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Submitted by Mary Nagakawa, Marketing Coordinator

May is both Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month and Mental Health Awareness Month—a meaningful overlap that highlights the importance of addressing mental health needs within the diverse AANHPI community, while celebrating its rich heritage and contributions.

Mental health is a key component of overall well-being and is closely linked to physical health. We understand that accessing health and wellness resources can be challenging due to stigma and cultural barriers. That's why we're committed to keeping our annual Health Fair free, open to all ages, and as accessible as possible to all communities.

Join us at Plaza West Covina on Saturday, May 31, from 11am to 2pm for free health screenings, healthcare services, and a variety of community resources. The fair will take place inside the mall—find us on Level 1 by JCPenney and Level 2 by the food court. We look forward to seeing you there! ■

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MESSAGE FROM THE ESGVJCC TIM ITATANI, 2025 ESGVJCC PRESIDENT

Dear Members:

I hope you are all doing well. Since we're already in mid-May, it's hard to believe the year is nearly half over! I hope 2025 has been a good year for everyone so far.

I finally had a chance to take a vacation with my wife, Sandy. We went to Japan for a couple of weeks along with a group of 23 close friends, including current ESGVJCC Board of Directors members David Yamahata (and his wife Helen) and Keith Inatomi. It was an exciting trip, primarily along the West Coast of Japan—the Sea of Japan—where fewer tourists typically travel. For the first couple of days, it actually snowed and was quite cold, but our group adjusted well and thoroughly enjoyed the beautiful scenery. What a great trip!



However, April brought a full calendar once again. The month started with our annual ESGVJCC Spring Cleanup, where our Board, Staff, and program volunteers spent part of the day doing a thorough clean-up of the Center. Shortly after, we crowned our new ESGVJCC Queen, Mia Miyoko Takatsuka Cambero, who will represent the Center throughout the year, at the 2025 Queens Coronation. Then, the first of our two major fundraisers this year, the Cherry Blossom Festival, was held once again at the Plaza West Covina. The Festival has become a significant event not just for ESGVJCC, but also for the City of West Covina. We are proud of the impact this celebration has on our local community.

We are also preparing for our 75th Anniversary in 2026 by creating a special anniversary logo and planning a very special commemorative event. Please stay tuned for announcements throughout 2025 as we get ready to celebrate in 2026.

I look forward to seeing many of you as summer approaches and ESGVJCC becomes even busier.

Sincerely,

Tim T. Itatani
President, ESGVJCC Board of Directors

ESGVJCC YOUTH PROGRAMS

2025 SUMMER FUN CLUB & CAMP CHIBIKKO

Submitted by Melissa Kozono, Program Director of Youth Services



The ESGVJCC is excited to introduce a new summer program, the Kokoro Summer Fun Club! This is a new daycare program for elementary students, grades K-5 that will run from June to early August. Each day will have different arts/crafts activities, fun games, and weekly local field trips! Kokoro Summer Fun Club will operate from 9am-5pm with students providing their own lunch and snacks. We will have special snacks and cooking activities at least once a week as well!

In addition to the Kokoro Summer Fun Club, the ESGVJCC will also be bringing back 2 weeks of Camp Chibikko and 1 week of Basketball Camp! Camp Chibikko is the ESGVJCC's youth Japanese cultural camp with each week focusing on a different theme. This year, the theme for Week 1 will be Wa (Harmony) with a special field trip to Huntington Garden and the theme for Week 2 will be Kyocho (Cooperation) with a special emphasis on the history of Japanese American sports and a field trip to the Terasaki Budokan in Little Tokyo. Throughout the two weeks, campers will also have the opportunity to experience Japanese and Japanese American culture through activities like Suikawari

“Watermelon Smash”, Origami, Cooking Activities, Aikido, Karate, and Nihon Buyo while also making lifelong friends and memories! Camp Chibikko Week 1 will take place from July 7 -11 and Week 2 will be July 14 -18 from 9am-5pm for campers K-8th grade. Lunch and 2 snacks will be provided during Camp Chibikko.

