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**PARTY WITH US AT OUR 75TH
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ON
JUNE 20!**

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Submitted by Mary Nagakawa, Marketing Coordinator

Time is running out to secure your tickets or sponsorship for our 75th Anniversary Party on June 20! RSVP or become a sponsor by Friday, May 15.

Your ticket includes a delicious bento meal and desserts, featuring a mix of classic ESGVJCC favorites and Hawaiian BBQ. If you haven't had the chance to attend the Cherry Blossom Festival or Akimatsuri Fall Festival before, this is a great way to finally experience the heart of what our programs are all about.

75 years is an incredible milestone. We're celebrating not just the years themselves, but the people, memories, and growth that have shaped the ESGVJCC along the way. If the ESGVJCC has been part of your life in any way, we truly hope you'll join us for this special celebration!

Get your tickets or explore sponsorship opportunities on tinyurl.com/esgvjcc75. ■

2026 ESGVJCC

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MESSAGE FROM THE ESGVJCC

TIM ITATANI, 2026 ESGVJCC PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

It's hard to believe this is already my May President's message and how half the year has flown by! Time seems to move faster when we're busy, and that's certainly true here at the Center.

We've already had an incredible start to the year with our Installation Dinner, the annual Health Fair at Plaza West Covina, the Queen's Coronation—where we proudly crowned our new ESGVJCC Queen, Jacqueline Naito, and one of our biggest fundraisers, the Cherry Blossom Festival, also held at Plaza West Covina.



All of this reflects our ongoing commitment to providing a wide variety of cultural events and activities for our members. We want everyone to have opportunities to connect, participate, and enjoy these meaningful experiences together.

Thank you and much kudos to our amazing staff—Pearl, Melissa, Tina, Mary, Scott, Bryce, and Kazumi—for planning and executing such an ambitious and successful schedule.

All of this reflects our ongoing commitment to providing a wide variety of cultural events and activities for our members. We want everyone to have opportunities to connect, participate, and enjoy these meaningful experiences together.

Looking ahead to May, we will host our annual Scholarship Luncheon, where we proudly provide financial assistance to high school and college students as they pursue their educational goals. We will also be having our annual Spring Clean-Up and Matsu Tree Trimming at the end of the month.

And still to come is our biggest celebration of the year, our 75th Anniversary Party on Saturday, June 20, 2026. This is a truly special milestone, and my hope is that all of our members, along with their families and the broader community, will join us in celebrating. Opportunities like this don't come around often, and we want to make it unforgettable.

Please be sure to make your reservation soon. We look forward to celebrating together and sharing a wonderful evening with all of you.

Tim T. Itatani

Tim T. Itatani
President, ESGVJCC Board of Directors

ESGVJCC EVENTS

JOIN US FOR MEMBER APPRECIATION WEEK!



Submitted by Bryce Middo, Events/Programs Coordinator

Each year, the ESGVJCC celebrates our incredible community of members who are dedicated to preserving and sharing Japanese heritage. Join us during Member Appreciation Week, June 1-6, 2026, as we show our gratitude with free goodie bags filled with special snacks and special recognition throughout the week. It's our way of saying thank you for being such an important part of our community!

Stop by the ESGVJCC Office while we're open to pick up your goodie bag. Our office hours are Monday, June 1 through Friday, June 5 from 9am to 6pm. The office is also open on Saturday, June 6 from 8am to 1pm.

Our Office Manager Scott will be checking membership status at pickup, so make sure your ESGVJCC Membership is up to date. Not sure about your membership status? Feel free to email Scott at skawachi@esgvjcc.org or give us a call at (626) 960-2566. To renew your membership, visit esgvjcc.org/join. ■



Happy Asian American, Native Hawaiian, & Pacific Islander Heritage Month!

The ESGVJCC is proud to support and celebrate the tremendous contributions and achievements of AA and NHPI communities across the nation!

