

President's Message

By Donna Dunlap



Torrance Sister City Association will once again have a normal July and August with both Torrance and Kashiwa student delegates and their adult leader visiting their sister cities.

Thank you so much to the members of the Torrance Committee, KIRA members and all the Kashiwa host families for taking such good care of our adult leader, Mrs. Maureen Ortega, and student delegates Maya, Gianna, Jadelyn, Jasmine, Kimiko, Victoria, Franco, and Martin. We received hundreds of photos while they were in Japan, through the Homeroom app that Maureen set up and also from Hisataka Takikawa sending a list of specific activities and photos of each day's events. The delegate parents and TSCA members involved with orientation enjoyed following the delegates through the activities at the school visits, at Kashiwa City Hall, with the Lion's Club, in Kyoto and Hiroshima. These students learned so much in such a short period of time. You could see from the smiles on their faces how much they were enjoying every experience. The weather may have been hot and humid, but it did not dampen their spirits. Our Torrance delegation returns on August 1st at noon. All are invited to come welcome them back to LAX and see those smiles in person, listening to their enthusiastic renditions of their "trip of a lifetime".

Just a week after they return, the Kashiwa delegates will

be arriving on August 7th at noon. We have waited four long years to once again welcome a Kashiwa delegation.

The Torrance delegates and myself will be greeting the Kashiwa delegates when they arrive at LAX with banners and signs to welcome them. Please come to City Hall at 1:00 PM on Monday, August 7th to meet and greet our special visitors: the adult leader Mr. Hitoshi (Hank) Watanabe, and the Kashiwa students Ayumi, Haruna, Koto, Kota, Mahiro, Miwa, Shion and Yurino. Come early and meet the host families who are also there to greet the newest member of their family. Many thanks to the following families for opening their homes and sharing their lifestyles with the Kashiwa students: Arnheim, Arreygue, Kaats, Lee, Evans, Rubin, Warner, Grahmann, Villarie, Shields, Ihde, Chen, Kikuchi, Ortega, Wheeler, Chou, Willoughby, and Clark. Introduce yourself to those that you do not know. Make our new delegate families feel welcome as well. Host families are the backbone of TSCA. Without all of you, we would not have a summer program or a student exchange. I appreciate all of you and cannot thank you enough for your hospitality.

Finding and organizing, sorting, carefully scrutinizing allergies and hobbies is a puzzle that changes daily. This task was done expertly by **Eleanor Jones** and

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No Association Meetings in August

AUGUST 7, 2023 Welcome the Kashiwa Students at City Hall about 1 pm Welcome Reception (5:30 pm) George Nakano Theater

AUGUST 8, 2023 City Council Meeting (6:30 pm) Introduction of Kashiwa Delegates

AUGUST 10, 2023 Square Dance/Chili Cook-Off (5:30 pm) Ken Miller Rec Center

AUGUST 12-13, 2023 First Host family weekend

AUGUST 15-17, 2023 Kashiwa students in San Diego

AUGUST 17, 2023 Kashiwa students return from San Diego Begin stay with 2nd Host Family

AUGUST 19-20, 2023 Second Host family weekend

AUGUST 23, 2023 Sayonara Banquet (5:30 pm) Toyota Meeting Hall

AUGUST 24, 2023 Kashiwa students leave Torrance

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President's Message

Sumi Arnheim. These two women have a sharp brain and a good eye to keep it all straight. Thank you for all of your abilities, especially the multiple spreadsheets, that help the rest of us access all the data efficiently.

Besides the Kashiwa delegates leaving in August to go back to Japan, our new English teacher, **Pedro Albina** will also be leaving for Japan to start his assignment in Kashiwa Municipal High School (Ichikashi). He has met many times with **Amie Komae Campbell**, **Stephanie Mikamo** (former teachers at Ichikashi), **Lori Eurich** and **Jennifer Hirashiki** to get helpful hints and be informed of what to expect in Kashiwa and at the high school. I know **Pedro** appreciates all their help. I also thank these women for volunteering their time to ensure that **Pedro** has a good experience while teaching in Kashiwa.