The ESGVJCC Basketball Camp will take place July 22- July 26 from 9am-3pm for Kindergarten-6th graders. During this camp, younger players will have the opportunity to learn the fundamentals to playing basketball while older players will have the opportunity to build upon those fundamental skills and improve their game. For the older players, we are partnering with high school coaches to come in and work with them directly on how to apply their skills in game settings. Registration includes lunch and a morning snack.

For more information on any of our youth summer programs, please contact Program Director of Youth Services, Melissa Kozono at mkozono@esgvjcc.org or visit our website, esgvjcc.org/youth-programs. ■

ESGVJCC EVENTS

SPARKS GAME

Submitted by Mary Nagakawa, Marketing Coordinator

Bring the whole squad out for a Sparks game on Tuesday, August 5 and order your tickets through the ESGVJCC!

This is the Los Angeles Sparks' 29th season in the Women's National Basketball Association and the first season under their new head coach, Lynne Roberts.

On August 5, they'll be playing against the Indiana Fever at Crypto.com Arena. Tickets are located in Section 219 and are \$75 per person. These tickets include the flag presentation fan experience for 40 players, first come first serve.

Don't miss this opportunity to support the WNBA and make some lasting memories. Get your tickets through our Google Form by Friday, July 4.

Visit tinyurl.com/esgvjccsparks to get tickets. ■



2025 EVENTS

FEBRUARY 8

INSTALLATION BANQUET

Celebrate all of our accomplishments of 2024 and as we install the 2025 Board of Directors.

APRIL 6

SPRING CLEAN-UP

Join us for painting, cleaning our facilities, and other various maintenance around the ESGVJCC!

APRIL 26

CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

ESGVJCC showcases and promotes the Japanese culture with cultural performances.

MAY 31

HEALTH FAIR

A free, public health fair for the community—screenings, resource fair, and more.

JUNE 28

WCBT OBON

West Covina Buddhist Temple's annual festival honoring the spirits of our ancestors and loved ones.

JULY 14-18

MEMBER APPRECIATION WEEK

A week to recognize and celebrate ESGVJCC Members.

SEPTEMBER 14

KEIRO NO HI

A celebratory day for our seniors who continue to be the foundation of the ESGVJCC.

OCTOBER 4

AKIMATSURI FESTIVAL

ESGVJCC showcases its organizations with vivid exhibits, exciting performances, and delicious food!

TBD

AKIMATSURI GOLF TOURNAMENT

Fundraiser event: Golfers! Come support the ESGVJCC!

OCTOBER 17

TRUNK OR TREAT/BOOK FAIR

Family fun event with trick or treating, crafts, games, and food!



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON SUPPORTS ESGVJCC

The ESGVJCC was awarded \$5,000 to distribute information to our membership on wildfire safety. Throughout the year, you will see SCE articles, social media posts, and various information distributed at events. ■

GUIDE TO REBUILDING WITH SCE

SCE is here to help as you rebuild after a natural disaster. This guide outlines the steps and available support to help you navigate the rebuilding process.



sce.com/disasterrecovery
Get information about
programs and rebates.

3/20/2025

AUTOMATIC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

If you would like to have your ESGVJCC Membership automatically renewed, please contact Pearl Omiya at pomiya@esgvjcc.org or visit esgvjcc.org and fill out the Recurring Credit Card Payment Authorization form.

ESGVJCC PROGRAMS

OBON: PRESERVATION OF TRADITION & TOGETHERNESS

Submitted by Wes Hamachi, West Covina Buddhist Temple Obon Chairperson



For me, Obon isn't just an annual event; it's a living and breathing tradition that brings together generations of my family and friends. It's a day where the past meets the present, and the spirit of the community I grew up in shines bright. As we prepare for the 2025 West Covina Buddhist Temple Obon on June 28, I'm reminded of all the hands and hearts that make this celebration possible.

