

## President's Message

By Donna Dunlap



In the next two months, we will renew friendship and goodwill between Torrance and our Sister City, Kashiwa as the two student delegations and their adult leaders spend the “trip of a lifetime” in the two cities.

For the Torrance students, their journey began in January, 2023 at the Alumni Reunion, where we met eleven students and their parents. Then the families were interviewed and for the next seven weeks the students enjoyed interactive activities, a round table dinner and home visits, under the watchful eye of the selection committee, culminating in the selection of the eight students. These eight wore the purple happi coats and helped raise money at the Cherry Blossom festival and April's Bunka-Sai. These students are ready to enjoy our sister city and will carry their love, friendship, warmth and personalities to Kashiwa. As they leave LAX on July 11<sup>th</sup> and return August 1<sup>st</sup>, may all their experiences exceed their expectations. Another BIG thank you to **Cara Ihde, Steven Ihde, Yuki Tsujii, Jennifer Hirashiki, David Gelbaum** and **Michael George** for their time and dedication providing seven interesting orientation sessions to prepare the delegates for their upcoming adventure.

Please extend a warm welcome to our Kashiwa guests, who will arrive August 7<sup>th</sup> and depart on August 24<sup>th</sup>.

The delegation is featured in this newsletter. Our August Activities committee has been busy preparing an exciting itinerary for the eight Kashiwa students. Besides the usual activities, **Esteban Ortega**, Maureen's husband, arranged for the students to tour FOX Studios. Later the same week they will learn to do their own broadcast thanks to Torrance CITI Cable. Please save the dates to join the fun with the Kashiwa delegation at the Welcome Reception on August 7<sup>th</sup>, the Chili-Cook Off/Square Dance on August 10<sup>th</sup>, and the Sayonara Banquet on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Reservations are required and information will be available online and in this newsletter. Thank you to those signed up to be tour guides on the daily outings. TSCA appreciates all the volunteers that make these events possible.

This is a special issue for the host families, students and TSCA membership. Included in this issue are the forms and information for the August Activities: 1) detailed calendar, which includes the activities, venues and approximate times; 2) the order form, which can also be filled out online. The order form includes the activities, meals, and costs for the major activities, such as the Welcome Reception, Chili Cook-Off/Square Dance, Dodger baseball game, Hollywood Bowl, Disney California Adventure, Little Tokyo tour.

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### JULY 10, 2023

Association Meeting (7 pm)  
Katy Geissert Library Meeting Room

### JULY 11, 2023

Student Exchange  
Torrance Students leave for Kashiwa

### August 1, 2023

Student Exchange  
Torrance Students leave Kashiwa and arrive in  
Torrance

### August 7, 2023

Student Exchange  
Kashiwa Students leave Kashiwa and arrive in  
Torrance

### August 7, 2023

Welcome Reception (5:30 pm)  
George Nakano Theater

### August 8, 2023

City Council Meeting to introduce Kashiwa  
Delegates

**\*\*\*Reminder: There is NO  
August Association Meeting\*\*\***

#### Editor's Note

The title of Monica Harte on page 3 in  
June Newsletter.

The correct title is new "Cultural  
Service Manager" instead of the new  
"Community Service Director".

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Space Shuttle/Science Center and the Sayonara Banquet; 3) the Important Emergency Contact form that must be completed and returned with all order forms to participate in any activity (every participant is required to have this form on file). All emergency forms will be taken to every activity as a resource for any medical emergency that may occur. Submit online or print out, submit the forms, and join us on some of these wonderful activities. The Hollywood Bowl and Dodger Game both feature a variation of fireworks display and are perennial sell-outs, so get those order forms in early.

On behalf of TSCA, I would like to express our appreciation and gratitude to **Deanna Sun**, who will be completing nearly three years (COVID in 2020 delayed her arrival in Kashiwa) as an English teacher at Kashiwa Municipal High School. Thank you for sharing your many experiences and validating the importance of this important aspect of our relationship with Kashiwa. COVID has affected much of your term in Kashiwa, but you handled the challenges with ease. Congratulations are in order on your engagement while teaching in Japan. We look forward to meeting your fiancé when you return to the US as you both participate in TSCA activities.  
*Thank you Deanna! We wish you continued success in all your endeavors.*

Please, check out the August Activities!  
If you have any questions, please ask.

