



# Nanka Yamaguchi Kenjinkai Newsletter



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*Happy Holidays!*

## General Meeting & New Year's Party Sunday, January 25, 2015

Please join us at a luncheon celebration to welcome in 2015, the year of the Ram! There will be a general meeting before lunch when we will vote for 2015 officers. We will also enjoy a DVD review of our activities in 2014 and, following lunch, there will be karaoke, Bingo, and raffle prizes.



Here are the details:

**Date:** Sunday, Jan 25, 2015  
**Time:** 11:00 AM  
**Location:** Quiet Cannon Banquet Facility  
901 Via San Clemente  
Montebello, CA  
Plenty of FREE parking available.  
**Cost Per Person:** \$30.00 (to be paid at the luncheon)  
*Members 80 years and older will be our honored guests.*

**Meal choice (please select one):**

- Chicken
- Salmon
- Vegetarian

Please RSVP your attendance  
AND your meal choice  
**NO LATER THAN Friday, January 16, 2015**  
by contacting:

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If you need transportation or know of someone who needs transportation, please let us know and we'll try to accommodate.

Thank you for your continued support of our kenjinkai. We hope you can join us!

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## Nanka Kenjinkai Kyogikai Bowling NYK Takes 1st—Again!

On Sunday, November 9, the all Southern California Kenjinkai (known as the Nanka Kenjinkai Kyogikai) held its 8th annual bowling tournament at the AMF Bowl-O-Drome in Torrance. Twenty-four teams played this year—63 male and 33 female participants.

Nanka Yamaguchi Kenjinkai (NYK) was represented by 3 teams, 2 of which won awards: Team C won "1st Place High Scoring Team" and Team A won for "Best Effort".

NYK Team C  
*"1st Place Highest Scoring Team Series"*

Kevin Eto  
Pei Eto  
Sam Nakata  
Russ Yamaguchi

NYK Team A  
*"Best Effort Award"*  
Masako Fukuhara  
Tony & Carol Fukuhara  
Paige Fukuhara

NYK Team B  
Millie & Steven Tani  
Aki Vaughn  
Ali Perrone

Additional trophies were taken home by Kevin Eto who won "1st Place Highest Male Series Scorer" (580) and "2nd Place Highest Male Scorer" (225). Pei Eto won "1st Place Highest Female Scorer" (200) and "1st Place Highest Female Series Scorer" (557).



From left: **Kihei Otani**, Nanka Kenjinkai Kyogikai Bowling Tournament Chairman and **Richard Fukuhara**, NYK President, with the **1st Place Highest Scoring Team Winners: Kevin Eto, Russ Yamaguchi (back), Pei Eto and Sam Nakata (back).**

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# 2015 Yamaguchi World Grand Meeting

## Los Angeles

### November 12 - 15, 2015

Nanka Yamaguchi Kenjinkai (NYK) will host the 4th Yamaguchi Kenjinkai World Grand Meeting to be held in November 2015. The purpose of the grand meeting is to gather Yamaguchi kenjinkai partners to establish a mutual understanding between the Yamaguchi prefecture and the kenjinkai. Yamaguchi, Japan hopes to promote their foods, culture, and tourism, and encourage Youth Visit Exchange.



*Yamaguchi, Japan  
Governor Muraoka.*

A VIP delegation from Yamaguchi, Japan, including **Governor Tsugumasa Muraoka**, and Yamaguchi Kenjinkai members from around the world are expected to attend.

### *We Need Your Help!*

Watch your mail for communication that will be sent out soon to all NYK members. We need:

1. To determine the number of NYK members planning to attend the Saturday, November 14, 2015 World Grand Meeting and Luncheon.
2. Monetary Donations.
3. Help at the events.
4. Drivers (tentative).
5. Translators who are fluent in either Japanese, Brazilian Portuguese or Spanish.

### *Tentative Itinerary*

#### Thursday, November 12, 2015

- \* World & U.S. Delegates Arrive in Los Angeles (Japan, Brazil, Peru, Mexico, etc.)