Every year, our Sangha, transforms the ESGVJCC campus into a hub of cultural celebration for the West Covina Buddhist Temple Obon Event. My mother-in-law's group displays their Kimekomi dolls, each piece a testament to their artistry. As you admire the dolls, the irresistible aroma of teriyaki chicken, prepared by temple members using recipes passed down through generations, fills the air, unlocking childhood core memories. You might find my cousins taking orders or my aunts busy in the kitchen, preparing these delicious dishes.

Stepping outside into the parking lot, you'll find my brother and his friends running the ring-toss game, where children try their luck. It's a nostalgic moment, as what seems not too long ago we were once the kids playing these games, and now we're the ones running them?! My own children eagerly contribute at the drink booth, with my 10-year-old working diligently. We

joke that he's already a budding entrepreneur. Nearby, my other brother, along with his fiancé, mom, dad, wife, cousins, and aunts, serve refreshing shave ice. Adding a modern twist to the traditional festivities, our partners from Buddies Collectibles bring their trading card games, bridging the gap between old and new. And ensuring everyone's safety, my friends from Forward Assist provide essential first aid should anyone need it.

Obon, at its core, is about honoring our ancestors and celebrating the bonds that tie us together.

It's a time to reflect on the past and appreciate the present. The sights and sounds of the Bon Odori dances, the Manto-e lanterns, and the Kishin Daiko drumming create an atmosphere that's both nostalgic and invigorating.

Join us on Saturday, June 28, 2025 from 3pm to 9pm at the ESGVJCC as we come together to celebrate Obon. Experience the warmth of West Covina and surrounding communities, the richness of our traditions and the joy of shared memories. Whether you are a long-time attendee or a first time visitor, you will find a place within our circle.

Come and be a part of our family's tradition, and create memories that will last a lifetime. The Sangha looks forward to meeting you and seeing you there. ■

ESGVJCC PROGRAMS

BUSHIDO CULTIVATION RESEARCH GROUP



Submitted by Masaji Saito, Chief Instructor

Swordsmanship is the art, technique, and discipline of the Japanese sword.

We, the Butanken (Bushido Cultivation Research Group), welcome anyone interested in Japanese culture—especially Yamato-Damashii (the Traditional Japanese Spirit) and Bushido (the Way of the Samurai Sword).

We hold class every Saturday at 2pm in the Social Hall at ESGVJCC (East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center). Visitors are welcome to observe or even try practicing swordsmanship.

The Bushido Cultivation Research Group is dedicated to studying and spreading the traditional arts of swordsmanship and the philosophies that guided the Samurai. While we teach common core principles prevalent throughout most swordsmanship schools in Japan, our studies go beyond technique. We explore the reasons and philosophies behind wearing the sword, as documented in ancient manuscripts by both famous and lesser-known sword practitioners.

Interested in training with us? Contact Masaji Saito, Chief Instructor, at (213) 503-9459 (calls & text) or email saitorvl@netscape.net / masaji.saito@bushido.group. ■

ESGVJCC PROGRAMS

JUNE BALLROOM CLASS SCHEDULE

Submitted by Lee Ezaki, ESGVJCC Ballroom Dance Class

The ESGVJCC Ballroom Dance Class will be learning two new dances starting in June. On Friday evenings, our instructor Taya Hughes will be teaching the American Waltz at 7pm and Salsa at 8pm. Partners are not required!

The regular fee is \$10 for one class and \$15 to take both classes. For more information, please contact Lee Ezaki at (626) 533-8359. ■

ESGVJCC PROGRAMS

KISHIN DAIKO - NEW CHILDREN'S CLASS





KISHIN DAIKO

OPEN ENROLLMENT Children's Taiko Class

Applications open on Monday, May 19th @ 7:30 pm PST
 Spots available on a first come first serve basis

Age: Incoming students of 4th, 5th, and 6th grade for the 2025-2026 school year.

