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Lessons in
Loyalty

THE WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL Newsletter January 2017

2017, THE "YEAR OF THE COCK"

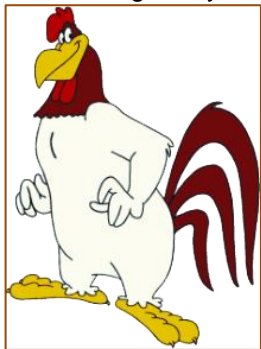
Editor

This year, 2017, will prove to be an interesting one, even for those who were not born in the *Year of the Cock*.

People born in the *Year of the Cock* consider themselves to be deep thinkers. They are always busy and devoted to their work. They always want to do more than they are able, and if they undertake a task beyond their abilities, they are disappointed when they discover they are unable to fulfill their obligation. Cock people are eccentric, and it is this eccentricity that prevents them from having what is known in Japan as "roundness" in their relationships with others. They always think they are right and that they know what they are doing. They do not trust other people and prefer to do what they like, alone. Their outward attitude and presentation is that of an adventuresome spirit, but inwardly they have little gift for high adventure and are filled with nonsensical plans that never mature.



Although they are ambitious, for all their deep thinking, they are not far-seeing and are somewhat improvident, for their fortunes resemble waves; sometimes they are wealthy, and sometimes not. They are selfish and unheeding of other people's feeling and have a habit of speaking out directly whenever they have something on their minds. They are not at all shy and are quite brave when the occasion calls for it. Other people find cock people interesting, but unless they are careful, cock people will lose the good opinion of others.



Cock people were born in 1909, 1921, 1933, 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005 and 2017.

Sons in Retirement (SIRs), a fraternal organization of retired men, meet regularly just for the fun of it. Its symbol is the rooster. Of all the creatures on earth, none express more independence and dignity with sureness and aplomb than the rooster. The majesty of his presence is felt in every barnyard, and when he crows he can be heard for miles, not in a fainthearted crow, but with a noise that calls attention to his being."

SIRs founders chose the rooster as the official logo to represent the freedom he displays around the barnyard. "We have paid our dues to the business world and now is the time for us to strut and crow a little. We share the dignity of retirement with one another as members of SIRs."



The local Watsonville branch is #85 and meets on the second Tuesday of the month for lunch at the VFW Hall in Freedom. Retired men are welcome to join **Norm Haney, Victor Kimura, Jack Spurlock, Don Yamaguchi, Doug Nakashima** and yours truly. Golfers are most welcome to join.



Above, the famous **Miyajima Torii (rooster) Gate** at cherry blossom time (near Hiroshima). The rooster is an important symbol in Japanese mythology.

According to one version, *Amaterasu*--the Sun Goddess--angry and/or disappointed, hid herself in a cave, placing a large bolder at the entrance. She took the light of the world, and Japan was left in total darkness! The people tried to coax her out with promises to be good but to no avail.

Then, they had this idea. They would have a rooster crow. When, does the rooster crow? At first light of day. She heard the rooster's crow and thought, "I'm the light of the world. There can't possibly be another." Curious, she removed the bolder to peek. The people roped her and pulled her out, promising to be good.

Thus, the *torii* gate with the straw rope are important symbols in Shintoism. Many Buddhist temples also have *torii* gates and straw ropes at their entrances.

LOYALTY OATHS TAKE MANY FORMS

The Supreme Court of India recently ruled that cinemas (movie houses) must play the national anthem before showing a movie, and the audience must stand and sing.

The same court denied a request that the court begin its sessions with the national anthem. Clearly a double standard here.

“Respect is one thing,
Obedience another.
Devotion is one thing,
Compliance another.
Commitment is one thing,
Submission another.”

Gopalkrishna Gandhi

QUAD CHAPTERS' INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The 2017 installation of officers of the Gilroy, Salinas Valley, San Benito County and W-SC JACL chapters will take place on **Sunday, January 29** from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm at our W-SC JACL Kizuka Hall, 150 Blackburn St.

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to our keynote speaker, **Watsonville Police Chief David Honda**.

A special delicious *bento* lunch box of salmon and chicken teriyaki and California roll will be prepared by *Miyuki Japanese Restaurant*.

W-SC JACL's **Keiro Kai National members**--those born in February of 1942 or before (must be 75 years of age or older)--are our special invited, honored guests. An invitation letter and reservation form is in this newsletter.

For reservations, call **Marcia Hashimoto** at (831) 722 6859 and please leave a message, or email her at hashi79@sbcglobal.net. Senior Center members may sign up with **Carol Kaneko**. Deadline for registration is Friday, Jan. 20.

Cost of the event is \$25 per adult and \$15 for a student. Checks may be made payable to W-SC JACL.

Please RSVP early as the hall holds only 100 persons.

Gilroy, Salinas Valley, and San Benito County JACL chapter members should contact their respective Presidents for reservations on or before the Jan. 20 deadline.

SPEAKING ON OUR WARTIME INCARCERATION

Mas Hashimoto is looking forward to speaking for the first time to the all-girls student body of Notre Dame High School in Salinas on Friday, January 27, 2017.

Then, he'll speak to the 3rd graders (4 classes) of Alianza School of the Arts about what life was like in prison (Poston) as a 3rd grader. This is by far his toughest assignment, for he never knows what questions they will ask. Yes, 3rd graders give more anxiety than any other age group.

On Friday, Feb 24, Mas will speak to all the juniors of Aptos High (a tradition now of nearly 20 years) who are studying our incarceration during WW II.

He's been invited by Hollister High School for 2017.

He is grateful for every invitation from the teachers.

On Feb 2-3, he'll be speaking on the History of Watsonville to the freshman class of Watsonville High. Mas was a freshman at WHS eons ago in 1949.

2017 COMMUNITY DIRECTORY OF BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ...

Dear Members and Friends,

On behalf of the Watsonville-Santa Cruz Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League, **Happy New Year** and welcome to our 2017 Community Directory.

We extend our appreciation to the businesses, organizations, and professional services that have generously donated an ad in support of our community. Their contributions enable our outreach efforts in the areas of education, civil rights, and cultural appreciation. Their donations also help to maintain a safe and comfortable meeting hall for our active JACL Senior members, *Watsonville Taiko*, *Watsonville Bonsai Club*, and the staff of *Kokoro no Gakko*, a cultural school.

Most of our donors have thoughtfully and faithfully assisted our chapter for many years for which we are grateful, and we are excited about our first-time contributors. We encourage our members and friends to use this listing guide as a helpful reference. I, personally, find it to be a valuable resource. The Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL and greater community are fortunate to have the important services of our directory supporters.

Thank you,

Marcia Hashimoto, President

We are grateful to the following supporters of our 2017 *Community Directory of Businesses and Professional Services*:

Hargis Home Improvement

Jason Iwatsuru, Caldwell Bankers

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W-SC JACL Senior Center, Carol and Paul Kaneko

Watsonville Taiko, Ikuyo Conant

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Steven Tanaka, D.C.