The second half of this year's 50th anniversary celebration will take place in October in Kashiwa. All six City Council members, led by **Mayor George Chen** and thirty-nine TSCA members, led by myself as TSCA President, will be going to Kashiwa in October. Many interesting activities are being planned by their 50th anniversary committee. We all look forward to seeing old friends and making new ones in Kashiwa.

This fall we will be looking for at least two new board members, as well as President and a Vice President. If you are interested in any of these positions or have questions about the duties, please ask me. Many committee chairs will need to be filled as well. We NEED your help and would rather you volunteer, than us try to figure out who is willing and waiting to be called. Also, TSCA cannot survive without these positions filled. You will never be alone in any capacity; I know from experience that there are a lot of willing volunteers to give support.

If you haven't paid your 2023 membership dues yet,

it's not too late!

See the Membership form in this newsletter or

pay online at

https://torrancesistercity.org/membership_join.html

Thank you for your support!

August Events

TSCA has planned for 18 days of fun-filled activities for our Kashiwa student delegates and adult leader. Save the following dates and plan to join us. Secure your spot by completing the Jotform using the following link: <u>rb.gy/9iftn</u> Please be aware that some events have a limited number of tick ets available. Instructions regarding payment are provided in the Jotform. Mail a check to TSCA or pay at the Welcome Reception on August 7.

The Emergency Contac and Consent Form is included in this issue. If you plan on joining in the fun, please return the form to TSCA by mail or in person at the Welcome Reception on August 7. You MUST complete the Emergency Contact and Consent Form prior to your participation in any of the planned TSCA activities.

For any specific questions regarding our August Activities, please email Steven Ihde at TSCAactivities@gmail.com