ESGVJCC EVENTS

SPRING CLEAN-UP RESCHEDULED TO MAY 31



Submitted by Mary Nagakawa, Marketing Coordinator

Our annual Spring Clean-Up & Matsu Tree Trimming Day was postponed in April... but good news, it's back on the calendar for Sunday, May 31! If you're free that morning from 8am to 12pm, we'd love your help with some cleaning and maintenance around the ESGVJCC.

It's a little later than usual, but it actually worked out perfectly. With our 75th Anniversary Party coming up on June 20, the Center will be looking fresh, clean, and ready for everyone to come celebrate with us all night long! (Okay, maybe not all night... we'll call it quits at 7pm.)

There are plenty of ways to pitch in, and all ages are welcome, so bring the whole family and help us spruce things up. If you can join us, just meet on the patio at 8am on May 31. We'll have all the cleaning supplies ready and of course, some donuts waiting for you too. ■

ESGVJCC

HAPPY AANHPI HERITAGE MONTH!

Submitted by Mary Nagakawa, Marketing Coordinator

May is Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month, a time to honor the rich history, culture, and contributions of our vibrant community.

The ESGVJCC is more than a Japanese community center—it's a home for people of all backgrounds, ages, and walks of life. As we celebrate 75 years, we remain deeply committed to serving our community and preserving our shared heritage through the programs and events we proudly offer.

In a time when federal recognition of AANHPI Heritage Month has been challenged, celebrating feels even more meaningful. It's more important than ever to uplift and recognize the achievements and voices of AANHPI communities around the world! ■

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. ■



ABOUT THE WILDFIRE RECOVERY COMPENSATION PROGRAM

The program is a streamlined approach to quickly and fairly compensate eligible individuals and businesses directly impacted by the Eaton Fire. It focuses on recovery and avoids the delay, expense and uncertainty of lengthy litigation.



VOLUNTARY

No fees or added costs
Completely optional to participate
No obligation to accept an offer — nothing binding before an agreement is signed



FAIR AND PROMPT

Receive a settlement offer within 90 days of a substantially complete claims submission
Payments will be made within 30 days after all conditions have been satisfied in the settlement agreement, including SCE's receipt of it — signed and notarized
See offer valuation formulas online



STREAMLINED APPLICATION

Securely submit claims and documentation through a dedicated website
Save your progress as you go



WITH OR WITHOUT AN ATTORNEY

Legal representation not required
Claimants can work with an attorney to submit a claim on their behalf. In these cases, SCE will add 20% to the damages portion of an offer for legal costs



CLAIM TYPES

Total and partial structure loss
Commercial property loss
Business interruption
Smoke and ash
Physical injury
Loss of life



DIRECT CLAIM PREMIUM

Receive additional compensation for settling through the program
All claim types are eligible
A flat premium up to \$200,000 for destroyed properties is available
Not available in litigation

WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

- Owners and tenants (except those who rented for less than 30 days) of eligible properties
- Individuals who sustained physical injuries within the fire perimeter and were treated between Jan. 7-15, 2025
- Personal representatives of estates for those who died due to the Eaton Fire
- Businesses that owned or occupied an eligible property

WHAT DOCUMENTS DO I NEED?

- At least one qualifying form of identification
- Proof of residency/ownership/tenancy
- Insurance information
- Financial records for business or rental claims
- Medical records for injury claims
- More details available online

FEINBERG AND BIROS



Kenneth R. Feinberg and Camille S. Biros — world leaders in compensation fund design and administration — consulted on the design of the Wildfire Recovery Compensation Program

- Over 35 years of experience in mediating and resolving thousands of complex disasters and advocating for those impacted
- Known for their work with the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001 and the design of many similar programs

Visit sce.com/directclaims



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Complete program details available online.
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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 EVENTS

75 YEARS IN BLOOM AND 2026 CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL AT PLAZA WEST COVINA

Submitted by Mary Nagakawa, Marketing Coordinator



Arigatou gozaimashita to everyone who came out to enjoy the 2026 Cherry Blossom Festival in April and supported our fundraiser over the past few months! We're thrilled to share that, thanks to ESGVJCC members, generous community partners, and kind public supporters, we reached our \$27,000 fundraising goal. Thank you to everyone who sponsored the event and participated in or donated prizes for our Super Raffle and Virtual Silent Auction.

