



January 2026 Monthly Newsletter

Wishing you a Happy New Year 2026



Hee Shik Kim
Honorary President

Dear KACS Families,
Wishing you and your family a year filled with health, peace, and love as we welcome 2026, the Year of the Red Horse.
We are deeply grateful for your unwavering support and the dedication of our staff, which allowed KACS to thrive in 2025. This year, we remain committed to serving our community with meaningful change and practical support. We look forward to your continued journey with us. May 2026 bring you endless blessings. Happy New Year!



Jung Soon Lee
KACS member

Since joining KACS in 2024, I have been embraced by incredible support and kindness. After losing a beloved family member, the staff provided the hope and strength I needed to navigate my darkest days. Through Yoga and Tai Chi classes, I regained my physical health, but even more importantly, the dedicated care of the staff helped heal my grieving heart. While my contribution may be small, I am honored to support KACS in any way I can. In 2026, I wish health and passion for all our members and staff. I am also deeply committed to our shared dream of securing a permanent home for KACS—a true sanctuary where our community can flourish together in harmony.



Jamie Yoo
Director of
Communications

Dear KACS Families,
As we embrace the dawn of 2026, I extend my warmest wishes for a year defined by health, peace, and renewed hope for you and your loved ones. Reflecting on the past year, every milestone KACS achieved was rooted in the profound trust you placed in us. You are truly the heart of our community. It is through your partnership that we have been able to transform practical assistance into lasting, meaningful change.
As we enter the New Year of the Red Horse, may 2026 be a journey of healing and boundless possibilities. We are honored to walk this beautiful path alongside you.
Happy New Year!

Spring 2026 Senior Class Schedule

Please see page 3 for registration details and further information.

	Location	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Wellness Class	GYM	Tai Chi (9:05-9:50) Table Tennis (9:30-11:30)	Line Dance (Beginner 1) (9:05-9:50)		Tai Chi (9:05-9:50)	
Wellness Class	MPR	Janggu (Korean Drum) (9:45-11:05)	LineDance (Beginner 2) (10:10-11:10)	ESL (10:10-11:10)	Ukulele - (Beginner 1) (9:10-10:10)	Knitting (10:10-11:10) Smartphone (Samsung) (10:10-11:10)
Wellness Class	Teen Room			Smartphone (iPhone) (10:10-11:10)	Ukulele - (Beginner 2) (10:10-11:10) Choir (10:10-11:10)	Korean Oriental Painting 9:50-11:10
Senior Nutrition Program	MPR	SNP 11:30-12:00	SNP 11:30-12:00	SNP 11:30-12:00	SNP 11:30-12:00	SNP 11:30-12:00

Year-End Appreciation Luncheon for Volunteers & Staff

On December 17, KACS held a special appreciation event at the Bascom Community Center to honor the volunteers, staff, and board members who dedicated themselves to our community this past year. President Heeshik Kim opened the ceremony by thanking the 50 attendees for their tireless devotion, wishing everyone a healthy and peaceful 2026.

The highlight of the day was the Awards Ceremony, honoring those with exceptional contributions:

- Exemplary Member Award: Jung Soon Lee – For her early-morning dedication to preparing and supporting our Senior Wellness classes.
- Volunteer Instructor Award: Jae-deok Kim – For over 7 years of sharing joy and vitality as a Ukulele instructor.
- SNP Volunteer Award: ChenCai Xiao – For his diligent and silent support in ensuring the stable operation of our daily lunch program.
- Outstanding Staff Member of the Year: Jean Choi (SNP Site Manager) – Voted by her peers for being a positive role model with her kind and sincere attitude.
- A special Certificate of Appreciation: Director Jaehak Yang for his outstanding leadership in managing finances and improving operational efficiency over the past year.

KACS sincerely thanks all our awardees and supporters for making 2025 a year of meaningful change.

To close the ceremony, Executive Director Eunice Chun extended her heartfelt gratitude to all attendees. "I hope we continue to grow together in the coming year," she shared, calling for continued participation and solidarity within the community. The luncheon was a precious opportunity to reflect on the dedication of everyone who contributed to KACS's growth and to offer warm encouragement for the journey ahead. The event concluded in a joyful atmosphere with a delicious luncheon and an exciting raffle filled with generous prizes.



