

# Torrance Sister City Association



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## We Can't Thank You Enough, Suzie!

July 2014



**T**SCA's City Liaison of 23 years, Suzie Wand, is leaving due to a massive reorganization efforts in the Community

Services Department.

Suzie Wand has been a strong supporter of the Sister City Program between Torrance and Kashiwa, Japan since 1991. She has been instrumental in guiding TSCA as the political advisor of so many TSCA

presidents and boards. She has been very efficient, extremely organized, and wonderful to work with over these past two plus decades. Whatever Suzie does, she puts in 200% effort and dedication into the job. She is knowledgeable and tactful. Above all, she truly enjoys learning about the Sister City Program. She has many friends in Kashiwa also who have enjoyed working with her and will miss her. So many TSCA members tried hard to keep Suzie as the City Liaison, but to no avail.

So, Suzie has to leave TSCA, but

TSCA will not forget her.

MANY, MANY THANKS, Suzie, for everything you did for TSCA! Please stay in touch and attend our activities. We really appreciate all that you did for us as our City Liaison!

- Hazel Taniguchi

## Upcoming Events

**July 4, 11, 25**

City Hall closed

**July 8 - 21**

Torrance students exchange to Kashiwa

**July 12**

Student Club meeting, TBD

**July 14**

TSCA association meeting, 7:00 pm

**August 4 - 21**

Kashiwa students exchange trip to Torrance

## In Memoriam Fujiko Ishikawa — 11/18/1912 to 6/8/2014

**F**ujiko "Fuzzy" Ishikawa, a lady very dear to the hearts of many TSCA members, passed away on June 8 at the age of 101.

Since the mid-seventies, for nearly 40 years, Fuzzy was an active member of TSCA. She served on many committees, ran the gift booth at Bunka-Sai, and hosted Kashiwa guests several times. As late as 2010, she was still attending Historical Committee meetings.

Fuzzy grew up in L.A. and Lomita, attending Narbonne HS and UCLA, where she met Hank, her future husband. WWII sent her to relocation camps for 9 years, returning in 1951 and eventually settling in Torrance, in a home they lived in for over 40 years.

Fuzzy leaves a son Richard and daughter Peggy, who reports that a

private Celebration of Life for family is being planned in Fuzzy's memory. They request in lieu of flowers that memorial gifts be made to TSCA.

### Here are some Special Memories of Fuzzy that speak for themselves:

*From Lou and Lori Martel:* Perhaps one of the best recollections of Fuzzy takes us back to 2001, when she led the Kashiwa and Torrance students to a Dodger game. Fuzzy and her co-leader May Cambra were a kick. They had more statistics on the team than most sports commentators, and it was obvious to us that they relished the opportunity of seeing them in action. Their enthusiasm was certainly contagious.

Fuzzy brought a little sunshine anytime she appeared at a TSCA event. We feel fortunate to have known her.

*From Gail Roulette:* In addition to her other talents, Fuzzy was an accomplished seamstress, and was always the epitome of style. I had the pleasure of joining with Fuzzy to construct the popular T-shirt banner you see displayed at TSCA events. My knowledge of sewing perfection was greatly enhanced in those few weeks I worked with her!

*From Amy Coury:* Fuzzy will be missed by her loving family and long remembered by TSCA members for her strong support of the organization and for the good times they shared with her.

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## Membership News

New or renewed memberships:

Albitz, Phil and Velma (F)

Crowson, Sherri (I)

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



Photo of the 2014 Torrance exchange students at the Torrance city yard event. They raised \$378 selling healthy snacks, water and soda.

## Alumni News

**K**ristin Namimoto was a student delegate to Kashiwa in 2000. Ever since then, Japan seems to always be calling her back.

After graduating from college at San Diego State University, Kristin worked in Los Angeles as a public relations representative in the entertainment industry. Longing to go back to Japan to learn more about herself and her ancestors, Kristin left her job and accepted a position teaching English in Japan through the JET Program from 2008-2010. While in Japan, she lived in a rural town in Miyazaki Prefecture where she developed a love for cooking and Japanese design. She was fortunate to travel all over

Japan, go on volunteer trips to India, spend weekends in Hong Kong and Malaysia and had many great cooking teachers along the way. Inspired by her experiences abroad, Kristin returned to the States in 2010 and moved to San Francisco, where she worked in restaurant and food public relations.

Kristin feels fortunate to live in her beloved San Francisco, where she is constantly inspired by the city's spirit of creativity and innovation. After three years of working behind a computer, Kristin began taking interior design courses at UC Berkeley Extension. During the day, she works as a designer at a

new residential design firm in the city where she gets to help design homes for clients all over the world.

