



EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY
JAPANESE COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.

2008 ANNUAL REPORT

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EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY JAPANESE COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.

MISSION STATEMENT

THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY JAPANESE COMMUNITY CENTER IS A NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO FOSTER AND PRESERVE THE CULTURAL HERITAGE UNIQUE TO JAPANESE AMERICAN ANCESTRY; AND TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY THROUGH SOCIAL SERVICES, ARTISTIC, RECREATIONAL, AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.

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In January 1936, Mr. Eijiro Machida donated one acre of his farmland to create a place where children could learn the Japanese language and its culture. His generous donation provided a foundation for youth to learn about their heritage, a platform for which an appreciation of the Japanese culture can grow, and a legacy of future generosity and commitment. Over 70 years later, the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center is one of sixteen Japanese community centers in Southern California and has become one of the leading Japanese American institutions in the San Gabriel Valley.

In 2008, the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center had much to celebrate. First, the completion of its new Social Hall which provides our programs and classes with much needed space to grow and thrive. We were able to complete this four year long project through the tireless efforts of dedicated volunteers and staff and generous donations from many of our members and organizations. With the start of construction in May, we began to feel a new sense of energy among our membership for the bright upcoming future that lies ahead.

This past year we also increased our collaborative efforts with various organizations in order to offer a greater diversity of programs for our members. We hope to continue this momentum by working closely with the cities of West Covina and Ohtawara, Japan, on our student exchange program which provides young people with a unique cultural experience. We strive to connect with community organizations like Keiro Institute for Healthy Living and Little Tokyo Service Center in order to give our members the tools to tackle the many issues that face our community. Lastly, we are continuing to create a place for our youth, a place where they can appreciate the Japanese culture, learn something about themselves, and become our future leaders.

The accomplishments of this past year showcase the very foundation of our organization - the importance of our culture, the ties to the community, and our hopes for the future. We are excited for the road that lies before us and are grateful for all those who have supported us along the way.

Mr. Machida created a community center, but the members who have come after him, created a family. Thank you to everyone who has stood by us through this journey. We have always believed that the Community Center has always been able to do amazing things because of the amazing people who are a part of it.

Glenn Nakatani
President, Board of Directors

Pearl Omiya
Executive Director

CULTURE



“Being part of the community center has helped our organization stay focused on our mission which is teaching traditional Japanese Karate. We function in unison with the community center by providing, fostering, and preserving Japanese culture through our Japanese based Karate.”

SYLVIA HERNANDEZ:
President, Eibukan Goju-Ryu Karate Dojo



“Being fourth generation, it is difficult to keep in touch with my cultural background but the Community Center makes it easier to learn about my heritage and the Japanese traditions.”

- KELLY TERAGAWA

Former Sabers Basketball Member



In 1936, Mr. Eijiro Machida donated one acre of his land so that the Japanese farming community in the San Gabriel Valley could have a place where they could teach their children the Japanese language and its culture. Ever since then, the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center has expanded its services and programs in order to give our youth a greater appreciation of the Japanese culture and heritage.

Beginning with only Japanese language classes and judo lessons, today, we have over fifteen cultural classes and programs. Our most notable is our Japanese language school which has served the community for 49 years. Initially, the school held four classes inside of a partitioned wooden building for roughly 40 students. Today, we have over 160 students enrolled in eleven different classes. It is through the

Japanese language school that we are able to expose students to various Japanese traditions such as *mochitsuki*. Every December, students pound rice in a wooden *usu* (mortar). The *mochi* is pounded until it is a smooth and shiny mass of rice then later divided into smaller rice balls for everyone to partake. It is said that with each pound, one reflects about the events of the past year and their wishes for the coming year. It is a laborious process which requires many people and much time. By allowing students to participate in *mochitsuki*, they are able to be a part of a century's old tradition which symbolizes both the strength of our community and the beginning of a new year full of hopes and dreams

