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RSVP FOR OUR 2026 KEIRO NO HI DRIVE-THROUGH BENTO EVENT!



Submitted by Mary Nagakawa, Marketing Coordinator

It's been a busy summer at the ESGVJCC with all of our youth programs, but fall will be here before we know it, so be sure to save the dates for our upcoming events!

Our first fall event will be our annual Keiro no Hi drive-through bento event on Sunday, September 13. Keiro no Hi, or Respect for the Aged Day, is celebrated in Japan each September to honor its elderly citizens.

This year, we're excited to once again serve bentos from Tozai Foods Market, a true San Gabriel Valley staple and one of my favorite Japanese spots growing up. Complimentary bentos will be available to ESGVJCC members ages 75 and older with an RSVP. If you're under 75 and would still like to enjoy a bento or support the event, bentos may be purchased with a \$15 donation.

If you're unable to attend, please consider sponsoring Keiro no Hi! Explore sponsorship opportunities at esgvjcc.org/2026-keiro-no-hi.

Sponsorships and RSVPs are required by Friday, August 28. Reserve your bento today by emailing Events/Programs Coordinator Victoria Castellanos at victoriac@esgvjcc.org or calling (626) 960-2566! ■

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MESSAGE FROM THE ESGVJCC TIM ITATANI, 2026 ESGVJCC PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

The month of July is here, which means Camp Chibikko is in full swing and we continue celebrating ESGVJCC's 75th Anniversary throughout this special year.

Last month, we officially celebrated our 75th Anniversary at the Center. It was quite the celebration seeing so many of our friends, program participants, supporters, and community members come together to celebrate such a meaningful milestone. We also enjoyed the highly successful Obon Festival at the West Covina Buddhist Temple, where delicious food, lively Obon dancing, and a strong sense of community drew large crowds.



There are simply too many people to recognize individually without unintentionally overlooking someone. Instead, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to every volunteer, staff member, board member, supporter, participant, and community partner who has helped make the ESGVJCC such an important part of the lives of thousands of families, both past and present.

Looking ahead, we are excited to welcome 8 students from our Sister City, Ohtawara, Japan, who will spend more than a week participating in a cultural exchange with the ESGVJCC and the City of West Covina. It's always a memorable experience and one of the highlights of the summer. This truly is a fun and exciting time of year for the Center.

Celebrating 75 years as an incorporated organization is an extraordinary achievement, and we are incredibly proud of this milestone. Reaching this anniversary has required the time, dedication, sacrifice, and commitment of countless individuals over the past seven and a half decades. There are simply too many people to recognize individually without unintentionally overlooking someone. Instead, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to every volunteer, staff member, board member, supporter, participant, and community partner who has helped make the ESGVJCC such an important part of the lives of thousands of families, both past and present. Because of your support, we look forward to continuing that legacy for generations to come.

Until next time...

Tim T. Itatani
President, ESGVJCC Board of Directors

ESGVJCC EVENTS

PLAY GOLF FOR A GOOD CAUSE! SUPPORT OUR LAST MAJOR FUNDRAISER OF 2026



George Sugimoto Golf Tournament

Support one of our major fundraisers of the year!

Play golf for a good cause & participate in our Virtual Silent Auction

Monday, September 14

Registration at 9am

Shotgun Start at 10am

Via Verde Country Club

1400 Avenida Entrada

San Dimas, CA 91773



Submitted by Mary Nagakawa, Marketing Coordinator

Please join us for the 28th Annual Akimatsuri Golf Tournament, now known as the ESGVJCC George Sugimoto Golf Tournament in honor of George's memory.

The tournament will take place the day after our Keiro no Hi event on Monday, September 14, at Via Verde Country Club in San Dimas. Via Verde was one of George's favorite courses, so returning there once again feels right!

The golf tournament is our final major fundraiser of 2026, so let's make it a great one! Whether you're interested in playing, becoming a sponsor, or donating prizes for our Virtual Silent Auction, we'd love your support.

This year we have even more contest holes, which means even more food on the course! If you've ever been curious about playing in our tournament, this is the perfect year to sign up and experience just how much fun it is. We make sure all of our golfers are well-fed with plenty of snacks and treats throughout the day to keep everyone going until the banquet. During the banquet, we'll announce both our contest winners and our Virtual Silent Auction winners!

