

Torrance Sister City Newsletter



Torrance, California



Torrance Sister City Association



Kashiwa, Japan

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Meet the 2011 Student Delegates



Alison Abraham
Bishop Montgomery
Grade 12



Jonah Sakado
South High
Grade 11



Kristen Inouye
West High
Grade 10



Michelle Cordill
West High
Grade 11



Rachel Todd
West High
Grade 10



Thomas Saraydarian
South High
Grade 11



Wyatt Comon
Bishop Montgomery
Grade 10



Zachary Johnson
Torrance High
Grade 11



These lucky eight students were chosen out of a very strong group of sixteen to represent Torrance and Torrance Sister City Association as the Student Exchange Delegation to Kashiwa, Japan. They will be guided by their enthusiastic Adult Leader, Dana Vinke for three weeks in July. We sincerely appreciate everyone from the selection committee for all of their hard work and dedication during the selection process. Our newly selected delegates' work will begin at our annual Bunka-Sai Festival on April 30 and May 1. Orientation sessions, led by former Adult Leader Kay Ujimori, began on March 22.

President's Message

by Teri Kuwahara

Congratulations to Alison, Jonah, Kristen, Michelle, Rachel, Thomas, Wyatt and Zachary! We are proud to enter your names in our record as the 2011 Student Exchange Group with Adult Leader Dana Vinke!



March 10, 2011 is a day that will be recorded in the TSCA memory bank as joyous, frightening and uncertain. Rather than ignore the obvious, let's talk about what happened that day and what the next few weeks have in store.

Late in the afternoon, Ray Roulette began to call the applicants for the 2011 Student Exchange Group. Eight students, 4 boys and 4 girls, were elated to hear the news they were selected. After several events and an interview, the Student Selection Committee had chosen them to represent Torrance as cultural ambassadors in Kashiwa this summer. Excitement about the impending summer in Japan overwhelmed them as they had joyous celebrations with their families.

That very same night, in our Pacific Time Zone, the 9.0 earthquake occurred in Japan resulting in a disastrous tsunami and catastrophic problems at the nuclear power plant north of Kashiwa. Our thoughts immediately turned to the safety of our friends in Kashiwa.

Jeffrey Johnson, a 2009-10 student ambassador, was first on Skype reaching several people in Kashiwa just minutes after the earthquake. Close to midnight here, it was afternoon the next day in Japan. He was able to talk to several former exchange students as well as both of his host families then email and post on Facebook that all were safe. TSCA members were quick to email other friends in Kashiwa or post on Facebook pages and confirm other positive news. However, everyone in Kashiwa and Torrance expressed their concern for the thousands of people in the Sendai area, about 120 miles to the north.

KIRA Torrance Committee President Hiroko Miyazaki and Torrance Liaison Makiyo Doi were in a car together headed to the KIRA office when the earthquake occurred. They described violent shaking, nothing ever experienced before. When they arrived at the KIRA office, they did not go in because it was such a mess inside. Most people in Kashiwa suffered minor damage to personal belongings falling off shelves and furniture falling over. Some people were in Tokyo at the time and had to sleep overnight or walk home because train service was suspended. We are thankful Kashiwa was spared the destruction of a tsunami.

Now, as this newsletter goes to press, Japan is struggling to control the problems at the Fukushima Dai-Ichi nuclear power plant. The media coverage is constant and often alarming. The fact remains that we just do not know what the future holds. Kashiwa is experiencing rolling

APRIL CALENDAR

- April 8 City Hall Closed
- 11 Association Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
West Annex Commission Room
3031 Torrance Boulevard
- 22 City Hall Closed
- 29 Bunka-Sai Setup Day 4:00 p.m.



BUNKA-SAI

IS COMING SOON

April 30 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

May 1 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

blackouts as they deal with lack of power. Grocery and markets are short in supply, but by all reports, everyone is facing adversity with dignity. "We are ok" is the sentiment echoed by our contacts in Kashiwa despite the problems they face.

At the March association meeting, we voted to post links on our website to charities that are in Japan assisting with the relief effort. The City of Torrance is supporting us by posting the list on their website and at the March 15th City Council meeting, Mayor Frank Scotto read a statement on behalf of the City and TSCA.

