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*Lessons in
Loyalty*

THE WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL

Newsletter April 2013

2013 JEFFERSON AWARD HONOREES ANNOUNCED BY KSBW-TV

Every neighborhood has "unsung heroes," volunteers who go above and beyond their expected duties to make their neighborhoods and communities a better place.

The Jefferson Awards' mission encourages and honors individuals for their achievements and contributions through public and community service. Honorees are ordinary people who accomplish extraordinary things without the expectation of recognition.

KSBW Action News 8 worked together with Santa Barbara Bank & Trust, now part of **Union Bank**, to honor volunteers on April 1st at the **16th Annual Jefferson Awards** dinner in Salinas.

The **2013 Jefferson Awards** honorees are:

Veronica Lezama of Hollister

Christy Licker of Aptos

Douglas Brown of Salinas

Glenn Moore of Seaside

Regina Mason of Seaside, and

Esther Ura of Watsonville!

Congratulations to this year's honorees! One will be selected to represent the Central Coast at the National Jefferson Awards in Washington D.C. this summer.



Esther Ura is shown here with daughter, **Jennifer Ura Gavin**, and grandson, **Kai**.

Esther Ura was nominated by the students and faculty of **Bradley Elementary School** in Corralitos. Here's what they wrote in the nomination application. It was submitted by **Ari Parker**, 5th grade teacher.

The students, faculty and parents of Bradley Elementary School would like to offer our own **Esther Ura** as a nominee for the **16th Annual KSBW Jefferson Award**.

In the spirit of the *Jefferson Awards*, "honoring ordinary people who accomplish extraordinary things without expectation of recognition" we have chosen to nominate "Grandma" Esther Ura for her selfless volunteer service to the community of Watsonville and the public school children in the **Pajaro Valley Unified School District**. Esther began her volunteerism at **MacQuiddy Elementary School** in the 1970's, continued through to **Watsonville High School** and their very first *Grad Night* in 1988 (an alcohol and drug free event) as well as throughout the decades since, has continued a lifetime of service to the Watsonville community.

Through her 50+ years of volunteerism at her church, the **Watsonville Buddhist Temple**, Esther has been an integral part of fundraising and community service. In her decades as an officer (Secretary)/member of the **Japanese American Citizens League (JACL)** she has continued to promote its mission of defending the civil rights of all people, supporting students through scholarship programs and then chairing/participating in the fundraisers that support those scholarships as well as promoting Japanese cultural appreciation in our community through *Kokoro no Gakko*, Japanese cultural school, that is open to anyone of any cultural background. Thankfully, Esther has added Bradley Elementary School students to her resume of volunteerism for the past six years.

Esther was born in Gilroy in 1940. Her family moved to the Central Valley/Fresno area at the beginning of World War II, and then to Arizona in hopes of escaping the incarceration that many Japanese Americans who lived in California had already

endured. Tragically, Esther's family was imprisoned while she was a young girl at Poston, Arizona, for over three years. Once WW II ended, Esther and her family returned to California.

Esther married her pharmacist husband, **Ernie Ura**, in 1963, settled in Watsonville and had two children, **Jennifer** and **Jason**. Ernie owned and operated *Ashcraft Pharmacy* in Watsonville for many years until he was diagnosed with cancer. Esther, in addition to her 37½ year tenure at **Watsonville Community Hospital** as Director of Medical Records, Director of Quality Assurance and Medical Staff Coordinator, was also a full-time mother, community volunteer and caregiver to her beloved husband, Ernie, until his passing over 20 years ago.

Esther's spirit, loving nature and quiet dedication to the family and community she loves, is amazing. Throughout her life, Esther has overcome multiple hardships and tragedies from being held unconstitutionally as an American citizen in an incarceration camp, to losing her husband to cancer while she continued to support and raise their two children who have both grown to be successful professionals with families of their own.

According to **Kathy Arola**, Principal of Bradley Elementary, "Grandma" Esther has worked tirelessly to serve our students everyday so they may grow and learn to reach their highest potential. "She is truly the most outstanding volunteer I have met in my 27 years in education," said Arola.

"Grandma" Esther has touched countless lives through her volunteerism and service in our public schools and community. She has single-handedly supported hundreds of children and teachers through her ceaseless efforts that have inspired them to want to emulate her dedicated contributions to our community.

Although this nomination comes from me, an educator for almost 30 years in the Pajaro Valley Unified School District, it was initially proposed through the children in my class. Esther has always been there for them with a smile, positive encouragement and support, and although not especially "visible" to the community at large she has dedicated her life to her "family" which has been inclusive of so many in Watsonville and beyond.

The **Watsonville-Santa Cruz Chapter of the National Japanese American Citizens League** offers its congratulations to **Esther Ura**, upon receiving this prestigious *KSBW-TV Jefferson Award* for outstanding volunteer services to the community.

To be nominated by the 5th grade students of Ari Parker's class at Bradley Elementary School in Corralitos is in itself an honor and tribute of the highest regards to Esther. For years she has volunteered her time and attention to our youth and greater community which includes serving on our W-SC JACL Board of Directors as Secretary. Her volunteer assistance in the classroom began when her daughter, Jennifer, and son, Jason, were in kindergarten.

With a beautiful smile and positively encouraging attitude, Esther continues to extend her support whenever needed and without recognition until today.

Esther is most deserving of *The Jefferson Award*. Congratulations to Esther and to all the awardees. Thank you for serving our community.

The Jefferson Awards are a well-respected recognition system honoring individuals who perform community and public service. *The American Institute for Public Service* was created in 1972 by **Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis**, **U.S. Senator Robert Taft Jr.** and **Sam Beard**. The public foundation established *The Jefferson Awards*, a "Nobel Prize" for community and public service. In 1977, the *Jefferson Awards* embarked on a media partnership with local newspapers and television stations to highlight community service.

DOMA ON TRIAL by the **National JACL**
Washington D.C. – On March 27th, the U.S. Supreme Court heard the case of **Edith Windsor** who challenges the constitutionality of the **Defense Of Marriage Act (DOMA)**, the law signed by **President Clinton** that defines marriage as the legal union of one man and one woman.

In August 2012, **JACL** joined the **Anti-Defamation League** on an *amicus brief* which supported a District Court's ruling that DOMA unconstitutionally discriminates against married same-sex couples.

Also up for consideration, on March 26th, is the case regarding **California's Proposition 8**, a state ballot measure in 2008 that barred same-sex marriage.

In 2009, lawyers **Theodore B. Olson** and **David Boies** brought a lawsuit arguing that California's voters had violated the U.S. Constitution when they overrode an earlier state Supreme Court decision to legalize same-sex marriage.

On March 26th and 27th, **United for Marriage** held rallies outside of the Supreme Court in Washington D.C. and throughout the country to show support for marriage equality. A number of LGBT and allied groups, grassroots leaders, and families also held local rallies in the hope that gay and lesbian Americans will enjoy the same freedoms and opportunities as everyone else.

The JACL, at its National convention, **passed a resolution thirty years ago in 1983** in support of marriage equality and urges members to attend *United for Marriage* rally events across the nation.

[**Editor's note:** We strongly believe that in the end we will prevail, if not with the make-up of this Court, then certainly with a future court more enlightened and committed to the principles of equal justice for all.]

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA by National JACL

Washington D.C., March 22, 2012 --The Boy Scouts of America maintains a policy that was established over twenty years ago which states "...homosexual conduct is inconsistent with the requirements in the Scout Oath that a Scout be morally straight and in the Scout Law that a Scout be clean in work and deed, and that homosexuals do not provide a desirable role model for Scouts..." The position further states that "...Because of these beliefs, the Boy Scouts of America does not accept homosexuals as members or as leaders, whether in volunteer or professional capacities..."