Days leading up to the festival, we hosted a 75 Years in Bloom pop-up event at Plaza West Covina. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the ESGVJCC's 75th Anniversary while building excitement for the festival. Throughout the afternoon, guests folded origami flowers, enjoyed an energetic performance by LA Taiko Ichiza, and joined in the fun of ondo dancing as we danced together in the center of the mall. We are incredibly grateful to Plaza West Covina and all of our generous sponsors for helping bring this special event to life and for helping us spread the word about the ESGVJCC's 75th Anniversary and Cherry Blossom Festival.

We're also proud to share that this was perhaps our best Cherry Blossom Festival at Plaza West Covina yet! We couldn't have done it without our amazing vendors and performers, who bring the festival to life year after year. We hope you had the chance to enjoy delicious food, discover something special to take home, and relax while taking in the performances. To see more highlights from the festival, visit our Facebook page!

We would also like to extend a very special thank you to Plaza West Covina, the City of West Covina, and our **Sakura-level Sponsors**, Athens Services and Thomas Umemoto, for their tremendous support in making this year's festival both possible and successful.

Of course, it wouldn't quite feel like Cherry Blossom Festival season without a little rain. Thankfully, this year it only made a brief appearance at the very end of the event. As cherry blossom season comes to a close each April, we like to think of that spring rain as a symbol of renewal and the beginning of an exciting new season for the ESGVJCC.

We have an exciting summer ahead, and we hope you'll continue to be part of it with us! ■

ESGVJCC EVENTS

LA CLIPPERS & DODGERS JAPANESE HERITAGE NIGHTS

Submitted by Mary Nagakawa, Marketing Coordinator

May is Asian American, Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Heritage Month, and we're feeling especially empowered seeing AANHPI heritage recognized and celebrated in more ways each year. While May shines a spotlight, celebrating our heritage isn't limited to just one month. It's something we carry with us and uplift all year long!



Earlier this March, we had a blast at the LA Clippers Japanese Heritage Night. One of the most special moments was seeing our Sabers Youth Basketball players proudly wearing their jerseys on the court at Intuit Dome. The kids got to spend time on the court, shoot some hoops, and even meet players from both the Clippers and the Bulls.



Then in April, we headed to Japanese Heritage Night at Dodger Stadium. It was incredible to see so many ESGVJCC members and their family and friends enjoying the game together. And of course, it made the night even sweeter when the Dodgers pulled off a win at the very end! We were also proud to see our 2025 ESGVJCC Queen, Mia Takatsuka, make a special appearance on the field alongside the 2025 Nisei Week Court. Such a cool moment for our community!

If you couldn't join us for these events, we hope you can make it next time! Be sure to keep an eye out for future Heritage Night ticket announcements in our emails, on social media, and here in the Newsette. ■

ESGVJCC PROGRAMS

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS 2026



Submitted by Melissa Kozono, Program Director

The ESGVJCC is excited to bring back the Kokoro Summer Fun Club! The Kokoro Summer Fun Club is 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!

