

Liberty
Lost...



Lessons in
Loyalty

THE WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL Newsletter November 2017

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS ...

"Your chapter members have the most fun," so wrote several readers, citing our Senior Center members playing free bingo every Thursday (50 of 52 weeks); celebrating birthdays and anniversaries; observing national holidays and festivals (both Christian and Buddhist) with catered dinners from famous local restaurants; travel excursions to the casinos, local "follies" and symphonies; Senior exercises and health monitoring, and so much more! Thank you, Senior Center leaders--**Carol and Paul Kaneko, Iwao Yamashita** and daughter **Jean**, and **June and Sunao Honda**.

If you have time on Thursday afternoons, join us at W-SC JACL Kizuka Hall, 150 Blackburn St., Watsonville, CA 95076 from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm. There's plenty of parking across the street. **If you're already a member of our W-SC JACL, there is no additional cost!** If not, consider joining us. Many of your friends are members.

Yes, we're a JACL chapter having fun, but we'll not neglect our duty to civil/human rights, social justice, education, and cultural outreach.

Who are the dedicated W-SC JACL's Board of Directors, and what's their background? Place the numbers that apply after their names:

Gini Matute-Bianchi	<u>6,</u>
Joe Bowes	<u>9,</u>
Jeanette Otsuji Hager	_____
Marcia Hashimoto	_____
Mas Hashimoto	_____
Carol Kaneko	_____
Victor Kimura	_____
Kimiko Marr	_____
Cindy Hirokawa Mine	_____
Gary Mine	_____
Aimee Mizuno	_____
Brooke Kondo Rains	_____
Phil Shima	_____
Norris Woodford	_____
Iwao Yamashita	_____
Jean Yamashita	_____

They range in age from 34 to 90. Our board consists of: (1) *Kibei*, (2) *Nisei*, (3) *Sansei*, (4) *Yonsei*, (5) *Hapa*, (6) Mexican American, (7) African American, (8) Caucasian American, (9) retired CHP officer, (10) nurse, (11) working teacher, (12) retired teacher, (13) dentist, (14) anthropologist, (15) filmmaker, (16) computer whiz, (17) retired flower grower, (18) retired farmer, (19) former chief financial officer, (20) new mother of *Gosei*, (21) born in captivity—Rohwer, Arkansas; (22) veteran of Korean War, (23) soldier during Cold War, (24) retired transit supervisor, (25) baby boomer, (25) *taiko* drum maker, (27) grandparent, (28) great grandparent, (29) software engineer, (30) "Pilgrim" (pilgrimage to camps), (31) incarcerated during WW II.

OUR BUSY W-SC JACL CALENDAR

We are fortunate indeed that in the early 1980s our *Issei* elders (**Tokushige Kizuka** and **Frank Wakayama**) and *Nisei* leaders had the foresight to purchase (at \$55,000) a former church and converted it into the **Tokushige Kizuka W-SC JACL Hall**. In that same decade, our chapter, led by **Ben and Yoko Umeda**, was engaged in fundraising (over \$58,000) for National JACL's successful **Redress and Reparations** legislation. We are grateful for the generosity of our post-war members (many were incarcerated) at a time when wages were only a few dollars an hour.

In the mid-1990s, our chapter raised over \$33,000 toward the building of the **National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism in Washington, D. C.** Our present membership is the beneficiary of their commitment.

Today, we are busy with the Senior Center, Installation of Officers, Directory of Businesses and Professional Services, *Day of Remembrance Observance*, Day of Remembrance Education Fund, Japanese Memorial Garden at the site of the Salinas Assembly Center, Civil Rights issues, Disaster Relief, Youth Scholarships, assist young students with their Nikkei history projects, Northern California Western Nevada Pacific District Council, National JACL, speaker's bureau on the incarceration of World War II, sponsoring cultural events, hosting the traditional community picnic, and publishing a monthly community newsletter.

We assist the Friends and Family of Nisei Veterans and other Nisei veterans' organizations, *Watsonville Taiko*, *Watsonville Bonsai*, and *Kokoro no Gakko*.

In conjunction with National Japanese American Historical Society of San Francisco, Smithsonian Institute Museum of American History, *El Teatro Campesino*, Watsonville Film Festival, LGBTQ organizations, Pajaro Valley Historical Association, *Register-Pajaronian* and *SC Sentinel*, Watsonville City Library, local schools and universities, *et al* we work to bring attention of our Nikkei community.

Attention: the November 2017 Board Meeting will be held on the third Thursday, November 16, 2017 at 6:30 pm, Kizuka Hall because of Thanksgiving. You are most welcome to join us.

There are five elected positions on our Board of Directors, and the ballots will be in the mail to all our W-SC National JACL members in mid-November which must be returned before our December meeting.

We are working with **Sean Parker** and **Dan Carrillo** of *PV Printers* to publish our 2018 edition of the *Community Directory of Businesses and Professional Services*. We are most grateful to all who annually donate an ad to this worthy project in support of our many W-SC JACL projects and programs and hall maintenance expenses.

AH, THE VIBRANT COLORS OF FALL ...

The fall colors are upon us, and for many, this is the best



time of the year. With the nandina plant (above) the fall colors are reflected all year long. Nandina, called "heavenly bamboo" (not of the bamboo family) is beautiful every season. Originally from Asia, they are considered invasive and unwanted in North Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida and now in parts of the northeast USA. The plant is considered toxic. To see this newsletter in full color, click: wscjacl.files.wordpress.com/2017/10/November2017.pdf or go to www.watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org.

WHEN THE HONEYMOON ENDS

When does the honeymoon end?

Recently, we witnessed a beautiful family wedding on the east coast. During a pause, reflections of the honeymoon came to mind.

When I ask couples who have been married for 50 years or more, they'll reply, "We're still on our honeymoon!" How wonderful! And, you can see the twinkle in their eyes with their chuckle ... yes, they are.