As a civil rights organization, the **Japanese American Citizens League (JACL)** believes America's truest character is expressed when access to opportunities are provided equitably to all persons. We believe these opportunities should not be limited by race, religion, ancestry, gender, national origin, disability or sexual orientation.

The acceptance of Japanese Americans as full participants to our society was not always the case. There was a time when we were ostracized and excluded from full participation in the mainstream of American society. Thus, we are aware that living on the fringes of acceptance is a denigrating and dehumanizing existence. However, the unique characteristic of our society is that it evolves and provides a place for everyone to participate and to be what they are.

It is important, even for private organizations, to recognize the value in accepting diversity. The JACL urges the Boy Scouts of America to lift its ban on openly gay individuals so they may fully participate as members and leaders.

[Editor's note: We are happy for the support of the Buddhist Churches of America in this issue.]

THE RIGHT TO VOTE IS SACRED

Washington, D.C.- On Wednesday, February 27, 2013, the Supreme Court of the United States heard oral arguments regarding the constitutionality of **Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act** in the case, *Shelby County, Alabama v. Holder*.

Section 5 has proven itself to be one of the most important provisions and effective civil rights laws as it protects minority voters in states and counties with a history of racial discrimination in voting rules and practices. Section 5 requires these states and counties to get approval from the Department of Justice or special court in Washington before they make any changes in voting rules and practices. Section 5 is intended to stop voter discrimination before it occurs.

With the increasing growth of the Asian American community and evidence of voting discrimination (i.e. redistricting, language access and assistance, discriminatory voting changes) against minorities and the AAPI community today, Section 5 is necessary to our community to protect Asian American voters' rights.

In February, **JACL** signed onto an *amicus brief* with 28 Asian American organizations, urging the Court to uphold Section 5. The decision by the Supreme Court is expected by the end of June 2013.

REDRESS AND REPARATIONS by Ben Umeda, Chair of the Watsonville JACL Redress Committee

[Editor's note: On Saturday, August 10, 2013, our Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL will celebrate the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the signing of the **Civil Liberties Act of August 10, 1988. The other Monterey Bay JACL chapters have been invited to participate.**

Our keynote speaker will be **Grant Ujifusa** of New York. He was a prime mover of the redress bill through the Congress, and he's our W-SC JACL member!!

In addition, we will have some very special honorees in attendance. It will be one memorable event that you won't want to miss!

All those who suffered the unjust wartime incarceration of 1942-1946 in any of the ten infamous "American concentration camps" or of the other 59 installations of detentions throughout the country where we of Japanese ancestry were forcibly held against our will, along with family members young and old, are cordially invited as our honored guests to learn more about this most devastating attack on the Constitution of the United States of America.

Help us celebrate. Reserve August 10th, 2013! The observance will be held at our Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL Kizuka Hall, 150 Blackburn Street, Watsonville, CA 95076 on Sat. Aug. 10th, from 1 pm to 4 pm. There will be no admission charge, and everyone is most welcomed. Light refreshments will be served.

We are grateful for this report by **Ben Umeda** who was our redress chair starting in 1979, **34 years ago!**]

*In early 1979, I was appointed to serve as Watsonville JACL's redress representative by **Wally Osato**, the President of our chapter. As the redress chairman for our chapter, my primary work was to keep our members informed of the redress progress and request monetary contributions toward the National JACL's redress fund raising.*

The first preparation for "The Civil Liberties Act" was to determine how the JACL members felt about seeking redress, a most critical decision. A letter explaining the reason for redress and along with it a questionnaire was sent out to 300 plus local JACL members. The purpose was to get their thoughts and opinions on pursuing redress. The ten percent questionnaire return was disappointing, but the one hundred percent approval for redress by the JACL senior center members was encouraging. I followed up again with a second letter stressing the urgency and need of membership response of the questionnaire. This time the members returned questionnaires indicating an overwhelming approval to proceed with the redress movement.

Watsonville JACL had cooperated and had been involved in the redress campaign since the time of the survey in 1979. More than ninety percent of the respondents favored the individual monetary reparation.

After the Commission was established in 1980 and hearings were to be scheduled, members of the Department of Justice came to Watsonville to get personal testimonies directly from members of our community. With the help of translators many Issei and senior members

gave their testimonies. Members were encouraged to write and send their own testimonies to the Commission.

To promote the redress campaign to our chapter members, I requested speakers who included **Fred Korematsu**, **Grant Ujifusa** (New York), **Judge William Marutani** (Commission member), **Min Yasui** (Board Chair of National JACL) and **John Tateishi** (National Redress Director).

The long uphill struggle for justice which began more than ten years ago came to a close on August 10, 1988 when **President Ronald Reagan** signed "The Civil Liberties Act" (HR 442).

In order to hasten the payment for the redress, **Senator Daniel Inouye**, through his long experience in the Senate, along with **Senator Hollings** of South Carolina, was able to get the Congress to make the redress payment an entitlement.

From the very beginning of the National JACL's redress movement and fund raising, the Watsonville JACL has supported it with generous financial contributions. Our chapter did an outstanding job in meeting or surpassing all fund drives requested by the National JACL.

In the final request for funding the completion of the Civil Liberties Act," our chapter gave from 1990 through 1993 a total of \$44,050.00. This brought the ten years' final total to \$58,834.50. This year, our chapter received an annual allotment of \$421.51 from the National JACL's Legacy Fund.

[Editor's note: Ben and Yoko Umeda have gone above and beyond the call of duty seeking support and financial aid for redress and reparations. Our local JACL members, too, are to be commended for their generosity and support. Keep in mind that at this same time our JACL chapter was engaged in purchasing our JACL Hall on Blackburn Street! It is a credit to Ben and Yoko and to our chapter members who donated time and again and so generously at a time when they were struggling with personal finances that included sending their children to college! What an amazing and dedicated membership we had then and how it continues to be! We have a most dedicated membership committed to civic, social and legal justice. Thank you! Onward!]

YOUNG HISTORIAN AWARD

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A prize of \$500 to the winning project
(research paper, video, volunteer work, performance, art piece, etc.)


enhancing the history of the Pajaro Valley

Application deadline: April 11, 2013

Information: www.PajaroValleyHistory.org

or call 831-722-0305

Sponsored by the Pajaro Valley Historical Association
The Young Historian Award is made possible by a donor fund
at the Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County.



The **Pajaro Valley Historical Association** will present its \$500 *Young Historian Award* in June to an individual who shows a keen interest in the Pajaro Valley's past and creates a project that enhances the understanding of it. The contest is open to anyone between the ages of 16 and 25. Suggestions for projects include research papers, publications, videos, or volunteer work, such as acting as a docent or working to restore objects or sites.

[Editor's suggestion: an integral part of Pajaro Valley history includes the contributions made by the Nikkei community. Our youths might interview grandparents who struggled after their release from one of America's concentration camps during World War II which would fulfill the **Kee Kitayama Memorial Scholarship** essay requirement. There are many interesting stories of the struggles "returnees" faced that need recording.]

The deadline for submission is Thursday, April 11, 2013. For more information, go to www.PajaroValley.org or write to pvhistory@cruzio.com or call 831-722-0305.

SENIOR CENTER NEWS by Kitako Izumizaki

Seniors got many wonderful surprises this month.