A Accurate Overhead Door, Frank Nigro, III
Polaris Tours, Lance Imamura
Julian Grantz, CPA
Ida Akimoto, Beauty Unlimited

The 2017 Directory committee staff consists of **Phil Shima, Victor Kimura, and Marcia Hashimoto**, and we are grateful for their dedicated work.

SENIOR CENTER NEWS by JoAnn Vear



It was good to see **Grace Fujita**, her daughter **Donna Fujita**, and niece **Karen Sugidono** after a long absence from the Senior Center. Donna donated a delicious birthday cake to the seniors in honor of Grace's 92nd birthday, and Karen brought cookies for everyone. Thank you, Donna and Karen, and Happy Birthday to Grace! Photos by **Carol Kaneko**.



On December 8th, we celebrated the December birthdays with delicious cake and ice cream and wishing a Happy Birthday to **Helen Nakano** and **Grace Fujita** 92. Not present were **Jim Kawamoto** 90 (Rubie accepted Jim's special over 90 gift) and **Kimiko Marr**. Happy birthday to both of you, too. Wish you could have been with us. Kimiko's mother, **Pat Marr**, gave candy bars to all present in honor of Kimiko. Thank you, **Jean Akiyama** and **Hisako Kodama** for preparing all the beautiful flowers.

It was also good to see **Mary Perez** back playing bingo with us again, and welcome to our new member **Betty Garcia**.

Jean Yamashita announced that the Watsonville Buddhist Temple will have its *mochi tsuki* in the morning on December 11th, and everyone is welcome to order *mochi* and come to help. Our Senior Center Christmas party will be the same day in the afternoon from 2 pm to 4 pm.

Jean also encouraged everyone to attend the *Multicultural Celebration* and holiday tree lighting ceremony on December 4th at the Watsonville City Plaza. Our W-SC JACL chapter will have a booth there and *Watsonville Taiko* will perform.

On December 6th, thirty-three seniors and friends traveled to Japantown in San Francisco and *Marukai* in Cupertino for a day of shopping and eating. Goodies on the bus were provided by **Iwao Yamashita, Jean Yamashita, Mitsuyo Tao, Kim Tao, Rubie Kawamoto, Tom and Kay Sjulín, Debbe and Thomas Chan, Sheri Katsuyama, Alice and Jon Drier, Yaeko Cross, and Edna Nagata**. Although there was more traffic than expected, Jean Yamashita kept everyone entertained with goodies, games, and the movie, "White Christmas." Our favorite bus driver, **Don Cox**, proclaimed Yaeko Cross and Kim Tao as "super shoppers"! We were happy to run into **Greg Marutani** of the SF JACL as we arrived in Japantown, and he graciously took our group picture. Big thanks to Jean Yamashita who has done a great job planning our trips.

Nancy Iwami sent greetings to Senior members, and it was announced that **Eiko Ceremony** has moved to Las Vegas. Happy Holidays to both of you. You are missed.

Jean Yamashita reminded everyone about the upcoming trip to Table Mountain on January 24th. Please make your reservations with Jean or Rubie - \$30 for members, \$40 for non-members.

The Senior Center's annual *Christmas Party* was held on Sunday, December 11th. Our *Christmas Party* is our "thank you" to the many organizations and individuals who support us throughout the year.



The *Westview Praise Team*, led by **Lynn Nagata**, sang Christmas carols which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

Our special guests included *Westview's Praise team*, **Rev. Dan Hoffman**; **Gini Matute-Bianchi** from the W-SC JACL (who greeted us in three languages – very impressive!); **Bill Wurtenberg**, President of Watsonville Buddhist Temple; members of the **Buddhist Women's Association**; **Gary and Cindy Mine**, and **Jee and Kevin**

Kajihara. Thanks to **Westview Presbyterian Church** for donating the beautiful (and delicious) cake and to **Kevin and Jee Kajihara** for treating everyone to delicious *anpan*.



Ten of our 29 seniors who are 90 or over were present to cut the cake and have their picture taken – Seniors 90 and older: front: **Michiko Hamada 95, Satoko Yamamoto 91, Sam Sakamoto 91**; back: **Hide Nagamine 95, Tea Hashimoto 96, Miye Yamashita 98, Fred Oda 93, Yae Sakamoto 90, Chiyeiko Shikuma 91; Haru Ishibashi 90 and Yaeko Cross 90.**

Paul Kaneko conducted our raffle with the help of **Leigh Sakaguchi, Sunao Honda, and Iwao Yamashita.** Everyone won a bag filled with Japanese foods, and three lucky winners won extra goodies (courtesy of **Jean Yamashita**) for finding a lucky sticker on the bottom of their bag. **Norris Woodford, Edna Nagata, and Yae Sakamoto** were the lucky winners. Paul thanked our guests for all their support throughout the year. Refreshments then were served.

For the winner of the “decorate the Christmas tree” contest, see Seniors’ Corner page.

On December 15th, we had our final meeting before the holiday break. The beautiful Christmas decorations were prepared by **Helen Nakano, and Susan AmRhein** distributed gift boxes to everyone containing yummy cookie and candy in honor of **Helen’s** birthday.

Toshi Yamashita presented the Senior Center’s appreciation gifts to coordinators **Iwao and Jean Yamashita, Paul and Carol Kaneko, and June and Sunao Honda.** (We missed Sunao at our last meeting as apparently he was under the weather, and the Kanekos were also absent, as they were enjoying the warm weather in Hilo.)

Jean Yamashita read **Paul Kaneko’s** year-end message, in which Paul reminded everyone of the importance of our Senior Center to our senior community, and thanked everyone who made their required monetary donations during the past year. He also thanked everyone who not only gave monetary donations, but donated their time and energy to seeing that the Senior Center runs smoothly.

The following groups were called up and each person given a poinsettia plant:

Tobans: **Yaeko Cross, Jo Ann Vear, Terry Hirahara, Rubie Kawamoto, Nobue Fujii, Judy Hane, Eileen Byers, Gail Wurtenberg, Donna Fujita, June Honda, Eiko Stewart, Nobuko Akiyama, Leigh Sakaguchi, Pat and Kimiko Marr, and Toshi Yamashita;**

The ladies who decorate our hall for birthdays and special occasions: **Helen Nakano, Susan AmRhein, Mitsuyo Tao, Jean Akiyama, and Hisako Kodama;**

The bingo callers: **Iwao Yamashita, Helen Nakano, Leigh Sakaguchi, Jean Yamashita, Kimiko Marr, and Kitty Mizuno;**

Bingo card checkers: **Leigh Sakaguchi, Jean Yamashita, Kimiko Marr, Phil Shima, and Marcia Hashimoto;**



Kim Tao took this photo with **Kimiko Marr’s** camera.

