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*Lessons in
Loyalty*

THE WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL

Newsletter July 2012

KEE KITAYAMA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

by Dr. Brooke Kondo



Steven Hiromi Tao has been selected by the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL to receive the **2012 Kee Kitayama Memorial Scholarship**. The *Kee Kitayama Memorial Scholarship* was established by **Mrs. Keiko Kitayama** in memory of her husband, **Kee**, who was our JACL chapter president in 1987. Mr. Kitayama, formerly of Bainbridge Island, WA, worked tirelessly for our redress and reparations program that led to the successful passage of the Civil Liberties Act of August 10, 1988.

This year's recipient, **Steven Tao**, son of **Paul and Kim Tao**, is a graduate of Aptos High School. While completing a rigorous academic schedule throughout high school, he was an active participant in football, lacrosse, and performing arts. He starred in the lead role of Aptos High School's wonderful presentation of "Fiddler on the Roof."

He has been an active member of the Watsonville Buddhist Temple, its Dharma School, Boy Scouts, and past president of the Young Buddhist Association (YBA). Steven has always been a willing volunteer at church events, *Kokoro No Gakko*, and local JACL chapter events.

Steven has been involved with the Cub Scouts since he was six years old, and he is currently working towards becoming an Eagle Scout of Boy Scout Troop 558. Through the Scouts he has done many community service projects including the rebuilding of the Watsonville Buddhist Temple BBQ pit. Steven has excelled in his leadership positions for his troop, such as Senior Patrol Leader, Chaplain, and instructional Guide.

Robert Goekermann, Steven's science teacher at AHS, described Steven to have ... *well developed sense of purpose, solid academic abilities, and high potential for intellectual growth ... great potential to be of service to others in his career and in his life in the community.*

In his essay, "The Significance of the 'Day of Remembrance' Observance Today," Steven reflected on

his personal interviews with his grandmother and great aunt about their wartime incarceration experiences and what it was like when the US Government carried out Executive Order 9066. Steven wrote, "Looking over the actions taken by the government in 1942, they were not upholding of the Bill of Rights, and what was done was a great injustice. We need to remember these events in order to prevent anything similar to Executive Order 9066 from ever happening again."

Steven will be attending Cabrillo College in the fall and will transfer on to "Cal Poly" at San Luis Obispo, to study agricultural science and biology.



Steven's sister **Melissa**, mother **Kim**, **Steven**, W-SC JACL scholarship chair **Dr. Brooke Kondo**, and father **Paul Tao** at the presentation.

At the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL community picnic on Sat. June 23rd, he was presented with a scholarship award for \$1,000 and two books--"*Patriotism, Perseverance, Posterity*," the story of the **National Japanese American Memorial**, and "*Nisei Voices, Japanese American Students of the 1930's - Then & Now*," compiled by **Joyce and Paul Hirohata**.

Congratulations, Steven! We wish you the very best in your college career and beyond.

2012 JACL ANNUAL COMMUNITY PICNIC

by Marcia Hashimoto, Chair

On behalf of the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL, I would like to thank everyone who helped, donated, and attended our annual community picnic on Sat., June 23rd, at the Aptos Village Park. Over 175 participants, including the **Consul General of Japan Hiroshi Inomata** and **Mrs. Midori Inomata**, enjoyed the beautiful, fun-filled day which included a variety of races for children and adults, exciting free bingo for Seniors and friends, a terrific performance by our wonderful and talented Watsonville

Taiko, a delicious BBQ chicken lunch with an ice cream dessert, *jan ken po* contest won by **Mrs. Chiyoko Yagi (age 91)**, a “nutz to you” guessing contest won by **Mrs. Holly Akiyoshi**, presentation of the **Kee Kitayama Memorial Scholarship** to **Steven Tao**, and the raffle!

We extend our thanks to the following committee members and friends whose assistance made this year's picnic marvelous in every way possible:

Gary and Cindy Mine; Dave and Jeanni Kadotani; Joe and Christine Bowes; Jeanette Hager; Phil Shima; Tosh Tanaka; Drs. Brooke Kondo and Gerald Kondo; Iwao Yamashita; Jean Yamashita; Sunao Honda; Victor Kimura family—Carter and Nicole; Clyde Kimura family—Kimiyo, Cathy, and Jenny; Bobbi Jo Palmer; Takeshi Kaneko; Aya Okuma; Paul and Carol Kaneko; Randy and Tracy Mano; Drs Stuart Sakuma and Janet Nagamine; Doug and Sharyn Nakashima; Chiye Tamaki; Shirley Nishimoto; Aimee Mizuno; Debbe and Thomas Chan; Ichiro and Dora Hoshiyama; Nancy Tamaki; Arao family—Jim, Yoshiko, and Bruce; Linda Wong; and Mas Hashimoto.

To anyone who helped or donated whose name was unintentionally omitted, I apologize. Please contact me at (831) 722-6859 or email at hashi79@sbcglobal.net and the correction will be made in the next newsletter. This traditional event, nearly a century old, is not a fund-raiser for the W-SC JACL. Instead, it is a **fun-raiser** for the Nikkei community of the Monterey Bay and all are welcomed. See our photo pages by **Phil Shima**.

2012 PICNIC DONATIONS

We are extremely grateful for the generous donations from the following individuals, businesses, and organizations to our picnic and raffle. We encourage everyone to support the businesses listed:

David and Jeanni Kadotani
Alan Uyematsu
Chiye Tamaki
Bonnie Chihara
Clyde and Kimiyo Kimura
Cathy Kimura and Sunny Le
East Lake Village Hardware, Rodney Misumi
Flowers by Toshi, Ryoko Kozuki
Dr. Steven Tanaka
George Dymesich
Wendy King
Gary and Cindy Mine
Hong Kong Garden II
Imura Restaurant, Jee Kajihara
Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL
W-SC JACL Senior Center
Mas and Marcia Hashimoto
Miyuki Restaurant—Yas and Janet Sakaguchi
Paul and Kim Tao
Shiatsu Clinic--Ben and Chiyoe Yamaguchi
Union Bank of California--Sahin Günsel, VP
Victor Kimura
Willie and Joanne Yahiro
Watsonville Taiko
Bill and Gail Wurtenberg
Paul and Carol Kaneko
Toshiko Yamashita
Yamashita Market, Goro Yamashita

Special thanks to the **following donors** of our raffle grand prize—a 47” flatscreen “Vizio TV” which has so many capabilities:

Dr. Gerald Kondo
Dr. Brooke Kondo
Dr. Reed and Nancy Kuratomi
Dr. Arthur Hayashi
Dr. Dennis Eguchi
Dr. Stuart Sakuma
David and Jeanni Kadotani
Floy Sakata
Yukio and Edna Nagata



Holding the winning ticket was **Cathy Kimura**, shown with W-SC JACL President **Tosh Tanaka**. Early Saturday morning at the JACL KIZUKA HALL Cathy helped load tables, chairs, bbq equipment, bingo and race prizes, beans, drinks, etc onto the truck, and she helped unload the truck when the event was over! Thank you, Cathy, and congratulations! Photo by **Phil Shima**.



Cathy is on the other side of the truck and hidden in this photo. Helping with the loading at 8 am are **Gary Mine, Jenny Kimura, David Kadotani, Jeanette Hager, Joe Bowes, and Jeanni Kadotani**. Photo by **Mas Hashimoto**.

The support and participation of our community at this annual family event are appreciated. We look forward to seeing you at our picnic next year on Sat. June 22, 2013, at the Aptos Village Park.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

A surprise honor was presented by **Consul General of Japan Hiroshi Inomata** to **Mas Hashimoto** "for his distinguished achievements to mutual understanding and friendship between Japan and California" at the annual JACL community picnic held in Aptos on Saturday, June 23rd, the 24th year of *Heisei*.



Mas shares this award with **Marcia** for she continues to encourage his involvement even if it means she has to do all the work while he gets all the credits.

JAPANESE CULTURAL FAIR IN SANTA CRUZ

The 26th JCF on Sat., June 16th was a huge success, thanks to the tireless efforts of organizer and chair, **Paul Kaneko**, and his committee.

The JCF is a free community event devoted to increasing awareness of the Japanese community in Santa Cruz County through the understanding and experiencing of Japanese culture, arts, crafts, martial arts, Zen meditation, foods, and much, much more.

By learning more about the culture of Japan we can improve mutual understanding among the neighbors around the Pacific Rim as well as enrich our community life here in Santa Cruz.