#### 1) August Activities

<https://rb.gy/u2hgd>

#### 2) Order Form

<https://rb.gy/9iftn>

#### 3) Emergency Contact/Consent Form

<https://rb.gy/0qnw2>

If you haven't paid your  
2023 membership dues yet,  
it's not too late!

See the Membership form  
in this newsletter or  
pay online at

[https://torrancesistercity.org/  
membership\\_join.html](https://torrancesistercity.org/membership_join.html)

**Thank you for your support!**

# Kashiwa Student Delegates and Adult Leader



Hitoshi Hank Watanabe



Adult Leader  
Member of KIRA

Yurino Hirata



Sophomore  
Juntendo University

Shion Horie



Sophomore  
Keio University

Miwa Hashimoto



Freshman  
Keio University

Haruna Kido



Freshman  
Sophia University

Ayumi Itagaki



11<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Shibaura Institute of Technology  
Kashiwa High School

Kota Moteki



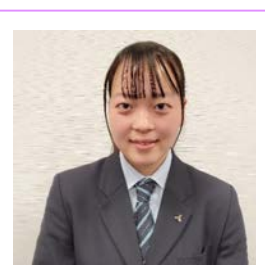
11<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Kashiwa High School

Mahiro Sawai



11<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Shibaura Institute of Technology  
Kashiwa High School

Koto Shiota



11<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Ichikashi

# August Events

When the Kashiwa Student Delegates are here in August, TSCA will be taking them on many exciting adventures. Save the following dates and plan to join us!

The Activity Order Form and Emergency Contact Form are included in this issue. If you plan on joining in the fun, please return the form to TSCA by Tuesday July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

## Welcome Reception



**Monday, August 7, 2023**

**5:30—8:00 p.m.**

Join us as we welcome the Kashiwa student delegates!

**George Nakano Theatre**

3330 Civic Center Drive, Torrance 90503

*This event is a potluck. Please bring enough food for eight people*

**Family:** Main dish plus salad, side dish, or dessert

**Single or couple:** Salad, side dish, or dessert

Open to all TSCA members

Please RSVP to [TSCAactivities@gmail.com](mailto:TSCAactivities@gmail.com)

**Thursday, August 10, 2023**

**6:00—9:00 p.m.**

Let's show our Kashiwa friends what Western hospitality is all about! Yee haw!

**Ken Miller Recreation Center**

3341 Torrance Blvd, Torrance 90503

**Family:** Bring chili to serve 8

**Single or couple:** Salad to serve 12-16 or optional chili

*Combread provided by **Boots & Bows Square Dance Club***

*Dessert provided by **Torrance Bakery***

Open to everyone. Please RSVP to [TSCAactivities@gmail.com](mailto:TSCAactivities@gmail.com)