Rubie Kawamoto for helping with sign-ups and sending out our monthly birthday invitations; **Jean Yamashita** for ably and enthusiastically taking over trip planning and escorting; **JoAnn Vear** for writing the monthly senior news for the JACL newsletter; **Nobue Fujii** for taking attendance every week; **Haru Ishibashi** (with occasional help from **Jean Akiyama**) for faithfully recording all of your bingo prize donations every week; **Mitsuyo Tao** and **Toshi Yamashita** for helping with the treasurer’s duties; **Cindy Mine** for taking our blood pressure and coming on our trips as our nurse; **Gary Mine** for always being available to help out; our JACL chapter and president **Marcia Hashimoto** for the use of Kizuka Hall and all their support; **Mark Takeuchi** for ordering and picking up our monthly birthday cakes; **Iwao Yamashita** for chairing our meetings; and **Sunao Honda** for being co-bingo prize coordinator.

A special thank you was given to **Susan AmRhein** and **Helen Nakano** for the wonderful decorations we enjoy throughout the year. And finally, a big thanks went to all not previously mentioned who donated bingo prizes this year:

Eiko Nishihara, Yoshiko Nishihara, Michiko Hamada, Mitzi Katsuyama, Eiko Ceremony, Kimiyo Fujii, Tea Hashimoto, Chiyeiko Shikuma, Hideko Nagamine, Edna Nagata, Kumiko Nakatani, Fred Oda, Mitsuko Ruble, Kazuko Sakai, Hatsuko Tsuji, Chiyoko Yagi, Allan and Betty Yagi, Satoko Yamamoto, Miyeko Yamashita, Haruko Yoshii, Chie Sakaue, Reiko Yamamoto, Jackie Yamashita, Jeanette Crosetti, Yae and Sam Sakamoto, Grace Fujita, Jane Sugidono, Mary Perez, and Bette Garcia.

Paul’s final comments: “Did I miss anyone? My apologies. As you can see, no one person does all the work around here. It is truly a community effort. This is the last meeting of the year; it is our opportunity to thank all of you, our members and friends, who have donated so generously of your time, effort, and donations in support of the Senior Center during the year. We are eternally grateful for all your support and participation. Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year!”

We hope 2017 will be even better."

Susan AmRhein then presented a small token of appreciation to **Jean Yamashita** for her help this year.

Everyone was reminded that our first day back at the Senior Center in 2017 will be January 5th.

On Thursday, January 12th, we will have our *New Year's Celebration* with a *Miyuki* buffet.

Eiko Stewart announced there will be a live *Nativity Scene* at Westview Presbyterian on Christmas Day.

There were a few more games of bingo and then everyone left around 2:45 pm to go to *Hong Kong Gardens* for a special "end-of-the-year" dinner.

Monetary donations gratefully received this month: **Donna Fujita, Grace Fujita, Nancy Iwami, Jackie Yamashita, Jim Kawamoto, Helen Nakano, Yamashita Market, Diane Mio, Evy Kamigawachi, Sunao and June Honda, Paul and Carol Kaneko**, and in memory of **Yoshino Matano: Dan and Karen Nitta, Helen Mito, and Nobue Fujii**.

Thanks so much for all the wonderful bingo donations:
June/Sunao Honda 10 plates *Spam sushi*, blueberry *mochi*, 8 plates lavender cookies

Iwao/Jean Yamashita 21 bags tomatoes
Toshi Yamashita 6 rolls *Bounty* paper towels,
 30 rolls toilet tissue

Haru Ishibashi 8 bags persimmons
Rubie Kawamoto 11 boxes *Kleenex*,
 100 bags green tea

Mary Perez 2 jars peanuts, 4 pkgs. cookies,
 5 bags tangerines

Eiko Nishihara 1 dozen strawberry jam
Yoshiko Nishihara 18 bottles *Dawn* dish soap
Kimiyo Fujii 4 boxes *Kleenex*, 4 *Dawn* dish soap
Donna Fujita Knitted hat
Kumiko Nakatani Persimmons for everyone
Mitzi Katsuyama 5 bags ginger cookies
Nobuko Akiyama 90 rolls toilet tissue
Mitsuyo Tao 12 rolls paper towels
Jean Akiyama 12 rolls toilet tissue
Yaeko Cross 10 boxes *Puff Kleenex*
Alan/Betty Yagi 8 crabs
Hisako Kodama 15 rolls paper towels
Pat Marr 4 Christmas pins, 2017 calendars,
 candy bars

Yae/Sam Sakamoto 2 bags red bean paste
Eileen Byers 8 rolls paper towels
Kazuko Sakai 3 pkgs. paper bags and 2 *Kleenex*
Gail Wurtenberg 8 rolls paper towels
Hideko Nagamine 6 bags cucumbers
Bette Garcia 5 plates cookies, 1 can *Wasabi* peas
Jee/Kevin Kajihara *Anpan* from Christmas party
Satoko Yamamoto 2 packages of *senbei*
Eiko/George Stewart 5 flavored nut treats
Jean Akiyama 4 bags snack mix

We will see everyone back at the Senior Center on **Thursday, January 5, 2017**. Enjoy the holidays with your family and friends, and Happy New Year!!

WATSONVILLE TAIKO AND SHINSEI DAIKO

by **Bonnie Chihara**

Watsonville Taiko ended the year playing at the *Multicultural Festival* at the City Plaza in Watsonville and at the Tandy Beal ad Company's Art Education Program.

We had our annual holiday party on Friday, Dec. 9th with our usual potluck dinner which was enjoyed by our friends and families and W-SC JACL board members.

For more information on our upcoming performances or classes, please contact **Kay Miyamoto** at (831) 475-1088, or email us at info@watsonvilletaiko.org.



Our youth drummers at the Multicultural Festival.
 Happy Holidays to one and to all!

2016 MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL 2016

On a beautiful, sunny December 4th, **Watsonville Taiko** opened the festival with an enthusiastic welcome.

With the leadership of **Aimee Mizuno**, our activity booth helpers—**Kitty and Takashi Mizuno, Iwao and Jean Yamashita, Sandra Gauvreau, Debbe Chan, Bob and Denise Gomez, Jane Yamaguchi**, Cabrillo College student **Laura** and her sister **Maria Isabel Flores**, WHS student—were busy all afternoon teaching children and adults the art of *origami* and writing their names in *katakana*.

Thank you, helpers for sharing a part of our beautiful culture with the community.

We also acknowledge the help of **Teen Challenge** for assisting in setting up our booth.



Photos of **Jean Sandra Gauvreau** and **Jean Yamashita** before and after--the crowd swamped our *origami* booth.





W-SC JACler **Debbe Chan**, a retired PVUSD K-teacher, introduced a new topic—Japanese cultural books in English for children to read. Seated to the right are **Kitty Mizuno** and **Jane Yamaguchi** who are helping children and adults write their names in *katakana*.



Master bonsai sensei **Iwao Yamashita** (right) explains the meaning and beauty behind traditional *bonsai*.

KAWAKAMI SISTER CITY UPDATE by Robb Mayeda



The Kawakami-Watsonville Sister City Association thanks those community members for their support at our flapjack breakfast fundraiser at Applebee's in December.

Our sixteen students and their families sold 300 tickets which helps the students fund their airfare. Another thirty-seven community members walked in and purchased tickets at the door. The walk-in proceeds help the KWSCA fund hosting activities for the students who visit from Kawakami and help offset the price of the chaperones airfare. The parents served 200 breakfasts, while our sixteen student travelers greeted our guests.



