

June 2026

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Ayame Kai Summer Market is June 20th

Tukwila Community Center

Saturday, June 20 | 10-2 PM

FREE Event

ayamekaimarket.org

Join us for the Ayame Kai Summer Market, a community fundraiser benefiting Nikkei Manor and Kokoro Kai.

Shop Japanese vintage treasures, handcrafted goods, and unique finds from local vendors while supporting older adults in our community. Proceeds from Ayame Kai sales help purchase wish list items and quality-of-life enhancements that directly benefit Nikkei Manor residents and Kokoro Kai participants.

Enjoy a festive day featuring a bake sale, raffle, delicious food, and live music and hula performances. This year, we're excited to welcome you to our new location at the Tukwila Community Center, offering even more space to shop, explore, and gather with friends.

Raffle Tickets just \$5

2 Summer Fun themed baskets will be raffled off at this year's market - "Family Fun" and "Savor Summer in Seattle". Each valued at more than \$775

Tickets are on pre-sale at Nikkei Manor before the market and on-site throughout the market day. To purchase pre-sale tickets, visit the receptionist at Nikkei Manor by the 19th.

- \$5 each. No limit
- Need not be present to win
- Winner will be announced before end of the market on June 20th
- All proceeds benefit Keiro Northwest elder care programs

Family Fun Basket

- Seattle Aquarium Passes for 4
- Center for Wooden Boats Family Membership
- Wild Waves Passes for 2
- Let's Roam Scavenger Hunt for Up to 10
- Woodland Park Zoo Family Pass for 4
- Red Robin \$25 Gift Card
- Storyville Coffee \$20 Gift Card
- Jumbo Sidewalk Chalk

Savor Summer In Seattle

- Seafair Passes for 4
- Emerald Downs Passes for 4
- Space Needle Tickets for 2
- NW Outdoor Center Kayaking for 2
- Daniel's Broiler \$100 Gift Card
- McMenamins \$50 Gift Card
- Georgetown Brewing \$50 Gift Card
- Taurus Ox Dinner for 2

- KHOBO Beef Jerky
- Koto Coffee Jelly Pour Over Coffee
- Kate Spade Cotton Tote

FYI: Where to join the line

To ensure everyone is admitted fairly on a first-come, first-served basis, please note that the line will form outside at the **West Entrance** and not inside the facility. We kindly ask all guests to enter through the West Entrance from the parking lot to refrain from cutting the line by entering from the main lobby and hallway.

Ayame Kai accepting donations June 16-18 at Nikkei Manor.

We are accepting Japanese goods for Ayame Kai's carefully curated resale booth. Volunteers running the resale booth will be on-site June 16-18 10AM-2PM to accept items. For safety and transport reasons, we kindly ask that Japanese dolls, items in glass cases, and framed/unframed artwork not be donated. To help us maximize our fundraising efforts, we ask that all items be in good condition and thoughtfully selected. Every contribution, big or small, helps make the Summer Market a meaningful and successful event for our community.

NIKKEI MANOR



Help Shape Future Japanese-Centered Programs & Community Services

Your voice matters.
Please take our
5-minute survey

English Survey:
surveymonkey.com/r/keironwENG
Japanese Survey:
surveymonkey.com/r/keironwJA



ENGLISH



JAPANESE
日本語

Please take our 5-minute survey

We really want to hear from you! Our community survey remains open through the end of June. Your feedback will help us identify interests, needs, and opportunities for future programs and services.

At KIRO Northwest, we believe the strongest programs begin by listening.

We are inviting you all to participate in a brief survey designed to help us better understand the interests, needs, and priorities of those we serve as we plan for the future.

Your feedback will help inform future programs, services, educational opportunities, and community initiatives.

The survey takes approximately 5 minutes to complete and is available in both English and Japanese.

English Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/keironwENG>

Japanese / 日本語: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KeironwJA>

Thank you for helping us listen, learn, and thoughtfully plan for the future of our community. We hope you share this survey with your friends and family.



Board Leadership Update

The Board of Directors has made various appointments of officers to facilitate operations for the coming year.

Susan Okamoto Lane is now acting as the Interim Board Chair, providing leadership and guidance to the organization and Board of Directors. John Matsumoto has resumed his position as the Treasurer on an interim basis pending the recruitment of a more permanent one. The vice chair position will be filled by Jeff Sakuma.

We are grateful to Susan, John, and Jeff for their willingness to serve in these important leadership roles. Board recruitment remains ongoing, and we appreciate your help sharing these opportunities with friends, colleagues, and community members who may be interested in serving.

If you, or someone in your network, may be interested in learning more about the open treasurer position or general board service, we would love to connect. Please get in touch with Karlee Hicks, Assistant to the Board of Directors, at khicks@keironw.org for more information.

[Learn More](#)

Thank You to Dave Cullen

This month, we recognize and thank Dave Cullen for his service on the Keiro Northwest Board of Directors as he concludes his board tenure.

