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2026 Happy Halloween Hour

Connect, collaborate, and celebrate the season with Keizai Silicon Valley!

Sponsored by Procopio, our upcoming Halloween Happy Hour at the Jin Sho restaurant in Palo Alto is your chance to expand your professional network in a fun, relaxed environment.

Food & Drink: Procopio is generously sponsoring a hosted reception! Arrive early to enjoy complimentary drinks and appetizers before we transition to a cash bar.

Costumes: Optional, but highly encouraged! Come dressed to impress for a chance to win prizes.

Admission: Registration is completely free, but mandatory to secure your entry due to limited venue capacity and headcount requirements.

Don't miss out on a fantastic evening of networking, laughter, and seasonal cheer. We can't wait to see you there!

Wednesday, October 28, 2026, 6:00 – 8:00 pm (PT)

Venue

Jin Sho
454 California Ave
Palo Alto, CA 94306

Fees Free; registration required

Bay Area Sushi Restaurants

By Joe Quinlan

Compared to 30 years ago when I first moved to the Bay Area, sushi restaurants with Japanese chefs are becoming somewhat rare. Ebisu in San Francisco's Inner Sunset is one that remains, and another is Keizai's Halloween Happy Hour location – Jin Sho in Palo Alto. The restaurants that still have Japanese chefs tend toward the pricier side, which makes Keizai's Happy Hour an even better deal. The top sushi restaurant in San Francisco's Japantown is probably Sasa, but it is also quite pricy.



This is not to say there aren't some excellent sushi restaurants run by non-Japanese. One is Wago on Chestnut Street in San Francisco's Marina District, staffed by Koreans. The sushi there is as fine as any standard Japanese sushi place of decades ago. Personally, I prefer Wago to the trendier sushi place Mamanoko just a few blocks further down Chestnut Street. All in all, the Bay Area sushi experience has changed over the past 30 years; but one thing that has changed for the better is the variety of excellent sake available to accompany your sushi. Dassai is my personal favorite.

A Summer of Fun – Keizai 2026

This was a summer of fun for Keizai Silicon Valley, anchored in three key events: Keizai's traditional **Summer Networking** on August 1st at Cuesta Park in Mountain View, and two **Hiking Days** in May and September (to avoid the mid-summer heat).



among the two groups. We even held a joint bingo event at the picnic, with both organizations providing prizes. For the children, there was a balloon toss, donuts-on-a-string, and suika wari.

The food highlight was the delicious steak, chicken, and sausage grilled by the Silicon Valley BBQ Association, who graciously donated their time and BBQ skills.

This year Keizai chose a location for the **Summer Networking** that we had never been to before: Cuesta Park, centrally located in Mountain View. Located in a beautiful area next to El Camino Hospital and the El Camino YMCA, Cuesta Park also had the advantage of allowing Keizai to hold our event right next to one by Japan Bio Community, with a lot of cross pollination



All in all, the change of location to a new park gave a fresh feel to the Summer Networking Event.



And to work off all that summer BBQ food, and also get in more enjoyable networking, Keizai Silicon Valley led two **Hiking Days** on May 23rd and September 19th.

In May we tried out Villa Montalvo in Saratoga. The hike started out with a moderate uphill climb to a viewpoint overlooking Silicon Valley. And then there was a long forested gradual descent back to the central area and the beautiful and historic Villa Montalvo mansion, which was setting up for an evening wedding event.



And in September, Keizai Silicon Valley took on the challenge of Alum Rock Park's South Rim Trail. This historic park used to be a hot springs destination over a century ago, and at the beginning of the trail we walked past the remnants of those long-ago stone hot spring tubs. And then it was a climb through nine switchbacks to the top of the South Rim where we were able to look down directly on our cars that we had just parked one



hour earlier. And more enjoyably, this mid-hike location offered a view through the Alum Rock canyon and out toward Silicon Valley. A long gradual descent led us down to the base of the canyon where we walked along Penitencia Creek and back to the parking lot. This is definitely one of the most enjoyable hikes in Silicon Valley.

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