Our Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL booth was well-attended. We sold donated organic strawberries by **Paul and Kim Tao**, strawberries by **Driscoll's** and **Berry Bowl**, organic cucumbers by **A. Nagamine Nursery**, hot and cold tea, delicious *obento* boxes by **Timmy Hunt** of **Pono Hawaiian Grill at the Reef**, and beautiful hand-crafted ceramic cups and bowls by **Wendy King**. Thank you to all our wonderful donors. We are indebted to you all.



Manning our booth were **Jeanni and David Kadotani, Brooke Kondo, Carol Kaneko, Jeanette Hager, and Tosh Tanaka**. Not shown are **Paul Kaneko, Joe Bowes, Mas Hashimoto, Victor Kimura, Phil Shima, Victor Kimura, Gary and Cindy Mine**. Photos by **Mas Hashimoto**.



Andy Noguchi of the Florin JACL patronized our booth. Thank you, Andy! No, he's not wearing a red chochin (lantern) on his head. It's part of our booth's decoration.



A surprising number of fair goers were interested in our unjust incarceration during World War II.



Taiko is always entertaining and will draw a large crowd. Pictured above is the San Francisco Taiko!

WATSONVILLE TAIKO AND SHINSEI DAIKO

By Bonnie Chihara

Watsonville Taiko participated in the Japanese Cultural Fair again this year. Our community taiko performers played at 11:20 am along with our children's group and the children from our kids' workshops.



Becka Lindquist (left) on the shaker with **Shastina Avina** and **Eugene Bush** in the front row at the JCF in Santa Cruz.

After our performance we served *tai yaki*, fried mochi, *mugi cha*, *ramune*, *yaki tori*, cucumber salad, rice and *edamame* all day! We would like to thank **Judy Nagamine** for the donation of cucumbers for our salad and **Yoriko Davis** for her donation of *ramune* and *edamame*.



Margaret Chan and **Bonnie Chihara** served at the JCF.

On June 23rd, we attended the JACL picnic. After performing at noon, we enjoyed a delicious lunch of chicken, rice, salad, hot dogs, buttered bread, chili, and the ice cream social!



Front row: **Rebecca Tavish**, **Sandy Allen**, **Taeko D'Andrea**, **Wilma Field**, **Bonnie Chihara**, back: **Hiroshi Musselman**, **Sensei Ikuyo Conant**, **Herlie Kataoka**, **Naoko Yamamoto**.



Hiroshi Musselman loves the big taiko drum.

Some of our members stayed for the games and raffle while others returned to the hall to practice taiko.

The next day we performed at a private party in Soquel.

Have you ever watched *taiko* and thought you would like to try it? If so, join us at one of our many classes designed for just about everyone. We have classes for children 8 yrs and up, adult beginning classes, and *taiko* for health and youth classes. Please contact us at (831) 435-4594 or email at info@watsonvilletaiko.org, or check our web site www.watsonvilletaiko.org.

Join us on our upcoming schedule:

July 7 th	Campfire Days, New Brighton State Beach
July 22 nd	Wharf to Wharf race, Santa Cruz
July 22 nd	Watsonville Buddhist Temple Obon Festival
Aug 5 th	Cabrillo Music Festival, Santa Cruz
Aug. 18 th	Energy Fair, Cabrillo College STEEP, Jacksonville
Sept. 22 nd	Walk to End Alzheimer's, La Selva Beach
Sept 23 rd	Kidrageous/Jacobs Heart
Nov 18 th	Big Sur Half Marathon
Dec. ?	KSBW Share Your Holiday

FRANCES MASAKO HOSHIYAMA



Frances Masako Hoshiyama, born on January 16, 1917, in Woodland, CA, passed away peacefully with her family at her bedside on June 10, 2012, at the age of 95.

She grew up helping her parents farm tomatoes for the Del Monte Company. She graduated from Woodland High School and completed vocational sewing school as an outstanding seamstress. During the pre-WW II years, she made silk pajamas for the Madame Butterfly label, earning \$5 per pair.

Newly-wed to **George Hoshiyama** on January 16, 1942, they were forced to move to the Merced Assembly Center (CA) after the outbreak of WW II. Later, they were incarcerated at Amache (Granada) Colorado, where they remained until the war's end in 1945. Their sons, **Ichiro** and **Jiro**, were born during this time of incarceration. After the war, they re-settled in San Mateo to raise their family, which now included two daughters, **Marcia** and **Debbe**, and George's parents and Frances' younger brother. George was a self-employed gardener and Frances a housewife. Together, they put four children through college. They were married for 68 years and were wonderful parents and doting grandparents. Upon their retirement, they enjoyed traveling to Japan, Europe, Mexico and Hawaii.

Frances was a dedicated wife, loving mother and grandmother. She was completely devoted to her children and was enthusiastically involved with their education and activities. Teachers were always excited to see the name Hoshiyama on their class lists because they knew the best "room mother" ever, Frances, was going to be their parent helper. As a Cub Scout Den Mother and assistant Girl Scout leader, she guided children through many fun projects and served delicious homemade treats. To the delight of her family and friends, Frances was a marvelous cook and baker. She inspired her grandson's interest in cooking.

In 2004, George and Frances moved to their daughter's home in Watsonville. As members of the Watsonville-Santa Cruz chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) and its Senior Center, they enjoyed making new friends and participating in the weekly social events at the JACL Kizuka Hall. They were

members of both the San Mateo and Watsonville Buddhist Temples.

Frances was the heart of her family. Her kindness, encouraging and appreciative presence will be missed.

Frances is preceded in death by her husband, **George Hoshiyama**; her parents **Isaburo** and **Matsuno Kunitake Nakano**; and brothers **Harry**, **Hideo**, and **John**. She is survived by sons **Ichiro (Dora) Hoshiyama** of Winnabow, NC; **Jiro Darryl (Vivianne) Hoshiyama** of Rowland Heights, CA; daughters **Marcia (Mas) Hashimoto** and **Debbe (Thomas) Chan** both of Watsonville; and grandson **Nikolas Chan** of Felton, CA. She is also survived by sisters **Dorothy Matsuda** of San Jose and **Viola Nakagawa** of Los Angeles, and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, June 19, 2012 at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple, 423 Bridge Street, Watsonville, CA 95076 with **Rev. Shousei Hanayama** officiating. Mehl's Colonial Chapel assisted with the arrangements. Burial took place at PV Memorial Park on Hecker Pass Road.

If desired, donations in memory of Frances Hoshiyama may be made to the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL, P. O. Box 163, Watsonville, CA 95077.

ROSIE TERASAKI

Rosie Terasaki passed away on Monday, June 18, at the Watsonville Community Hospital at age of 72.

Rosie was a graduate of Watsonville High School, Class of 1958, and the owner of **Terasaki Enterprises on Brennan Street** where she helped many local firms with their bookkeeping, accounting, payroll, and taxes for over 40 years.



For our Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL, Rosie faithfully served as Treasurer, Blue Cross Representative, Chair of the Membership Committee, and Editor of this newsletter for many years.

Rosie is survived by her brothers **Bob (Marlene) Terasaki** of San Jose and **Roy Terasaki** of Lathrop; sister **Mae K. Terasaki Welch** of Aromas; two nieces; and one nephew. She is also survived by a half-brother and sister in Japan. She was preceded in death by her brother **Sam Terasaki**.

She was also a member of the Watsonville Buddhist Temple, and services were held there on Sat., June 23rd.

We of the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL are grateful to Rosie who faithfully served not only our organization but the entire community. We will miss her smile and her dedication in serving us all.

BRUCE WOOLPERT, CEO OF GRANITEROCK



Bruce Wilson Woolpert was a great friend of the Nikkei community in Watsonville, and we of the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL mourn his passing.

Born on May 30, 1951 in Watsonville to parents **Bruce Gideon Woolpert** and **Mary Elizabeth “Betsy” Wilson**, he attended local schools—MacQuiddy Elementary, E. A. Hall Junior High School, and Watsonville High School, Class of 1970.

In 1987, he was elected to lead as President and CEO of the company his grandfather, **Arthur R. Wilson** (Betsy’s father), founded in 1900.

Under his leadership, Graniterock was presented with numerous awards, including the **Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award** and was considered one of the best companies to work for in the nation. His generosity and commitment to our community and its educational system is well known. He was approachable and open-minded to new ideas.

For us, his devotion to fairness, integrity, and commitment will always be cherished. First, he fought along with us against the Aptos secession movement and segregation of the Pajaro Valley Unified School District.

Then, ten years ago when we needed “barbed wire” fences (which we couldn’t legally use) for our “**Liberty Lost ... Lessons in Loyalty**” reenactment of our wartime incarceration ten years ago, he came through with portable cyclone fences from the Redwood City yard site. He told us not to worry. He’ll have them set up and will take them down when our event was over.