First, we all enjoyed a surprise 88th birthday party for **Sam Sakamoto**, given by his wife **Yae** and daughter **Kim Steidl and family**. "Goodie" bags filled with healthy snacks of raisins, nuts and sweets were passed out to all. We sang a special *Happy Birthday* to Sam, who seemed a bit confused at all the attention he was getting. He had forgotten his hearing aids and couldn't hear what was going on.

Table flowers were colorful posies in lovely globe shaped vases. The head table held a large bouquet of mixed blooms varying from bird of paradise to orchid sprays, lilies, irises, and carnations.



Daughter **Kim Sakamoto Steidl**, **Yae** and **Sam Sakamoto** enjoying Sam's 88th at the Senior Center.

We welcome new members **George Stewart** and **Mitsue Tao**. May you win lots of bingos.

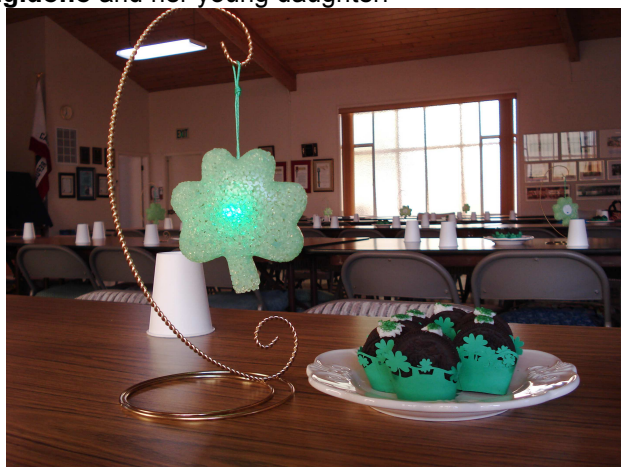
If you are a Senior or anywhere nearing that "time," come join us on Thursdays at the JACL Kizuka Hall, 150 Blackburn St., Watsonville. We'd love to have you join us. Call **Carol or Paul Kaneko** at (831) 476-7040.



A surprise gift from the family of **Miye Yamashita**, who celebrated her 95th birthday this month, were packages of *manju* for everyone. They were so delicious! Thank you, and Happy Birthday to **Miye-san**, and many, many more!



To top off the day, we all enjoyed a special ice cream treat from **Jee Kajihara**, shown above with **Jane Sugidono** and her young daughter.



For *St. Patrick's Day*, **Helen Nakano** decorated the head table with a lit shamrock tree. Individual tables held decorated *Oreo* cookies in green shamrock paper holders.

Some members have been complaining that they can't hear the announcements. The PA system was checked by **Kurt Kurasaki** of the San Benito County JACL and **Phil Shima** who worked for its clarity. Thank you, Kurt and Phil!



March birthday celebrants were **Kimi Fujii**, **Hide Nagamine 92**, **Ruby Nakamura 88**, **Louise Sako 96**, **Miye Yamashita 95** and **Chie Sakaue**. Absent: **Yae Sakamoto** and **Betty Yagi**. Photos by **Carol Kaneko**.

Ruby received an orchid plant for reaching 88, and **Hideko**, **Louise** and **Miyeko** all received *manju*. Table flowers were spring flowers with California poppy. The head table held a bouquet of daffodils, lilies, gladiolas and geraniums, the work of **Mitsuyo Tao**, **Jean Akiyama**, and **Hisako Kodama**.

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We thank the ever hard-working *tobans*: **Sachi Snyder**, **Susan AmRhein**, **Betty Oda**, **Edna Nagata**, **Terry Hirahara**, **Eiko Stewart** and **June** and **Sunao Honda** for all the busy work.

Monetary donations gratefully received: **Kimiyo Fujii**, **Hideko Nagamine**, **Ruby Nakamura**, **Chie Sakaue**, **Louise Sako**, and **Miyeko Yamashita**.

Other donations gratefully received:

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| Rubie Kawamoto | 6 sq <i>Kleenex</i> , 6 pkgs cookies, 3 purse hangers, 2 bags <i>arare</i> |
| Susan AmRhein | 7 pkgs lemon cake, 10 <i>Irish Pound</i> cake, 9 brownie cakes, birthday candles, lighter |
| Helen/Sho Kobara | 96 rolls tissues, 30 rolls paper towels |
| Kim Steidl | bouquet for head table, bags of goodies, 12 vases of flowers |
| Yae Sakamoto | birthday cake and ice cream |
| Satoko Yamamoto | 4 boxes <i>Kleenex</i> |
| Kinji/Motoko House | doz double rolls tissues, 5 boxes <i>Kleenex</i> , 8 pkgs <i>Nestle</i> mix, 18 big rolls tissues |
| Jean Akiyama | 4 lge <i>Kleenex</i> , 4 bottles <i>Dawn</i> |
| Haru/Richard Ishibashi | 16 rolls tissues |
| Edna/Yukio Nagata | doz rolls tissues |
| Chiyoko Yagi | 8 plates <i>mochi</i> cake, 7 bunches flowers |
| Eiko/George Stewart | 3 jars berry jam, 1 pkg <i>somen</i> , 4 pkgs dried seaweed, 20 decorated pens |
| Kitako Izumizaki | 9 rolls tissues |

Miye Yamashita	5 bottles <i>Dawn</i> , 2 pkgs cookies,
	5 bags <i>chagashi</i> ,
June/Sunao Honda	6 plates <i>sushi</i> , 10 pkgs <i>nori</i> ,
	good luck frog for casino trips
Chie Sakaue	23 bunches flowers and then
	more flowers for all
Victor Kimura	dish rack and tea pot
Eiko Ceremony	2 bags snacks
Mitzi Katsuyama	5 bags cookies
Bobbi Jo Palmer	magazines
Jee Kajihara	ice cream for all
Yamashita Family	<i>manju</i> for all
Hisako Uemura	doz tissues
Yaeko Cross	1 doz <i>an</i> doughnuts
Kimi Fujii	4 sq <i>Kleenex</i> , 3 bottles <i>Dawn</i>
Haruko Yoshii	5 bottles <i>Dawn</i>
Jean Yamashita	20 artichokes
Terry Hirahara	doz roll tissues, 200 napkins,
	6 bars bath soap
Yoshino Matano	5 boxes foil
Hide/Akira Nagamine	2 bottles anti bacterial <i>Windex</i>
Hatsuko Tsuji	3 pkgs oatmeal
Marcia/Mas Hashimoto	3 pkgs <i>nori</i> , 4 bottles <i>Dawn</i>

Many thanks for your continued generosity. Keep coming.

We will be having a *Hanamatsuri obento* from *Sushi Gardens* on Thursday, April 4. April birthdays will be celebrated on Thursday, April 18th. Regular bingo dates are April 11 and April 25th. Don't miss out, and bring a friend.

KAWAKAMI SISTER CITY NEWS by Robb Mayeda

On March 8th, **Robb and Dorothy Mayeda** represented **Kawakami-Watsonville Sister City Association (KWSCA)** at the first Northern California Sister City Conference held at the Japanese Consulate in San Francisco. This conference was attended by twenty-nine people representing twenty-two sister city committees. Japan is the most common sister city relationship for the USA, and the USA is the most common sister city for Japan. There are 200 Japan/USA sister cities. **Northern California** has the most Japanese-American sister cities in the USA (60 out of 200).

The **Consul General Hiroshi Inomata** in San Francisco wishes to have more communication regarding sister cities. They are producing a newsletter which will be published in May. They are asking for information for articles. They distributed a list of the 60 city pairs and the year they established the relationship. Watsonville-Kawakami Sister City will celebrate and observe its **25th anniversary**. We are not the oldest but we do have one of the best student exchange programs. We appreciated the interest and concern for all our sister-city programs.