Time: Mondays from 6:30pm - 7:30pm (First Day of Class: June 16th, 2025)

Location: East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center (ESGVJCC), 1203 W Puente Ave, West Covina, CA 91790

Cost: \$20 per month + ESGVJCC Annual Membership Fee

Application will be available at www.kishindaiko.com
 For questions, email secretary.kishin@gmail.com



Scan to access application link

Submitted by Mary Nagakawa, Marketing Coordinator

We're excited to announce that Kishin Daiko has a new children's class for 4th, 5th, and 6th graders!

The class will meet on Mondays, 6:30pm-7:30pm at the ESGVJCC beginning June 16. Registration opens on Monday, May 19 at 7:30pm on Kishin's new website: kishindaiko.com.

Spots are first come first serve, so don't miss your chance to register! If you have any questions, visit their website or email secretary.kishin@gmail.com. ■



ESGVJCC COMMUNITY PARTNERS

SIGN UP FOR THE DODGERS READING CHAMPIONS CHALLENGE

BE THE NEXT CHAMPION!

Register and take the challenge today!
dodgers.com/lareads

#LAREADS

Submitted by Mary Nagakawa, Marketing Coordinator

Join the Dodgers Reading Champions Challenge! The goal of this program is to motivate youth to read more and help them build a lifelong love of reading.

Students in grades K-8 who read at least 30 minutes a day (totaling 450-900+ minutes in a month) will have a chance to win Dodger prizes! Students who read more than 900+ minutes in a month have the chance to win Dodger prizes AND on-field recognition.

The challenge is on through August 31! Every month, young reading champions who have read at least 15-30 minutes per day will be eligible to win a prize. This challenge is open to students in Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties.

On the website, you can record your child's daily reading log for each month. On the last day of each month, the logs will be automatically entered into a sweepstakes if the child has logged at least 450 minutes that month. At the beginning of each month your child's reading log will be refreshed and ready to start a new month!

Alternatively, you can download the mail-in registration and entry form from the website and log your child's reading manually and send in the form each month for your child to be entered into the sweepstakes.

Register online at ladodgersreadingchampions.com! ■

ESGVJCC PROGRAMS

EIBU KAN KARATE DOJO STUDENTS HAVE A GREAT START IN 2025

Submitted by Sensei Kay Sakaue, Eibu Kan Karate Dojo

On March 26, 2025, the Eibu Kan Karate Dojo held their spring belt promotion tests in the ESGVJCC gymnasium to evaluate the growth of their students.

For some it was their very first promotion test, however, the Dojo had many excited experienced students who were eager to show their senseis what they have learned in the past few months.

Children under the age 15, who qualify, may test twice a year, while students who are 15 and older and have a more rigorous training regimen must wait a year. Dojo Black Belts have different qualifications and thus have different promotional windows as well.

Congratulations to the following students on their hard-earned promotions!

Eibu Kan Karate Youth Promotions

Tekumseh R	Kyu level 9, Yellow belt
Melany G	Kyu level 7, Green white stripe belt
Hans Z	Kyu level 6, Green belt
Matthew L	Kyu level 6, Green belt
Jonathan D	Kyu level 6, Green belt
Ethan A	Kyu level 6, Green belt
Kristen D	Kyu level 6, Green belt
Riley G	Kyu level 6, Green belt
Maksim A	Kyu level 6, Green belt
Riley T	Kyu level 5, Blue belt
Juston Y	Kyu level 5, Blue belt
Kaden Y	Kyu level 5, Blue belt
Adam O	Kyu level 5, Blue belt
Viktoriia A	Kyu level 5, Blue belt
Mikayla L	Kyu level 3, Brown white stripe belt
Selene U	Kyu level 3, Brown white stripe belt
Bailey T	Kyu level 3, Brown white stripe belt
Raiden R	Kyu level 3, Brown white stripe belt
Kailani R	Kyu level 3, Brown white stripe belt