In the long-term, Mayor Scotto and I discussed a possible joint project directed to Kashiwa, following KIRA's lead when needs are identified. We will discuss this at the April meeting using Bunka-Sai as a possible location for collecting donations. We are so fortunate to have the support of the City of Torrance.

In the days to come as Japan recovers, we will make decisions regarding our exchange program this summer. Presently, we will continue with our plans and we will open a dialogue with the KIRA Torrance Committee in the weeks to come. But for now, let our newly selected exchange students celebrate the positive outcome of being accepted, let's all work hard to make Bunka Sai successful and let's bring awareness to the near 40 year relationship between Torrance and Kashiwa. Most importantly, let's keep our friends in Kashiwa and those suffering in northern Japan in our thoughts and prayers.

JAPAN DISASTER RELIEF

The City of Torrance and the Torrance Sister City Association send our heartfelt condolences to the people of Japan in the aftermath of last week's earthquake and tsunami. I think we have all been riveted by the horrific photographs we've been seeing and the reports we've been hearing through the media.

On a positive note, we're relieved to learn that Kashiwa, our sister city of nearly 40 years, appears to have been spared major damage. While there are some disruptions in transportation and communication, overall, the city of Kashiwa is in fairly good shape. We have heard from several of our friends from there, who indicate that they are safe.

Unfortunately, this is not the case throughout other regions in the country. There is widespread death, destruction and suffering for those who survived. And even with unimaginable number of lives lost and damage sustained, the full effects of the disasters won't be known for some time yet.

Many citizens have asked how they can help. In response, the Torrance Sister City Association has posted information on their website for those wishing to make donations. The website is www.TorranceSisterCity.Org. Listed on the website are the names and links to five worthwhile organizations accepting donations. The five organizations are:

- The Salvation Army
- The American Red Cross
- Save the Children
- AmeriCares
- The Japanese Chamber of Commerce Southern California

This information is also available under the News section of the City's website, www.TorranceCA.Gov. Again, on behalf of the entire Torrance community, we express our sympathy to our friends in Japan. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of those who have suffered pain and loss as a result of these terrible disasters.

Dear Teri and TSCA members,

Thank you very much for your kind offer. I forwarded your e-mail to other members.

We really appreciate it, and we are very encouraged by your kindness. But so far, we have nothing to ask for, and we'd like to ask for your help when we need it.

We were supposed to have our March regular meeting on 14th, but it was canceled.

Japan is now in confusion. This disaster is beyond our imagination. We are facing earthquakes, tsunami, and the explosion of Nuclear power plant. More than 13,400 people are dead and missing, and more than 310,000 people are evacuated in refuges. We are now worried about the nuclear power plants.

I'm glad rescue corps and volunteer groups came to Japan from many countries. They are searching victims or helping refugees in the cold disaster area. We appreciate their hard work and devotion to us.

This deadly earthquake crippled two nuclear plants in northern Japan. So, the rolling blackout started to prevent an unexpected massive power outage. Kanto area is divided into 5 groups and we are scheduled to have blackout in turn. We have to save electricity in our daily life. Kashiwa city have accepted refugees from the disaster area. They are now in Chuo Kominkan where we usually have meetings. So, we have to look for another place.

This is a hard time for us. But please don't worry. We will unite ourselves and help each other to overcome the difficulties. Thank you again for your consideration and friendship.

Best regards,
Makiyo Doi



Visit our newly launched website: www.torrancesistercity.org

Many thanks to Website Committee Chairman Mark Richardson and his team of Tim Goodrich and Erin Moriwaki.



Posted on our website are links to charities assisting in Japan with the relief efforts:

Special Message on the Japan Earthquake

TSCA and the people of Torrance send condolences to the people of Japan on the destruction and loss of life caused by the earthquake and tsunami of March 10th. And we express particular concern for our friends in Kashiwa. We have received word from several people there who describe some hardship from disruption in transportation and communication, owing to Kashiwa's proximity to Tokyo. But we are glad to report that Kashiwa has escaped major damage. Members of KIRA as well as personal friends have assured us that, in general, all is well. We are grateful for the emails they've taken time to compose in English to keep us updated on their situation. We hope their lives will soon return to normal.

