



Nanka Yamaguchi Kenjinkai Newsletter



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NYK to Celebrate New Year Luncheon and 120th Anniversary!

Nanka Yamaguchi Kenjinkai will be holding two special events on February 23, 2025. We will bring in the Year of the Snake at our New Year luncheon and commemorate the 120th Anniversary of our association. Please join us on this very special day of celebration!

Sunday, February 23, 2025

11:00 AM—3:00 PM



Quiet Cannon Banquet Facilities
901 Via San Clemente
Montebello, CA
Skyview Room

2025

Keynote Speaker

Ms. Tritia Toyota

Author, Adjunct Assistant Professor at UCLA, and
Former KNBC-TV News Anchor

Entertainment Provided By

Saeko Kujiraoka, Sakura Jimenez, Shiho Tendou

—Menu—

Your choice of:

Filet Mignon & Salmon Combo

OR

Chicken & Prawns Combo

\$65 per person

(Please pay at the luncheon.)

Please RSVP your attendance and your meal choice to:

日本語: Michi Ota—323-974-5162

Call or Text: Bruce Kimura—626-244-4433

RSVP deadline: Monday, February 10, 2025

**NANKA YAMAGUCHI KENJINKAI MEMBERS 80 YEARS
AND OLDER WILL BE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS.**

The Skyview Room is located at the rear of the Quiet
Cannon. Parking is available near the elevator.

NOTE: There will be **NO FREE GIFT TABLE** this year.



New NYK Website!

Nanka Yamaguchi Kenjinkai has a new website! It's still a work in progress, but you can find it at:

<https://www.Yamaguchisocal.com>

Thank you to our website creator and Board Member
Atsuko Kimoto for her time and creativity.

The NYK Board would like to give a **BIG ARIGATO** to the creator and administrator of the former website, NYK member **Bruce Thompson**. Bruce has chosen to retire after many years of maintaining the website. Not only did he create the website, he donated the domain as well. We are forever grateful!

2024 NKK Bowling Tournament

The **Nanka Kenjinkai Kyogikai** (the organization of all SoCal kenjinkai), held its annual bowling tournament on November 10 at Keystone Lanes in Norwalk. Eighteen teams from various Kenjinkai participated this year. NYK was represented by THREE teams: "**Team Godzilla**," "**The Wholly Bowlers**," and making an appearance again this year, "**The Amazing Avatars**."



"The Amazing Avatars"

Robert and Jennifer Caballero

Jaclyn and Steven Almaraz

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Bowling Tournament—(cont'd.)

Awards were presented after lunch and our own **Linda Kishimoto** won the “Turkey Award” for making 3 strikes in a row.

“Team Godzilla” got into the bowling spirit by sporting shirts with the Yamaguchi logo and a fire-breathing Godzilla on the back painted by **Trace Fukuhara**. **Larry Fukuhara**, **Caroline Brady**, and **Joann Fukuhara** baked delicious sugar cookies in the shape of the Yamaguchi logo and passed them out for dessert after the pizza and chicken wings lunch. Everyone was impressed with the sugar cookies.

The day was filled with high fives and laughs and a fun time was had by all!



“Team Godzilla”
Trace and Joann Fukuhara
Larry Fukuhara and Caroline Brady.



Yamaguchi Sugar Cookie.
The “mon” symbolizes a bird flying towards the sun and represents the cooperation and progress of the people.



“The Wholly Bowlers”
Mike and Aki (Fukuhara) Vaughn
Linda and Kaz Kishimoto.

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Have a wonderful Holiday Season!



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