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Lessons in
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THE WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL

Newsletter June 2016

JACL COMMUNITY PICNIC, SAT. JUNE 25th

You and your family are invited to our annual community fun-filled picnic. With your attendance, you will help keep this century-old tradition alive. The *Yonsei* and *Gosei* children (4th and 5th generation) need to be a part of the history of our *Issei* immigrant pioneers. From the turn of 20th Century (early 1900s), our *Nikkei* community—Buddhists and Christians together—celebrated with a picnic (races included) at Palm Beach (now Pajaro Dunes) after a successful harvest was in. This picnic tradition continued after our return to Watsonville from “camp.” Each family would spread blankets onto the sand and eat their mother’s specially prepared lunches from their tiered *bento* boxes.

You don’t have to be a JACL member to attend our picnic. Everyone is most welcome. This is not a JACL fund-raising event. If we break even financially, then we are more than happy. There is no admission charge or parking charges!

The picnic once again will be held at the beautiful **Aptos Village Park**, 100 Aptos Creek Road, Aptos, CA 95003 from 11 am to 4:30 pm, **Sat., June 25th**. Please bring the grandchildren, and please carpool as parking is limited.



Let’s give our mothers a break. We’ll do all the cooking and barbecuing. The chicken BBQ lunch (salad, French bread, chili beans, rice, hot dogs, strawberries, of

course! and non-alcoholic drinks) is only \$8 for adults and teens; for Seniors 70 and over and children 6 to 12 years of age--\$5; and for children 5 and under--free. Plus, you will enjoy the ice cream social that’s included!



Enjoy the wonderful entertainment provided by the talented and popular **Watsonville Taiko**.

Children and adults (grandparents, too) will have great fun with the variety of races—sack race, *hashi* (chopstick) contest, *koko* race, two-person *geta* race, powdered donut race, and others. There’s a water balloon toss contest and a *jan ken pon* (“rock, paper, scissors”) contest, too!



Above: yellow *koko* eating race. Below: the racers.



For the Senior citizens and anyone else, there’s free “BINGO!” to win a variety of wonderful prizes.

We will be recognizing our young scholars by announcing the recipients of this year’s scholarships—**Kee Kitayama Memorial Scholarship, Ray and Louise Sako Scholarships, and Frank Mito Memorial Scholarship.**

Finally, we have a **raffle** with many outstanding prizes generously donated by members of our community. You have an excellent chance to win the **50” VIZIO HD flat screen color TV grand prize!**

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

Please bring all the members of your family for a fun-filled day at the park. Lets continue this important historic *Nikkei* (of Japanese ancestry) tradition! Onward!

Donations, which are tax deductible, for our raffle are greatly appreciated. Please call **Marcia Hashimoto** at (831) 722-6859 who will pick up your donation, or you may give it to her at the picnic.

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE JAPANESE CULTURAL FAIR

by Paul Kaneko



Japanese Cultural Fair
30th Anniversary!



Saturday
June 4, 2016
11am - 6pm

Mission Plaza Park
Santa Cruz

Free Admission
www.jcfsantacruz.org



This Saturday, **June 4th** we will celebrate the **30th Anniversary of the Japanese Cultural Fair** at Mission Plaza Park, Santa Cruz, CA.

Admission to the Cultural Fair is free, and attendees will be treated to great examples of the traditions of Japan all in one day with the performances of two *taiko* groups, **Minyo Folk Dance, Koto, Bon Odori, Shakuhachi, Tsugaru Shamisen, Awa Odori, and Okinawan Dance**, and more on the main stage in the park; **Bonsai, Ikebana, Tea Ceremony**, and a **Kimono** Workshop at the Zen Center; and the various martial arts demonstrated at the Aikido of Santa Cruz Dojo on Mission Street. The Fair will begin at 11 AM and conclude at 6 PM. A free shuttle will be available all day long between the park and the County Government Center. A free bicycle parking valet will be provided in the park.

As in many previous years, one of the major co-sponsors of the event will once again be the **Watsonville-Santa Cruz Chapter of the JACL**. This is a major opportunity for the entire community to get to know what our chapter does regarding fighting for the civil rights of all while also purchasing delicious *obentos*, *ocha* (tea), and locally grown strawberries and produce (some are organic). Please visit our booth.

30th Annual Japanese Cultural Fair

Koto/Marimo Kai
Shamisen/Bachido
Bon Odori/Chieko
Kimono Show/Keiko
Storytelling/Megumi
Shakuhachi/Karl Young
Awa Odori/Sakura Ren
Minyou/Matsutoyo Kai
Watsonville Taiko Group
San Francisco Taiko Dojo
Okinawan Dance/Ohtori-Kinsenkai
Ikebana/Watsonville Ikenobo Group

Aikido of Santa Cruz
Martial Arts Demonstrations

For more information about these and other programs of the Japanese Cultural Fair, please go online: www.jcfsantacruz.org.

WATSONVILLE TAIKO AND SHINSEI DAIKO

By Bonnie Chihara

On May 7th we participated in the *Human Race* in Santa Cruz. Some of our members drummed to open the event while others walked the 10k course.

We were able to surpass our fundraising goals thanks to the dedication of our members and support from friends, family and community members.

Now we're preparing for the *Japanese Cultural Fair* where we will be opening the event. Please stop by and watch our community performers as well as our youth group perform at 11am. After that we will be serving our usual *yaki tori*, *chicken curry*, *mugicha*, *tai yaki*, *fried mochi* and more! Hope to see everyone there!

For more information on our upcoming performances or classes please contact us at 831 435-4594. Or email us at info@watsonvilletaiko.org.

Our upcoming schedule:

June 4th	Japanese Cultural Fair, Mission Plaza Park Santa Cruz
June 18 th	Land of Medicine Buddha Festival, Land of Medicine Buddha Soquel
June 25 th	JACL Picnic, Aptos Village Park
July 2 nd	Summer Concert Series, New Brighton Beach State Park
July 16 th	Relay For Life, Watsonville High School
July 27 th	Wharf to Wharf, Capitola
Aug. 7 th	Church Street Fair, Santa Cruz
Nov. 13 th	Big Sur Half Marathon
Dec. 4 th	Multicultural Celebration, Watsonville Plaza

YOU DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE!

Editor

Being a citizen of the United States does **not** give you the right to vote. Voting is a privilege until you meet all the requirements. Only then, it is your right.

The requirements include filing a registration form (one now comes with the renewal of your driver's license) with your signature and sworn statement of citizenship and residence.

In some countries, voting is the high mark of a citizen's duty and pride. In one, a **fine** was imposed on those who did not vote. Perhaps a **tax credit** of some kind can be offered. What interesting ideas!

I asked my students, which would you rather have--economic power (money, wealth) or political power (the vote)? Smiling, nearly all chose money. Think again! "With political power, I can steal your money legally!!" Poor people never really understood the importance of the vote. Many, especially Asian Americans who have a poor voting record, are "turned off" by the political process with the attack and negative political advertising and coverage in the news--a ploy designed to discourage would-be voters. Unfortunately, it has been very successful of late--*Citizens United v FEC* (2010) decision by the US Supreme Court is a clear example of the economic power (Super PACs--Political Action Committees--a few economically powerful corporations) taking over the political process (look at the tax breaks for those who don't need it).

The US Supreme Court is not unlike the reactionary Congress. It wasn't right in 1942 with the *Fred Korematsu* case, and it wasn't right in the *Citizens United* case.

In some elections, less than half of the registered voters participate, a sad commentary on our state. Absentee ballots are available upon request, which is a convenient way for the elderly and those busy with their work schedule or would be out-of-the state or country on Election Day (June 7th) to participate in this most sacred responsibility. Those who live in the mountainous areas of Santa Cruz County where there are no voting places can vote only via absentee ballots.

Required photo IDs (identifications) are political ploys to keep legal citizens--most of whom are elderly and/or the poor--from voting. It is an added expense for them. The IDs are completely unnecessary. Individuals change their appearance in many ways: coloring or no longer coloring their hair; baldness vs. wig; face lifts; single vs. double chin; moustache vs. shaving; glasses vs contact lens; tattoos vs no tattoos; etc. And, how good is that photo?