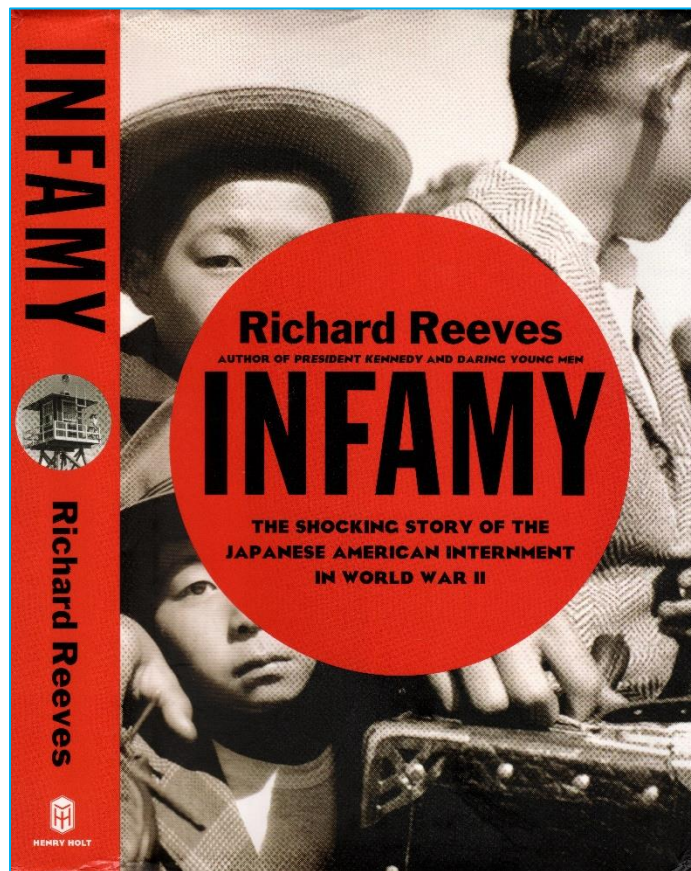
When she came into the bathroom to brush her teeth and I was sitting on the *obenjo*, she thought nothing of it. That's when I knew.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE GRANTS

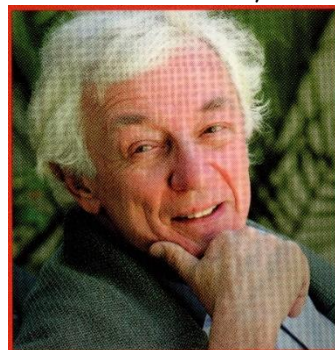
National Park Service intends to release the 2018 Funding Opportunity Announcement for the *Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant Program*, available on www.grants.gov and the grant program's website: <https://www.nps.gov/jacs/>. Check it out.

Applications must be received no later than **Wednesday, November 1, 2017 by 5 P.M.** (Mountain Time, not a postmark date). The *Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant Program* provides financial assistance to organizations and entities working to preserve historic Japanese American confinement sites and their history, including: private nonprofit organizations; educational institutions; state, local, and tribal governments; and other public entities, for the preservation and interpretation of U.S. confinement sites where Japanese Americans were detained during WW II.

[Editor's note: how much did the US Government spend and waste on our wartime incarceration from 1942-1946? How much did the Nikkei nation lose because of the incarceration?]



Richard Reeves, the bestselling author of "President



Kennedy: Profile of Power," is an award-winning journalist who has worked for "The New York Times," written for "The New Yorker," and served as chief correspondent for "Frontline" on PBS. Currently, he is the senior lecturer at the Annenberg

School for Communication and Journalism at the University of Southern California.

Acclaimed historian, Reeves interviewed incarcerated, read numerous private letters and memoirs, and combed through archives to deliver a sweeping narrative of this atrocity. Men we usually consider heroes—FDR, Earl Warren, Edward R. Murrow and many others—were, in this case, villains. We also learn of Americans, who at great risk to their lives and career, defended our rights.

"Richard Reeves's book on the harsh, prolonged, and unjustified internment of Japanese Americans during World War II is a detailed account of the painful and shameful period in modern American history. *Infamy* combines Reeves's journalist's training with his historian's eye to give us a page-turner on how hysteria at the highest level can shatter our most fundamental rights.

Brace yourself and read this very important book." **Tom Brokaw**, author of "The Greatest Generation."

[Editor's note: This book is a must read for all who are interested in learning about what really happened--why it happened, how it happened, and the consequences. Unlike scholarly dissertations for a limited audience, Reeves writes inviting the young to explore our unique history and contributions and the incarcerated to remember and relive the hardships.]

While the names of some participants are missing, their stories are included. Written as recently as 2015, our history is "up-to-date."

Can it happen again? Yes, of course. Why? Racism continues to flourish in this nation's government. Will it be Muslims? Reporters and producers of "Fake News"? Others?]

www.richardreeves.com.

www.henryholt.com (publisher)]

THE SPEAKING SEASON HAS BEGUN ...

Poston, AZ Camp II incarcerated **Mas Hashimoto** spoke on our wartime incarceration during WW II to **Watsonville Rotary** on Wed. Sept 27, and he is looking forward to meeting **Cub Scouts** in San Jose on Nov. 5th, **Gavilan College** on Nov. 8, and **Robert Louis Stevenson High School** of Pebble Beach, CA, date TBA.

If your school, university or adult organization wishes to learn more about the incarceration of Japanese and Japanese Americans during WW II, please email him at hashi79@sbcglobal.net. He answers his email quickly. There is never a charge or an honorarium accepted.

75 YEARS AGO - JAPANESE INTERNMENT

GAVILAN COLLEGE

WESTERN DENIAL COMMAND AND FOURTH ARMY
WARTIME CIVIL CONTROL ADMINISTRATION
Proclamation of San Francisco, California
April 1, 1942

INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL PERSONS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY
Living in the Following Area:

75 years after Executive Order 9066, historian and educator Mas Hashimoto will be speaking about his experiences in a Japanese internment camp during WW II. At this interactive event, you'll learn about what it was like for the families who were sent from their homes to these camps after the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

Guest Lecturer Mas Hashimoto
November 8, 2017
2:30 PM - 3:55 PM
Study Room, Library 170

WATSONVILLE TAIKO AND SHINSEI DAIKO

By Bonnie Chihara

We have been spending two months working on the **Holiday Boutique** scheduled for **Sunday, November 19th from 12-5 pm** at the W-SC JACL Kizuka Hall, 150 Blackburn Street, Watsonville, CA 95076.

We will have over 100 gift baskets and gift certificates available for your holiday shopping as well as two raffles. Our Asian inspired quilt raffle is our main raffle, but we will have a second raffle with many interesting and fun prizes. We will have a bake sale and local vendors selling their unique wares. **Taiko** member

Takako Gilbert will be making and selling *inari* *sushi* and *miso* soup. Please invite your friends and families to join us on this day. Free admittance!

Watsonville Taiko's Annual
Holiday Boutique & Raffle

Sunday November 19, 2017
Noon - 5:00pm
Kizuka Hall
150 Blackburn ST., Watsonville

Join us for Holiday Fun & Shopping!
Free Admission!

Japanese Motif Quilt Raffle \$10-
Pick Your Prize Raffle \$2-

Arts & Crafts, Gift Certificates, Bake sale,
Theme Baskets & much more!