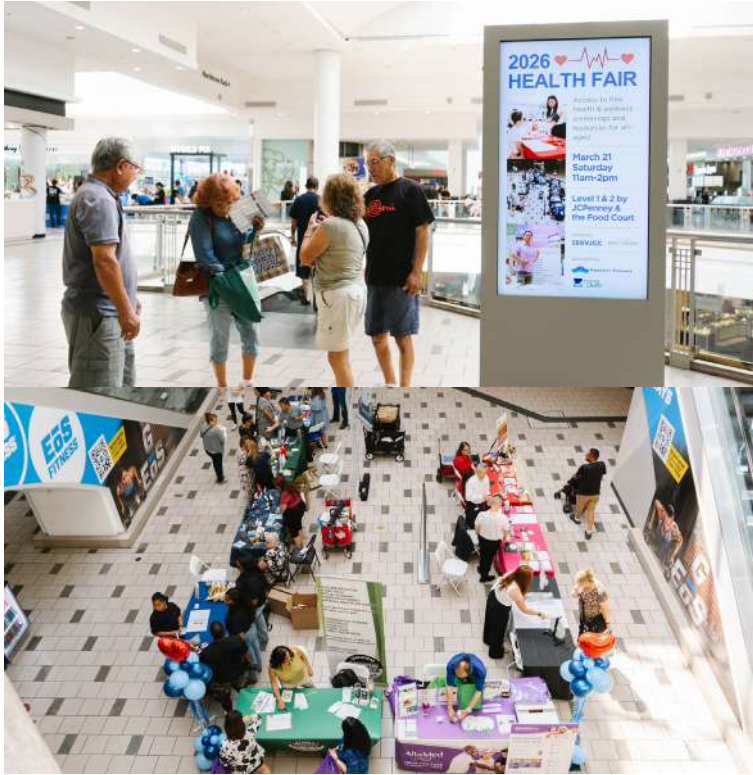
In addition to the Kokoro Summer Fun Club, the ESGVJCC will also be bringing back 2 weeks of Camp Chibikko and 1 week of Basketball Camp! Camp Chibikko is the ESGVJCC's youth Japanese cultural camp with each week focusing on a different theme. This year, the theme for Week 1 will be Mottainai (Don't Waste) with a fun field trip to Tanaka Farms and the theme for Week 2 will be Kizuna (Strong Bonds) with a special field trip to Little Tokyo for a fun partnership with Little Tokyo Community Council. 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 6-10 and Week 2 will be July 13-17 from 9am-5pm for campers K-8 grade. Lunch and 2 snacks will be provided during Camp Chibikko.

The ESGVJCC Basketball Camp will take place July 20-July 24 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.

Very few spots remain! 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

2026 HEALTH FAIR AT PLAZA WEST COVINA



Submitted by Kazumi Boone, Events/Programs Coordinator

In March 2026, the annual ESGVJCC Health Fair returned to Plaza West Covina Mall with great success. This year's event featured 32 vendors, all local to Southern California, and drew an impressive turnout from the community.

Attendees had access to a wide range of resources from general health insurance guidance to information on specific conditions and illnesses. Many vendors also offered free services, including ultrasound screenings and blood draws, making valuable healthcare more accessible to all.

We extend our sincere gratitude to our partners at Plaza West Covina Mall. Hosting the event indoors provided guests with a comfortable, welcoming environment—offering relief from the heat while allowing them to relax, explore, and enjoy nearby dining options.

Finally, we would like to thank our generous sponsors:

Title Sponsor (\$1,000)

Foothill Transit

Wellness Sponsor (\$500)

West Covina Smiles

Active Sponsor (\$250)

Keiro

Athens Services

Emanate Health

Nutrition Sponsor (\$100)

TheKey/Millenia

Their support played a vital role in making this event such a meaningful and successful experience for our community. ■

ESGVJCC PROGRAMS

JACQUELINE FUJIKO NAITO CROWNED 44TH ESGVJCC QUEEN



Submitted by the ESGVJCC Queens Committee

It is with great pride that the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center announces Jacqueline Fujiko Naito was crowned the 2026 ESGVJCC Queen. The 2026 Queen Coronation took place on Sunday, March 22 at 1pm in the Sugimoto Family Social Hall. We are so proud of Jackie who will be representing the ESGVJCC at our upcoming events throughout the year. Jackie spoke about stepping out of her comfort zone and the journey to push through to grow as a person. We are so excited for her upcoming year as the 2026 ESGVJCC Queen.

Jackie is the youngest daughter of Jerry & Paula Naito and resides in Los Angeles. She is 24 years old and graduated from California State University, Fullerton with a Bachelor's in Kinesiology. She is currently applying to pursue her Master of Business Administration. She currently works as an Administrative Assistant for the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks where she helps sustain the local parks and programs. She enjoys staying active through swimming, running, water polo, and volleyball and also loves expressing her creativity through painting. She also enjoys trying new things and staying spontaneous.

