

President's Message

Donna Dunlap



Happy NEW Year!!! Yes, it is a NEW year. TSCA has many activities planned for 2022. With reNEWed purpose, we look forward to experiencing many activities for the first time in two long years. Some have had a long history in our program, others will have a NEW twist. We hope everyone will be able to

step out of their abodes and reNEW old friendships and participate with us.

Our association meetings are still the second Monday of each month, except for August and December, when there are no meetings. These meetings are held in the West Annex at 7 PM and are open to everyone. If you missed January, we hope to see you on February 14th.

Our first event for the NEW year will be in February. We have a NEW format for the annual Alumni Reunion. On February 5, 2022, in the corner of Wilson Park by the Live Steamers, we are having a picnic. This picnic is the jump-start of an exciting year, the beginning of our 50th year as a sister city with Kashiwa, Japan. Then one year later, the Golden Jubilee celebration will be celebrated in Torrance the weekend of February 16th to 20th in 2023. We will be welcoming the NEW mayor of the City of Kashiwa, **Mazumi Ohta**, on her first visit to Torrance. Many members of KIRA and citizens of Kashiwa will be part of the 50th anniversary delegation. It will be a time to reNEW old friendships with past exchange delegates and friends of the sister city program on both sides. For more information on this year's picnic, see the flyer in this newsletter.

On behalf of all members of Torrance Sister City we would like to express our deep-felt gratitude to our outgoing president, **Werner Willoughby**. His leadership over these past three years has kept our organization alive and active. We thank Werner and **Lori Eurich** for figuring out and conducting our monthly Association meetings online on ZOOM. One silver lining of the pandemic was being able to have our Kashiwa friends join us online for these monthly meetings. Though our meetings are in person once again, the anniversary committees on both sides will continue to meet on ZOOM to plan the 50th anniversary celebrations. TSCA has also thoroughly enjoyed the Cultural Corners on ZOOM. If you have not participated in a Cultural Corner, you have missed out on enjoyable and informative descriptions of events and celebrations that are unique to Japan. We have learned a lot about their customs and everyday life, as in the November theme School Lunches. We saw pictures of amazing decorative school lunches that Japanese mothers make for their children!

I want to thank the outgoing board members, who are leaving due to term limits: **Cindy Scott**, **Lori Chong Eurich**, and **Summer Gray**. All three of these women agreed to serve an extra year in 2021 during the pandemic. TSCA appreciates your dedication and support. I hope each of you will continue to be active especially during our 50th year celebrations. It will be "all hands-on deck" to plan, organize, and finally welcome the Japanese delegates in February 2023.

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JANUARY 10

TSCA Association Meeting (7-9 pm)

JANUARY 26

Bunka-Sai Meeting (7-9 pm)
Library Meeting Room

FEBRUARY 2

Student Orientation (includes parents) (6-8 pm)
West Annex

FEBRUARY 5

Alumni Reunion (11 am—1 pm)
Wilson Park

FEBRUARY 9

August Activities Committee (7-9 pm)
Library Meeting Room

FEBRUARY 14

TSCA Association Meeting (7-9 pm)
Torrance Art Museum

FEBRUARY 16

Student Orientation (6-8 pm) West Annex

FEBRUARY 20

Kashiwa Day

FEBRUARY 23

Bunka-Sai Meeting (7-9 pm)
Polly Watts Room—Library

**Meetings may be conducted via Zoom to prevent the spread of the coronavirus

As 2022 President, I look forward to working with the executive board: **Stephanie Werner** as Vice President, and continuing in their roles, **Mayoori Shetti** as Treasurer and **Karen Wheeler** as Secretary. I would like to welcome the newly elected board members: **Kevin Lobo**, **Hazel Taniguchi**, **Werner Willoughby**, and **Alyssa Yamauchi**. **Kathi Matsubara** will be continuing for a second term.

Please remember to reNEW your membership or apply to be a NEW member. With membership you will receive the monthly newsletter. In 2022, look for a new article focusing on the history of the sister city program. This is an incredible organization whose mission statement is to promote friendship, goodwill and understanding between the sister cities of Torrance and Kashiwa, Japan. We take pride in accomplishing this goal the last 49 years and welcome you to join us. Our website, torrancesistercity.org has an application enabling you to pay a nominal membership fee by check or PayPal. Your support and involvement are greatly appreciated.

I would like to thank two City of Torrance employees that have worked directly with TSCA. Both chose to retire at the end of December. Werner mentioned in the December newsletter that **Eve Rappoport**, head of the Cultural Division, retired. She has worked with TSCA since our organization was transferred into that division in 2014. Eve has been a strong supporter of our association and joined us in Kashiwa for the 45th anniversary celebration. Thank you, Eve.

