

Liberty Lost... Lessons in Loyalty

THE WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL

Newsletter June 2013

DESIGNER OF THE FAMED 442ND PATCH, MITCHIE M. MIYAMOTO, INDUCTED INTO THE WHSF's "HALL OF FAME," MAY 10, 2013

By Mas Hashimoto, WHSF board member

Before an audience of over 500 high school students, faculty, family members, and guests, 442nd RCT Sgt. **Mitchie M. Miyamoto**, WHS Class of 1938, was posthumously inducted into the **Watsonville High School Foundation (WHSF) Wildcatz' "Hall of Fame."**



Accepting the award was **Martha Miyamoto**, widow of the designer of the famous 442nd shoulder patch. Family friend, **Brig. Gen. Harold Hyde**, US Army Reserve, retired, below left, spoke of Mitchie's military exploits, his Bronze Star and contributions to the 100th/442nd RCT.



Presenting the Congressional Gold Medal (replica) to Martha Miyamoto was **Congressman Sam Farr**.

Congressman Farr spoke of the heroics of the famous 100th/442nd RCT and of the many who volunteered to serve in the US military while their own families were imprisoned in concentration camps. "That was the highest form of public service," he said.



Martha Miyamoto received a standing ovation from the appreciative audience of young high school students.



The 2013 inductees were local farmer **Ken Dobler**; **Diana Vargas** accepted for her son **Andy Vargas**, lead singer with **Santana** (currently on a world-wide musical tour); PE teacher **Louise Bilicich** as "Friend of the Wildcatz;," **Nancy Bilicich** accepting for her father, the late **Louis Bilicich**; **Martha Miyamoto** for **Mitchie Miyamoto**; **Jean Pogue** as "Friend of the Wildcatz;," math teacher and Sno Catz (WHS Ski Club) founder; and **Duncan Chin** accepting on behalf of **Bob Davidson**, US Air Force pilot, who was ill.

The celebration continued with a wonderful "Black and Gold Dinner" that evening, held at the Corralitos Community Center. We thank everyone for their support of the Foundation which raises funds for student enrichment programs.

Go, 'Catz!

JACL COMMUNITY PICNIC, SAT. JUNE 22nd

You and your family (clan) are invited to our annual community picnic. Do you have to be a member of the JACL to attend? No! Everyone is most welcome. We wish everyone to enjoy a fun-filled day. This is not a JACL fund-raising event. If we break even, then we are truly happy.

Your family has traditions and obligations that must be honored—births, graduations, weddings, anniversaries, deaths of family members and dear friends, New Year's, Girl's Day, Boy's Day, Easter, *Hanamatsuri*, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Memorial Day, the 4th of July, *Obon*, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc.

The annual community picnic, a tradition over a century old here, was a time of rejoicing and gratitude—a "thanksgiving"—when Christians and Buddhists celebrated together with fun and games. It was held in the late fall season, after the harvest was in, the creditors were paid and family obligations were met. For us, this is an opportunity to say, "thank you," *arigato*, to all who struggled before and during the war years and the resettlement (post-war) period.

The picnic 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 22nd**. Please bring the grandchildren. And, let's give mothers a break. We'll do the barbecuing. Please carpool as parking is limited.



Infants (above), trying to take a bite out of the **yellow, takuan koko** race, are assisted by their parents while their grandparents shout words of encouragement.

Enjoy great entertainment by **Watsonville Taiko**. Participate in races using oversized *gettas*, run with a bean bag on your head—just like in the old days.

For our young scholars, we'll announce the recipients of our scholarships. For the Senior citizens, there's free "BINGO!" with wonderful prizes.

The chicken BBQ lunch is only \$7 teens and adults; for Seniors over 70 and children—\$4; and for children 5 and under—free. Plus, there's an ice cream social for all.

Everyone can participate in the "jan keh po" (scissors, rock, paper) contest. Children have been known to win. It's free, and the special prize is a \$50 Miyuki Restaurant gift certificate.

Donations for our raffle are appreciated, and this year, you may be the winner of the grand prize—a large, flat screen TV—donated by our local community members.