Don't miss this fun-filled day and the opportunity to support the ESGVJCC in a meaningful way! Reserve your spot or become a sponsor by August 20 by visiting esgvjcc.org/2026-esgvjcc-george-sugimoto-golf-tournament! ■

ESGVJCC EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE & PARTICIPATE IN THE 2026 AKIMATSURI FALL FESTIVAL

Submitted by Mary Nagakawa, Marketing Coordinator

Akimatsuri Fall Festival is happening on October 10 this year from 12pm to 6pm in front of the ESGVJCC! The festival is co-sponsored by the City of West Covina to give the community an opportunity to experience Japanese culture through food, performances, and exhibits.



We are still seeking vendors, tablers, sponsors, donors, and community partners to join us. Interested in participating or know of someone who can help bring the block party vibes to the festival? Let us know and reach out to our Events & Programs Coordinator Victoria Castellanos at victoriac@esgvjcc.org. ■

2026 EVENTS

FEBRUARY 7

INSTALLATION BANQUET

Celebrate all of our accomplishments of 2025 and as we install the 2026 Board of Directors.

MARCH 21

HEALTH FAIR

A free, public health fair for the community at Plaza West Covina—screenings, resource fair, and more.

APRIL 12

SPRING CLEAN-UP

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

APRIL 25

CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

ESGVJCC showcases and promotes the Japanese culture with cultural performances at Plaza West Covina.

JUNE 1-6

MEMBER APPRECIATION WEEK

A week to recognize and celebrate ESGVJCC Members.

SEPTEMBER 13

KEIRO NO HI

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

OCTOBER 3

AKIMATSURI FESTIVAL

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

OCTOBER 10

AKIMATSURI GOLF TOURNAMENT

Fundraiser event: Golfers! Come support the ESGVJCC!

OCTOBER 16

TRUNK OR TREAT/BOOK FAIR

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

NOVEMBER 8

VETERANS DAY SERVICE

A day where we honor and pay tribute to the veterans who protect our country and freedom.



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON SUPPORTS THE ESGVJCC

The ESGVJCC is a community partner of Southern California Edison, helping distribute information to our membership on Wildfire Safety and other SCE Programs. Throughout the year, you will see SCE articles, social media posts, and various information distributed at events. ■



PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFF

HELPFUL RESOURCES DURING PSPS OUTAGES

Your safety is our top priority. When fire weather conditions are present, we may temporarily shut off power to reduce the risk of a fire caused by utility equipment. This is known as a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS), and it saves lives.

SUPPORT AND RESOURCES DURING PSPS OUTAGES



LOCATE A COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

- Get up-to-date information
- Charge your device or medical equipment
- Access snacks, water, Wi-Fi and other supplies



FIND ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION, FOOD SUPPORT AND LODGING

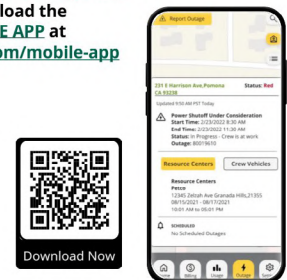
For more local support

DIAL 211

TEXT "PSPS" TO [211-211](tel:211) OR VISIT 211.org

All these resources and more can be located on our outage map:

sce.com/outage-map or download the **MYSCE APP** at sce.com/mobile-app



ACCESSIBLE HAZARD ALERT SYSTEM

SCE's Accessible Hazard Alert System (AHAS) offers PSPS notifications and preparedness information in accessible formats for people who are Blind, Low Vision, Deaf, Hard-of-Hearing or Deaf-Blind. Learn more at ahas.sce.com.



TO LEARN MORE ABOUT PSPS, VISIT sce.com/pmps.

Updated: 10/29/2025

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

2026 NIKKEI YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM WINNERS



Submitted by Mary Nagakawa, Marketing Coordinator

Each year, we are so proud of all of our ESGVJCC graduates of every age, and we're especially proud of our scholarship recipients.

The ESGVJCC Nikkei Youth Scholarship Program offers eight scholarships sponsored by ESGVJCC programs, the San Gabriel Valley Chapter of the JACL, the Sabers/Saberettes Youth Basketball Organization, and families and loved ones who have made a lasting impact on our community. The ESGVJCC Board of Directors also sponsored a scholarship for the fifth consecutive year!