August Activities for Kashiwa Student

AUGUST ACTIVITIES FOR KASHIWA STUDENTS 2023

As of July 27, 2023

Date	Time	As of July . Activities	Notes	Activity Leader(s)	
	11:00 a.m.	Torrance delegates depart West Annex by bus for LAX	2023 Torrance delegates meet Kashiwa delegates at	Donna Dunlap (TSCA President) Butch Ihde	
	11:30 a.m.	Kashiwa Delegates arrive at LAX			
	1:00 p.m.	Bus arrives at Torrance City Hall	_	Maureen Ortega (TSCA Adult leader)	
Aug. 7	(approximately)	Meet TSCA members & host families at City Hall	Kashiwa delegates: Be prepared to give a short	Stephanie Ewing Warner Saeko Dickinson (Translator)	
(Mon.)	1:15 p.m.	First host families take students and adult leader home	introduction speech and performance at Welcome		
	5:30 p.m.	Welcome Reception for Kashiwa Delegation at Nakano Theater.	Reception. Kashiwa delegates will receive a TSCA		
	8:00 p.m.	Host families take students home	t-shirt.		
	8:00 a.m.	Meet at West Annex for Orientation Meeting	Kashiwa delegates will be introduced to the city council	Donna Dunlap Cara Ihde Bruce Arnheim	
	9:00 a.m.	Tour Torrance City Hall	and will deliver a short speech. Host families are		
	9:30 a.m.	Courtesy call with Mayor of Torrance	asked to stay for the duration of the presentation and may leave the council meeting once the group has	Ellie Kuroda (Translator)	
	10:15 a.m.	Depart for Torrance Farmers' Market	been recognized.	. ,	
	10:30 a.m.	Tour and lunch at Farmers' Market	Do supro that parking may be an issue at City Hall		
Aug. 8	1:00 p.m.	Tour Torrance Fire Department	Be aware that parking may be an issue at City Hall. Please give yourself enough time to find parking and		
(Tues.)	2:15 p.m.	Depart for West Annex	meet the group by 6:10 p.m. in the lobby at City Hall.		
	2:30 p.m.	Host families pick up students from West Annex			
	6:10 p.m.	Meet at Torrance City Hall 3031 Torrance Blvd			
	6:30 p.m.	Torrance City Council Meeting Starts			
	8:00 p.m. (approximately)	Host families take students home			
	8:30 a.m.	Meet at West Annex for Torrance Tour	Wear sunscreen and comfortable shoes.	Donna Dunlap	
	9:00 a.m.	Torrance Tour hosted by Torrance Historical Society	7	Bruce Arnheim Shoko Matsuda (Translator)	
	11:30 a.m.	Lunch at El Prado Park in Old Torrance			
Aug. 9	1:00 p.m.	Tour SoCal Regional Occupational Center			
(Wed.)	2:30 p.m.	Depart for West Annex			
	3:00 p.m.	Delegates choose square dance attire			
	3:30 p.m.	Host families take students home from West Annex			
	9:30 a.m.	Depart West Annex for Oriental Motor	Due to limited space, Oriental Motor & the Torrance	Lori Chong Eurich	
	10:00 a.m.	Tour Oriental Motor, Kashiwa delegates only	Bakery is for Kashiwa Delegates only.	Eleanor Jones	
	12:00 p.m.	Lunch at Oriental Motor	Kashiwa delegates: Bring your TSCA apron with		
Aug. 10 (Thurs.)	1:15 p.m.	Torrance Bakery cake decoration, Kashiwa delegates only	you to use during the cake decoration at the	Donna Dunlap Butch Ihde	
(111013.)	3:30 p.m.	Host families pick up students at West Annex	Torrance Bakery.		
	5:30 p.m.	Chili Cook-Off/Square Dance at Ken Miller Recreation Center	All delegates: Wear your square dance dress/shirt to the dance. Please bring extra clothes with you		
	9:00 p.m.	Host families take students home	to change into after the dance.		
	7:45 a.m.	Meet at West Annex	Safety requirements for bakery: Must wear closed	Werner Willoughby	
	8:45 a.m.	Tour King's Hawaiian Factory	toed shoes (shoes must cover entire foot), long	Bruce Arnheim	
	11:30 a.m.	Depart for Torrance Beach	pants, no jewelry, watches, necklaces, NO PHOTOGRAPHY!	Yoshie Villarie (Translator)	
	12:00 p.m.	Arrive at Torrance Beach for party and lunch			
Aug. 11	3:00 p.m.	Host families meet at Miramar Park next to Torrance Beach. Take students home to change.	Wear swimsuit under clothes. Bring beach towel and sunscreen.	Cara Ihde Stephanie Ewing Warner	
(Fri.)	5:00 p.m.	Meet at West Annex for Dodger game bus	-		
	5:15 p.m.	Depart West Annex for Dodger Stadium. LA Dodgers vs. Colorado Rockies (Drone aerial show after game)	Dodger Stadium only allows 1 SMALL CLEAR BACKPACK per guest. Any other bags must be left		
	10:15 p.m. (approximately)	Depart Dodger Stadium for West Annex	on the bus.		
	11:00 p.m.	Host families take home students	TSCA provides Kashiwa delegates money for dinner at the stadium.		
Aug. 12 (Sat.)	11.00 p.m.	Free Day with Host Family			
(541.)		Free Day with Host Family (morning/afternoon)	LA Maritime Museum:	Bruce Arnheim	
Aug. 13	4:30 p.m.	Meet at LA Maritime Museum for tall ship cruise	Berth 84, Foot of 6th St., San Pedro, CA 90731		
(Sun.)	5:00 p.m.	Depart on Tall Ship			
	8:00 p.m.	Return to dock			
	9:00 a.m.	Depart West Annex for the Fox Studios, Kashiwa delegates only	Due to limited space, Fox & UCLA are for Kashiwa	Donna Dunlap	
	10:00 a.m.	Arrive at Fox Studios, take tour, enjoy lunch	Delegates only.	Emiko Kranz	
	12:30 p.m.	Depart Fox Studios for UCLA	Wear sunscreen and comfortable shoes. Bring water to drink. Leave backpacks on the bus during Fox tour.		
Aug. 14	1:00 p.m.	Arrive at UCLA, tour campus, bookstore, <i>Kashiwa delegates only</i>	Must have wallet/ID for tours!		
(Mon.)	3:00 p.m.	Depart UCLA for West Annex			
(101011.)	3.00 p.m.		Kashiwa delegates: Pack your suitcase for host family		

August Activities for Kashiwa Student (continued)

