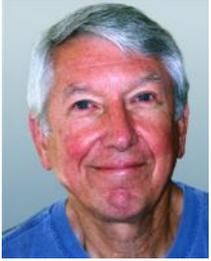


President's Message Werner Willoughby



On behalf of TSCA, I'd like to extend congratulations to **Rae Ann Carr** and **Cheryl Yamauchi** who were both awarded Community Service Grants in the amount of \$400 by their employer Northrop Grumman for their "commitment to volunteerism." TSCA is grateful for being the beneficiary of these monetary awards and greatly appreciate Rae Ann and Cheryl's commitment and many contributions to our organization.

The Torrance Sister City Association would like to extend a warm welcome to the 2019 student delegation from Kashiwa: **Karin Fukui, Sakura Iida, Arata Kawabe, Kana Kishida, Mina Nomoto, Sei Sakamoto, Riho Shimaoka, Gen Yasuda,** and their **Adult Leader Ms. Mitsuko Tsukuda.** Here's hoping that they have a wonderful and memorable visit to Torrance in August.

Thank you to Rae Ann Carr for an excellent May newsletter and a great selection of Bunka-Sai pictures that were provided by **Linda Kranz** and **Summer Nagano Gray.** The photos are a wonderful documentation of Bunka-Sai, capturing a wide variety of experiences and memories. Thank you to all.

Much appreciation to **Jeremy Gerson** for his efforts coordinating the preparation of the Torrance students and their adult leader for their "trip of a lifetime." Included in the orientation is information about Japanese foods, gift giving, culture, language, dance lessons on the Kashiwa Odori, and of course, information about the City of Torrance. The students have also selected a topic of interest about Japanese culture, researched it and will be

able to expand their research from first-hand experiences while visiting Kashiwa. Upon their return from Kashiwa, their reports will appear in TSCA newsletters for the membership to enjoy.

Steven Ihde and his August Activities Committee have started to organize the activities for the visiting Kashiwa student delegation. Please see the order form and calendar in this issue, and join our guests and other TSCA members for the various activities such as square dancing/chili cook-off, a Dodger game, Hollywood Bowl and much more, culminating with the Sayonara Banquet. A very important part of the Kashiwa students' stay in Torrance in August is experiencing daily life with their host families. Please consider hosting a student, which I'm sure will generate experiences that for many past participants have lasted a lifetime. Contact Host Family Chairperson **Cheryl Yamauchi,** for a memorable opportunity.

The cultural exchange comes to life in July and August as the Kashiwa and Torrance students' anticipation, experiences and excitement become a reality. Follow the Torrance students in the newsletter and on the website, and experience Kashiwa through their eyes via the photos that will be sent to TSCA daily. And hopefully, you will be able to join the Torrance and Kashiwa students during their August adventures.

And finally, are you looking for that unique gift or bargain? Visit our June 8th Saturday TSCA Garage sale coordinated by **Karen Wheeler,** the chair of our Bunka-Sai gift booth. Assisting will be our Torrance student delegation and TSCA members. Please see the ad in this newsletter. See you at the garage sale! ☘

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JUNE 8
TSCA Garage Sale
4034 Bluff Street, Torrance CA

JUNE 10
TSCA Association Meeting (7-9 pm)
City Hall West Annex Commission Room

JUNE 11
Student Orientation #8 with Parents
(7-9 pm)
City Hall West Annex Commission Room

JUNE 25
Host Family Meeting (7-9 pm)
City Hall West Annex Commission Room

JULY 2
August Activities Meeting #5 (7-9 pm)
Torrance Art Museum Conference Room

JULY 8
TSCA Association Meeting (7-9 pm)
City Hall West Annex Commission Room

JULY 9-30
Torrance Students in Japan

AUGUST 5
Kashiwa Students Arrive

AUGUST 5
Welcome Reception (5:30-8:30 pm)
George Nakano Theater

AUGUST 7
Square Dance & Chili Cook-off (5:30-8:30 pm)
Ken Miller Recreation Center

AUGUST 21
Sayonara Banquet (4:30-9:30 pm)
Toyota Meeting Hall

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Comments or submissions?

Please send an email to
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Proceeds benefit our program sending student ambassadors to Kashiwa, Japan.

Date: Saturday, June 8, 2019

Time: 8-11 a.m.