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JAPANESE-AMERICAN NATIONAL ARTS

We have classes for all ages. Our beginning children's class is scheduled at 4:30 pm on Fridays and are held at Kizuka Hall in Watsonville. Our beginning adult classes are scheduled for 7 pm also at Kizuka Hall. For times and locations for our other classes please contact **Kay Miyamoto** at 831 475 1088 or email us at info@watsonvilletaiko.org.

Our upcoming schedule:

Nov. 19th Watsonville Taiko's Annual Holiday Boutique and Raffle

Dec. 3rd Watsonville Multi-Cultural Observance



Who will win this beautiful handcrafted quilt by **Bonnie Chihara**?

WATSONVILLE FILM FESTIVAL, 2017

Aloha! This year's WFF honored film Director **Tadashi Nakamura** with the 2017 *Inspirational Filmmaker Award* for his film, **Mele (song) Murals**, on Sat., Oct. 7, at the Henry J. Mello Center for the Performing Arts. W-SC JACL and UCSC sponsored Nakamura's film and award presentation.



Mas and Marcia Hashimoto, Tadashi Nakamura, and Paul and Carol Kaneko. Photo by Victor Kimura.

The film documents the transformative power of modern graffiti art and ancient Hawaiian culture for a new generation of Native Hawaiians. At the center of the story are two renowned street artists—**Estria Miyashiro** (aka Estria) and **John Hina** (aka Prime)—along with a group of Native Hawaiian youth, and the rural community of Waimea.

Director Nakamura is known for his growing body of powerful documentary work focusing on the Hawaiian and Japanese American communities. His film credits include *Jake Shimabukuro: Life on Four Strings*, *A Song for Ourselves*, *Pilgrimage*, and his newest, *Mele Murals*.

Nakamura is a multi-award-winning documentary filmmaker, named one of *CNN's Young People Who Rock* for being the youngest filmmaker at the 2008 *Sundance Film Festival*, and his films have been broadcast nationally by **PBS**. He is a graduate of the **UCSC's Social Documentation MFA Program**.

[Editor's note: Watching Nakamura's story unfold with the painting of the murals, Michelangelo's painting (fresco) of the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel telling a story came to mind.]

HAPPY 46TH ANNIVERSARY! OCTOBER SENIOR CENTER NEWS by Carol Kaneko and Jean Yamashita

The **46th Anniversary** (1971-2017) of the Senior Center was celebrated on a very pleasant afternoon of Thursday, October 5th at the W-SC JACL Tokushige Kizuka HALL.



The opening ceremony began with the Seniors standing to sing "God Bless America."

President **Marcia Hashimoto** gave greetings and congratulations from our W-SC JACL chapter, and **Chie Sakaue** sang a traditional congratulatory *Shigin*.



Ten of our thirty 90+ year-old Seniors: **Mitzi Katsuyama** 97, **Hide Nagamine** 96, **Chiyeiko Shikuma** 92, **Haru Ishibashi** 91, **Kimiyo Fujii** 91, **Yaeko Cross** 90, **Rubie Kawamoto** 90, **Iwao Yamashita** 90, **Miye Yamashita** 99, and **Tea Hashimoto** 96 were present to receive a beautiful plant and to cut the cake.



Phil Shima took the above 46th Anniversary Senior Center group photo and provided a large photo for our Senior Center photo album. He will make 8 x 10 copies (with all the names listed on the bottom) for \$5 each. Please see Phil if you would like to order a photo.

Kimiko Marr presented a wonderful slide show of the highlights of the past year, and after a few games of Bingo, we all enjoyed *obento* from *Mitsuwa*. The slide show can be seen on the JACL website: watsonvillesantacruzjACL.org.

Thank you to all who made your anniversary donation. If you have not made your monetary donation, please do so to **Carol Kaneko** or **Toshi Yamashita**.

The beautiful flower arrangements on the head table and individual tables were created by **Hisako Kodama**, **Jean Akiyama**, **Nancy Kuratomi**, and **Mitsuyo Tao**.

Nancy Iwami, 103, (shown below with Paul and Carol



Kaneko and June Honda) and her daughter, **Nancy Jean Mattson**, surprised us all when they walked through

the door on October 12! It was wonderful to see them and to see Nancy looking as young and spry as ever!

Thanks to our October *tobans*: **Reba Condon, Pat Marr** and **Kimiko Marr**. New member **Connie Dimas** stepped right in and was a big help this month. **Paul Kaneko** was in charge of opening up this month. Thanks to all our members who are always available to help out.

The Seniors have the following one-day bus trip planned: Our annual San Francisco Japantown and Marukai/Cupertino shopping trip on Tuesday, December 5th. Cost is \$30 for Senior members; \$40 for non-members. Please sign up with Jean Yamashita. Please come and join us for a fun-filled day!



Willie Yahiro gave a presentation to the Seniors regarding **Medicare Part D**. You can make changes to your pharmacy (Part D) plan from October 15 to December 7. Please call Willie at (831) 728-1237 if you have questions.

Paul announced the sad news that **Fred Oda** had passed away on September 27. Fred was a long-time member of our Senior Center and the Watsonville community. We will miss his ready smile, his sense of humor, and having interesting conversations with him. We send our condolences to his family. Services will be private.

Jean Yamashita reminded everyone that the Watsonville Buddhist Temple's 110th Anniversary will be Saturday, November 4th from 10 am to 2:30 pm. There will be a luncheon (\$15), program, and service. RSVP for the luncheon by October 7th.



Thanks to **Jean and Iwao Yamashita** who have been bringing lots of home-grown *kabocha* to everyone. Jean also provided some helpful tips on how to cook *kabocha* for those who needed help.

The October birthday party will be combined with the November party on Thursday, November 9.

Jean Yamashita announced a "**Best Costume**" competition for our Halloween meeting on October 26th and encouraged everyone to dress up. She will also have a new game, "pass the *kabocha*," to show us. Winners will be announced in next month's Senior Center News. Stay tuned!

We welcome new members **Connie Dimas, Patty Vasquez**, and **Sumi Yamada**, sister of **Jean Akiyama**. Sumi is a regular participant on our trips, and we are glad to have her finally join us!

It was nice to see **Judy Hane, Kitty Mizuno, Eiko Nishihara, Yoshiko Nishihara**, and **Jeanette Crosetti** back playing Bingo again. We welcomed guests **Angie Guzman, June Cornelius** who is the daughter of **Ruby Nakamura**, and **Sharon Bobo's** sister.