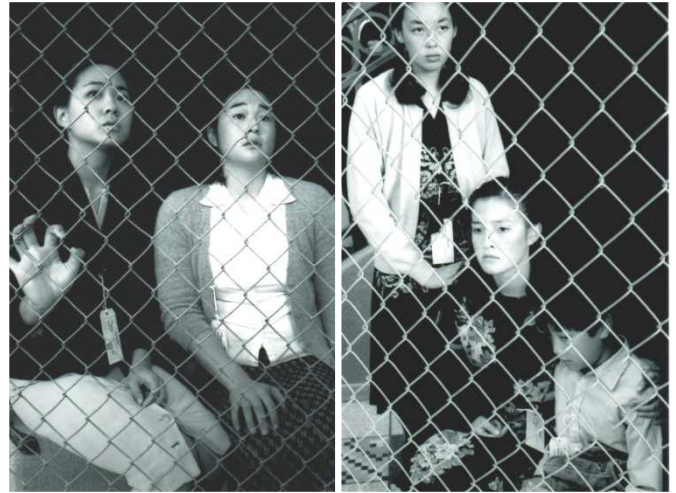
In 1999, Bruce was inducted into the *Watsonville High School Foundation’s Hall of Fame*. Earlier, in 1987, his mother, “Betsy” Class of 1944, had been inducted.

Betsy was a W-SC JACler and on her birthday, May 5th, she would have *Cinco de Mayo* and *Boy’s Day* decorations. Its Betsy’s decorations of lanterns and *koi*

(carp) banners, we use at our booths at the Japanese Cultural Fair and annual community picnic!

We will always remember the Woolpert family’s kindness and support.

Contributions may be made to the **Woolpert Family Foundation** to continue Bruce’s legacy for educational improvement: Woolpert Family Foundation, P. O. Box 50001, Watsonville, CA 95077.



Allison Takeuchi and Kari Nagamine; Mary, Elizabeth Rose, and Walter Mayeda are behind the cyclone fences during “Liberty Lost ... Lessons in Loyalty.”

POET JEFF TAGAMI, CABRILLO COLLEGE INSTRUCTOR DIES, Poems brought Asian Americans out of the shadows By Kimberly White - *Santa Cruz Sentinels*santacruzsentinel.com

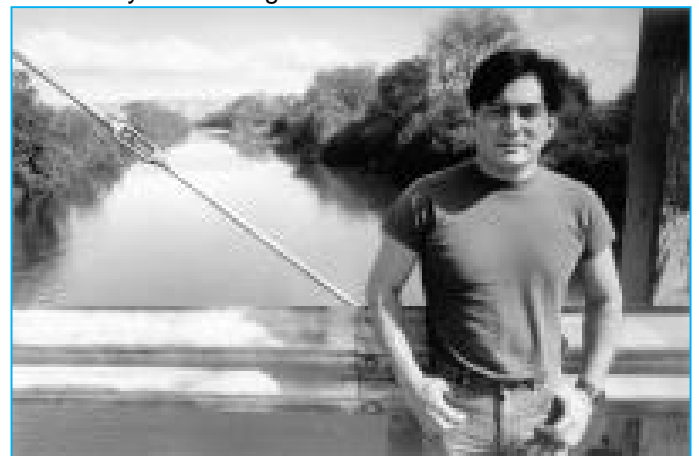
(Shirley Ancheta Contributed)

SANTA CRUZ — “I heard his voice speaking over fields of asparagus, intoning great love and bringing the lives of so many others into spirited words.

“I looked at the dark skies over Eugene, felt their deep purples and greys shift to a patch of blue and sunbreaks shining on a shower of rain dancing across my eyes.

“There was an echo — Jeff’s voice in my memory somehow.”

Jeff Tagami viewed the world through the eyes of a poet, and so, too, did the community of poets from around the country on learning of his death.



The above passage, included in a note from Eugene, Ore., resident **Garrett Hongo**, was among many heartfelt condolences sent to his widow, Cabrillo instructor **Shirley Ancheta**, as news of Tagami’s death continued to spread.

He died Saturday, June 23, in Santa Cruz from pancreatic cancer. He was 57.

Tagami was born July 4, 1954, in Watsonville, to parents of Philippine origin who immigrated to California via Hawaii. After graduating from Watsonville High School in 1972, he enrolled at Cabrillo, where his interest in poetry was first sparked. As a first-year student, he enrolled in a history class, taught by Cabrillo lecturer and local historian **Sandy Lydon**, that focused on Asian American immigrants and their contributions to the Pajaro Valley.

A story that especially resonated with Tagami, Lydon said, was a four-day race riot in Watsonville in 1930, culminating in the murder of 22-year-old Filipino laborer **Fermin Tobera**.

[Editor's note: this race riot story is included in "The Journey from Gold Mountain; The Asian American Experience," **Curriculum and Resource Guide**, page 12, published by the National JACL:

Filipinos also differed from earlier Asian immigrants in that they were the first to actively court white women and even inter-marry.

*The last difference became the source of much agitation in the Philippines; Filipinos were taught that they were a part of a friendly father country. When they arrived in America, however, they found that Americans did not treat them as the so-called "little brown brothers." Americans looked upon Filipinos as "jungle folk," only recently civilized by American influence, and feared mixing between the races. A number of violent outbursts occurred over the popularity of Filipino dance halls, where Filipino men would dance with white women (for 10 cents a dance). The most notable incident was the race riots in Watsonville, CA on January 19, 1930. The riots began with a nonviolent anti-Filipino demonstration against the Filipino dance hall, but over the course of a few days, groups of demonstrators turned into mobs that targeted Filipinos, beating them, and destroying their property. The riots ended on January 22, when a Filipino man, **Fermin Tobera**, was shot through the heart.*

"I told that story, and over the years, (Jeff) ran off with it," Lydon recalled, adding it "hit something within him which produced some pretty remarkable poetry ... That story and that context gave him the basis for an awful lot of stuff that he wrote later on."

In 1977, Tagami transferred to what was then known as San Francisco State College and joined an Asian American artist and writer's collaborative, publishing short stories and poems that focused on factory and field workers, while holding down a variety of odd jobs.

"He wanted to write about their backgrounds and things that weren't in print then," said Ancheta, who met her husband in the fourth grade. "It was hard to find even one or two writers of color in an anthology, so he sought to break that mold" and make Asian Americans the focal point, rather than marginalized characters.

His writing eventually gained national attention, appearing in numerous magazines and anthologies, and in 1995, he appeared in the PBS documentary, "The US of Poetry." It featured his poem, "Song of Pajaro," which describes a day in the life of Pajaro Valley farmers.

Tagami also authored a collection of poetry, "October Light," and helped edit four anthologies, including "Without Names" and "Monterey Poets and Writers," and lectured at universities throughout the West Coast and in Hawaii.

In the 1990s, he received a bachelor of arts in literature from UC Santa Cruz, and then went on to obtain a master's degree in English from San Francisco State University. Meanwhile, he began working at Cabrillo College, where he most recently taught writing, composition and literature.

In the spring, around the time he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, Tagami was notified that he was scheduled to be inducted into Watsonville High School's Hall of Fame at the Henry J. Mello Center.

Lydon accepted the award on his behalf, and as part of the ceremony, he read Tagami's poem, "Tobera," prompted by the story he'd heard in Lydon's class 40 years earlier.

To Tagami, Tobera's death was symbolic of everything that was wrong with relations between Caucasians and Filipinos, who came to the county believing in America and all it had to offer, only to have their dreams dashed when they arrived.

"When they came, they got hammered, just hammered, and yet kept their idealism," Lydon said. "Even though those ideals didn't hold up in his experience either, it wasn't something he was willing to give up, and most of the Filipinos weren't either. And Jeffrey got it. He nailed it." The entire time they knew each other, Lydon said, Tagami was "very much about social justice. Justice was one of his beacons and his death seems to be such an injustice." Follow Sentinel reporter Kimberly White on Twitter: @kwhite95066

He is survived by wife **Shirley Ancheta** of Santa Cruz; sons **Miles Tagami** of San Francisco, and **Travis Tagami** of Santa Cruz; parents **Robert and Judith Tagami** of Watsonville; five brothers, **Robert Tagami, Rey Tagami, Fred Tagami, Richard Tagami and Alan Tagami**; two sisters, **Andrea Bucaloy and Lene Tagami**; many nieces and nephews.

Services were private.

We send our deepest condolences to the Hoshiyama, Terasaki, Woolpert, and Tagami families, relatives, and friends.

DONATIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED FROM ...

