

Torrance Sister City Association



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May/June 2015

President's Message

Hello Fellow TSCA Members,
Our mission is to foster good will
and intercultural understanding
among the citizens of Torrance and
Kashiwa. To this end, we have been
quite successful: student delegates
have been preparing rigorously for their
summer delegation trip to Kashiwa, and
our major fund raiser for this project, the
Bunka-Sai has been well prepared for
and executed. This is only because of
all of our combined efforts.

Donations of time and money were
made; volunteers worked vigorously;
chairmen made all kinds of decisions;
materials were bought and brought to
the site; entertainers solicited and
schedules made; booths set up and run;
prizes and materials set up for the
hourly raffle and TSCA Gift Booth;
etc.... All this ended with a home run for
us. It was obvious to me as I walked the
festival grounds that all the visitors
had a great time. Energy was high,
and I believe that our organization also
did well financially.

The addition this year of the Spam
musubi and the repeat of the
kamishibai were only some of the great
entertainment we had this year. I must

also mention the devotion of the
parents of our delegates to our fund
raising was spectacular! The
delegates, too, with all the other
volunteers made this a great event
that Torrance can be proud of.
Torrance Mayor Pat Furey opened
our festivities on Saturday with a
heartwarming and personal
welcome. He hopes to visit Kashiwa
again for our next Adult Delegation. I
hope to go too. Please read on in
this issue for more information on
the Bunka-Sai. The City of Torrance
has again donated \$1500 to help us
carry out our mutual mission. This is
a true show of the city's dedication
to making Torrance "A City with a
Heart". Thank you Torrance.

Werner Willoughby and his
committee are continuing to work
diligently on the 2015 August visit of
the Kashiwa students and their Adult
Leader. For further information on
these activities and how you can
take part in this intercultural activity,
look into this issue and volunteer
asap. [I hope to host the Adult
Leader the first week they are here
in Torrance.] The program they are
setting up will be quite entertaining

and educational. There are many
ways that you can take part in the
activities.

TSCA has a proposal from the
Japan America Society of Southern
California (JASSC) to collaborate
on a project to bring Mikio Toki, a
Master Kite maker from Kashiwa.
The project would be a
collaboration between TSCA and
JASSC. We'd like to offer a cultural
kite making activity here in
Torrance sometime in the near
future. If you are interested in being
on a committee to help bring this
ancient Japanese cultural event to
Torrance, please contact me at:
dfichtner@aol.com.

Please enjoy the rest of the May/
June combined issue. And thanks
again to all who helped make our
Bunka-Sai such a resounding
success.

Yours in cross-
cultural
understanding,

Dan Fichtner
TSCA President



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Upcoming Events

May 1, 15 & 29
City Hall closed

May 11
TSCA Association Meeting

June 12 & 26
City Hall closed

June 8
TSCA Association Meeting



Membership News

New and renewed memberships:

The Kaemerle Family (F)
Lobo, Kevin and Pindi (F)
Mizoguchi, Lori (F)
Nakano, Kevin and Rita (F)
Han, Jill and Dai Sup (F)

Thank you for joining or renewing your membership for 2015.

An application form should be filled out and submitted with your dues payment so that the membership committee has a record with your current information. Please indicate the

type of membership and check any changes on the Directory Update line.

If you have any questions, contact Relko Higa at tscamembership@gmail.com

Student Club News—Not So Much an Empty Orchestra



Many of us love to sing, especially with karaoke. It's quite interesting in fact to learn that the word karaoke comes from Japanese and means "empty orchestra". The Student Club did an exciting event this month by creating our own little empty orchestra. We went to Max Karaoke as a club and

enjoyed two hours of fun singing. Lastly, we went to dinner at Cho Dang Tofu restaurant. Everyone was overjoyed singing their tunes and eating their food. We all can not wait until we can explore another aspect of Japanese culture together!