Earlier on Wed., Sept. 27th, 28 perky Seniors and guests boarded the bus to *Table Mountain Casino*, anticipating a fun day filled with good fortune. With \$15 free bonus play money and \$5 food voucher in hand, the Seniors happily spent the afternoon at the casino – some enjoying *sushi* and a variety of edibles at the "Asian Bistro" buffet and/or hoping to strike it rich on a lucky slot machine or gaming table. At the end of our casino visit, some lucky Seniors actually walked away a little richer – whoo-hoo!

On the trip home, the Seniors enjoyed watching the video "Obachan's Garden".

Many thanks for the delicious goodies donated by: **Jean Akiyama, Yaeko Cross, Teruko Hirahara, Paul & Carol Kaneko, Rubie Kawamoto, Cindy Mine, Edna Nagata, Jackie Yamashita, Toshi Yamashita, Jean Yamashita**, and **W-SC JACL**. Also, special thanks to trip helpers **Rubie Kawamoto** (trip signups/payments), **Carol Kaneko** (trip treasurer), **Cindy Mine** (trip nurse), **Jackie Yamashita, Cindy Mine, Toshi Yamashita, Connie Dimas** (goodie assistance), **Carol/Paul Kaneko** (overall trip support), and **Jean Yamashita** (trip coordinator). Finally, a big "Thank you!" to all the Seniors and guests for joining us on this trip!

Monetary donations for the month of September gratefully received from: **Chiyeko Shikuma, Jane Sugidono**, and **Pat Marr**; in *memory* of **Fred Oda** from **Jean Akiyama, June and Sunao Honda, Jane Sugidono**, and **Paul and Carol Kaneko**; in *memory* of **Mary Okamoto**, from **Gerald and Nancy Yamada**; and **Watsonville Rotary Club** through **Dr. Art Hayashi**.

A special Thank You to all who generously donated to our 46th Anniversary Celebration. Thanks to all for your generosity.

Thank you for all the wonderful bingo prizes:

Edna Nagata	6 boxes <i>Kleenex</i> , 300 paper plates
Mary Perez	4 bags apples
Kitty Mizuno	6 rolls bath tissue
Jean/Iwao Yamashita	32 bags tomatoes, 14 bags <i>kabocha</i>
Rubie Kawamoto	3 bags <i>Oreo</i> cookies, 12 boxes <i>Kleenex</i> , 3 bags <i>chagashi</i>
June/Sunao Honda	6 pineapple zucchini bread with walnuts, 6 <i>azuki</i> cookies, plates blueberry <i>mochi</i>

Toshi Yamashita
Reba Condon

Reiko Yamamoto
Jean Akiyama

Itsuko Okamoto
Eiko Stewart
Bette Garcia

Terry Hirahara

Nobuko Akiyama
Hide Nagamine
Kimiyo Fujii
Miyeko Yamashita
Nobue Fujii
Eileen Byers
Jeanette Crosetti
Gail Wurtenberg
Kim Tao

Victor Kimura
Pat/Kimiko Marr

Sharon Bobo
Yoshiko Nishihara
Eiko Nishihara
Mitzi Katsuyama

Stay healthy and active, and keep doing your balance exercises three times a day! Thanks for coming, and see you next month. We have a very busy November and December at the Senior Center coming up!

Please check out our Senior Center website to read the Senior Center News, see pictures of our Seniors in living color, and see our calendar of events:

kizukahallseniors.wordpress.com.

WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE NEWS

Welcome **Maxwell Ichiro Tao!**



Mike, Maxwell Ichiro (baby), Dina Tao with Rev. Jay Shinseki who officiated the *Hatsumairi* service.

Fly, Fly, Little Bird

I miss the Bluebird of Happiness
That erased all our worries and stress.
But soaring prices and the threat of Isis
Continue to cause unrest.

The good old days are in the tank.
It is the worst since the Titanic sank.
Business foreclosures, corruption exposures
Remind me of a Halloween prank.

Our health plan is going nowhere.
We pay through the nose for Medicare.
We are up to our gills with prescription pills,
It is no wonder we are losing our hair.

We yearn for a life that is safe and serene.
With violence, few, and far between.
May anger and hate, go out of date,
And quietly depart from the scene.

We are all different, you and I,
But we can live in harmony, if we try.
You are you, and I am who I am,
So, can't we co-exist, without asking why?
We once rock and rolled, filled with zest.
We were energetic, spirited and effervesced.
No worries or woes, we had friends, not foes,
Living a life that was truly blessed.

But alas! All is not, doom and gloom.
In the horizon, happiness does loom.
With love, our children will make amends
As they all together, shoot for the moon.

A child is beautiful; A work of art.
They have no cobwebs in their heart.
They deserve a world of peace and joy,
So, let us give them a running start.

janice tao

A most beautiful child is **Maxwell Ichiro Tao**.



Dean, Kaitlin, and Lisa Sakae, Mike, Maxwell Ichiro (baby), and Dina Tao, Janice Tao, Nobuko Bahnasy, (two grandmothers), Susan Tao, Hayley Sakae, and Dale Takeda. Photos, courtesy of **Richard Uyematsu**.

WBT calendar for November 2017:

1	Wed	4 pm	BWA meeting
4	Sat	10 am – 2:30 pm	110 th Year Anniversary
5	Sun		No Sunday Service
7	Tues	7:30 pm	Temple Board Meeting
9	Thurs	10 am	ABA Meeting
10	Fri		Secretary out of office
12	Sun	10 am	Sunday Service
13	Mon		Veterans' Day Office closed
14	Tues	6:30 pm	President's meeting
19	Sun	10 am	Shotsuki Hoyo, BWA Memorial, Eitaikyo Service with luncheon to follow
23	Thurs		Thanksgiving Day, Office closed
24	Fri		Office closed
26	Sun		No Sunday Service in Watsonville

Shotsuki Hoyo Service

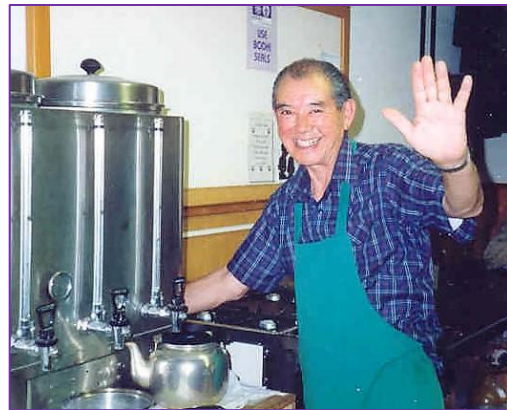
10 am Sunday, November 19, 2017

Let us gather to remember and to express our gratitude. The families of the following deceased are invited to attend the November service and do *Oshoko* (offer incense). We look forward to seeing you at the service.