On a different note, many of you may have read about the Friendship quilt that **Dorothy Mayeda** created for one of the sister city anniversaries. This month, Dorothy received a box containing fabrics and 1000 paper cranes. The cranes were folded by members of the Kawakami-mura Friendship Committee to encourage Dorothy in her fight against cancer. The photo shows Dorothy holding the thousand paper cranes that were arranged in twenty strands of fifty cranes each.

WHEN HATE CRIMES HIT

To: JACL Members

From: **Bill Yoshino**, Interim Executive Director

The racist and anti-immigrant declarations made during the recent campaign have emboldened the nativists, nationalists, and supremacists. It's unfortunate that the veneer that separates tolerance from intolerance has become thinner.

Vigilance and response to hate crimes and hate incidents have always been among JACL's priorities. Our program to combat hate crimes began in the 1980s following the killing of **Vincent Chin** and it accelerated during the late 80s and into the 1990s when an economic downturn coupled with Japan's economic rise led to "**Japan-bashing**" that saw an increase in hate crimes directed at Japanese Americans and Asian Americans.

Even though overall hate crimes declined in 2015, the number of anti-Muslim hate crimes rose 67% from 2014 to 2015. Of the reported 3,310 hate crimes reported in 2015, 3.5% targeted Asians.

Hate crimes are generally under-reported, but it will be interesting to see the results of hate crime reporting in 2016. **The Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC)** has identified a rise in hate crimes and hate incidents since the election including the following confirmed incidents, which may be the tip of the iceberg:

- A rector found the words "Trump Nation, Whites Only" scrawled on the walls of a church in Silver Spring, MD. The church offers weekly Spanish-language services.
- The University of Michigan issued a campus safety alert after a Muslim student told police a white male demanded she remove her hijab or he would "set her on fire with a lighter."

- In Philadelphia, police are searching for the man who grafittied "Trump Rules" and "Black B----" onto the hood of a woman's van.
- Parishioners found graffiti on the walls of St. David's Episcopal Church in Indiana. A swastika, "Heil Trump" and "F-- Church" were spray painted on the walls of the church, which performs same-sex weddings,
- "Colored" and "Whites Only" signs were placed above drinking fountains at First Coast High School in Jacksonville, Florida.
- Mere hours after Trump won the election, "Make America White Again" was scrawled across the wall of a softball field in Wellsville, New York.

ALERT!

We call on our JACL Chapters to be vigilant in monitoring for hate crimes and hate incidents. Available is the booklet, *When Hate Hits You*, on hate crimes that we produced a number of years ago that gives the basics of what to do and where to report hate crimes.

Please activate your Chapter's Hate Crime Liaison and please report any incident to our offices in San Francisco (**Patty Wada**), Los Angeles (**Stephanie Nitahara**), and Chicago (**Bill Yoshino**). We will assist your efforts in responding to these incidents.

Thanks,
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[Editor's note: Our W-SC JACL chapter's civil rights representatives are **Paul Kaneko**, **Gini Matute-Bianchi**, **Aimee Mizuno** and **Kimiko Marr**. Please call on us for support.]

Japanese American WWII Veterans Meet with United States Secretary of the Army in the White House



Photo credit: **Michelle Suzuki**, NVN
Washington D.C. (December 16, 2016) – Seven Japanese American World War II Veterans along with the National Veterans Network, met with the United States Secretary of the Army, **Eric Fanning** on December 15, 2016.

In a closed-door meeting, veterans of the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and Military Intelligence Service (100th/442nd/MIS) freely spoke with the Secretary sharing their military experiences during WWII.

They spoke of the hardship and sacrifices made by their unit to prove their loyalty to America at a time when they were looked upon with suspicion based on their ancestry.

Nearly 33,000 Japanese Americans served in the US Army enlisting from the islands of Hawaii and 10 barbed wire camps where 120,000 Japanese Americans were unjustly incarcerated. The 100th/442nd RCT distinguished itself as the most decorated U.S. Army unit in history for its size and length of service. The MIS is credited with saving hundreds of thousands of lives, Allied and Japanese, by shortening the Pacific war by two years.

Subsequently, the *Congressional Gold Medal*, our nation's highest civilian award, was presented by the United States Congress in the name of the American People to the 100th/442nd/MIS in 2011.

These veterans shared with the Secretary the reason they chose to serve their country despite being classified as "enemy alien" by the government. "We don't want our Country to forget the extreme hardship we had to endure," shared **Wesley Koyama**, who served in the 100th/442nd RCT: "We did this for the younger generations, so they could stand proud and know what loyalty means."

442nd veteran **Tosh Okamoto** from Seattle, Washington spoke to the group about his experience in the incarceration camps during WWII and how it affected his family. He shared, "I wanted to join the 442nd but my mother didn't want me to volunteer since my dad had a heart attack. I was eventually drafted and served overseas with 442nd Company K. When I learned of their casualties and sacrifice, I vowed I would do whatever I can to honor their memory."

In addition to meeting with the Secretary of the Army, **National Veterans Network** (NVN) and the Veterans participated in the White House Event on Generational Experiences of AAPI and MASSA Communities. A standing room only event, members of the Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) and Muslim, Arab, Sikh, And South Asian (MASSA) communities spoke about their shared experiences with discrimination based on ancestry and religious beliefs.



The NVN and the Veterans were honored to be invited to the White House and hope that their story of loyalty and patriotism are never forgotten.

About NVN

NVN is a coalition of organizations and individuals dedicated to educating the nation on the Japanese American WWII experience. The network launched the campaign to award the Congressional Gold Medal to the first Asian American recipients in the 100th, 442nd and MIS units, and worked with the U.S. Mint to design the medal. In 2012, they partnered with the National Museum of American History and the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service for a seven-city tour to promote recognition of the Japanese American experience. In 2016, along with the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center and Smithsonian's National

Museum of American History, NVN launched a Digital Exhibition to share the story of Japanese American soldiers of WWII. NVN's mission is to preserve, inform, and advocate how the Nisei Soldiers' Loyalty, Courage, and Patriotism embody American values and shape future decisions about justice and equality in a democracy.

To find out more about the National Veterans Network visit www.nationaveteransnetwork.com or on Facebook @nationalveteransnetwork or @NtlVetNetwork on Twitter.

Christine Sato-Yamazaki, NVN Executive Director

YOSHIRO TASAKA TO LEAVE THE CONSULATE

Yoshiro Tasaka, community liaison at the Consulate General of Japan, San Francisco office, is leaving after nearly ten years of service to the Nikkei community of northern California, and he will dearly be missed.



Originally from Osaka, Japan (SF's sister city), Tasaka attended San Francisco State College in 2006 as a graduate student to study international relations.

He returned from Japan to work as the community liaison for the Japanese Consulate in San Francisco.

Tasaka was inspired by the local Japanese American community and helped build bridges between the Japanese and Japanese American communities in northern California. He named his son **Amane**, which means "community" in Japanese.

He worked tirelessly to bring better relations between Osaka and San Francisco, and he helped to organize the successful *SF-Osaka Matsuri* last August.