-Andrew Rodov

More Student Club News: Bunka-Sai—The Student Club Booth

The Student Club booth is the main attraction for kids at Bunka-Sai most years, and this year proved to be no different. Kids were infatuated with the games the TSCA Student Club booth monitored this Bunka-Sai. Among the games was a fishing game, where kids would throw a clip attached to a wooden pole over a board (as if

throwing a fishing line). On the other side of the board, our students would clip on a paper in the shape of a fish, along with the prize. Children were overjoyed at the sight of actually catching something that they came to cherish. Once they caught a fish, they could go to the table next to them to color it in with their own

imagination. Aside from that, the students monitored the children, who drew various pieces of art with chalk on the ground surrounding the student club booth. It was truly a memorable experience for the kids, and it is another reassurance of how successful Bunka-Sai was.

-Andrew Rodov



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We welcome your comments and submissions to the TSCA newsletter.

Please send them to: tscanewsletter@gmail.com

TSCA Members Receive Volunteer Awards

Steven Ihde and Ron Kimmel were both awarded Volunteer Awards from Pat Furey, Torrance City Mayor, and the City Council on April 14, 2015 for their extraordinary service to the community. Ron Kimmel was

honored for his volunteer efforts for the Friends of the Library, noted as "loyal, magnificent and smart". They also acknowledged his support to the Torrance Sister City Association.

Steven Ihde was recognized for his "involved, committed, and passionate"

support to the Torrance Sister City Association, noting his almost 30-year involvement.

Congratulations on your well-deserved awards.

- Linda Kranz



Ron Kimmel (front center) with Pat Furey and the Torrance City Council members



Steven Ihde (front center) with Pat Furey and the Torrance City Council members

TSCA Café at Spring Craft Faire

On March 21, energetic TSCA friends and family opened TSCA Café to over 60 vendors and the many visitors at the Torrance Spring Craft Faire. A super efficient crew made Spam musubi, then young cooks baked several batches of chocolate chip and oatmeal raisin cookies. The kitchen smelled wonderfully of teriyaki, then of freshly baked goods! Before long, the chicken teriyaki, sandwiches, and salads arrived. Lunch orders were

quickly filled and delivered to the vendors by noon!

Thank you to the 30+ people who made this fundraiser fun and successful - Allison, Butch, Dana, Donna, Harrison, Hayley, Hazel, Janet, Jenny K, Jenny T, Joe, Keith, Kerry, Leilani, Linda, Lindsey, Marilyn, Natasha, Pam, Reiko, Sherri, Susan, Teri F, Wendy, and our new delegates - Garrett, Ronan, Mikaela, Julia, Alex, Nikola, Chris,

and Allison. The vendors really appreciated the great service (and great food) we provide!

I would also like give a big thank you to Jill for her very generous donation of sodas.

As I always say, you made it all possible. Thanks for an amazing day!

Shirley Tanaka
TSCA Café Chair



Delegates Presented at the Torrance City Council Meeting



On Tuesday April 22nd, the 2015 TSCA Student Ambassadors, along with the Adult Leader and TSCA President met with Mayor Pat Furey and the Torrance City Council. This is such an honor for all participants. The students were decked out in their best dresses and suits for the event. The meeting

opened with a speech from Mayor Furey providing the Council with the history of the relationship between TSCA and KIRA in Kashiwa, Japan. He then introduced Dan Fichtner, TSCA President. Dan spoke briefly about the opportunities that the City of Torrance offers by providing this multi-cultural relationship and thanked all members for their continued support, before introducing Sherri Crowson, the adult leader. Sherri thanked the Council and briefly spoke about her history with the City of Torrance before talking of the long three-month application process and what commitments these students have put into the program

already. "With the continued support of the City of Torrance, TSCA, and KIRA in Japan, these eight incredible students are able to participate in a life changing experience" She then thanked the members and introduced the students. Finally, each student stepped up, introduced themselves and told a little of what they are looking forward to during their stay in Japan. Mayor Furey presented the delegation with a City of Torrance lapel pin and lots of photos were taken. The students and the adult leader would like to thank their families, the TSCA Board, and the City of Torrance for all of their support.