## Chili Cook Off and Square Dance



**Wednesday, August 23, 2023**

**5:30—9:00 p.m.**

Join us as we bid farewell to the Kashiwa students and thank the Host Families

**Toyota Meeting Hall**

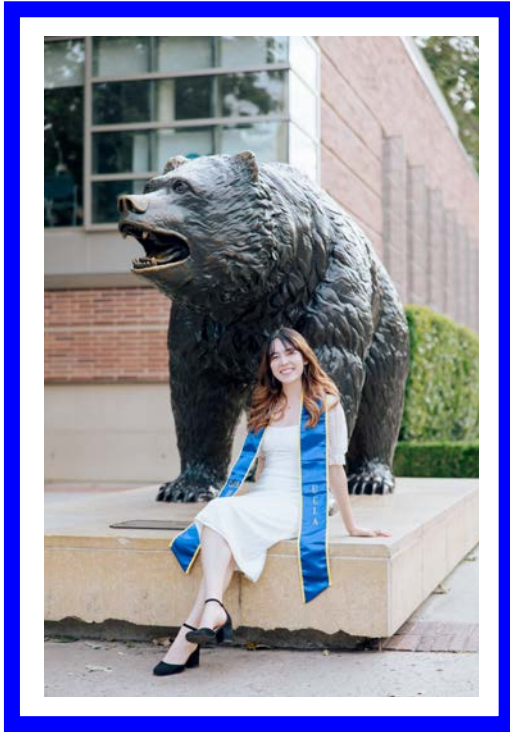
3330 Civic Center Drive, Torrance 90503

Dinner Tickets: \$30 adults / \$10 children 10 or younger

Turn in a completed order form at the Welcome Reception on August 6 to reserve your seat or purchase tickets online at <http://torrancesistercity.org>. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

## SAYONARA BANQUET





Yuko Wilson delegate in 2019  
She is graduating from UCLA in B.A.  
Psychology with minor in Japanese.

## COMMUNITY UPDATE

TSCA Community Outreach  
By Lori Chong Eurich



On May 15<sup>th</sup>, I read *Momotaro*, “Peach Boy” a beloved Japanese folktale with the Kamishibai stage at Palos Verdes Peninsula high school in Yu-sensei’s (Japanese 1,2 and 3 teacher) room during lunch. My Japanese reading partner was a senior named Leah attending Sophia University Tokyo in the fall. This event was for the PTSA’s Diversity, Equity and Inclusion program in observance of Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage month.

**Franco Lee**, one of this year’s exchange students is in the dark jacket with his name seated on the left. He is enrolled in Yu-sensei’s Japanese 3 class. More students came after Iwami-sensei (Japanese 1 and AP teacher) took this photo, so there were about 30 students who enjoyed this traditional form of story reading.

Before lunch, Yu-sensei’s students were writing wishes on long paper strips to tie on a bamboo branch for Tanabata, a festival in July. The branch is in the front of room on the far left.

# COMMUNITY UPDATE (continued)

Asano Taiko At Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center  
By Aileen Willoughby

For those who loved the taiko groups at the Bunka-Sai for the past several years, get ready for an even greater taiko event!! All four taiko groups who have performed at Bunka-Sai are part of Asano Taiko U.S., which will be commemorating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary with an amazing concert at the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center, on Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm.

If you attended the Friendship Festival at the Armstrong Theatre in February which celebrated TSCA's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, you will remember the last act which featured former student delegate, Alex Ito (2015) and other Asano U.S. Taiko members Masa and Gaku.

They and others, including Alex's mom Wendy Ito (co-chaired the Friendship Festival) will be on stage at this event called, "Extasia", which will include ten taiko groups from Japan, Australia, and other U.S. cities.

If you are a taiko enthusiast or looking forward to an exciting and entertaining afternoon at a nearby venue with free parking, you will want to attend.

**International Taiko Concert**  
**EXTASIA**  
in Los Angeles

**July 16th 2023 (SUN) 2:00PM**  
**Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center**

Tickets : <https://asano.us/pages/extasia>

**PERFORMING GROUPS**  
三宅島芸能同志会 / Miyakejima Geinou Doushikai ( Tokyo, Japan )  
世界三宅会 / World Miyake Kai ( Worldwide )  
森太鼓 / Honoo Daiko ( Ishikawa, Japan )  
サンフランシスコ太鼓道場 / San Francisco Taiko Dojo ( San Francisco, CA )  
僧太鼓 / Soh Daiko ( New York, NY )  
Asano Taiko U.S. Youth Groups ( Torrance, CA )  
LATI組 / LATI-Gumi ( Torrance, CA )  
UnitTwo ( Torrance, CA )  
UnitOne ( Torrance, CA )

Contact : [taiko@asano.us](mailto:taiko@asano.us) | 424-558-3118

Gathering together at Extasia will be an international group: Miyakejima Geinou Doushikai (Japan); World Miyake Kai; Honoo Daiko (Japan); San Francisco Taiko Dojo; Soh Daiko (New York), as well as four groups from Asano Taiko U.S., many with members who have performed at Bunka-Sai.