He ably served Consul Generals **Hiroshi Inomata**, now Ambassador to The Netherlands, **Masato Watanabe**, now Ambassador to Bangladesh, and the current Consul General, **Jun Yamada**.

The Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL appreciated his services to our local community and hope we connect again in the near future.

We wish Yoshi-san and his family all the very best.

WESTVIEW "CHIMES" by Leslie Nagata Garcia Joy!

"I have said these things so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete!"- Jesus



Jesus wants joy in our life! (Read the above quote a few times and let it sink in!) And the best way to have joy is to follow his instructions on how...

...To stay connected as a branch is to a vine.

I pray this New Year we can all seek to be more connected moment by moment to the source of all life, love and joy!

John 15: 5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." **9** "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now **remain in my love.**" **10** "If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love." **11** "**I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.**" **12** "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you." **13** "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." **14** "You are my friends if you do what I command." -Jesus

How amazing is it that our God wants to be this connected to us!

How amazing that the source of all life wants to make a temple in our hearts!

How amazing that he came that we might be children of God! (John 1)

Happy New Year! May your 2017 be filled with JOY as you stay connected to the source!! Daily morning-prayer really does start my day connected to Jesus and filled with joy!

I am grateful for our church family!

Much love to you and Christ's peace and JOY to you,

Pastor Dan

JACL Christmas Party

Members and friends of Westview spread their Christmas cheer by singing Christmas carols when they made their annual visit to the W-SC JACL Senior Center on December 11th.

It was a most joyous occasion, and we thank the leaders of the Senior Center for the invitation to sing and participate.



Salvation Army Dinners

The Salvation Army Dinners meal preparation resumed on December 2nd. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped cook and serve the meals. This is always a worthwhile experience to all who participate.

Please Contact the Deacons or Pastor Dan if you would like to volunteer to help in upcoming Salvation Army Dinners that are usually held the first Friday of each month through April.

The next Salvation Army Meal preparation will be on **January 6th**. Photo below is of the cooking crew.



Help your youth/children grow a strong foundation in Christ! Youth/Family Upcoming Events

Gym Nites are usually the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month, from **5:30 – 7:30 pm.**, at **Westview**.

Activities/events for the Youth/Family for the months of January and February 2017 include the following dates:

January 6th: Gym Nite & Salvation Army Meal, Westview, 4:00 – 7:00 pm

January 20th: Gym Nite, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

February 3rd: Gym Nite, & Salvation Army Meal, Westview, 4:00 – 7:00 pm

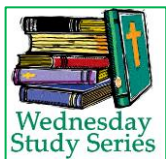
February 17th: Gym Nite, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Photo: Our youth and youth adults leading the advent candle lighting during worship service.



The **last Revelation Study** on Max Lucado's book will be on **January 18th** (not the 11th), **6:30 pm** at **Westview**.

On **FEBRUARY 8TH WE BEGIN A NEW SERIES**



based on **Jeremiah J. Johnston's book, Unanswered: Lasting truth for Trending Questions.** The book

addresses the most asked questions in our society today about faith and religion...because rather than telling our friends "I don't know," there

are intelligent answers to be found!! **Wednesday Study Series** are usually held on the 2nd and 4th **Wednesdays** of each month.



The **Tutoring Club** will resume tutoring in **late January**. Many have much need for help in math and reading! Our Tutors are awesome - Mary Lou Hoffman, Diane Mio, Susan Manabe, Pastor Dan, Eiko Stewart and Joanne Hayashi! If you want to join us **Thursdays** from **3:30 – 5 pm** at **Westview**, please let us know! It has been a delight to reach out with love and care for our neighbors.

SONGS OF CHRISTMAS ARE THE BEST

Editor

The spirit of the holiday season begins with Bing Crosby singing Irvin Berlin's "White Christmas."

And, the radio waves are filled with these great songs:

"It's the Most Wonderful Time Of The Year"
by Andy Williams

"Winter Wonderland"

"The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire)" by Nat King Cole

"Sleigh Ride"

"Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas"

"Feliz Navidad" by Jose Feliciano

"Santa Claus Is Coming To Town"

"Baby, It's Cold Outside" with Red Skelton

"Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow"

"Silver Bells" by Bob Hope

"Jingle Bell Rock"

"Rudolph The Red Nose Reindeer" by Gene Autry

"Frosty The Snowman"

"A Holly Jolly Christmas" by Burl Ives

"Blue Christmas" by Elvis Presley

"It's Beginning To Look a Lot Like Christmas" by
Johnny Mathis

"Little Drummer Boy"

"Here Comes Santa Claus (Right down Santa Claus Lane)" by Gene Autry

"I'll Be Home For Christmas"

"I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus"

"(There's No Place Like) Home For the Holidays"
by Perry Como

We'll have to wait patiently another year before we hear the great artists singing these wonderful songs.

WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE NEWS by Jackie Yamashita

Sat., December 31st at 3:30 pm there will be the Year End Service and ringing of the Temple Bell. No soba noodles will be served this year.

At 9 am on January 1st, we will observe the New Year Shusho E Service. Please attend.

Calendar for January 2017:

1	Sun	9 am	New Year <i>Shusho E Service</i>
5	Thu	10 am	ABA Meeting
5, 6, & 9	Thu, Fri, Mon		Secretary Vacation Days
8	Sun	9 am	YBA Meeting
		10 am	Shotsuki Hoyo & Cabinet Installation -New Year Potluck to follow Service
10	Tues	7:30 pm	Temple Board Meeting
11	Wed	1 pm	BWA Meeting
13	Fri		Secretary out of office
14	Sat	1-4 pm	<i>Kimekome</i>
15	Sun	2 pm	Sunday Service
16	Mon		Martin Luther King Holiday
17	Tue	7 pm	Tri-Temple Meeting in Monterey
18	Wed	7 pm	110 Anniversary Planning Mtg
21	Sat		CDYBL Retreat in Mt. View
22	Sun	2 pm	Sunday Service
24	Tue		Secretary out of office
25	Wed	7 pm	CD Meeting in Salinas
28	Sat	8:30 am-4 pm	<i>Ikenobo Hatsuike</i>
29	Sun	9:30 am	Japanese Service
		10 am	Ho On Ko & ABA Memorial with Rev. Motoyoshi , luncheon to follow

Future dates to reserve on your 2017 calendar:

Sun., April 9th-A Tri-Temple *Hanamatsuri Service* (Watsonville, Salinas & Monterey) will be at Monterey Peninsula Temple. Special guest speaker will be **Rev. Kuwahara**;

Sun., May 21st *Gotan E Service* with **Rev. Sugihara** in Watsonville with public lecture on May 20th;

Sun., August 13th *Rennyo Shonin Memorial* in Salinas.

Shotsuki Hoyo Service 10 am Sun., Jan. 8, 2017

The families of the following deceased are invited to attend the Jan. 8th service and to Oshoko (offer incense). We look forward to seeing you at the service.

