with the guidelines of TSCA. Each host family will have one weekend to plan their own activities.

Kashiwa students are able to communicate in English.

An Orientation meeting for all Host Families will be held in late June or early July.

If you have any questions, please call Host Family Chairman Michelle Heredia, (310) 480-6691.

### HOST FAMILY INTEREST FORM

All first-time applicants will be screened by TSCA

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

e-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency/Daytime telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

We would prefer to host a boy \_\_\_\_\_ a girl \_\_\_\_\_ either \_\_\_\_\_

We would prefer to host a student during the first \_\_\_\_\_ the second \_\_\_\_\_ either \_\_\_\_\_ half of the student's stay in Torrance.

Number in Household: \_\_\_\_\_ Pets: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Children: \_\_\_\_\_ M/F Age: \_\_\_\_\_ M/F Age: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ M/F Age: \_\_\_\_\_ M/F Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Others: \_\_\_\_\_

Our family has participated in the following TSCA Activities:

\_\_\_\_\_ Bunka Sai \_\_\_\_\_ Student Exchange Program \_\_\_\_\_ Host Family Program \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Please mail this Interest Form to: The Torrance Sister City Association

3031 Torrance Blvd.

Torrance, CA 90503 (Attention: Host Family Program)



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# TORRANCE SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION

## 2013 Membership Application

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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.