We sincerely appreciate all the thoughtful and generous donations made to our W-SC JACL.

Day of Remembrance Education Fund: For the Newsletter

Shig and Asayo Akiyoshi

Pete Hironaka of Dayton, OH "Best wishes from the Midwest! May your great work continue forever."

In Remembrance of **George Kimura** from

Victor Kimura

Esther Ura

In Remembrance of **John Tsukiji** from

Yukio and Edna Nagata

Mark and Patt Takeuchi for **Allison** receiving her **MBA!**

Special donation in honor of **Jiro Sugidono**, 100th/442nd RCT veteran, for his Congressional Gold Medal were made by his following family members:

Doug, Candace, Christopher, and Matthew Sugidono of Maui;

Steven Sugidono of Capitola, CA;

Peter, Lori, Chelsea, and Charles Zaloumi of Danville, CA;

Ron, Julie, and Rachel Sugidono of Elk Grove, CA

In Remembrance of **Rosie Terasaki** from **Mas and Marcia Hashimoto**

In Remembrance of **Frances Hoshiyama** from ...

Kimiyo Fujii	Glen and Jeanine Swanson
Frances Goon	Dr. Art and Joanne Hayashi
Victor Kimura	Donald Yamaguchi
Martha Miyamoto	Chiyeko Shikuma
Yas and Midori Suzuki	of San Mateo
JoAnn Vear	Satoru "Henry" Taniguchi
Lillian Etow	Alan and Gayle Uyematsu
Heather Geddes	Watonka Addison
Diane Mio	Paul and Carol Kaneko
Floy Sakata	Yukio and Edna Nagata
Jess Tabasa	Sachi and Philip Snyder
Michiko Hamada	George and Eiko Stewart
Shizuko Tao	Doug and Sharyn Nakashima
Helen Nakano	Susan AmRhein and Family
Chiyoko Yagi	Lester and Michelle Aoki
Amelia Koenig	Gary and Cindy Hirokawa Mine
Eileen Fuller	Sid and Nobue Fujii
Kazuko Sakai	Jiro and Jane Sugidono
Derek Meacham	Bangkok Sanguan Gem
Bradley Meacham	Yaeko and William Cross
Dr. Steve Tanaka	Ray and Louise Sako
Crystal and Mike Potts	of Palo Alto, CA
Tim Tang and Lisa Chu	Sao Paulo, Brazil
Yu-Lang Chu and Anny Chu	Sao Paulo, Brazil
Irene Tang and Dr. Wing Yue	of Canada
Thomas and Debbe Chan	
Nikolas Chan	
Jiro Darryl and Vivianne Hoshiyama	
Ichiro and Dora Hoshiyama	
Mas and Marcia Hashimoto	

PLAQUE AT PV MEMORIAL PARK

With the help of **Patrick Carroll** of PV Memorial Park and **Post Commander David Ambriz** of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1716 of Freedom, CA, a plaque once located at the Watsonville Water Department facility on Freedom Blvd has been moved to the base of the flag pole at PV Memorial Park. Thank you, Patrick, for restoring the plaque! A dedication ceremony honoring our Nisei veterans of WW II will be announced soon.



Patrick Carroll refurbished the plaque and created a memorial garden at the base of the American flag.



The next time you visit PV Memorial Park, be sure to visit our site. **Marcia Hashimoto** placed flowers in the vases.

The plaque reads:

**GIFT OF
WATSONVILLE J. A. C. L.
NISEI POST 9446
V. F. W.
1963**

And, if you are able, please place flowers in the vases, remembering our Nikkei heroes, and thank you!

Who were the members of the NISEI POST 9446 in 1963? If you have a list of the veterans, please let Mas Hashimoto know.

We thank **Sam Ichiro Sugidono** for this list of 1983.

**Commander
Sr. Vice Commander
Jr. Vice Commander
Quartermaster
Chaplain
Adjutant**

**Tats Tominaga
Sam Sugidono
Iwao Yamashita
Bill Mine
Hiroshi Shikuma
Tak Higuchi**

Fujita, Yoshio
 Fujimoto, Dr. Clifford
 Hayashida, Henry
 Hayashida, Louie
 Higuchi, Tak
 Hirano, Shig
 Hirahara, Manabu
 Hirahara, Noboru
 Iwami, Bill
 Kobara, Bruce
 Kobara, Shoichi
 Mametsuka, Larry
 Mine, Bill
 Miyaoka, Ben
 Motogawa, Larry
 Osmer, Frank
 Shikuma, Frank

Shimamoto, Frank
 Shioji, Joe
 Sugidono, Sam
 Tanimasa, George
 Tanimura, John
 Tanimura, Tom
 Tao, Akira
 Tominaga, Tats
 Tsuda, Tomio
 Uchida, Hiroshi
 Umeda, Ben
 Ura, George
 Yamamoto, George I.
 Yamamoto, James A.
 Yamamoto, Robert K.
 Yamashita, Iwao J.
 Yoshida, Robert

“WORLD WAR II VETERAN YUKIO SUMIDA’S MONTEREY NURSERY STILL THRIVES. Yukio Sumida fought with legendary 442nd battalion.”

By Dennis Taylor, *Herald Staff Writer*

The large garden outside **Yukio Sumida's** home is where he spends much of his time nowadays, planting, pruning, propagating, putting to work the knowledge he accumulated throughout his adult life.



At 93, Sumida sets his own pace, works until he gets tired, goes inside for a nap, then comes back outside and gardens some more. Sumida spent the better part of five decades working hard at **Cypress Garden Nursery**, the Monterey business he founded in 1952 with his wife, **Mollie** on a triangular lot at Cass Street and Munras Avenue.

"I came over the other day and found him digging a hole to plant his vegetables," said daughter-in-law **Betsi Sumida**, who married Yukio's son, **Ray**, 41 years ago. "I asked if I could help, but he said no and just kept digging. He goes slow, takes his time, and gets it done the way he wants."

Sumida grew up as a farmer's son in **Watsonville**, then attended Monterey High, where he met **Mariko Tsubouchi**, a girl he called "**Mollie**."

They were sweethearts when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. On July 4 of that year, Mollie, her mother, and five sisters were transported by train from Salinas to a barbed wire-enclosed internment

camp in Poston, Ariz., where they were held with thousands of other Japanese Americans who initially were deemed to be a wartime security risk. Sumida was drafted and shipped to Kentucky to train with a tank unit.

The U.S. government reunited them long enough to get married, then transferred Sumida out of his tank unit and deployed him instead to fight the Nazis in Italy and France.

Sumida became a member of the legendary 442nd Regimental Combat Team — composed almost entirely of Japanese-Americans — which became the most celebrated and decorated unit of World War II.

"Being (Asian) has always been a struggle. But if people call me a Jap, so what?" he says today without a hint of bitterness. "I was just a soldier. My life was always too good to be angry at somebody."

The 442nd remains a topic of controversy to this day. The "Go For Broke" battalion, as it became known, was sent into some of the bloodiest battles of World War II, both in Europe and the Pacific.

Its most famous battle was largely a suicide mission to rescue "The Lost Battalion," a group of Texas National Guardsmen who were surrounded by German forces in France's Vosges Mountains.

After five days of battle, they broke through and rescued 230 men. More than 800 members of the 442nd gave their lives on that mission.

Fate may have saved Sumida's life twice during the war. His first outfit — the tank unit to which he was originally assigned — was almost completely wiped out in North Africa. And on the day before the 442nd's "Lost Battalion" mission, he was injured by shrapnel and was excluded from that bloodbath.

More than five decades later, in 1997, Sumida would become one of three executive producers of ***Beyond Barbed Wire***, a documentary that chronicles the heroics of the 442nd. He is one of several Japanese Americans who tearfully recounts the horrors of battle in the film.

"The Germans opened up on us," he recalls in the documentary. "My friend in front of us started crying, asking for help. I crept inside the ditch, got to him, and turned him over. He was hit. Only two members of the squad came out with me. It was so bad. I prayed, swore to God that I'd go to church every weekend if I got out of there, but I guess I'm a hypocrite because I never did go."

Mollie, seated next to him during the taping of that interview, shakes her head.

"I've been married to him for 52 years and I've never heard a lot of this," she says. "He has never talked about any of this."

Daughter **Ann Tsuchiya** agrees in the documentary that her father rarely spoke a word about his service to the country during the war.

When I was younger I'd ask him questions about the war, and he'd tell me, "Well, you'd just jump in your foxhole and pray," she says in the film. "It's only been within the last year or so that he's opened up about his feelings about the war and the 442nd."

Sumida says today that he came out of the Army with hearing loss and without job skills. Those obstacles, along with his Japanese heritage, made job hunting difficult, so the farmer's son became a gardener.