I'm not sure if you have space to mention this, but both my sister Keri and brother Derek were also student

delegates to Japan and I know my parents enjoy being part of the TSCA community :).

- Kristin Namimoto



Kristin Namimoto

## Melanie Nomiya Wins Shakespeare Poetry Contest



Melanie Nomiya (2013 Torrance exchange student) won first place with her poem "Coffee Stained Tears" in the Shakespeare Poetry Contest within the Torrance Unified School District category. This contest is held annually by the Torrance Performing Arts Consortium and hosts a small poetry recital for the winners and honorable mentions. Melanie had the pleasure of reciting her poem in front of the audience including her family and North High English 3 Honors teacher, Mr. Anderson (who gave her this opportunity), and receiving a certificate, check, and medal.



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## The Truth is in the Blood

Television has always played an interesting role in my life. When I watch television, my mind escapes from the reality of my everyday and transports me into a world of drama, comedy, and action that lasts for a good thirty minutes to hour. Even with the shortness of time, I instantly become transfixed on the shows and I almost live vicariously through every individual character.

Many of my favorite shows I watched in America were cop dramas and I found many of the shows carry the similar themes in their episodes. When I think about some of the most gut-wrenching episodes I saw the stories about were expecting couples were always the ones that left a bad taste in my mouth. These episodes stood out to me because of the dialogues between the couples. It seemed the way each television show introduced each couple was the same the woman grabbing her stomach, looking down and saying, "I wonder what our child is going to be like?" and then soon the killer would appear and kill the husband and then the drama would begin from there. The cops would be called and then they would spend the next hour trying to figure out who the killer is, which they eventually find out and then the episodes ends. After the hour of me being an empathetic vortex of emotion, the stories stay with me and I contemplate how the situation would have turned out differently if they would have not done a step or changed something. But, more often than not I would dwell on the lines that these couples would say to one another: I wonder what our child will be like? It got me thinking about if I had a child what would mine be like.

In Japan, like everywhere else in the world, people have children and so the same question arises for expecting couples too: What will our child be like? In the west, ancient methods of predicting personality types were quite common such as zodiac signs and natal

charts. However in Japan, because of China's heavy influence, they used the Chinese zodiac. But now more commonly, the Japanese created an interesting system to depict personality traits, they use blood, specifically blood types or *ketsueki-gata* in Japanese.

The obsession with blood types started almost a hundred years ago by a professor of psychology who examined the differences of the students who applied to his school. He determined that the students could be divided into two personality types based off blood types A and B. He concluded that students who had blood type A were mild tempered and intellectual while students with blood type B were easily angered and unintellectual. From there he published several articles and books, which gained in popularity. Now, this phenomenon of blood type personality classification has become wide spread and all over Japan and has expanded to include blood type O and A/B.

An article from the online website, *The Great Geek Manual* explains the characteristics of blood type:

### **"Type A: The Farmer**

...Type A's are the most artistic of the groups. They can be shy, cautious, conscientious, reliable, trustworthy, and sensitive. They can also be overcautious, picky, arrogant, and reckless when drunk.

### **Type B: The Hunter**

...Type B's are the individualists of the blood group categories and find their own way in life. Type B personalities can be curious, bright, cheerful, enthusiastic, independent, sensitive, and unpredictable. They can also be superficial, unreliable, selfish, unpredictable, indiscreet, lazy, and impatient.

### **Type AB: The Humanist**

...They are trustworthy and like to help others. Type AB personalities

can be sensitive, considerate, careful, and efficient. They can also be strict, moody, easily offended, critical, and standoffish.

### **Type O: The Warrior**

...Creative and popular, they love to be the center of attention and appear very self confident. Type O personalities can be carefree, generous, independent, flexible, idealistic, goal-oriented, athletic, competitive, and adaptable. They can also be clumsy, flighty, jealous, greedy, unreliable, obsessive lover, vain loudmouths."

This list of attributes is not set in stone, it becomes more complex and difficult as you dig in deeper to the world of blood type study, but to me what makes these more interesting than the idea of western zodiacs or Chinese zodiacs is that rather than having an external force, like your birthday, dictate your personality what dictates your personality comes from within; what you are made from. However interesting that may be, it is still hard for me to believe that out of the seven billion people that live on this planet, there are only four personality types that people can have.

I honestly do not know if there is any merit to blood types being able to predict personality types or even zodiac signs for that matter, but for expecting couples or even couples with newborns the idea of being able to tell what your child is going to be like, even with methods such as these, is probably a relieving and exciting thought (Depending on what blood type you are of course!).