Beside staff members from the consulate, which included **Zander Petersen**, a 2005 Aptos H.S. graduate, the meeting was attended by **Yukio Takegasa**, mayor of Toride City. His city's sister city is Yuba City. He mentioned that he was in Watsonville the previous day to buy strawberries.

The representatives shared information about their programs. We were placed in a group with Hercules, Palo Alto, and Fresno. Here is what they shared:

Hercules sends 2 boys and 2 girls every other year. They spend 2 weeks in Japan. One week is in the sister city; one week touring Japan. Cost is \$3,000. They sell entertainment books. Their travel agent is **Lance Imamura** of *Polaris Tours*, Union City.

In wealthier cities, such as Palo Alto, parents pay for the entire trip, but most sister-cities are challenged to provide fundraisers to help their students pay for the trip.

Fresno has a sister city organization with 9 sister cities sub-committees. Students come all at once from all 9 countries. The largest group is from Munich. There was only one student from Japan.

Watsonville has one of the largest, sending 14 to 16 students each year. Many cities send smaller groups every-other year

The Kawakami-Watsonville Sister City Association shares in this challenge. Airfares rose from \$835 in 2010 to \$1250 in 2012. During that time fundraising became increasingly difficult. In the last pancake breakfast (March 17), the association did not cover the cost of the breakfast materials and charges for the use of the WHS cafeteria. In order to save money, this year the group from Watsonville will fly from SFO to LAX and then to Narita. Since there are more flights from LAX, the prices to Narita are much lower. Our group leaves on May 7 and returns May 15.

Our next fundraiser is a car wash at Ramsey Park, Saturday, April 20, from 9 AM – 1 PM. Discounted tickets (\$5) are available through the students going to Japan, Phyllis Nagamine, or Robb Mayeda. Drive-ups will cost \$8. Donations are gladly welcomed.

*Kawakami – Watsonville Sister City Association
Middle School Exchange Program*

Help support our PVUSD Middle School students' trip to Kawakami, Japan

CAR WASH



SATURDAY, April 20, 2013
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Donation: \$8.00
\$5 with early bird coupon from students

Ramsey Park, Watsonville
 Main Street and Pennsylvania
Thank you for your support!

Another way to donate is to visit www.indegogo.com and then search the keyword "Kawakami." A person can learn about the student exchange program and can donate any amount, although larger donations will receive "perks" such as letters or pictures from the trip in Japan.

Since KWSCA is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, all donations and purchases at fundraisers are tax deductible.

Lastly, KWSCA needs more support from the city and the community. For the past five years, its board has consisted of **Robb Mayeda**, **Phyllis Nagamine**, and **Lynne Siquieros**. This year, all three are dealing with serious family health issues. The association needs people to help in fundraising ideas, communication with the city council, publicity, and website enhancement. There are more than 200 families and 50 chaperones who have participated in one of these trips to Kawakami. The care and treatment of these visitors to Kawakami has been amazing.

For more information, or if you are willing to help this worthy project, please contact **Phyllis Nagamine** or **Robb Mayeda** (662-0736 or robb.mayeda@gmail.com).

WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE NEWS

By Jackie Yamashita

Watsonville Buddhist Temple
Hanamatsuri
Flower Festival

Celebrate the birth of
Shakyamuni Buddha
Special Hanamatsuri Service
from 10:00 AM

Sunday, April 7th
11:00AM to 2:00PM

Food Sales
Food sales begin at 11:00AM
Sushi, Teriyaki Chicken,
Cabbage Salad, Baked Goods

Exhibits
Ikebana, Bonsai, Flowers,
kimekomi doll,
Boy Scout Projects,
Temple History

Demonstrations
Watsonville Taiko,
Japanese Dance,
Salinas Kendo,
Hula Dancers

Raffle

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Hanamatsuri (the flower festival) is an important celebration that honors the birth of the historic Buddha, Shakyamuni Buddha, some 2500 years ago.

The Temple Sangha reports that the **Hanamatsuri Service and Bazaar** is going exactly as planned for Sunday, April 7th from 11 am to 2 pm.

We welcome everyone to come to celebrate this annual event. We have entertainment all lined up, including *Watsonville Taiko*. Our organizations will be selling delicious food items. We will also have numerous displays—Scouts, *Kokoro no Gakko*, *Dharma School*,

ikebana, *bonsai*, Temple history, and a few vendors, including *Nikkei Traditions* (**Pam Yoshida and Gordon Koo**) of San Jose and *Hugasumo* (**Shirley Inokuchi**).

Come early for the best selection! For sale are our famous cookbooks, the Multi-Chance Raffle and a regular raffle.

We appreciate everyone's help to make this year's *Hanamatsuri* another successful and fun-filled festival.

YBA PANCAKE FEED, March 24th: Thank you everyone for making this year's fundraiser the best in years! We had a beautiful day and a great turnout. Our cooks were very busy and very happy.

Watsonville Buddhist Temple Calendar for April 2013

2	Tues	7:30 pm	Temple Board Meeting
3	Wed	1 pm	BWA Meeting
4	Thurs	10 am	ABA Meeting
7	Sun	10 am	Sunday, <i>Shotsuki Hoyo & Hanamatsuri Services</i>
		11 am-2 pm	<i>Hanamatsuri Bazaar</i>
12	Fri	2 pm	San Juan <i>Howakai</i>
14	Sun	10 am	Sunday Service & Dharma School
17 & 18	Wed & Thu		BWA Pleasure Trip
21	Sun	10 am	Sunday Service & Pet Memorial
28	Sun	10 am	Sunday Service

Shotsuki Hoyo Service

10am Sunday April 7, 2013

Shotsuki refers to a gathering to give thanks to express gratitude for being able to find the meaning of life through Nembutsu. Let us gather to remember and express our gratitude. The families of the following deceased of April are invited to attend the service and to Oshoko (offer incense). We look forward to seeing you at the service.

April Memorial Service

Bob Daitoku	Niichi Eto
Seiko Fujii	Tamotsu Fujimura
George Sakae Fujita	Kazuo Fujita
Nancy Miyeko Hirahara	Walter Hashimoto
Kazuko Higaki	Haruso Higaki
Hisa Hirano	George Hoshiyama
Henry Ikeda	Itsuyo Inokuchi
Brad Roy Kaita	Setsuko Kajihara
Sanemi Kamimura	Haruko Kamitani
Takanoshin Kimoto	Henry Kokka
John Kurasaki	John Masao Kurimoto
Gunzo Maemura	Toro Matano
Nihei Matsui	Alice Matsumoto
Shio Matsumoto	Seki Mine
Mitsuo Misumi	Richard Miyama
Dennis Nishihara	Eki Nitao
Miyoko Ono	Yutaka Sakai

Hisae Sakakihara	Kina Sera
Tony Shimonishi	Tsunaye Shingai
Yukio Shingai	Mickie Shirachi
Frances Sugimoto	Masaru Sukekane
Kozo Suruki	Chikako Takata
Yasu Takei	Akira Bill Tao
Junko Toriumi	Kakichi Tsuda
Sonny Tsudama	Yoshihisa Tsuji
Yukiko Tsuji	Naoko Ura
Sawano Ura	Nora Nobuko Uyeda
Mary Uyematsu	Roy Uyematsu
Louis Waki	Mitomu Yamaguchi
Asayo Yamanishi	Yoneichi Yamaoka
Rinzo Yonekura	Edward Yoshida
Kazuye Yoshida	Hatsue Yoshida

The **BWA** will purchase a sheet cake for JACL Senior Center event on Thursday, April 4th for its annual *Hanamatsuri* celebration. BWA members will sing and perform the *Hanamatsuri* song.