What is less likely to change? Your "payroll" signature.

I asked my students, "Besides your life, what is the most valuable possession you have?" Many thought of their cars, computers, and careers. I reminded them that if they place their signatures in the wrong places they can be indebted (married) or imprisoned for the rest of their lives. One must protect one's signature.

If you don't vote, can you complain about political issues? Yes, for you have freedom of speech, guaranteed by the First Amendment to the US Constitution. By the same token, we don't have to listen to you *monku* (complain).

VOTE BEFORE OR ON JUNE 7th

Your sample ballot and voter information guide has been mailed to you. There are three ways to vote:

1. Vote by mail by May 31st via absentee ballot. If you forgot to mail it in, you may drop off your absentee ballot at any polling place on Election Day.
2. Vote early in person between May 9 and June 7 at
 - a. Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections office, 701 Ocean St., Room 210. Santa Cruz, Monday-Friday. 8 am to 5 pm, or at the
 - b. Watsonville City Clerk's Office, 275 Main St., Watsonville, Monday-Friday, 8 am to 5 pm.
 - c. Both locations will be open on the weekend--Saturday and Sunday, June 4 and June 5, 9 am to 5 pm, or
3. Vote at the polls in person Tuesday, June 7 from 7 am to 8 pm, using either a touchscreen or a paper ballot. We recommend the paper ballot for in the past (but not in Santa Cruz County) the touchscreen was rigged or not recorded.
4. Where is your polling place? It might not be the same place as last year. Check the web: www.votescount.com or call the County Clerk's office at 831-454-2060 during business hours.

Thank you for voting!

SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER REPORTS Discriminatory voter registration requirement in Louisiana leads to SPLC lawsuit May 4, 2016

Louisiana is discriminating against naturalized citizens by requiring them to provide citizenship documents when registering to vote -- a requirement that is not asked of other potential voters who must simply swear that they are U.S. citizens, according to an SPLC lawsuit filed today.

The federal lawsuit was filed on behalf of three naturalized citizens who must meet the requirement, which dates back to 1874. VAYLA New Orleans, a nonprofit organization that has attempted to register voters, is also a plaintiff. The complaint was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana. A motion for a preliminary injunction also has been filed to put this requirement on hold as the case proceeds.

"By enforcing this outdated requirement, Louisiana is saying that naturalized citizens are second-class citizens and cannot be trusted," said **Naomi Tsu**, SPLC deputy legal director. "These potential voters have already sworn that they are citizens as part of the registration process. The state is blocking eligible voters from the ballot box and ultimately weakening democracy."

The lawsuit describes how the requirement violates the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment by singling out naturalized citizens. This practice also violates **Title III of the Civil Rights Act of 1964** and the **National Voter Registration Act**, according to the lawsuit.

Under Louisiana law, all registrants must swear they are citizens when completing voter registration forms. These forms do not state that naturalized citizens must provide documentation. The website for Louisiana's Secretary of State also fails to mention this requirement. After registering to vote, a letter is sent to these potential voters demanding that they provide proof of citizenship, such as a U.S. passport or a certificate of naturalization.

There are approximately 72,250 naturalized citizens living in Louisiana (many are Asian Americans). Voter registration groups, such as VAYLA New Orleans, have faced difficulties as they have registered naturalized citizens

only for these potential voters to discover later that they must provide documentation. The obstacles created by this requirement have already prevented many people from voting in the 2016 presidential primary.

"The undue burden this law places on naturalized citizens resonates deeply within our community in New Orleans East," says **Minh Nguyen**, executive director of VAYLA New Orleans. "It's demoralizing that our parents and grandparents work so hard to become citizens and yet are still treated unfairly."

The Fair Elections Legal Network is serving as the SPLC's co-counsel on the case.

CONGRESSMAN MIKE HONDA REMINDS US ...

On May 6th, we commemorated the 56th anniversary of the signing of the **Civil Rights Act of 1960**.

Drafted in response to Southern states' continued discrimination against African Americans in civic and public life and a series of violent attacks against Black churches and schools, the passage of the 1960 Civil Rights Act acts as a reminder that achieving equality is an incremental process that takes dedication and commitment to achieve.



After the passage of the Fifteenth Amendment, black voters in the South were still effectively disenfranchised by means of violent suppression, poll taxes and literacy tests.

The Civil Rights Act established the federal inspection of voter registration polls and instituted penalties for voter registration obstruction, but it was later strengthened by the **Voting Rights Act of 1965** and the **Civil Rights Act of 1968**.

The right to vote is the cornerstone of democratic government, and despite our progress in some areas, voter suppression is not a thing of the past. Unduly burdensome voter ID laws currently represent one of the nation's most important civil rights issues, as they've been found to create egregious barriers to minority participation in our elections. That's why I co-authored the **Election Weekend Act** in an effort to make it easier for voters to make it to the polls and exercise their Constitutional right to vote; I'm also one of the original cosponsors of the **Voting Rights Amendment (VRA) Act**, which updates and modernizes the provisions of the VRA that were struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court in the *Shelby County, Alabama v. Holder* case.

In the wake of national tragedies like the Charleston church shooting, the crisis in Flint, Michigan, and the evolution of our national conversation about civil rights and police brutality, driven by grassroots organizers in the *Black Lives Matter* movement, it is the right time for us to reflect with gratitude and solemnity on the long struggle undertaken by thousands of Americans toward full equality before the law, regardless of their race, color, religion, or national origin.

Seventy years ago, my family was forcibly removed from our home and sent to an internment camp. The current political climate, especially the rhetoric of the presumptive Republican nominee for President, has made me worry that

our nation is heading down the same path of panic and xenophobia that led to my family's internment during World War II.

Now more than ever, it is important that we have progressive champions in Congress that will stand up for everyone in this country regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, or religion. I am dedicated to continuing to promote the dialogue and legislation required to guarantee justice, dignity and access to opportunity for Americans across the country.

In solidarity,

Mike Honda, 17th Congressional, D-SJ

"TOWARD A MORE PERFECT UNION: OVERCOMING ISLAMOPHOBIA" By Paul Kaneko

The **Watsonville-Santa Cruz Chapter of the National Japanese American Citizens League (W-SC JACL)** made an important contribution to current efforts by addressing the civil rights struggle the nation is currently facing with the ongoing anti-immigrant and anti-Muslim rhetoric embedded in the current presidential campaign.

Our chapter began organizing a forum back in November 2015. The anti-Muslim and anti-immigrant rhetoric struck an alarming chord among Japanese American communities across the nation. We knew we had to address the issue. We wanted to plan an event that would start a community-wide conversation about how we might respond personally and as a community.



The W-SC JACL Chapter board of directors, on March 24th, approved the plans to underwrite (up to \$2,000) the forum as presented (below) by **Sandy Lydon** and **Paul Kaneko**, as **Iwao Yamashita** and **Carol Kaneko** listened.



On Sunday, May 1, 2016, we achieved an historic first at Cabrillo College's Aptos campus for our chapter: we collaborated with the **CAIR** (Council on American Islamic Relations), **ING** (Islamic Network Group), and the **Cabrillo College History Department** in presenting the forum:

Toward a More Perfect Union: Overcoming Islamophobia

The American historical landscape is littered with examples of peoples and religions being targeted by some Americans who somehow felt threatened. Some of these groups have included but are not limited to Native Americans, African-Americans, Irish, Jews, Chinese, Japanese, Filipinos, Mexicans, *et al.* More often than not, the wider American public in the past has just watched silently as communities different than their own were targeted.

The ultimate example occurred in the 1942 when the entire Japanese community living along the west coast was vilified and eventually imprisoned for the acts of Imperial Japan. Very few non-Japanese protested as we were taken away. The present-day scapegoating of Muslims and Mexicans is very familiar to the Japanese-American community, and this motivated our efforts to work collaboratively with the rest of the community to head off a repeat of its incarceration/concentration camp experience of World War II; it must never be allowed to happen again to anyone.