For over twenty years, **Suzie Wand** was an incredible help to TSCA offering her services in whatever we needed. Suzie and Hazel Taniguchi worked as a team in planning not only one but five anniversary celebrations with the City of Kashiwa. Each summer, when the Kashiwa student delegates gathered in front of the West Annex, Suzie would come out and greet our visitors before they embarked on the day's adventures. Her bright smile started their day on the right foot. Thank you, Suzie.

Here, in her own words, are her remembrances:

“When I began working with the TSCA back in 1991, I never could have imagined the special people I would meet along the way that would have such an impact on me and make this journey such a joyous one. I have nothing but wonderful memories of Anniversary Celebrations, the Student Cultural Exchange program, Association meetings, Bunka-Sai, the list goes on and on! I am grateful to each and every one of you and am proud to have served as TSCA's Staff Liaison for 23 years.”

Werner, on behalf of TSCA, presented Eve and Suzi with a Certificate of Appreciation and a lovely bouquet of flowers at their respective retirement receptions in December. We wish both women many relaxing, fun-filled days in retirement.

In closing, I would like to wish a belated Happy Birthday to **Vic Kilburn**. Vic recently celebrated his 100th birthday, a landmark that deserves special recognition. Vic served as President of TSCA from 1987 – 1989. Thank you, Vic, for consistently supporting the sister city program since 1980. ☘

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By Donna Dunlap

I have a dream. I know I borrowed that phrase from a King, but I really do have a dream. I have looked forward to the 50th celebration for many years. When I was an adult leader back in 1984, I never dreamed I would still be a member of TSCA in 2022, but I am. I have never stopped thinking of the experience I had visiting Kashiwa and seeing how the trip affected my student delegates. Being a teacher, I knew how important this organization was and wanted to be a part of this exceptional program. My enthusiasm waned once when my children were born and required more of my time, but as many of you know, my whole family is still involved with TSCA to this very day and I do not see an end to their participation. So I have a dream...

We all have lived through the pandemic these past two years. It is very infectious, from a handful of people with the disease, to more than 250 million people worldwide contracting COVID-19. Since our first delegation to Kashiwa in 1973, TSCA has sent 318 students to Kashiwa. (Yes, I really did count them from those lists in every program we have ever published.) They once were full of excitement and gratitude for their experience. One of my dreams for the 50th is to reignite that feeling, to have them reminisce their experiences and the closeness they felt with their group and the friendships they made in Kashiwa. TSCA has sent 44 teachers to Kashiwa who have also made lasting impressions on not just themselves but thousands of Japanese students. Our exchange program has involved more than 500 host families in Torrance creating family bonds with the Japanese delegates. Not to mention the adult delegates that have visited every five years. These numbers are not as huge as the pandemic, but they are impressive. My question is "Where are all these participants now?" My challenge to those of you reading this article right now, is to contact at least one of the members of your group and reNEW your bonds with them. Encourage them to become members again in TSCA for our 50th year celebration. With membership our newsletter will keep everyone informed of activities throughout the year. Also ask them to contact another and another and soon we will have found many of these past students, teachers, and adults who once participated in our association. This too can spread like the virus, but in a



The Dunlap-Ihde family has been involved with TSCA since 1984.

positive, invigorating way. Refreshing that enthusiasm we have for this program, one that brings citizens of different countries together in a personal way, a togetherness that cannot be broken by time or distance. I hope that my enthusiasm will infect all of you.

My immediate dream... to see many people at the picnic on February 5th. To increase the participation we have had at past alumni reunions. To celebrate a true reunion of all who have ever been involved. To reconnect and reNEW precious friendships. Bring stories to share of those you contacted that could not physically come on February 5, 2022. Ask them to put February 18, 2023 on their calendars to join us for the BIGGEST Alumni Reunion TSCA has ever experienced in the past 50 years. THAT folks, is MY Dream! ☘



Teach English in Kashiwa, Japan

The Torrance Sister City Association seeks qualified applicants for one high school English teacher in Kashiwa, Japan, the Sister City of Torrance. A minimum one-year contract runs from August 1, 2022, to July 31, 2023. The contract is renewable for a maximum three-year assignment.

Duties: Conduct and assist in a variety of English conversation classes; assist with coordinating campus visits by parents, administrators, and junior high students; and assist with extracurricular activities, which may include judging and assisting with speech contests, serving as adviser to the English Conversation Club and business trips, and coach students for college interviews. Volunteer work with KIRA (Kashiwa International Relations Association) and other city groups may also be required.