"I came from a family of farmers, and farming is nothing but learning," he said. "Nobody taught me how to do anything, but I've learned all my life from experience, by doing it. You do what you can to earn a living and support your family."

The Sumidas — a family of four, with children Ray and Ann — lived frugally, a lifestyle Yukio endorses to this day. They moved into an old garage on six acres of rented property near the intersection of Cass Street and Munras Avenue in Monterey and saved their pennies to open a nursery.

"There was a pit in the garage that they covered with plywood, and they hung blankets to make walls," said Betsi Sumida, a family friend before she married Ray. "They lived there while they built the nursery."

Cypress Garden Nursery opened at Cass and Munras in 1952 and continues to operate as a family business today at 590 Perry Lane.

Ray, now 68, says he spent a good chunk of his youth working shoulder-to-shoulder with his dad, while his mother charmed the customers, utilizing an otherworldly memory to recall their names, the names of all their children, what kind of plants they had purchased in previous visits, and a thousand other details that kept the clientele coming back over the decades.

"I remember complaining a lot, but my dad taught me a work ethic from the time I was little," he said. "And maybe my parents were thrifty, but they made sure Ann and I had everything we needed. We had a good childhood, and the lessons I learned from my mom and dad paid dividends because I enjoy working to this day."

Betsi, Ray and his sister, Ann Tsuchiya, continue to run Cypress Garden Nursery. Mollie, who worked there until she was 80, died March 5, 2012 at age 90. She was married to Yukio for 69 years. Yukio has three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

In November, he was among the surviving members of the 442nd who were honored with the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian award the nation can bestow. He downplays the importance of the medal.

"It's not worth a penny to me. It's just something that makes all the big shots feel happy," Yukio said with a hint of a smile. "Six or seven years from now, when I'm gone, the grandchildren can take it to the pawn shop."

Ray Sumida laughs out loud and shakes his head at his father's humility.

"You know, he used to let me play with all of his war medals when I was a child. There were quite a few, I remember losing some of them," Ray said. "He didn't care. They were never important to him. Going to war and fighting for his country ... that was just something he was supposed to do. To my dad, it was just part of being an American."

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TERRY SHIMA RETIRES FROM JAVA

Washington, D.C.: Terry Shima has announced his retirement as Executive Director of the Japanese American Veterans Association. Terry has volunteered his time as Executive Director of JAVA for the past eight years. In his retirement letter he wrote:

"After eight years as Executive Director of the Japanese American Veterans Association, and at age 89, I have decided it is time to relinquish my position and give another person the opportunity to take JAVA to a higher level. I wish to thank JAVA presidents and Executive Council members for their confidence, vision, and support; the many volunteers for their long hours, use of personal resources and dedication to get the jobs done; and the members at large for their dedication and support, including financial. I also will cherish the strong bond of friendship with officials of various veterans' organizations, government entities and the academia, as well as the editors of the national, local and Asian American press. JAVA would not be where we are today without your unqualified support and good will. It has been a great ride."



Terry Shima, a 442nd Regimental Team Combat veteran, stands by the WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C. Photo credit: U.S. Army webpage.

Shima was born in Hawaii. He was drafted into the US Army on October 12, 1944 and trained at Camp Blanding, Florida, as a replacement for the 442nd RCT. He arrived in Italy on June 6, 1945 and joined the 442nd at the Garda Airport in northern Italy and was assigned to its Public Relations Office. When the 442nd returned as a unit to the USA in June 1946, Shima returned with the unit to handle public relations in New York City, Washington, DC, and Honolulu. New York City gave the 442nd RCT an unprecedented huge welcome, the 442nd marched down Constitution Avenue and was reviewed by President Harry Truman at the Ellipse, and they received another huge welcome in Honolulu for the deactivation of colors.

After his discharge, Shima attended Georgetown University School of Foreign Service and joined the U.S. Foreign Service.

Among his many accomplishments as Executive Director of JAVA, Shima assisted in organizing the digitalization program that copied military records of 26,000 Nisei soldiers and are now stored at the National Archives & Records Administration. He was also a critical advocate in securing the Congressional Gold Medal and U.S. Army Bronze Star Awards for Nisei soldiers.

Many were sad to hear the retirement news, including JACL National Executive Director **Floyd Mori**, who stated: "There is no better example of service than Terry. He has dedicated his life to helping veterans. He is respected by all for his attention to every detail and selfless concern for his colleagues."

The JACL thanks Shima for his dedication to Japanese American veterans and service people, and wishes him

well in his future endeavors. The Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL is grateful and thanks Terry Shima for his many years of dedicated service to our Nisei soldiers of WW II. He has kept many of us non-WW II soldiers and friends up-to-date on events, ceremonies, and concerns via emails and the Internet. If there is a special veteran-civilian award for service above and beyond, the first recipient would be Terry Shima of Vienna, VA.

RETIREMENT LUNCH FOR TERRY SHIMA

The retirement lunch to honor **Terry Shima**, the dynamic Executive Director for the Japanese American Veterans Association for the past eight years, will be held on Wednesday, July 25, 2012, at China Gardens Restaurant in Rosslyn, VA starting at 11:30 am.

Reservations may be made by contacting **Ms. Metta Tanikawa** at laertesVA@yahoo.com or 540-272-3290. The cost is \$20 per person. Please make your check payable to JAVA, and mail it to Metta Tanikawa, 4397 Sunset Court, Warrenton, VA 20187.

SENIOR CENTER NEWS by Kitako Izumizaki

Hardy Seniors had plenty to take part in this month-- what with graduations of grandchildren or great grandchildren, driving up to San Jose at night to see the *Mary Poppins* show, going to Santa Cruz to view the 26th annual Japanese Cultural Fair, enjoying the yearly community picnic hosted by the W-SC JACL, and having both a Father's day celebration and a birthday party for this month of June.

Those who attended the *Mary Poppins* show said we missed a wonderful show. Being held in the evening, there weren't as many participants as we had hoped for.

However, **Father's Day** was another story. Members were asked to bring a favorite dish to share for a pot-luck dinner. As usual, good cooks made the day.

Presented with a carnation boutonniere to fathers over 88 were **Ray Sako 95, Akira Kodama 90, Sam Sugidono 90, Roland Johnson 89, Yamato Nishihara 89, Fred Oda 88, and Jiro Sugidono 88**. Fred Oda gave a very interesting talk about his father who must have been quite a philosopher, a hard worker and a deep thinker.

Sadly, we lost another member, **Frances Hoshiyama** from our group. A moment of silence was held in her honor and for all fathers who are no longer with us.

Helen Nakano and **Susan AmRhein** had decorations at each place setting of a dog made of folded varied colored face cloths and a doggie bowl filled with candy looking like dog pellets and baked cookies doggie bones! Small paper ears plus penned in eyes made a very cute gift for all to take home and enjoy. The head table held a card wishing *Happy Father's Day* to dog's best friend with a wooly dog sitting in a basket full of candy bones. Each month, Helen and Susan come up with the cutest decorations. They do not go unnoticed or unappreciated. Thank you so much, Helen and daughter, Susan.

Paul Kaneko announced that the Center is planning on changing the chairs and provided two samples. All were asked to try them out and to give their opinions on which is preferred. Our old, wooden century-old chairs

are slowly falling apart. Plus, they leave dark markings on the newly laid floors. The cost is between \$20-25 each.



June birthday celebrants were **Leigh Sakaguchi Masako Miura 98, Yoshino Matano 97, Eiko Nishihara, Judy Hane, and Sam Sugidono 90**. Yoshino Matano, Masako Miura and Sam Sugidono all received a package of *manju*. Photo by **Mas Hashimoto**. The head table held a bouquet of yellow and white calla lilies, with individual tables holding small vases of colorful spring blooms.

We welcome new member **Phil Shima**. Since he has worked hard for a long time at this Center, we feel that he is not a stranger at all and wish him lots of luck with bingo.

Keiko Takane, guest of **Carol Kaneko** was introduced. From Japan, this was Keiko's 7th trip to the Santa Cruz Japanese Cultural Fair. She has had one hour shows on Japanese dress. She is a professional chef and a writer of cook books in Japan. She invited all to attend the JCF.

Many thanks for *tobans* **Nobue Fujii, Rubie Kawamoto, Kimi Fujii, Eiko Stewart, Susan AmRhein, Sachi Snyder and Keiko Takane**.

Monetary donations were gratefully received from **Mark Takeuchi, "Sam" Ichiro Sugidono, Judy Hane, Yoshino Matano, Dr. Masako Miura, Eiko Nishihara and Leigh Sakaguchi**, and *in memory of Frances Hoshiyama* from **Richard and Haruyo Ishibashi**.