Once again, the W-SC JACL stood up to be counted and remind all that scapegoating, vilifying and targeting religious and cultural minorities is not only unacceptable but un-American. So few spoke up when Japanese and Japanese Americans were sent to incarceration camps during World War II. We know the importance of standing up to be heard when our neighbors are being similarly attacked.

The forum was just the first step in opening up the dialogue in proposing action-specific efforts we can all make in forging our alliance with our Muslim neighbors but also, in contributing to the JACL's enduring efforts for social justice and the achievement of civil rights for all. The event enabled our W-SC JACL to establish important association with CAIR and ING, as well as members of the local Muslim community, which will hopefully lead to more collaborative efforts in the future.



The panelists included **Cherie Barkey** of Cabrillo's History Department; filmmaker **David Washburn**; **Ameena Jandali**, ING; **Nashwah Akhtar**, CAIR; and our moderator, **Sandy Lydon**, Historian Emeritus of Cabrillo College.



From **Ameena Jandali** (center) of the Islamic Networks Group (ING) we learned of the historic and cultural contributions of Muslims to this country and how to counter prejudice and discrimination against American Muslims.

From **Nashwah Akhtar** (right) of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) we learned that dialogue is of upmost importance, to protect our civil liberties, and build coalitions to promote justice and mutual respect and understanding. She spoke of the common heritage of the Jewish faith, Christianity, and Islam. She stressed the five basic tenets of Islam.

1. Testimony of Faith, of one God—Allah—and of his messenger, the Prophet Muhammad;
2. Of Prayer at dawn, noon, mid-afternoon, sunset, and night;
3. Giving Charity ...support those in need;
4. Fasting during Ramadan; and
5. Pilgrimage to Makkah in Mecca during one's lifetime.



Dr. Gini Matute-Bianchi, our W-SC JACL 1ST Vice President, expressed our concerns regarding Islamophobia.



David Washburn showed two important films: a short, film clip on arson fires of three Jewish synagogues near Sacramento and *An American Mosque* (2012), the arson fire of a mosque in Yuba City, CA (1994). This documentary won acclaim and awards and has been shown nationally on PBS-TV. We are grateful to Mr. Washburn for allowing us to show his films.



JACLeR **Sandy Lydon** pointed out that immediately after the attack of September 11, 2001 ("9/11") on the Twin Towers in New York City, the JACL was the **first** nationally to speak out in support of Muslim and Arab Americans in this country!

[Editor's note: press releases were sent to several newspapers but only one local newspaper briefly mentioned the forum. Perhaps, the press was fearful of demonstrators and protestors outside and inside the hall at Cabrillo College, which never occurred.

In the audience of nearly 100 were Jews, Christians, Muslims and Buddhists all working together to promote mutual understanding and respect.]



We know of this vandalism on the door of a temporary mosque in Santa Cruz on November 20, 2014. We welcome the Islamic Center of Watsonville on East Lake Avenue. *Shokran*, "Thank you," in Arabic, for your support.

SAN MARTIN, CA (CBS SF) By Devin Fehely

Neighbors are standing up against plans to build a mosque in San Martin, but they insist that it's not a fight about faith.

Neighbor Donnie Croft said, "If they're going to try to turn this into a religious war. We're not interested in being a part of that."

The pastoral beauty of this patch of land in southern Santa Clara County has been at the heart of an intense and often ugly debate over whether or not to build a mosque on the site.

Croft said, "If you're going to show up at our meetings and turn this into a religious thing, we don't want you there. Stay home. This is about our environment — our community. It has nothing to do with religion whatsoever."

Croft says his opposition to the project has nothing to do with the Muslim faith, but concedes the public debate has been tainted by a small, but vocal minority who don't want a mosque in their community — no matter what.

He's opposed, he says, because the project is too big for this small, rural community. He worries about the run-off from the proposed cemetery that's part of the sprawling mosque and community center.

Neighbor Steve Ludewig said, "When you look at the character of the community, it's small, it's rural. What they want to build is just too big."

The South Valley Islamic Center (SVIC) has been trying for several years get the green light to build a mosque on the site.

A spokesperson for the group issued a statement saying, "SVIC is committed to engaging in a dialogue with its neighbors and the county of Santa Clara to ensure that the project fits with surrounding uses and makes a positive contribution to the community."

But the project still faces stiff opposition in an area where faith and fear intersect.

Croft said, "It's easy to call people names. That was a big concern because we felt like no one was listening to us. That's a huge frustration for everybody who has legitimate concerns."

Devin Fehely is an *Emmy Award* winning general assignment reporter/MMJ for **KPIX 5**. Before joining KPIX 5 Devin was at WXIA in Atlanta where he spent four years reporting. During that time, he won numerous awards, including three **Edward R. Murrow Awards**.

AMERICANS UNITED ("AU") FOR SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE

1—New Regulations Issued for 'Faith-Based' Groups

"Faith-based" groups that provide public services with taxpayer money must not discriminate against beneficiaries based on the latter's religious beliefs, require them to participate in religious activities or offer "explicitly religious activities" within those programs, the Obama administration announced in March 2016.

The new regulations cover nine federal agencies. The regulations require that beneficiaries be given written notice of their rights, and if those in need object to the religious character of the organization, the group must "undertake reasonable efforts" to find another provider and give a referral.

But, the regulations do not prohibit "faith-based" contractors from practicing employment discrimination. They are still permitted to hire and fire based upon an individual's religious affiliation.

[Editor's note: The **American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)** reports this problem arose at a "faith-based" hospital. **Jennafer Norris** of the ACLU Action Team writes:

Mercy Hospital jeopardized my life.

When I was pregnant with my third child, it was hard to deal with the complications of a difficult pregnancy. But I never thought I would have to deal with medical staff choosing to put my life at risk.

At 30 weeks pregnant, I was in need of urgent care. I checked into Mercy Hospital where I live in Arkansas. I had blurred vision, horrible headaches, and high blood pressure. I was terrified.

I was scheduled to deliver by C-section, and asked for another procedure at the same time – to get my tubes tied. I couldn't risk getting pregnant again. The hospital refused. My doctor told me Catholic hospitals prohibited this procedure.

I am not alone. Across the country, countless women have been denied critical – and sometimes life-saving – reproductive health care at Catholic hospitals. Some women have even been turned away in the Emergency Room in the middle of a miscarriage.

Ask the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to make clear to all hospitals that by law they must provide emergency reproductive health care.

Medical providers are getting away with denying critical health care to women like me because of church rules. The problem is widespread.

One in six hospital beds in the United States is in a hospital that abides by Catholic restrictions. In places like Washington State, where more than 40 percent of all hospital beds are in Catholic facilities, many patients have no other option for hospital care.

My only other choice was to go to another hospital. Dizzy, in pain, and informed by my medical team I could have a stroke or seizure at any moment, I was in no shape to travel 30 minutes to another hospital. My husband Jason and I were furious that these medical professionals were putting my safety and well-being on the line.

Denying care based on religion forces religious beliefs on patients. That's discrimination, and it's dangerous.

I'm telling my story because I don't want to see anyone else go through what I went through.

Catholic hospitals receive billions of our taxpayer dollars. We need oversight to ensure that they prioritize our health – not their religious beliefs.

I hope you will join me and take action today.]

WATSONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION'S 2016 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES March 13, 2016



Kim Vestal Bowers, Victoria Vestal Kupper, Tony Nethercutt, Eric Borg, David Toriumi, and Amy Newell.

We congratulate the newest members of the Hall of Fame and thank them for their contributions and services.

Inducted posthumously was photographer **Sam Vestal**, Class of 1949, whose photos won for the *Register-Pajaronian* the coveted **Pulitzer Prize** in 1956. Sam's photos, taken at gunpoint, exposed a corrupt Santa Cruz County District Attorney with local gangsters. The story and photos put Watsonville in the national spotlight. The R-P became the smallest newspaper at the time ever to win the Pulitzer. Accepting on his behalf were his daughters—**Victoria Vestal Kupper and Kim Vestal Bowers**.