#### Friday, November 13, 2015

- \* Meetings with Los Angeles City Officials and Japanese American Businessmen
  - \* Welcome Reception

#### Saturday, November 14, 2015

- \* Meetings with Kenjinkai Presidents
  - \* Brazil Youth Exchange Meeting
  - \* World Grand Meeting
- \* World Grand Meeting Luncheon

*If you can help, please contact:*

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**3rd World Grand Meeting in Yamaguchi, Japan**  
*NYK Delegation with former Yamaguchi Governor Sekinari Nii*  
September 2011



# NYK Member News

2015 will mark the 70th Anniversary of the dropping of the Atomic Bomb and to bring awareness to this, NYK Board President, **Richard Fukuhara**, has planned an event to bring world-renowned experts on the Hiroshima and Nagasaki experience and present video interviews of three explosion-affected survivors (Hibakusha) of the atomic bomb. Richard's anti-nuclear weapons art project, "Shadows for Peace, for the Sake of the Children, the Hiroshima and Nagasaki Experience", is the centerpiece of this forum.

This very important event will take place at the **Japanese American National Museum (JANM)** in the Tateuchi Democracy Forum on **Saturday, March 21, 2015**.



Supporting Richard are the following organizations: Japan American Society of Southern California, Orange County Optimists (OCO), Japanese American National Museum (JANM), Nanka Hiroshima Kenjinkai, Love to Nippon, USC Institute of Genetic Medicine Art Gallery, Nanka Yamaguchi Kenjinkai, Lantern from the East—Los Angeles (LELA), Los Angeles Nagoya Sister City Affiliation (LANSCA), and ESI Video.

If you are interested in supporting Richard's anti-nuclear weapons project as a sponsor, please contact Richard Fukuhara at 714-998-8790 or at [Richard@shadowsforpeace.com](mailto:Richard@shadowsforpeace.com).  
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*If you know a member of Nanka Yamaguchi Kenjinkai 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](mailto:arlenenakamura@gmail.com) or Aki Vaughn at [aki@vaughnlawoffice.com](mailto:aki@vaughnlawoffice.com) or call 562-234-5702.*



2015—The Year of the Ram

Years

1919, 1931, 1943, 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003, 2015.

Lucky Numbers

3, 4, 5, 12, 34, 45, 54

Artistically talented, has great fashion sense, considerate, and likes to explore

## Bowling Tournament—Cont'd from pg1

NYK President, **Richard Fukuhara**, played on the Miyazaki Kenjinkai team, filling in for a missing bowler.

Thank you to cheerleaders **Warren Fukuhara, Rumi Nakata** and **Mike Vaughn** and congratulations to the Nanka Kenjinkai Kyogikai for organizing a fun, fun event!



2014 Nanka Yamaguchi Kenjinkai Bowlers  
 Front (l to r): **Ali Perrone, Pei Eto, Carol Fukuhara, Paige Fukuhara** and **Warren Fukuhara**.  
 Back: **Millie & Steven Tani, Kevin Eto, Sam Nakata, Russ Yamaguchi, Tony Fukuhara, Masako Fukuhara, Aki Vaughn, and Richard Fukuhara**.



**2014 Nanka Kenjinkai Kyogikai Bowling Tournament**

AMF Bowl-O-Drome, Torrance

—Photos by Richard Fukuhara

## Nanka Kenjinkai Kyogikai Talent Show

Once again, our kenjinkai presented first class talent at the 2014 Nanka Kenjinkai Kyogikai Talent Show which was held at the Aratani Japan America Theatre on Sunday, October 21. The show featured many talented acts of all ages from Southern California kenjinkai.

Nanka Yamaguchi Kenjinkai was represented by member, **William Christopher Ford**, who performed a dance called "Hashi" which refers to the invisible connections or bridges that exist between parents and their children and between husband and wife. The dance was choreographed by Sensei Nami Yoshino.



*William Christopher Ford*

William's performance and commanding stage presence garnered huge applause and made us proud. The Nanka Yamaguchi Kenjinkai is very grateful to William for sharing his time and talent.



The second half of the program featured well-known Japanese singer, **Yuki Gotoh** (pictured left), who entertained everyone with her excellent singing voice, infectious personality and hilarious patter. Even though this reporter could not understand 95% of what she said, her mannerisms and comedic timing had everyone adoring her.

The talent show was a delightful event and enjoyed by all!



—Talent Show Photos by Steven Tani

*Save the Date!*

**2015 Annual Picnic**  
Sunday, June 14, 2015

More details to follow!

 Like Us on Facebook



Please check out the beautiful Nanka Yamaguchi Kenjinkai Facebook page created and administered by **Steven & Millie Tani**. The Tanis work very hard and do a fantastic job keeping the page up-to-date. You'll find video and great photos of our June 22, 2014 picnic, as well as information about past and upcoming NYK events, photos and past newsletters. You'll also discover everything you need to know about what's happening in Yamaguchi, Japan, as well as in the Nikkei community.

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