



# Nanka Yamaguchi Kenjinkai Newsletter



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## 2019 New Year Luncheon - February 24, 2019 - Save the Date!

Please join us at a luncheon celebration to welcome in 2019, the Year of the Boar! There will be a general meeting before lunch when we will install the 2019 officers. This year, we will have a special guest who will share her experiences as a young Asian-American living in Yamaguchi and working for the government. We will also enjoy a video review of 2018, Bingo, and prizes for all!



Please RSVP your attendance and your meal selection by Tuesday, February 19, 2019. See column on right for details.

### New Year's Luncheon Special Guest, Laura Lee



the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program.

"Hi everyone! My name is Laura Lee, and I came back to the States this past August after three years of working in Yamaguchi Prefecture as a Coordinator for International Relations under

I grew up in the east side of Los Angeles and attended college at UC San Diego majoring in International Studies-Linguistics and Japanese Studies. Since I was very young, I've always had an interest in Japanese culture such as anime and Japanese dramas, and knew I wanted to experience the culture first handedly.

I'm truly grateful to have had the opportunity to work in Japan and be placed in Yamaguchi where I was able to interact with the local community. Now that I'm back in Los Angeles, I'm hoping to continue the ties with Yamaguchi and Japan, and to give back to the Japanese and Japanese American community. I look forward to meeting you all at future Nanka Yamaguchi Kenjinkai events and sharing stories of Yamaguchi together!"

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2019  
11:00 AM**

Quiet Cannon (Sunset Room)  
901 Via San Clemente  
Montebello, CA

**\$25.00 Cost Per Adult  
\$10 Per Child 12 & Under**  
(to be paid at the luncheon)

**MEMBERS 80+ YEARS  
& FORMER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS  
WILL BE OUR HONORED GUESTS**

In an effort to reach as many past scholarship recipients as possible, **we are asking for your help** to update our information. If you are a past scholarship recipient or if you are a relative of a recipient, please contact Arlene Nakamura at 626-221-4271.

◆ Please Select Your Menu Choice ◆

#### ADULTS & CHILDREN 11+    CHILDREN—Ages 3 thru 10

<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken	<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Strips
<input type="checkbox"/> Salmon	<input type="checkbox"/> Mac & Cheese
<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian	

**Please RSVP your attendance, your meal choice, if you are a former scholarship recipient, or if you are 80 years of age or older.**

**RSVP DEADLINE: Tuesday, February 19, 2019**

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## 12th Annual Bowling Tournament



The Japanese Prefectural Association of Southern California held its 12th Annual Bowling Tournament on November 11, 2018 at the Keystone Lanes in Norwalk. This year, two teams represented Nanka Yamaguchi Kenjinkai (NYK) and played valiantly. Although we didn't take home any prizes, we shared loads of laughter and plenty of high-fives!

High-scoring team trophies were awarded to Kagoshima Kenjinkai and Miyazaki Kenjinkai.



### NYK Team A

*Left to right: Pei Eto, Kevin Eto, Sam Nakata, and Harvey Nakamoto.  
(Not pictured: Rumi Nakata, our cheerleader!)*



### NYK Team B

*Left to right: Richard Fukuhara, Aki Fukuhara-Vaughn, Mike Vaughn, and Larry Fukuhara.*

## 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. Check it out for more photos from the 2018 New Year's Luncheon and June 10th NYK Picnic.

## Yamaguchi-Kenjinkai-Los Angeles

Let us know if you have news to share.  
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