Amy Newell, Co-Valedictorian of the Class of 1965 and a graduate of Stanford University and London School of Economics, has dedicated her life improving the lives of workers as a union organizer internationally, nationally and locally. In 1985, she was elected General Secretary Treasurer of the United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers of America (UE) -- the first woman ever to be elected as a national officer of a major industrial union! Amy was featured on the front page of the *New York Times*. As GST she was responsible for overseeing the work of the UE Research, Legal, Administrative and UE News departments as well as the Political Action work and UE's office in Washington, DC. She went on to serve nine terms before returning home to Watsonville in 1994.

In 2003 she traveled to Paris and Geneva as the guest of the European trade union confederation to build international labor solidarity against wars. Most people here know her as the Director of the Monterey Bay Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO, the umbrella organization of local unions of all crafts and jurisdiction in both Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties and is highly respected by the Professional and Technical Employees of UCSC. Amy volunteers her services and expertise to many non-profit organizations and is a proud member of our W-SC JACLeR.

David Toriumi, Class of 1974 and a Watsonville native, is a dedicated supporter of youth athletic sports, not only with Watsonville youngsters but with the entire Monterey Bay region, as a coach, mentor, and sponsor.

As owner of *Toriumi Auto Repair*, he donates his labor to the repair and maintenance of all the vans our WHS student athletes – soccer, softball, basketball, et al—use to get to their games on time and to safely return. The community is the grateful beneficiary of David's caring, thoughtfulness, and service.

Eric Borg, Class of 1975, has over 35 years of experience in defense aerospace and missile design, development and production. While in military service, he worked in Research and Development for the Patriot Missile and Advanced High Energy Laser Weapons at the Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, the home of the US Army's Missile Command. He was to earn many awards during his service time.

He has taught seminars on weather and countermeasure effects on electro-optical and infrared sensors to military personnel of the US, Australia, UK, France and Sweden. Eric is currently the chief engineer for the Naval and Area Mission Defense product line of Raytheon Missile Systems and is actively involved in our National Missile Defense system.

His mother, W-SC JACLeR **Jane Borg** (Class of 1948, inducted 1997) and brother **Lane Borg** (Class of 1977, inducted 2010) are also WHSF *Hall of Famers*.

Tony Nethercutt, Class of 1976, is the son of **Al and Sandy Nethercutt** both highly respected teachers of the Pajaro Valley Unified School District. Tony's come a long ways from starring as *Tevye* in the WHS outstanding production of *Fiddler on the Roof*. Acting was not to be a major pursuit. Neither were economics, political science, business, and television advertising.

He, however, became the leader in building television advertising sales teams for *GeoCities*, *DoubleClick*, *Yahoo*, *You Tube*, *Google*, *AdMob*, *Mojiva*, and *PlaceIO*!

Upon his retirement, he volunteered for non-profits, and one—"Pencils of Promise"—involved building schools in Central America. Today, there are two classrooms there, one named *Sandy Nethercutt* and another, *Tony Nethercutt*. Tony has been busy mentoring high school students in Marin County.

WATSONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL'S TOURNAMENT

The 8th Annual Watsonville High School Golf Tournament will be held this year at Spring Hills Golf Course, 501 Spring Hills Drive, Watsonville, CA 95076 (note the change of the golf course) on **Fri., June 17, 2016** with a shotgun start at 1 pm. Please sign up before June 10th.

If you are interested in playing, sponsoring, and/or volunteering, please contact **Brad Hubbard**, Tournament Director, at (831) 728-6390, ext. 6463 or email Brad at brad_hubbard@pvusd.net.

Did you know there are 18 boys and girls sports programs? Brad states that 100% of the proceeds will go towards benefiting our young athletes.

All alumni and friends of the **Wildcatz** are encouraged to support this program.

SENIOR CENTER NEWS by Carol Kaneko

On April 28, **Iwao Yamashita** welcomed back **Edna** and **Yukio Nagata** after their absence from Seniors for a while. Edna had been home recuperating from a miserable case of shingles. We also had two new guests, **Grace Patiño** and her mother-in-law **Julia Patiño**. Julia returned a few weeks later accompanied by her son, **Victor Patiño**, who brought bags of home grown avocados and walnuts for bingo prizes. Everyone was reminded to bring gifts on May 5th for our Mother's Day celebration.

Paul Kaneko told of visiting the Gilroy Yamato Hot Springs. Years ago it was very popular with many Nisei families who used to vacation there, and descendants of one of the early families are trying to restore the hot springs. If there is enough interest, we can possibly arrange a day trip.

At our Mother's Day celebration on May 5, **Leigh Sakaguchi** gave a talk about his mother, saying that she is in her 90's and recently had her driver's license renewed. She still likes to sew and keeps active with alterations. He sang a beautiful song at the end of his story in honor of all mothers.



We were honored that same day with the presence of our new Chief of Police, **David Honda**. He told us of his



background including information about his family and career. His parents are from Oahu, and they currently live in Idaho.

All Senior Center photos by **Carol Kaneko**.



He stayed and enjoyed the Mother's Day raffle and had his picture taken with all the mothers 88 years of age and older. Each mother was presented with a beautiful orchid plant. The raffle had many very nice gifts – thank you to all that donated. The beautiful table decorations, which included little boxes of candy, were made by **Helen Nakano**. After bingo, seniors enjoyed a wonderful Mother's Day dinner at Hong Kong Gardens.

On May 12, there was a moment of silence for **Mitsue Tao** and seniors were advised that her memorial service will be Saturday, May 21.

We were advised that **Reverend Hanayama** from the Buddhist Temple and his family are relocating to Japan due to a very serious illness.

Paul reminded us of the Japanese Cultural Fair fundraiser to be held May 28, at 7:30 at the Kuumbwa Jazz Center in Santa Cruz featuring **John Kaizan Neptune** and friends. John was born in California but is acknowledged to be among the top masters of the shakuhachi (bamboo flute) in Japan.

The JCF fundraising concert on May 21 at Kizuka Hall, featuring **Baisho Matsumoto** from Japan and local artist **Kyle Abbott**, was enjoyed by all in attendance, including many of our Senior Center members. Thanks for supporting the Japanese Cultural Fair!

Everyone cheered **Toshi Yamashita** as she announced her retirement and will now be a weekly bingo player!

Jean Yamashita advised that the *Tai Chi* classes at the Buddhist Temple are being held Tuesdays 10:00 – 11:15 a.m. and Thursdays 5:30 – 6:45 p.m. The cost is \$5.00.



On May 19, 2016, we celebrated the birthdays of the May honorees above: **Iwao Yamashita, Mitzi Katsuyama 96** and **Haruko Yoshii 99**. Tardy was **Inako Johnson**. We also wished a happy birthday to **Nancy Iwami 102** and **Sachi Snyder** who could not attend. We all enjoyed a delicious birthday cake provided by the children of **Mrs. Yoshii**.

The beautiful flowers were the work of **Jean Akiyama** and **Hisako Kodama**.

Kimiko Marr, our newest bingo caller, has started to deal with the many, many VHS tapes that have been donated to the Senior Center over the past years and are no longer wanted or usable. She is taking them apart to recycle the plastic parts, so if anyone wants any of these tapes for any reason, please take them before they disappear!

Jean Yamashita has generously volunteered to arrange a casino trip for our members since the Kanekos have become so busy with other commitments. See this month's Seniors' Corner for details. Thank you, Jean!

A big thank you to May *toban*: **Yaeko Cross, Gail Wurtenberg and Leigh Sakaguchi**. And of course, all the other people that help whether they are on *toban* or not.

We gratefully acknowledge the following monetary donations this month: **Yoshino Matano, Haruko Yoshii and family, Iwao Yamashita, Edna and Yukio Nagata, and Gail and William Wurtenberg**.