Keiro Northwest has greatly benefited from Dave's thoughtful leadership, steady guidance, and dedication to the organization. Shortly after joining the

Board in 2023, Dave stepped into the role of Board Chair and helped lead the organization through a period of transition. During his tenure, he played an important role in strengthening board leadership, recruiting new members, and helping build the engaged Board of Directors that serves Keiro Northwest today.

As Dave steps away from board service to focus on family and professional commitments, we extend our sincere appreciation for his contributions and wish him all the best in this next chapter.

Upcoming Events



Join us for a free
educational seminar on
**ALZHEIMER'S
AND
DEMENTIA**



**Please join us for an educational seminar presented by
Dr. Ken Nishino from MD2.**

WHERE: Nikkei Manor
700 6th Ave South Seattle, WA 98104

WHEN: June 26, 2026 from 1:30-3:30pm

Whether you have a family member, friend, neighbor or are caring for someone with memory loss, join us for an accessible overview of dementia and to feel empowered to have informed conversations with their doctors

Topics will include the exciting new blood tests that can identify signs of Alzheimer's disease at a much earlier stage than previously possible, as well as the recently approved medications that are changing how we approach treatment.

Tea and snacks will be provided.

**Call (206) 726-6474 or email tfaasualmalie@keironw.org
for more information.**



700 6th Ave South Seattle, WA 98104
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Genki Wellness Seminar: Alzheimer's and Dementia

Speaker: Dr. Ken Nishino

Nikkei Manor

June 26 | 1:30-3:30 PM

FREE Seminar

Join us at Nikkei Manor on June 26 for a free educational seminar presented by Dr. Ken Nishino of MD2. Learn about Alzheimer's disease and dementia, including new diagnostic tools, emerging treatments, and how to have informed conversations with healthcare providers. Whether you are caring for a loved one or simply interested in learning more, all are welcome. Tea and snacks will be provided.

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



Bon Odori at Nikkei Manor

Nikkei Manor

Sunday, July 26 | 1-4 PM

FREE Event

Join us for an afternoon of music, dance, food, and community at Nikkei Manor's annual Bon Odori celebration. This year's event will feature special performances by Seattle Matsuri, Northwest Taiko, and Okinawa Kenjin Kai, along with a small selection of local vendors, traditional Bon Odori dancing, a mahjong station, kid's activities, and delicious poke available for purchase from the Nikkei Manor kitchen.

Bring your family, invite your friends, and join us as we celebrate culture, community, and summer together!

Free Seminar!

 **KEIRO** Northwest

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John L. Scott Real Estate

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- Understanding Today's Real Estate Market and Pricing Trends
- Strategies to Maximize Your Home's Value
- Planning Your Next Move with Confidence



FRIDAY
August 21, 2026



TIME
1:30-3:30 PM



NIKKEI MANOR
700 6TH AVE S, SEATTLE

REGISTER NOW



RSVP: Scan the QR code
or email Karlee at khicks@keironw.org <https://forms.gle/HsFopQteUr8hZaUq9>

Legacy Education Seminar: Selling Your Home - Planning for a Successful Transition

Speaker: Eric Uyeji, Realtor, Board Member

Nikkei Manor

Friday, August 21 | 1:30-3:30 PM

FREE Event

Thinking about selling your home? Join us for an educational seminar presented by board member and real estate professional Eric Uyeji. Learn practical strategies for preparing your home for sale, understanding today's market conditions, maximizing your home's value, and planning your next move with confidence. Whether you're considering downsizing now or simply planning ahead, this seminar will provide helpful information and guidance.

Register to attend at <https://forms.gle/HsFopQteUr8hZaUq9> or email Karlee at khicks@keironw.org



Photo credit: Chris Hendrickson

From the Desk of Nikkei Manor's Executive Director

Hello June!

We ended the month of May by participating in the annual NVC Memorial Day Service, a meaningful event honoring the courage, service, and sacrifice of Japanese American veterans who served our country. It was a powerful

reminder of the resilience, dedication, and legacy of those who paved the way for future generations, and we were grateful to join the community in paying tribute to their contributions.

We kicked off June with an uplifting performance by the Sound Singers. Twenty-seven talented singers singing and dancing with our residents and smiling together. The performance was a wonderful way to welcome the summer season. Music has its own power of bringing people together.

Nagomi Café, our new Mahjong Club has officially launched. While participants are fairly new to the game, we are enjoying the opportunity to learn together, challenge our minds, and build new friendships along the way.

We are also excited to partner with the Chinatown-International District (CID) to sponsor several community Mahjong tutorials on June 18 & 27. These sessions provide an opportunity for community members of all ages and experience levels to learn the game, connect with one another, and strengthen community ties through a shared cultural activity.