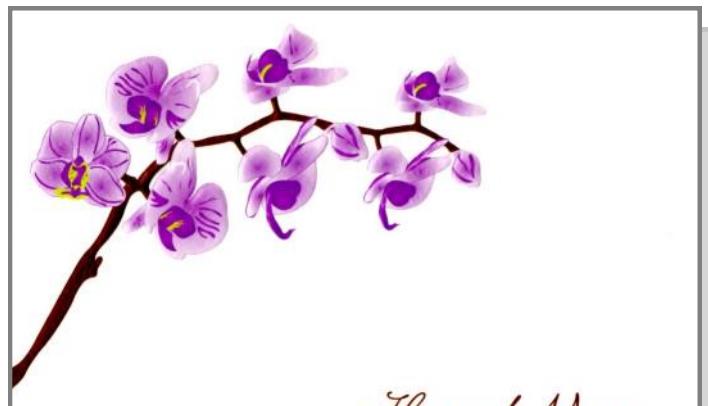
Other TSCA News



TSCA showcased in a display at the Katy Geissert Library during May. Thanks to Gail Roulette, Lori Eurich, Frances Matsumoto and Donna Dunlap for creating the display.

I wanted to thank you sincerely and express the Torrance Aikido Club's gratitude for inviting us again to participate in the Bunka-Sai Festival this year. It was a very gratifying and memorable experience. We hope the festival as a whole was a great success, and trust that Sister City will continue to have success in the future.

With all best wishes,
Inouk Demers
President, Torrance Aikido Club



Thank You

Hello, everyone at TSCA!

The Nikkei Student Union at UCLA would like to extend its gratitude to you all for your support in donating to and attending our Cultural Night. We could not put on such a wonderful production without the support of our community! Best wishes for the rest of the year, and we will see you next time!

Sincerely,

UCLA NSU

Thanks for coming out everyone! Good luck with this year's delegation!

✓ Emiko

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR CULTURAL NIGHT PROGRAM! WE WOULDNT BE ABLE TO PUT ON ANY SORT OF PRODUCTION WITHOUT YOUR KIND SUPPORT. - Nick Sugo

Yankees in Japan

The first time I came to Japan was 2006 and at that time I was a high school boy visiting a place that I had only imagined of in my dreams. To say the least, Japan exceeded my expectations and when I came and I soon found myself infatuated with the culture and language even more so than I did before. I soon dedicated my life to maintaining the friendships that I made in Japan and to continue studying the language and I did so by communicating with my host family after I came back to America. I continued my relationship with my host family and my host sister even moved out to Torrance to attend El Camino College! Some of the best times of my life were spent with my host family and as I grew as a person they were there with me.

This past March, my host sister finally got married to her high school sweetheart. Her wedding was held in Japan and she invited my whole family and a few of my friends to come. It was the first time that my family ever came to Japan and they were looking forward to going to the wedding. My parents had decided that since they were going out to the wedding in Japan that we should also go as a family to China and Hong Kong too after the wedding in Japan.



We all agreed to the plan, but I was going to be the one who made the decisions of what to do and where to go in Japan. I told them that this wouldn't be a problem because I live here and I know what to do. However, the task of figuring out what to do was harder than I expected. I have lived in Japan for almost three years now and the major tourist

attractions in Tokyo have become more of normality to me; a thing that is a part of everyday life.

I really did not know what to expect with them coming; I was excited, yet nervous. My family arrived the night before the wedding and so on the day of the wedding they woke extremely early due to jet lag. The wedding was beautiful; my host sister looked gorgeous and the wedding was perfectly planned. The few days after the wedding was when the real traveling took place. I decided to take my family to the largest temple in Tokyo (Asakusa) and to the "Times Square" of Tokyo (Shibuya). I wanted to give them a mix of both modern and traditional Japan.

When we arrived to the entrance of the temple grounds, there was a street aligned with shops leading up to the temple. As we started walking to the main hall of the temple, I tried moving our group as fast as we could. We were halfway through the street when I turned around and realized that this was the first time seeing anything cultural in Japan and that this would be their first cultural experience of Japan. I was then reminded of my first time going to Asakusa in 2006 and how I was running on so much adrenaline and so very much excited at everything I was seeing and how different everything was compared to America. I watched my family as we strolled along the street with wide eyes and intrigued looks on their faces. When we finally got to the temple hall, they were amazed at the intricate detail and garnished structures of the Buddha and bodhisattvas in the hall. My sister and mother decided to light a candle and put it under the Buddha and make a wish. It was so cool how much they were into it!