Please come for it'll be a lot of fun for your whole family. Lets maintain this Nikkei tradition!

Japanese Cultural Fair, June 8, 2013

By Paul Kaneko



Come celebrate the 27th Anniversary of the Japanese Cultural Fair (JCF) on **Sat., June 8th** at the Mission Plaza Park in Santa Cruz from 11 am to 6 pm. This free event will have these performers and activities:

Main Stage Schedule

- 11:00 Chanting/Zen Center Members
- 11:30 Taiko/Watsonville Taiko Group
- 12:00 Martial Arts Demonstration/Aikido of Santa Cruz
- 12:30 Official Greetings/Mayor of Santa Cruz
Japanese Consul General at San Francisco
- 12:50 Koto/Marimo Kai
- 1:10 Minyou/Matsutoyo Kai
- 1:40 Shakuhachi/Karl Young
- 2:00 Bon Odori/Chieko
- 2:30 Kyogen/Theatre of Yugen
- 3:00 Shamisen/Hougaku Kai
- 3:30 Okinawan Dance/Ohtori Kinsen-Kai
- 4:00 Koto/Shirley Muramoto Koto Studio
- 4:30 Folktale/Brenda Aoki
- 5:00 Taiko/San Francisco Taiko Dojo
- MC: Doug Grude

Meditation Stage Schedule at Zen Center

- 11:00 Bonsai Demonstration/ Don White
- 12:00 Miso & Natto Workshop/ Manfred Warmuth
- 1:00 Ikebana/Ikenobo Watsonville Group
- 2:00 Kimono Workshop/ Keiko
- 3:00 Tea Ceremony/Tsuji Shachu
- 1 -5 Otemae (Tea Ceremony Workshop) 1:15; 2:15; 4:15
- 4-5 Obon Seiki Ceremony (food offering to spirits and ancestors in the Zen tradition)

Delicious food and treats as well as vendors of art, crafts, and clothing will be available.

Due to reduced funding, the free shuttle service to and from the County Government Center had to be eliminated.

Donations for this important cultural are still very much needed and appreciated. Please send your generous tax-deductible donations to JCF, P.O. Box 3458, Santa Cruz, CA 95063. Thank you so much.

[Editor's note: The W-SC JACL is a JCF co-sponsor. Come visit our booth where we will be selling obento, strawberries, cucumbers, and tea. We will also use this opportunity to inform JCF attendees of our unjust wartime incarceration and of the heroics of our men of the 100th/442nd/MIS.]

**"VALLEY OF THE HEART, A KABUKI CORRIDO"
A NEW PLAY BY LUIS VALDEZ**

by Mas Hashimoto, Editor

We are excited about a new play, "Valley of the Heart-A Kabuki Corrido," a heart-warming story that honors the friendship between two farm families—one Mexican and one Japanese—written by the internationally acclaimed playwright, actor, film director and producer **Luis Valdez** of *El Teatro Campesino*, San Juan Bautista, CA. It's been a dream of Mr. Valdez to bring this special personal remembrance onto the stage for over forty years. Plans for a movie is a hopeful possibility.



Born in 1940 into a farm worker family of the Central and Santa Clara Valleys where he grew up, Luis Valdez vividly remembers the injustices perpetrated before and during WW II upon Japanese and Japanese Americans. "Valley of the Heart" was written in gratitude and in respect for the Nikkei farming community of California.

Best known for his plays/films "La Bamba" (which has a Watsonville connection) and "Zoot Suit," Luis Valdez is recognized as the father of Chicano theater in the United States and a pioneer in the Chicano Movement. Mr. Valdez has broadened the scope of theater and arts of the Chicano community to include his newest play.