The Japanese culture is not only defined by its language, but also its arts. In



1981, a *taiko* (Japanese drumming)

class was formed by Mr. Jack Oku. He and other families wanted to create a place where their entire family could have fun and play *taiko*. The group began by playing *matsuri* (festival) style *taiko*, playing at the Obon Festival, Akimatsuri Fall Festival, and the Community Center picnics. In 1993, under the artistic direction of Rev. Tom Kurai, Kishin Daiko became more dynamic, energetic, and professional, performing at more local events, such as the Los Angeles Music Center's 75th Anniversary, the Los Angeles Marathon, and 1998 Super Bowl. Kishin Daiko, which means energy, heart, spirit, is recognized both locally and nationally. This year, Kishin Daiko performed with Kanye West in his new single "Love Lockdown" at the MTV Video Music

Awards, the Jimmy Kimmel Show, the Ellen DeGeneres Show, and the KROQ Almost Acoustic Christmas 2008.

KODOMO NO TAME NI

for the sake of the children



The Community Center offers many different forms of martial arts. Among the most distinguished is the Covina Kendo Dojo which is one of the oldest and largest in the United States. The dojo was founded by Mr. Akio Hara, Mr. Takeshi Yamaguchi, and Mr. Makoto Yamaguchi as they began practice in the original social hall of the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center in 1969 with only a dozen or so *kenshi* (kendo students). In the last 39 years, the dojo has grown to over 70 active participants plus dozens of non-active members who support the organization. In 2008, four Covina Kendo kenshi stood out amongst the vast number of competitors from all over the country as they brought home the most prestigious honors that U.S. Kendo has to offer.

George Owaki,
Keiko Ide,
Akane Kinjo,
Shota Okamura,

AUSKF Youth National Champion
AUSKF Women's Youth National Champion
AUSKF Women's National Team Champion
AUSKF Youth National Best "8" Place Winner

We are looking forward to our *kenshi* representing the United States in the 2009 World Kendo Championship which is to be held in Brazil.



One of the most unique art forms in Japanese culture is *kimekomi ningyo* (Japanese doll making). The art of *kimekomi ningyo* requires carving lines in wood made from solidifying wood-

en powder with starch and inserting *kimono* cloth into the lines. The dolls are not intended to represent reality as with most of other kinds of dolls. The class was started in 1991 under the direction of Kyuuka Kanesaka who took a group of women and made them professors of doll making. This art form takes much patience and commitment as it could take as long as nine months to complete one doll. The East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center is proud to offer *kimekomi ningyo* as it is truly one of the beautiful treasures of the Japanese culture.



THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY JAPANESE COMMUNITY CENTER OFFERS OVER FIFTEEN CULTURAL CLASSES AND PROGRAMS:

AIKIDO
BONSAI (PINE TREE TRIMMING)
COOKING
GO (JAPANESE GAME OF STRATEGY)
IKEBANA (FLOWER ARRANGEMENT)
JAPANESE CLASSICAL DANCE
JAPANESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL
JUDO
KARATE
KENDO
KIME KOMI NINGYO (JAPANESE DOLL-MAKING)
OKINAWA ODORI
PAPERMAKING
SHINKENDO
SOROBAN (ABACUS)
TAIKO

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COMMUNITY



“Community Centers like the ESGVJCC are at the frontline in meeting the social and cultural needs of the Japanese American community.”

KANAKO KUSANO:
Director, Institute for Healthy Aging at Keiro



MINNA NO CHIKARA DE *together with everyone's efforts*

In addition to preserving the heritage that is unique to Japanese American ancestry, the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center is committed to serving the community through social services, artistic, recreational, and educational programs. In living up to our mission statement, we are proud of the accomplishments of our numerous youth programs, such as our youth basketball program, which continues to teach young people not only the fundamentals of the sport but also encourages them to develop life skills such as team work, good sportsmanship, discipline and fair play. Our student exchange program gives students an opportunity to participate in a home stay program which allows them to fully immerse themselves in the Japanese culture. In supporting the goals of young people, the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center in conjunction with the San Gabriel Valley chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League awards college scholarships annually for high school seniors and graduate students.