Invite friends and family and celebrate Asano Taiko U.S.'s 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and most importantly, their ongoing support of TSCA at Bunka-Sai. Tickets are available at: <https://asano.us/pages/extasia>. For more information, contact [taiko@asano.us](mailto:taiko@asano.us) or call 424-558-3118.

# August Activities for Kashiwa Student

AUGUST ACTIVITIES FOR KASHIWA STUDENTS 2023			
As of June 30, 2023			
Date	Time	Activities	Notes
Aug. 7 (Mon.)	11:00 a.m.	Torrance delegates depart West Annex by bus for LAX	2023 Torrance delegates meet Kashiwa delegates at LAX  Kashiwa delegates: Be prepared to give a short introduction speech and performance at Welcome Reception. Kashiwa delegates will receive a TSCA t-shirt.
	11:30 a.m.	Kashiwa Delegates arrive at LAX	
	1:00 p.m. (approximately)	Bus arrives at Torrance City Hall Meet TSCA members & host families at City Hall	
	1:15 p.m.	First host families take students and adult leader home	
	5:30 p.m.	Welcome Reception for Kashiwa Delegation at Nakano Theater.	
	8:00 p.m.	Host families take students home	
Aug. 8 (Tues.)	8:00 a.m.	Meet at West Annex for Orientation Meeting	Kashiwa delegates will be introduced to the city council and will deliver a short speech. Host families are asked to stay for the duration of the presentation and may leave the council meeting once the group has been recognized.  Be aware that parking may be an issue at City Hall. Please give yourself enough time to find parking and meet the group by 6:10 p.m. in the lobby at City Hall.
	9:00 a.m.	Tour Torrance City Hall	
	9:30 a.m.	Courtesy call with Mayor of Torrance	
	10:15 a.m.	Depart for Torrance Farmers' Market	
	10:30 a.m.	Tour and lunch at Farmers' Market	
	1:00 p.m.	Tour Torrance Fire Department	
	2:15 p.m.	Depart for West Annex	
	2:30 p.m.	Host families pick up students from West Annex	
	6:10 p.m.	Meet at Torrance City Hall 3031 Torrance Blvd	
	6:30 p.m.	Torrance City Council Meeting Starts	
8:00 p.m. (approximately)	Host families take students home (approx. end time)		
Aug. 9 (Wed.)	8:30 a.m.	Meet at West Annex for Torrance Tour	Wear sunscreen and comfortable shoes.
	9:00 a.m.	Torrance Tour hosted by Torrance Historical Society	
	11:30 a.m.	Lunch at El Prado Park in Old Torrance	
	1:00 p.m.	Tour SoCal Regional Occupational Center	
	2:30 p.m.	Depart for West Annex	
	3:00 p.m.	Delegates choose square dance attire	
3:30 p.m.	Host families take students home from West Annex		