Honors for Luis Valdez, a distinguished San Jose State University alumnus, includes (this is a partial list):

- **Golden Globe** Award nominations for "Best Musical Picture," *Zoot Suit* and *La Bamba*.
- **Cartagena Film Festival**, Best Picture Award, *Zoot Suit*, 1982, Cartagena, Colombia.
- **George Peabody Award** for excellence in television in 1987, *Corridos: Tales of Passion and Revolution* for PBS.
- **California Governor's Award**, March, 1990.
- **Hispanic Heritage Award in Literature**, 1992.
- Mexico's *Aguila Azteca* Award, 1994.
- 2007 USA (United States Artists) **Rockefeller Fellow**
- Honorary Degree from the **California Institute of the Arts**

VALLEY OF THE HEART

The Play's Setting: In northern California, the Valley of Heart's Delight, during World War II. The Yamaguchi

ranch is a small truck farm near the foothills (Cupertino where Valdez once lived)) of the Santa Clara Valley. Set back from a country road lined with apricot orchards and prune trees, two houses squat facing east. The larger of the two sits close to the road, a typical 19th century Victorian farm house with a wooden windmill and elevated water tower behind it. The smaller one sits further back, near the corrals and barn at the rear, looking a lot like what it is -- a shack for migrant farm workers. To the immediate north and south are twenty acres of row crops; strawberries in the summer, broccoli and spinach in the winter. On the foothills rising dramatically behind the ranch is a cherry orchard.

Time and Place: "Valley of the Heart" takes place between the Winter of 1941 to the Fall of 1945 in the Santa Clara Valley, Heart Mountain, Wyoming camp, and in the memories of Benjamin Montano in the Fall of 2001.

The Story: The interaction of two families, the Yamaguchi's and the Montano's, both involved in farming in the Santa Clara Valley before and during World War II. The major focus is on the love story and survival of Thelma and Benjamin, and the birth of their son in "camp."

Characters:

Ichiro Yamaguchi, 62, Issei farmer
Hana, 46, his wife
Thelma, 23, their Nisei daughter
Joe, 21, their son
Calvin Sakamoto, 22, a potential suitor
Cayetano Montano, 52,
Mexican immigrant farm worker
Paula, 49, his wife
Benjamin, 25, their "Chicano" son
Ernesto "Tito", 18, another son
Maruka, 16, their daughter
Kurogo, stage assistants in Kabuki tradition

Pre-production and Production Dates

July 17 Rehearsals at El Teatro Campesino
Aug 23 1st Preview
Aug 31 Opening Night at El Teatro Campesino
Sept 22 Closing night (runs 5 weekends, 8 pm Thursday-Sunday)

Mr. Valdez has incorporated *Noh*, *Kabuki*, *Bunraku*, and *San Jose Taiko* into this play for he has been a long admirer of Japanese art, music, culture, history and contributions.



After the first reading on Sunday, May 19th, the cast, crew, and supporters gathered for a photo op.

If you wish to learn more of the play or its production, please contact Luis Valdez at El Teatro Campesino, P. O. Box 1240, San Juan Bautista, CA 95045. It is a non-profit 501(C)(3) corporation, and contributions are tax-deductible. We'll have more information for you in our July and August newsletters.



Luis Valdez, right, with son **Kinan** and **Phil Esparza**, recently visited the agricultural farm equipment exhibit at the **Japanese American Museum in San Jose (JAMsj)**. As a farm worker, he recalled using many of the farm equipment housed in JAMsj's museum."

JAMsj PRESENTS "JACK'S SHOW: HIS LIFE AND SKETCHES"

JAMsj honored **Jack Matsuoka** with a special program on May 11th. President of JAMsj **Aggie Idemoto** welcomed everyone to this special presentation.



L-R **Toyo Matsuoka**, **Ruth Inouye** (Jack's sister), **Jack Matsuoka**, **Emi Young** (Jack's daughter), **Aggie Idemoto**; back **Ben Stone** and **Grace Fleming** ("Megumi").

Ben Stone of Stanford University Library explained the importance of collecting and organizing Jack's work. A highlight of Jack's life and his wartime sketches based upon his book, "Poston Camp II Block 211" by **Tal Mor** and **Megumi**, were shown.

Among the 70 in attendance (the limit the room can legally hold) was **Luis Valdez** of *El Teatro Campesino*.