Eibu Kan Karate Adult Promotions

Nobu U	Kyu level 3, Brown white stripe belt
Hunter R	Kyu level 3, Brown white stripe belt
Halona L	Kyu level 2, Brown belt
Joshua D	Kyu level 7, Green white stripe belt
Trang D	Kyu level 6, Green belt
Ernie R	Kyu level 6, Green belt

If you are interested in joining our group, the Eibu Kan Goju Ryu Karate Dojo currently meets on Wednesday nights in the ESGVJCC Gymnasium every week at 7pm.

For any questions please stop by and ask any black belt or visit our website www.eibukangojuryu.com. ■

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Gakuen



Weekly | ESGVJCC

Registration for the upcoming K-12 school year is now open through July 31! Learn more about the K-12 program by attending a virtual info session on June 7 or June 21 from 9am-10am. Beginner and intermediate level adult conversation classes will also be available. Learn more and register on esgvjccgakuen.org!

Basketball Camp



Annually | ESGVJCC Gymnasium

There's still some time left to register for Basketball Camp! The basketball camp will be held on July 21-25 for grades Kindergarten-6th grade. A morning snack and lunch will be included. Learn more or sign up on esgvjcc.org/youth-programs. Register by Friday, June 6!

After School Program



Daily | ESGVJCC

Our After School Program is for students in grades K-5 and runs Mon-Fri, 2pm-6pm. Students will receive help with homework, learn about Japanese culture, and more. Email Program Director Melissa Kozono at mkozono@esgvjcc.org to enroll.

KONDO WEALTH ADVISORS

STOCK MARKET IN REVIEW

Submitted by Akemi Dalvi, CPA/PFS, CFP



Stock Market in Review

April 2025

Did You Know?

Weathering the Storm
While volatility and uncertainty have increased recently, history provides useful context for why investors are typically best served by remaining calm and weathering the storm in the face of market anxiety.

Academic Perspective

Fear Is Normal, but Don't Panic
By Meir Statman, Ph.D.
Hope and fear influence our investment decisions, and exaggerated emotions can lead to panic and poor choices in volatile markets. In today's uncertain environment, it's essential to maintain a rational perspective and avoid impulsive actions.

Market Review

- U.S. stocks logged their worst quarterly returns since 2022, while non-U.S. stocks rallied.
- The Fed remained on hold as it revised its outlook for growth and inflation.
- Treasury yields declined, and U.S. bonds posted solid first-quarter gains.

Investment Portfolio Review

- Portfolio's can be resilient by pairing inversely correlated assets together, such as domestic and international equities.
- Diversified investment portfolios help reduce risk and may lead to better long-term investment results.

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Source: Avantis Investors

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ESGVJCC EVENTS

2025 SPRING CLEAN-UP RECAP



Submitted by Mary Nagakawa, Marketing Coordinator

April was a busy month at the ESGVJCC, but not too busy to give our Center a fresh start for the year! Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Spring Clean-Up at the beginning of the month. Thanks to our many wonderful volunteers, we were able to split into teams to thoroughly dust, scrub, sanitize, and tidy up our kitchen/dining room, Social Hall, Gym, and classrooms. We even finished ahead of time!

A special shout out to the Southern California Artistic Tree Trimming Club, who started early and stayed late to help beautify our matsu trees and surrounding landscape.

Everyone's efforts and energy made a meaningful difference in keeping our facilities clean and welcoming for the community! ■

ESGVJCC EVENTS

2025 CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL RECAP



Submitted by Mary Nagakawa, Marketing Coordinator

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the 2025 Cherry Blossom Festival at Plaza West Covina in April! We're thrilled to share that we raised \$28,000 and had a record-breaking turnout—despite the unpredictable weather, the rain didn't stop the celebration at all!