January Memorial List

Akiyama, Asa	Dooka, Michiko
Fujii, Sadayuki	Fujita, Ichijiro
Fujita, Yeiko	Fukuba, Midori
Hamada, Suyeko	Hamai, Tsui
Hamai, Yoneichi	Hiraga, Sammy
Hirahara, Manabu	Hirano, Shig
Hirano, Yasube	Ikeda, Yutaka
Itamura, Sadao	Iwamuro, Asako
Izumizaki, Kitako	Izumizaki, Kintsuchi
Kajihara, Teruko Jeanne	Kajisa, Masashi
Kamimoto, Haruno	Kimura, Mary Yukiko
Kimura, Sayoko	Kinoshita, Yukiko
Koike, Rokuzo	Kokka, Satoru
Kowaki, Toraichi	Kunishige, Takajiro
Kurimoto, Peggy Shizuko	Kuroiwa, Harumi Kay
Matsui, Tommy Toshiyuki	Maemura, Kozo
Manabe, Bob	Manabe, Haruo

Manabe, Suyeo	Marui, Harumi
Misumi, Shinichi	Morimoto, Umazo
Morimune, Helen	Morishima, Sei
Morita, Tsui	Nagamine, Daisy Iku
Nagamine, Mrs. Otomatsu	Nakahara, Chiyuki
Nakase, Eijiro	Nakatani, George M
Nishihara, Kohide	Nishihara, Yamato
Nishita, Gladycy	Nishita, Frank
Nishita, Sayoko	Nitao, Tsune
Noda, Masaru (Buzz)	Sakae, Yooko
Sakai, Bunichi	Sakimoto, Takeichi
Sasaki, Shizuma	Shinta, Beulah
Sukekane, Hayato	Sukekane, Masanosuke
Sukekane, Masao	Sumida, Fukuichi
Takamune, Roy	Tanimura, Lillian Teruo
Tao, Tomoe	Tsuchiyama, Takashi (Butch)
Tsuda, Hardy	Tsutsui, Henry
Uchimaru, Toyoki Shizan	Ura, Sumi
Uyeda, Kaname	Uyematsu, Suyeko Ito
Wada, Shigeo	Wada, Tatsu
Wada, Barbara Sanae	Yagi, Harry
Yagi, Kirino	Yamada, Takimi
Yamamoto, Jennie	Yamamoto, Kichigoro
Yamashita, Ichisaburo	Yamauchi, Leland Toru
Yokoi, Hideo	Yoshida, Wataru

BWA Report: BWA would like to thank the ladies who helped with the BWA Memorial Service and to the members who helped at the *mochi tsuki*. Mochi was delicious this year. Thank you to temple members and friends for pounding, preparing and boxing the hand pounded mochi.

BWA will donate \$200 for bingo prizes and prepare *sake* and tea at the temple's pot luck on Sun., Jan. 8th.

BWA wishes our temple members and friends a very HEALTHY and WONDERFUL NEW YEAR.

ABA Report: Thank you to those who came to weigh and place mochi into the boxes.

ABA Cabinet will be the same as last year.

YBA Report: We helped at this year's *mochi tsuki*. We will provide flower decorations for the New Year's Potluck and donate bingo prizes. CDYBL is having a sleepover activity on December 23rd at the San Jose Betsuin.

Board Notes: Building & Maintenance: There were several gas leaks discovered during the kitchen remake. The workers repaired all of the leaks as it was a safety issue.

The kitchen may be out of service from approximately mid-January through February 2017. This construction project, estimated cost to be \$110,000, will likely result in some events needing to be deferred to a later time.

2017 Board of Directors: New and returning members are **JoAnn Kato, Tad Kato, Gerald Kondo, Ken Tanimoto and Bruce Yamamoto**. Congratulations!

2016 MOCHI TSUKI—THE TRADITION CONTINUES

Photos and captions, courtesy of **Jean Yamashita**

On Sunday, December 11, the Temple's *Sangha* came together to keep the tradition of *mochi tsuki* for the New Year alive. While there are electric machines which can make *mochi*, our Temple believes the traditional way of pounding with wooden mallets is still the best.



Steaming the rice are BCA President **Ken Tanimoto** and **Richard Uyematsu**.



Franz Steidl and **Jimmy Uemura** placed the cooked rice into the mortar where the “pokers” then “pounders” went to work. **Norman Uyeda** is one of the “pokers”.



Iwao Yamashita is flipping the rice over, getting it ready for the “pounders.”



Dividing the *mochi* with a new contraption are **Ryoko Kozuki** and **Kim Yoshida**. The ladies are shaping the *mochi*.



Taking a break while the *mochi* cools are **June Honda**, **Toshiko Yamashita**, **Jean Akiyama** and below: **Janice Tao** and **Yoko Umeda**.



HAPPY NEW YEAR, EVERYONE!

THE SMITHSONIAN PROJECT ...

from Carol Kawase, NCWNP Governor

I just received a heartfelt commendation note from interim executive director **Bill Yoshino** for our recent NCWNP district contribution to Nat'l JACL's financial commitment to the Smithsonian Project. The EO 9066 exhibit is scheduled to open February 19, 2017. It was heartening to hear that JACL has raised \$104,750 of the \$110,000 financial obligation. Our NCWNP district and the Sacramento Chapter were two of six JACL entities that contributed at the \$10,000 level. Kudos to **Sacramento Chapter** for spearheading the challenge.

I want to reiterate acknowledgment for our commitment and to again THANK each chapter and their members for participating to make the 2016 Gala to benefit the Smithsonian Project a success. Every attendee, donor, ad sponsor, silent auction participant and planning committee member allowed our district to shine bright with generosity towards a very important means of continuing our legacy through the telling of our JA incarceration story. It was a pleasure to serve in this capacity as your Gala chair.

There is still \$5250 that needs to be realized. For those chapters and members in our district who did not have the opportunity to join us at the gala, wishing to contribute to the Smithsonian Project, please send your donation with a memo notation to benefit the Smithsonian Project to:

**JACL HQ, Attn: Patty Wada
1765 Sutter Street
San Francisco, CA 94115**

And, thank you for your support.

FDR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 9066

Sunday, Feb. 19, 2017 marks the 75th anniversary of Executive Order 9066, which authorized the incarceration of 120,000 Japanese and Japanese Americans living on the West Coast.

As 2016 closes bipartisan lawmakers from Wyoming, Utah, Illinois, and California have rallied support for a U. S. Postal Service commemorative stamp that would recall the inspiring story of Americans of Japanese heritage who suffered the injustice of the incarceration and of those served gallantly in the U.S. military during World War II.

The recent endorsements are significant because they include two states that were home to the incarceration camps where Japanese Americans were held during the war.

This stamp proposal features the **National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism (NJAMP)** during World War II in Washington, D.C. Due to a U.S. Postal Service restriction on individual military units as subjects, the activists are pushing for the NJAMP to serve as a symbolic honor.

The congressional delegation from Wyoming, all Republicans, co-authored a letter of support on Nov. 16. "Next year marks the 75th anniversary of the internment of 120,000 Japanese Americans held against their will for the duration of the war," the delegation asserted. "As you may know, Wyoming is home to the Heart Mountain Interpretive Center, where over 14,000 Japanese were forcibly relocated and held, approximately 800 of whom enlisted in the U.S. Army. Fifteen of these men were killed in action, and two earned the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest award for valor in combat."