CONGRATULATIONS TO "KIMOCHI" OF SF

Kimochi Home celebrated its "30th Anniversary and A New Beginnings" on May, 18, 2013 at the Sundance Kabuki Cinemas, San Francisco.

Kimochi Home will be honored by the Consul General **Hiroshi Inomata** of Japan on Thurs., June 13th in San Francisco with a special ceremony.

Congratulations to **Director Steve Nakajo** of *Kimochi* and his able staff.

THE WORLD WAR II JAPANESE AMERICAN INTERNMENT MUSEUM by Paul and Carol Kaneko

The **Jerome-Rohwer Interpretive Museum and Visitor Center** in McGehee, Arkansas was dedicated on Tues., April 16, 2013. The event was attended by an estimated 500-600 interested people and dignitaries—including a dozen former internees and their families.



The newly established museum is located in the rural town of McGehee, Arkansas, a small town of about 4,220 population, located about 100 miles southeasterly of Little Rock. The town is about twelve miles southwest of Rohwer and a similar distance northeast of Jerome. Between the two internment camps, more than 17,000 Japanese Americans resided during WWII after being forced to leave their homes and jobs on the West Coast by Executive Order 9066. Interestingly, at 8,548 residents, Rohwer became the fifth or sixth largest "city" in the entire state during the war.



George Takei (with large "scissors" in hand) and **Jeff Owyong**, chair of the museum committee, cut the ribbon for the Grand Opening.

The new museum will be the permanent home of the exhibit "**Against Their Will: The Japanese American Experience in World War II**," prepared by the University of Arkansas-Little Rock Public History Program and on loan from the Delta Cultural Center.



Rohwer's most famous former internee is actor **George Takei**, who attended the dedication and served as its keynote speaker. (The second, most famous former internee is **Kazuyo "Carol" Nakase Kaneko** who was born in Rohwer.) Takei recounted his family's story of being taken from California to the Rohwer internment camp in 1942. While only five years old at the time, he still remembers how two soldiers carrying guns with bayonets came to their home and ordered them to get out. At age 75, he still remembers his mother with tears in her eyes, carrying a bag in one arm and his baby sister in the other coming out of their home. Takei said during his speech: "I can never erase this memory. It is burned forever into my brain." The camp experience was very ominous. Armed guards "watched over our every move. At night, a search light even followed us if we had to go to the bathroom." Although too young to realize it at the time, the irony of the situation was that they pledged allegiance to a country that had stripped them of their freedoms and locked them up en masse without so much as a trial. His main message was that the injustice of the evacuation/internment in World War II must never be repeated ever again.

Following the dedication of the museum, a short ceremony was held out at the Rohwer site.

The only evidences remaining of the camp are the cemetery which was located just outside of the camp boundary, and the smokestack from the camp's hospital. Included within the cemetery are about a dozen grave markers, several monuments honoring its former residents, and a newer monument honoring the accomplishments of the soldiers who served in the 100th/442nd RCT from the camp.

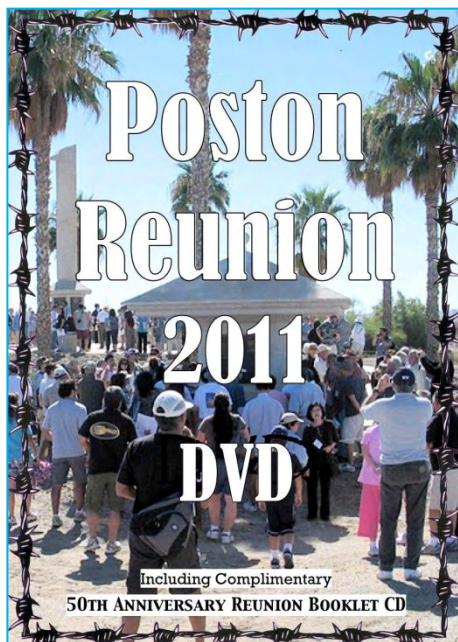


To help visitors understand what happened at Rohwer, a series of on-site interpretive kiosks and panels were developed by the Arkansas State University-Jonesboro with grant funding from the Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant Program of the National Parks Service. Each of the panels and model guard tower on the site include recorded audio narrations by Mr. Takei.