Bingo donations were gratefully accepted from the following:

Judy Hane	12 rolls paper towels
June/Sunao Honda	6 plates custard <i>mochi</i> , 8 chocolate <i>mochi</i> brownies, 6 pkgs. <i>ume sushi</i> and <i>takana</i> , 3 cans BBQ beans, coconut <i>mochi</i>
Dylan/Aubrie/Alex Matsuo	1 jar peanuts, bag almonds
Eiko Stewart	5 plates crunchy red bean <i>manju</i> , 6 hot pads, 6 rolls toilet tissue, 6 peanut butter <i>manju</i>
Iwao/Jean Yamashita	6 bags mini avocados, peanut butter bars, 8 boxes banana cupcakes, 6 boxes chocolate cupcakes, 4 bags spice cookies
Rubie Kawamoto	5 bags <i>chagashi</i> , 12 boxes <i>Kleenex</i> , 3 lb. box <i>Cheez-its</i> ,
Hide Nagamine	2 large <i>Clorox</i> wipes, 20 bags cucumbers, 2 quart bottles <i>Purex</i>
Eileen Byers	9 mega rolls toilet tissue, 12 <i>Dawn</i> dish soap

Kumiko Nakatani

Jean Akiyama
Yukio/Edna Nagata

Chie Sakaue
Toshi Yamashita

Haru Ishibashi
Nobue Fujii
Brandon Potter
Kimiyo Fujii

Bobby Tamaki
Kazuko Sakai

Chiyeko Shikuma
Tea Hashimoto
Miye Yamashita

Terry Hirahara
Yaeko Cross
Yoshiko Nishihara
Eiko Nishihara
Susan AmRhein
Reiko Yamamoto
Fred Oda

Kimiko/Patricia Marr

Jo Ann Vear
Mary Perez

Haruko Yoshii
Eiko Ceremony

Mitsuyo Tao
Mitsuko Ruble
Mitzi Katsuyama
Victor Patiño

Thanks for all the donations - Mother's Day raffle prizes, bingo prizes, and monetary. See you next month!

KOKORO NO GAKKO NEWS



Kokoro No Gakko Summer 2016 is coming soon! Dates are June 27, 2016 to July 8, 2016, and there is still room for a few more students!

For registration information, please contact **Akiko Minami** at **akikominami70@gmail.com**.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like other general information, please contact **Janet Nagamine** at **jmnagamine@gmail.com** or 831-662-9748 or the *Kokoro No Gakko's* website: <http://www.kokoronogakko.org>.

EAGLE SCOUTS OF TROOP 558 REPORTS

By Chris Garcia, Scoutmaster

Watsonville Buddhist Temple's Boy Scout troop was organized as early as 1924 and officially, as Troop 58, became a part of the scouting program in 1927 and was led by **Ernest Fujimoto** as Scoutmaster.



Nov. 24, 1933: front—Henry Yoshii, Fred Jumura, Shig, Morimune, Elmer Phenice, Tadashi Hashimoto, Rev. J. Inouye, Tami Yagi, Fred Nita, Perry Mori, John K. Yamauchi; middle—Satoshi Nagase, Katsumi Kozeni, Tsuyoshi Hashimoto, Yon Hamai, Satoru Takemoto, Tetsuo Tsuda, Harry Mayeda; back—Haruo (Hardy) Tsuda, Ben Yamamoto, Minoru Iwami, Katsuto Mayeda, Shig Yamaguchi. This photo was taken at the site of the old Buddhist Temple, corner of Union and Riverside Drive).

The rank of Eagle Scout is the highest rank earned in scouting. It is estimated that only 4% of boys in scouting attain the rank of Eagle. Since 1935 the following have earned the rank of Eagle Scout through Troop 558 (58).

1935 Satoshi Nagase, Henry Yoshii, John K. Yamauchi

1942 Tami Yagi in Poston, AZ camp

1943 Hardy Tsuda in Poston, AZ camp

1952 Kenneth Kadotani

1963 Richard Uyematsu

1964 Alan Uyematsu, Harvey Tsuda

1965 Stuart Yamamoto, Dennis Hamada,
Martin Enomoto

1967 Robert Uyematsu

1968 Randall Yamamoto, Mark Mitani, Jerry Enomoto,
Ted Tsudama, Dennis Hirano

1970 Bruce Kaita, Leonard Yamamoto

1971 Brad Kaita, Douglas Yagi, Derek Etow,
Kazuo Furukawa, Steven Tanaka

1974 Lloyd Tanimasa, Marshall Yamamoto

1975 Glen Tao, Douglas Sakae

1998 Frank Uyeda

1999 Mark Rackley

2002 Andrew Clouse, Matthew Shingai

2003 Ryan Driscoll

2004 Austin LaGrange

2005 Kevin Clouse

2006 Alex Thurman, Devin Driscoll

2007 Loren Green

2008 Sean Valle, Daniel Bellonzi

2009 Mark Ryan

2011 Miles Ryan, Charlie Streig, Jay Ryan

2012 Phillip Major

2013 Graydon Griffin, Shayne Ely

2014 Peter Linneman

2015 Angelo Long, Rocky Long

2016 Jeffrey Garcia



The troop's group photo was taken in the mid-1960s. Can you name those in this photo?

WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE NEWS



We are grateful to **Rev. Orai Fujikawa** of the **Salinas Buddhist Temple** who conducted services on Sun., May 8. Chairman **Perry Yoshida** (below) read the names of *Sangha* members who passed away May.



Rev. Shousei Hanayama, with a departing *Dharma* message, read from the *Gobunsho*:

On the White Ashes

As we deeply observe the transient form of human life, we realize that in this world, from the beginning to the end, what is momentary and passing is the illusory course of human life.

Thus, we have not heard of anyone receiving human form which lasts for ten thousand years. The course of life ebbs very rapidly. Can anyone preserve their body for a hundred years at the present time? Not knowing whether it

will come today or tomorrow, those who depart before us are as countless as the drops of dew.

Therefore, in the morning we may have radiant health; in the evening we may be white ashes. When the winds of uncertainty strikes, our eyes are closed forever; when the last breath leaves our body, the healthy color of the face is transformed and we lose the appearance of radiant life; loved one may gather around and lament, but to no avail. When such an event occurs, the body is sent into an open field and cremated, leaving only the white ashes. What a sad plight!

Thus, we see that what we cannot control is the passing away of the young and old alike. Therefore, we should all look in our future life and with Faith in Amida Buddha repeat his Holy Name.

With reverence, I remain ... Shousei Hanayama.



He spoke of a fair farewell and expressed his gratitude and that of his family's to the Sangha and Watsonville community and bid a final farewell. Below, **Toshiko Yamashita, Janice Tao** and **Ryoko Kozuki** said their goodbyes among the hundred who gathered.



We wish to extend enormous gratitude to all who have made generous donations of dollars, meals, time and help as well as moral support to Rev. Shousei Hanayama and his family as they make the huge transition of moving from Watsonville Buddhist Temple to Japan.

Shousei's World ...

Finally, I could get the diagnosis by my family doctor. Since last Thanksgiving weekend, I had a heavy stomachache sometimes. But the Pain was getting not only stomachache and came to back pain & chest pain. I lost my appetite and I tried so many kinds of foods to eat which I don't feel pains after eating. I tried to eat a lot of kinds of food which I used to not eat. I took a lot of kinds of medicines for pains and stomach. Of course, I went to see a lot of kinds of doctors to check everywhere in my body. I especially went to go to the blood test a lot.

Some of the tests should be fasting before the test, as you must know. I woke up early in the morning and arrived before they opened. However, I had to wait over 2 hours. I did know we can make an appointment, but I had to wait to make early morning appointment, I could take a couple weeks, or go to so far away place. For me, fasting is not difficult to do because I used to do that when I was in a practice to be a Buddhist Priest or monk. However, I had to adjust to eating time with my kids or I couldn't sleep at all.