Please consider making a donation to help those affected by the Japan earthquake by one of the following methods:

Online:

The Salvation Army: <https://donate.salvationarmyusa.org>

The American Red Cross: <http://american.redcross.org>

Save The Children: <http://www.savethechildren.org>

AmeriCares: <http://www.americares.org/>

The Japanese Chamber of Commerce Foundation:
<http://www.jccsc.com> (click on English page; donations go to UNICEF)

The U.S.-Japan Council is sponsoring the U.S.-Japan Relief Network, a central listing of relief organizations:
<http://www.usjapanCouncil.org/reliefnetwork>.

The U.S.-Japan Council has also established the USJC Earthquake Relief Fund, a collection of donations contributed 100% to earthquake/tsunami relief in Japan. Download an information PDF on the TSCA website.

From your phone:

The Salvation Army: text "JAPAN" or "QUAKE" to 80888 to donate \$10 or call 1-800-SAL-ARMY

The American Red Cross: text "REDCROSS" to 90999 to donate \$10

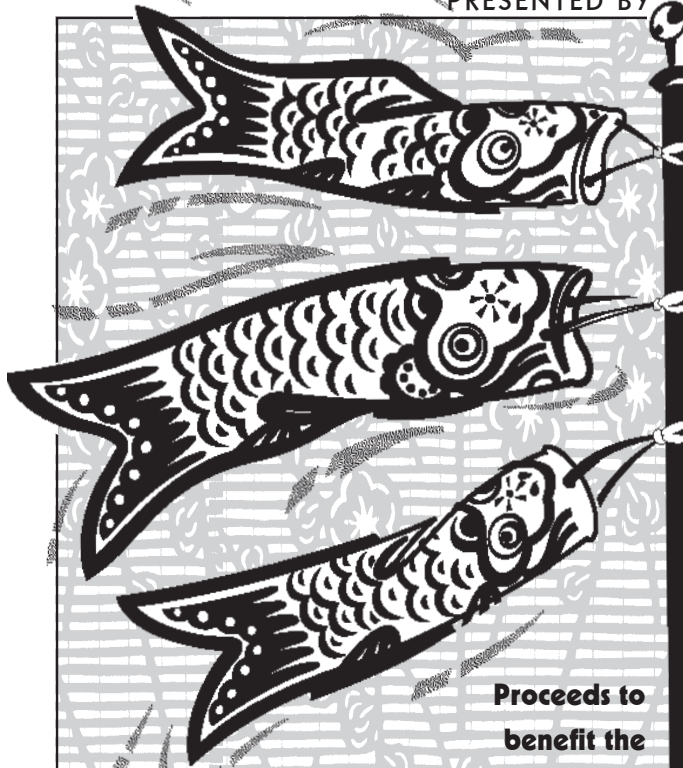
To locate family and friends:

<https://safeandwell.communityos.org> <<https://safeandwell.communityos.org/>>

(American Red Cross)

<http://japan.person-finder.appspot.com/> (Google)

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Proceeds to
benefit the
Student Cultural
Exchange Program

Japanese Cultural Festival

Ken Miller Recreation Center
3341 Torrance Boulevard
(AT MADRONA AVENUE)

39th Annual Bunka-Sai

FREE ADMISSION & PARKING

- AIKIDO
- BONSAI
- CRAFTS
- DOOR PRIZES
- FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS
- JAPANESE BATIK
- JAPANESE FOOD
- JAPANESE DANCE
- JUDO
- KENDO
- KOTO
- NAGINATA
- ORIGAMI
- SPECIAL GAMES FOR CHILDREN
- SUMI~E PAINTING
- TAIKO

Program subject to
change without notice.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY
April 30 & May 1, 2011
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more
information please contact
the
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2011 Bunka Sai Performance Schedule

Many thanks to Lori Eurich, Chairman of Bunka Sai Entertainment who has been busy scheduling an excellent program for the festival. As of March 15th, she has the following schedule of entertainment and performances on the Ken Miller Recreation Center stage.

Saturday, April 30, 2011

Official Greeting by: Susan Rhilinger, City Councilmember

Master of Ceremony: Dr. Dan Fichtner, Educator and TSCA member

11:50 Koto Music

Traditional music played by Wakiko Inaba on a long, 13 stringed instrument plucked with finger picks.

12:30 Tea Ceremony

Traditional art of the preparation and presentation of tea performed by Sakiko Monuki of the Urasenke School.