For the **Hanamatsuri Service and Bazaar**, the BWA will have a *sushi* preparation from 8 am on Friday, April 5th and again from 8 am on April 6th. On Sunday, April 7th, rice cooking will take place from 4 am. All Temple members and friends are welcome to help with *sushi* preparation on Saturday and Sunday.

For the BWA Pleasure Trip of April 17th and 18th, Temple members and friends are to call Reverend Hanayama at 724-7779 to make reservations. Cost of the overnight trip is \$50.

BWA members are reminded to pay their \$5 annual membership dues before *Hanamatsuri*. New members are always welcome to join us.

ABA will be selling *teriyaki* chicken halves and pieces at the *Hanamatsuri* bazaar but will not be making or selling *manju* this year.

YBA. Thirteen members and 7 chaperones attended the CD YBL conference in San Jose on March 16th, and all had a great time. The YBA wishes to thank **Peter Hester** for designing the conference t-shirt logo. It looks simply amazing!

The YBA will help *Dharma School* sell baked goods and produce at the *Hanamatsuri* Bazaar on April 7th.

Boy Scouts. The scouts helped out at the Watsonville Airshow Steak & Lobster Dinner. In March, they went to the Pinnacles National Park to camp out for 3 days. In April they will hike about 20 miles from Skyline to Sea shore. The board thanked the scouts for all of their help setting up and taking down the gym tables.

REAGAN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY

At the Reagan Presidential Library, Simi Valley, CA, which of these are you most likely to receive as a gift:

- California **Sun-Maid** raisins
- Jelly Beans**
- Planter's Peanuts**
- Toll House** chocolate chip cookies
- Natural Valley Trail Mix**

Answer: **Jelly Beans!**

DONATIONS, A CORRECTION ...

In memory of Tadashi/Ayako/Iwao Mino
from **Philip and Sachi Snyder**

We sincerely apologize to the Snyder-Mino family for our error in reporting in last month's newsletter.

DONATIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED FROM ...

In memory of Yamato Nishihara
from **Eiko Nishihara**

In memory of Mary Meifu
from **Esther Ura**

Motorola Mobility Foundation, Libertyville, IL
Matching fund from **Gordon Koo**

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE EDUCATION FUND

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Katharine Minott *in honor of*

Mas and Marcia Hashimoto

Martha Miyamoto

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brother, **Jiro Sugidono**

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husband, **Jiro Sugidono**

Ben and Yoko Umeda

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Esther Ura *in memory of Barbara Wada*

Ruth Yamamoto *in memory of brother,*
Wataru Eto

WATSONVILLE BONSAI CLUB By Don White

The Watsonville Bonsai Club will host its **40th Annual Bonsai Exhibition & Demonstration** on Sunday, May 5, 2013. The exhibit will be held at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple, 423 Bridge Street, Watsonville, CA 90576, and will be open from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm.

The demonstration of creating a magnificent *bonsai* out of raw material by **Katsumi Kinoshita**, of Monterey, will begin at 1:30 pm. A raffle of *bonsai* items will follow the demonstration. A plant vender will be available for those of you who want an unusual or just an extra plant.

Tea & cookies will also be served. The exhibit is free, but a \$3 contribution at the door would be appreciated.

For further information, please contact **Don White** at 831-724-9283, or Email: whiteslib@aol.com.



Iwao Yamashita assists **Katsumi Kinoshita**, *bonsai sensei*, during a recent demonstration.



This beautiful 52 year-old oak *bonsai* is the artistry of **Don White**, a long-time member of *Watsonville Bonsai*.

27th ANNUAL JAPANESE CULTURAL FAIR NEEDS YOUR HELP

The **Japanese Cultural Fair (JCF)** is scheduled for Sat., June 8th, 2013 at the Mission Plaza in Santa Cruz. This very popular event is free to the general public.

We are planning to have many of the same performances and activities. However, the JCF is in desperate need of operating funds. Without this financial assistance, the JCF board must consider substantial cuts in the program. **So, please help us by sending a generous tax-deductible donation to Japanese Cultural Fair, P.O. Box 3458, Santa Cruz, CA 95063.**

Good News: The long-awaited documentary about the 2012 *Japanese Cultural Fair* has finally been completed by **Community Television of Santa Cruz County (CTV)**. This 28 minute documentary is scheduled to play on Comcast 25/Charter 71 on the following dates and times the week of April 1st to April 7th:

Mon., April 1 st	at 5:30 pm
Tues., April 2 nd	at 7:30 pm
Wed., April 3 rd	at 5:30 pm
Thurs., April 4 th	at 11:30 am
Fri., April 5	at 6 pm
Sat., April 4 th	at 11:30 am
Sun., April 7 th	at 12:30 pm

The documentary will also be streaming LIVE at: <http://www.communitytv.org/programs/online/japanese-cultural-fair-2012>. Please pass on this information and be sure to view the documentary during the times listed.

IN REMEMBRANCE ...

HOWARD HARUTO TAO, 1925 – 2013



Howard Haruto Tao passed away peacefully at the age of 88, surrounded by his loving family on March 21, 2013 following a short illness. He was born in Watsonville, California on January 30, 1925 to **Keitaro and Takeyo Tao**. He grew up in San Jose until the outbreak of World War II. Soon after, the family relocated to Tremonton, Utah, where he graduated from Bear River High School in 1944. Howard was drafted into the U.S. Army and trained at Camp Blanding, Florida where he proudly served with the 9th Calvary Reconnaissance Troop in Germany.

Following the end of World War II, Howard returned to Watsonville where he began farming with his brothers. He later met **Janice Ikeda** at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple where they married in 1957 and raised three children. He grew strawberries on his own and continued to farm until his retirement in 2000, but remained a farmer at heart by tending his greenhouse garden at home.

Howard was a devoted and active member of the Watsonville Buddhist Temple, the W-SC JACL, and the Kayo (singing) Club.

His other passions included spending time with family and friends, breakfast at *Cowboys Corner Café* and being a faithful *San Francisco Giants* and *49ers* fan.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years **Janice**, daughters **Susan Tao (Dale Takeda)** of San Jose, and **Lisa (Dean) Sakae** of Watsonville, son **Michael Tao**

(**Christine Padilla**) of San Mateo, and granddaughters **Hayley and Kaitlin Sakae**. He is also survived by his sister-in-laws **Mitsuyo, Shizuko, and Tomoko Tao**, numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his brothers **Tom, Bill and Yotsuo** and sister **Kazuko Tsurumoto**.

A celebration of his life will be held at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple on Saturday, March 30th at 2 pm.

MARY TOMOYE MEIFU

Mary Tomoye Meifu died peacefully at a convalescent hospital on Sunday, February 24, 2013. She was 88.



She was born in Hollister to **Chika and Toichi Nitta** on Aug. 1, 1924. She was the eighth of nine children and attended schools in Watsonville. During World War II, she and her family were incarcerated in Block 216, Barrack 12, Room A of Camp II in Poston, Arizona.

When the war was over, she returned to Watsonville where she met **Katsumi Meifu** and married him in 1949. They lived in the Los Angeles area until his death in 1979, and she returned to Watsonville.

