



# Nanka Yamaguchi Kenjinkai Newsletter



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## World Grand Meeting Tours

The 5th World Grand Meeting in Yamaguchi, Japan is fast approaching. The dates have been set for **NOVEMBER 10-12, 2020 (Tuesday-Thursday)** in Iwakuni City.

- Nov 10: World Grand Meeting Ceremony & Reception
- Nov 11: Touring Yamaguchi Prefecture
- Nov 12: Touring Yamaguchi Prefecture

— SEE PAGE 3 FOR TOURING OPTIONS —

In the very near future a meeting to discuss travel plans will be held for members who have expressed interest in attending the WGM. If you would like to attend the WGM and you have not yet contacted us, please email **Naomi Suenaka**, the chairperson of this project, at [Nanka.Yamaguchi.Kenjinkai@gmail.com](mailto:Nanka.Yamaguchi.Kenjinkai@gmail.com).

**NYK needs to submit our travel plans to Yamaguchi by the end of March 2020.**

The purpose of the grand meeting is to gather Yamaguchi kenjinkai partners from around the world to establish a mutual understanding between the Yamaguchi prefecture and the kenjinkai. Yamaguchi hopes to promote their foods, culture, and tourism, and encourage Youth Visit Exchange.

## 2020 NYK New Year's Luncheon

The date for the 2020 Nanka Yamaguchi Kenjinkai has been set. **Please mark your calendars.**

**FEBRUARY 23, 2020**

**11:00 AM**

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

## Hayashi Twins Awarded Scholarships

The Japanese Prefectural Association of Southern California (JPASC) held its Scholarship/Talent Show on October 20 at the Aratani Theatre in Little Tokyo. The program opened with performances from members of several Southern California Kenjinkais. Odori, flamenco, and ballroom dancing were presented. Very talented vocalists sang traditional and contemporary Japanese songs, as well as Japanese rock n'roll. One of the highlights was a rousing samisen performance from a group of young musicians of various ethnic backgrounds.



*2019 JPASC Scholarship Recipients (back row).  
Kysa & Manami Hayashi (3rd and 4th from right).*

Scholarships awards were then presented to qualifying students of Japanese culture in language, arts, or sports. **Manami and Kysa Hayashi**, the daughters of **NYK President Arturo Yoshimoto** and his wife **Lea Hayashi**, were two of the recipients this year. The 17-year-old twins attend Japanese Language School and study Japanese classical dancing, Kendo, and Soroban (Japanese Abacus). They also make annual visits to Japan and volunteer every year at NYK's New Year luncheons and picnics. They are deserving of the scholarships and invaluable members of NYK of whom we are very proud.

The talented and beautiful recording artist from Japan, **Akiko Ozawa**, closed out the day's program with a lively and enjoyable performance.

## 13th Bowling Tournament Results

The Japanese Prefectural Association of Southern California, JPASC aka Nanka Kenjinkai Kyogikai (NKK), Bowling Tournament was held on Sunday, November 3rd at the Keystone Lanes in Norwalk.

NYK was represented by **Mike** and **Aki (Fukuhara) Vaughn**, but were short 2 players. **Tokyo Club President Jeff Yamazaki** joined NYK to form the Nanka Yamaguchi Kenjinkai / Tokyo Club Team.

After all players finished their games, the groups enjoyed a pizza and chicken wing lunch in the banquet room. Trophies and prizes were awarded to the winning teams and players with the highest scores. For the 2nd time in 3 years, team **NYK/Tokyo Club came in last place** and received a token gift for "Best Effort" (see photo below). To commemorate the 13th year of the tournament, an unexpected prize was given to the 13th team's lowest scorer. A gift certificate to Spa Relakuen in Torrance, was awarded to NYK's Aki Fukuhara-Vaughn.

A new incentive was added to the fun this year—whoever knocked down 7 pins in the 3rd game 7th frame and bowled a spare, would win \$100. Unbelievably, three lucky bowlers split the \$100. All bowlers and spectators had loads of fun!

