

Torrance Sister City Association



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Welcome 2014 Kashiwa Delegation!

August 2014



Satoko Miyake
Adult Leader

She would like to learn how to cook popular foods and enjoy usual daily life.



Mami Igarashi,

16 years old at Kashiwa High School. She would like to shop at a local super market and visit a high school. Looks forward to talking with host families.



Sayaka Naoi

16 years old at Higashi Katsushika High School. She wants to go to a super market, shopping in LA, and enjoy the outdoors at a park.



Mina Suzuki

17 years old at Nishogakusha Kashiwa High School. She wants to talk about foreign music with host families, visit the beach and shop.



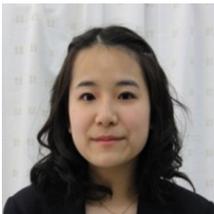
Rei Kawamura

16 years old at Chuo Gakuin High School. She would like to go to the beach, try different foods and talk a lot with host families.



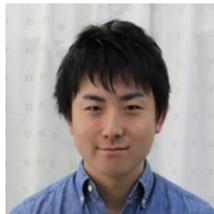
Yamato Kanai

16 years old at Matsudo Municipal High School. He wants to see a musical since he loves singing. Looks forward to the beach and boogie boarding. He'd like to enjoy BBQ.



Saya Fuwazaki

18 years old at Aoyama Gakuin University. She would like to learn more about different cultures, cooking and go to the beach.



Shunsuke Kimura

20 years old at Keio University. He wants to go to the Toyota USA Auto Museum and learn about it's history. He looks forward to going to the beach and surfing.



Yuka Sugiura

18 years old at University of Tokyo. She is interested in wildlife management and animal welfare and wants to visit a zoo. She likes to go shopping, too.

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President's Message

A very warm welcome to the 2014 Kashiwa delegation members: **Satoko Miyake (Adult Leader), Mami Igarashi, Sayaka Naoi, Mina Suzuki, Rei Kawamura, Yamato Kanai, Saya Fuwazaki, Shunsuke Kimura and Yuka Sugiura.** We have an amazing schedule of fun activities and events to make this trip memorable, thought-provoking and full of new adventures. I know that they will take back some precious memories of the time they spend with their host families, too.

Special thanks to this year's host families for their kind hospitality extended to our Kashiwa guests: the **Gelbaums, Rubins, Littles, Cortez-Barragans, Scottos, Oliveros, Nishimuras, Pecks, Shrivastavas, Jordans, Rodovs, Lobos, Allens, Kranzs, Kuos, and Sutherlands.**

The August Activities Committee headed by **Werner Willoughby** has organized each day's activities and the San Diego trip so a *most appreciative thanks* to him for the tremendous job he has done to cover all the details, reservations and itineraries. He has been ably assisted by **Steven Ihde, Michelle Heredia and David Gelbaum** who will accompany the group on their outings.

We would like to thank outgoing Mayor **Frank Scotto**, Council members **Tom Brewer and Bill Sutherland**, and City

Clerk **Sue Herbers** for their loyal support of TSCA and its programs. We appreciate all they have done for us and hope to see them continue their involvement.

Our Orientation program for our exchange delegates was updated and well-organized with many interesting speakers by **Hazel Taniguchi**. Thank you for a great job coordinating this important part of preparing for the trip. Arigato to **Reiko Higa** for being the Japanese language teacher and translating all of the speeches our group gave in Kashiwa.

A hearty thanks to **Teri Kuwahara** for hosting 15 guests in her home for a strawberry mochi making class. She generously provided all of the ingredients and the class fee was donated to TSCA. The mochi were delicious and a great time was had by all.

Thank you to Masahiko "**Mike**" **Arai**, our Kashiwa liaison who provided much support to our student ambassadors and adult leader during their trip. Mike sent dozens of photos to help keep the families and Board members informed on their activities. Thank you to the Torrance Committee and Kashiwa citizens for their hospitality and efforts to make the "trip of a lifetime" a big success.

We bid a fond farewell, thank you and best wishes to **Kevin Butt**, our English teacher who has completed his three-year post at Kashiwa Municipal High School. We thoroughly enjoyed his well-written posts in the newsletter. Kevin made many contributions to the curriculum that helped improve the students' writing and speaking skills. Thank you Kevin and fellow teacher **Matthew Medlock** for a terrific judo lesson that our delegation enjoyed at school. We are very proud of the work these guys have done. Good luck to **Stephanie Mikamo** who replaces Kevin this month and begins her new duties with Matthew's support.

Be sure to join us for the Welcome Reception potluck on Monday, August 4th at the George Nakano Theater at 5:30 p.m. We also look forward to seeing our members and friends at the Sayonara Banquet on Wednesday, August 20th at 6:00 p.m. at the Toyota USA Automotive Museum.