1:10 South Bay Judo

Meaning "gentle way", judo uses skill, technique and timing, rather than the use of brute strength

1:50 Naginata

A martial art of power and grace practiced by women using sweeping movements with a pole weapon.

2:30 Kendo

A type of martial arts known as the "way of the sword."

3:10 Classical Nagauta Music

Mikko Henson will play classical songs, called *nagauta* on the shamisen, a 3-stringed instrument.

3:50 Kishin Taiko Group

Traditional wooden drums ensemble. The art of taiko is known for discipline, rhythm and art form.

Sunday, May 1, 2011

Official Greeting by Gene Barnett, City Councilman

Master of Ceremony: Tricia Takasugi, Fox 11 News Reporter

11:50 Shodo Calligraphy

Hiroko Ikuta will demonstrate ink-dipped brush painting of Japanese characters.

12:30 Yukata Show & Kashiwa Odori

Traditional dance of Kashiwa by TSCA members and past exchange students in colorful festival attire.

1:10 Japanese Dance

The Bando Mitsuhiro Kai will perform traditional dances featuring students ages 3 to adult.

1:50 Koto Music

Mrs. Awaya will play songs on her 13-stringed traditional instrument which is the national instrument of Japan.

2:30 Japanese Folk Music

Matsutoyo-kai will perform folk songs accompanied by the *shakuhachi* flute, 3-stringed *shamisen*, *taiko* (drums) and a percussion ensemble.

3:10 Aikido

Martial art that focuses on self defense, physical fitness and spiritual awareness.

3:50 Isami Taiko

Drum ensemble from Gardena Buddhist Church Youth Group closes the festival with their percussion rhythms.

Kashiwa Odori and Yukata Fashion Show

TSCA is calling on ALL past summer exchange program participants (students and adult leaders) to perform the Kashiwa Odori (dance) at Bunka-Sai on Sunday, May 1st at 12:30 p.m. Dancers must wear their Kashiwa yukata. Odori practice will be held on Saturday, April 23rd at 3:30 p.m. at Lori Eurich's home. Please call Lori at (310) 373-6146 for more info. or e-mail Lacel67@hotmail.com. Call your friends and join in the fun! Help will be provided in putting on yukatas before the performance.

Bunka-Sai Craft Boutique

Japanese-inspired craft vendors are gearing up for a great show of talent this year in the Toyota Meeting Hall. We have a few new vendors this year, too. Make sure you help spread the word. This will be a great opportunity to pick up gifts, especially Mother's Day!

Jan Kagimoto Gift Items

A Fuji Sushi Clothing and T-Shirt Designs – Adam Fujimoto

Mary Okada Designs – Taiko Bears and Gifts

Tomodachi Kitty handbags & accessories– Akemi Kuramoto

Creative Handcrafted Gifts – Lorraine

Yamaguchi (Sunday only)

Kabahead Creations – Keri Kaba-Dien (Saturday only)

Now and Zen Jewelry & Clothing – Esther Kodama

3D Japanese Art and Shadow

Boxes - Michiko Miyazaki

Just a Glimmer Fabric Gifts and

Thermo Totes – Amy Mayemura

Junko Urushibata Crochet & Gifts



Raffle Prizes and Exhibits

by Gail Roulette

As you approach the main entrance to Bunka-Sai, notice the koi flags - a special gift from Kashiwa - flying at the top of the flagpole. As you step inside the building, friendly greeters will welcome you and hand you a program detailing the events of the day. You can look over some of the desirable items on display that can be won in the big raffle drawing on Sunday, and have a chance to purchase raffle tickets at the bargain price of \$1 each.

A few steps further and you will be among the exhibit of fine children's artwork from the Saga Arts Center. Turn to your right and you will enter the Exhibitors' Hall, where you can appreciate the fine arts of Bonsai, Ikebana, Origami, Kimekomi Ningyo Dolls, and the Girls' Day Dolls on display.

And this is just the beginning of what's in store for you!