After Asakusa, night fell and so before we went home I wanted to take them to Shibuya to see the famous crosswalk. When we exited Shibuya station, the glowing billboards and flashing advertisements mesmerized my

family. As the crosswalk light turned green, a surge of energy went through all of us and as we were in the herd of hundreds, my family stopped in the middle of the crosswalk awestruck and did a 360 degree turn to look at everything. When we finally got to the end of the crosswalk they were so ecstatic. It seemed that this was the Japan that they had in their minds; a Japan that was light years ahead in technological advancements and innovative design. This moment really made me happy; it made the planning that I had done for them worth it and it made them have a glimpse into what I get to see in Japan every day.



The trip I had with my parents was really great, but very tiring. I need a vacation from my vacation :D. Working day in and day out you lose track of the things around you that you find interesting or love. Living here in Japan, I have become accustomed to the things that had once fascinated me. My family coming to Japan and experiencing the things that I see all the time really brought me back to my first time being on my own in Japan. It really reminded me to treasure the things around me and to not take everyday things for granted.

- Matt Medlock
English Teacher

Focus on Member: Suzie Wand

Suzie Wand was more than a city liaison to TSCA. She was a loyal member for more than 20 years. Suzie cared about the organization and its mission. She attended meetings. She collected our mail in her office. She was always available to the president and other officers or chairmen, ready to help and give advice. Suzie made sure we applied for our annual stipend from the city and reminded us to reserve space for activities well ahead of time. Suzie made appropriate contacts with city staff and officials. You would often see her at the registration desk for a TSCA event. Prior to Bunka-Sai she arranged for facilities, publicity, and city officials to speak. She assisted with printing, made sure we had enough equipment and materials on hand. Then she came to the event to make sure all was going well, and stayed "on call" that weekend in case we needed her help.

When August activities were planned each year, Suzie was quick to make sure we had the necessary transportation. She did that, as well as other hosting duties "above and beyond" when our Anniversary events came around every 5 years.

Suzie is about as local a product as you can get. She was born and raised in Torrance, and graduated from Torrance High School. She graduated from Cal State Long Beach with a BA in Recreation and Leisure Studies. With that degree in hand, she worked as an Activities Director at Inglewood Manor



Suzie Wand

Retirement Home for three years. Then in 1984 (do the math – that will be 31 years this August!) she was hired by the City of Torrance and has been in the Community Services Department (formerly titled Parks and Recreation) ever since.

During her tenure she has supervised a number of programs including Senior Citizens, Parks, Preschool, Farmers' Market, and Community Gardens and served as the Staff Liaison to the Commission on Aging, and Torrance Rose Float Association – in addition to TSCA.

With her new assignments, Suzie currently oversees the After School, Day Camps and Parks Programs, Programs for Individuals with Special Needs, and Special Events.

Suzie met Tom Wand through mutual friends. They have been married 28 years. Their children

are daughter Katie, age 23, graduate of Cal State Dominguez Hills; and Kristie, age 22, graduate of Loyola Marymount. Both daughters graduated from Torrance High and successfully participated in the high school's water polo and swim teams. Mom Suzie says "They are wonderful girls and I am very proud of both of them!"

Suzie was an active parent early on, serving as a Team Mom for many years. She also volunteered at their schools and was a Girl Scout leader for 10 years. She has volunteered for a number of community events and organizations and served on the Salvation Army Advisory Board for over 15 years.

If's clear that Suzie's priorities lie with family and friends, but as time permits she enjoys reading, going to the movies, and walking. She WALKED the L.A. Marathon in 2007. Where does Suzie get her inspiration? From her own Mom, "who was totally selfless and a great role model."

Suzie says "It was a true joy to work with members of the TSCA as well as those from KIRA, and I have made many friendships that will last a lifetime."

Suzie, we feel privileged to have had you as such an integral part of TSCA all these years. You will always be a special friend to us.

- Gail Roulette

Kashiwa News



Kashiwa Torrance Committee had the explanatory meeting for the prospective candidates on March 29th.

The 41st (2014) delegate students gave the applicants their knowledge about Torrance and their home-stay experience using power-point.