The delegation consists of **Sens. Mike Enzi and John Barrasso** and **Rep. Cynthia Lummis**.

Utah Gov. Gary Herbert, a Republican, added his voice of support in a Dec. 1 letter. "I write to join with those voicing their support for a United States postage stamp to commemorate the bravery and patriotism of Japanese American citizens and soldiers in World War II," the governor wrote. "During this period, internment camps spanned the western United States, including the Topaz camp near Delta, Utah, and served as physical manifestations of the profiling and racial prejudice that faced thousands of Japanese Americans. To challenge the adversity they faced in their nation, and exhibit their love for country, in excess of 33,000 Japanese Americans enlisted in the United States military."

California's **Sen. Dianne Feinstein** (D) announced this week that she, too, sent a letter to the postmaster general. "As our country reflects on next year's 75th anniversary of placing individuals in internment camps, I encourage you to honor them by issuing a stamp in remembrance of the sacrifices that they made during World War II," she wrote in her Oct. 5 letter. "I feel that this would be an appropriate tribute to honor their memory and hope you will consider issuing a stamp."

Rep. Mike Quigley (D-III.) joined the voices backing the stamp. "I am writing in support of issuing a commemorative postal stamp in honor of the bravery and patriotism demonstrated by Japanese Americans during the Second World War," he explained. "In spite of having their most basic constitutional rights violated by unjust detainment, as well as facing rampant prejudice from the rest of society, over 30,000 Japanese Americans chose to serve as members of the U.S. Armed Forces."

Nisei men and women served admirably during the war. Men served mainly in the 100th Battalion/442nd Regimental Combat Team and the Military Intelligence Service (MIS). The 100th/442nd, considered the most decorated unit of the war, is remembered for such battles as Monte Cassino and Anzio, the rescue of the Lost Battalion, and liberating towns across France. They also helped liberate prisoners of the *Holocaust* in Dachau.

The MIS is credited with shortening the war in the Pacific by two years through their work as military linguists, and helping redevelop Japan during the occupation, leading to the close postwar friendship between the nations. These groups collectively received the Congressional Gold Medal for their exemplary service in 2011.

Japanese American women served in the Women's Army Corps (WAC), Cadet Nurse Corps, and MIS.

Campaign activists are urging supporters to continue to urge lawmakers who have not yet endorsed this cause to help. The Stamp Our Story Campaign website is www.StampOurStory.org.

As of Dec. 22, 52 members of Congress (13 Republicans and 39 Democrats) and three governors (one Republican and two Democrats) have voiced support.

THANK YOU FOR RETURNING THE W-SC JACL 2017 BALLOTS

Thank you to the 84 members who mailed their ballots. We appreciate your participation in our democracy.

Everyone—**Marcia Hashimoto, Brooke Kondo Rains, Gary Mine, Aimee Mizuno, and Jean Yamashita**--received at least 79 votes.

There was a write-in vote for **Toshiko Yamashita**, and **Jean Yamashita** received the most votes.

2017 OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At our regular monthly meeting on Dec. 22nd, **Marcia Hashimoto** was re-elected to lead the W-SC JACL for 2017 as President. This will be her seventh term of office.

She will be ably assisted by officers **Gini Matute-Bianchi** as 1st VP; **Aimee Mizuno** as 2nd VP, **Victor Kimura** as Treasurer; and **Cindy Mine** and **Kimiko Marr** will share the duties of Secretary.

Members of the Board of Directors are **Joe Bowes, Jeanette O. Hager, Mas Hashimoto, Carol Kaneko, Gary Mine, Brooke Kondo Rains, Phil Shima, Jean Yamashita** and **Iwao Yamashita**. There is one opening on the board.

Laurel Mayeda, a student at UCSC, has resigned from the board and will return to southern California upon graduation. She is grateful to the W-SC JACL to have had the opportunity to serve. We certainly will miss her, and we wish her the very best in her future and career endeavors.

We also thank **David Kadotani** for his years of dedicated service to our chapter, serving on the Board of Directors for decades and four times as President – in 1990, 1995, 2002, and 2011. We wish him well.

Installation of our officers will take place on Jan. 29th, 2017 at our annual luncheon. Please attend in support of your hard-working and dedicated board.

DONATIONS, GRATEFULLY RECEIVED FROM

Watsonville Taiko for use of JACL Hall for the annual Boutique, end-of-year party, and its maintenance.

Day of Remembrance Education Fund Greatest Need

Henry Hayashida of Seaside
Dennis and Marilyn Kanemura

In memory of **Ben Umeda** from...
Bill and Nora Louie

In memory of **Aiko Yamamoto** from ...
Yoko, Kai, Shin, and Ren Umeda

In memory of **Herb Ichikawa** from ...
Wife, Beverly Wesley and Family

[Editor's note: Architect Herb Ichikawa designed the Watsonville Buddhist Temple's bell tower. Herb passed away in October of 2016.]

In memory of **Mas Tsuda** from ...
Ann Tsuda of Grass Valley, CA

JOIN US--WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL

We welcome **Leticia Mendoza**, President of the YWCA and the newly elected Trustee of Cabrillo College's Board of Trustees, and we welcome **Betty Garcia**, a new Watsonville resident, to our chapter and Senior Center.

If you are not now a member of the National JACL, we'd love to have you join our W-SC JACL chapter.

Please encourage family members, relatives and friends to join us for 2017. We are a 501 (c) (3) non-profit, educational, civil rights organization, and our tax deductible federal ID is #94-2659895.

Annual membership dues are \$80 for individual, \$150 for couples, and \$25 for youth between the ages of 14 and 25.

Yes, you don't have to be a Japanese American to be a member. You don't even have to be a US citizen. You must be an advocate for justice and for civil rights for all.

Current members, please look at the date after your name on the address label. E. Txxxx **9/16** means your membership expired back in **September of 2016!** Please renew before your membership's expiration month. **Marcia Hashimoto**, who sends renewal reminders, will be very grateful.

If you have moved or are planning to move, **please let us know your new address.**

Please do not mail to our Kizuka Hall address on Blackburn Street.

Our mailing address is: W-SC JACL, P. O. Box 163, Watsonville, CA 95077.

Thank you for reading this January 2017 newsletter. Comments are always welcome at hashi79@sbcglobal.net.

For our full, living color newsletter, log onto <http://watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org>, click Newsletter, then the month.

Onward!
Mas Hashimoto, Editor

2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The W-SC JACL's Board of Directors' meeting is held on the fourth Thursday of every month except for November and December when it is held on the third Thursday. The meetings begin at 6:30 pm, W-SC JACL Kizuka Hall, 150 Blackburn Street, Watsonville, CA 95076, and everyone is welcome to attend.

Sunday, January 29: The four chapter installation of officers luncheon at our W-SC JACL Kizuka Hall from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm.