Meanwhile, preparations are well underway for our annual Bon Odori celebration on July 26th from 1-4pm. Staff and volunteers are working hard behind the scenes to plan this cherished tradition that brings together generations through culture, dance, remembrance, and fellowship. We look forward to sharing more details soon and welcoming everyone to another memorable celebration.

One of the highlights of Bon Odori is our popular bake sale, and we are currently seeking donations of baked goods to help make this event a success. Whether you are a seasoned baker or simply enjoy sharing a favorite recipe, your contribution is greatly appreciated and helps support this beloved community tradition. If you would like to donate baked goods or learn more about how you can get involved, please contact Itsuko Simpson at 206-726-6460 or isimpson@keironw.org.

Warmly,

Amy Nguyen
Executive Director
Nikkei Manor Assisted Living



A photograph of a Mahjong game in progress on a green felt table. Several hands are visible, moving white tiles with green and red markings. The tiles are arranged in various patterns on the table.



A stylized white logo consisting of three curved, overlapping shapes, resembling a fan or a stylized letter 'K'.



Four square icons with rounded corners, each containing a different floral design in red and green. From left to right: a lily, a lotus, a chrysanthemum, and a branch with red blossoms.

Nagomi Cafe Mahjong Club



A stylized white logo consisting of three curved, overlapping shapes, resembling a fan or a stylized letter 'K'.

KOKOROKai
A Nikkei Manor Program

Join us for tea, light snacks and Mahjong.
Beginners welcome and encouraged to
attend. Cost is \$15 per person.

Call today for more information!
Tomoko Faasuamalie | 206-726-6474
TFaasuamalie@keironw.org

EVERY FRIDAY | Starting June 5th, 2026
10 am - 12 pm

700 6th Ave South | Seattle, WA 98104

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New! Nagomi Café Mahjong Club

Beginning June 5, Kokoro Kai is introducing a new weekly Nagomi Café Mahjong Club designed for adults interested in learning, practicing, and enjoying Mahjong in a welcoming social setting.

Hosted every Friday from 10AM-12PM at Nikkei Manor, this new program invites both beginners and experienced players to gather for tea, light refreshments, friendly instruction, and community connection.

Contact Tomoko Faasuamalie to register or for more information:

206-726-6474 TFaasuamalie@keironw.org

Cost is \$15 per person



5-28 Nikkei Manor resident trip to Kerry Park

May's Highlights at Nikkei Manor

May 3 – Cabin Choir performance

May 5 – Childrens Day activities

May 16 – Faith Bible Church Senior luncheon outing

May 26 – Dorayaki making and tasting

May 28 – Ride outing to Kerry Park



6-6 Sound Singer concert

Upcoming Activities & Events at Nikkei Manor

6-3 Kokoro Kai Father's Day class

6-5 Senior Creating Art watercolor class

6-6 Sound Singers concert

6-10 June birthday party with piano concert

6-13 Saturday Bingo

6-15 Kokoro Kai - Sing along with Rainbow Ladies

6-17 Nursing students visit from Japan.

6-22 Shuji class at Kokoro Kai

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

Kokoro Kai Attendance Reminder:

Your loved one is always welcome to add additional attendance days. To help us prepare, please notify us at least one day in advance. If your loved one will be absent on a scheduled attendance day, please call the Activity Office at (206) 726-6477 as soon as possible.

Please note that a \$12 lunch fee will be charged for cancellations received after 9:00 AM on the scheduled attendance day. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

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

Years of Service

June Staff Anniversaries

Yuko Osborns: 10 years

Frances Bagdady: 14 years

Juan Osorio: 13 years

Reina Lee: 1 year

Tatum (Chichi) Valdez: 13 years

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



Looking for a simple way to support our residents and program participants?

You can support Nikkei Manor and Kokoro Kai by purchasing an item from our Amazon Wish List. From activity supplies to everyday essentials, each donation helps enhance programs, comfort, and quality of life for those we serve.

We are also currently accepting Amazon gift card donations to help purchase resident activity supplies, shaved ice, festival games, and other community-

building items for this summer's Bon Odori celebration.

Note: Amazon does not always share purchaser information with us when a wish list item is purchased. If you purchase an item, please email Karlee at khicks@keironw.org and let us know what you selected so we can properly acknowledge and thank you for your generosity!

[Amazon Wish List](#)

Direct support helps sustain programs that provide care, connection, and culturally responsive services for older adults in our community. Thank you for helping us continue this work!

[Donate](#)

Keiro Northwest and Nikkei Manor have partnered with CARS (Charitable Adult Rides & Services) to facilitate vehicle donations. To get started, simply visit the link below or call 855-500-RIDE (7433). Your generous vehicle donation will contribute directly, with 70% of the net value supporting our mission.

[Get Started](#)



5-20 Board Chair, Susan Okamoto Lane and NM Exec. Director, Amy Nguyen present a wreath at the NVC's Annual Memorial Day service.

Photo credit: Eugene Tagawa

最後に、ありがとうございました。



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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