Matthew Medlock,  
English Teacher

## 2014 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).

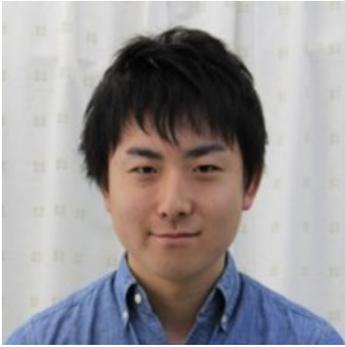
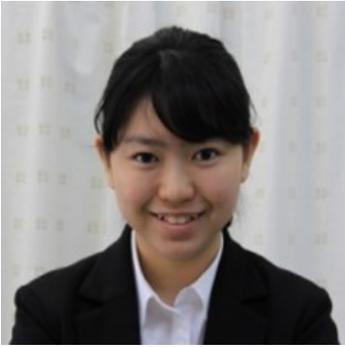
**Students or the activity leader will call to inform host families of arrival times at the West Annex if the arrival time is different than the posted time.**

DAY AND TIME	DETAILED INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS
<b>Monday, August 4</b> 9:15 a.m.	The 2014 Torrance students, David Gelbaum (2014 Adult Leader), and Lori Chong Eurich (TSCA President) will board a city bus to meet the Kashiwa students at LAX. The Kashiwa students will arrive via Delta, flight 284 at 9:35 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>Translator:</b> TBD <b>Leader(s):</b> Lori, David, Steven, Donna, Werner	
<b>Tuesday, August 5</b> 9:00 a.m, 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 2:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. 4:15 p.m. 6:50 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Courtesy call to Mayor Furey Torrance Fire Dept. P/U box lunches at Torrance Bakery/ Local Place, Wilson Park for lunch. Torrance Police Dept. Japanese Garden Return to West Annex, girls select Square Dance dress for the next evening. Host families pick up students at the West Annex. Meet in the City Council Chambers. Kashiwa group to be introduced and speak briefly. Host families and TSCA members are encouraged to attend Ice cream social sponsored by the Torrance Y's Men's Club for the Kashiwa group and host families. The Attic Teen Center, 2320 Carson Blvd., 90505
<b>Translator:</b> TBD <b>Leader(s):</b> Michelle, Lori, Steve Warner	
<b>Wednesday, August 6</b> 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 3:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.  9:00 p.m.	Depart West Annex for Oriental Motor and Torrance Bakery. <b>Note this is for Kashiwa students only.</b> Oriental Motor Torrance Bakery Host families pick up students at the West Annex Chili Cook-Off/Square Dance at Toyota USA Automotive Museum with Boots'n Bows Square Dance Club. Both host families are encouraged to participate. Families of two or more bring chili, singles bring cornbread. Host families take students home.
<b>Translator:</b> Yoko Mendelson <b>Leader(s):</b> Lori, David, Butch, Donna, Steven	

DAY AND TIME	DETAILED INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS
<b>Thursday, August 7</b> 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Depart West Annex for the Getty The Getty opens Arrive at UCLA, lunch on campus Begin tour of campus ( <b>bring sunscreen</b> ) Leave UCLA for West Annex Arrive West Annex
<b>Translator:</b> Reiko	<b>Leader(s):</b> Werner, Emiko, Ken
<b>Friday, August 8</b> 8:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 1:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	<b>NOTE: City Hall/ West Annex are closed today – no restroom facilities</b> Depart West Annex for Little Tokyo JACCC Memorial and Irvine Garden visit Fugetsu Do Go For Broke Monument JANM Tour Lunch, Oiwake Restaurant Rafu Shimpo Depart Rafu Shimpo for Space Shuttle Space Shuttle Endeavor Depart Exposition Park Arrive West Annex
<b>Translator:</b> TBD	<b>Leader(s):</b> Teri, Werner, Steven
<b>Saturday and Sunday August 9, 10</b>	<b>FREE WEEKEND WITH FIRST HOST FAMILY</b> <b>Wear sunscreen for outdoor activities!</b>
<b>Monday, August 11</b> 8:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m.  11:00 a.m. 11:45 a.m. 1:45 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m.	Depart West Annex for ITS (International Transport Service) Arrive ITS <b>Please note: safety requirements – closed toe shoes, cover entire foot, socks, pants, no jewelry, watches, necklaces in facilities.</b>  Depart ITS. for Ralphs Market/shopping/cooking Shopping, cooking Depart for park/lunch/games Bring <b>sunscreen</b> Depart for West Annex Host families p/u students at West Annex
<b>Translator:</b> TBD	<b>Leader(s):</b> Steven, David
<b>Tuesday- Thursday August 12-14</b>	<b>San Diego - BRING SUNSCREEN !!</b> <b>The itinerary will be included on a separate handout</b> <b>1st &amp; 2nd host families arrange transfer of luggage.</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> host family pick up at West Annex when students return</b>
<b>Leader(s):</b> Steven, David	
<b>Friday, August 15</b> 9:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 3:45 p.m.	Depart West Annex for the YMCA, 2900 Sepulveda Blvd. 90505 Arrive at the YMCA Lunch at the YMCA Depart YMCA for Torrance tour Host families p/u students at the West Annex
<b>Translator:</b> TBD	<b>Leader(s):</b> Steven, David

