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## 2025 AKIMATSURI GOLF TOURNAMENT & FALL FESTIVAL



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*Submitted by Mary Nagakawa, Marketing Coordinator*

As we approach our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year, your support for our events and fundraisers means more than ever. Save the date and gather your friends for the 27th Annual Akimatsuri Golf Tournament, happening Monday, October 6 at Via Verde Country Club!

The Golf Tournament is always a fun-filled day for players of all levels. Golfers enjoy delicious on-course snacks and drinks, exciting games and prizes at select holes, and end the day with a celebratory banquet. Not a golfer? No problem! You can still support this important fundraiser through our virtual silent auction, featuring amazing prizes generously donated by our partners and ESGVJCC Board, Staff and Members.

Then on Saturday, October 11, join us in front of the ESGVJCC for our Akimatsuri Fall Festival! This annual event celebrates Japanese American culture, the changing of the season and our vibrant community. Everyone is welcome to enjoy delicious food, lively entertainment from ESGVJCC programs, family-friendly activities, and helpful community resources.

By supporting these two cornerstone events, you're helping us continue our legacy of serving over 3,000 individuals through over 40 cultural, recreational, and educational programs. Stay tuned at [esgvjcc.org/2025-akimatsuri-golf-tournament](https://esgvjcc.org/2025-akimatsuri-golf-tournament) and [esgvjcc.org/2025-akimatsuri-fall-festival](https://esgvjcc.org/2025-akimatsuri-fall-festival) for sponsorship and registration details coming soon! ■

# 2025 ESGVJCC

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# MESSAGE FROM THE ESGVJCC

## TIM ITATANI, 2025 ESGVJCC PRESIDENT

Dear Members:

I hope everyone is having a nice 2025 so far. We've made it with more than half of the year in our rearview mirror and looking forward to the rest of the year. In the past, I've discussed our activities and events during the summer, but now I would like to talk about something our administration and board must deal with everyday—making sure we bring in enough income to carry us each and every month. With rising costs due to post pandemic inflation and to maintain quality staffing for our 40 different programs, we have extremely high monthly expenses so we are always under constant pressure.



*Though these increases are necessary, as we plan ahead we are being sensitive to everyone's budgets and capacities while addressing the shortfalls that we have been facing for the last 3 years.*

One area we must address this year is the increase in membership fees, programs usage fees and private rental fees, which has not been increased at all for over 20 years—so long ago that none of us really remembers the last time it was actually done. Though these increases are necessary, as we plan ahead we are being sensitive to everyone's budgets and capacities while addressing the shortfalls that we have been facing for the last 3 years. As everyone knows the cost of everything has gone up in the last 20 years for sure, but our fees never have. We project these increases to start in January 2026, but will give everyone several months of notice.

As you have seen, we continuously try to fundraise through other measures such as sponsorships, grants, fundraisers and private donations in an effort to reduce the need to raise costs that affect our members or programs.

One great example is a private donation that came in earlier this year. This anonymous donation was a gift of a house that they owned in West Covina. This was by far our largest single donation that the Center has ever received. We are extremely grateful that this anonymous donor felt so good about what we do at the Center for our members and community. It further confirms that our vision and commitment to the ESGVJCC is headed in the right direction. With this donation, we will be able to replace our gym roof that has been a constant need of repair every rainy season and costs a lot to repair over the years. We also have put away money for a down payment to begin our process of expanding the ESGVJCC beyond these walls and in the near future looking for a second property to expand our services for our members and programs. This private donation has helped us all in making sure the ESGVJCC continues to be an impactful presence in the lives of us all.

Thank you all for supporting the ESGVJCC.

Sincerely,

*Tim T. Itatani*

## ESGVJCC EVENTS

## 2025 KEIRO NO HI

Submitted by Mary Nagakawa, Marketing Coordinator

Our Keiro no Hi bento drive-through event returns on Sunday, September 14!



Keiro no Hi, or Respect for the Aged Day, is celebrated in Japan to honor elderly citizens. Here at the ESGVJCC, we also believe in the importance of showing appreciation to our senior members. That's why we continue on this annual tradition of celebrating seniors with complimentary bentos.