In May, the winners of our 2026 Nikkei Youth Scholarship Program were announced and recognized at the Scholarship & Awards Luncheon. This year, we had five scholarship recipients: Miles Dodson, Kerrie Takesue, Cruz Toma, Madilyn Yee, and Karin Zhou.

Nikkei Youth Organization Leadership Award

Karin Zhou

Sabers/Saberettes Michael T. Miyamoto Memorial Scholarship

Cruz Toma

JACL- San Gabriel Valley Chapter Scholarship

Kerrie Takesue

ESGVJCC Board of Directors Scholarship

Kerrie Takesue

Harold and Elizabeth Itatani Family Scholarship

Miles Dodson

Sugimoto Family Scholarship

Miles Dodson

Myose/Nakatani Memorial Scholarship

Madilyn Yee

Kusuda Memorial Scholarship

Madilyn Yee

Time truly flies. We've known these five graduates since they were little kids, and it has been such a joy watching them grow over the years. Thank you to the Board of Directors for providing refreshments for our luncheon.

We'd also like to thank all of our scholarship donors: Sabers Youth Basketball Organization, the Myose/Nakatani Family, the Kusuda Family, the Itatani Family, the Sugimoto Family, the Board of Directors, JACL San Gabriel Valley Chapter, Barbara Shirota, and former scholarship recipient and ESGVJCC Queen Amanda Hiraishi for serving as our keynote speaker.

Your generosity will help future generations achieve their goals of higher education, and we truly appreciate your support. We look forward to seeing even more young people apply for the ESGVJCC Nikkei Youth Scholarship Program!

Applications will be available on the ESGVJCC website, esgvjcc.org, in January 2027 and will be due in spring 2027. For more information, please reach out to Program Director Melissa Kozono at mkozono@esgvjcc.org.

ESGVJCC PROGRAMS

SENIOR PROGRAMS BACK FROM SUMMER BREAK

SENIOR WELLNESS PROGRAM

AUG 4
Activity: Bon Odori

Join us for some exercise with our favorite Bon Odori Dance!

Activity: Origami Lily Folding

Practice folding origami into beautiful lilies!

AUG 5
AUG 11
Activity: Japanese Quiz, Part 2

How much do you know about Japan? Come find out!

Activity: Manicure Day

Come treat yourself and leave with gorgeous, refreshed nails from Karuta Nails!

AUG 12
AUG 18
Presentation: LA County Dept. of Mental Health - Managing your Medication

Get tips on what to ask your doctor and pharmacist when you get a new prescription.

CASINO TRIP TO YAAMAVA RESORT AND CASINO

No Leisure Club meeting!

AUG 19
AUG 25
Film Screening: Morning Tourism - Leisure Activities to Clear the Mind - Core Kyoto

Early morning activities allow visitors to enjoy unique Kyoto experiences

Activity: Board Games & Puzzles

Join us as we solve puzzles and play board games together

AUG 26

SCHEDULE

9:30AM - 10:30AM	ACTIVITY
10:30AM - 10:45AM	STRETCHING EXERCISES
10:45AM - 11:30AM (12PM WED)	BINGO
11:30AM	TO-GO LUNCH (2nd & 4th TUES)
12:00PM - 12:40PM	DINE-IN LUNCH (WED)
	MT. SAC EXERCISE CLASS
	TUES: YOGA -
	(first class on 8/25)
12:40PM - 1:45PM	WED: BALANCE & MOBILITY
	(first class on 8/26)

Submitted by Mary Nagakawa, Marketing Coordinator

Our weekly senior programs are back from their summer break this August!

The Senior Wellness Program resumes on Tuesday, August 4 and Leisure Club returns on Wednesday, August 5 with plenty of fun activities planned. This month, we're especially excited to welcome Karuta Nails back for a manicure day and to take a trip to Yaamava' Resort & Casino. In addition to these two programs, the Mt. SAC exercise classes and Yoga will also be starting back up!

We hope you all had a wonderful summer filled with travel, relaxation, or quality time with friends and family. We look forward to welcoming everyone back and seeing all the familiar faces around the ESGVJCC each week!

