

March 2026

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Celebrating Hinamatsuri at Nikkei Manor

Residents at Nikkei Manor recently celebrated Hinamatsuri (Girl's Day) with a festive afternoon of activities. Participants enjoyed making Girl's Day doll origami crafts, honoring the traditional display of dolls that symbolize health and happiness for girls. The celebration also included a special seasonal treat of sakura mochi, thoughtfully prepared by Kokoro Kai volunteer, Kiyoko. The activities offered residents a chance to connect and enjoy the flavors and artistry of the holiday together.



Message from the Board: Supporting Strong Leadership Through Governance & Compensation

The Keiro Northwest Board's Governance & Compensation Committee helps ensure that the organization remains guided by strong leadership, clear policies, and thoughtful oversight. While much of this work happens behind the scenes, it plays an essential role in supporting the long-term health and stability of Keiro Northwest.

The committee focuses on maintaining effective board governance and fostering responsible organizational practices. A key part of its work includes identifying, recruiting and orienting new board members whose skills, knowledge, and experiences reflect the needs of our community and the future direction of the organization. The committee also supports ongoing development so that board members remain prepared to serve with confidence and care.

In addition, the committee regularly reviews compensation practices and related policies to support fair, responsible, and sustainable organizational operations. Through this work, the committee helps ensure that Keiro Northwest operates with transparency and accountability.

The current Governance & Compensation Committee consists of Board members John Matsumoto, Rio Dessero, Dave Cullen, Jeff Sakuma, and Eric Uyeji. They meet regularly and work closely with organizational leadership to uphold best practices in nonprofit governance. The Committee welcomes questions and invites you to reach out if you, or someone you know, may be interested in board service. We are particularly seeking individuals with

backgrounds in finance, accounting, and law. Please contact Karlee Hicks at khicks@keironw.org to learn more.

Committee members volunteer their time and expertise to help guide thoughtful decision-making and sustainable growth for the future of Keiro Northwest. We are grateful to the community whose trust allows Keiro Northwest to continue strengthening its leadership and mission. The Board of Directors welcomes questions or feedback from the community and can be reached at board@keironw.org.

Save the Date for These Special Events

Support for Independent Living



【Guest speaker】

Ai Tamiya Yim
End-of-life planning Advisor



From “Living with Worry” to
“Living with Peace of Mind”



March 26, 2026 10:00–12:00

Nikkei Manor
700 6th Ave S. Seattle, WA 98198

RSVP: (206) 726-6474 or tfaasuamalie@keironw.org

Genki Wellness Program: "Support for Independent Living"

Featuring guest speaker Ai Tamiya Yim, End-of-life planning advisor

- **March 26, 2026, 10AM-12PM** at Nikkei Manor

RSVP to Tomoko Faasuamalie at tfaasuamalie@keironw.org or 206-726-6474

SEMINAR SPEAKERS



Bo Lee, CFWA
Senior Wealth Advisor
Partner, Beacon Pointe



Clair Chow, CPA
Tax Accountant
Partner, Greenwood Ohlund



Nancy Lu
Attorney
Chang Law Group



Integrated Wealth, Tax & Estate Planning Strategies

TIME AND LOCATION

Friday, May 1, 1:30-3:30 PM

Nikkei Manor

700 6th Ave S., Seattle, WA 98104

Free community seminar offered as part of
our Legacy Education Series

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Featured speakers:

Bo Lee, Senior Wealth Advisor and Partner at Beacon Pointe

Clair Chow, Tax Accountant and Partner at Greenwood Ohlund

Nancy Lu, Estate Attorney at Chang Law Group

- **May 1, 2026, 1:30-3:30 PM** at Nikkei Manor



Seattle Cherry Blossom Festival

Visit our exhibitor space at the 51st annual Seattle Cherry Blossom Festival!

- **April 10-12, 2026, 11AM-5PM** at Seattle Center in The Armory

More info on the SCBF at seattlecherryblossomfestival.org



Ayame Kai Summer Market

Featuring 20+ vendors with offerings including unique handmade gifts & cards, arts & crafts, Asian vintage finds, a bake sale, Japanese street food, live music, hula performances, and more! The Summer Market is free to attend and open to the public.

