

2026 INSTALLATION BANQUET

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7
5PM-8PM
ESGVJCC GYMNASIUM

Kakehashi

BRIDGING CULTURE, FAMILY & COMMUNITY



**EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY
JAPANESE COMMUNITY CENTER**

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Emcee

Bryce Middo, Events/Programs Coordinator

15 Year Anniversary Presentation for Tina Asano

Presented by Pearl Omiya, ESGVJCC Executive Director
& Melissa Kozono, Program Director

2026 Distinguished Member Award for Jim Friesen

Presented by Kristin Kajikawa, Lisa Mendicino, & Amy Friesen-Vu

Invocation from Reverend Nobuko Miyoshi

Minister of the West Covina Buddhist Temple

Toast from the 2025 ESGVJCC Queen

Mia Miyoko Takatsuka

Dinner

Prepared by Chef Sato & Staff

Induction of Ted Hamachi to the ESGVJCC Council of Governors

Presented by the Hamachi Family

Installation of the 2026 Board of Directors

Aya Kamimura
2009-2011 ESGVJCC President of Board of Directors

President's Message

Tim Itatani
2026 ESGVJCC President of Board of Directors

Closing

MENU

First Course

Pate a Choux w/ Onion Jam and Ham

Homemade Konnyaku w/ Miso Sauce

Tomato Eggplant Basil w/ Parmesan Cheese Tartlet

Black Sweet Rice Sushi Terrine

Phyllo Triangle w/ Spinach Mushroom and Feta Cheese

Namasu (Marinated Daikon, Carrot, Dry Persimmon w/ Sweet and Sour Vinaigrette)

Second Course

Salmon, Clam Chowder w/ Sesame Crouton

Main Course

Trio of Sliced New York w/ Pomegranate Reduction

Stuffed Roll Pork w/ Prune and Chestnuts

Veracruz (Baked Sole w/ Tomato, Caper and Lemon) served w/ Rice Pilaf, Braised Red Cabbage and Assorted Dinner Rolls

Dessert

Petit Pecan Pie w/ Sweetened Mascarpone and Persimmon Jello

Beverages

Coffee or Tea

Dinner prepared by

Chef Sato & Staff

Refreshments provided by

The ESGVJCC

THANK YOU!

Table Sponsors

Athens Services

Bob Amano

ESGVJCC Leisure Club

ESGVJCC Sabers/Saberettes Youth Basketball Organization

Fukui Mortuary

Hamachi Family

Tim & Sandy Itatani

Kamimura/Schultz Family

Kishin Daiko

Barbara Shirota

James Toma

West Covina Buddhist Temple

Bar

Dai Davila

Tony Tang

Dinner Service

ESGVJCC Sabers/Saberettes Youth Basketball Organization