Place: 4034 Bluff St, Torrance, CA 90505

Items for sale: household items, clothes, books, toys, etc.

Would you like to donate items? Please bring them over between 7-8 a.m. on the day of the sale. Please, no heavy furniture!

Questions? Karen at 310-378-1210

August Events

When the Kashiwa Student Delegates are here in August, TSCA will be taking them on many exciting adventures. Save the following dates and plan to join us!

The Activity Order Form and Emergency Contact Form are included in this issue. If you plan on joining in the fun, please return the forms to TSCA by Friday, July 19, 2019.

5 Welcome Reception Potluck

7 Square Dance and Chili Cook-off

8 UCLA Tour and Lunch

9 LA Dodgers vs. Arizona Diamondbacks Baseball Game

16 Hollywood Bowl
Jurassic Park in concert with the LA Philharmonic

19 Disney California Adventure

20 Little Tokyo
(Japanese American Museum, lunch in Little Tokyo, and California Science Center Space Shuttle)

21 Sayonara Banquet

Meet the 2019 Kashiwa Delegates

For three weeks in August, these eight Student Delegates from Kashiwa, Japan, along with their Adult Leader, will visit Torrance and live with local host families. Through this experience and a packed daily itinerary with the Torrance Sister City Association, they will experience life firsthand in the United States.



Mitsuko Tsukuda
Adult Leader



Karin Fukui
Japan Women's University
Freshman



Sakura Iida
Kashiwa High School
11th Grade



Arata Kawabe
Kogane High School
11th Grade



Kana Kishida
Waseda University
Sophomore



Mina Nomoto
Kashiwa High School
11th Grade



Sei Sakamoto
Abiko High School
11th Grade



Riho Shimaoka
Tokatsu High School
11th Grade



Gen Yasuda
Tokatsu High School
11th Grade

Kamishibai Stories Regal Guests

Lori Chong Eurich, Kamishibai Chair and TSCA Board Member

Kamishibai (story reading) enchanted the youngest guests at Bunka-Sai in April with six engaging stories read by student volunteers ages 7 to 18. The students read in English and Japanese and were assisted by Amie Komae, TSCA board member and former English teacher at Kashiwa Municipal High School. The youngest readers, Ruri and Naomi, attend school at Nishiyamato where their instruction is all in Japanese. The high school readers were from Palos Verdes Peninsula High School's Japanese National Honor Society and this was the group's fourth year volunteering at Bunka-Sai with their reading skills and a booth selling drinks. Many thanks to Amie and all of our readers for making Kamishibai, an old traditional art form fun and fostering an interest in reading with the young guests.



Membership News

Alyssa Yamauchi Membership Chairperson

Our membership drive for 2019 has started. Pay your membership dues electronically with Paypal (<http://www.torrancesistercity.org/join.html>). See the 2019 Membership Application for check writing and mailing instructions.

NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERSHIPS

Individual (\$20/year)

Hara, Courtney

Donations

Yamauchi, Bryce and Cheryl \$400

2019 KASHIWA DELEGATES



*Back Row (L-R): Arata Kawabe, Gen Yasuda, Sei Sakamoto, Mina Nomoto, Kana Kishida
Front Row: Riho Shimaoka, Sakura Iida, Mitsuko Tsukuda, Karin Fukui*

Seasonal Foods of Japan

Tejas Lolges, 2018 Student Delegate



Ever since my dad had brought Japanese food home from his co-workers, I have always been intrigued at the variety of foods that come out of Japanese culture. This is the reason why I have chosen seasonal foods across Japan as my research topic. However, I will be specifically focusing on summer foods of Japan.

Shabu-shabu, *yakitori*, *somen*, and *kakigori* are some of the specialties served in restaurants across Japan. The foods are not all savory. Some have tangy twists, or sweet notes to them. In Japan, I will be comparing the summer foods of America to the summer foods in Japan. It is interesting to me that not all Japanese summer foods include meat in their entrees. It is very different from the entrees filled with meat in America.

There are all specific times to eat dishes. Some should be eaten at dinner time, while others should be eaten for breakfast or lunch. One dish that is supposed to be eaten as a dessert after lunch is *kakigori*. Eating *kakigori* will leave your taste buds with a tingling sweetness while keeping you refreshed. *Somen* noodles are paired with a fantastic dipping sauce. *Somen* noodles are served hot in the wintertime, but mixed with ice cubes in the summer to balance out the hot weather. There are many other dishes with dual purposes.