- **June 20, 2026, 10AM-2PM at Tukwila Community Center** (outdoor parking lot area). **Please note the new location this year!*

More information at ayamekaimarket.org



Vendors, Donations, and Sponsors Needed for the Ayame Kai Summer Market

Planning is underway for this year's Ayame Kai Summer Market on June 20th, and we invite our greater community to be part of this fundraising event!

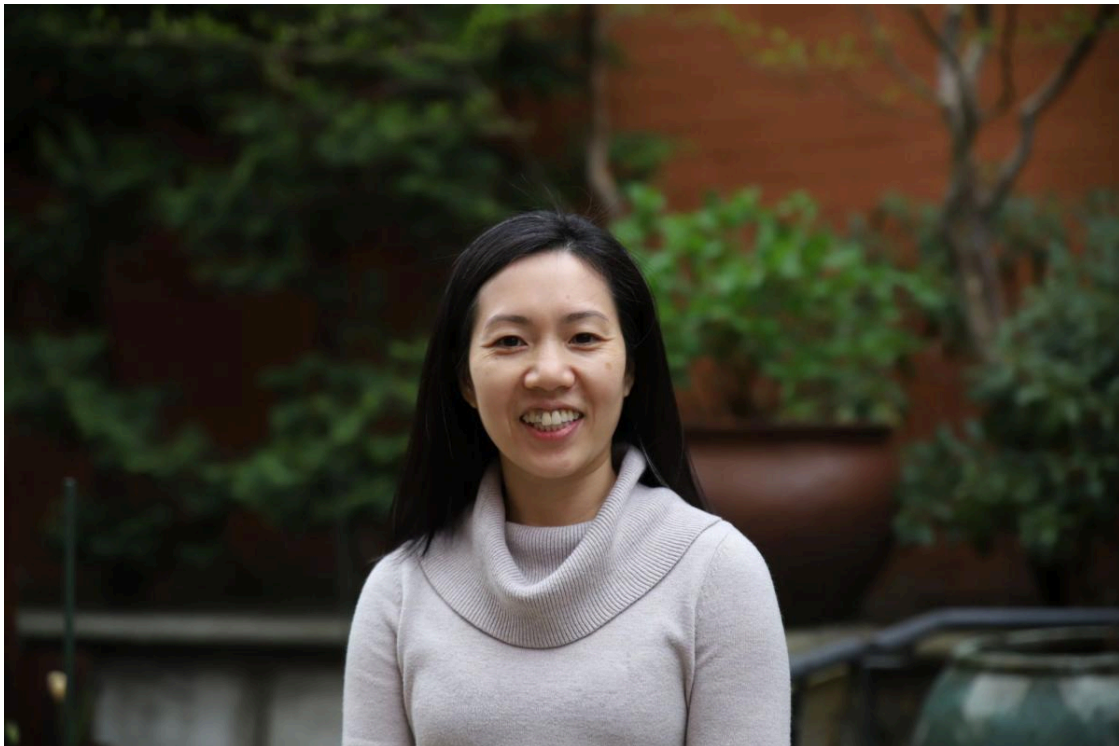
We are currently seeking **vendors** interested in participating. Vendors can learn more and complete the application form on the [event website](http://ayamekaimarket.org).

We are also accepting donations of Asian resale items that would make meaningful gifts for shoppers. If you have items to donate, please consider pieces you would view as a special find, something that deserves a good home. For safety reasons during transport and display, we are unable to accept dolls in glass cases. Items may be dropped off at Nikkei Manor with an

intake form provided by receptionists, or you may [contact us](#) for donation instructions or questions.

We are also welcoming **event sponsors** to support the market through financial contributions or donated items from local businesses, such as gift cards, products, or services. Sponsorships help cover the costs of hosting the event so that proceeds raised can go directly toward supporting Keiro Northwest's elder care programs, including Nikkei Manor and Kokoro Kai. Donated business items may be used in a variety of ways, including as part of our popular raffle baskets, or to help the day run more smoothly, such as supplies or refreshments to support our hardworking volunteers. To donate, please visit the [event website](#) and submit a form.

For vendor applications, donation details, and sponsorship information, please visit ayamekaimarket.org.



From the Desk of Nikkei Manor's Executive Director

March is a meaningful month for us at Nikkei Manor as we celebrate **National Employee Appreciation Month**. It is a wonderful opportunity to recognize the incredible dedication and compassion of our entire team. Every day, our staff show up with a deep commitment to providing respectful, person-centered care to our residents. Their work goes far beyond simply completing tasks, they

build relationships, listen to stories, offer comfort, and create a warm community that truly feels like home.