November Memorial List

Akiyama, Sadatoshi	Aoki, Tom Tsutomu
Aramaki, Kumaki	Arao, Henry Akio
Arao, Taisuke	Arita, Yoshino
Eto, Mitsugu	Fukuhara, Helen Natsuko
Fujii, Chizue	Fujita, Shinhichi
Fujita, Yoshio	Hamada, Sasayo
Hara, Toraji	Higaki, Dick Takashi
Idemoto, Mitsuji	Iwanaga, Fujino
Iwanaga, Tokiuyemon Jim	Izumizaki, Sadao
Kadotani, Hana	Kadotani, Peggy Ayako
Kaita, Kiyomi	Kajihara, Bill Kennich
Kajihara, Masayo	Kajihara, Sadao
Kajihara, Shizuko	Kajihara, Takeshi
Kamimoto, Yoshiko	Kinoshita, Mrs. Hatsumo
Kohara, Kimi	Kohara, Shinnosuke
Matsunami, Kunishige	Mino, Barbara Ayako
Mio, Kazuji "Kaz"	Misumi, Saburo
Nagamine, Daisy Iku	Nakahara, Chikiye
Nakamori, Natsu	Nishita, Hiroshi
Nitta, Tokuki	Oda, Betty
Ogawa, Chiyo	Okamoto, Fumiko
Ota, Lois	Sakae, Roy
Shiotani, Fumiko Frances	Shirachi, Ryu
Sukekane, Ayano	Tada, Ben
Takei, Jean	Tao, Katsumi Jim
Tominaga, Tatsuyoshi "Tats"	Tsuda, Tomio
Ura, Senzo	Wada, Masao
Wakayama, Fusajiro	Wobber, William
Yagi, Tami	Yamakoshi, Kikuyo
Yamamoto, Kiku	Yamashita, Hideo
Yoshida, Kuni	

We mourn the Sept. 2017 passing of **Fred Oda** who, for decades, served as our "tea master" during the Temple's many festivities. We will miss him. A private family service was held.



Passing of Rev. James (Jim) Toyoji Shodo Yanagihara

Rev. Jim, who served our Temple (1980-1983), recently passed away. We are grateful that he served as minister and advisor during our Temple's 75th anniversary in 1981.

There will be two services: the first to be held in Fowler, CA (his first assignment) on Saturday, October 28, 2017 at 2 pm and a separate BCA sponsored service to be held on Sun. Nov. 12 at 3 pm at the Gardena Buddhist Church.

This photo was taken during the 100th anniversary of our Temple in 2006.



On Oct. 8th, **Rev. Jerry Hirano**, was the guest speaker at the Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple in the morning and Watsonville Buddhist Temple in the afternoon. He praised our Watsonville Buddhist Temple *Sangha* for the years of loving care given Rev. S. Hanayama during his declining health problems. He considered us the very best *Sangha*!

Those BWA members who have passed away will be remembered at Sunday's, Nov. 19 service at 10 am.

ABA Memorial will be held in late January, 2018.

There will not be a YBA this year due to so few members.

The New Year's Potluck will be held on Sunday, Jan. 7, 2018 with the Temple Installation of Officers.

Dr. Gerald Kondo thanks everyone for making this year's chicken teriyaki take-out dinner such a success.

Military Intelligence Service Historic Learning Center National Japanese American Historical Society Inc., Saturday, November 11, 2017

Dear friends and family,

I am writing to you to invite you to "WE ARE ALL AMERICANS! Tribute to Nikkei Veterans," our annual Veterans Day weekend on **Saturday, November 11, 2017**, 10 am – 12 noon, followed by a private lunch reception to celebrate our veterans who served in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam.

to be American. Illuminating this spirit, will be featured speaker **Lawson Sakai**, 442nd RCT, Friends & Family of Nisei Veterans, followed by a special performance of GO FOR BROKE! Tribute to Nisei Veterans by **Anthony Brown's Asian American Orchestra** with famed poet **Janice Mirikitani**.

In honoring the 100th Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the Military Intelligence Service, and those who served in the Korean and Vietnam wars, please join us in paying tribute to all Nikkei veterans by attending this Veterans Day event or by making a gift in honor or in memory of your loved one. Gifts are matched with our recent National Park Service grant awards totaling \$366,946.

Your support will preserve all of our history in the most meaningful way!

Sincerely,

Jane Ma, Event Chair, NJAHS, 1684 Post Street, San Francisco, CA 94115-3604

WATSONVILLE'S VETERANS' DAY PROGRAM



On Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017, US military veterans of all the services are invited to meet at the parking lot of St. Patrick's Church before 10:00 am. From there they will march in cadence (those who are unable may ride in provided vehicles) down Main Street to the **Veterans Memorial Building** on East Beach St. where a special program will begin at 10:45 am.

You are invited to join us in honoring the veterans who served so admirably in the armed conflicts of the USA.

Here is the program:

Color Guard United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps
Master of Ceremonies Todd McFarren US Marine Sgt
Ring of the Bell Harry Wiggins LTC (Ret) US Army
"Pledge of Allegiance" Harry Wiggins
"Star Spangled Banner" Diana McGuffey
Opening PrayerCapt. Harold Laubach Salvation Army
Welcoming Bill Neighbors
Special GuestsDean Kaufman, Lorena Vazquez
Veterans Services
"America the Beautiful" Diana McGuffey
Veteran's Awards

VFW Post 1716 U.S. Navy Ralph Hernandez
American Legion Post 121 U.S. Army Jim P. Carter
Assembly member Ana Caballero,
Supervisor Greg Caput,
Supervisor Zach Friend,
Mayor Oscar Rios

We Are All Americans
Tribute to Nikkei Veterans
75th Anniversary Commemoration of E.O. 9066
Saturday, November 11, 2017

On the anniversary of E.O. 9066, join us Veterans Day weekend to pay tribute to our Nikkei veterans for their sacrifice. Help share their stories, now more than ever!

RSVP by October 31, 2017
On line Reservations:
www.njahs.org/mis
Call. 415-921-5007

FREE Public Ceremony 10AM
MIS Historic Learning Center,
Building 640, Presidio of S.F.
Mike Inouye, NBC11 Emcee
Lawson Sakai, 442nd RCT Keynote
Special Performance
GO FOR BROKE!
Anthony Brown's Asian American Orchestra
with poet **Janice Mirikitani**

Private Lunch Reception to follow
New Exhibit Opens: 2 - 5 PM
ARTIST'S EYES: ART OF INCARCERATION

This event is hosted at the Military Intelligence Service Historic Learning Center, Building 640, 640 Old Mason Street, at Crissy Field, in the Presidio of San Francisco.