Qualifications

Applicants must:

- Live or work in Torrance
- Be fluent in written and spoken English
- Hold a Bachelor's degree plus a teaching credential or have demonstrated teaching experience
- Possess a keen interest in the Japanese language and culture
- Represent the Torrance Sister City Association and foster the goals and objectives of the English Teacher Exchange Program.

Compensation

- Annual salary of approximately 4,800,000 Japanese yen
- One-way airfare from Los Angeles to Japan
- National health insurance (deducted from monthly salary)
- Subsidized housing and transportation allowance
- Paid Japanese holidays and personal days

To Apply

Please submit your resume and cover letter by email to Lori Chong Eurich (Chair, English Teacher Selection Committee) at lace167@hotmail.com.

Also, two letters of recommendation are needed. Arrange to have them emailed directly to the Chair by those submitting letters on your behalf.

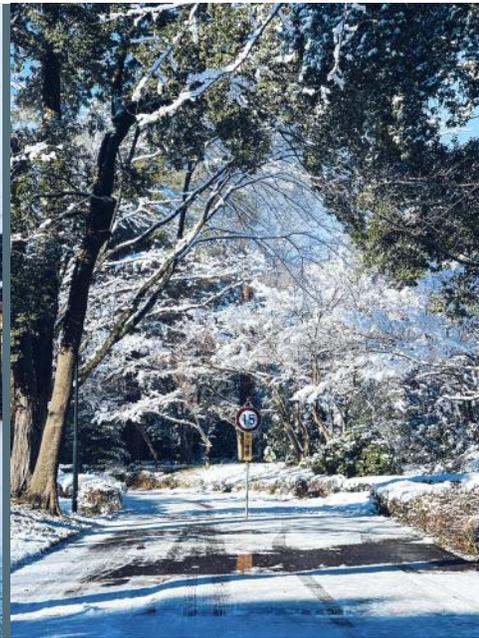
Deadline to apply is

April 1, 2022

Qualified applicants will be scheduled for panel interviews in May.

Questions?

Email lace167@hotmail.com



Freshly with the first
Snowfall appears a poet
Under every tree
—Kevin Butt

Membership News

Alyssa Yamauchi, Membership Chairperson

NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERSHIPS

Life Membership (\$2,000+)

Oriental Motors
Cambra, May Ikeda
Chan, Kenneth Family
Doyle, Marlene Cambra
Dunlap-Ihde Family
Fichtner, Dan and Rand, Ray
Henson, Mikko Haggott
Jordan, Leah Ray
Maekawa, Vince
Roulette, Gail
Sekiguchi, Joh

Corporate (\$200/year)

Torrance Refining Company

Benefactor (\$125/year)

Bauer, Craig
Furey, Pat and Terry
King, Dennis & Patricia
Taniguchi, Hazel
Willoughby, Werner & Aileen
Yamauchi, Bryce & Cheryl

Supporting (\$75/year)

Albitz, Phil & Velma
Arnheim, Bruce & Sumi
Cababa, Ed & Kerry
Lee, Jacquie
Rappoport, Eve
Shiosaki, Ed & Joan (South Bay
Judo)

Family (\$40/year)

Bothwell, Gill
Carr-Galinato Family
Diederich Family
Donaldson Family
Druten, Jason, Yoko & Max
Gelbaum, David & Randi
Gelbaum, Mark & Ilene
Gerson, Jeremy, Jennifer,
Aurora & William
Gray, Bob, Summer &
Jeremy
Hargrove, Eunice Linda &
Richard
Heidebrecht, Bill & Kathy
Higa, Reiko, PK & Ken
Shrivastava
Hirashiki, Hiro & Jen
Hofer, Gary & Fusae
Ito, John, Wendy & Alex
Kang Family
Kaplan, Harry
Kimmel, Ronald & Gudrun
Kranz, Dave & Linda
Kuwahara, Mas & Taeko
Lee, Edmund, Karla, Colin &
Ethan
Lobo, Kevin, Pindi, Ann &
Rachel
London, Emily & John Tokeshi
Maroney, Mark & Jill
Martel, Lou & Lori
Matsubara Family
Mealins Family