Focus on English Teacher-Karl Takauye (Kashiwa Municipal High School 2006 – 2009)

I'll always be grateful to the Torrance Sister City Association for giving me the opportunity to teach at Kashiwa Municipal High School (Ichikashi). I've been involved with English education in Japan for almost 13 years, yet my time at Ichikashi remains one of the most rewarding work experiences of my life.

I was already living in Japan with my wife Sharleen and was working in Kashiwa as an assistant language teacher (ALT) in junior high schools and elementary schools when I was selected for the Ichikashi program in 2006. I knew my predecessors Cindy, Liane, Ryan and Dave socially (Kashiwa isn't a very big city after all). Their stories about their time at Ichikashi inspired me to apply for the position and I was delighted to be selected. Since I was already "in country," my first day on the job was August 1st, 2006.

At Ichikashi, I was fortunate to be able to work not only as a team teacher with Japanese Teachers of English (JTEs), but as a solo teacher.



Karl Takauye

In the spring of 2008, I began teaching 1st year International Course students without the presence of a JTE. This was made possible by a special teaching license obtained for us by the school. My previous experience in junior high schools proved invaluable for this new initiative, as I could employ English teaching methods and strategies that were familiar to students transitioning from junior high school to senior high school.

My fellow teaching partners Yoko Kobayashi, Geoff Tsudama and I used this newfound freedom to try out new ideas to make our English

classes as engaging and rewarding as possible for our students. We were also pleased to see the English Conversation Club grow from just a few students to almost 20. Our successors from Torrance have continued to grow and strengthen the program in the years since.

Teaching at Ichikashi opened a lot of doors for me in Kashiwa. I left the school at the end of July 2009 after three memorable years. That fall, I began working as a support/guidance teacher for foreign elementary and junior high school students who were new to Kashiwa city. Since 2013, I've been working at the Kashiwa Board of Education as a Foreign Language Coordinator, helping to supervise the city's 16 direct-hire ALTs. Best of all, I still get to work with Ichikashi teachers and students on special projects like English Camp every year so it's still a part of my life.

- Karl Takauye

Alumni News

Congratulations to **Rachel Lobo** (2014 exchange student) who was just elected ASB president at Mary Star of the Sea high school in San Pedro.



Rachel Lobo at 2015 Bunka-Sai

Jason (1997) and **Kimberly Mealins** became parents of Wyatt Richard on October 29, 2014. Weighing in at 9-lbs, 1oz, 23-1/4" long, Wyatt was the biggest baby born at the hospital all year. Jason, a graduate of UC Santa Cruz, is employed at Tanium Company in Emeryville as a computer security specialist. The family makes their home in Berkeley.

Earl (TSCA president in 1999) and **Kathy Mealins** are the proud grandparents.

Congratulations to all the Mealins on this wonderful addition to their family.



Kimberly, Wyatt and Jason Mealins

Many Thanks to All the Bunka-Sai Volunteers!



A most humble and sincere thanks to Mr. Werner Willoughby (pictured above) who has expertly served as Chairperson of Bunka-Sai for three years. Werner has managed hundreds of details, coordinated with vendors, volunteers, parents and many stakeholders insuring that this important event takes place smoothly. Pictured above, Werner is giving instructions to one of the many volunteers working at the front entrance at Bunka-Sai. Thank you Werner.



(l-r) Sherri Crowson (2015 adult leader), Dan Fichtner (TSCA President), and Lori Chong Eurich (2014 TSCA President and Bunka-sai Activities Chairperson) were tireless participants at the Bunka-Sai. Sherri leads her team of delegates and worked hard to sell raffle tickets and support the event. Dan was the Emcee on Saturday while celebrating his birthday. Lori spent months getting groups to perform at the Bunka-Sai, from taiko groups, shodo, kamishibai, and more. Lori was making sure everyone was entertained. Thanks for all your hard work!



Thank you very much to everyone who donated items and to everyone who volunteered their time for the Bunka-Sai Gift Booth! Thanks to your generosity, we had a wonderful amount of interesting things to sell, a great group of volunteers, and another successful sale.