These other types of food could be eaten for lunch or dinner, that are often specialties in the summertime. There is *somen*, which consists of translucent wheat noodles topped with *tamago* (egg), cucumber, and meat. My first host family added some delicious spam. After all the toppings a dark amber colored sauce is poured onto the noodles to give it a sweet and tangy flavor to it.

One of my most memorable food experiences was visiting the Tsukiji fish market in Tokyo. The market will be relocated to another city by 2020. When I walked into Tsukiji fish market I had no clue where the entrance was. Most of the food that was being sold there was seasonal; however, it really blew my taste buds. I had never eaten these foods before. One of the most interesting foods was *unagi*, or eel. The eel had a hint of a fishy smell and a flaky texture to it. In many of the stalls they sold cold *soba* and cold *udon*. Both of these dishes were noodle dishes, however, they each had a very unique dipping sauce to compliment the noodles. The *udon* had a fishy soy sauce based sauce while the *soba* dipping sauce was more clear in its taste. Both dishes were paired up with delicious tempura. The foods that were listed in this report were very healthy and it really showed me the true Japanese 'home' cuisine. ☸





Expand Your Cultural Horizons

Host a student from Kashiwa, Japan, for 1 week in August

(August 5–13 or August 15–22, 2019)

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



"Hosting was very rewarding! We went on adventures, had lots of fun, and built a lifelong bond." ~ *The Lolge Family*

"Hosting two students was fantastic, and we learned so much from each other regarding our different cultures. Most impactful was the strong friendships formed." ~ *The Galinato-Carr Family*

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 students 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 the fun! At all other times, the host families will arrange their own activities and meals with their exchange student in accordance with TSCA guidelines. Each host family will have one weekend to plan their own activities. Kashiwa students are able to communicate in English.

A Host Families orientation will be held in late June or early July.

QUESTIONS? Please contact Host Family Chair **CHERYL YAMAUCHI** at TSCAHostFamilyProgram@yahoo.com



TORRANCE SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION, INC.



HOST FAMILY INTEREST FORM

All first-time applicants will be screened by TSCA

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____ Emergency/Daytime Phone _____

We would prefer to host a Boy _____ Girl _____ Either _____

We would prefer to host a student from August 5-13 _____ August 15-22 _____ Either week _____ Both weeks _____

Number in household _____ List pets, if any _____

Name of Adults _____ Occupation _____

_____ Occupation _____

Children _____ M / F Age _____ M / F Age _____

_____ M / F Age _____ M / F Age _____

Others _____

Our family has participated in these TSCA Activities: Bunka-Sai _____ Student Exchange Program _____ Host Family Program _____ Other _____

Please mail form to **Torrance Sister City Association, Attn: Host Family Program, 3031 Torrance Blvd, Torrance, CA 90503**

The Start of a New Era

Alison Abraham



Compared to all the other months at school, June may almost seem dull. It's the only month without any three-day weekends, national holidays, or special events. But, it comes as a welcome reprieve – a month of refreshing normalcy sandwiched between two very fast-paced months.

At the start of May during this year's Golden Week, Japan celebrated the abdication of its former Emperor, signaling the end of the *Heisei Era* and the beginning of the *Reiwa Era*. It's a rare occasion – an emperor stepping down – which calls for a joyous 10-day long vacation! An absolute rarity in this country.

During that time, two of my best friends visited from California. I was able to introduce them to both **Shibata-san** and **Nakano-san** from KIRA! Shibata-san was the KIRA adult leader in 2011, and I met Nakano-san when I came to Kashiwa for the first time as a student delegate in 2012. We also had dinner with **Mina Marushima**, the 2011 KIRA student delegate I hosted, and her family.

Although it's almost been ten years since we first met, I still see them very frequently. My friends felt very blessed that we could enjoy the company of native Kashiwa residents, and I felt lucky that two important parts of my life – usually separated by a whole ocean – could come together for at least one night, our bellies full of good food and lots of laughter.

Since I live in Japan now, I sometimes forget how nice it is to feel like a tourist again. But, with the frequency of



Dinner with friends and the Marushima family



Modeling traditional wedding attire for the Ichikashi kimono instructors and NHS students

friends visiting and wanting to discover new places together, I'm able to relive that sensation. However, that isn't to say I don't love being a host to visitors. Without a moment to spare, I took a running start into the next event.