We would also like to take this time to congratulate our 2025 ESGVJCC Queen, Mia Takatsuka 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 2026 ESGVJCC Queen, Jackie will go on to represent the ESGVJCC at the 2026 Nisei Week Japanese Festival in August, which will be celebrating its 84th 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. ■

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Senior Wellness Program



Weekly | Sugimoto Family Social Hall
Senior Wellness meets every Tuesday from 9:30am to 1:45pm and consists of weekly games and activities to challenge seniors to stay physically and mentally active! An affordable and nutritious lunch is also available every 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month! Email Program Director Melissa Kozono at mkozono@esgvjcc.org or call (626) 960-2566 to learn more or sign up!

Eurythmics Class



Weekly | Sugimoto Family Social Hall
Ogino Academy just celebrated 5 years of Eurythmics Class at the ESGVJCC! Students 2-5 years old will be introduced to music by singing songs, playing instruments, and more—all while developing knowledge of music in both English and Japanese. Learn more or register on oginoacademy.com!

Kishin Daiko



Weekly | ESGVJCC Gym
Kishin Daiko is a multi-ethnic, multi-generational Japanese drumming group that practices on Monday evenings! They offer a beginner youth class, intermediate adult class, and a performing group/advanced adult class. Learn more on kishindaiko.com!

KONDO WEALTH ADVISORS FAMILY FINANCIAL LITERACY



Submitted by Akemi Dalvi, CPA/PFS, CFP

Financial Literacy Month was April, but it's not too late to incorporate some life lessons about money into 2026. Many of us didn't talk about money at the dinner table growing up. Therefore, we're not quite sure how to teach our kids about money either.

For younger kids, aged 5 to 10, an introduction to money can be a fun game. Consider giving them three jars to save extra money. Jar 1 can be labeled "Spend". Jar 2 can be labeled, "Save," and Jar 3 can be labeled, "Give." This exercise can introduce children to the basic concepts of saving, spending, and the value of money. I also like to incorporate ice cream at the accomplishment of any jar being filled to the top!

For teenagers, money lessons can include budgeting, the ins-and-outs of credit, and opportunity cost. One of my clients shared that at the start of summer, he gave each of his two daughters a lump sum in advance of what he spent on them monthly for food, entertainment, and clothing. Daughter 1 saved her funds, spending very little, but not enjoying socializing with her friends much, for fear of running out of money. Daughter 2 treated all her friends to lavish lunches at the mall and splurged on clothing and make-up. At the end of June, Daughter 2 had already run out of money! Daughter 2 borrowed on "credit" from Daughter 1, to finance the rest of her summer. To pay off her debt, Daughter 2 took on Daughter 1's housekeeping chores like dishes and laundry. Daughter 1 had a lot of money at the end of the summer, but not a lot of valuable memories or experiences. Hopefully they each learned a valuable lesson that will improve their financial decision making in the future.

For young adults who may be earning a sizable salary for the first time in their lives, a good education on the effects of compounding, through early savings or prudent investing, can be a valuable and truly life-changing lesson. My father always said, "Pay yourself first." In other words, fund my work sponsored retirement plan (401k, 403b, etc.) before paying my rent, gas, and fun expenses.

Finally, don't forget to check-in. No one is perfect and reflecting about what didn't work can be as powerful as sharing tips about what does work! Even between spouses, money can be one of the difficult issues that makes or breaks a relationship. Therefore, spouses having open communication about finances and working as a team will be a positive influence on the entire family.

If you'd like a financial check-up, please reach out to your Certified Financial Planner™ or CPA Personal Financial Specialist to explore cash flow management, charitable gifting strategies, prepare for retirement, or navigate new tax policy. We're here to help you make sense of it all.