Aug. 10 (Thurs.)	9:30 a.m.	Depart West Annex for Oriental Motor	Due to limited space, Oriental Motor & the Torrance Bakery is for Kashiwa Delegates only.  Kashiwa delegates: Bring your TSCA apron with you to use during the cake decoration at the Torrance Bakery. All delegates: Wear your square dance dress/shirt to the dance. Please bring extra clothes with you to change into after the dance.
	10:00 a.m.	Tour Oriental Motor Tour, <b>Kashiwa delegates only</b>	
	12:00 p.m.	Lunch at Oriental Motor	
	1:15 p.m.	Torrance Bakery cake decoration, <b>Kashiwa delegates only</b>	
	3:30 p.m.	Host families pick up students at West Annex	
	6:00 p.m.	Chili Cook-Off/Square Dance at Ken Miller Recreation Center	
9:00 p.m.	Host families take students home		
Aug. 11 (Fri.)	7:45 a.m.	Meet at West Annex	Safety requirements for bakery: Must wear closed toed shoes (shoes must cover entire foot), long pants, no jewelry, watches, necklaces, NO PHOTOGRAPHY!  Wear swimsuit under clothes. Bring beach towel and sunscreen.  TSCA provides Kashiwa delegates money for dinner at the stadium.
	8:45 a.m.	Tour King's Hawaiian Factory	
	11:30 a.m.	Depart for Torrance Beach	
	12:00 p.m.	Arrive at Torrance Beach for party and lunch	
	3:00 p.m.	Host families meet at Miramar Park next to Torrance Beach. Take students home to change.	
	5:00 p.m.	Meet at West Annex for Dodger game bus	
	5:15 p.m.	Depart West Annex for Dodger Stadium. LA Dodgers vs. Colorado Rockies (Drone aerial show after game)	
	10:15 p.m. (approximately)	Depart Dodger Stadium for West Annex	
	11:00 p.m.	Host families take home students	
Aug. 12 (Sat.)		Free Day with Host Family	
Aug. 13 (Sun.)		Free Day with Host Family (morning/afternoon)	LA Maritime Museum: Berth 84, Foot of 6th St., San Pedro, CA 90731  Bring a light jacket as weather can change while at sea
	4:30 p.m.	Meet at LA Maritime Museum for tall ship cruise	
	5:00 p.m.	Depart on Tall Ship	
	8:00 p.m.	Return to dock	
Aug. 14 (Mon.)	9:00 a.m.	Depart West Annex for the Fox Studios, <b>Kashiwa delegates only</b>	Due to limited space, Fox & UCLA are for Kashiwa Delegates only. Wear sunscreen and comfortable shoes. Bring water to drink. Leave backpacks on the bus during Fox tour. Must have wallet/ID for tours!  Kashiwa delegates: Pack your suitcase for host family change. Your first host family will deliver your suitcase to your second family during the San Diego trip.
	10:00 a.m.	Arrive at Fox Studios, take tour, enjoy lunch	
	12:30 p.m.	Depart Fox Studios for UCLA	
	1:00 p.m.	Arrive at UCLA, tour campus, bookstore, <b>Kashiwa delegates only</b>	
	3:00 p.m.	Depart UCLA for West Annex	
	4:00 p.m.	Host families take students home	