She loved to crochet and knit and would often make gifts for her family and friends. She also loved to watch tennis and football and was so happy that her local team, the 49ers, was going to the Super Bowl this year.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, **Noboru, Masaru, Kongo, Susumu**; and her sisters, **Florence, Yoshiko, Lorraine and Betty**. She is survived by her daughter **Ann**; son-in-law **Jack**; one granddaughter and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at Westview Presbyterian Church, 118 First St., Watsonville, CA 95076 on Saturday, March 16th, 2013.

FRANK M. ENOMOTO



Frank M. Enomoto died peacefully on March 20, 2013 at the age of 104. He was born in San Francisco, CA to **Tatsutaro and Osuji Enomoto** on February 1, 1909. He was the eldest of four children and attended schools in Watsonville.

Around 1915 his family moved to Pajaro Valley to work. They were one of the early families to help establish the Japanese community in Watsonville. With his father and brother they picked fruit on Summit Road, traveling in a Ford Model A. They had to drive on Corralitos Road in reverse as the forward gear was not low enough. They went to work Monday and returned home on Friday. It was a 4 hour trip each way. Later, in town, they established a candy and tofu store. They also had a bath house, and his mother became a midwife.

Frank, his mother and siblings were relocated to Poston AZ during World War II. After a few years the family relocated to Denver, CO. It was there that he met and later married **Mary Nakagawa**. Upon returning to Watsonville after the war, he opened a radio repair service. He and his brother, **Willie**, owned and operated a retail shoe and shoe repair business on Union Street for many years.

Frank was an avid fisherman catching perch and striped bass. He had a passion for visiting national parks across the western United States.

He was preceded in death by his wife **Mary** and brother **Willie**. Frank is survived by his sons **Martin (Sandy) Enomoto and Jerry Enomoto**; his grandchildren **James and Allison**; and sisters **Emma Kaino and Helen Matsumoto**.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, April 13 at 11:00 A.M. at Westview Presbyterian Church, 118 First Street, Watsonville.

JOAN CHIEKO RIDAO

Joan Chieko Ridao, 84, died peacefully at home on February 13, 2013. Chieko was a devoted wife to **Raymond Ridao**, who passed away in 2005. She was born in Kobe, Japan, where she lived until she was 21 years old and then moved to Watsonville. Chieko will always be remembered for her warm smile. She enjoyed working in her garden and cooking for others. She is survived by her nephews, nieces and family in Japan.

Graveside services were held at the Pajaro Valley Memorial Park where she was buried with her husband on March 1st, 2013.

We send our condolences to the Tao, Meifu, Enomoto and Ridao families, relatives and friends.

WESTVIEW HIGHLIGHTS by Leslie Nagata Garcia

This year's theme is "Small but Mighty!" and a great many events, outreach and remodeling programs are planned for 2013. There are special and exciting programs for our youth, our elderly, and all those in-between. Please contact **Rev. Dan Hoffman** or one of the elders for details on how you can help and contribute.

Westview Church Youth/Family Events:

Gym Nites are held on the 1st & 3rd Fridays) from 5:30-8 pm: Come join us.

April 5, 4-8 pm **Salvation Army** meals. This will be our last time to cook and serve until later in the year. Please meet at Westview at 2 pm. if you would like to help. Contact **Jane Yoshida** or **Pastor Dan** if you would like to help out before our scheduled time in November.

April 19 Wacky Game Gym Nite!
May 3 - Mini golf at SC Boardwalk
May 17 - Beach Party and Bonfire (Fri 3-9pm)
Rio Del Mar
June 7 - Everything Frisbee! golf, ultimate, juggle, distance roll, skip
June 21 - 2nd Annual WPC Youth Olympics
June 22 JACL Community Picnic—Come to Aptos Village Park for a day of games, raffle and great food! Bring the whole family!
July 5 - Theme Game night
July 20 Pool Party! No gym nite Friday 7/19
Aug 2: 2nd annual church lock-in overnighter!
Aug 16 Beach Party at the church—volleyball, roast hot dogs and marshmallows over fire, crochet, paddle ball, bocce ball

Sunday Message Series: We will continue to study the *Gospel of Matthew* in Pastor Dan's series entitled, "**Come and See!**" with the hope that we will grow to love Jesus more deeply.

Westview began a **Confirmation/Catechism class** on February 24th and is currently being held **every Sunday after worship service** for twelve weeks (45 minutes). This is a chance for our children and youth to more explore in depth their spirituality, the gift of Jesus, and participation in the family of God. It is not too late to join us! Please let Pastor Dan know if you are interested.

Thursday Study Series

We began a new series on "**Conceptions of the afterlife and how this affects how we live in the present.**" We are studying the book *Life After Death: The Evidence* by **Dinesh D'Souza**. Also, you are encouraged to read *Heaven is For Real*, which is a quick, delightful, encouraging read. *Thursday Study Series* are held the 2nd and 4th Thursdays (**April 11th and 25th**) of each month **6:30 pm at Westview.**

Worship Team for April 7, 2013

Pulpit	Rev. Dan Moran
Chair	Susan Manabe
Greeter	Reiko Yamamoto
Usher	Louise Sako
Pianist	Evelyn Veal
Refreshments	Jane Yoshida, Edna Nagata
Counters	Jane Yoshida, Steve Kajihara, Faye Hashitani

Worship Team for April 14, 2013

Pulpit	Rev. Dan Hoffman
Chair	Lynne Nagata
Greeter	Willie Yahiro
Usher	Edna Nagata, Steve Kajihara
Pianist	Joanne Hayashi
Refreshments	Tracy Mano, Joanne Hayashi
Counters	Jane Yoshida, Steve Kajihara, Faye Hashitani

Worship Team for April 21, 2013

Pulpit	Rev. Dan Hoffman
Chair	Diane Mio
Greeter	Nancy Yamamoto
Usher	Yukio Nagata
Pianist	Evelyn Veal
Refreshments	Wauhilaue Erbe, Lynne Nagata
Counters	Diane Mio, Randy Mano

Worship Team for April 28, 2013

Pulpit	Rev. Dan Hoffman
Chair	Wauhilaue Erbe
Greeter	Tracy Mano
Usher	Kevin Erbe
Pianist	Lynne Nagata
Refreshments	Evelyn Veal, Joanne Yahiro
Counters	Diane Mio, Randy Mano

WATSONVILLE TAIKO AND SHINSEI DAIKO **By Bonnie Chihara**



On March 3rd **Watsonville Taiko** participated in the **Santa Cruz County Symphony Family Concert**. In this photo **Larry Granger**, music Director of the symphony, fourth from the right, is surrounded by the artists who were part of the Family Concert. **Sensei Ikuyo Conant** is to his left. There were many people who wanted to drum after the concert. Both children and adults were able to drum and really enjoyed this.

APTOS —A contemporary and classical ballet concert featured the premiere of a collaboration between **Santa Cruz Ballet Theatre (SCBT)** Director **Robert Kelley** and

Watsonville Taiko Artistic Director **Ikuyo Conant** at Cabrillo College's Crocker Theater in Aptos on March 23rd.

"Moonstones: A Tale of Three Suns" is a "story ballet" infused with dramatic tension, romance, the liveliness of the sprites and fairies, and the heroism of an archer who saves his village.



Watsonville Taiko sang as well as played *taiko* drums, gongs and other percussion in concert with the ballet dancers.

Every spring, **Santa Cruz Ballet Theatre** offers the community a concert that runs the gamut of possible ballet styles, from favorite classical works based on original choreography to ballet with decidedly modern twists, **Sara Wilbourne**, assistant to the artistic directors, said.

Conant Sensei has a wide-ranging interest in combining art forms, such as dancing, chanting, singing, drumming, story-telling, Japanese symbolism and mythology. She brought all of these interests together in "Moonstones."