Exemplary Member Award: Jung Soon Lee



Volunteer Instructor Award: Jae-deok Kim



Volunteer Service Award (SNP): ChenCai Xiao



Staff Member of the Year: Jean Choi



Certificate of Appreciation: Jaehak Yang



Year-End Carol Concert & Gift Giving Celebration



Spreading Warmth: KACS Year-End Holiday Outreach

This December, KACS shared the holiday spirit with seniors through two meaningful programs:

Special Meal Delivery (Dec 18–19) KACS visited 10 low-income senior apartments, delivering Bibimbap and soup to 195 residents. Beyond providing meals, we checked on their well-being and shared handmade cards from KSNC Junior Leaders. These thoughtful gestures brought immense comfort and smiles to our seniors.

Carol Concert & Gift Sharing (Dec 22) At the Bascom Community Center, the KSNC Junior Leaders Orchestra performed a moving holiday concert for 150 seniors. Following the performance, KACS distributed nutritious meals and gift sets (including fish and soup) to help our members welcome the New Year with joy.

This season of giving was made possible through the generous support of The Health Trust and our dedicated youth volunteers. One participant shared, "The beautiful music and gifts made me feel truly cared for and comforted this winter."

SENIOR WELLNESS CLASS GUIDE:

SPRING 2026

Hello, KACS members! We sincerely appreciate your continued interest and active participation in our programs. To provide fair opportunities for more seniors to join, we are introducing new registration and operation policies for the Spring 2026 semester. Please review the details below.



Key Program Updates

- **Seasonal Rotation System:** Programs will now operate on a rotating basis between the Spring and Fall semesters.
- **Registration Limits:** To ensure variety, registration is limited to a maximum of **3 programs** per person.
- **Priority Enrollment:** Priority will be given to those on existing waiting lists and individuals in health-vulnerable groups.
- **New Classes:** We are excited to announce the opening of new **Tai Chi and Smartphone classes!**
- **Transparent System:** In the event of over-registration, enrollment will follow priority guidelines, and waitlist rankings will be made public to ensure transparency.

Registration Schedule & Enrollment Info

- **Spring Semester Begins: Monday, February 2, 2026**
(Note: Korean Oriental Painting class begins **Friday, Feb 20**)
- **Registration Period: Monday, Jan 5 – Friday, Jan 16 (2 weeks)**
- **How to Register:**
Phone: 408-920-9733 or 408-791-8507
In-Person: Visit the Bascom Community Center to register directly.
- **Notification of Class Lists: Friday, Jan 23 – Thursday, Jan 29**
- **Inquiries: Operation Director Cheolho Won (cheol@kacssv.org)**

Important Notes

- **Class Communication:** Once enrollment is confirmed, KACS staff will create new KakaoTalk group chats for each program. **Please note that all previous Fall 2025 KakaoTalk chat rooms will be deactivated.**
- **Graduation:** As a general rule, students from the Fall 2025 semester will be considered "graduated" to allow room for new participants.

■ Protect Our Community: Know Your Rights

KACS is committed to protecting the rights of our immigrant community.

We provide clear guidelines to help you minimize potential harm during enforcement situations.

- **Immediate Assistance:** If you witness ICE activity or if a family member is detained, contact the Rapid Response Network (RRN) immediately at 408-290-1144.



Social Service	Utility Assistance	Senior Program	Civic Engagement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▷ Medi-Cal/Medicare ▷ SSI, SSA ▷ IHSS (Caregiver Services) ▷ Low-income housing ▷ Food stamps ▷ Translation/Interpretation <p>(Social services and healthcare-related only)</p>	<p>Help applying for discounts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▷ Phone bills ▷ Internet bills ▷ Electricity bills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▷ Senior Nutrition Program ▷ Community Health Worker ▷ Senior health screenings ▷ Senior APT Outreach ▷ Customized consultations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▷ Stop Hate Crime Program ▷ Voter Registration Assistance ▷ Immigrant Support Services ▷ Community Solidarity ▷ Cultural events

We need your support

KACS has made a significant impact on the lives of the community members we serve. As we grow and expand our programs, we face a pressing need to relocate to a new office—one that offers easier access and more space to better serve our clients.

With your support, we can create a welcoming, accessible, and functional sanctuary where everyone can receive the vital services they need. Your generous donation will directly assist us in maintaining our core programs or acquiring this essential new facility.

In Person / By Mail

Please call us ahead of time to visit our office to make your contribution.

Please mail to
136 Burton Ave, San Jose CA 95112

Payable to: KACS
 (Memo: General Support or Building Fund)

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