Bunka-Sai Gift Booth

Chairpersons Tammy Johnson and Michelle Heredia are busy gathering items for the Gift Booth. If you have any items to donate please contact Tammy at the email address below. They have designated Sunday April 3rd as their pricing day at Tammy's house. If you can assist as a volunteer in the Gift Booth at Bunka-Sai, have items to donate or would like to help with pricing, please contact Tammy Johnson at: tjohnson@gpalb.com

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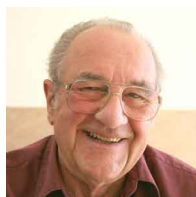
Membership News

Membership Chairman: Ron Kimmel

New and renewed memberships:

Barnett, Gene and Linda (S)
Conlon, Annette, Kelli, and Kevin (F)
Cornwall, Rich (I)
Deloyd, Tom and Aki (F)
Grace, Carla (I)
Macy, David (F)
Matarrese, John (I)
Miller, Mary P. (I)
Namimoto, Jim and Mariko (F)
Radomski, Ken (B)
Reilly, Andrea (F)
Rische, Tom and Gerry (F)
Smisek, Richard and Ada (F)
Thompson, Bruce L. (F)
Tsuruda, Patti (F)

Thank you all for joining or renewing for 2011. The directory has been completed and will soon be printed. We expect to mail it in April. If you have any questions call Ron Kimmel at (310) 530-2382.



August Activities Committee

by Werner Willoughby, Chairman

Thank you for the many recommendations of volunteer translators and bilingual docents. We presently have twelve on our list, with quite a variety of backgrounds and experiences. We will try to pair an appropriate docent and activity to take advantage of his/her expertise.



Another project of the committee is to assemble the historical and cultural aspects of the Kashiwa students' experiences into a tour book. Inspiration for the book came from a tour book assembled by our president Teri Kuwahara for the 2006 student delegations. Much of this information will be sent to Kashiwa to be used in the orientation of their students. The book will also double as a fine memento of their stay in Torrance.

Presently we are fine-tuning the August activities to accommodate dates, times, and logistics. Committee members will submit final plans in April, so they will be ready for publication in the May newsletter. The May newsletter will contain a detailed calendar and order form. As a side note, the deadline to order tickets/admissions and select participation in a given activity will be June 30th to allow adequate time to prepare materials for our activity leaders. Many thanks to the members of the committee for their time and diligence. We are on track for an outstanding August!

Student Selection Committee

by: Ray Roulette

Congratulations to the eight students who were selected to be members of TSCA's summer 2011 student delegation to Kashiwa! You see their photos on the front of this newsletter. The Selection Committee is confident they will be excellent representatives for the city of Torrance, their families, their schools, and their country. The multi-month selection process involved individual interviews, home visits, a Japanese meal, a work party (a very successful yard sale!), and social events like a picnic and a pizza party. All of our applicants were fine young people, and our only regret is that we could not send all of them. We are proud of every one of them.