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	8:00 a.m.	First host families drop Kashiwa students off at West Annex	Use small TSCA overnight bag given to you at the Welcome Reception.	Donna Dunlap	
	8:15 a.m.	Depart West Annex for San Diego		Bruce Arnheim	
	10:30 a.m.	Arrive in San Diego, visit historic Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcala	Wear sunscreen!		
Aug. 15	12:00 p.m.	Lunch on Shelter Island			
(Tues.)	1:00 p.m.	Japanese Friendship Bell, Fisherman's Memorial	Stay at Super 8 by Wyndham San Diego Hotel Circle		
	2:00 p.m.	Cabrillo National Monument	Phone: 1-619-908-1960		
	4:00 p.m.	Check-in at hotel			
	7:00 p.m.	Dinner - Beach party on Vacation Isle	Bring warm clothes for beach		
	8:00 a.m.	Breakfast at hotel	Wear swimsuit under clothes for kayak	Donna Dunlap	
	10:00 a.m.	Kayak in Mission Bay		Bruce Arnheim	
Aug. 16 (Wed.)	12:00 p.m.	Lunch at In-N-Out	Wear sunscreen and comfortable shoes		
	1:00 p.m.	San Diego sightseeing			
(WCU.)	3:30 p.m.	Old Town San Diego walking tour			
	5:00 p.m.	Mexican dinner at Casa Guadalajara	1		
	7:00 p.m.	Explore Seaport Village	1		
	8:00 a.m.	Breakfast at hotel	Pack your belongings before breakfast	Donna Dunlap	
	8:45 a.m.	Depart for San Diego Zoo		Bruce Arnheim	
	9:00 a.m.	San Diego Zoo, lunch and free time	Wear sunscreen and comfortable shoes		
Aug. 17	2:30 p.m.	Depart San Diego for Torrance	1		
(Thurs.)	5:30 p.m.	Arrive at West Annex	Second host families: Please be prepared to have		
	(approximately)		dinner with Kashiwa student after arrival.		
	5:45 p.m.	Second host families take students home			
	9:30 a.m.	Meet at West Annex, walk to CITICable	All delegates: Wear swimsuit under clothes.	Donna Dunlap	
	10:00 a.m.	Tour Torrance CITICable	Bring beach towel and sunscreen.	Bruce Arnheim Renko Watanabe (Translator)	
	12:00 p.m.	Depart for Pool Party			
	12:30 p.m.	Arrive at pool party, hosted by the Ihde family		Butch Ihde	
		Host families take students home from pool party	Be prepared for cool temperatures at the concert.	Stephanie Ewing Warner	
Aug. 18	3:00 p.m.	Address: 22603 Susana Ave. Torrance 90505 Take students home to change	Bring a jacket and wear pants. Blanket recommended.		
(Fri.)	5:30 p.m.	Meet at Wilson Park for Hollywood Bowl bus			
	6:00 p.m.	Board bus for Hollywood Bowl concert	Host families must provide dinner for your student		
	7:00 p.m.	Picnic dinner at the Bowl	even if the family is not attending.		
	8:00 p.m.	Tchaikovsky Firework Spectacular	-		
	11:30 p.m.		-		
	(approximately)	Host families take home students from Wilson Park			
Aug. 19 (Sat.)		Free Day with Host Family			
Aug. 20 (Sun.)		Free Day with Host Family			
	7:00 a.m.	Depart West Annex for Disney California Adventure	All delegates: Wear the yellow TSCA t-shirt which you	Maureen Ortega	
Aug. 21	7:45 a.m.	Arrive at California Adventure	received at the Welcome Reception.	Esteban Ortega	
(Mon.)	9:45 p.m.	Depart California Adventure for Torrance	Wear sunscreen and comfortable shoes.		
	10:30 p.m.	Arrive at West Annex. Host families take students home	יירמי שמושכופנו מות כסוווסונמטופ Shoes.		
	8:00 a.m.	Depart West Annex for Little Tokyo	Wear sunscreen and comfortable shoes	Werner Willoughby	
	9:00 a.m.	Tour Little Tokyo shops and monuments	1	Bruce Arnheim	
	11:00 a.m.	Japanese American National Museum tour		Ruri Reed (Translator)	
Aug 22	12:30 p.m.	Explore Little Tokyo shops and eat lunch	1		
Aug. 22 (Tues.)	2:00 p.m.	Depart Little Tokyo for California Science Center	1		
	2:30 p.m.	Space Shuttle Endeavor, California Science Center	1		
	4:30 p.m.	Depart Science Center for Torrance	1		
	5:30 p.m.	Host families take students home	1		
	9:30 a.m.	Meet at West Annex	Host families pick up your student at the eastern	Lori Chong Eurich	
	10:00 a.m.		entrance of the outdoor plaza near Lazy Dog Cafe.	Lori Chong Eurich Saeko Dickinson (Translator)	
Aug. 23		Walk to Del Amo Fashion Center for shopping and lunch Host families take students home from Del Amo			
(Wed.)	2:30 p.m.		Kashiwa delegates will give a short speech in English.		
	5:30 p.m.	Sayonara Banquet at Toyota Meeting Hall	One member from each host family will give a short speech on their hosting experience.		
	9:00 p.m.	Host families take students home	· · ·		
	10.20 a m	Meet at Tom Bradley International Terminal at LAX	Host families drop students off at airport international	Donna Dunlap	
Aug. 24 (Thurs.)	10:30 a.m. 1:35 p.m.	Kashiwa delegation leaves for Japan	terminal.		