Anyway, everyone was irritated in the waiting room. And all of us just waited long time for our name to be called. I used to meditate in the office. But my strong pain bothered my peaceful mind often. And I thought, a lot of people might be sick and they would like to know their diagnosis as soon as possible. Just like me!

At that time, I didn't care about good or bad diagnosis. If I know it, I can solve my pain as soon as possible, I thought. The most painful problem for me at that time, I didn't know any reasons and causes for my strong pain. I doubted that I might have these pains until my own death. I wasn't scared or afraid of any diagnosis even if the diagnosis was the worst in this world.

At that moment, I remembered, my father's words, "I want to die, if I have to keep this pain!" I was so surprised and I scolded him the first time. "Dad, why you don't keep hope, we can die anytime. You used to teach people; [HOPE] is the only way to survive in this world!" My father didn't have any response for me.

Now, I can understand my father's feeling. "And I am thinking, how I can keep [hope]. I am trying to find my [HOPE] every day." However, I don't show my crying. I would like to show "my beautiful smile" as I possibly can. Even if there are a lot of conflicts and fighting in this world, "SMILE" is only common language for all. When you get home today, please try to do it in front of a mirror. "Make a big smile and say NAMO AMIDA BUTSU!"

I hope you can feel my feeling, my father's feeling, and all your beloved one's feelings at that moment!

... With Gassho (~人~) Namo-Amidabutsu—

The Temple Calendar for June 2016:

4	Sat	9 am	Back yard Cleaning Day
5	Sun	9:30 am	Japanese Service
		10 am	Shotsuki Hoyo Service with Rev. Fujikawa
7	Tue	7:30 pm	Temple Board Meeting
8	Wed	1 pm	BWA Meeting
9	Thu	10 am	ABA Meeting
10	Fri		Secretary is off
12, 19 & 26	Sun		No Sunday Services
July 1-4			Fireworks booth
3		9:30 am	Japanese Service
		10 am	Shotsuki Hoyo Service with Rev. Fujikawa

Shotsuki Hoyo Service 10 am Sunday June 5, 2016

Let us gather to remember and to express our gratitude to those who passed away during the month of June. The families of the following deceased are invited to attend the June service and to *Oshoko* (offer incense).

June Memorial List

Akimoto, Jim Yoshio	Akiyoshi, Yaeko
Dooka, Akira	Fujii, Tokio
Hasebe, George	Hashimoto, Mits
Higaki, Osami	Hirahara, Mitoshi
Hoshiyama, Frances	Idemoto, Kazuko
Iyama, Tsunehichi	Izumizaki, George Yutaka
Kamimoto, Tsutae	Kanda, Momoyo
Kimoto, James	Kimoto, Isamu
Kimoto, Tomo	Kobara, Chisako
Kobara, Kaichi	Kobayashi, Isamu
Kokka, Shizue	Maemura, Jason Tadashi
Matsui, Midori	Matsumoto, Kenneth
Matsunami, Misao	Matsunami, Tsugumi
Mine, Bill Matao	Mine, Sachi
Mine, Tom	Misumi, Gijiro
Miura, Takaji	Murakami, Shozo
Muronaka, Tsuyuko Helen	Nagamine, Tousuke
Nakase, Pauline	Nishijima, Norma Taeko
Nishita, Hayakichi	Oda, Fumiko
Oka, Kanako	Sadamura, Manzo
Shirachi, Tsuya	Sukekane, Chiyeko
Takei, Kisaku	Tanimura, Noboru
Tao, Takeyo	Terasaki, Rosie
Toriumi, Jane Misako	Tsudama, Toshiko
Yamamoto, Barbara Sanae	Yamamoto, Hisa
Yamamoto, Ben Tsutomu	Yamamoto, Masatatsu Bob
Yamane, Sakuichi	Yamanishi, Akiji

Yamanishi, Jitaro
Yamashita, Minoru
Yorita, Toshiteru
Uyematsu, Jim

Yamanishi, Tadao
Yorita, Misayo
Yoshimaru, Masato
Uyematsu, Rempei

Obon practice begins on June 20th -- Mondays and Wednesdays at 7 pm.

The Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple Obon will be held on Sunday, July 10th, the Watsonville's on July 17th and Salinas' on July 31st.

BWA scholarship deadline is June 30th. Applications are available at the Temple office.

The *Obon* and *Hatsubon* Service will be held on Sat., July 9th, at 6:30 pm with Rev Fujikawa. Note date and hour.

The Spirit of *Dana* (giving): thank you, **Barbara Shingai, Ryoko Kozuki**, and friends for helping the Hanayama family pack for their return trip to Japan; **Ken Tanimoto** and **Richard Uyematsu** for accompanying the family to Japan, **Bill Wurtenberg** and **Richard Uyematsu** for your help with *Sensei* and the family.

Thank you to our BWA members for the delicious refreshments at *Gotan E* lunch on May 22nd.

We will certainly miss **Sensei, Keiko, Shoren and Elren** and wish them a happy stay with their family and Keiko's family in Japan.

Boy Scouts: The Scouts will receive a check for \$500 from the Temple. The scouts don't have many fundraisers anymore, so they needed a little help. They do so much for the Temple and organizations.



Thank you, **Rev. Jay Shinseki**, of the Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple, for holding the service on May 22nd. We are grateful.

AN ONLINE DIGITAL EXHIBIT

The National Veterans Network, Smithsonian's National Museum of American History and the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center have launched "The Nisei Soldier Congressional Gold Medal" digital online exhibition centered on the outstanding military service of Nisei soldiers during World War II, including those who served in combat, in supporting roles and as part of the Japan Occupation. The online exhibition tells the life stories of 12 soldiers and was launched on May 12 at cgm.smithsonianapa.org.

Additionally, a video about the Nisei Soldiers and introduction of the digital exhibition have now been added to

the Nisei Soldier Congressional Gold Medal display in the **Price of Freedom: Americans at War** exhibition in the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History in Washington DC, providing exposure to millions of visitors each year.

BRIAN IZUMIZAKI NG VISITS WASHINGTON, DC

Brian, who will be graduating this June from Ann Sobrato High School in Morgan Hill, visited our nation's capitol recently with his mother, **Stefanie Izumizaki Ng**.

They saw the changing of the Honor Guard at Arlington National Cemetery and the Air and Space Museum. There was so much to see and so little time to do it all.

Stefanie stated, "It was an opportunity for me to tell or retell some family history to him."



They found this photo at the *Smithsonian Museum* of their family picking strawberries in the fields. Later, they paid their respects at the *National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism* site. Brian found the name of his great-great uncle, **Henry Izumizaki**, on the list of those Nisei soldiers who were killed in action (KIA). The family had been incarcerated in Poston, AZ during WW II.



Henry Izumizaki volunteered from camp to join the 442nd RCT. Henry had to "sneak" out of Poston at night for fear of being beaten up by those "pro Japan" and "No, No" advocates. His older brother, **James**, had been drafted into the US Army before the attack on Pearl Harbor and was already serving with the 442nd RCT.

Henry was killed on Nov. 2, 1944 during the *Rescue of the Texas Lost Battalion* battle, one of over 800 casualties with 184 killed. The 442nd rescued 211 Texans.

When the war was over in Europe, James visited Henry's gravesite in France, but in 1948 the mother wanted Henry's body brought back home for burial. Henry is buried in his beloved Pajaro Valley.



FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF NISEI VETERANS (FFNV)

On Armed Forces Day, May 21st, the FFNV held their 23rd Annual Veterans Memorial Service at Roberts Park above the hills of Oakland, CA.



We were greeted with the military tunes of the **Band of the West**, youngsters between the ages of 16 to 19 engaged in Sea Scouting. Berkeley Boy Scout Troop 24 posted and retired the Colors.





An audience of over 100, composed of veterans from all military branches with family and friends, braved the chilly weather. **Tom Graves**, master of ceremonies in the absence of **FFNV President Lawson Sakai** who had undergone hip surgery prior to the event, welcomed all. He presented a brief history of this memorial service. **Rev. Harry Bridge** (below, left), Oakland Buddhist Temple, in his invocation, praised all who served to defend our country.