As the proud daughter-in-law of **Masami Fujimoto**, who served in the MIS, with his brother **Kenji Fujimoto**, I am honored to chair this year's event. I feel a strong connection not only to this historic site, but to preserving the legacy of sacrifice and honor for future generations of Americans.

As you know, Building 640 is the site of the original US Army language school where Nisei linguist soldiers secretly trained five weeks prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor of Dec. 7th, 1941. From its humble beginnings, the school grew to what is now known as the Defense Language Institute and Foreign Language Center (DLIFLC) at the Presidio of Monterey. Commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Executive Order 9066, now more than ever, we call attention to these men and women who showed what it meant for them

Military Songs Watsonville Band
 Rifle Salute VFW Post 1716 Honor Guard
 Taps Tony Rojas, Bugler
 Retire Flags United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps
 Closing Prayer Capt. Harold Laubach Salvation Army

NISEI VETERANS' REUNION SPONSORED BY FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF NISEI VETERANS by Jean Yamashita

This is the second year my Dad--**Iwao Yamashita**, Korean War MIS Veteran--and I attended this wonderful annual veteran gathering in the California Hotel in Las Vegas, October 15th - 19th, 2017.



Dad and **Kaz Kurasaki** of San Juan Bautista in the hospitality suite. The hospitality suites were terrific areas for people to gather, become reacquainted, and enjoy assorted delectables.

Janet Ito, daughter of **Lawson Sakai**, 442nd RCT, the reunion coordinator, did an extraordinary job organizing and hosting this very memorable event.

Veterans and families from all over the country, primarily from Los Angeles and Hawaii, flew or drove to Las Vegas to meet old and new friends. Thirteen 442nd RCT veterans representing the 100th Battalion A Company, Medic, Cannon, Headquarters, Service, E, I, and L. Companies attended. One Military Intelligence Service (MIS) and two Korean War veterans also made the journey. Some needed wheelchairs and others confidently walked. In the spirit of camaraderie, they gathered in two hospitality rooms. In total, nearly 200 family members, friends, and supporters attended

There were several moving movies shown during the day as well as many touching and amazing stories told. Of course, folks were also free to gamble, go shopping, roam the strip, and just have a good time.

There were two banquets held: The first on Monday evening was the Welcome Banquet. The program included a presentation by **Shane Sato** and **Robert Horsting** on their book, "The Go for Broke Spirit: Portraits of Courage." Entertainment was provided by the Hawaiian 100th Battalion group, led by **Ann Kabasawa**.

The Farewell Banquet was held on Wednesday afternoon. **Stacey Hayashi**, author of "Journey of Heroes" presented a preview of her upcoming feature film, "Go For Broke - a 442 Origins Story," which depicts a group of University of Hawaii ROTC students following the attack on

Pearl Harbor and their struggles throughout including their historic battles as the original 100th Infantry Battalion.

Representatives from the Special Service Force, which briefly fought with the 442nd RCT and who also supported the MIS in the early years of the Pacific Campaign, presented its Congressional Gold Medal (replica) to the Go For Broke National Education Center.



Lawson Sakai (above) and the late **Frank Inami** are featured in the book as well as many other veterans.



Included in the program, for the raffle, was a hand-made quilt donated by **Milo Yoshino** and his wife.



Among the friends from our area who attended this reunion were **Christine and Joe Bowes**.



442nd RCT veterans **Lawson Sakai** and **Sam Sakamoto** with **Franz Steidl** enjoyed the reunion.

Many thanks to **Janet Ito**, **Lawson Sakai**, and all their family members and volunteers who made this awesome event so successful!

We had such a great time! Time just flew by!

We invite everyone to join FFNV and attend next year's reunion (date TBA). Please visit www.ffnv.org for more information about FFNV and its activities.

WESTVIEW CHIMES by **Leslie Nagata Garcia**



Gratitude makes life sparkle!



The beauty of gratitude is reflected in a newspaper story of some years ago:

The District of Columbia police auctioned off about 100 unclaimed bicycles Friday. "One dollar," said an 11-year-old boy as the bidding opened on the first bike. The bidding, however, went much higher. "One dollar," the boy repeated hopefully each time another bike came up. The auctioneer, who had been auctioning stolen or lost bikes for 43 years, noticed that the boy's hopes seemed to soar higher whenever a racer-type bicycle was put up.

Then there was just one racer left. The bidding went to eight dollars. "Sold to that boy over there for nine dollars!" said the auctioneer. He took eight dollars from his own pocket and asked the boy for his dollar. The youngster turned it over in pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters—took his bike, and started to leave. But he went only a few feet. Carefully parking his new possession, he went back, gratefully threw his arms around the auctioneer's neck, and cried.

When was the last time we felt gratitude as deeply as did this boy?

What enables gratitude in the first place?

According to Mark T. Mitchell, professor of political science at Patrick Henry College in Virginia:

Gratitude is born of humility, for it acknowledges the giftedness of the creation and the benevolence of the Creator. This recognition gives birth to acts marked by attention and responsibility.

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows" ([James 1:16-18](#))

May we constantly stop and remember the Great Giver and then throw our arms around God's neck and say thank you! In addition, as we are immersed in God's goodness through gratitude, may our lives overflow as a blessing to others!

Amidst the tragedies of fires, hurricanes and quakes affecting those around us, may we respond with gratitude for our own blessings and then with generosity to those in need.

Happy Month of Thanksgiving to you! I am grateful for you, the Westview Family. May God fill our hearts with the gift of gratitude this holiday season. Gratitude makes life SPARKLE!

Much love and in Gratitude to our Savior,
Pastor Dan



Westview held its annual Harvest Dinner on October 21, 2017. A delicious chicken teriyaki dinner was prepared at the church and friends of Westview brought a variety of wonderful salads from home.





Slides were shown by Rev. Dan of the recent devastation in Cuba from the hurricane. Freewill donations of over \$1700 were collected. The proceeds are going to be helping those whose homes were damaged by the hurricane by providing tarps for houses that no longer have roofs.

This event is always a great time for fellowship!!

Thank you to everyone who attended our event and/or gave donations for a great cause.