EMERGENCY CONTACT AND CONSENT FORM AUGUST ACTIVITIES – 2023



Please note: If you, a family member or guest is/are a participant in any of the activities during August 2023, this form must be completed and returned to TSCA. **DUE: Monday, August 7, 2023**

Family Name: ______ Phone #: ______

Address: ___

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 your guest. If your guest is a minor, include his/her parents as the primary and secondary contacts and have one of the parents sign the release at the bottom.

Name	Cell phone #	Work phone #	Relation in Family
1 Primary Contact / Participant			
2 Secondary Contact / Participant			
3 Participant			
4 Participant			
5 Participant			

Specific health information you may wish to provide regarding any of the above mentioned participants:

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:

Submit this form using **one** of the following methods:

1) Mail to: Torrance Sister City Association Attn: August Activities c/o Community Services Department 3031 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, CA 90503 2) Email a PDF of this completed form to: tscaactivities@gmail.com

3) Submit in person at the TSCA Welcome Reception on Mon., Aug. 7 at 5:30 p.m. at the Nakano Theater

DUE: Monday, August 7, 2023

English Teacher Report One Year In (...and I bought a Super Cub ?!?) By Chris Pigao

Lately, a lot of people here in Kashiwa have been asking me, "How's it like living here for almost 1 year?". I've given my honest response: "Well, I'm doing the same exact things that I was doing back in Torrance: Teaching, Playing Music, and Going to Concerts." However, those constituents here are drastically different than back at home. I'm finally in charge of a classroom instead of being a Substitute Teacher. I play with a different set of musicians (side note: check out our most recent Keion performance here). I finally get to see all of the amazing J-rock bands that I discovered online. Life in Japan always finds a way to be interesting - and throws a few challenges along the way.

In more recent times, I found myself obtaining my driver's license. People may think "Why would you need a license in Japan? The transportation system here is amazing!". There's absolute truth in that statement; I don't need it. The trains run on time, the bus routes are convenient, and Kashiwa is accessible by bicycle. I got it because my International Driving Permit is only valid for one year. It also didn't hurt to have another accessible form of ID here.

If most readers are unaware, the behind-the-wheel practical exam is notoriously strict for a lot of expatriates here. The test doesn't determine your driving ability. It examines how well you follow the rules and display the proper routine in accordance with Japanese roads. The proctors are very strict, marking testers down for miniscule things like not using the specific 5-Point Scan method. Most people who take the exam usually take it on average 2-3 times. I got it on my 2nd attempt, being one of the few that passed that day. After taking the test in the afternoon, it took a few hours until I was issued the driver's license. The interesting part is that you get it on the same day, as opposed to receiving a temporary one while waiting for the actual card to be mailed to you. I remember showing up to work the following day and showing everyone my driver's license. I even had one teacher ask me "So, do you have a car?" when I reluctantly told them "No". We both started bursting into laughter, and I explained that I could rent a car once my family comes over to visit.