We're deeply grateful to Plaza West Covina and the City of West Covina for their ongoing support in helping us grow this vibrant cultural event year after year. Huge thanks as well to our incredible performers, vendors, artists, and staff—your dedication truly brought the festival to life.

Special appreciation goes out to all of our sponsors, especially our **Sakura-level sponsors: Athens Services, Phillip Komai, and David & Helen Yamahata**. Your generosity and hands-on participation played a big role in this year's success.

A big thank-you also to everyone who participated in our first-ever Virtual Silent Auction, Super Raffle, and Lazy Dog Fundraiser. Your support helped move us closer to achieving our annual fundraising goals.

We hope the festival brought you joy and lasting memories. Be sure to check out all the photos from the event on our Facebook page! ■

ESGVJCC EVENTS

FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOP RECAP

Submitted by Mary Nagakawa, Marketing Coordinator

Following the Cherry Blossom Festival, we hosted a Financial Literacy Workshop at the ESGVJCC, led by registered Social Security analyst and financial professional Mutsuko Uehara. It was inspiring to see families and individuals, ages 13 to 80, gather in the same room to learn about planning for their financial futures.

April was Financial Literacy Awareness Month, making this workshop especially timely. Thank you, Mutsuko, for your commitment to empowering our community! ■

ESGVJCC EVENTS

2025 QUEEN CORONATION RECAP



Submitted by ESGVJCC Queens Committee

It is with great pride that the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center announces Mia Miyoko Takatsuka was crowned the 2025 ESGVJCC Queen. The 2025 Queen Coronation took place on Sunday, April 13 at 2pm in the Sugimoto Family Social Hall. We are so proud of Mia who will be representing the ESGVJCC at our upcoming events throughout the year. Mia spoke about her goal to one day be a contestant on the game show Jeopardy! because it reminded her of her grandfather. We are so excited for her upcoming year as the 2025 ESGVJCC Queen.

Mia is the eldest daughter of Josie Takatsuka-Camero & Rudy Camero and resides in Pico Rivera. Mia is 25 years old and graduated from the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising with her Bachelor of Arts in Beauty Marketing and Product Development. She currently works as a Product Development Coordinator at Golden Hippo, an innovative health, wellness, and beauty company. In her free time, she is a proud AMC A-List member and loves going to the movies with her best friend at least once a week. She also loves watching Jeopardy! and is a history buff with a particular interest in World War II history.

We would also like to take this time to congratulate our 2024 ESGVJCC Queen, Amy Kubo on an amazing year! We hope you will cherish these memories and experiences for the rest of your life and look forward to seeing you around the Center!

As the 2025 ESGVJCC Queen, Mia will go on to represent the ESGVJCC at the 2025 Nisei Week Japanese Festival in August, which will be celebrating its 83rd anniversary, and serve as an ambassador to the greater Southern California Japanese American community.

For more information regarding the ESGVJCC Queens Program, please contact Program Director, Melissa Kozono at mkozono@esgvjcc.org. ■

HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT THE ESGVJCC?

Any and every donation is greatly appreciated. There are a variety of ways to continue supporting the ESGVJCC:

CELLPHONES

The ESGVJCC is part of a national program designed to remove used cell phones from the country's environment while directly benefiting our organization. So now you can donate your old cell phones and the ESGVJCC will receive \$\$.

OLD CAR

Your car doesn't even have to run! The towing company will come to you; plus, it can be a great tax-incentive for you. Call the ESGVJCC for more information.

WHILE YOU WORK

If your company is affiliated with United Way, you can choose to designate your donation to go to the ESGVJCC. The ESGVJCC's United Way Account # is 1745959. Don't forget to check with your company about matching donations - Some companies like Johnson & Johnson Family of Companies donate 2 to 1!