We'll be accepting RSVPs for bentos this summer. Anyone under 75 is also able to purchase a bento with a \$15 donation! Check out [esgvjcc.org/2025-keiro-no-hi](http://esgvjcc.org/2025-keiro-no-hi) for more info and sponsorship opportunities soon! ■

## ESGVJCC PROGRAMS

## 2025 GAKUEN PROMOTION



Submitted by Tomoko Kwan, Gakuen Principal

On May 17, 2025, Gakuen successfully concluded the 2024-2025 academic year following an assembly held in the Sugimoto Family Social Hall. Together with students, faculty, family, and friends, we celebrated the departure of high school seniors, promotion of level 6 students to upper level, completion of all other level students, and presentation of Academic Achievement and Perfect Attendance Awards.

Keeping with the Gakuen tradition of having each high school senior and level 6 student give a speech during the year-end assembly; three departing high school seniors and six level 6 students delivered a remarkable and heartwarming speech in Japanese and English. They shared their favorite Gakuen experiences, wonderful memories, lessons learned, feelings of appreciation, a message for all students, interests, and future goals. We commend the students and their families for their determination and commitment to Gakuen studies that have resulted in their accomplishments. We are very proud of our students and look forward to their future accomplishments within and beyond Gakuen.

Our Gakuen's curriculum design is based on a belief that there is an intertwined relationship between language studies, cultural understanding, and cultural appreciation. Fostering one area will positively influence the other areas. For that reason, we focus on providing the education of the traditional Japanese language in tandem with a breadth of traditional Japanese cultural experiences through seasonal hands-on activities, special guests to share and teach special cultural events, and traditional Japanese foods.

The next school year is scheduled to begin on Saturday, August 9, 2025. If you or anyone you know is interested in registering for Gakuen's K-12 program, please visit our website at [www.esgvjccgakuen.org](http://www.esgvjccgakuen.org) for information on next school year and to register. Registration is now open.

Gakuen also offers beginner and intermediate level adult Japanese conversation classes for individuals 18 years old and up, which can be taken from the comfort of your home. Check out our website at [www.esgvjccgakuen.org](http://www.esgvjccgakuen.org) for more information and to sign up. ■

# 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 6

### AKIMATSURI GOLF TOURNAMENT

Fundraiser event: Golfers! Come support the ESGVJCC!

## OCTOBER 11

### AKIMATSURI FESTIVAL

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

## OCTOBER 17

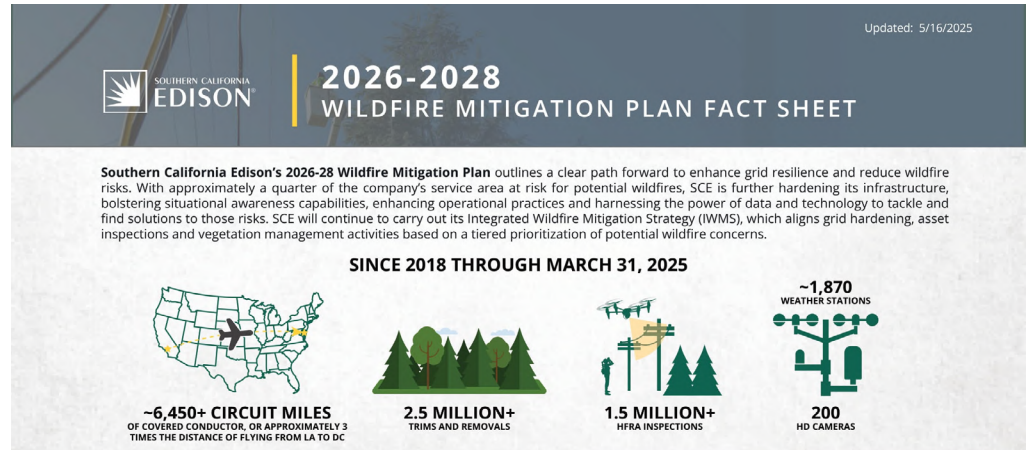
### TRUNK OR TREAT/BOOK FAIR

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. ■



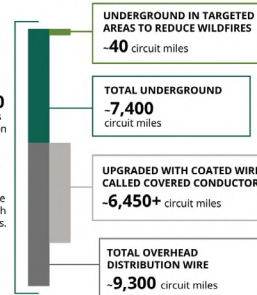
#### GRID DESIGN & SYSTEM HARDENING

As the number of acres burned in wildfires has steadily increased over the past 40 years in California, SCE continuously looks for ways to enhance our operational practices to reduce wildfire risk and increase public safety.