However, since getting my license, I can drive my 50 CC Honda Super Cub that I purchased recently. Back in the States, I would not have fathomed riding a motorbike around town. Seeing how cautious and small the roads are in Kashiwa, I feel comfortable riding my dark blue moped scooter. I saw how cool riders looked while riding their Super Cubs, making me want to join the fray. As luck would have it, I ended up buying a used Super Cub from Eigoka's Senior International Gumi Homeroom Teacher, Mami Takeda. I now use that 2000's Custom Super Cub to commute from the apartment to the school. The students actually were very surprised to see me arrive in style (and I heard whispering comparisons to our former Principal - who also used to ride his blue motorcycle to school). It's a strange feeling riding my Super Cub to school, since I used to ride my beach cruiser (in the same color) back in my high school days. Anyways, here's to another banner year! Let's see what another 366 days has to offer.



Photo Caption: From my 1st night arriving at my apartment to currently riding the Super Cub for the 1st time. (Photos taken by Brandon Matsumoto & Deanna Sun respectively)



<u>Day 1</u>

Torrance students arrived at Kashiwa and welcomed by Kashiwa students and the host families







First day at the school, lunch break and activities

Judo lesson and Shaved Ice making





<u>Day 2</u>

<u>Day 3</u>

Brass Band Welcome Reception, Cooking Class, Tea Ceremony



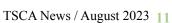


Torrance Delegates in Kashiwa

Day 6 & 7



Elementary School Visit





Kashiwa City Council

Kashiwa City Council Mayor's Chair





<u>Day 8</u>



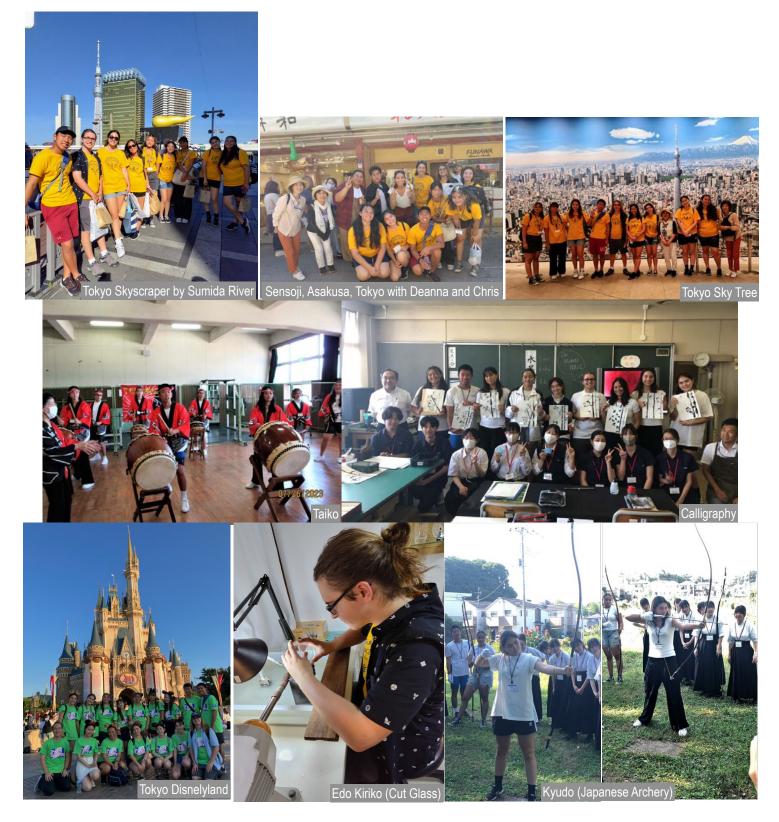
TORRANCE DELEGATES IN KASHIWA Day 9, 10, 11

Kyoto + Hiroshima



TORRANCE DELEGATES IN KASHIWA <u>Day13, 14, 15</u>

Tokyo Tour



TORRANCE DELEGATES IN KASHIWA Day16, 17, 18

Nikko, Japanese Culture, Kashiwa Festival



Torrance Sister City Association

2023 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Except for the Lifetime Membership*

all dues are in effect from

January 1 to

Member Information

Name							December 31
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City		State		Zip Code	this	form to: rance Sister City Ass	ociation
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TSCA Activities:						Benefactor	\$125+
I am interested in participating in TSCA activities						Corporate	\$200+
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