

**2012 ANNUAL REPORT**  
NEW BEGINNING

**ESGVJCC**



For the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, 2012 was a year of renewal, re-energizing and planning for the future. 2012 was the first year following the 7-year long Capital Campaign where we planned, built and paid off the new Sugimoto Family Social Hall. We were able to complete the project due to the generosity and tremendous efforts of our members and friends, public and private grants, and a final push by the Sugimoto family.

George Sugimoto explained at our mortgage burning ceremony that his family wanted to help pay off the loan so that we could focus on programs for our members rather than on fundraising.

With George's wish in mind, we spent 2012 refocusing our vision so that we could keep improving for future generations, what the founders

left as their legacy to us. Starting with a survey of our members and Center Organizations, we asked what they wanted from the Center, what programs they would want to add or improve, what improvements could be made to our facility and what could be done to carry out the mission of the ESGVJCC. The result of our efforts was the development and adoption of a 10-year strategic plan which we hope, will keep relevant for future generations, what was built by the founders of our Community Center and each generation following them.

Renewed and re-energized, we look forward to 2013 and the challenges facing us as we start to implement our strategic plan. It will be a daunting task, but one well worth the effort—for the sake of future generations and to honor those before us who built this wonderful place.

Sincerely,

Glenn Nakatani  
President, Board of Directors

Pearl Omiya  
Executive Director



Nisei Week Foundation  
 Keiro Institute for Healthy Aging  
 California Japanese American  
 Community Leadership Council  
 San Gabriel Valley Chapter Japanese  
 American Citizens League  
 City of West Covina/Ohtawara  
 Japanese Sister Cities  
 Little Tokyo Service Center  
 State Sen. Dr. Ed Hernandez  
 Nikkei Federation  
 Kizuna  
 JA Living Legacy



**CULTURAL CLASSES**

Visual Arts, Bonsai (Pine Tree Trimming), Ikebana (Flower Arranging), Karaoke (Japanese Singing), Kime Komi Ningyo (Doll Making Class), Taiko (Japanese Drumming), Odori (Classical Dancing)

**RECREATIONAL CLASSES**

Line Dancing, Ballroom Dancing, Yoga, Zumba

**Number of interns**  
 Kim Kobashigawa  
 NCI Intern  
 Melissa Kozono  
 ESGVJCC Intern

**Number of ESGVJCC employees**  
 Pearl Omiya  
 Executive Director  
 Tina Asano  
 Office Manager  
 Arthur Gusman  
 Custodian



TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AND ENROLLMENT IN 2012.



Youth participating in the Sabers/Saberettes youth basketball program.



**EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

Japanese Language School  
 Computer Literacy Courses



**YOUTH PROGRAMS AVAILABLE**

Nikkei Youth Organization  
 Student Exchange Program  
 Youth Basketball Program  
 Community Mentor Program



senior wellness program



NUMBER OF YEARS  
**ESGVJCC** HAS BEEN  
 SERVING THE COMMUNITY.



Number of individuals enrolled in a martial arts program.

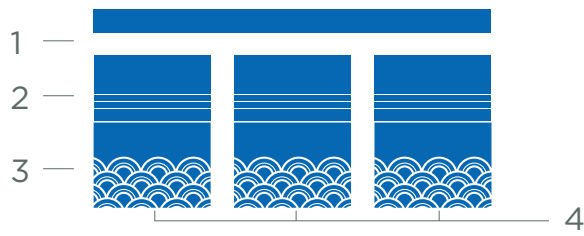
**5 MARTIAL ARTS COURSES**

Aikido  
 Judo  
 Karate  
 Kendo (Japanese Fencing)  
 Shinkendo (Japanese Swordsmanship)



**NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS SERVING THE ESGVJCC BOARD**

Board of Directors | Glenn Nakatani, President | Tim Itatani, VP of Development | Jim Friesen, VP of Facilities | Phillip Komai, VP of Programs | Dawn Kiko Cheng + Nicole Cherry-Yu, VP of Public Relations | Susie Kozono, VP of Membership | Denise Akune, Secretary | Wesley Nobuta, Treasurer | Aya Kamimura, Parliamentarian Members-at-Large | Shauna Hiranaka, Christopher Hubert, Danny Iwama, Joy Kitaura, Donna Kusumoto, Brandon Leong, Frances Nakano, Grace Richardson, Joan Robertson, Kay Sakaue, Barbara Shirota, Donny Takemoto, David Teragawa



EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY  
JAPANESE COMMUNITY CENTER **ESGVJCC**

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**With the New Year, the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center has a new look! A new logo to be precise. This logo was developed by a committee led by Tim Itatani and designed by Dawn Kiko Cheng. The logo committee worked hard for months, until they came up with a version that was modern enough to speak to the Yonsei and Gosei generations, the future of the center, while still appealing to and honoring the Issei and Nisei generations, who are the foundation of the center.**

## **1 The bridge.**

The inspiration for the logo was to convey a bridge—the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center as a bridge between our families and the Japanese culture, a bridge between generations, between our Japanese and American heritages, between the City of West Covina and the City of Ohtawara, and one that connects our members to the greater community. It is a symbol of steadfast strength filling a void.

## **2 The horizon.**

The horizontal lines at the top create more movement between the panels, further connecting it, and it visually gives the audience another level and dimension to focus on. The community center honors its' past by looking into the future and how it can grow and thrive by growing its' resources, services, programs and activities.

## **3 The water.**

The community center and its' membership is a living entity that is in constant motion. The pattern itself is a timeless, traditional pattern that honors the arts, culture and history of the community center and its' Japanese roots.

## **4 The banners.**

The bridge also looks like a Torii, a traditional Japanese gate or entrance, inviting all those interested in the Japanese culture and heritage to learn about it.

The logo is split into three panels not just because it was necessary to have two posts to give the bridge a strong foundation but because three is significant in Japanese design. The panels evoke the feeling we have at the center: that our family, friends and culture are all connected.

## **5 Emergent ESGVJCC.**

Emergent is defined as “coming into being”; “coming into view, existence”; “arising or occurring unexpectedly”; “demanding prompt action”. Combined with the other symbols of life, of future, of connection and growth, the emergent ESGVJCC further gives the narrative of the community center as a moving force; a force that, as with the new design, is coming into being and taking action as it continues to foster the vision of its' founding fathers.

Note also that the ESGJVCC acronym was given more weight in size and color. It is our hope that the ESGVJCC acronym will become so synonymous with the Center that we will be able to use the acronym instead of the full title of the center.

**60+** As we embark on the next 60 years, it is our hope that the logo will be a symbol that will come to represent the growing, positive changes in the ESGVJCC and that it will be able to evolve as the center evolves.

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## NUMBER OF EVENTS + FESTIVALS THAT TOOK PLACE IN 2012

### JANUARY

Installation Dinner

### FEBRUARY

Yard Sale

Gakuen Pancake Breakfast

### MARCH

Jim + Hideko Tribute Dance

Queen's Pageant

Cherry Blossom Festival

Farewell to Manzanar

### MAY

Eibukan Goju-Ryu Karate Do Tea

BBQ Bash

### JUNE

Family Fun Day

Sabers/Saberettes Casino Night

WCBT Obon

### SEPTEMBER

Keiro No Hi

### OCTOBER

Akimatsuri Fall Festival

Akimatsuri Golf Tournament

### NOVEMBER

Family Health Fair

WCBT Kiku Craft Fair

SGV JA CL Veterans Day Service

## FAMILY HEALTH FAIR

The ESGVJCC partnered with State Senator Dr. Ed Hernandez to host a free family health fair in November. Over 300 members of the neighboring community attended this event participating in free health screenings, active living demonstrations, cooking demonstrations, and a resource fair filled with over 20 vendors. With this event focusing on preventative health care and wellness, it featured resources and information on nutrition, exercise, mental health, and other useful tools to live with vitality. Our own martial arts programs, taiko, and yoga classes were featured to illustrate the importance of exercising in a fun way.

*"I thank the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center for bringing our community together and providing a foundation for healthy living," said Senator Hernandez. "Your leadership and dedication to nutrition and wellness is an immeasurable asset to the San Gabriel Valley."*

The ESGVJCC is proud to play its role as a leader in maintaining a healthy and vibrant community.

## FESTIVALS

The ESGVJCC hosted two free community festivals this year—the Cherry Blossom Festival in March and the Akimatsuri (Fall Festival) in October.