- Covered conductor is one of the most effective measures to prevent potential sparking.
- Undergrounding powerlines is part of our grid hardening efforts. It is not always necessary or feasible to underground all communities. We can increase resiliency through more affordable and proven hardening techniques like covered conductor.
- SCE is ramping up scope in high fire risk areas in the coming years.
- SCE is exploring undergrounding alternatives, such as ground level distribution system and at grade duct bank, for quicker deployment and reduced environmental impact and costs.

~16,700 circuit miles of distribution wire

Equating to 27% of our service area is in high fire risk areas.



SCE is undergrounding primary lines to preserve the safety of our communities.

#### OPERATIONAL PRACTICES

##### HIGH FIRE RISK ASSET INSPECTIONS

We annually inspect transmission, distribution and generation equipment in 99% of high fire risk areas to identify safety hazards, prioritizing the highest-risk structures based on advanced wildfire risk models and emergency fire weather conditions like dry fuels and wind. SCE is increasing the use of remote sensing and piloting AI models to identify potential issues near overhead lines.



PLANNED FOR 2026-2028

206,000 distribution inspections annually

27,700 transmission inspections annually

2025 PROGRESS THROUGH Q1/TARGET

-54,800/187,000 distribution inspections

-6,100/24,500 transmission inspections

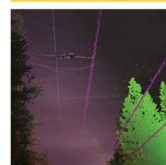
##### VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

SCE continues to inspect, trim and remove trees to prevent vegetation from coming into contact with electrical equipment and potentially sparking a fire. SCE is at the forefront of the industry using remote sensing technology to help inform vegetation management personnel on required mitigations.

- SCE inspects 1.6 million trees across the 50,000-square-mile service area annually. More than half are in high fire risk areas.
- Vegetation management work also includes vegetation removal at the poles and around power lines as well as LIDAR surveying.
- Field crews conduct single-visit 360 inspections, combining ground and aerial checks, using drones and helicopters to obtain a 360-degree view of our equipment for any needed maintenance, repair or replacement. These 360 inspections are done for both distribution and transmission assets.
- The **Hazard Tree Management Program**, for both green trees and dead and dying trees, is a core wildfire mitigation activity and only applies in high fire risk areas.
- Structure/pole brushing ensures that specific clearance zones are maintained from our equipment and removes flammable vegetation that can cause fire to spread.



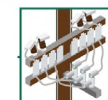
2025 PROGRESS THROUGH Q1/TARGET  
-46,000/63,700 cleared brush from structures



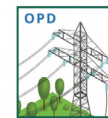
EXAMPLE OF LIDAR SURVEYING

#### TECHNOLOGY

SCE's foundational work involves grid hardening, inspection and maintenance. Simultaneously, we collaborate with utilities, academia and others to enhance community safety. We are committed to studying and developing cutting-edge technologies that complement our wildfire mitigations.



**Rapid Earth Fault Current Limiter (REFCL)** detects when a single power line has fallen to the ground and almost instantly reduces energy released. SCE is deploying REFCL technology more widely in our service area.



**Open Phase Detection (OPD)** can sense when a power line breaks or separates and turns off the power before it even falls to the ground to prevent potential ignitions.



**Early Fault Detection (EFD) Expansion** increases this grid "health monitoring" system to 200 new locations, helping SCE detect equipment failures early - like a wearable fitness tracker for the grid.



**AI and Machine Learning Detection** using advanced models to improve asset inspections and identify maintenance needs, with faster, more accurate diagnostics and enhanced quality control.

## AUTOMATIC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Fill out our Recurring Credit Card Payment Authorization form on [esgvjcc.com/join](https://esgvjcc.com/join)!

## ESGVJCC SENIOR PROGRAMS

# HAVING FUN & STAYING ACTIVE IN CLUBGENKI

Submitted by Mary Nagakawa, Marketing Coordinator



Wow, time flies! Our Senior Adult Day Program, ClubGenki, is officially celebrating its 2nd anniversary! Like many new programs, it started off slowly but has been growing at a steady pace. Today, we're proud to share that ClubGenki now welcomes 10 regular participants each week!