If you ever visit Arkansas, the museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 AM to 5 PM. The address for the museum is 100 So. Railroad St. McGehee, Arkansas. Restoration of the building was made possible through grants from the McGehee Industrial Foundation, the Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant Program of the National Parks Service, the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, the Arkansas Department of Rural Services, Clearwater Paper, Inc., and the Joseph E. Wallace Trust. There is no admission fee for either the museum in McGehee or the Rohwer internment camp site located on Arkansas State Route 1. For more information, please call the museum at 870-222-9168.



Jeff Owyong, Carol and Paul Kaneko are at the museum. Photos, courtesy of **Carol Kaneko**.



Yes, **POSTON REUNION 2011 DVD** is FINALLY done!! Thank you everyone for your patience.

Orders already placed will be mailed shortly. As an added bonus, included with every order, will be a CD of the scanned *50th Poston Reunion Memory Book*, courtesy of **Jim Yamashita**. Anyone still wanting to place an order (\$20 each) should call **Susan Komatsuka-Rodriguez** (714) 412-6897 by May 31, 2013.

THE WATSONVILLE BONSAI SHOW: A SUCCESS. By Don White

Even though the public turnout was low again this year, the **40th Annual Watsonville Bonsai Exhibit**, held in the Buddhist Temple Gymnasium, Sunday, May 5th, was still very successful. Thanks, in part, to a lot of trees exhibited by the new comers to *bonsai*. And, believe me, this takes courage, to display your first piece of this living art form. I know from experience of many years ago.



There were over 90 trees on display, with the oldest, a 500 plus, year old California juniper owned by **Iwao Yamashita**. I asked Iwao if he grew this plant from seed, he just looked at me and said, "He couldn't remember!! Oh, well, it got a laugh from every one.

Another tree greatly talked about was mine--a Juniper *procumbens nana*--over 68 years of age that was plucked from the gate entrance to the old River Nursery on Freedom Blvd, when it closed a few years ago. My son, **Conor**, and I worked diligently to style this bonsai in such

a way that a serpent could be seen curling its way up into the small head of foliage.



The demonstration by **Katsumi Kinoshita**, Club Sensei, assisted above by **Maggie Brubaker**, creating a beautiful *bonsai* from raw nursery material was, as always, superbly interesting, most edifying and certainly the highlight of the event.



And, guess what? I was the honored recipient of the magnificent tree, purchasing the winning raffle ticket. Above are **Ron Anderson** (President of the Santa Cruz Bonsai), **Don White**, **Katsumi Kinoshita**, and **Maggie Brubaker**. (I am kind of glad I finally won this one as I had won 4 others over the years, and I wanted to get off that number.)

As Co-Chair Person, with **Maggie Brubaker** and club President, **Michael Alciati**, we want to thank all of you non-club members who assisted us in setting up on Saturday night, and tearing down on Sunday after the event.

And, a SPECIAL THANKS goes to **Atsuko Kinoshita** and **Mitsuyo Tao** who spearheaded the superb luncheon which is normally for club members only and their guests.

They also recruited some non-club members to help out with the kitchen duties. Thank you to them as well!!

Club member **Don Hilbert** provided the vending of much *bonsai* material, and it seemed that every time I looked up many plants were walking out the door, which made many folks happy, and made Don very happy.

So, it was a great show, a good time was had by all, I hope, and now we are getting ready for the 41st.

HIB--Happy In Bonsai.



A beautiful *bonsai* of a maple tree forest. Some trees here are 3 years old while others are at least 20 years old! This "forest" stands no more than three feet tall! This *bonsai* is amazing, and simply beautiful. There was no name associated with this *bonsai* for security reasons. Thank you, whoever you are.

JOHN LAIRD, "HARVEY MILK CHAMPION OF CHANGE"

The White House honored 10 openly LGBT public officials on Wednesday, May 22, 2013, as "Harvey Milk Champions of Change."