Our youth basketball program, the Sabers/Saberettes, is comprised of 16 boys and 8 girls basketball teams ranging from age 5 through high school. In 1968, with only one boys team and one girls team, the basketball program was initially organized by the West Covina Buddhist Temple by Bob Yamashita and Don Mita. The East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center became the program's primary sponsor in 1971 and has been its biggest supporter ever since. Jon Sera, the Saber/Saberettes Board President, describes the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center as "a wonderful place to gather and many ... consider it a second home." In 2009, we will be hosting the Sabers/Saberettes Basketball Tournament, bringing in over 50 teams to participate in a K-4th grade tournament.

For the past five years, the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center has played an active role coordinating and planning a student exchange program for the City of West Covina and the City of Ohtawara, Japan. Students are given the opportunity to visit Japan and learn the differences in government, culture, and lifestyles. Our participants and families benefit greatly from this program because they are given a unique opportunity to gain first-hand experience of everyday life in Japan. Chris Freeland, Assistant to the City Manager, shares the importance of this program, "The sister city relationship is very important to the City of West Covina that has blossomed into numerous projects and programs that all of the community benefits from, especially the annual Cherry Blossom Festival."

The East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center and the San Gabriel Valley chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League has distributed over \$150,000 in scholarships benefiting over 300 students in the forty years since the scholarship fund was established. We have seven high school scholarships and two graduate level scholarships. Pearl Omiya, Executive Director reflects on the significance of these scholarships, "As a recipient of both these awards, I know it meant a great deal to me to be recognized by my community as a young high school senior and then again when I entered graduate school." This scholarship fund is one of our proudest accomplishments. It has given our young people a jump start in their college careers as well as a helping hand when continuing their postbaccalaureate studies.





“What is wonderful about our relationship with Ohtawara is that both communities and their leaders have become acquaintances, partners, and best of all, good friends.”

MAYOR SHERRI LANE :
City of West Covina

This year, we have been fortunate to have the opportunity to collaborate with other community organizations, such as Little Tokyo Service Center, the Institute for Healthy Aging at Keiro, and East West Players. In January of 2008, the Little Tokyo Service Center (LTSC), subcontractor of the Asian Pacific Islander Obesity Prevention Alliance (APIOPA) gave a workshop entitled “Caring Communities Preventing Obesity: a community health workshop.” During this workshop, health risks specific to the Japanese American community were discussed as well how the community culture and environment can be more supportive of a nutritious diet and exercise. Participants were encouraged to take action and collectively make their own community environments more supportive of healthy lifestyles. This year, LTSC will continue being a resource for the Community Center by contributing health articles for our monthly newsletter.



In October 2007, The Institute for Healthy Aging at Keiro (IHA), a division of Keiro Senior HealthCare, and the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center (ESGVJCC) worked together to organize a Caregiver’s Conference which equipped more than 200 people with information and resources about Alzheimer’s disease, trusts and wills, caregiving options, and other related topics. Because of the overwhelming success of the Caregiver’s Conference, we partnered with IHA to present “For the Caregiver: Summer Education Series” which addressed the most common caregiving concerns as indicated by participants at the conference. In 2009, IHA and ESGVJCC will work together to present Memory Kai, a memory enhancement program developed by the UCLA Center on Aging.



In March of 2008, we hosted a free community performance of “Dawn’s Light - The Journey of Gordon Hirabayashi” by Jeanne Sakata. The East West Player’s Theatre for Youth offered us this opportunity to showcase an abridged version of the original performance. “Dawn’s Light” is a one person performance based on a true story of University of Washington student Gordon Hirabayashi. During WWII, Hirabayashi agonized over the United States government orders to forcibly remove and imprison all people of Japanese ancestry on the West Coast. As he fights to reconcile his country’s betrayal with his Constitutional beliefs, Hirabayashi journeys toward a greater understanding of America’s triumphs and failures.