Other donations gratefully received from:

Eiko Ceremony	3 sq <i>Scotties</i> , 2 bars <i>Yardley</i> soap, 2 bags <i>chagashi</i>
Kinji/Motoko House	doz roll tissues, 10 cans Mandarin oranges, 4 lge <i>Kleenex</i> , 3 big rolls <i>Bounty</i> , 2 bottles hand soap
Mitzi Katsuyama	5 bags cookies
Hisako/Akira Kodama	5 bunch flowers, 5 jars jam, 5 bottles <i>Dawn</i>
Kimi Fujii	3 pair gloves, 8 rolls paper towels
Jean Akiyama	4 boxes <i>Kleenex</i>
June/Sunao Honda	8 plates choc <i>mochi</i> cake, 6 plates pineapple zucchini cake
Dylan & twins Matsuo	4 pkgs <i>aji nori</i> with sweet potato, pkgs <i>sushi nori</i>
Ichiro Sam Sugidono	6 rolls <i>Brawny</i> towels, 4 boxes Puffs, 3 jars peaches, 30 tea bags
Terry Hirahara	3 bags soy chips, doz tissues
Rubie Kawamoto	500 forks, 3 bags <i>chagashi</i>
Miye Yamashita	5 bags <i>arare</i>

Susan AmRhein	8 pkgs cookies, 3 bags sun chips, 10 pkgs blueberry scones
Chiyoko Yagi	2 bags chips, 1 bag <i>senbei</i> , 2 boxes white sesame seeds
Mitsuko Ruble	18 double roll tissues
Hide/Akira Nagamine	4 pkgs wash cloths, 2 bags wipes, 10 bags cucumbers
Yaeko Cross	4 boxes cookies, 3 bags <i>Chex Mix</i> , 40 <i>Rice Krispy</i> treats
Jo Ann Vear	1 box <i>gold fish</i> , 1 pkg <i>an</i> cookies 1 pkgs almond cookies, 2 pkgs animal crackers
Toshi Yamashita	doz tissues
Haruko Yoshii	4 sq <i>Kleenex</i>
Ruby Nakamura	2 bags salad greens, 1 bottle dressing
Edna/Yukio Nagata	5 lge <i>Bounty</i> towels
Judy Hane	2 bags <i>chagashi</i> , doz tissues
Hisako Uemura	3 bottles <i>Dawn</i> , 2 sq <i>Kleenex</i>
Kitako Izumizaki	doz tissues
Eiko Stewart	4 cans <i>Arizona</i> fruit punch
Ernie Yamamoto	24 CD Japanese tapes
Nancy Iwami	2 doz eggs
Shirley Nishimoto	4 doz eggs
Sho/Helen Kobara	15 bunches of <i>fuki</i>
Sayuri Horn	100 packs calorie free sugar
Eiko Nishihara	1 doz strawberry jam
Kumiko Nakatani	12 giant <i>Bounty</i> paper towels

Thanks loads for all your generosity. Keep well and keep coming.

WESTVIEW HIGHLIGHTS by Randy and Tracy Mano

On June 2nd, **Team Westview** held a car wash fund raiser for *Relay for Life*.



Joanne Yahiro and Tracy Mano flagging down motorists to get their car washed.

Thanks to all the volunteers we were able to raise \$600 dollars. 'Way to go team!

Team Westview is going to hold a **rummage sale** at Westview Church on Saturday, July 14, 2012 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon with all proceeds going to **cancer research**. We welcome all those that want to come out and help or donate their sellable items.

On the weekend of July 21-22, **Team Westview** will be participating in the *Watsonville Relay For Life*. It is a great event with the proceeds going to the **American Cancer Society**. *Relay For Life* is a life-changing event that gives everyone in the community a chance to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease.

At *Relay For Life*, teams of people will camp out at Watsonville High School and take turns walking around the track. Because cancer never sleeps, *Relays* are overnight events up to 24 hours in length. Relayers do not have to walk all night, but each team must have a representative on the track at all times during the event. We are in definite need of more walkers to cover various shifts. For those that wish to donate please make all checks payable to: American Cancer Society.

For more information contact **Tracy Mano** at (916) 792-0780 or **Eiko Stewart** at (831) 345-9117.

Calling all youths, the youth group will be holding an all night sleep over at the church on Fri., July 13th. For more information please call the church at (831)724-6222 or **Pastor Dan Hoffman** at (831)724-6679.



Whose Toyota car are **Elijah Veil, Kevin Erbe, Isaac Veil, Marlon Veil, Candy McCarty, and Lester Aoki** washing?

YONEKO NIKI SHIKUMA

Yoneko Niki Shikuma died peacefully in Seattle on May 23, 2012 at age 97.

Niki married **Kenji Shikuma** in 1950, and lived in Oregon with Kenji and his son **David**. They rejoined the Shikuma clan in Watsonville in 1955. Niki lived here for 43 years, working on the family farm and becoming an active member of Westview Presbyterian Church. She loved to travel, garden, and knit. Always an adventurous cook, Niki was the original foodie. She baked the most delectable pies!

Niki moved to Seattle in 1998 to be near her son **Stan** and her brother **Bob**, living her last years in *Seattle Keiro* nursing home. Niki is pre-deceased by husband **Kenji Shikuma** and son **David Shikuma**. She is survived by her brother **Bob Okano (Carol)**, daughter **Shizue Shikuma**, son **Stanley Shikuma (Tracy Lai)**, daughter-in-law **Jean Shikuma**, grandchildren **Heidi, Jason, Kiyoshi, Misa** and great-grandson **TJ**, plus many nieces and nephews. At <http://funerals.coop/category/obituaries/> the complete obituary is online.

A memorial service will be held on **Sat. August 4, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.** at Westview Presbyterian Church. Donations may be sent in her memory to *Seattle Keiro*,

1601 East Yesler Way, Seattle, WA 98122, the Westview Presbyterian Church, P. O. Box 2505, Watsonville, CA 95077-2505, or via www.nikkeiconerns.org.

WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE NEWS

by Jackie Yamashita



Obon is a happy time in Watsonville for former residents, many of them YBAers, return for a reunion--a "homecoming"--to greet old friends and to remember those dear friends who have passed away. Our annual homecoming *obon* will be Sun., July 22nd.

The July 2012 Calendar of Events

2	Mon	7 pm	<i>Obon Odori Practice</i>
6	Fri	6 pm	<i>Kokoro no Gakko</i> "Open House"
7	Sat	6:30 pm	<i>Hatsubon & Shotsuki Hoyo</i> with Reverend Ken Fujimoto
8	Sun	10 am	Obon Cemetery Service
		Noon - 7 pm	Monterey Peninsula's Obon
9	Mon	7 pm	<i>Obon Odori Practice</i>
10	Tue	7:30 pm	Temple Board Meeting
11	Wed	1 pm	BWA Meeting
		7 pm	<i>Obon Odori Practice</i>
12	Thu	10 am	ABA Meeting
13	Fri	2 pm	San Juan <i>Howakai</i>
15	Sun	8 am	Temple Yard Cleaning
		10 am	Outdoor Sunday Service & Lunch
16	Mon	7 pm	<i>Obon Odori Practice</i>
18	Wed	7 pm	<i>Obon Odori Practice</i>
22	Sun	3 - 8:30 pm	Watsonville Obon Festival & Odori
29	Sun	?	Salinas Valley's Obon

Shotsuki Hoyo Service

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 July are

invited to attend the service and to *Oshoko* (offer incense). We look forward to seeing you at the service.