For the last week of May, Ichikashi welcomed students from our sister school North High just as we do every year. Many of the students who'd visited from last year have already graduated high school, so even though I've helped with this program before, it'll be like starting from scratch. Only, I've got more excitement, confidence, and instinct to rely on. Seeing the impact on the Torrance students and Kashiwa students and their families – whether it's through Ichikashi's sister school program or through TSCA's relationship with KIRA – never fails to fill my heart with love and pride. I'm blessed to be able to experience the best of both cities and grateful that I get to take an active role in helping foster these lifelong relationships...which often includes modeling traditional wedding attire for the kimono instructors that visit for the students' yukata experience! ☘

Member Information

Except for the Lifetime Membership*
all dues are in effect from
January 1 to
December 31

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ Email Address _____

- My membership is: New Renewal
- TSCA Directory Update:
- New Address New Telephone Number New Email Address
- I do not want to be listed in the TSCA Directory
- TSCA Activities:
- I am interested in participating in TSCA activities

Mail your check and this form to:

Torrance Sister City Association
c/o Community Services Department
3031 Torrance Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90503

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$20
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$40
<input type="checkbox"/> Supporting	\$75+
<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor	\$125+
<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate	\$200+
<input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Membership*	\$2,000+

Enclosed is a donation to
TSCA (in addition to \$ _____
annual dues)

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Make your **check** payable to **TSCA**

TSCA meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at the Civic Center West
Annex
Commission Room 7-9 pm
(No meetings in August or December)

Payments are also accepted via Paypal
<http://www.torrancesistercity.org/join.html>

*If you have
any questions
about your membership,
please email Alyssa Yamauchi at
tscamembership@gmail.com*

www.torrancesistercity.org



**Torrance Sister City
Association**

3031 Torrance Boulevard
Torrance, CA 90503

AUGUST ACTIVITY ORDER FORM 2019

MAIL AND POSTMARK BY JULY 19, 2019

Directions:

- 1) Include family name, phone number, and e-mail address
- 2) Under "NAME OF PARTICIPANTS" include FIRST NAME(S)
- 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.

Mail BOTH forms to:

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

August activities are open to all TSCA members with RSVP. Specific activities that require a fee are listed below.

Family Name: _____

Phone # _____

Email: _____

Day Date	Event	List Name of ALL participant(s) for each event. IMPORTANT: for the two "POTLUCKS" incl. the # of Adults and Children	# of Adults	# of Children	Meal Type	Meal \$/person	Admission \$/person	Admission Subtotal	Meal Subtotal	Total Amount Due
Mon. 8/5	Welcome Reception				Potluck Dinner					
Wed. 8/7	Square Dance and Chili Cook Off				Potluck Dinner					
Thurs. 8/8	UCLA				Lunch	\$ 16.75				
Fri. 8/9	Dodger Game Dodgers vs. AZ Diamondbacks				Dinner	On your own	\$28 (Includes bus)			
Fri. 8/16	Hollywood Bowl JURASSIC PARK in Concert with the LA Phil				Dinner	Bring your own dinner picnic style	\$43.25 (Includes bus)			
Mon. 8/19	Disney California Adventure				Lunch, Dinner	On your own	\$98 (Includes bus)			
Tue. 8/20	Little Tokyo, JANM, Science Center, Space Shuttle				Lunch	On your own	Adult \$10 Student \$8 Senior \$8 (Includes bus)			
Wed. 8/21	Sayonara Banquet				Dinner	Adult \$30 Child < 10 \$10 Host family parents paid by TSCA				
Grand Total										\$

Please Note: If you are a **Host Family Parent** – TSCA will pay for your dinner at the Sayonara Banquet, other family members must pay.

For activities not listed, please RSVP to TSCAactivities@gmail.com

Make checks payable to **TORRANCE SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION**

EMERGENCY CONTACT AND CONSENT FORM

AUGUST ACTIVITIES – 2019



Please note: If you, a family member or guest is/are a participant in any of the activities during August 2019, this form must be completed and accompany the **Activity Order Form** when it is mailed back to TSCA. **DUE: Friday, July 19, 2019**

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:

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 **Activity Order Form** to:

Torrance Sister City Association
Attn: August Activities
c/o Community Services Department
3031 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, CA 90503

DUE: Friday, July 19, 2019