This past year, more than ever, the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center has collaborated with other community organizations to offer the highest quality programming. We have been so grateful to these organizations for extending their resources to us and giving our members a chance to learn more about our community and themselves. It is our biggest hope to continue this momentum into the future.

CONTINUITY



“Sadly, it seems to me that many of today’s kids don’t realize the need for the continuation of this place. Often it looks as if us old timers- the old dreams- are the ones who keep hanging on to it...I don’t know... But we will survive. We have to show the younger families how we need and how we can use this place to KEEP US TOGETHER.”



KIMIO HATAKEYAMA :
Co-Founder of the ESGVJCC



In 2008, the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center broke ground for the construction of the new Social Hall. It was an amazing turning point in the Community Center's history. Not since 1972, when the gymnasium, classrooms, kitchen, and dining room were built, has the Center taken on a major construction project. The cost of the new Social Hall was estimated to be \$1.5 million and through the efforts of the Development Committee, headed by Mr. Robert Leong, the Community Center has been able to raise over \$700,000 in just 2 years. When added to the existing Building Fund, we are now at 60% of the budgeted cost for the project.

The need for a new Social Hall really began 10 years earlier when a structural engineer was hired to inspect the Social Hall's roof and beams. The engineer found damage in one of the three support beams holding up the roof and repairs were made pursuant to the

engineer's recommendation. This was the first of many warning signs of things to come.

Though the beam was repaired, the Social Hall continued to experience water leaks due to the type of foam roofing material and the lack of pitch (angle of drainage). The exterior sections of the support beams continued to show deterioration from dry rot and termite infestation.

Due to the continuing water leakage, it was decided by the Board of Directors to look into a replacement of the roof. In the fall of 2004, an architect was asked to inspect the building and it was his opinion that the building should be demolished and rebuilt. He felt that it would not be economically feasible to reinforce the walls in order to support a new type of roof.

And so began the journey to re-build the Social Hall. Kishimoto Architects was selected to create the look of the new building. In May of 2006, our plans to rebuild the Social Hall were approved by the City of West Covina, but with only \$196,000 in our Building Fund and a \$75,000 federal HUD grant secured by Congresswoman Hilda Solis, we decided to launch the Social Hall Capital Campaign in September of the same year.



With the campaign launched, the Community Center decided it was imperative to hire a full-time Executive Director to manage the Center's fundraising efforts and the upcoming construction. Ms. Pearl Omiya, who had been the Community Center's Operations Manager, was chosen and hired by December 2006. Most of the following year consisted of tedious plan checks and continuous fundraising efforts. In November of 2007, bid documents were sent to various contractors and the firm of Crandall & Sons was hired in January 2008. Through the excitement and anticipation of a new Social Hall, we were able to raise over \$400,000 through pledges, private donations, grants and fundraisers.

With forty percent of the budgeted amount in hand, the Community Center obtained a construction loan from Pacific Commerce Bank so that construction could begin. It was a gloomy and cloudy day as we watched the old Social Hall come crashing down on May 12, 2008. It was a bittersweet moment as many of us remembered the smell of desserts during Obon, the sound of bingo yelled during Akimatsuri, the Memorial Services of years past, and other memories we shared in the old building.

KORE KARA

from this point forward

“Whether we are Japanese or non-Japanese, whether we are old or young or in between, we have all found the Center to be a safe and inspiring place where we can take part in a myriad of activities.”

- GLENN NAKATANI & PEARL OMIYA
Board President & Executive Director

Nevertheless, the excitement of a new building grew with each step of the construction. We grinned as the foundation was laid, smiled as we saw the walls go up, and applauded as we entered the new building. It only took six months to give our classes and programs back their home.

During the early part of this four year long project, we came to appreciate the need for our Community Center and the potential for its growth became evident. The new Social Hall was not just a construction project for us; it was the beginning of something better. It represents a rejuvenation and inspiration that leads us into the future. It is through the Social Hall that our programs and classes can grow and we see the possibility of new classes, workshops, film reviews, and guest lectures. We are able to see the potential for a library that shared the stories of the Japanese American legacy and the beauty of the Japanese culture. We see our future from this point forward.