Our Program Associates, Fumi and Yuriko, keep our seniors active and engaged with a variety of activities—some cultural, some holiday-themed, and others just for fun, like showing support for our Boys in Blue (the Dodgers). Participants also enjoy intergenerational activities with Kokoro no Sato Pre-K students and occasional local outings for a breath of fresh air.

There's never a dull moment at ClubGenki! If you or someone you know might be interested in our Senior Adult Day Program, we currently have space available. Learn more at [esgvjcc.org/senior-adult-day-program](http://esgvjcc.org/senior-adult-day-program) or contact Executive Director Pearl Omiya at [pomiya@esgvjcc.org](mailto:pomiya@esgvjcc.org) to schedule a tour. ■

## ESGVJCC STAFF

# NEW ADDITIONS TO THE ESGVJCC TEAM!

Submitted by Mary Nagakawa, Marketing Coordinator

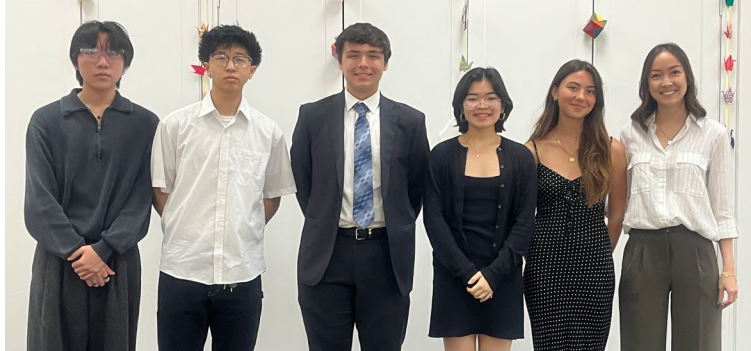


In June, we welcomed two new additions to the ESGVJCC! We are so excited that Auntie Ana (left) and Auntie Anne (right) have joined our team, and we're proud to see how much our staff has grown since the early days of our Child Care Center Kokoro no Sato. If you see either of them around the Center, please say hi and make them feel at home! ■

## ESGVJCC YOUTH PROGRAMS

# 2025 NIKKEI YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM WINNERS AWARDED AT LUNCHEON

Submitted by Mary Nagakawa, Marketing Coordinator



On May 18, 2025, the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center awarded over \$10,000 in scholarships to five deserving individuals: Shaun Ho, Cody Jung, Sophia Lent, Jordan Pomeroy, Vincent Tomooka, and Madilyn Yee.

The ESGVJCC Nikkei Youth Scholarship Program offers eight scholarships sponsored not only by ESGVJCC programs, the San Gabriel Valley chapter of the JACL and the Sabers/Saberettes Youth Basketball Organization, but also, families and loved ones who have impacted the community in a positive way - Itatani Family Scholarship, Kusuda Memorial Scholarship, Reiko & Edward Moreno Memorial Scholarship, Myose/Nakatani Memorial Scholarship, and the Jon Shiota Memorial Scholarship. The ESGVJCC Board of Directors also sponsored a scholarship for the 4th year in a row. The ESGVJCC is able to offer all of these scholarships under one umbrella making it easier for our young people to access the necessary funds to support their continuing education.

The winners of the scholarships were:

**Sabers/Saberettes Michael T. Miyamoto Memorial Scholarship**  
**\$500** - Shaun Ho  
**\$1,000** - Cody Jung

**JACL-San Gabriel Valley Chapter Scholarship - \$1,000**  
 Cody Jung

**Reiko & Edward Moreno Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000**  
 Madilyn Yee

**Harold and Elizabeth Itatani Family Scholarship - \$2,000**  
 Madilyn Yee

**ESGVJCC Board of Directors Scholarship - \$1,000**  
 Madilyn Yee

**Myose/Nakatani Memorial Scholarship - \$2,000**  
 Vincent Tomooka

**Kusuda Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000**  
 Sophia Lent

**Jon Shiota Memorial Scholarship - \$1,500**  
 Jordan Pomeroy

Thank you to the Board of Directors for providing refreshments for our luncheon. We'd also like to thank all the scholarship donors: Sabers/Saberettes Youth Basketball Organization, Nakatani Family, Itatani Family, the Board of Directors, JACL San Gabriel Valley Chapter, Barbara Shiota, and Reiko Moreno Cohn & Allys Moreno.