To stay updated on program schedules and announcements, please visit esgvjcc.org/senior-programs or contact Program Director Melissa Kozono at mkozono@esgvjcc.org. ■



ESGVJCC COMMUNITY

THE 2026 NISEI WEEK OPENING CEREMONY



Submitted by Mary Nagakawa, Marketing Coordinator

Earlier this month, the 84th Nisei Week Japanese Festival officially kicked off with the Introduction of the 2026 Nisei Week Queen Candidates and Honorees.

Guests celebrated the start of the festival, enjoyed previews of this year's Nisei Week ondo dances, and were introduced to the 2026 honorees and queen candidates. We are especially proud that Jacqueline Fujiko Naito will represent the ESGVJCC as our 2026 Queen Candidate in the Nisei Week Queen Program this August!

Many of you may have met Jacqueline at this year's Cherry Blossom Festival or our 75th Anniversary Party. She has already made a wonderful impression through her involvement with our events, and we look forward to cheering her on as she represents the ESGVJCC at Nisei Week!

Visit niseiweek.org to learn more about Jacqueline and all about this year's festival. ■

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DID YOU ORDER 75TH ANNIVERSARY MERCH?

Submitted by Mary Nagakawa, Marketing Coordinator

If you ordered anything from the Japangeles x ESGVJCC 75th Anniversary Collection, your order is available for pick-up at the ESGVJCC during our office hours Monday through Friday, 9am-6pm. Thank you to everyone who supported this special collection, and a thank you to Japangeles for their collaboration. More than just merchandise, this collection commemorates 75 years of community, culture, and connection. We are honored that so many of you chose to be part of this historic milestone! ■

ESGVJCC EVENTS

2026 SPRING CLEAN-UP & MATSU TREE TRIMMING

Submitted by Mary Nagakawa, Marketing Coordinator

Due to rainy weather in April, we moved our annual Spring Clean-Up & Matsu Tree Trimming day to the end of May—just a few weeks before our 75th Anniversary Party at the ESGVJCC.



It was amazing to have such a great turnout of volunteers this year. We were incredibly grateful for everyone's help cleaning, organizing, and beautifying the Center. Thank you to all of our volunteers from ESGVJCC programs and the community for helping us paint benches, clear the stage, clean all the tables and chairs in the social hall, and organize the various rooms throughout the Center!



Beyond the interior of the Center, trimming our beloved matsu trees was another long-overdue task. Each year, the Southern California Artistic Tree Trimming Club tends to our trees with great care and expertise.

The to-do list was a bit longer this year, but thanks to all the hardworking volunteers who showed up, we tackled it with no problem. Thank you everyone for a productive day! We hope you enjoyed the donuts and left knowing that you were an immense help! ■

ESGVJCC EVENTS

SCAM & FRAUD PREVENTION WORKSHOP

WEST COVINA BUDDHIST TEMPLE
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
WEST COVINA POLICE DEPARTMENT
PRESENTS,



SCAM AND FRAUD PREVENTION: HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY BEFORE IT HAPPENS

Location:	West Covina Buddhist Temple at ESGVJCC Social Hall, 1203 W. Puente Ave., West Covina, CA 91790, or via Zoom
Date:	Sunday, August 2, 2026, following Temple service
Time:	12:30pm – 2:00pm
Presenter:	Lt. Abel Hernandez of West Covina Police Department

SCHEDULE

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	Presentation
1:30 PM – 2:00 PM	Q&A

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, NO REGISTRATION FEE
Pre-register by Google Form
[Click Here](#) or scan QR Code



A Zoom link will be sent to those who have registered a few days prior to this event.

For more info:
West Covina Buddhist Temple email – wcbt@livingdharma@gmail.com

This event was coordinated after the horrific scam against Rev. Peter and Diane Hata was revealed. They continue to navigate their challenging situation and if you wish to help, see information below.

Links to the scam story and online donations:
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-elder-couple-recover-from-fbi-imposter-scam>
or scan QR Code



Donation checks payable to Rev. Peter Hata may be mailed to:
WCHHT, P.O. Box 1616, West Covina, CA 91793

Submitted by Mary Nagakawa, Marketing Coordinator

The West Covina Buddhist Temple, in partnership with the West Covina Police Department, will host a Free Scam and Fraud Prevention presentation on Sunday, August 2 following temple service.

