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After 13 year of bringing museum-like experiences to children in Fremont, Union City and Newark, the Board of Directors of Kimbookai Children's Edutainment Museum voted to dissolve the non-profit organization.

"Kimbookai started with young mothers who desperately felt a museum for young children was sorely needed in the Tri-City area. We've worked for so many years to realize our vision and now we feel it's time to move on," said Lin-Lin Tsou-Otani, one of the founding members of the 501 (c) 3 non-profit and a member of the Fremont Branch for several years.

The need, continued Lin-Lin, is still very much there. The demographics of the area support it and it's on every parents's wish list. "What would be great," she said, "is for a new group of citizens to take up the challenge and help preserve our legacy by continuing our work in the community and putting our vision into action to create the museum we've dreamed of."

Part of the dissolution process is to donate all remaining assets to a non-profit cause in concert with the organization's mission. The Board has voted to give its remaining \$10,000.98 to the Alameda Country Library Foundation for the sole purpose of creating a Parent/Toddler area in the children's section of the Fremont Main Library on Stevenson Boulevard.

The area will be called The Kimbookai Corner. It will feature an attractive and colorful oasis for youngsters and their parents with educational, entertaining and state-of-the-art toys and information so that the children have a great time and parents learn the best way to nurture and play with them.

**On Thursday, November 19 at 2:00 p.m. the Fremont Library, Children's Section, will be the scene of a Donation Ceremony when Kimbookai will officially present the check to the library.**

Lin-Lin encourages Fremont Branch members to attend this auspicious event. "We would really welcome AAUW members to be there since you have been such a wonderful, supportive group. You have always answered the call for volunteers and have helped us with generous donations. We shall be forever grateful for your caring help."