1st Place	Winner	Total	3-Game Score
Team	Wakayama Kenjinkai		2162
Male	Steven Nakauchi	Kumamoto	683
Female	Carol Oishi	Ehime	550

## 2019 NKK Bowling "Champs"



*"Best Effort" Team Winners  
Nanka Yamaguchi Kenjinkai/Tokyo Club  
Mike & Aki Vaughn and Jeff Yamazaki.*



## Like Us on Facebook

The Nanka Yamaguchi Kenjinkai Facebook page, created by **Steven** and **Millie Tani**, will now be administered by NYK Corresponding Secretary, **Laura Lee**. The page 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.

### — Follow Us on Social Media —

Facebook: Yamaguchi-Kenjinkai-Los Angeles  
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 If you have any pictures you would like uploaded onto the Instagram account, please send them to [nanka.yamaguchi.kenjinkai@gmail.com](mailto:nanka.yamaguchi.kenjinkai@gmail.com) with the subject "Yamaguchi Instagram Picture." In the email, please give us your name and caption to go along with the picture.  
 Website: <http://yamaguchi-usa.org>  
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*Please let us know if you have news to share or have any comments or suggestions on how to improve our New Year Luncheon, annual picnic, and/or newsletter.*

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## 2020 World Grand Meeting Tour Options

On Tuesday November 10, the day of the WGM Ceremony, all attendees will participate in the Iwakuni Tour.

On Wednesday and Thursday, attendees have the options of choosing Course 1 for both days or Course 2 for both days. If attendees choose to go on Course 1 for Wednesday

and Course 2 for Thursday or vice versa, or go off course completely, they would need to arrange their own transportation to the different course or spot.

**All plans need to be submitted to Yamaguchi by the end of March.**

### TUESDAY, 11/10 AM (Day of WGM Ceremony)

#### Iwakuni Tour

1. Kintai Bridge — One of the 3 greatest bridges of Japan
2. Momijidani Park — An elegant park with a quiet and relaxing atmosphere (viewing season of autumn leaves)
3. Iwakuni Castle — A castle on top of a ropeway

### WEDNESDAY, 11/11 ALL DAY

#### Course 1—Yanai and Suo Oshima Tour

1. Yanai White Wall District — Walk the streets lined with Edo period (about 300 years ago) merchant houses.
2. Gold Fish Lantern Making — Experience making gold fish lanterns, a craft of Yanai.
3. Museum of Japanese Emigration to Hawaii — A facility that introduces the history of emigration to Hawaii.
4. Mikan (Mandarin) Picking on the Oshima Island.

*(Stay in Suo Oshima)*

#### OR Course 2—Yamaguchi & Akiyoshidai Tour

1. Rurikoji five-storied pagoda — One of the three greatest pagodas in Japan.
2. Ouchi Lacquer Chopstick Making, a craft of Yamaguchi.
3. Akiyoshidai Plateau and Akiyoshido Cave — The largest Karst Plateau in Japan and largest limestone cave in Japan.
4. Shopping at Daiso (100 yen shop).

*(Stay in Yamaguchi City)*

### THURSDAY, 11/12 ALL DAY

#### Course 1—Hofu and Yamaguchi Tour

1. Hofu Tenmangu Shrine — The first Tenmangu Shrine built in Japan.
2. Mori Garden — The best time to see the autumn leaves that paint the garden red
3. Ouchi Lacquer Chopstick Making, a craft of Yamaguchi.
4. Rurikoji five-storied pagoda — One of the three greatest pagodas in Japan.
5. Shopping at Daiso (100 yen shop).
6. Youth Exchange Program — (Workshop to exchange ideas with the youth (college age) of Yamaguchi Prefecture.

*(Stay in Yamaguchi City)*

#### OR Course 2—Shimonoseki & Nagato Tour

1. Tsunoshima Bridge — Ranked 1st place on Trip Advisor for Japan's bridge ranking in 2015.
2. Kitaura-kaido Hohoku Roadside Station — Ranked 1st place on Trip Advisor for Japan's Roadside station in 2018.
3. Motonosumi Shrine — Chosen as one of the most beautiful places in Japan by CNN.
4. Taineiji — A famous spot to view the autumn leaves in Yamaguchi.
5. Youth Exchange Program — (Workshop to exchange ideas with the youth (college age) of Yamaguchi Prefecture.

*(Stay in Yamaguchi City)*