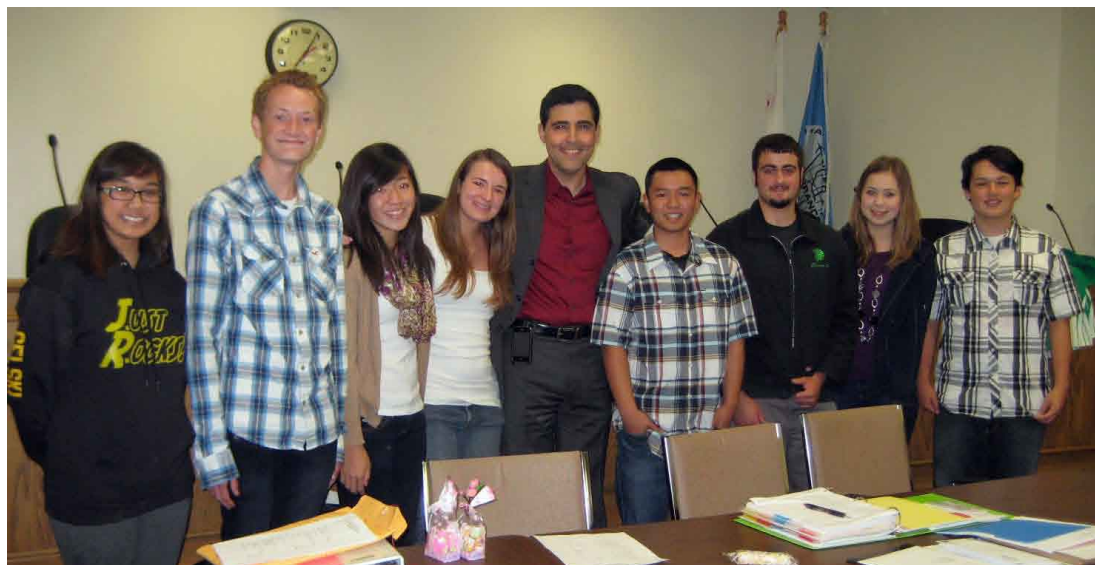


The selection gives us four boys and four girls, one senior, four juniors and three sophomores, two from Bishop Montgomery, two from South High, one from Torrance High, and three from West High. So it is a good mix, and the students seem quite compatible with each other. They now will proceed with eight Tuesday afternoon or evening Orientation sessions under the direction of Mrs. Kay Ujimori, who was the Adult Leader in 2008, and Mr. Dana Vinke, 2011 Adult Leader.

Many thanks to the excellent and hard-working members of this committee: Werner Willoughby, Stephen Ihde, Ellen Kircher, Erin Moriwaki, TSCA president Teri Kuwahara, Marilyn Rubin, student member Brianne Heredia, and Dana Vinke. They were all very conscientious, perceptive contributors who

spent a great many hours on this work. Thanks also to the applicants' parents and families who actively participated in some of the events, especially all their work and contributions at the yard sale.

School principals will be advised of these selections and urged to give some recognition to their students within the school. In due time our students will also be presented to the mayor and Torrance City Council, as well as the Torrance Board of Education.





Rummage Sale



Student Selection Activities



Picnic



Oshie: Japanese Traditional Craft

Part 3 of a 4-part series about TSCA members participating in traditional Japanese performing arts in the South Bay

by Aileen Willoughby

When you visit the Bunka-Sai on April 30 – May 1st, be sure to stop by the Oshie (pronounced oh-she-eh) Japanese handicraft exhibit in the Toyota Meeting Hall. This exhibit will feature crafts made by the students of Mrs. Kihara.

Oshie, the oldest handicraft in Japan, is a 3-dimensional picture that is usually framed and hung on the wall. The picture is made from cloth, usually kimono material, or colorful Japanese paper called Chiyogami (chee-yo-gah-me). The cloth or paper is wrapped around a cotton filling. There are basically three major parts in the Oshie craft: first, the artist who draws the picture; second, the Oshie artist who cuts the cardboard and pastes the parts together; and the third involves the painter who paints the faces or background.

This craft has its origins in China and became popular in Japan in the 16th century. It was formerly the pastime of the women of the noble class. For years, it was one of the three arts that every young woman learned as a prerequisite to her marriage. The other arts were tea ceremony and flower arrangement (also at the Bunka-Sai).

In the United States today, there is only one teacher who teaches the Miyabi style of Oshie. This teacher, or sensei, is Mrs. Kihara, whose professional artist title is Seigyoku Kihara. She has been teaching for 40 years, 29 of those years at a former storefront on Redondo Beach Blvd in

Gardena. On Fridays, she gives lessons in Gardena at the Japanese Cultural Center (JCC) and also offers lessons at her home studio by appointment. Her annual shows are at the Gedatsu Church in San Gabriel and the Torrance Bunka-Sai, at which she has been an exhibitor for over 20 years. Kihara sensei has especially fond memories of participating in the Japan Festival in Disneyland in the late 1970s for which she created Oshie designs of Mickey Mouse and Minnie Mouse wearing traditional Japanese hakama (men's skirt) and kimono, respectively.

Kihara sensei learned the art as a young child in Japan. Among her four sisters and mother, someone was always creating an Oshie project, so Kihara sensei developed a love for it in her home and spent countless hours of her childhood perfecting her talents.

In October 2010, Kihara sensei celebrated the 30th anniversary of her school at the Miyako Hybrid Hotel in Torrance with a special exhibition of the handicrafts of five of her students who recently attained their professional certification in the art of Miyabi Oshie. In all, Kihara sensei has 30 graduates of her school with professional certification.

The National Museum in Nara, Japan, houses some of the finest of the Oshie handicrafts, those considered National Treasures of Japan as determined by Japan's Agency for Cultural Affairs.