"These are LGBT leaders who have demonstrated a strong commitment to both equality and public service," said **Chuck Wolfe**, President and CEO of the Victory Fund and Institute. "They are citizen legislators, executives and appointees who serve honestly, openly and proudly. We congratulate and salute each of them for this high honor."

The 2013 "Harvey Milk Champions of Change" included our very own, **John Laird**--former Mayor of Santa Cruz, 27th District Assemblyman, and now, California Secretary of Natural Resources

Other honorees included:

Ricardo Lara: California State Senator, Long Beach, CA

Kim Coco Iwamoto -- Hawaii State Civil Rights Commissioner, HI;

Simone Bell -- Georgia State Representative, Atlanta,

Angie Buhl O'Donnell -- South Dakota State Senator,

Karen Clark -- Minnesota State Representative,

Michael A. Gin -- Mayor of Redondo Beach, CA

Kim Painter -- Johnson County Recorder, Iowa City, IA;

Chris Seelbach -- Cincinnati OH City Council Member,

Pat Steadman -- Colorado State Senator, Denver, CO.

Congratulations to John and all the honorees.

SCOUTING HASN'T REALLY CHANGED

Instead of forging boldly into the future, the Boy Scouts of America has clung to the prejudices of the past. The BSA has voted to allow gay scouts to remain in the BSA until age 18, but will continue to exclude lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people from leadership.

That means gay scouts would still be kicked out at 18, that LGBT parents are still unfairly excluded, and that the BSA is still the largest youth group teaching discrimination.

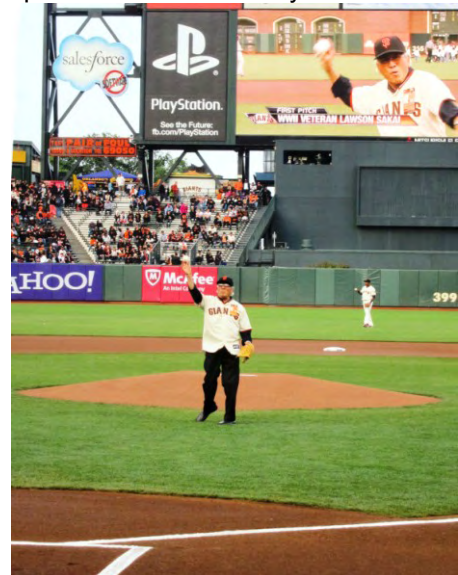
The Youth Equality Act, written by **Sen. Ricardo Lara**, closes tax loopholes and makes California's anti-discrimination policy for youth groups consistent: It is wrong to discriminate against people on the basis of race, sex, nationality, religion, sexual orientation or gender identity. The real cost of discrimination should be paid by organizations that unfairly exclude LGBT people.

We need the Youth Equality Act now more than ever

JAPANESE HERITAGE NIGHT



On **Japanese Heritage Night**, May 6th, **Consul General Hiroshi Inomata**, **Mrs. Midori Inomata**, **Brian Shiroyama**, **Kiyo Sato**, **Asa Hanamoto**, **Lawson Sakai**, **Terry Nakanishi**, and **Dr. Howard Kline** were introduced near home plate. Photos courtesy of **Tom Graves**.



Lawson Sakai, 442nd RCT veteran, throws the ceremonial first pitch before 40,000 cheering fans.



We are grateful to the SF Giant organization for recognizing and honoring the heroes of our Nikkei nation.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF NISEI VETERANS

A very successful Memorial Service was held at Roberts Park above Oakland on Sat. May 18.



The wonderful "Band of the West," members of this Sea Cadets unit are high school students from around the SF Bay region, played a number of military and patriotic music to the delight of all. Over 100 friends and family members were in attendance.



Berekeley Boy Scout Troop #24 posted the colors.



Rev. Harry Bridges (right) of the Oakland Buddhist Temple expressed his gratitude to the men of the 100th/442nd/MIS. He noted that Buddhism and the fundamental goal of the United States go together, hand-in-hand, for both are about "Freedom."