WHILE YOU USE EBAY

If you sell many items on eBay, you can choose to donate anywhere from 10% to 100% of your final sale to the ESGVJCC! Look for "eBay Giving Works" in the Sell Your Item form "Select a new nonprofit" type "East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center" in the "Nonprofit Name or Keyword" field Then select the percentage 10% - 100%!

VENMO

You can make donations to the ESGVJCC via the VenmoApp. Just search for the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese C in the app! Download the Venmo app in the Apple App Store or Google Play. Set up your account, add your payment method and you are all ready to go!

UNITED WAY

If your company is affiliated with United Way, you can choose to designate your donation to go to the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center. Our United Way Account # is 1745959.

WISH LIST

By donating items from our Wish List, you help us reduce our expenses. This allows us to provide more much needed funding for our Programs! To see what office, maintenance, and other supplies you can donate, please visit esgvjcc.org/donate.

DONATIONS OPERATING FUND

Denise Akune	\$50
Anonymous	\$100
Keiro	\$500
Sam & Susie Kozono	\$50
Russell & Marlys Kuruma	\$200
Taka Nakamura	\$200
Barbara Shiota	\$50
Kiyomi Arimitsu Takemoto	\$700

In Memory of Dorothy & Kenji Kinoshita

Tina Asano	\$30
Katherine Ishizuka	\$100
Patricia Kuroda	\$100
Ted & Wakako Maesaki	\$50
Osamu & Helen Mori	\$100
Nana Naito	\$250
Yoshiko Nakagawa	\$50
Koharu Nakamura	\$100
Lynn Paiz	\$200
Frank & Marian Sata	\$100
Barbara Shiota	\$50
David & Melinda Yamashita	\$80

In Memory of Nancy Kyoko Leong

Robert Leong	\$2,000
Barbara Shiota	\$50

In Memory of Ken & Tamiye Kasamatsu

Bonnie Kasamatsu	\$1,000
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Honoring Kathy Warth & Nancy Hombo

Barbara Shiota	\$100
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STAY CONNECTED WITH US! @ESGVJCC



2025

KIBOU LEGACY CIRCLE



Tim & Sandy Itatani

Mae & Ken Kimura

Glenn & Jean Nakatani

Grace Richardson

Barbara Shiota

George Sugimoto

In Japanese, the word Kibou means Hope. If one man and his hopes for the community to build what the ESGVJCC is today, imagine what we as a community could do for future generations. The Kibou Legacy Circle includes donors who give \$5,000 or more annually. These donors give back to help ensure that the Japanese American culture and traditions continue through the various ESGVJCC programs and classes offered here.

For more information on the Kibou Legacy Circle, contact Pearl Omiya at (626) 960-2566 or pomiya@esgvjcc.org. ■

GENKI LIVING

— WORKSHOPS —

Keiro's Genki Living Workshops are a series of in-person programs to help older adults explore new and familiar activities while connecting with others.



GOLF

JUNE 2025



YOGA

JULY 2025

Visit keiro.org/glw to learn more about the upcoming programs and to see photos from the recent walking workshop!

Keiro 

Bandō Ryū Kyō no Kai

Save The Date!

Yukata Kai:
Summer Dance Festival

An enchanting celebration of traditional Japanese dance and culture. Experience the elegance of *Nihon Buyō* and the charm of the Japanese *Yukata* in a mesmerizing showcase.

Sunday June 8, 2025

1:30 pm - 4 pm

East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center
1203 West Puente Ave, West Covina 91790

We can't wait to share this special day with you!

Stay tuned for more details!

For more information:
bandoryuinfo@gmail.com

2025

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BUDDHIST
TEMPLE

Saturday, June 28, 2025

2 pm to 9 pm

games • food • exhibits

bon odori dancing (7 pm)

East San Gabriel Valley
Japanese Community Center
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West Covina, CA 91790

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BRIDGING CULTURE, FAMILY, & COMMUNITY

ESGVJCC

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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