The keynote address was presented by W-SC JACler **Mas Hashimoto**, who spoke of the two 442nd RCT patches. The first, by the War Department, showed a yellow arm holding a bloody sword, and the men hated it! It was racial and obnoxious! **Mitchie M. Miyamoto** of Watsonville designed the 442nd patch we recognize and love today.



While some were critical of the coffin-shape, the late **Senator Daniel K. Inouye**, Company E, 442nd RCT and a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, commented that the shape was

appropriate for many men were to die wearing it.

After the *Rescue of the Texas Lost Battalion*, the 442nd patch gained enduring fame.



On behalf of the FFNV, **Vice President Brian Shiroyama** (Lt Col US Air Force, Vietnam, ret.) gratefully accepted the 442nd RCT flower vase gift from **Marcia Hashimoto**. On the back side of the beautiful vase the words *nidoto nai yoni* ("let it not happen again") were inscribed between two strands of barbed wire from "camp". The vase was the masterful and thoughtful creation of Santa Cruz County artist **George Dymesich** and W-SC JACler **Carol Kaneko**.

GATEWAY SCHOOL IN SANTA CRUZ

The two 5th grade classes at Gateway School were reading "Journey to Topaz" by **Yoshiko Uchida**, and teachers **Tess Weisbarth** (left) and **Bill Bryant** (right, back) invited Mas to speak about his wartime incarceration. Four students remained after the Q&A period.



These photos of May 16th are the courtesy of **Colleen Sullivan** who is the Admission Director of Gateway.



Mas uses a PowerPoint program for many are visual learners. Several of **Jack Matsuoka's** drawings are made into slides (above, the FBI invaded our homes without warrants to confiscate items on its contraband list--cameras, radios, flashlights, weapons, binoculars, etc.).



In September of 1945, Mas returned from Poston, two years behind in his studies. His 5th grade teacher, **Miss Herbert** of Mintie White Elementary, could have demoted him to the 3rd grade but instead kept him after school each day until he caught up. So grateful to public school teachers is he, he became one.

WESTVIEW CHIMES ... by Leslie Nagata-Garcia *Our Church Annual Physical Exam*



"The key issue for churches in the 21st century will be church health, not church growth...Focusing on growth alone misses the point. When congregations are healthy, they grow the way God

intends. Healthy churches don't need gimmicks to grow—they grow naturally."—Rick Warren, Pastor Saddleback Community Church

Rick Warren started with a small house church and grew it into one of the largest, most innovative churches in the United States. He didn't seek to have a mega church he just wanted to start a church and reach people and felt God calling him to do it there in Saddleback County, CA. He says that if your church is

healthy it will naturally grow. A healthy church is one that is "being" church -- being what it is intended to be as a church.

Rick Warren describes the 5 purposes of a healthy church (similar to the Six Great Ends of the Church according to our Presbyterian Book of Order F-.0304):

- 1) Love the Lord with all your heart (*worship*: the church exists to worship God (Matt 4:10) - worship because we want to, not out of duty)
- 2) Love your neighbor as yourself (*ministry*: the church exists to minister to people (Eph 4:12) - the church ministers to all kinds of needs: spiritual, emotional, relational, and physical)
- 3) Go and make disciples (*evangelism*: the church exists to communicate God's word (Matt 28:19-20) - The Great Commission is documented in 5 books (4 gospels, Acts), and thus is very important)
- 4) Baptizing them (*fellowship*: identification w/ the body of Christ (Eph 2:19) - the church exists to provide fellowship for believers; baptism is a symbol of salvation AND fellowship)
- 5) Teaching them (*discipleship*: the church exists to edify/educate God's people (Col 1:28) - discipleship is the process of helping people become more like Christ in thought, feeling, & action)

As our Session leadership reflected on these 5 purposes to evaluate the health of our church we felt we were strong in:

Worship: We genuinely worship God together on Sundays and other times,

Ministry: We are good at loving our neighbors through kindness, caring for the poor, tutoring club, and other ways. Our church is very loving.

Fellowship: We care well for each other and support each other's faith and growth.

Discipleship: We learn together and grow together through service, Sunday teaching, and Wednesday Bible Study.

When people visit our church they generally stay, which I think is a sign of our loving healthy church. However, the one area we felt we were weak in was "Go and make disciples, Evangelism." So, in order to be a healthy church we have a need for growth in this area of what I like to call "loving people into experiencing God's love for them" or "being wooed into experiencing God's love."

Westview Family, WE HAVE A GREAT THING GOING AT OUR CHURCH!!! YOU ARE LOVING, KIND, and LOVE GOD! I WOULD LOVE TO SEE MANY MORE PEOPLE EXPERIENCE THE WESTVIEW LOVE AND GOD'S LOVE! So, my hope is that over the next year we can grow in this area—that we can have our eyes opened to

the GIFTS OF GOD WE ENJOY AS CHRISTIANS at Westview and that we can have our eyes opened to see others around us who would benefit from these gifts too. I believe this all begins with two things:

1. Gratitude and an overwhelming realization of the Good News: That the God of the universe loves us as children, saves us through Jesus from lives of self-destruction and meaninglessness, and comes and makes a home in us through the Holy Spirit guiding us on a path of abundant love, life, joy, peace and fulfillment!! Awesome!!
2. And Prayer: praying for those we know to experience this amazing Good News! As we pray God opens up doors, opportunities, and creativity.

I love Westview Church and I want it to be thriving for many years to come. If I want to live a long life I have to live a healthy life. I pray we can have a long life as a church by living a healthy life as a church. Please take time to reflect on the gift we have in Christ and be in prayer for those around you to come to know this gift.

Amen!

God bless you, Westview Family, I love you,
Pastor Dan



Open Your Eyes Through Education and Service

Youth Trip: Urban Hollywood and San Diego Border **July 18th – 23rd, 2016.**

Contact Pastor Dan or Hanna to sign-up Space is limited

The **Tutoring Club** will take a **break** during the months of **June and July** and will **resume** again in **mid-August**. We now have several children coming. Many have much need for help in math and

reading and they are learning much! Our Tutors are awesome!—Mary Lou Hoffman, Diane Mio, Susan Manabe, Pastor Dan and sometime Nancy Shott and Joanne Hayashi (Hanna Kasik also helped but will be moving to Texas). If you want to join us **Thursdays 3:30 - 5 pm** in **mid-August** please let us know! It has been a delight to reach out with love and care for our neighbors.

Wednesday Study Series: We are studying the Book of Revelation as we discuss Max Lucado's study of Revelation on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at **6:30 pm** at **Westview**. Our **last study** for the **summer** will be **June 8th**; we will take a break in July and August and then finish our Revelation study in September.

Sunday Message Series: In June we will finish "Care for your soul - taking care of the only part of you that

will last for eternity!" - based on **John Ortberg's** book **Soul Keeping**. Then we will start a new series "Ancient Wisdom for Life: mining the wisdom of Scripture."

Sunday School During Worship Service in our Youth Room with Youth Leader Hanna Kasik

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**. Mark your calendars for the following dates:

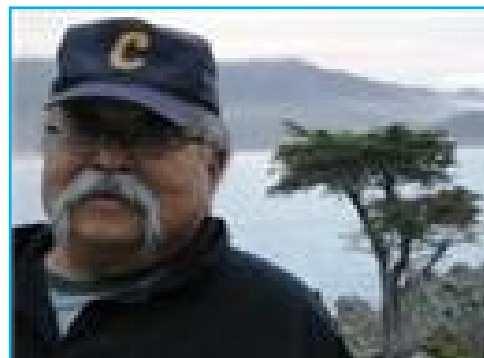
June 3rd – Beach Party Manresa Beach, 4:30 – 7:30 pm

June 17th – Gym Nite, 5:30 – 7:30 pm, Westview



IN REMEMBRANCE, GEORGE SETSUO KUBOTA, DDS

April 25, 1937 - April 25, 2016



George Setsuo Kubota, 79, a long-time resident of Aptos, passed away peacefully on April 25, 2016. The son of **Richard Yutaka Kubota** and **Kin Kubota** was

preceded in death by his parents, his brother, **Edward**, and sister, **Agnes**. He is survived by his wife, **Joyce**, his kids **Eric (Karen)**, **Kelley**, and **Garrett (Lily)**, his sister **Jane**, and his four grandchildren -- **Kylie**, **Tyler**, **Danica**, **Teaghan**.