Medlock, Matthew, Thomas,
& Kathleen

Miller, Ken & Judy
Nakano, Helen & George
Namimoto, Jim & Mariko
Newhart, Lance & Natalie
Nowatka, Helen & Paul
Peck Family
Peitzman, Fred and Ann
Penland Family
Radomski Family
Reeve, Ron & Susan
Roulette, Mark & Peggy
Rubin, Marilyn & Sherwin
Sargent, Dave & Toni
Seraydarian Family
Tanaka, Keith & Shirley
Toya, George and May
Trattner Family
Uchima, Ray
Ueki, Masaki & Sumi
Ujimori, Harvey & Kay
Yorizane, Eddie & Eileen

Individual (\$20/year)

Allen, Sheila
Ando, Jennifer
Ashcraft, Heidi
Cauble, Lynn
Chen, George
Goodrich, Marjorie
Griffiths, Mike
Kawai, Masaru Kent
Kilburn, Victor
Komae, Amie
Laidoner, Gail

Little, Vera
Matarrese, John
Matsumoto, Brandon
McIntire, Hugh
Penick, Tiffany (Calhoun)
Perez, Ayako
Sakamoto, May
Shimizu, Marie
Sun, Deanna
Tabata, Lynn
Takikawa, Hisataka
Thomas, John
Ward, Suzie
Yamauchi, Alyssa
Yamauchi, Blaine
Yamauchi, Patsy

Donations

Northrop Grumman (\$400)
In Recognition of Rae Ann
Carr's commitment to volun-
teerism
Ando, Jennifer (\$40)
Numark, Clifford (\$40)
Sakamoto, May (\$30)
Tabata, Lynn (\$30)
Arnheim, Bruce & Sumi (\$25)
Cababa, Ed & Kerry (\$25)
Albitz, Phil and Velma (\$25)
Lee, Jacquie (\$25)
Shiosaki, Ed (\$25)
Gray, Bob, Summer & Jeremy
(\$25)
Diederich Family (\$10)
Nowatka, Paula & Helen (\$10)
McIntyre, Hugh (\$5)



Torrance Sister City Association

Hello TSCA Members,

We hope that you and your family are safe and well.

The 2022 Membership Drive has just begun, and we're excited about everything the year has in store! Unfortunately, like many other organizations, we've postponed all TSCA programs and events for the last two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. But we're excited and hopeful to bring them back in 2022 and have already begun planning for our 50th Anniversary celebration in 2023.

We couldn't be more thankful for your continued support through your membership dues and donation contributions. Your contributions continue to help offset annual operational costs, allowing TSCA to continue our mission of promoting friendship, goodwill, and understanding through people-to-people connections.

Thank you, again, for your continued support and consideration.

Best regards,
Alyssa Yamauchi
TSCA Membership Chair

Our 2022 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE has begun!

There are several membership levels available,
and two convenient payment options:



Pay by MAIL:
Complete the form below,
and mail with your check.



Pay ONLINE:

Check out with **PayPal**

Scan the QR code
or visit

www.torrancesistercity.org



Postmark deadline to be included in the printed TSCA Membership Directory is **02/16/22**.

----- Cut and return the below with your check payment. -----

2022 TSCA Membership Application Form

Mail your check and this form to: Torrance Sister City Association, c/o Community Services Dept, 3031 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, CA 90503



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

- \$20 Individual
 \$40 Family
 \$75+ Supporting
 \$125+ Benefactor
 \$200+ Corporate
 \$2,000+ Lifetime Membership*

Donation to TSCA (in addition to annual dues): \$ _____

- I am Interested in TSCA activities, specifically: _____
 For the TSCA Directory, only include my: _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Please make your check payable to: TSCA

Member Information

Please complete your contact information directly below and to the right.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Additional Contact Info

***TSCA Newsletters are sent to all members via email.*

Email**: _____

Phone: _____

If you have questions about membership, please send an email to: tscamembership@gmail.com



50 Years of Friendship



TSCA President Mikko Haggot joined Yoshikazu Katioka and elementary school children during a play day.



1980 Cultural Exchange Instructor Yoshikazu Katioka introduced Japanese dance to Arlington Elementary students.



The first student exchange students from Kashiwa arrived in Torrance in 1974, accompanied by their adult leader, the Rev. Tayoo Watanabe.



The 1981 delegation received a royal welcome in Kashiwa.



Kashiwa Mayor Shin Suzuki led bicyclists along the Tone River in Kashiwa.

Photos from Torrance and Kashiwa: A Tale of Two Sister Cities 10 Years of Friendship

you're invited...



WHAT: Alumni Reunion Picnic

WHEN: February 5, 2022
11 am to 1 pm

WHERE: Wilson Park,
Southeast corner near the live
steamer railway (look for the
balloons)

BYOP: Please bring your own
picnic lunch and beverage

Picnic may be canceled if it rains



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