# August Activities for Kashiwa Student (continued)

Aug. 15 (Tues.)	8:00 a.m.	First host families drop Kashiwa students off at West Annex	Use small TSCA overnight bag given to you at the Welcome Reception.
	8:15 a.m.	Depart West Annex for San Diego	
		San Diego Trip - Kashiwa Delegates Only Separate Itinerary	
Aug. 16 (Wed.)		San Diego Trip - Kashiwa Delegates Only Separate Itinerary	
Aug. 17 (Thurs.)		San Diego Trip - Kashiwa Delegates Only Separate Itinerary	Second host families: Please be prepared to have dinner with Kashiwa student after arrival.
	2:30 p.m.	Depart San Diego for Torrance	
	5:30 p.m. (approximately)	Arrive at West Annex	
	5:45 p.m.	Second host families take students home	
Aug. 18 (Fri.)	9:30 a.m.	Meet at West Annex, walk to Citi Cable	All delegates: Wear swimsuit under clothes. Bring beach towel and sunscreen.  Be prepared for cool temperatures at the concert. Bring a jacket and wear pants. Blanket recommended.  Host families must provide dinner for your student even if not attending.
	10:00 a.m.	Tour Torrance Citi Cable	
	12:00 p.m.	Depart for Pool Party	
	12:30 p.m.	Arrive at pool party, hosted by the Ihde family	
	3:00 p.m.	Host families take students home from pool party Address: 22603 Susana Ave. Torrance 90505 Take students home to change	
	5:30 p.m.	Meet at Wilson Park for Hollywood Bowl bus	
	6:00 p.m.	Board bus for Hollywood Bowl concert	
	7:00 p.m.	Picnic dinner at the Bowl	
	8:00 p.m.	Tchaikovsky Firework Spectacular	
11:30 p.m. (approximately)	Host families take home students from Wilson Park		
Aug. 19 (Sat.)		Free Day with Host Family	
Aug. 20 (Sun.)		Free Day with Host Family	
Aug. 21 (Mon.)	7:00 a.m.	Depart West Annex for Disney California Adventure	All delegates: Wear TSCA t-shirt which you received at the Welcome Reception.  Wear sunscreen and comfortable shoes.
	7:45 a.m.	Arrive at California Adventure	
	9:45 p.m.	Depart California Adventure for Torrance	
	10:30 p.m.	Arrive at West Annex. Host families take students home	
Aug. 22 (Tues.)	8:00 a.m.	Depart West Annex for Little Tokyo	Wear sunscreen and comfortable shoes
	9:00 a.m.	Tour Little Tokyo shops and monuments	
	11:00 a.m.	Japanese American National Museum tour	
	12:30 p.m.	Explore Little Tokyo shops and eat lunch	
	2:00 p.m.	Depart Little Tokyo for California Science Center	
	2:30 p.m.	Space Shuttle Endeavor, California Science Center	
	4:30 p.m.	Depart Science Center for Torrance	
5:30 p.m.	Host families take students home		
Aug. 23 (Wed.)	9:30 a.m.	Meet at West Annex	Host families pick up your student at the eastern entrance of the outdoor plaza near Lazy Dog Cafe.  Kashiwa delegates will give a short speech in English. One member from each host family will give a short speech on their hosting experience.
	10:00 a.m.	Walk to Del Amo Fashion Center for shopping and lunch	
	2:30 p.m.	Host families take students home from Del Amo	
	5:30 p.m.	Sayonara Banquet at Toyota Meeting Hall	
	9:00 p.m.	Host families take students home	
Aug. 24 (Thurs.)	10:30 a.m.	Meet at Tom Bradley International Terminal at LAX	Host families drop students off at airport international terminal.
	1:35 p.m.	Kashiwa delegation leaves for Japan	



# ALUMNI NEWS

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Friendship Festival Reunion - February 2023

By Aileen Willoughby

Laura (Lechman) Rodriguez, Torrance student delegate in 1991, and 1991 Kashiwa student delegate Nobu Kosuge gathered together for a family reunion of the Lechman and Kosuge families. Nobu's mother is Akemi Kosuge, President of the Kashiwa International Relations Association (KIRA) who came to Torrance with her family for TSCA's 50th anniversary festivities in February. The joyous photo opportunity is of: Akemi Kosuge, her husband Toshio, her daughter Megumi, her son Nobu with his two children; Laura Lechman Rodriguez with her parents Don and Pat Lechman, and the Rodriguez's three children (husband Johnny was the photographer).

The Lechman family was Nobu's host family during his Torrance visit 32 years ago. Nobu has since moved to the South Bay, married, and has two children. See photo of Laura and Nobu taken in 1991 at the Sayonara Banquet in Torrance and their photo taken at the Friendship Festival in February 2023. A trip-of-a-lifetime can lead to friendships that last a lifetime!





# English Teacher Report

## Thank You Torrance and Kashiwa

By Deanna Sun

It is impossible to express into words how incredibly grateful I am to have lived in Japan these past three years. My career took an extremely unexpected twist of fate after I left Speech-Language Pathology to pursue my dream of living and working abroad. As you may remember, I made a “One-Year Living in Japan” video two years ago, which included all the ups and downs that come with this decision. While all the things I said in that video were true of my experience, three years here has changed my life in ways I never thought possible. Japan has become my second home.

Living abroad has been the most humbling experience of my life. I’ve learned to celebrate daily wins, things that are so often taken for granted in our home country. I’ve grown to love Kita-Kashiwa, a city comparable to the charm and beauty of Torrance. I don’t think there is any other experience in my life that has prepared me for the rest of my life in the way that Japan has.

I realize that coming home will be a shock. Bowing, amongst many other Japanese customs, has become my new normal. Meeting others here who mix Japanese and English and relate to the joys and struggles of living in a foreign country will be something of the past. I plan to not waste all that I’ve learned here, and hope to share the knowledge I’ve gained with all of you.