Jill Maroney (left photo, pictured 2nd from left)
Bunka-Sai Gift Booth Chairperson



Bunka-Sai! Bunka-Sai! The 2015 Bunka-Sai festival was recently held on April 25 - 26th and was a huge success! The TSCA Student Ambassadors and their families put in a lot of volunteer hours to help the committee in presenting a wonderful cultural experience for the community. Throughout the event, the students' main responsibility was selling hourly raffle tickets for the wonderful donated prizes. The students really got out there and sold tickets to vendors, visitors, performing groups, TSCA Board members and even City Council members! Way to go! The hourly raffle is the main responsibility of the students throughout the festival but they also enthusiastically helped out wherever they were needed. In addition, the students volunteered their time reading at the Kamishibai booth which gave them a new appreciation for the art of story telling. A huge thank you to the delegates and their families for their hard work and dedication in making Bunka-Sai a huge success. Volunteers are at the heart of TSCA and it shows in the success of the events. TSCA Student Ambassadors want to thank everyone for their hard work at this year's annual Bunka-Sai Festival.

Sherri Crowson, 2015 Adult Leader



To all the many volunteers:

"Volunteering is generally considered an altruistic activity and is intended to promote goodness or improve human quality of life. In return, this activity can produce a feeling of self-worth and respect." Wikipedia encyclopedia

No words can describe our gratitude to all the many past and present TSCA members, past and present delegates, adult leaders and their parents, community businesses, Torrance City employees, and the hundreds of local high school students who come out every year and put in countless hours and financial support to make Bunka-Sai and the Torrance Sister City Association a highly respected and successful event. We thank you and honor you from the bottom of our hearts!!

Dana Cortez and Patsy Shintani (pictured, far right)
Bunka-Sai Volunteer Chairpersons

Bunka-Sai Chairpersons

Bunka-Sai could not happen without the dedicated support of volunteers. Listed below are the Bunka-Sai Committee members and Chairpersons.

Bunka-Sai Chairperson, craft and art vendors, exhibits, tickets: Werner Willoughby
Publicity, Entertainment, flyer and program: Lori Chong Eurich
Hourly drawing: Donna Dunlap
Donations: Erin Moriwaki
Program: Teri Kuwahara
Ads: Shirley Tanaka
Student Club, A/V support: David Gelbaum
Volunteers: Patsy Shintani and Dana Cortez
Signage and delegate coordination: Sherri Crowson

BBQ Chairpersons: Bryce Yamauchi, Cheng Leong
Yakisoba: Mariko Namimoto and Sumi Ueki
Dango: Butch Ihde and Stephanie Warner
Desserts/Cotton Candy: Shirley and Keith Tanaka
Spam musubi: Reiko Higa
Curry: Dave and Linda Kranz
Shave Ice: Ed and Joan Shiosaki
Treasurers: Bryce and Cheryl Yamauchi
Photography: Steven Ihde and Linda Kranz
And a special thanks to Carl Kaemerle, City Liaison, for all his support.



Our 2015 Bunka-Sai Arts and Crafts Boutique was proud to feature 23 vendors this year, and among them, six new vendors, whose specialties ranged from unique glass pieces, items made from gingham, to silk flowers and a martial arts studio. Several past vendors were disappointed in not being able to participate this year due to previous commitments, but their spots were eagerly filled by others. There were 18 vendors in Toyota Meeting Hall and another five on the Torino Plaza. Our student volunteers did a phenomenal job providing assistance to the vendors, many of whom expressed gratitude for the students' assistance in unloading and reloading their vehicles. One vendor compared our student volunteers to an army of ants. She said when the students met her at her car, she told them where her booth was, locked up her car, turned around, and her boxes were gone . . . moved safely inside. The vendors were equally surprised and grateful when students offered to help them set up their booths, especially the book vendor.
At the end of the Bunka-Sai, many of the vendors' last comments were, "We enjoyed it this year and look forward to next year!" -Werner Willoughby