Your generosity will help future generations achieve their goals of higher education and we truly appreciate your support! We look forward to more young people applying for the ESGVJCC Nikkei Youth Scholarship Program! Applications will be available on the ESGVJCC website, [esgvjcc.org](http://esgvjcc.org), in January 2026 and will be due in Spring 2026. Workshops on how to apply and application information will be offered in February and March 2026. For more information, please contact Melissa Kozono, Program Director of Youth Services, at [mkozono@esgvjcc.org](mailto:mkozono@esgvjcc.org). ■

## ESGVJCC PROGRAMS

# 2025 SABERS BASKETBALL ANNUAL APPRECIATION DAY FUNRAISER

Submitted by Kristin Kajikawa, Sabers VP of Administration



Saturday, April 19 marked the Sabers/Saberettes annual FUNraiser and Appreciation Event at the ESGVJCC. It was a celebration of basketball, culture and community for the 25 Sabers teams. Thanks to the support from our generous sponsors, the Sabers Organization raised over \$43K! These funds allow Sabers to continue their legacy of teaching TK-12 boys and girls basketball, teamwork, commitment and the value of community.

Families enjoyed the beautiful weather with an outdoor picnic in the parking lot of the community center. Each team set-up a canopy and bonded over a complimentary taco meal along with additional snacks and goodies, potluck-style! It was so great to see families meet and mingle with different teams!

The event officially commenced with an opening address by our Sabers President, Kristy Kim. She shared a heartfelt story about how she got involved with the basketball community when her three daughters joined the Saberettes. Kristy introduced the Sabers Executive Board, expressed her thanks to the coaches and team parents for their community service, and FUNraiser committee for their fundraising efforts. She also shared her excitement about the year to come!

The first event of the day was a Shooting Contest. Teams were placed into divisions by grade. The high school kids were

first to take the court and ended with a tie between the Awakens and the Legends. A little game of Rock, Paper Scissors led the Awakens to victory! The next division was grades 6-8, and Super Saber Brothers took the win. The Rockets came out on top for the 3rd-5th grade division. The shooting contest finale featured our cutest basketball players - the kindergarten Panthers and the 1st grade Bad Queenz! Parents were so great sports running around the court to help the little ones line up and shoot! It was close, but Bad Queenz took home the victory.

The highlight of the event were the mini scrimmages between Sabers and Saberettes teams. It was some friendly competition with 12 minute scrimmages. The kids gave it their all and put on an exciting show for a gym full of parent spectators! The last scrimmage of the day was between parents and coaches versus prep league high school Sabers players. The parents and coaches fought hard, but they were no match for the quick prep league players!

The Sabers organization appreciates the outpouring of support for this event as we continue to foster the love of basketball, teamwork and community within our youth. ■

# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

## Bushido Japanese Swordsmanship



Weekly | Sugimoto Family Social Hall  
Discover the way of the sword! Join Bushido Tanren Kenkyukai for weekly swordsmanship classes focused on both technique and philosophy. Classes are held Saturdays at 2pm in the ESGVJCC Sugimoto Family Social Hall. Contact Chief Instructor Masaji Saito at (213) 503-9459 or [masaji.saito@bushido.group](mailto:masaji.saito@bushido.group) to learn more.

## GROOV3



Annually | Sugimoto Family Social Hall  
GROOV3 is a feel-good dance workout for all levels—perfect for the whole family! The next class is on Saturday, August 30 from 4-5pm in the Sugimoto Family Social Hall. Register with Program Director Tony Tang at [ttang@esgvjcc.org](mailto:ttang@esgvjcc.org) or call (626) 960-2566.

## Judo



Weekly | ESGVJCC Gym  
The West Covina Judo Dojo's mission is to teach Kodokan Judo and develop Judokas to be champions on the mat as well in life. Practice is held at the Gym on Tuesday & Friday, 7pm-9:30pm. Email [WestCovinaJudoDojo@gmail.com](mailto:WestCovinaJudoDojo@gmail.com) to sign up!