The presentation is free and open to the public and will be offered in person and via Zoom from 12:30pm to 2pm. Lt. Abel Hernandez of the West Covina Police Department will discuss how to recognize scams and protect yourself and your family from fraud. The presentation will be followed by a Q&A session.

This presentation was organized to help educate and protect our community following the devastating scam involving Reverend Peter and Diane Hata. Last year, FBI imposters targeted Peter and Diane, a senior couple. The criminals stole their life savings, IRA retirement funds, and as if that weren't enough—the scammers convinced them to take out a home equity loan and stole that too.

Their GoFundMe fundraiser will help them keep their home, heal from this traumatic loss, and fully reconnect with family, friends, and community who, because of the scammer's confidentiality mandate, did not know this happened to them. Peter and Diane deeply appreciate any support you can offer. But whether or not you can donate, please share their GoFundMe page and help spread awareness.

If you would like to support the Hatas as they continue to recover, visit their fundraiser at www.gofundme.com/f/help-elder-couple-recover-from-fbi-imposter-scam. ■

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 to learn more.

ESGVJCC Ballroom Dance



Weekly | Sugimoto Family Social Hall Interested in learning different styles of dance such as the Cha Cha, American Waltz, or Tango? Join the Ballroom Class every Friday evening at 7pm and 8pm. No partner is necessary and all levels of experience are welcome. One class is \$10, and both classes are \$15. To learn more or sign up, please call Lee Ezaki at (626) 533-8359.

ESGVJCC Yoga



Weekly | Virtual Yoga Club offers members and friends of the Center high quality yoga classes at an affordable price in alignment with the Center's mission to serve the community. The club meets every Wednesday at 7:30pm and is meeting virtually until further notice.

KONDO WEALTH ADVISORS

THE SHAPE OF THE U.S. ECONOMY



Submitted by Akemi Dalvi, CPA/PFS, CFP

Economists often describe the trajectory of the economy using letters to describe the strength or weakness of the market. The visual framework helps us to process the main theme quickly and depicts the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) or employment levels over a period of time.

Some of the most common letter shapes referenced include V, U and W. V-shaped represents a rapid decline followed by a sharp recovery, like the three-month COVID decline in 2020. A U-shaped economy describes a longer prolonged decline where the economy stagnates at the bottom before recovering. W-shaped is the feared, double-dip recession, such as the 1980-1982 recession. New modern descriptions include a K-shaped economy which describes an unequal market recovery in which socioeconomic groups recover with different outcomes – think, the rich get richer, and the poor get poorer.¹

However, the alphabet soup just got a new letter, “G.” Visually I initially wondered how the economy goes backwards after the bottom of the G swoops up. However, a G-shaped economy actually stands for “generational.” Economists are noticing a societal trend in which older, financially stable Americans are needed to monetarily support younger adult children and grandchildren. Part of this is the result of the affordability crisis in America. Zillow recently reported that the median home sales price in Orange County, CA is \$1.25 million, up 3.5% year-over-year. A realtor said that some \$1m homes sold in the county are considered “teardowns” purchased for the land, with the intention to rebuild.²

Recent statistics have puzzled analysts because market sentiment has stooped to record lows and disposable income has flattened with inflation, but consumer spending has continued, pushing the stock market higher. The G-shaped economy has exposed that Baby Boomers born between 1946-1964 are being tapped as a fiscal resource to close the gap for the next generations. A study by USA Today noted that Boomers account for 51% of American wealth, including real estate, stock, retirement savings, and other assets valued at approximately \$90 trillion in 2025.³

Parents helping children and grandchildren isn't a new trend, but the pecuniary dependency to support the living costs and lifestyles of the financially strained next generation have never been so high. This trend reminds us that financial planning is much more than just individual wealth metrics like portfolio return. Rather, prudent financial planning looks at the bigger picture of multi-generational wealth coordination in conjunction with current tax laws and integration of economic forecasting. Our political system also needs meaningful modernization to create a new structure that benefits the majority instead of the 1%, but that is a longer discussion.

If you'd like a financial check-up, please reach out to your Certified Financial Planner™ or CPA Personal Financial Specialist to explore multi-generational planning, utilization of lifetime gift tax exclusions, funding tax-advantaged educational vehicles and other financial milestones that may help your family for generations to come. Whatever the call, we're here to help you make sense of it all.