KORE KARA
from this point forward

YOUTH MEMBERSHIP

Total enrolled in Japanese Language classes	150
Total enrolled in Martial Arts/ Recreational Classes	320
Total enrolled in other cultural classes	50



ADULT MEMBERSHIP

Total enrolled in Martial Arts/ Recreational Classes	180
Total senior citizens served	150
Total enrolled in other cultural classes	140

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP (FAMILIES SERVED) 1,100
28% increase from 2007



JANUARY 19

OBESITY PREVENTION WORKSHOP

JANUARY 26

INSTALLATION DINNER

FEBRUARY 10

YOSHIE SATO AND FRIENDS VARIETY SHOW



MARCH 1

DAWN'S LIGHT - THE JOURNEY OF GORDON HIRABAYASHI

APRIL 26

WEST COVINA CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

MAY 12

SOCIAL HALL DEMOLITION AND CONSTRUCTION BEGINS

MAY 25

MEMORIAL SERVICE & SOCIAL HALL GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY

JUNE 21

CASINO NIGHT

JUNE 28

OBON FESTIVAL

JULY 8-18 & AUGUST 16-24

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

AUGUST 22

KAKEHASHI GALA

SEPTEMBER 20

STEAK DINNER

OCTOBER 4

AKIMATSURI (FALL FESTIVAL)

OCTOBER 24

AKIMATSURI GOLF TOURNAMENT

NOVEMBER 22

SOCIAL HALL GRAND OPENING & RIBBON CUTTING





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November 11, 2008

To the Board of Directors of
East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, Inc. (a nonprofit organization) as of December 31, 2007, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects the financial position of East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, Inc. as of December 31, 2007, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Troy K Yoshida & Leland Lau, LLP'.

Troy Yoshida & Leland Lau, LLP
Garden Grove, CA
November 11, 2008

2007 FINANCIAL AUDIT

EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY JAPANESE COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
DECEMBER 31, 2007

	Unrestricted Operating Fund	Temporarily Restricted Fund	Permanently Restricted Fund	Total
REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT				
Program Income	\$ 173,587	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 173,587
Grant	-	-	-	-
Fundraising	99,222	-	-	99,222
Donations	5,270	279,719	-	284,989
Dues	55,922	-	-	55,922
Rent Income	18,646	-	-	18,646
Interest & Divident Income	3,076	9,647	-	12,723
Capital Gains	-	6,493	-	6,493
Unrealized Gains (Losses)	-	(10,647)	-	(10,647)
Net Assets Realised From Restrictions	62,910	(62,910)	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT	418,633	222,302	-	640,935
OPERATING EXPENES				
Program Expenses	\$ 136,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 136,500
Fundraising Expenses	46,593	-	-	46,593
Building Operations	73,477	-	-	73,477
General & Administrative	185,891	-	-	185,891
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 442,461	-	-	\$ 442,461
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(23,828)	222,302	-	198,474
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 497,273	\$ 271,613	\$ 46,000	\$ 814,886
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$473,445	\$493,915	\$46,000	\$1,013,360

EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY JAPANESE COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2007

	<u>Total</u>
ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 338,311
Investments (Note C)	261,364
Pledges Receivable (Note D)	84,457
Grant Receivable (Note E)	74,558
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>758,710</u>
PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT	
Building	30,000
Improvements	769,390
Land	46,000
Equipment	48,103
Furniture	28,819
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(667,662)
NET PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT	<u>254,650</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$1,013,360</u>
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	
LIABILITIES	\$ -
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted Net Assets	473,445
Temporary Restricted Net Assets (Note F)	493,915
Permanently Restricted Net Assets (Note G)	46,000
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>1,013,360</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	<u>\$1,013,360</u>

\$10,000 +

The Office of
Congresswoman Hilda Solis
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2008 ESGVJCC LEADERSHIP

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