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ESGVJCC PROGRAMS

KARATE PROMOTIONS & TOURNAMENT RESULTS YOUTH

Submitted by Eibu Kan Goju Ryu Karate-Do

**Youth Promotions in March**

Santiago H Kyu level 9, Yellow belt
 Efrain G Kyu level 8, Orange belt
 Genevieve J Kyu level 8, Orange belt
 Melany G Kyu level 5, Blue belt
 Kristen D Kyu level 5, Blue belt
 Riley Tran Kyu level 4, Purple belt
 Ethan Aguirre Kyu level 4, Purple belt
 Riley Grantham Kyu level 4, Purple belt
 Maksim Angarkhaev Kyu level 4, Purple belt
 Viktoriia Angarkhaeva Kyu level 4, Purple belt
 Bailey Tran Kyu level 2, Brown belt
 Kailana Reed Kyu level 1, Brown w/ Black belt

Adult Promotions in March

Citlali R Kyu level 8, Orange belt
 Joshua D Kyu level 6, Green belt
 Hunter Reed Kyu level 2, Brown belt

The second tournament of the year was held on April 8. The students competed in both kata and kumite. Each of the students competed with their fellow students in Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced Kata and Kumite. The largest bracket was the advanced division challenging our color belt students with a full 8-man bracket. The kumite match was a 5 point match. The students enjoyed Sees suckers and drinks. The next tournament will be on June 10. Thanks to all that helped! ■

**KATA**

Div: Beginner	Div: Intermediate	Div: Advanced
Megumi L. - 1st	Citlali R. - 1st	Viktoriiia A. - 1st
Elias R. - 2nd	Tekumseh R. - 2nd	Juston Y. - 2nd
Santiago H. - 3rd	Efrain G. - 3rd	Kaden Y. - 3rd
		Hans Z. - 3rd

KUMITE

Div: Beginner	Div: Intermediate	Div: Advanced
Megumi L. - 1st	Citlali R. - 1st	Viktoriiia A. - 1st
Santiago H. - 2nd	Efrain G. - 2nd	Joshua D. - 2nd
Elias R. - 3rd	Tecumseh R. - 3rd	Ethan A. - 3rd
		Riley G. - 3rd



ESGVJCC PROGRAMS

JAPANESE SWORDSMANSHIP DEMONSTRATIONS

Submitted by Saito Sensei, Bushido Tanren Kenkyukai

Buntanken, short for Bushido Tanren Kenkyukai, translates to "Bushido Cultivation Research Group." The group is dedicated to studying and sharing the traditional art of Japanese swordsmanship, along with the philosophies that guided the samurai.

We warmly invite anyone interested to observe a class or watch a demonstration. Classes are held every Saturday at 2pm at the ESGVJCC! ■

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 searchfortheEastSanGabrielValley-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

Denise Akune	\$100
Yoshiko Kanamoto	\$100
Bonnie Kasamatsu	\$1,000
Stanley Kubota	\$100
Jeff Levy	\$100
Taka Nakamura	\$200
Jadine Yamamoto	\$75

In Memory of George Sugimoto

Joanne Dodson	\$40
Tim & Sandy Itatani	\$500

In Memory of Fred Oda

Cristine Ackel	\$50
Tina Asano	\$30
Joseph Patrick Garrow	\$100
Paul R Letourneau	\$100
Robin Letourneau	\$100
Robert and Judith Stone	\$100
Susan Vethacke	\$150

2026 Board of Directors Scholarship

Sam & Susie Kozono	\$75
Kimberly Nakashima	\$75
Lisa Ann Sugimoto	\$2,500
Glenn & Jean Nakatani	\$2,000
Barbara Shiota	\$75
Joy Kitaura	\$75
Michelle Okawa	\$75
Wesley & Karen Nobuta	\$75

FIND OUR FULL CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2026 ON ESGVJCC.ORG/CALENDAR-OF-EVENTS

2026

KIBOU LEGACY CIRCLE



Tim & Sandy Itatani
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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.

SIGN UP TODAY

Keiro's Quality of Life Classes

Discover a range of educational wellness programs designed to enhance the quality of life for older adults.

To see the class listing, visit keiro.org/qol.



CELEBRATE 75 YEARS OF THE ESGVJCC WITH US!

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EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY
 JAPANESE COMMUNITY CENTER

**75TH
ANNIVERSARY
PARTY**

A fun evening of food/drinks, performances, and reflecting on 75 meaningful years of bridging culture, family, & community!

Saturday, June 20
 3pm-7pm in the
 ESGVJCC Gym

RSVP by May 15
 \$75 per person or
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