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1 <https://greenspringadvisors.com/insight/the-alphabet-soup-of-economic-recoveries/>
2 <https://www.zillow.com/home-values/1286/orange-county-ca/>
3 <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/other/what-s-a-g-shaped-economy-and-are-we-in-one-/ar->

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ESGVJCC EVENTS

75TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY RECAP

Submitted by Mary Nagakawa, Marketing Coordinator

With more than half a year of planning and preparation for our much-anticipated 75th Anniversary Party, we finally did it! On June 20, we officially celebrated our 75th Anniversary and were delighted to be joined by nearly 200 of you!

We took a brief stroll down memory lane with remarks from Executive Director Pearl Omiya and Board President Tim Itatani before getting the party started. The celebration was extra special as ESGVJCC programs showcased their talents and performed on the ESGVJCC gym stage for the first time in many years! Thanks to all the help we received during this year's Spring Clean-Up, we were able to clean the stage and get it party-ready.

Throughout the exciting lineup of performances, guests enjoyed generously packed bentos prepared by ESGVJCC staff, yours truly, a beautiful cake by Chef Ryo and Yoshie Sato, and ice cream sundaes from Handel's Ice Cream. We also featured display boards highlighting all of the ESGVJCC's programs, a beautiful ikebana arrangement by instructor Wendy Lai, and lush plants and succulent centerpieces from Aki Kamimura.

We also took a moment to unveil the new signage above our library in the social hall, dedicated to Barbara Shirota, longtime ESGVJCC Board Member and our very first female president back in 1984!

There are many individuals and organizations who helped make this celebration possible. We invite everyone to check out our 75th Anniversary digital booklet to view our complete list of thank yous at esgvjcc.org/75th-anniversary-party. Be sure to visit our Facebook page for photos from the party, as well as our YouTube channel to watch our special commemorative video featuring interviews with a few familiar faces! ■

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ONTARIO TOWER BUZZERS' JAPANESE HERITAGE NIGHT



Submitted by Mary Nagakawa, Marketing Coordinator

Let's go, Buzzers! At the end of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month, the ESGVJCC was invited by the Ontario Tower Buzzers to their Japanese Heritage Night at the new ONT Field!

It was a wonderful opportunity for team bonding and a true honor to be recognized during the game. We were also excited to see Kishin Daiko perform as we entered the stadium and enjoyed seeing familiar faces and fellow ESGVJCC members throughout the evening.

Thank you to the Ontario Tower Buzzers and ONT Field for inviting us out for such a fun evening! ■

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 JapaneseC 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

Sylvia Ena	\$100
Tim & Sandy Itatani	\$1,500
Beverly Ito	\$150
Randall Muraoka	\$200
Taka Nakamura	\$200

In Memory of Fred Oda

Carmen Constantinescu	\$50
Caille Family Trust	\$965
Christopher and Kayko Holle	\$100
Ted & Alice Hamachi	\$35
Mark Letourneau	\$150

Itatani Scholarship

David & Jeanne Itatani	\$500
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2026

KIBOU LEGACY CIRCLE



Tim & Sandy Itatani

Daryl & Cynthia Itatani

Phillip Komai

Glenn & Jean Nakatani

Grace Richardson

Barbara Shiota

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. ■

2026 Keiro no Hi

DRIVE-THROUGH BENTO PICK-UP
with bento from Tozai Foods Market

September 13 | 12pm-1pm

Free for ESGVJCC Members 75+ Years
Guests Under 75: \$15 Donation

RSVP REQUIRED!

Email Events & Programs Coordinator
Victoria Castellanos at victoriac@esgvjcc.org
or call the ESGVJCC Office at (626) 960-2566.



Akimatsuri Fall Festival

Join us for a day of Japanese cuisine,
unique vendors, family fun, cultural
performances, & ondo dancing!

October 10 | 12-6pm
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Saturday, September 12, 2026

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Los Angeles Homba Hongwanji
Buddhist Temple (Nishi)

Entertainment. Crafts. Games. Vendors. And More!



Admission Only: FREE



Admission & Transportation: \$5
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Registration Closes: **Friday, August 21, 2026**

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