## KONDO WEALTH ADVISORS

# STOCK MARKET ROLLER COASTER

Submitted by Akemi Dalvi, CPA/PFS, CFP



During the first half of the year, the stock market felt like a rollercoaster! The on again, off again tariffs were the main driver of volatility, and the mounting Federal deficit outlined in the Big Beautiful Bill layered on more uncertainty. In February, the S&P 500 fell 1.4% and the Nasdaq Composite declined 3.9%. In March, the same indices were down 5.6% and 7.6%, respectively. In April, the S&P 500 declined 0.8%, with an offsetting Nasdaq gain of 0.9%. In May, the summer recovery kicked off with the S&P 500 jumping 6.3% and the Nasdaq surging 9.6%.<sup>1</sup>

Financial planners incorporate volatility into projections to simulate outcomes for retirees in multiple market scenarios like the rollercoaster we have been experiencing. The goal of a financial plan is to ensure retirees that their assets will last through retirement by stress testing financial plans and incorporating multiple unfavorable possible scenarios in combination.

Most people want to feel confident so they can sleep peacefully at night, no matter what the breaking news of the day is. Financial plans contain reams of valuable data and charts, but the take-away is that with the right investment strategy, your investments can weather the current storm. We've been through equally, if not more difficult, economic times in history. When investing in a diversified portfolio of inversely correlated asset classes, there is no 10-year period in the history of the market that resulted in an investment loss. That includes investing through historical periods like the Great Depression, the Stagflation of the 1970s, and the 2008 Global Financial Crisis.

Consider mapping out your current and future cash flow, and creating a customized investment strategy that exposes you to only as much risk as is necessary to beat inflation and add a little to your bottom line each year. Reach out to a Certified Financial Planner™ if you could use a second opinion on constructing an appropriate investment solution that will reduce the short-term volatility as dynamics play out in the days ahead. My father used to tell clients, "No one gets hurt on a roller coaster unless you try to get off in the middle of the ride." If nothing else, let's ensure we get to the end of the ride.

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Sources:  
1 Bob Veres, Insider Information

## ESGVJCC EVENTS

# 2025 HEALTH FAIR RECAP AT PLAZA WEST COVINA

*Submitted by Mary Nagakawa, Marketing Coordinator*



At the end of May, we hosted our annual Health Fair at Plaza West Covina. Now in its second year in partnership with Plaza West Covina, the event was a great success! We were joined by 30 other local community organizations and health and wellness experts who provided valuable resources for attendees of all ages.

A big thank you to our ESGVJCC Members who stopped by to pick up their Member Appreciation goodie bags and supported the Health Fair. We also extend our gratitude to our **Title Sponsor**, Foothill Transit, and **Wellness Sponsors**, Athens Services and Emanate Health, for their generous contributions to this year's event.

It was a busy season, and we're grateful to everyone who participated in our spring events. Stay tuned for details on our upcoming fall programs in September and October! ■

## ESGVJCC PROGRAMS

# KISHIN DAIKO ATTENDS KODO CONCERT

*Submitted by Jenny Dang, Kishin Daiko Member*



Members of Kishin Daiko at KODO's concert at the Segerstrom Center for the Arts. We enjoyed a dynamic, thunderous, and spirited performance. We all walked away feeling inspired and motivated to bring the same level of powerful energy to our own Kishin performances! ■

# 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](http://esgvjcc.org/donate).

## DONATIONS

# OPERATING FUND

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Denise Akune            | \$50    |
| Russell & Marlys Kuruma | \$100   |
| Taka Nakamura           | \$200   |
| Glen & Rosemary Waki    | \$1,000 |

### Itatani College Scholarship

|                         |       |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Daryl & Cynthia Itatani | \$500 |
| David & Jeanne Itatani  | \$500 |

### ESGVJCC Board of Directors Scholarship

|                          |      |
|--------------------------|------|
| Richard & Christine Sato | \$50 |
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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](mailto:pomiya@esgvjcc.org). ■

STAY CONNECTED WITH US! @ESGVJCC



AFFORDABILITY PROGRAMS

# CARE & FERA CAN HELP REDUCE YOUR MONTHLY BILL

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON

- ✓ Both FERA and CARE provide significant discounts to customers who qualify for bill assistance based on their household size and income.
- ✓ California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) reduces energy bills for eligible customers by 30%.
- ✓ Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA) reduces electric bills for qualified households by 18%.
- ✓ Both programs have the same application and it only takes 2 minutes to sign up with no additional documentation required.



# Keiro no Hi FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 13, 2025 | 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Los Angeles Homba Hongwanji Buddhist Temple (Nishi)

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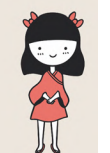
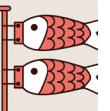
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