

Nanka Yamaguchi Kenjinkai Newsletter



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2014 NYK Picnic—June 22, 2014

Come join us at our annual picnic—a fun day in the sun with family and friends! As part of our annual tradition, there will be free hot dogs, cold soft drinks and shaved ice with yummy *kintoki*. Kids and adults of all ages are guaranteed to have fun learning ondo and line dancing, running races and playing games. Singers, start warming up your vocal chords as we have an extensive catalogue of Japanese and American karaoke songs; and dancers, entertainers and musicians, if you'd like to share your talent, please bring your CDs and musical instruments. We hope to see you all there!

When: Sunday, June 22, 2014
Where: Leo Politi Picnic Grounds
On Stadium between Scott Rd & Academy Rd
Time: 11:30 AM start—5:00 PM

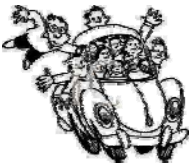
IF YOU'D LIKE TO:

- Order bento (boxed lunches) at \$10.00 each, please call **Arlene Nakamura** at 626-281-6548 or **Yoshiko Kishimoto** at 626-287-8600 with your order by **Sunday, June 15**.
- Donate a prize or prizes for the raffle, Note to retail businesses: You will get free mentions at the picnic!
- Help set up / clean up or pitch in at the picnic with the various events.

Contact the following: Richard Fukuhara at 714-271-7646 or **Arlene Nakamura** at 626-281-6548 or **Henry Yasuda** at 323-269-4855.

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Need a Ride to Our Events?



The Nanka Yamaguchi Kenjinkai has members who would very much like to participate in our events but aren't able to attend due to lack of transportation.

We are looking for volunteers who can transport them to our events—especially to our upcoming picnic.

If you would like to offer your services, please contact **Atsu Kimoto** at 310-990-9951 or **Henry Yasuda** at 323-269-4855 who will work out the logistics with you.

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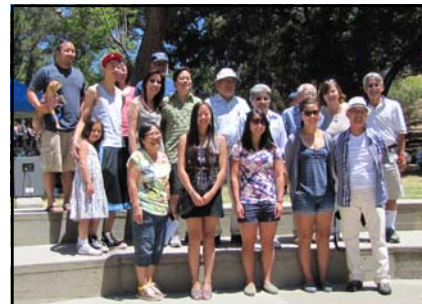
Scholarship Applications Available!

Scholarship applications are now available to graduating high school seniors. **The winner(s) will be awarded their scholarships at our annual picnic on June 22, 2014.**

Contact Scholarship Chairperson **Arlene Nakamura**
Email: arlenenakamura@gmail.com
Phone: 626.281.6548



You can also find the scholarship application on Facebook at Yamaguchi-Kenjinkai-Los Angeles.



Past scholarship recipients with their families.

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NYK to Host 2015 Yamaguchi World Grand Meeting! November 6 & 7, 2015

The Nanka Yamaguchi Kenjinkai will be the hosts for the 4th Yamaguchi Kenjinkai World Grand Meeting. The purpose of the grand meeting is to gather Yamaguchi kenjinkai partners to establish a mutual understanding between the Yamaguchi prefecture and the kenjinkai.

A VIP delegation from Yamaguchi, Japan and Yamaguchi Kenjinkai members from around the world are expected to attend.

We are currently in the planning stages to select a venue, and when additional information is received from Yamaguchi, Japan, **we will need the assistance from our members.**

Please watch your email or mailbox for more information about this very important event.

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Did You Know?

Yamaguchi-Ken Elects New Governor

Former bureaucrat **Tsugumasa Muraoka** won the Yamaguchi gubernatorial election, beating two other candidates to succeed **Shigetaro Yamamoto** as governor, who resigned due to illness.



Muraoka, 41, a former official of the Internal Affairs and Communications Ministry, garnered 286,996 votes, according to final returns announced by the election board. **Tsutomu Takamura**, 39, a former House of Representatives member, collected 115,763 votes and **Naoko Fujii**, 61, a former member of the Shunan city assembly in the western Japan prefecture, got 46,402 votes.

Muraoka was supported by the ruling coalition of the Liberal Democratic Party and the New Komeito party, while Fujii was fielded by the Japanese Communist Party and Takamura was backed by the People's Life Party. Muraoka and Takamura ran as independents.

The focus of the election was on Chugoku Electric Power Co.'s controversial plan to build a nuclear plant in the prefectural town of Kaminoseki, and on the planned transfer of Okinawa-based KC-130 refueling tankers to a U.S. Marine base in Iwakuni this summer. Yamamoto stepped down before making a decision on land reclamation required to build the nuclear plant.

During campaigning, Muraoka pledged to rejuvenate Yamaguchi, where the population has been decreasing, but did not clarify his stance on the nuclear plant project.

—Kyodo News International Feb 23, 2014

Yamaguchi Prefecture population: 1,445,702 as of May 1, 2011
 Capital City: Yamaguchi
 Yamaguchi Prefecture was created by the merger of the provinces of Suo and Nagato, during the rise of the samurai class during the Heian and Kamakura Periods (794-1333).
 Yamaguchi Prefecture's total area: 2,359.45 miles and ranks 22nd.
 —Wikipedia

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Like Us on Facebook

The Nanka Yamaguchi Kenjinkai Facebook page, created and administered by **Steven** and **Millie Tani**, is not only loaded with information about past and upcoming NYK events, photos and newsletters, but also features the latest news about Yamaguchi, Japan and the Nikkei community.

 www.facebook.com
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2014 Tanabata Festival

Nanka Yamaguchi Kenjinkai will once again create an entry for the Tanabata Festival during the 2014 Nisei Week Festival taking place in Little Tokyo from August 9—17, 2014.



2014 NYK
 4th Place Winner

Dates for the committee meetings will be coordinated soon for June and July.

If you'd like to participate and you live in Orange County, please let us know so that we can plan some of our kazari-making sessions near you.

Contact Arlene Nakamura, who is spearheading the committee this year, at arlenenakamura@gmail.com or 626-281-6548.

Tanabata Festival Schedule

Aug 8	5:00pm	Opening Ceremony & Awards Presentation
Aug 9	11am—7pm	Viewing, food & children's games booths
	12 noon—3pm	Public voting for People's Choice Award
Aug 10	11am—5pm	Viewing, food & children's games booths
Aug 11	All Day	Viewing only

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If you know a member who has recently graduated from high school / college or who has been recently honored or has news to share, please let us know and we'll publish it in this newsletter. Contact Arlene Nakamura at arlenenakamura@gmail.com or Aki Vaughn at aki@vaughnlawoffice.com or call 562-234-5702.



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