Lori Chong Eurich,
TSCA President

Membership News

There are no new memberships or renewals.

If you have any questions please call Ron Kimmel at (310) 530-2382 or email at tscamembership@gmail.com



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We welcome your comments and submissions to the TSCA newsletter.

Please send them to: tscanewsletter@gmail.com

Kyle Nishimura Earns Eagle Scout at Court of Honor

2014 TSCA Delegate, Kyle Nishimura, achieves the highest rank the Boy Scouts of America awards to Scouts, the Eagle Scout Award. Kyle, a member of Troop 586, was recognized in a Court of Honor ceremony on Saturday, July 5th at Riviera United Methodist Church. The 2014 delegates attended the celebration and the adult leader, David Gelbaum, who is also an Eagle Scout, participated in the ceremony. Kyle's Eagle project was to renovate the Torrance Animal Control Center at Wilson Park in Torrance by painting all the structures, cleaning the outside of the facility and adding two signs to increase visibility. According to the Boy Scouts of America, "Once an Eagle Scout, always an Eagle Scout". Kyle also gets to add, "once a TSCA Delegate, always a TSCA Delegate"!

- Terri Nishimura (Kyle's Mom)



Other News

Gini Loy Good passed away on July 8, 2014.

Gini sensei and I did team teaching many times at school and Unesco club in Kashiwa about 30 years ago before Gary was sent there.

She gave me a Bible with her Hanko stamp "慈仁" which is her Japanese name meaning "love and compassion".

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to a very dear friend, past president and generous supporter of TSCA, May Cambra. We hope to see her soon.

Note from May (right)

I still keep it in my car and I take it with me every time I travel.

This was my first Bible.

She was a great teacher and a beautiful person.

May the Lord comfort her family during this difficult time.

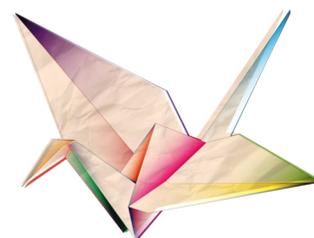
- Fusae Hofer

Note: Gini was an English teacher in Kashiwa from 1984-1987 and an active member for many years.

"To my valued TSCA friends, I've been overwhelmed with all of the support from you all. One member sends me a card every week! The bright yellow orchid brightens up the room and my spirits. It's been a long three months in and out of the emergency room. Hope the new medications work. Looking forward to the 80th birthday reunion in Las Vegas."

Aloha nui loa,

May

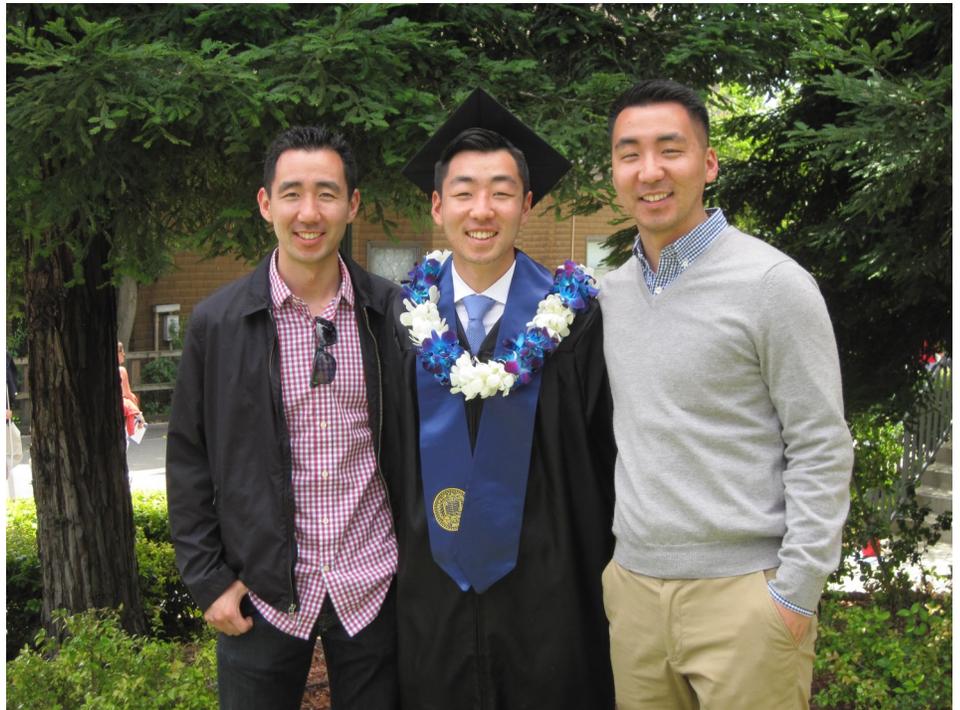


Alumni News - Ueki Brothers

Shoji Ueki was a student delegate in 2000. He had an eye-opening experience and still keeps in touch with his host families. After receiving degrees in engineering and business at the University of Pennsylvania's Jerome Fisher Program in Management and Technology, Shoji moved to New York City. He first worked as a management consultant at Oliver Wyman, where he worked on strategy and analytics projects for financial services companies, and then at the investment management firm Bridgewater Associates, where he helped pension funds, university endowments and foreign governments invest their money.