DAY AND TIME	DETAILED INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS
<b>Friday, August 15</b> 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 8:30 p.m. 11:45 p.m.	Meet at Wilson Park(Hollywood Bowl Park and Ride) Board bus to Hollywood Bowl concert Hollywood Bowl concert (Tchaikovsky 1812, fireworks/ USC marching band) Host families pick up students from Wilson Park (time is approx.)
<b>Leader(s):</b> Steven, David, Donna, Lori, Werner	
<b>Saturday and Sunday August 16,17</b>	<b>FREE WEEKEND WITH SECOND HOST FAMILY</b> <b>Wear sunscreen for outdoor activities!</b>
<b>Translator:</b> TBD	<b>Leader(s):</b> Teri, Werner, Steven
<b>Monday, August 18</b> 8:15 a.m. 8:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	Depart West Annex for Universal Studios Depart Universal Studios for West Annex Host families p/u students at West Annex (time is approx.)
<b>Leader(s):</b> Steven, David	
<b>Tuesday, August 19</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>
<b>Translator:</b> TBD	<b>Leader:</b> Werner
<b>Tuesday, August 19</b> 10:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. Approximate 11:00 p.m.	Bring <b>sunscreen</b> and a towel as the beach is our next destination. Depart King’s for beach party at Torrance Beach. Host families pick up students at Torrance Beach, (Miramar Park, near the parking kiosk and dolphin statue) 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> Host families pick up students at the West Annex.
<b>Translator:</b> Mikko	<b>Leader(s):</b> Steven, David
<b>Wednesday, August 20</b> 8:30 a.m. 2:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Meet at the West Annex for a continental breakfast, practice speeches, walk to the Del Amo Mall for shopping and lunch. Host families p/u students by the East entrance to Jo-Ann’s, inside the mall by the escalator. 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>Translator:</b> Reiko	<b>Leader(s):</b> Reiko, Lori, Steven, Donna, Werner, David
<b>Thursday, August 21</b> 10:00 a.m. 1:10 p.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. <b>Drop off your guest with their luggage at the curb (TSCA people will be there to assist) and then park your car.</b> 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. The Kashiwa group leaves for Japan via Delta, flight 283 at 1:45 p.m.
<b>Leader(s):</b> Lori, Steven, David, Donna, Werner	

## 2014 Kashiwa Adult Leader and Exchange Students

 <p><b>Satoko Miyake</b> Adult Leader</p> <p>Hobbies: shopping, reading books, running, tennis, watching NHK TV program "Hanako &amp; Ann"</p>	 <p><b>Mami Igarashi</b></p> <p>Hobbies: calligraphy, swimming, school club: dance</p>	 <p><b>Sayaka Naoi</b></p> <p>Hobbies: reading books, music, school clubs: mountain climbing, music, English</p>
 <p><b>Mina Suzuki</b></p> <p>Hobbies: speak in English, piano, horse riding, school club: music (guitar)</p>	 <p><b>Rei Kawamura</b></p> <p>Hobbies: cultivation (plant), piano, reading books; school club: biology</p>	 <p><b>Yamato Kanai</b></p> <p>Hobbies: judo, school club: judo</p>
 <p><b>Saya Fuwazaki</b></p> <p>Hobbies: watching movie, piano, music</p>	 <p><b>Shunsuke Kimura</b></p> <p>Hobbies: bowling, dance, basketball</p>	 <p><b>Yuka Sugiura</b></p> <p>Hobbies: dance, piano, calligraphy</p>



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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Individual \$20 per year  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Family \$40 per year  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Supporting \$75+ per year  
 Benefactor \$125+ per year  
 Life member \$2000+(one time donation)

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

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.