Memorial Service at 6:30 pm, Saturday, July 7, 2012

Keiko Akimoto	Alan Arai
Ted Tetsuo Arai	Asa Fujita
Sosuke Hamai	Kin Hattori
Thomas Tsuyoshi Higaki	Isao Hirano
Midori Ikeda	Takeshi George Inokuchi
Shige Iwami	George Izumi
Fuji Kawasaki	Sanosuke Kawasaki
Aki Konishi	Fusayo Kurimoto
Satsuki Kusumoto	Yoshio Matano
Isekichi Mine	Jim Naoto Misumi
Mary Mito	Takeo Nagata
Robert Nakahara	Motoichi Nakamoto
Mikie Nakashima	Mitsuteru Nakashima
Ayako Niiyama	Mitts Nishihara
Ronald Toshiyuki Nishita	Isano Nitta
Tokujiro Nitta	Suwa Oita
Yaeko Ota	Katsukazu Sasano
Yoshiko Sasano	Torasuke Shimonishi
Chiyoko Shingai	Fuku Shingai
Isaac Shingai	Seki Inouye Shingai
George Kazuo Sugimoto	Masao Tamas
Kazu Tao	Kichisaburo Terasaki
Sunao Tsuchiyama	Sen Uyeda
Utako Wada	Hiroshi George Wada
Hiroko Wakayama	Tadayoshi Yamaguchi
Fuku Yamamoto	Akei Yamaoka
Kousaku Kay Yamaoka	Shizu Yokoi
	Tsuru Yoshizumi

The names of the deceased since last year's *Hatsubon* Service are listed below:

Akira & Michiko Dooka	Hisami Murakami
Don Mitani	Suyeko Ito Uyematsu
George Yamamoto	George & Kinue Wada
Tomoe Tao	John Tsukiji
Yukio Shingai	Sharon Flanagan
	Frances Hoshiyama

YBA Update

YBA has been practicing volleyball on Friday nights. **Bobby Tamaki** has been giving instructions to the team. The parents came out of retirement to scrimmage against the YBA team. The "Senior YBA" can still play! It was fun to watch 'em.

On Memorial Day weekend, the Bay District Volleyball Tournament took place in Alameda. Our "Pandamonium" team of **Danny Souza, Hayley Sakae, Kelsey Kusaba-Kusumoto, Melissa & Steven Tao** placed 2nd in Pool C with a 7-3 record. They beat the Oakland Jr. Goldilocks & Bears team who won the division with a 9-1 record. The kids had a good time. Many thanks to the chaperones, **Phyllis Nakano & Kenny Kusumoto**, for driving and watching all the games.

Watsonville had their chapter meeting and hosted the Coast District (CD) meeting on Sunday May 20th. CD elections were held, our **Haley Sakae** will be the new secretary & **Melissa Tao** will be the new activities chairperson.

The YBA had their graduation dinner honoring **Corey Inokuchi & Steven Tao** at *Dona Esthers* in San Juan Bautista on Friday, June 29th.

We shampooed the conference room chairs on June 19th. They look great! Thank you, YBAers!

ABA

Obon: ABA will sell *manju* & *udon*. We will need members to come and help make the special filling--"an"--and the *manju* the week before. Also, we will need help on *Obon* day to prepare the *udon* garnish.

Dharma School News

Dharma School would like to thank the **Akiyama, Haneta, Sakaue, Yonemura** and **Hanayama** families for their generous donations of flowers. The *hanamido* that the Dharma School decorated for *Hanamatsuri* turned out beautifully.

Dharma School and YBA sold baked goods, drinks and produce at the *Hanamatsuri* Bazaar. Thank you to all the families and friends who supported us by baking delicious desserts.

We would like to thank **Ken Tanimoto** for teaching the Dharma classes this past year. The parents appreciate the dedication he puts into supporting the Dharma School. Thank you also to **Reed Kuratomi** for helping teach. You are both amazing!

BWA Members: any help will be very much appreciated. Thank you!!

Mon. July 2nd 6 pm – a *ukata* sale
Fri. July 20th 8 am - *sushi* ingredient prep.
Sat. July 21st 8 am - *sushi* prep.
Sun. July 22nd 4 pm - rice cooking crew.

TEMPLE's Rummage Sale will be held on Friday, August 10th & Saturday, August 11th. The committee is making arrangements. The Boy Scouts will decide if they will take over the items for the following Sunday.

Eagle Scout Project:

Steven Tao is replacing the BBQ bricks. Thank you, Steven!

Greetings from the Temple President

July will be a very busy month at the Temple.

*Firework volunteers are needed, and you can sign up with **Jackie Yamashita** or **Judy Nagamine** (Tuesday and Wednesday morning volunteers are needed). Please make time to help sell fireworks, wave in customers or supporting our temple volunteers with encouragement or food. The firework stand will be open from July 1 to July 4. I hope to see you there.*

Obon is right around the corner. Please encourage your friends and family members to volunteer some time at the Obon. The food, dance and entertainment will be terrific as always and it will offer a great chance to reconnect with old and new friends.

I would like to thank all of the members who have been able to donate to the parsonage fund. The parsonage was badly outdated and unsafe. With the contributions from our members, we will be able to renovate, upgrade and make the parsonage a safer and more comfortable home for our minister's family. Contributions are still needed, and if you haven't had a chance to make your donations, there is still time.

Lastly, I encourage all members to come out for our "Clean up the Temple Day". On Sunday, July 15, at 8 a.m., members will be cleaning the yard, kitchen and tool shed. Members of all ages are encouraged to come out to

clean up our temple. Jobs will be assigned by ability so come dressed in your work clothes because a special outdoor service will be held. Bring your appetite as well, because we will feed all our workers.

*In Gassho,
Perry Yoshida*

KOKORO NO GAKKO

Kokoro no Gakko's K-6th grade classes started on Monday, June 25th, and will continue to Friday, July 6th. There will be no classes on Wednesday, the 4th of July, a legal holiday.

*Gakko would like to invite everyone to come to our **Open House** on July 6th at 6 pm, Watsonville Buddhist Temple, 423 Bridge Street, Watsonville.*

CONGRATULATIONS, WALTER MAYEDA!



Mary, Walter and Elizabeth Rose Mayeda are all graduates of University of California, Berkeley. Go, Bears!

Mary is an environmental planner for the U.S. Forest Service in the Plumas and Klamath National Forests. On May 15th, Walter graduated from UCB. Walter is looking for a lab position in environmental science before applying to a graduate school. Elizabeth Rose works at UCSF and is a grad student. She expects to complete her PhD in Epidemiology (bio statistics) next year. Photo by mother, **Dorothy Mayeda**. (See B&W photo on page 6.)

Dorothy remains busy tutoring in math and has several crafts (lace making, knitting, ribbon making and quilting) projects. Meanwhile, **Robb Mayeda**, a retired administrator from the PVUSD, remains active volunteering on three non-profit boards.

CONGRATULATIONS, DAVID MAS MASUMOTO!

Washington, D.C. - The JACL would like to congratulate **David "Mas" Masumoto** on his nomination by **President Barack Obama** to be a member of the **National Council of the Arts**. We applaud the current administration for recognizing Masumoto's talent by nominating him to serve in this important role.

David "Mas" Masumoto graduated from the University of California Berkeley with a B.A in sociology and later earned a M.S in community development from the University of California, Davis.

Masumoto is an acclaimed author and a columnist for *The Fresno Bee*. He is also an organic peach and grape farmer. He has written books such as ***Epitaph for a***

Peach, Heirlooms, Letters to the Valley, Four Seasons in Five Senses, Harvest Son, and Wisdom of the Last Farmer.



He has won writing awards including the Commonwealth Club Silver medal, the Julia Child Cookbook award and the James Clavell Literacy Award. In 1994, Masumoto was appointed to the board of California Council for the Humanities (now Cal Humanities) and served as the Co-Chair from 1998 to 2001. He currently serves on the James Irvine Foundation Board of Directors and the Board of Public Policy Institute of California. Congratulations, David!

GORDON, AT LONG LAST by John Tateishi

Last month, **Gordon Hirabayashi** was posthumously honored with the *Presidential Medal of Freedom*. This recognition of a true American hero was long overdue.

The Medal, created by **President Harry S Truman** during WWII to recognize civilian contributions to freedom, is presented each year to individuals who have made especially meritorious contributions to the nation.

Recipients this year included (among others) former UN Ambassador **Madeleine Albright**, singer **Bob Dylan**, former astronaut and politician **John Glenn**, activist **Dolores Huerta**, Supreme Court Justice **John Paul Stevens**, and **John Doar**, whose civil rights achievements are legendary.

Gordon was in very good company.

What Gordon did at the outbreak of WWII stands out as an act of courage and principle. His story is well-known to us all, a nineteen year old kid who consciously defied what he believed were unconstitutional government orders.

And he was a kid when he did what he did, which makes his actions all the more remarkable. It wasn't youthful bravado, a teenager boasting his defiance. His was a carefully considered and conscious deed. Gordon knew exactly what he was doing and understood the consequences – that he would be arrested and end up with a criminal record.

When the dark days following Pearl Harbor struck at the heart of America and cast a shadow over the Japanese American community, the unimaginable slowly turned to the inevitable. The machinations of government in Washington reached across the country and put a strangle-hold on the Japanese American community, and that was when Gordon decided to act.

There was anger and bitterness within our community

and threats of defiance and resistance, but in the end, our entire community went quietly into the camps. It was in our culture to respect authority, and in the face of hardships, to stick together as a community and to care for one another. This we did.