TSCA Members Participate In The Torrance Chamber Of Commerce Business Expo

Many thanks to Ray Roulette, Gail Roulette, Werner Willoughby, Vera Little, Cheryl Yamauchi, Bryce Yamauchi, Patsy Shintani and Teri Kuwahara who participated in the Business Expo held at the Torrance Marriott on March 17th. Appropriately dressed in green hapi coats for the St. Patrick's Day themed affair, these TSCA members passed out Bunka-Sai flyers and TSCA brochures to all who attended. Many people in the Torrance business community participated and it was a great opportunity to bring awareness of TSCA. There were many people who stopped at the TSCA table just to inquire about our sister city, Kashiwa.



Who's News

Michelle Broun, 2005 Exchange Student, is living in Kyushu, Japan, on the JET Program sponsored by the Japan Consul General.

She was recently in touch with her Adult Leader, Jill Maroney, to report she is fine and living more than 700 miles away from the earthquake epicenter. Many people in her area located in eastern Japan are doing their part to help those who had to evacuate from the Sendai area. They are on different power grid so they have not had to conserve. Michelle even offered her small apartment to those in need. We will get more information from Michelle on her experience as an English teacher in Japan for a future newsletter.

Who's News?

If you have any news of TSCA members that you would like to include in the newsletter, please e-mail to

Teri Kuwahara: t.kuwahara@verizon.net

or

Mona Wong : tscanewsletter@gmail.com.

The deadline for each issue is the second Monday of each month.



Teach English in Kashiwa, Japan

The Torrance Sister City Association seeks qualified applicants for one high school English teacher in Kashiwa, Japan, the Sister City of Torrance. A minimum one-year contract runs from August 1, 2011 to July 31, 2012. The contract is renewable for a maximum three-year assignment.

Duties: Conduct and assist in a variety of English conversation classes, assist with coordinating campus visits by parents, administrators and junior high students, and extra curricular activities as specified by the principal which may include: judging and assisting with speech contests, serving as advisor to the English Conversation Club, business trips and coaching students for college interviews. Volunteer work with KIRA (Kashiwa International Relations Association) and other city groups may also be required.

Qualifications

Applicants must:

1. live or work in Torrance
2. be fluent in written and spoken English
3. hold a Bachelor's degree plus a teaching credential or have demonstrated teaching experience
4. possess a keen interest in the Japanese language and culture and
5. represent the Torrance Sister City Association and foster the goals and objectives of the English Teacher Exchange Program

Compensation

1. annual salary of approximately 4,800,000 Japanese yen
2. one-way airfare from Los Angeles to Japan
3. national health insurance (deducted from monthly salary)
4. subsidized housing and transportation allowance
5. paid Japanese holidays and personal days

Please send resume, cover letter, and two letters of recommendation by U.S. mail only postmarked by April 4, 2011 and received by April 14, 2011 to:

Lori Chong Eurich, Chair
TSCA English Teacher Selection Committee
Attn: Community Services Dept.
c/o 3031 Torrance Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90503

Qualified applicants will be scheduled for panel interviews held at Torrance City Hall, West Annex in May. For further information call: Lori Eurich at (310) 373-6146 or Dan Fichtner at (310) 316-6092.



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**TORRANCE SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION
2011 Membership Application**

Except for Life Membership, all annual memberships are in effect from January 1st to December 31st.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____

Telephone (____) _____ E-mail: _____

My membership is: NEW _____ RENEWAL _____ I do not want to be listed in the TSCA Directory _____

Directory Update: New address _____ New telephone number _____ New E-mail address _____

I am interested in participating in TSCA activities: _____

- Individual.....\$10.00 per year
- Family.....\$20.00 per year
- Supporting.....\$50.00+ per year
- Benefactor.....\$100.00+ per year
- Life Member.....\$2000.00+ one time donation

Enclosed is a donation to TSCA (in addition to my annual dues) in the amount \$_____.

Total enclosed: \$_____

Make your check payable to **TSCA** and mail with this form to: The Torrance Sister City Association
c/o The Community Services Department
3031 Torrance Boulevard
Torrance, CA 90503

TSCA meetings are held on the second Monday of each month, except in August and December, at the Civic Center West Annex Commission Room, 7:00 p.m.