Help Your Youth/Children Grow a Strong Foundation in Christ!! *Youth/Family Upcoming Events:*

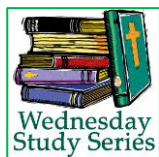
Gym Nites are usually the **1st** and **3rd Friday** of each month, from **5:30 – 7:30 pm**, at **Westview**. Mark your calendars for the following dates:



- **November 3rd: Youth Gym Nite – Night Hike in Nisene Marks!! Bring a flashlight. Sandwiches provided 4:45 – 7:45; Meet at Rev. Hoffman's.**



- **November 17th: (Sunday): Youth Gym Nite, 5:30 – 8:00 pm, Westview – Murder!!**



Every **2nd** and **4th Wednesday** of each month **6:45 pm** at **Paloma Del Mar, 2030 Pajaro Lane** in **Freedom**. We are studying **Bryan Loritts' book, *Saving the Saved: How Jesus saves us from try-harder***

Christianity into performance-free love. Join us! It has been a delight to make new friends and "be church" at Paloma Del Mar! **Due to the holidays** we will only be meeting on **November 8th** and **December 13th** and will resume twice a month in January.

We will begin serving again first Fridays of the month from December through April, **starting December 1**. Come enjoy cooking and fellowship on Friday afternoons! Call Marlon or Pastor Dan for details.



Sunday Message Series: - We are amidst the series **"None Like God!"** based on a book by **Jen Wilkin**. God is self-existent, self-sufficient, eternal, immutable, omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent, sovereign, infinite, and incomprehensible. We are NOT, and that is a good thing! We will learn about the qualities God has that we do not, and learn to celebrate the freedom that comes when we rest in letting God be God!



Tutoring Club Update: We continue to serve several students on a one-on-one basis at different times during the week. It is a delight to reach out with love and care for our neighbors. If you would like to participate in any way please contact Pastor Dan, Susan Manabe, or Mary Lou.

#NoMuslimBanEver Campaign

Washington, D.C. - On Wednesday, October 18, the JACL marched in solidarity with various other organizations and people against the Muslim ban. This mobilization was a part of the #NoMuslimBanEver campaign and featured different speakers including members of the Muslim communities affected by the ban as well as allies from diverse backgrounds.



Holly Yasui, daughter of **Minoru Yasui**, spoke at the beginning of the rally held in front of the White House.

Later on, that day, there was a post-rally screening of **Never Give Up! Minoru Yasui and the Fight for Justice** presented by Holly Yasui. After the screening Holly Yasui engaged in a discussion with **Zainab Chaundry** and **Jehan Hakim**, speaking of the parallels of the Japanese American experience and the Muslim ban today.

WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL OPPOSES THE FENCE-WALL AROUND TULE LAKE CAMP

September 28, 2017

Mr. Mitch Crosby
Modoc County Road Commissioner
202 West 4th St.,
Alturas, CA 96101
mitchcrosby@co.modoc.ca.us

Dear Mr. Crosby,

We are writing to you in regards to the proposed fence around the Tulelake Municipal Airport. While we understand your concerns about keeping out wildlife to prevent aviation accidents, we are also deeply concerned that part of our history will become inaccessible to former inmates as well as future generations.

To Japanese Americans, the ten plus former concentration camp sites throughout the United States are not just a reminder of a painful period in American history that we must never let happen again, but they are also spiritual sites. Families visit the sites and attend pilgrimages for various reasons - they grieve for what their parents and grandparents endured, they celebrate the stories of survival and *gaman* (enduring the seemingly unbearable with patience and dignity) and they try to understand how this atrocity began a cycle of generational trauma in the community.

This site not only holds historical importance for Japanese Americans, but also for the local residents. After all, the Tule Lake Concentration Camp affected all those around it. Is there no way to compromise? It shouldn't be an "us vs. them" fight because in the end, we are all in this together as fellow Americans.

The Tule Lake site is an important part of our American history and should be preserved for future generations.

Thank you for hearing our concerns.

Kimiko Marr, Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL Board of Directors, and 50 members.

MULTI-CULTURAL EVENT, DEC. 3

We wish to thank all who attended and supported our Applebee's breakfast fundraiser on Sat. Oct. 14 and our Cassidy's Pizza night, Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2017.



Jean Akiyama, Nobue Fujii, Mitsuyo Tao, and Janice Tao with Marcia Hashimoto (our W-SC JACL representative on the Multi-Cultural Committee) were among the many *Nikkei* who donated to our cultural festival's fundraiser. We appreciate all those who support this important event.

We encourage everyone to enjoy an afternoon of beautiful cultural entertainment, enriching activities, and delicious cuisine from various ethnic groups on Dec. 3rd.

Watsonville Taiko will perform at Watsonville's Cabrillo College steps on Union Street at 2 pm to welcome the community to the festival. Please visit our JACL booth where you will learn to write your name in *katakana* Japanese on a personally decorated bookmark and engage in the art of *origami*, paper folding.

The Multi-Cultural Celebration, which is scheduled for **Sunday, December 3** at the Watsonville City Plaza from 2 to 4:30 pm, provides an opportunity to build unity and promote understanding and appreciation of the many wonderful cultures in Watsonville. Children of all ages are most welcome. Admission is free.

WATSONVILLE MULTICULTURAL CELEBRATION
HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Sunday, Dec. 3rd
at the City Plaza

- LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
- MULTICULTURAL FOOD
- VISIT FROM SANTA CLAUS
- LIGHTING THE HOLIDAY TREE
- ACTIVITIES FOR EVERYBODY

Multicultural Celebration @ 2 p.m.
Tree Lighting Ceremony @ 5 p.m.

CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS IN THE PLAZA & REDISCOVER DOWNTOWN WATSONVILLE

CALIFORNIA WILD FIRES FROM BCA

As you may be aware, wildfires are burning throughout the State of California. We have been in communication with entities such as the *Enmanji* Buddhist Temple (Sebastopol, CA) and President, Kent Matsuda who are in or near the affected areas. Dr. Matsuda informed us that the *Enmanji* Temple, which was not in the direct line of the fires, opened its doors to house members who had to evacuate their homes. We are grateful that the temple was able to provide a safe space and shelter to those who needed it.

The BCA's Social Welfare Fund can use your help. The annual Thanksgiving solicitation letter will be mailed out at the beginning of November. With this in mind, we ask members and friends to please donate to the BCA Social Welfare program whose purpose is to provide aide to those suffering from deprivation of basic human needs, such as the victims of these devastating wildfires. You may also donate to the Social Welfare Fund immediately at

<http://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/social-welfare-fund-thankgiving-offering/>

Members and friends may also donate directly to their agency or group of choice to aid in this disaster.

Thank you for your support.

Gassho,
Buddhist Churches of America

[Editor's note: During the Loma Prieta Earthquake of October 17, 1989, the Watsonville Buddhist Temple, Westview Presbyterian Church and the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL opened their doors to assist those who lost their homes.]