While others voiced their anger and frustration at what was happening to us, Gordon – this nineteen year old kid – dared to challenge the government's racist policies for what they were and consciously defied the curfew orders and was arrested for his actions.

And a few months later, he once again purposely defied the Army's orders to evacuate and submit to internment. And once again, he was arrested and put in jail for his defiance.

His sole motive for his actions was to challenge what he knew to be unconstitutional orders. On behalf of Japanese Americans, he stood against the government and was willing to pay the price to test the legality of the government's actions against us.

Hirabayashi v. United States was one of two landmark cases that tested the constitutionality of the government's treatment of Japanese Americans during WWII. Gordon challenged both the curfew and evacuation/detention orders, and his case could have stood as a single case on the two legal issues of the government's wartime policies. But the government chose to split the issues because the more significant, and the more difficult issue to justify, was detention, and in **Fred Korematsu**, government attorneys felt they had an individual whose defense for his actions was not nearly as strong.

Because Gordon was such an exemplary citizen in all ways – a model student, a Quaker and pacifist, someone who had never been in trouble in his life, a shining example of what America's youth should be – Justice Department attorneys made a strategic decision to forego the detention issue and chose to prosecute Hirabayashi on the curfew challenge alone. Consequently, his case was relegated to the lesser of the two legal issues that ended up before the Supreme Court.

Asked if this bothered him, Gordon responded that he made the decision to challenge both the curfew and evacuation orders because he knew that both were morally wrong and legally unconstitutional.

Recognition for his actions did not matter, he said, because he did what he did on behalf of JAs and to demand our rights as Americans.

He once told me that even though he understood we could not stop what was happening to us, that someone had to openly defy the government's policies and challenge the legality of the military's racist orders.

He was willing to go to prison for this because he understood it was *that* important.

It's great that Gordon at long last has gotten the recognition he so richly deserves for his principled stand. Better late than never, but then, I'm sure Gordon would have been humbled by the recognition and would not have made a big deal of it. True heroes never do.

FROM THE ACLU ... WINDSOR WINS!

I'm thrilled to let you know we won a huge victory in **Edie Windsor's** challenge to "**Defense of Marriage Act**" (**DOMA**) which prevents the federal government from respecting the existing marriages of same-sex couples.

This is a huge win for Edie Windsor, for civil liberties, for human rights, for loving couples everywhere, and for all who love liberty and equal protection under the laws.

In the ruling, the judge decided a critical section of the DOMA unconstitutionally discriminates against married same-sex couples. This now becomes the 5th case in which courts have struck down DOMA as unconstitutional.

Edie Windsor has long been a voice of strength and compassion, and in this momentous victory, she had some wonderful words to share:

"**Thea** (who died) and I shared our lives together for 44 years, and I miss her each and every day. It's thrilling to have a court finally recognize how unfair it is for the government to have treated us as though we were strangers."

On behalf of Edie and loving, same-sex couples everywhere, I thank you for your work with the ACLU in making this happen. And I'm happy to celebrate this victory with you all today. Thanks for all that you do.

James Esseks, Director, ACLU LGBT Project

INSTITUTIONAL RACISM IS ALIVE AT UCLA

by Paul Kaneko

A respected African American faculty surgeon at the UCLA Medical Center was intentionally demeaned based on his race while university officials ignored blatant acts of racial discrimination and harassment. **Dr. Christian Head's** face was superimposed onto the body of a gorilla standing on all-fours being sodomized by his Caucasian supervisor in a slideshow photo publicly presented for laughs during an annual medical school sponsored event attended by more than 200 physicians, faculty, residents and guests. This was both shocking and indefensible. This, unfortunately, was just one of a series of racially motivated incidents that Dr. Head has had to deal with over the past several years at UCLA. His complaints to administrative leaders at the Medical Center, the University and UC Regents have gone unanswered. In fact, his complaints have spurred additional acts of humiliation, attempts to push him out of academic medicine and retaliation.

The *Los Angeles Wave* and *Los Angeles Times* newspapers have written about the vindictive and racially motivated actions that UCLA Medical Center supervisors have taken against Dr. Head, the only African American surgeon in the Head & Neck Department. In fact, Dr. Head is only 1 of 2 tenured African American teaching surgeons in the entire UCLA Medical School out of more than 200 faculty surgeons.

Rather than do the right thing to keep the work environment free from discrimination, UCLA has opted to ignore Dr. Head's formal requests to stop the harassment and retaliation against him. Racial discrimination has no place in institutions of higher education or, for that matter, anywhere in our society.

I suggest that our chapter go on record in support of Dr. Head's lawsuit and in opposition to the UCLA Medical School and the University for not addressing Dr. Head's grievances and concerns.

NATIONAL JACL CONVENTION 2012

Our W-SC JACL President and First Vice President, **Tosh Tanaka** and **Jeanette Otsuji Hager**, will be

attending this convention, and we are eager to hear their reports upon their return. Jeanette and Tosh have an additional duty as members of the nomination committee and must be there before the regular delegates attend.

GARDEN AND HISTORIC MARKER IN SALINAS

On June 28, 2012, **Gary Mine**, **Iwao Yamashita**, **Karl Karl**, and **Joe Bowes** of the W-SC JACL cleaned up the Japanese Memorial Garden and worked on the historical marker at the site of the Salinas Assembly Center before Big Week (CA Rodeo) starts in July. Unfortunately, the graffiti on the marker was difficult to remove. They will return with cleaning fluid. Thank you, guys.

PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN

"Proud to be an American Citizenship Ceremony" was held at the Sesnon House, Cabrillo College on July 2.

Congressman Sam Farr invited Cabrillo College language instructor **Yaming Shen**, a naturalized US citizen from China, to be the keynote speaker.

We are so proud of Yaming, a W-SC JACLe and an American!

NEW ENDINGS TO FAMOUS QUOTES

Elementary students were asked to finish these famous quotes. Here's how some of 'em responded.

Don't change horses	until they stop running.
Strike while the	bug is close.
It's always darkest before	Daylight Saving Time.
Don't bite the hand that	looks dirty.
No news is	impossible.
A miss is as good as a	Mr.
You can't teach an old dog new	math.
If you lie down with dogs, you'll	stink in the morning.
Love all, trust	me.
The pen is mightier than the	pigs.
An idle mind is	the best way to relax.
Where there's smoke, there's	pollution.
Happy the bride who	gets all the presents.
A penny saved is	not much.
Two's company, three's	the Musketeers.
If at first you don't succeed	get new batteries.
When the blind lead the blind	get out of the way.
A bird in the hand	is going to poop on you.
Don't put off till tomorrow what	you put on to go to bed.
There are none so blind as	Stevie Wonder.
Children should be seen and not	spanked or grounded.
Never underestimate the power of	termites.
You can lead a horse to water but	how?
Laugh and the whole world laughs with you, cry and ...	you have to blow your nose.
Better late than	pregnant.

WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL

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For the color version of the newsletters, log onto our website: www.watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org. Click on Newsletter and select the month. Enjoy!

Mas Hashimoto, Editor.

2012 WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL COMMUNITY PICNIC, APTOS VILLAGE PARK, SATURDAY, JUNE 23RD



Cooks Jim Aro, Doug Nakashima, Randy Mano, David Kadotani, Stuart Sakuma; kitchen crew Yoshiko Aro, Shirley Nishimoto, Jean Yamashita; Chiye Tamaki; Matsunami family playing bingo; Nancy Iwami (98 years young) selects a donut; Sunao Honda, Iwao Yamashita, Alan Yagi; the bingo players; Aya Okuma, Takeshi Kaneko on tickets; parent and child in a 3-legged race.

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Group photo of racers and families; sack race with race organizer **Brooke Kondo**; **Jeanni Kadotani** helps choose race prizes; eating *Takuan koko* instead of racing; powdered donut race; water balloon toss game; adult *koko* race; choosing a race prize; Mas is wearing his star glasses prize.

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Senior Center members **Yaeko Sakamoto, Kiyo Arao, Jean Akiyama, June and Sunao Honda; Yaeko Cross, Chiyoko Yagi; Yoko and Ben Umeda, Haruyo Ishibashi; Miye Yamashita, Michiko Hamada, Toshi Yamashita, Hideko Nagamine** in the lunch line with **Yoshiro Tasaka, Midori and Hiroshi Inomata** of the consulate; **Stuart with Jaime Sakuma** who is enjoying a strawberry; **Ichiro and Dora Hoshiyama** helped with the ice cream social; **Marcia Hashimoto** thanks everyone who donated the wonderful raffle prizes. Photos by **Phil Shima and Mas Hashimoto**.

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

2012 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 2011 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.