Shoji then went off to business school at the Wharton School where – in addition to studying of course – he was able to do plenty of traveling and visit 7 continents, climb Mt. Kilimanjaro and camp in Antarctica. After graduating with an MBA last year, Shoji moved back to California and now lives in San Francisco, where he helps Kiwi, a mobile gaming startup, grow their user base.

Takashi was a student delegate in 2003 and still considers his experience in the TSCA program as one of the most memorable of his life. He's since visited Japan again and has gone on trips through Europe and Central America, but none of those can replicate experiencing a country through the lives of his host families and the students from Kashiwa. He can't wait to visit them again soon and enjoys



Shoji, Kenji, Takashi Ueki at Kenji's graduation

exchanging Christmas cards with his host families and hearing how they're doing every year.

Since graduating from UCI in 2008 with a degree in economics and a minor in accounting, Takashi has been working at PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC). He began his career at PwC in their audit practice within their entertainment and technology group in LA working on clients such as Disney Studios, Sony pictures and the Academy Awards. One of the benefits of working on the Academy Awards was that he had the opportunity to attend the 82nd and 83rd Academy Awards. He then spent three years in DC in PwC's Public Sector Practice providing advisory services to federal agencies. It was definitely a unique experience being in the nation's capitol during a presidential election. Earlier this year he transferred into PwC's M&A Advisory practice based out of the San Jose office working with technology companies.

Kenji Ueki was a student delegate in 2008, and to this day, he says it is still one of the most incredible summers he has ever experienced. He still keeps in touch with several people he met through the Torrance-Kashiwa sister city exchange program, and in fact, he just stayed with one of his host families in May when he visited Japan. Kenji also had dinner with our very own Matt Medlock.

Since his exchange trip, he has mainly been a student. In 2010, Kenji went off to UC Berkeley where he studied business at the Haas School of Business (Go Bears!). He had an amazing time at Berkeley and wishes he never had to graduate.. Kenji graduated this past May and is now working in LA as an investment banking analyst where he advises companies on raising capital, going public, and conducting M&A transactions.

TSCA Mochi Making Fundraiser

On June 29th, Teri Kuwahara hosted a TSCA Fundraiser by teaching many TSCA members how to make mochi with red bean paste and fresh strawberries. The event was well attended and everyone got to eat and take home fresh mochi to enjoy.

Thank you to Teri for having us all in her home and for the wonderful demonstration!

- Linda Kranz



Students and Host Families 2014

Kashiwa Student	Family 1 (August 4-13)	Family 2 (August 14-21)
Satoko Miyake	Mark & Ilene Gelbaum	Sherwin & Marilyn Rubin
Saya Fuwazaki	Bob & Vera Little	Barragan-Cortez family
Mami Igarashi	Frank & Cindy Scotto	Oliveros family
Yamato Kanai	Nishimura family	Gelbaum family
Rei Kawamura	Peck family	Shrivastava family
Shunsuke Kimura	Jordan family	Rodov family
Sayaka Naoi	Lobo family	Sheila Allen
Yuka Sugiura	Gelbaum family	Kranz family
Mina Suzuki	Kuo family	Bill & Diana Sutherland

Reminders! Please sign up for the following events

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 cornbread, families of 3 or more to bring chili, cornbread or fruit salad.

Dessert will be the cakes decorated by the Kashiwa delegates at Torrance Bakery.

When:

Wednesday, August 6th 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.
Torrance, CA

COME FOR THE CHILI!

Welcome Potluck

Monday, August 4, 2014
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

Sayonara Banquet

Wednesday, August 20, 2014
6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Toyota USA Automobile Museum
19600 Van Ness Ave.
Torrance, CA

Reservations only, please contact Werner Willoughby at w.p.willoughby@gmail.com



Tickets are \$25. No tickets sold at the door.

Don't miss this special evening that features heartfelt presentations by the Kashiwa delegation and an extensive photo review of the 2014 Torrance students' trip of a lifetime to Kashiwa.

TSCA Display

Be sure to stop by and see the TSCA display in the front lobby exhibit case at Katy Geissert library. TSCA will be featured in August with photos and other items to promote our organization. Thank you to Hazel Taniguchi, Gail Roulette, Donna Dunlap and Steven Ihde for their help with the display.

Torrance Student Delegation Photos from Kashiwa





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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.

TSCA meetings are held on the second Monday of each month, except in August and December, at the Civic Center West Annex Commission Room 7:00 p.m.