A native of Los Angeles, he attended UCLA and received his dental degree from UCSF. He started his professional life in Culver City before relocating his practice and family to Aptos in 1966. He practiced Dentistry for over 40 years.

He had many interests, not the least of which were his grandchildren. He enjoyed skiing, playing tennis and golf, and in his later years took lessons in ukulele and dance. He loved listening to jazz at local Santa Cruz venues. George was well known in the Aptos community for his big personality and big mustache and for his many years as a Little League coach. He was also very involved in local youth sports.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in George's memory to the Watsonville - Santa Cruz Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), P.O. Box 163, Watsonville, CA 95077-0163, or to a charity of your choosing.

A Celebration of Life will be held Sunday, June 19th, 1:00 p.m., at Seascape Golf Club, 610 Clubhouse Drive, Aptos, CA 95003.

KAYZUYE "KAY" YAMAMOTO

Kayzuye "Kay" Yamamoto died on Tuesday, May 3, 2016, at Watsonville Residential Care Home. She was 91.

A native of Watsonville, she attended local schools. Mrs. Yamamoto worked as a bookkeeper at *Lambert's Market* when it was located across from the Plaza (now the site of Cabrillo College's Watsonville campus). She was an avid collector of mice memorabilia (mice is her zodiac symbol) -- everything from figurines, pillows, blankets, and stuffed toys.

Mrs. Yamamoto is survived by several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, **Tom Yamamoto**; her brothers; **Yas and Joe Kamitani**; and her sister, **Frances Tsuda**.

At her request, there will be no funeral services. Private burial will take place with her husband, Tom, at a later date.

Donations are preferred to Hospice of Santa Cruz Co., 940 Disc Drive, Scotts Valley, CA 95066.

MITSUE TAO

Mitsue Tao died on Sunday, May 8, 2016, at her home in Watsonville. She was 92.



A native of Watsonville, Mrs. Tao worked with her husband, **Minoru**, growing strawberries for 40 years. In their retirement, they enjoyed traveling. Mrs. Tao also enjoyed playing bingo at the JACL Senior Center, spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and was an avid SF Giants fan.

Mrs. Tao is survived by her son, **Perry Tao**, of Watsonville; two daughters, **Gail (Bill) Wurtenberg**, of Watsonville, and **Vickie Jew** of Fremont; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of 51 years, **Minoru**; her siblings, **Kay, Roy, and Tom Kaita, Chiyoko Fujii** and **Yacko Fujimoto**.

Memorial service was held May 21 at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple.

W-SC JACL sends its deepest condolences to the Kubota, Yamamoto, and Tao families, relatives and friends.

DONATIONS, GRATEFULLY RECEIVED ...

In memory of **Dr. George Kubota ...**

Maria Gitin Torres of Capitola
Georgene Goodwin of Aptos
Edelgard Heine of Aptos
Patricia Hoskins and Gary Gai of Freedom
Jill Ishiki-Eklund of Santa Cruz
Mary Kelley of Santa Cruz
Dorothy Robinson of Soquel
James and Shannon Seigle of Soquel
Gene and Marsha Wada of Aptos
Mas and Marcia Hashimoto
Victor Kimura
Janice Ichikawa and Mark Andrako of Santa Cruz
Robert and Ashley Halderman of Corralitos
Alan Hiromura of Santa Cruz
George and Patsy Marinelli and Family, Aptos
Stuart Molyneux Family, Aptos
Robert Murphy of Santa Cruz
Janice and Sam Takemoto of Livermore,

In memory of **Kay Yamamoto ...**

Edna and Yukio Nagata
Floy Sakata
Mas and Marcia Hashimoto

In memory of **Mitsue Tao ...**

Esther Ura
Mas and Marcia Hashimoto

In memory of **George and Frances Hoshiyama ...**

Thomas and Debbe Chan

In memory of **Joanne Nishi ...**

Janice Kubota of Aptos

"Day of Remembrance Education Fund"

Greatest Need

Anonymous

Newsletter

Judy Niizawa of Sunnyvale

WHAT IS THE MEMBERSHIP PROCESS?

Marcia mails out membership renewal reminder letters every month. Many of you renew before your due date for which we are truly grateful.

Victor Kimura, our Treasurer, receives the new and renewal forms and deposits the dues payments and emails the information to Marcia, Mas and **Jeanette Hager**.

Jeanette updates our chapter's records on a database and emails the information to National JACL's membership personnel.

Victor sends a check to National corresponding to the number of new, renewals, and youth membership dues received for the month. The distribution of an \$80 individual membership is \$20 remains with our local chapter and \$60 goes to National. National informs the *Pacific Citizen* of any changes. Mas updates the newsletter mailing labels with address changes and of your new due date (6/16 is June 2016). He also acknowledges your new and renewed membership with a note of appreciation.

We are very grateful to all who renew their annual membership on or before their due date for your action saves us time and effort, but more important it tells us of your commitment to the cause of justice, equality and civil rights! Thank you so much!

WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL SENIOR CENTER TRIPS

One-Day Senior Center Trip to Table Mountain Casino**Tuesday, June 28, 2016 8 am to 7:30 pm****\$5 ecash****Cost: Active Senior Center Members \$30; others \$40**For reservation call **Jean Yamashita (408) 813-6539** or **Rubie Kawamoto 854-2028**

Non-Senior Center members are welcome to join us! Seats are still available.

All Senior Center ladies with **David Honda**.

Thurs June 2	Regular Bingo
Sat June 4	Japanese Cultural Fair – Mission Plaza Park, Santa Cruz, 11 am – 6 pm
Thurs June 9	June Birthday Party
Thurs June 16	Father's Day Celebration - potluck
Sat June 25	JACL Community Picnic – Aptos Village Park, 11 am – 4:30 pm
Tues June 28	Table Mt. one-day trip 8 -7:30 pm
Thurs June 23, 30	Regular Bingo

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 be 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.

THE WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL 2016 ANNUAL

Community Picnic

Free admission! Join us for a day of family fun! Everyone is welcome!

SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2016

11:00 AM — 4:30 PM

APTOS VILLAGE PARK
100 APTOS CREEK RD.

GPS: N 36 58.644, W 121 54.154

Lunch

BBQ chicken, hot dogs, chili, rice,
salad, French bread and beverages

TEENS & ADULTS	TO 69 YEARS	\$8
SENIORS	70 YEARS & UP	\$5
CHILDREN	6 TO 12 YEARS	\$5
CHILDREN	5 YEARS & UNDER	FREE

- 11:00-Noon** **Races and Senior Bingo**
- Noon** **Watsonville Taiko**
- 12:25** **Scholarship Presentations**
- 12:45** **LUNCH!**
- 1:45-3:00** **More Races and Senior Bingo**
- 3:00** **Ice Cream Social**
- 3:10-4:30** **Raffle! with many great prizes!**

Parking is limited — Please Carpool!

General public parking is at the upper lot area.
Clearance is needed for fire trucks, so there is
no parking along the driveway down to the park.

Lower parking area is reserved for our volunteers,
Seniors, handicapped, and Watsonville Taiko.



Featured Entertainment

Watsonville Taiko

For more information, contact the
Watsonville-Santa Cruz Japanese
American Citizens League:

Email: wsc.jacl@gmail.com or visit us at
<http://www.watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org>

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: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Please send your check payable to **Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL** and mail ASAP to:
Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL
c/o Jeanette Otsuji Hager, Membership Chair, P. O. Box 163, Watsonville, CA 95077
Thank you so much for your support.
Check out our websites: <http://watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org> and jacl.org.