One of the things that makes Nikkei Manor so special is the longevity of our staff. Many of our team members have been here for years, far exceeding the industry average in senior living. This stability means our residents are cared for by familiar faces who truly know them, their routines, preferences, and personalities. It also reflects the strong sense of purpose and connection our staff feel toward the community and toward each other. We are deeply grateful for the compassion, patience, and professionalism they bring every single day. We are also currently hiring for several positions. If you or someone you know is interested in joining a dedicated and compassionate team, please visit our website at NikkeiManor.org to learn more about current opportunities.

March also brings a special Japanese cultural celebration, Girls' Day (Hinamatsuri). This traditional Japanese holiday celebrates the health and happiness of girls and women. Our Activity team & Kokoro Kai (KK) Program marked the occasion with a festive gathering that included beautiful dolls display, themed activities, and time for residents and participants to learn about and share in the tradition. These celebrations are an important part of honoring the cultural heritage that is central to the Nikkei Manor community, while also creating joyful moments for everyone involved.

As we move into spring, we continue to focus on strengthening our community, supporting one another, and providing the highest quality of care for our residents. Thank you to our staff, residents, families, and community partners for making Nikkei Manor such a special place.

Best Wishes,
Amy Nguyen
Nikkei Manor Executive Director



February's Highlights at Nikkei Manor

2-2 Setsubun game

2-8 Super Bowl Party

2-10 Watercolor by Seniors Creating Art

2-14 Saturday Bingo and Family & Friend event

2-14 February Birthday Party with Rainbow Chorus

2-24 UCDS second grade students visited Nikkei Manor and participated in a watercolor craft with residents, creating cherry blossom paintings together.



March: Upcoming Activities & Events

- 3-2 Girl's Day special craft and treat
- 3-10 Kobe University Nursing students visit from Japan
- 3-11 March birthday party with karaoke led by Gary Jang
- 3-24 Japan nursing student visit
- 3-25 Outing to MOHAI with Kokoro Kai
- 3-27 Outing to see the cherry blossoms at the UW
- 3-31 Onigiri (Rice Ball) making class

Community Event:

>New Exhibit **"TADAIMA: I'm home"** at Museum of History and Industry (MOHAI) featuring art by our residents

Full Calendars: [Kokoro Kai Activities](#), [Resident Activities at Nikkei Manor](#)

We are able to continue offering art classes by Seniors Creating Art this year thanks to a generous family donation.



Years of Service

March Staff Anniversaries

Alma Gunao: 14 years

Megumi Kasuga: 8 years

Yuko Takahashi: 3 years

Glenn Mumpar: 20 years

Fitria Marisa: 17 years

Jennifer Ancheta: 17 years

Akiko Nakayama: 6 years

Yumi Sugiyama: 8 years

Naoko Hirota: 16 years

Thank you for making every day the BEST day for our residents and participants.



A Gift from Amazon

Looking for a simple way to support our residents and program participants? You can help by purchasing an item from our Amazon Wish List! From activity supplies to everyday essentials, each donation enhances the quality of life at Nikkei Manor and Kokoro Kai.

[Amazon Wish List](#)

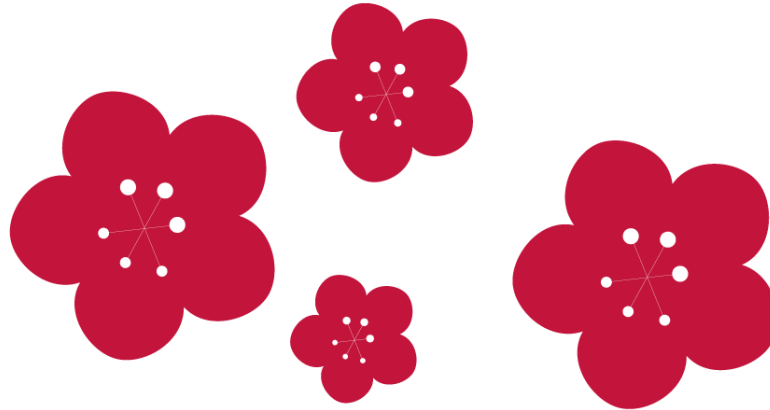


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Our Mission Statement: Honoring the past and preserving Japanese American heritage, we provide uniquely-tailored care to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs for elders to thrive.

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