Living in Kashiwa has forced me, in the greatest way, to let go of everything I know to be true, and to be the strongest, bravest, most disciplined, adventurous, and open-minded version of myself. If there is one thing that I can encourage you to do, is to go travel and live abroad. Perhaps you feel an urge for something new and different or you want to grow in every part of your life. I personally believe that your relationships, your career, your understanding and empathy for others, and so much more will be transformed by doing so. The biggest lesson I can take away from this experience is that if you can live abroad, or continue to take courageous steps in your life, small or big, you can handle any challenge throughout your whole life.

I have so many people to thank for this experience here. First, I’d like to thank my co-workers and students at Ichikashi High School for supporting me every single day. I’ve never had a kinder, more welcoming workplace than our English department here, and the students are the reason why I love this job. In retrospect, I used to believe that living abroad and challenging myself was for my own self-growth, but it was never about me.



Seeing the students grow, especially when faced with family troubles, or celebrating their first win at a Speech Contest, honestly brings tears to my eyes. Being an English teacher has been a journey of selflessness and helping my students become the most motivated, happiest version of themselves.

Secondly, I’d like to thank my two amazing partners in crime, Brandon Matsumoto and Chris Pigao. Brandon is the reason I’m even here, and he was truly the most admirable, disciplined, motivated, hard-working, and hilarious friend and co-worker I could ever ask for. All that I’ve done at Ichikashi is thanks to Brandon’s guidance, so I appreciate his help so much. His legacy and all the ALTs prior have helped shape this job into what it is, so I thank all the past teachers for carving out a clear path for us new ALTs to follow.

I’d like to thank Chris Pigao for being the most amazing friend and co-worker, making my last year incredible here. From the moment we chatted online, I knew it was a match made in heaven, as we clicked right away and are endlessly talking, laughing, and singing together. No one makes me feel more at home than Chris, and I’m so lucky to have the most driven, genuine, passionate, and intelligent partner by my side. I know that Chris will continue to do AMAZING things at Ichikashi.

I’d also like to thank my boss and International Head at Ichikashi, Shun Tamaoki. There is no one that lights up a room like Tama, and I admire all the hard work and constant laughter he brings to the English Department.



I've never had so many inside jokes with someone, let alone my boss, and I feel so inspired by such an incredible leader. Tama is the real MVP, as he helps me and all the ALTs with everything, from setting up our apartment, to helping us create a bank account, to comforting us through even our most difficult personal struggles. Thank you so much Tama for being the greatest boss I could ever ask for.

Lastly, I'd like to thank TSCA for giving me the opportunity of a lifetime. TSCA, I hope you all know how much you have made an impact in Torrance and Japan. Amie and Lori, you are always reaching out to me and checking in, so thank you for being so caring. Everyone at TSCA continues to bring two completely different worlds together, and to be a part of this Association is so special.

I'm also looking forward to seeing the newest group of Kashiwa students go to Torrance next month, as I was given the opportunity to teach this bright, open group of individuals. Wishing them a safe, healthy, and life-changing experience in Torrance!

I wish the best for the future of TSCA, and I cannot wait to see you all in person again.

三年間本当にありがとうございました！



Except for the Lifetime Membership\*  
all dues are in effect from  
January 1 to  
December 31

## Member Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

My membership is:       New                               Renewal

TSCA Directory Update:

New Address       New Telephone Number       New Email Address

I do not want to be listed in the TSCA Directory

TSCA Activities:

I am interested in participating in TSCA activities

TSCA meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 7-9 pm  
(No meetings in August or December)

Postmark deadline to be included in the printed  
TSCA Membership Directory is 2/16/22

### Mail your check and this form to:

Torrance Sister City Association  
c/o Community Services Department  
3031 Torrance Blvd.  
Torrance, CA 90503

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$20
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$40
<input type="checkbox"/> Supporting	\$75+
<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor	\$125+
<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate	\$200+
<input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Membership*	\$2,000+

Enclosed is a donation to  
TSCA (in addition to \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
annual dues)

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