For over 40 years, the ESGVJCC has sponsored annual festivals to showcase the Japanese American culture and share it with the community. These free events were enjoyed by guests of all ages and featured cultural demonstrations, taiko performances, Japanese classical dancing, games, exhibits, craft vendors, and dozens of tasty foods to enjoy.

This year was the 10th year presenting the annual Cherry Blossom Festival. Hosted in conjunction with the City of West Covina, this event welcomed nearly 1,000 attendees who spent the day learning more about the Japanese culture through performances, food, and activities. Some of the great foods included bettarrayaki (seared rice on a stick), teriyaki chicken, gyoza (Japanese potstickers), and delicious baked goods.

The 42nd annual Akimatsuri celebrated the beginning of fall with event highlights including taiko, minyo dancing, martial arts, and concluded with Japanese ondo dancing. It also featured several exhibits including kimekomi doll making, bonsai, and work from many of the ESGVJCC's programs.



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**ASSETS****CURRENT ASSETS**

Cash + Cash Equivalents	\$371,024
Investments	97,390
Pledges Receivables	4,185
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>472,599</b>

**PROPERTY + EQUIPMENT**

Building	906,266
Improvements	783,506
Land	46,000
Equipment	63,411
Furniture + Fixtures	67,546
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(832,846)
<b>Net Property + Equipment</b>	<b>1,033,883</b>

**TOTAL ASSETS****\$1,506,482****LIABILITIES + NET ASSETS**

Liabilities -

**Net Assets**

Unrestricted Net Assets	1,346,660
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	113,822
Permanently Restricted Net Assets	46,000
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>1,506,482</b>

**TOTAL LIABILITIES + NET ASSETS****\$1,506,482****TOTAL**

The Organization held a campaign to raise funds for the construction and payoff of the Organizations' Social Hall. As of December 31, 2011, pledges receivable totaled \$14,090, net of an allowance for uncollectible pledges of \$9,905.

**LIABILITIES.**

No more construction loan for the building of the new social hall!

Temporarily restricted net assets are available for the following purposes at December 31, 2011: Building Capital Fund [\$97,303] + Kasuda Fund [\$14,208] + Kiyon Fund [\$1,732] + Ito Fund [\$579]

Net assets were permanently restricted for the following purposes at December 31, 2011: Building [\$30,000] + Land [\$46,000] - Accumulated Depreciation [\$30,000]



	<b>Unrestricted Operating Fund</b>	<b>Temporarily Restricted Fund</b>	<b>Permanently Restricted Fund</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>REVENUES, GAINS + OTHER SUPPORT</b>				
Program Income	\$206,763	-	-	\$206,763
Grant	12,000	-	-	12,000
Fundraising	91,263	-	-	91,263
Donations*	75,053	11,487	-	86,523
Dues	41,995	-	-	41,995
Rent Income	25,227	-	-	25,908
Interest Income	479	432	-	993
Miscellaneous Income	3,192	-	-	3,192
Net Assets Released From Restrictions	268,218	(268,218)	-	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUES, GAINS + OTHER SUPPORT</b>	<b>724,936</b>	<b>(256,299)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>468,637</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>				
Program Expenses	346,093	-	-	346,093
Fundraising Expenses	90,970	-	-	90,970
General + Administrative	48,995	-	-	48,995
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>486,058</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>486,058</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>238,878</b>	<b>(256,299)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(17,421)</b>
<b>NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>1,107,782</b>	<b>370,121</b>	<b>46,000</b>	<b>1,523,903</b>
<b>NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>1,346,660</b>	<b>113,822</b>	<b>46,000</b>	<b>1,506,482</b>

STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES | Year ending 12.31.11

	<b>Program</b>	<b>Management + Admin</b>	<b>Fundraising</b>	<b>Total</b>
Bank Charges	-	578	-	578
Depreciation Expense	47,695	-	-	47,695
Equipment Lease	4,536	-	-	4,536
Honorarium	2,127	-	-	2,127
Insurance	-	27,176	-	27,176
Interest Expense	672	-	-	672
Miscellaneous	-	3,663	-	3,663
Newsletter + Publications	-	-	9,597	9,597
Office Expense	-	4,058	-	4,058
Payroll	82,299	10,539	31,026	123,864
Payroll Processing	-	749	-	749
Payroll Taxes	3,902	1,879	6,537	12,318
Permits + Fees	-	353	-	353
Private Rental Expense	4,679	-	-	4,679
Professional Fees	3,000	-	3,000	6,000
Program Expenses	87,606	-	-	87,606
Property Tax	2,321	-	-	2,321
Public Relations	43,665	-	-	43,665
Repairs + Maintenance	33,471	-	-	33,471
Scholarships	7,300	-	-	7,300
Special Event/Fundraiser Expenses	-	-	37,905	37,905
Stipends	869	-	-	869
Uncollectible Pledges	-	-	2,905	2,905
Utilities	21,951	-	-	21,951
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>346,093</b>	<b>48,995</b>	<b>90,970</b>	<b>486,058</b>

# 2012 DONATIONS

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## NUMBER OF CARS DONATED

Daniel Hu  
Akitoshi + Aya Kamimura  
Doris Kato  
Elsie Kawato  
Masato Sakaue

## \$5,000-\$9,999

Ed Moreno

Capital Group Companies Grant—Grace Richardson

## \$1,000-\$4,999

Denise Akune  
BKD Design - Phillip Komai  
Kuniko Higaki

Tim + Sandy Itatani

Ben + Rogee Kayashima

—In memory of Mitsuo + Mitzi Okazaki

Katsuhide Kinjo

Ayleen Kiyon

Jon + Dawn Sera

Patsy Sogioka

George + Ruri Sugimoto

John K. Taniguchi

Credit Union of Southern California

—David Yamashita

ESGVJCC Social Ballroom Dance Club

Microsoft Matching Gifts Program

—David Jung

Sabers/Saberettes Youth Basketball

Union Bank Foundation

Southern California Edison Grant

—Lorene Miller

## \$500-\$999

Denise Akune  
Sam + Susie Kozono  
Kevin Kubomoto Memorial Fund  
Roland + Lynn Mah  
Mataro Nakamura  
Wilfred Oshiro  
Grace Richardson  
Ron Sakamoto

Doug + Lori Tokeshi

—In memory of Hideko Tokeshi

Eibukan Goju-Ryu Karate-Do

ESGVJCC Leisure Club

In memory of James +

Myrtle F. Oshiro



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**GRANT \$13,500**

## UNDER \$500

Susan Arita  
Tosh + Terry Asano  
Marlene Berry  
Philip + Frances Kuwahara  
Chinn  
Kimio + Mary Hatakeyama  
Richard + Terri Hattori  
Clara Furukawa  
Hideko Ikehara  
Roy + Nancee Iketani  
Shirley Iriye  
JACL Pacific Southwest  
Council—Holiday Cheer  
Program  
Doris Kato  
Wendolyn Kikkawa  
Kenji + Dorothy Kinoshita  
Diane Kobashigawa  
Abe + Wendy Kochi  
Hisa Konno  
Russ + Marlys Kuruma  
Yoshiko Maeda

Ted + Wakako  
Maesaki  
Lori + Albert  
Magallanes  
Dennis + Aileen  
Maruki  
Susan Marnoy  
Mitsy Matsumoto  
Teruko Matsumoto  
Henry Miyashiro  
William + Betty  
Murata  
Yasuko + Leilani  
Nishimitsu  
Sumiyo Ogawa  
Glenn + Jean Ogura  
Beverly Oki  
Ted + Karen Okumoto  
Jeffery + Katherine Oura  
David + Diane Plaskow  
Kenneth K. Sakoda Family  
Ryo + Yoshie Sato

# \$86,523

**\*TOTAL DONATIONS.** Unrestricted Operating Fund  
[\$75,053] + Temporarily Restricted Fund [\$11,487]

Mark + Denise Shiokari  
Beans + Lucy Sogioka  
Sadako Sogioka  
Southern California Edison—  
Lorene Miller  
Judy Sugiyama  
Roy Takemura

Bert + Ailene Tanaka  
Stacie Tanaka  
Vim + Julie Veerachaylukana  
Glen + Rosemary Waki  
Ed + Kiyu Yamaguchi  
Jim + Marian Yamashita  
Ted Yamashita



**BRIDGING CULTURE, FAMILY, AND COMMUNITY**

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