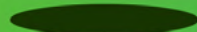


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## **WELCOME FROM THE ESGVJCC PRESIDENT!**

Dear Golfers, Sponsors, and Volunteers:

On behalf of our ESGVJCC Board of Directors, Staff and Akimatsuri Golf Committee, I would like to welcome you all to our 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Akimatsuri Golf Tournament, held today at the beautiful Via Verde County Club in San Dimas.

I would personally like to thank all the participating golfers, all the volunteers helping today, along with all our generous sponsors and donors who have graciously supported, not only this year, but in years past. Without all of your support, we would not be able to have been as successful in raising the funds for the ESGVJCC to continue to operate.

My profound appreciation to George Sugimoto and the 2025 Akimatsuri Golf Committee for again putting on an outstanding tournament.

Good luck and again thank you.

Sincerely,

Tim Itatani  
*President, ESGVJCC Board of Directors*



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The East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center is a not for profit organization dedicated to fostering and preserving the cultural heritage unique to Japanese American ancestry; and to serve the community through social services artistic, recreational, and educational programs.



Eijiro Machina, a first generation Japanese in America, dreamed of a bridge that would keep his children and their children connected to the culture and traditions of their ancestral birthplace. To build this bridge, he offered a gift of his land in 1936. This bridge became the ESGVJCC (East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, Inc.).

Today, the ESGVJCC bridges culture, family, and community; and stands as a vibrant Japanese American regional cultural and community organization that spans across the greater Los Angeles County, Inland Empire and Orange County. It is home to over 30 cultural, educational, artistic, recreational and social programs serving over 1,000 families.

Once an ethnic enclave, insulated from the surrounding community, the ESGVJCC now bridges outward and partners with the City of West Covina to host the annual City of West Covina Cherry Blossom Festival; the Sister City association of West Covina and Ohtawara, Japan; and the annual summer student exchange program between the two cities. It bridges with Japanese American institutions to collaborate on the design and delivery of innovative and essential programs and services for the community; such as the annual community Cherry Blossom Festival and Health Fair hosted in close partnership with Plaza West Covina.

The future of the ESGVJCC is reflected by the dynamic combination of the increasing diversity within the Japanese American community; the broad attraction to Japanese cultural traditions; and involvement in community based social services, artistic, recreational and educational programs.



But, as it was in the beginning, so it will be in the future. The emergent ESGVJCC will remain a bridge: now open to all—to experience, to celebrate and to be inspired by the beauty, the uniqueness and the joy of the Japanese American culture.

# SPECIAL THANKS

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Thank you to the following companies and individuals who helped coordinate and generously donated to the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Akimatsuri Golf Tournament!

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The Akimatsuri Golf Tournament Committee would like to thank the following volunteers for their time and effort at this year's Tournament!

Aya Kamimura  
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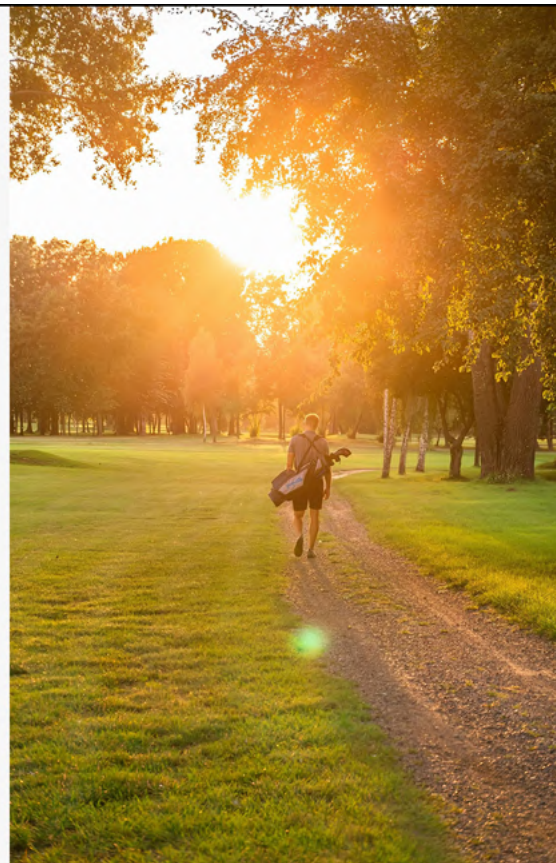


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