IN REMEMBRANCE ...

KIYOKO "KIYO" ARAO ...



Saratoga — **Kiyo Arai**, age 84, passed away peacefully with her family by her side. She was born and raised in Watsonville, CA until being incarcerated in Poston, Arizona (Incarceration Camp) during World War II. She was the youngest in the family of ten siblings.

After the war ended, she lived in Denver and Chicago before returning home to Watsonville, where she graduated as Salutatorian from Watsonville High School. She met her future husband **Takanori Arai** of nearby Davenport, and they married on Feb. 3, 1957. They had three children **Karen (Kendall)** of Los Gatos, **John (Lois)** of San Jose, and **Jimmy (Yoshiko)** of Seaside. Grandchildren: **Stephanie and Melissa Wilcox, Jenna Kumamaru, and Bruce Arai**. She also had numerous nieces and nephews.



A 2006 photo: **Kiyo Arai**, grandson **Bruce**; standing **Yoshiko and Jim Arai, John and Lois Arai**.

She worked as the school secretary for Linscott Elementary, MacQuiddy Elementary and then Bradley Elementary. She had many friends from each of these schools who have remained friends to this day.

She was an active member of the Watsonville Buddhist Temple and the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL Senior Center group. She enjoyed going gambling with family or with the Seniors. Although she hardly ever came home ahead, she always had a great time.

She enjoyed dancing and crocheting and was very talented. Her nimble fingers worked so fast as she quickly completed projects (making lap blankets for seniors and slippers for family and friends).

Her grandchildren were the light of her life, and she always was thrilled to see them. She loved talking to them and hearing what was going on in their lives. They could do no wrong, and, of course, they were the cutest things around. Stephanie and Melissa both graduated from UCSD and UCLA and Bruce recently started at UCSB.

She also loved her McDonald's morning coffee group. They would meet regularly and have wonderful stories to tell. When her medical issues began to interrupt her life, that is what she said missed most, seeing her friends and grabbing something she shouldn't be eating.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, October 7 at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple.

FRED UTAKA ODA

Fred Oda (Sept. 2, 1923-Sept. 27, 2017), a mainstay of Watsonville's *Nihonmachi* (Japantown), quietly passed away at age 94. No obituary was published at press time. A private memorial service will be held in his memory.

The Oda Barber shop, which also included a bath house, opened at the beginning of the 20th Century on Main Street by Fred's father and mother, **Tokuzo and Toku Oda**.



Above: Tokuzo Oda in his barber shop. Below: the family took this photo in 1941, just prior to our forced evacuation. Seated: **Tokuzo, Toku, Jean** (1921-1990). Standing: **Jack** (1927), **Jane** (1936-1998), **Fred** (1923), and **John** (1926).



JAPANESE AMERICAN MEMORIAL GARDEN AT THE "SALINAS ASSEMBLY CENTER" SITE

This year's winter rains and wind blew the huge eucalyptus trees down onto the garden, destroying much of the garden and fencing.



Fred closed the shop after working 55 years.

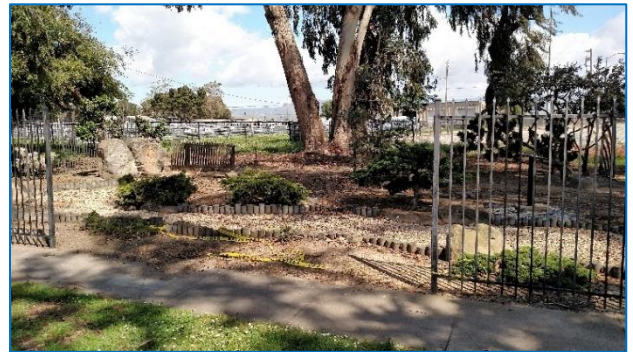


Fred has joined his beloved wife, **Betty**, who passed away in November of 2014.

We send our condolences to the Arao, Oda, and Yanagihara families, relatives, and friends.



We thank Supervisor **Larry Oda** and the City of Salinas Public Works Maintenance Services for removing the



downed trees and replacing the metal fence.

Our thanks to **Joe Bowes**, **Gary Mine**, **Victor Kimura**, and **Iwao Yamashita** for removing the debris and weeds and rebuilding the garden over a period of several months.

On the morning of Thurs., Oct. 26, our work crew, led by **Joe Bowes**, spread 10 tons of fine granite to restore the garden's grounds.

For 33 years (1984-2017), we have cared for this special garden. The Salinas Assembly Center, then known as the Salinas Rodeo Grounds, held 3,608 incarcerated from Salinas, Monterey, Watsonville, Santa Cruz, Hollister, Gilroy, San Juan Bautista, and Castroville from April of 1942 to July of 1942. They were later imprisoned in Poston, AZ for over three years.



The workers in front are: **Marcia Hashimoto, Jeanette Hager, Joe Bowes, Victor Kimura**; back: **Kurt Kurasaki** of San Benito County JACL, **Gary Mine, Albert Ramos and Richard Ross Gularte** of Gularte Landscape. Photo by **Mas Hashimoto**.



The garden looks so much nicer.

DONATIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED FROM ...

In memory of **Fred Oda** from ...

Edna Nagata
Floy Sakata
Mas and Marcia Hashimoto
Gary and Cindy Mine
Esther Ura
Haruyo Ishibashi

In memory of **Kiyo Arao** from ...

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Jennifer Gavin
Gary and Cindy Mine
Esther Ura

In memory of **Evy Kamigawachi** from ...

Wayne and Arlene Minami of Arlington, VA

Tom Graves of San Francisco

FOUR LITTLE WORDS ...

I love you only.

I love only you.

I only love you.

Only I love you.

Language experts have stated there are seven different meanings here. Which is your preference?

ECONOMIC POWER OR POLITICAL POWER?

In an effort to get my students to register and vote when they are 18, I would ask which would they prefer—the money or the votes? Without hesitation, the students would go for the money.

I would point out that with control of the political power—the votes-- I could legally steal their money.

Today, however, the political situation has radically changed. With *Citizens United's* US Supreme Court decision, Political Action Committee ("Super PACs"), with their ability to "garner" the votes, can now "steal" legally.

JOIN US--WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL

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

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

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

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

Current members, please look at the date after your name on the address label. E. Txxxx 9/17 means your membership expired back in **Sept of 2017!** Please renew before your membership's expiration month. Marcia Hashimoto, who sends renewal reminders, will be very grateful.

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

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

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

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

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

Onward!

Mas Hashimoto, Editor

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

No Increase in the 2018 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: _____

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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.