A Few Behind-the-Scene Photos of the Bunka-Sai Volunteers



Bunka-Sai Photo Gallery Day 1



May/June 2015

Bunka-Sai Photo Gallery Day 2



Photo Credit: Linda Kranz

August Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<u>Family</u> 1st 2nd	<u>Nights</u> 8 7	<u>Dinner</u> 6 6			1
2	3	4 Kashiwa students arrive Pick up by first host family Welcome reception, potluck Nakano Theater	5 The Getty Museum (W) UCLA (W)	6 Oriental Motor Kashiwa only (L) Torr. Bakery Kashiwa only (L) Sq. Dance/ Chili Cook-Off (S, D) Toyota USA Auto Museum	7 Little Tokyo (DF) Go For Broke Japanese American Nat. Museum (W) Rafu Shimpo (W) Endeavor Space Shuttle Museum of Sci. and Industry (S) <i>City Hall Closed</i>	8 First Host Family Weekend <i>Nisei Week starts</i>
9 First Host Family Weekend	10 Torrance Tour (S, L, W, D) Beach Party (DG) Dodgers game vs. Washington (S)	11 Meet Mayor (DF) Farmers Mkt. (L) . Fire Dept. (M) . Police Dept. (M) Japanese Garden (M) City Council DF	12 San Diego (W) See separate itinerary	13 San Diego (W) Transfer luggage	14 San Diego (W) Students p/u by second host family	15 Second Host Family Weekend
16 Second Host Family Weekend <i>Nisei Week ends</i>	17 Knott's Berry Farm (S, DG)	18 King's Hawaiian commercial bakery (W) Hollywood Bowl 2001 Space Odyssey (SW, D, W)	19 ITS (S) Cooking (S) Sports Day (S, DG)	20 Breakfast (S, D, L, W, DG) Shopping (DG, SC) Sayonara Banquet (R) Double Tree Hotel (L)	21 Kashiwa students depart (S, D, L, W, DG, DF, SC) <i>City Hall Closed</i>	22

LEGEND:

Steven	S	Lori	L
Michelle	M	David G.	DG
Donna	D	Dan	DF
Werner	W	Sherri	SC
Teri	T	Reiko	R
Stephanie	SW		

August Activities Order Form

**GENERAL
MAIL AND POSTMARK BY JULY 7, 2015**

Instructions:

- 1) Include family name, phone number and e-mail address
- 2) Under "NAME OF PARTICIPANTS" include FIRST NAME(S), if the person is a guest add a "G" behind their name.
- 3) Please note that admissions and meal costs are separate and should be calculated as such.
- 4) If meals and admissions were not prepaid via this form, bring **CASH ONLY**, no credit/debit cards.
- 5) **IMPORTANT! To participate, you must also complete and submit the EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM for ALL individuals listed here.
DO NOT INCLUDE TORRANCE STUDENT DELEGATES ON THIS FORM**

Mail both forms to:

**Torrance Sister City Association
ATTN. August Activities
c/o Community Services Dept.
3031 Torrance Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90503**

FAMILY NAME: _____ Ph # _____
E-mail _____

Day Date	Event	List Name of ALL participant(s) for each event. IMP: for the two highlighted "POTLUCKS" incl. no. of Adults and Children	# of Adults	# of Children	Meal type	Meal \$/person	Admission \$/person	Adm. Subtotal	Meal Subtotal	Total Amt. Due
Tue. 8/4	Welcome Reception				Potluck					
Wed. 8/5	The Getty Museum, UCLA				Lunch	\$13.00				
Th. 8/6	Sq. Dance, Chili Cook - Off				Potluck					
Fri. 8/7	Little Tokyo, Japanese Amer. Nat. Museum, Go For Broke, Rafu Shimpo, Space Shuttle				Lunch	\$15.00	Adult \$9 Student \$5 w/ID			
Mon. 8/10	Dodger game vs. Washington				Dinner	On your own	\$25.00 Incl. Bus			
Mon. 8/17	Knott's Berry Farm				Lunch, Dinner	On your own	\$45			
Tue. 8/18	Hollywood Bowl 2001 Space Odyssey				Dinner	On your own	\$32.00 Incl. Bus			
Thur. 8/20	Sayonara Banquet				Dinner	Adult Child < 10 Host Family Parents	\$25.00 \$10.00 Paid by TSCA			

Grand Total: _____
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August 2015 Activities Emergency Contact and Consent Form

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>
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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 7, 2015



TORRANCE SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

3031 Torrance Boulevard

Torrance, California 90503



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 4-11 or August 14-20

The students stay with two host families during their 18-day 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: _____

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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2015 Membership Application

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

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 email Reiko Higa
at tscamembership@gmail.com

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.