A story ballet is a theatrical entertainment in which the dancing and music, often with scenery and costumes, combine to tell a tale.

"Moonstones" is based on Conant's childhood memory of a tale about an archer who shoots down suns from the sky. She and Kelley decided to further investigate the character, creating an amalgamation of many different folklore characters and a variety of beliefs about the natural world, yet managing to ground it in archetypes that express the commonality of human experience.

Conant is a composer and choreographer and has written and arranged *Watsonville Taiko's* music and developed the choreography since 1992. She received the *Calabash Award* in 2000 and the following year she was presented with the *Gail Rich Award*.

Kelley, who began choreographing with SCBT in 1989 and became co-director in 1993, earned the *Gail Rich Award* in 2009, and the next year he was named *Artist of the Year*.

The two performances on Saturday were widely acclaimed by an appreciative audience.

Tarmo Hannula of the
Watsonville Register-Pajaronian.

Watsonville Taiko will be having our second kids' *taiko* workshop at the Grey Bears Facility, 2710 Chanticleer Ave in Santa Cruz.. This workshop runs for 6 weeks from April 6th-May 12 from 12-1 pm. This class is for children 8-11 years old and costs \$65, plus \$10 materials fee. Pre-registration is required. Please contact **Bonnie Chihara** at kyoko55@hotmail.com or **Naoko Yamamoto** at naokoy@earthlink.net or contact *Watsonville Taiko* at info@watsonvilletaiko.org or call 831-435-4594.

We will be having our card-making workshop again. We will work on the iris folding technique with Mother's Day and Spring being the themes for this workshop. If you've taken this class before and would like to take it again, we will have new templates and lace cutouts to accent your cards. This class will be held at Kizuka Hall 150 Blackburn St. Watsonville on Sunday, May 5th from 2:30-5:30 pm. Cost is \$15 and includes all supplies and materials. Please contact **Bonnie Chihara** at 831-662-1895 or email kyoko55@hotmail.com to sign up for this workshop.

Our upcoming schedule including the following:

Apr 7 *Hana Matsuri* Watsonville Buddhist Temple
Apr 12 Unity and Community, Harbor High School
Apr 14 *Haru Matsuri* Morgan Hill
Apr 20 *Santa Cruz Derby Girls* Kaiser Permanente Arena
Apr 27 *Cherry Blossom Festival* Memorial Park Cupertino
Apr 28 *Big Sur Marathon* Big Sur
May 11 *Human Race* Natural Bridges
May 18 *Rejuvenation Festival*,
San Lorenzo Park, Santa Cruz
Jun 8 *Japanese Cultural Fair*, Mission Plaza Santa Cruz
Jun 23 JACL Community Picnic, Aptos Village Park
Jul 6 *Campfire Days*, New Brighton Beach
Jul 28 *Wharf to Wharf*
Oct *Watsonville Taiko's Anniversary Performance*
Nov 17 *Big Sur Half Marathon* Asilomar

SCHOOL DAYS, SCHOOL DAZE

By Mas Hashimoto

Years ago, while in a large college class (about 100 students), the young fellow in front of me began to doze off. His head was bobbing. Gallantly, he tried to stay awake, but alas, his tiredness took over. Just for fun, I started to make loud "snoring" sounds, much to the annoyance of the instructor.

While teaching high school US History, I've had students fall asleep in my class. Some had fallen asleep before I began lecturing, so I wasn't offended. I let them sleep because at that moment sleep was most important for them. They might have had a tiring football practice or a late night job. Some were teenage parents raising their infant children.

On other occasions, when I saw youngsters starting to doze off, I would begin to speak in a gentle monotone. As the period was ending, I would ask the students to leave the classroom quietly. I would hold the next class out in the hallway and ask them to be quiet. After the tardy bell, the students would take their seats without making any noise. When the youngster finally woke up, he would be surrounded by a sea of strange faces. It was amazing how fast they could bolt out the door.

I'm not telling you how many students actually fell asleep in my classes, but the stories were always fun at the class reunions to which I am invited.

SCHOOL DAYS, SCHOOL DAZE--PART II

In a high school English Composition class, a student, lets call him "John," who was not paying much attention, began to doze off. In an attempt to embarrass the student, the teacher shouted, "**John!** What's the difference between an adjective and an adverb?"

Startled but recovering, the student quickly responded, "Yeah, that's what I say! What's the difference?"

Today, we could ask the dozing voting public, "What's the difference between a Republican and a Democrat?" Reply: "Yeah, that's what I say! What's the difference?"

There is, of course, a difference between an adjective and an adverb.

SCHOOL DAYS, SCHOOL DAZE—PART III

I am honored to speak to students around the Monterey Bay. Most recently, I was asked to be a last-minute "substitute" presenter of a program which introduced Watsonville High's Freshmen to Watsonville's civic organizations—city council, library, police, fire, parks and recreation, and public utilities.

Since, my presentation took place in the Agricultural History Room of the Watsonville Public Library, I decided to center it around wonderful Watsonville and the Pajaro Valley; of **Judge John H. Watson**—the "con man"—for whom the town is named; of the many "crops"—cattle hides, wheat, potato ("Spud Valley"), hops, sugar beets, apples ("Apple Annual"), strawberry—in the Pajaro Valley over the 150 years; and of the farm workers—Mexicans, Chinese, Japanese, Filipino, Croatians, Castilians, Portuguese, native Americans, Italians, Germans, Swedes, English, Dutch, and others—that contributed to our valley. I added the names of places, including *Whiskey Hill*, the former name of Freedom, 95019.

For the old-timers of Watsonville: I never mentioned "Sin City," for which Watsonville was "off limits" to the military during and after World War II.

MORE SCHOOL DAYS ...

I will be speaking about our wartime incarceration to the students and faculty of **Robert Louis Stevenson School**, Pebble Beach, on Sat. March 30 at the invitation of the Japanese language teacher, **Shinobu Nagashima**. Many of the students attending RLS are foreign exchange students who have never heard of our imprisonment and struggles during WW II.

On Sat. April 13, the **Pajaro Valley Unified School District students** will be attending the **2013 DREAM CONFERENCE**, sponsored by the **Migrant Student Association, Migrant Parent Association, MAIA Foundation** and the **Migrant Education, Region XI** at the E. A. Hall Middle School in Watsonville. I will speak on child farm laborers of the past.

Then, on Friday, April 26, I will return to my *alma mater*, **Watsonville High School**, to speak to the US History students about our Nikkei experiences.

JACL SCHOLARSHIPS

National JACL scholarship applications for undergraduate, graduate, law, creative/performing arts, and student aid are to be sent directly by the applicant to the "National JACL Scholarship Committee" by **Monday, April 1, 2013**.

Detailed scholarship program information and applications can be found on the JACL website at www.jacl.org, and clicking "Education" on the menu bar.

The National JACL Scholarship Program requires that all applicants be a **student** or **individual** member of the JACL.

For more information on the National JACL Scholarship Program, contact **Regional Director Patty Wada** at: jacl-ncwnpro@msn.com, or National JACL Vice President for Planning & Development **Jason Chang** at vpp-d@jacl.org.

Our Kee Kitayama Memorial Scholarships and the Ray and Louise Sako Scholarships are due in May 21st, 2013.

WHEN WILL THE GOVERNMENT STOP LYING?

by Mas Hashimoto, Editor

The US Government lied about us before the federal courts during World War II.