Sunday, February 12: The quarterly meeting of the Northern California Western Nevada Pacific District (NCWNP) to be hosted by the Placer County JACL chapter.

Sunday, February 26: The five JACL Chapters' *Day of Remembrance* observance from 1 pm to 4 pm, "Salinas Assembly Center," Santa Lucia Room. Gilroy JACL is in charge of this year's program.

Saturday, April 22: NCWNP's Gala Luncheon from 11 am to 3 pm, Crow Canyon Country Club, Danville, CA.

Sunday, May 7: NCWNP Council meeting hosted by the Berkeley JACL.

Saturday, June 10: Japanese Cultural Fair, Santa Cruz, Mission Plaza.

Saturday, June 24: Annual Community Picnic, Aptos Village Park, Aptos, CA from 11 am to 4 pm.

Monday, June 26 to Friday July 7: *Kokoro no Gakko*, Japanese cultural summer school for K-6 grades, Watsonville Buddhist Temple, 423 Bridge Street, Watsonville, CA 95076.

Thursday to Saturday, July 6-8, National JACL Convention in Washington, DC with the theme, "Our Story: Resilience, Remembrance, Resolve."

Sunday, November 4: NCWNP Council meeting, hosted by Salinas Valley JACL.

Sunday, December 3: Multicultural Festival, Watsonville Plaza from 1 pm to 4:30 pm.

If we can be of service, please call on us.

**"HAPPY NEW YEAR," ESPECIALLY
TO ALL YOU ROOSTERS!**

WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL SENIOR CENTER TRIPS

One-Day Senior Center Trip to Table Mountain Casino

Tuesday, January 24, 2017, 8:00 am to 7:30 pm

\$10 e-cash, \$5 food coupon

Cost: Active Senior Center Members \$30; others \$40

For reservation call Jean Yamashita 408-813-6539, email jeanyamashita@yahoo.com or Rubie Kawamoto 854-2028

Non-Senior Center members are welcome to join us! Seats are still available, but please call soon.

FIRST EVER "CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING CONTEST"

Seniors were invited to participate in the first "Christmas Tree Decorating Contest". Eleven wonderful entries were submitted! The "artists" were so creative and must have spent hours completing their beautiful trees – so impressive!



The Christmas Trees were displayed with an assigned number (artists' names unrevealed) and judged by guests at the Senior Center Christmas Party on December 11th. A huge "DOMO ARIGATO" to all our talented seniors who participated in our first Christmas Tree Decorating Contest (artists' names in alphabetical order – not the same order as the tree display):

Jean Akiyama, Nobuko Akiyama, June Honda, Sunao Honda, Teruko Hirahara, Carol Kaneko, Leigh Sakaguchi, Sam Sakamoto, Chiyeko Shikuma, Jean Yamashita, Toshi Yamashita. The votes were counted, and the winning Christmas Tree was created by **Carol Kaneko!** Congratulations, Carol! Photos, courtesy of **Jean Yamashita.**



Upcoming Activities at the Senior Center:

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| Thurs, Jan 5 | First day back for Senior Center! Regular bingo. |
| Thurs, Jan 12 | New Year's Celebration, Miyuki Buffet at 4 pm |
| Thurs, Jan 19 | January Birthday Party |
| Tues, Jan 24 | Table Mt. Casino one-day trip, 8 am to 7:30 pm |
| Thurs, Jan 26 | Regular Bingo |
| Sun, Jan 29 | JACL Quad Chapter Installation Luncheon Kizuka Hall 11:30 am to 3:30 pm
Keiro Kai National JACL members are special guests |
| Sun, Feb 26 | Day of Remembrance Observance, "Salinas Assembly Center," 1 to 4 pm |

Please check out our Senior Center website: <http://kizukahallseniors.wordpress.com> to keep up with our activities, see photos, and check our calendar.

***Please join our Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL Senior Center!** If you enjoy playing bingo, celebrating special birthdays and holiday occasions, and going on trips, and would like to regularly receive health information and have your blood pressure monitored, join us for our Thursday get-togethers. We'd love to have you and your spouse and/or friends join us. **"Active Senior Center Members,"** who have paid their membership dues and who make annual birthday and Senior Center anniversary donations, are eligible for reduced fares on our trips. Please contact **Carol Kaneko** (831) 476-7040 for registration information. **Since our Senior Center operates under the auspices of both our local JACL chapter and the National JACL, we encourage all members of the Senior Center to become members of the National JACL through our Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL chapter.**

HELP WANTED! The Senior Center is always looking for able-bodied, caring, fun-loving volunteers (any and all ages welcome) to help out weekly (or once a month or so) with *toban* duties. We need your help on Thursdays from 12:30 to 3:15 pm to help our toban teams prepare tea, set out the tea and snacks, and clean up. You are invited to play bingo with us while you wait for clean up time - or you can help our bingo team check bingo cards! Let us know if you can help out on one or more Thursdays each month. Call **Susan AmRhein at (831) 724-9454** to volunteer and have some fun.

**WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ CHAPTER
JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE**

P.O. Box 163, Watsonville, CA 95077-0163

December 29, 2016



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Dear Watsonville-Santa Cruz National JACL *Keiro Kai*:

We cordially invite those members of our Watsonville-Santa Cruz chapter of the National Japanese American Citizens League who are 75 years of age or older (as of February 1942 or before) to be our guests at the Quad-Chapter JACL Officers' Installation Luncheon. You are official members of our "Keiro Kai"—our honored senior members.

Executive Order 9066 was signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on February 19, 1942. This is the 75th anniversary of the infamous Executive Order 9066 which sent us to prison.

In appreciation for your many years of support, we hope you will join us on Sunday, January 29, 2017 from 11:30 am (registration) to 3:30 pm at the Tokushige Kizuka JACL Hall, 150 Blackburn St., Watsonville, CA 95076. A delicious bento catered by Miyuki Japanese Restaurant will be served.

The Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL is the host chapter, and our program will feature Watsonville Police Chief David Honda as the keynote speaker.

We would be honored if you are able to attend. Please RSVP **Marcia Hashimoto** at (831) 722-6859 (please leave a message) or email at hashi79@sbcglobal.net before Thursday, January 19, 2017 with a message that you are *Keiro Kai*. W-SC JACL Senior Center *Keiro Kai* members may make their reservations with **Carol Kaneko**.

Or, mail this reservation form to Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL, P. O. Box 163, Watsonville, CA 95077-0163 no later than January 15, 2017.

Sincerely,

Marcia Hashimoto, President

*****cut off*****

Name(s): _____

Number attending: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

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

No Increase in the 2016 – 2017 Membership Dues

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 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, oldest, and respected Asian American civil rights organization, and our programs include cultural appreciation and educational outreach.

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 2014 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 <i>Pacific Citizen</i> , 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 <i>Pacific Citizen</i> , 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 <i>Pacific Citizen</i> , local youth/student membership, and our monthly JACL newsletter. Youth membership is <u>required</u> for scholarship consideration.

For **Thousand Club**, **Century Club**, and **Millennium Club** and **Life** membership categories, please contact our membership chair **Jeanette Otsuji Hager**.

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: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

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