The US Government lied in the cases of **Gordon Hirabayashi, Minoru Yasui, and Fred Korematsu** and over 120,000 other innocent persons of Japanese ancestry were incarcerated in prison. We lost our liberty, freedom, rights and property but never our dignity.

The US Government lied during the Vietnam War with the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution and over 50,000 Americans were killed, scores more injured, and hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese died.

The US Government lied with the stories of "Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD)" that led to the Iraqi war. Over 4,000 American servicemen and women have died, many others committed suicide, thousands were wounded and maimed, and tens of thousands of Iraqi were killed.

When will the Government stop lying?

WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL

Thank you for your National JACL membership and for your continuing support of our important programs.

To those who recently sent their renewals, thank you so much!!

We strongly believe that every person of Japanese ancestry should belong to the National Japanese American Citizens League. We welcome all as full members who are devoted to the principles of justice, fair play, and equality under the US Constitution.

If you have moved or are planning to move, please let us know your new address. Undelivered or undeliverable (address change) mail and newsletters are returned to us with first class postage payment due.

This newsletter is the monthly publication of the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL, P.O. Box 163, Watsonville, CA 95077, and comments are always welcome. Please email us at hashi79@sbcglobal.net.

Onward!

Mas Hashimoto, Editor

KNOW YOUR BODY

Among men, what part of the body can more than double in size? It may increase ten-fold.

If you said "the pupil of the eye," you are absolutely correct!

This is also true of women.

Now, of what body part were you thinking?

**ATTENTION: ALL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS
AND THEIR PARENTS**

KEE KITAYAMA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2013!

The Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL Chapter is delighted to announce that the 2013 Kee Kitayama Memorial Scholarship(s) will total \$1,000 or more for graduating high school seniors.

An applicant must be a 2013 National JACL Youth member (\$25) with at least one parent who is also a 2013 member of the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL Chapter and the National JACL. For JACL membership forms, please contact our membership chairperson Jeanette Hager at jeanette.otsuji.hager@gmail.com, or (831) 768-8689.

There are no application forms for our Kee Kitayama Memorial Scholarship. However, interested high school seniors must submit the following information:

1. Official high school transcript with grade point average and class standing;
2. A résumé of school, community, and civic activities and awards, including your involvement with JACL;
3. A statement regarding your future goals and objectives;
4. One letter of recommendation from a non-relative adult;
5. One wallet-size photo (yearbook or graduation style with a light background if possible);
6. An essay of 500 to 750 words on either topic: "The Significance of the 'Day of Remembrance' Observance Today," or "Remembering the Civil Liberties Act of August 10, 1988 (Redress and Reparations Act)."

Research materials on either topic are available by contacting Mas Hashimoto, hashi79@sbcglobal.net, the public libraries, and/or checking the Internet. Parents, grandparents and other relatives who were unjustly incarcerated in America's concentration camps and who received the apology and reparations are excellent sources of primary research information.

Send your completed forms to Dr. Brooke Kondo, our Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL Chapter Scholarship Chairperson, on or before **Tuesday, May 21st, 2013**. They should be mailed to:

Dr. Brooke Kondo, Chairperson
JACL Scholarship Committee
P. O. Box 163
Watsonville, CA. 95077

The presentation of the scholarship will take place on **Saturday, June 22, 2013** during the **JACL Annual Community Picnic**, Aptos Village Park in Aptos. Thank you.

**ATTENTION: HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS
AND COLLEGE GRADUATES**

REKISO "RAY" AND HISAKO "LOUISE" SAKO SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2013!

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The Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL Chapter is excited to announce two new scholarships established in honor of Rekiso "Ray" and Hisako "Louise" Sako.

(1) A four-year undergraduate scholarship may be awarded at \$1,000 per year. This scholarship shall not be limited to first-year undergraduates. For example, an undergraduate who has completed the first year of study may be eligible for a \$1,000 per year scholarship for up to three years.

(2) A two-year graduate scholarship will be awarded at \$1,000 per year. This scholarship is not limited to a first-year graduate. For example, a graduate who has completed the first year of study may be eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship for a year.

An applicant must be either a Youth/Student member of the National JACL (\$25), a member of the Westview Presbyterian Church, **or** a member of the Watsonville Buddhist Temple.

For a JACL membership application form, please contact our membership chairperson, Jeanette Otsuji Hager at jeanette.otsuji.hager@gmail.com, call (831) 768-8689, or check our website: www.watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org.

For the undergraduate Sako Scholarship, the requirements include the following:

1. Official transcript from an accredited high school with grade point average of 3.0 or higher;
2. A résumé of school, community, and civic activities and awards, including your involvement with JACL and/or with the church/temple;
3. A statement regarding your future goals and objectives;
4. One letter of recommendation from a non-relative adult;
5. One photo (a wallet-size yearbook or graduation style with a light background, if possible);
6. Acceptance by an accredited academic college or university.

For the graduate Sako Scholarship, a letter from the candidate on the goals of his/her graduate studies program with an accompanying letter of recommendation from the supervising professor that the candidate has been accepted to the graduate program are required. The letters should be mailed to Dr. Brooke Kondo, our Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL Chapter Scholarship Chairperson.

All Sako Scholarship recipients must verify they are maintaining a 3.0 or better GPA each academic year in order for their scholarship to continue.

If you have questions, please contact Dr. Brooke Kondo at Brooke.kondo@gmail.com.

Mail or deliver your completed forms and letters on or before **Tuesday, May 21st, 2013** to:

Dr. Brooke Kondo, Chairperson
W-SC JACL Scholarship Committee
P. O. Box 163
Watsonville, CA. 95077-0163

The presentation of the scholarships will take place on **Saturday, June 22, 2013** during the **JACL Annual Community Picnic**, Aptos Village Park in Aptos. Thank you.

Watsonville-Santa Cruz Chapter National Japanese American Citizens League (JACL)

2013 Membership Form for the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL

Working toward our national goal of *Better Americans in a Greater America* is a worthy one. One does not have to be of Japanese ancestry or a US citizen to be a JACL member, but one must believe that safeguarding the rights of all Americans and legal residents is of utmost importance in this country.

Please join us today. We are the most proactive and respected Asian American civil rights organization in the nation today.

Your membership is never taken lightly or for granted. We have worked diligently to earn your confidence and trust. Your active participation and membership can make a significant difference in what happens today in our community and in our nation.

Please help us fight **racial prejudice, discrimination, racial profiling, bigotry, intolerance and indifference.**

The 2013 National and local dues for our tax-deductible organization (ID #94-2659895) are as follows:

- Family/Couples** \$150 This includes two National dues with one subscription to the *Pacific Citizen*, local dues and our monthly JACL newsletter, and all children under age 14 to be included.
- Individual Member** \$80 This includes National dues with subscription to the *Pacific Citizen*, the official paper of the National JACL, and local chapter dues and our monthly JACL newsletter.
- Youth/Student** \$25 for each of ages 14 to 24, which includes a subscription to the *Pacific Citizen*, local youth/student membership, and our monthly JACL newsletter. Youth membership is required for scholarship consideration.

For **Thousand Club**, **Century Club**, and **Millennium Club** and **Life** membership categories, please contact our membership chair **Jeanette Hager** at the address listed below.

Name: _____
(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Name)

Spouse's Name: _____
(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Name)

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ E-mail: _____

For family membership, please list names (and ages) of all children under the age of 14:

Name: _____ Age: _____

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Please send your check payable to **Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL** and mail ASAP to:
c/o Jeanette Hager, Membership Chair, P. O. Box 163, Watsonville, CA 95077
Thank you so much for your support.

Check out our websites: watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org or jacl.org.