The keynote address was given by **Lawson Sakai**, President of FFNV and a 442nd RCT veteran, who tried to enlist in the US Navy after the Pearl Harbor attack, only to be reclassified as an "enemy alien." He recalled in great detail the *Battle for the Texas Lost Battalion* in the battlefields of France. He is shown below with the Mistress of Ceremonies, **Shelby Kariya**.



Lawson, who threw the opening pitch before the SF Giants game on May 6, continues to pitch in support of our



Watsonville-native **Mas Tsuda**, brother of **Kitako Izumizaki**, and **Lawson Sakai** share a private moment together. Both are of "Easy" Company and are life-long friends. **Mas and Ann Tsuda**, formerly of San Mateo, now reside in Grass Valley, CA.



Franz Steidl offered incense (*oshoko*) in memory of the men of the 100th/442nd/MIS and, in particular, of US **Senator Daniel K. Inouye** of Hawaii. Years ago a young redwood tree was planted here in the memory of our Nikkei soldiers.

The next FFNV meeting will be held aboard the USS HORNET on **Saturday, August 31st**. Please note the change of date. All are welcome to attend.

PRESENTATION ON THE NISEI VETERANS' LEGACY PRECEDES THEIR CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL'S ARRIVAL IN SAN FRANCISCO

TWICE HEROES: America's Nisei Veterans of WWII and Korea, tells the story of true American heroes, up to now, a piece of history known to few of their countrymen.

Through his interviews and professional portraits, author and photographer **Tom Graves** shares the experiences of Japanese American veterans before, during and after World War II.

Graves will talk about the heroes and their history, June 11, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., as part of the **Marines Memorial**

Club's Meet the Author series. The Marines Memorial Club and Hotel (415- 673-6672 or www.marinesclub.com) is located in San Francisco at 609 Sutter St. (corner of Mason).

At first denigrated and mistrusted, the Nisei veterans, now in their 80s and 90s, earned the praise of a nation, and ultimately, a Congressional Gold Medal, America's highest civilian honor.

The Congressional Gold Medal comes to San Francisco on June 29 for display at the de Young Museum until August 4, 2013. Please plan on visiting.

In the panic following the December 1941 Pearl Harbor attack, the Nisei, American citizens, were prohibited from joining the U.S. armed forces, and along with their families, many faced forced incarceration in bleak internment camps. They took up the fight for their country, for civil liberties, for the freedom of their families and recognition for themselves as full American citizens. Along the way, they became the most decorated military unit in United States history, fought their own civil rights battle, championed Hawaii statehood and acceptance of Asian Americans into our society.

The author spent hundreds of hours interviewing scores of veterans around the country, and then translated the results into individual stories of the human spirit overcoming obstacles of race, poverty and warfare. Each black and white portrait (there are 98 in the oversize book) introduces us to a veteran; the following interview reveals a story of growing up in a racist America and fighting for the same country against foreign enemies, of young men at war, and of old men looking back with the wisdom of their years. The author also includes historical context for the veterans' words.

The veterans include the late Senator Daniel K. Inouye, Cabinet Secretary Norman Y. Mineta, George R. Ariyoshi, the first Asian American governor, Medal of Honor recipients and the ordinary men and women who fought for America.

As they returned home from war, President Harry Truman addressed the Nisei troops: "*You fought not only the enemy, but you fought prejudice ... and you have won.*" This address provided Graves with the inspiration for *TWICE HEROES*' title.

World War II was not only the last great battle of Good over Evil; it was the war of a great American generation, one we are losing at the rate of 1,000 a day. These are the veterans Truman addressed, and the ones whose lives and likenesses Tom Graves portrayed in *TWICE HEROES*. The author captured the essence of the Nisei veterans' legacy for us—and for future generations.

TWICE HEROES is available in San Francisco at Kinokuniya bookstore, and at the National Japanese American Historical Society (www.njahs.org), both in Japantown; in San Jose at the Japanese American Museum of San Jose, and at www.TwiceHeroes.com.

SENIOR CENTER NEWS by Kitako Izumizaki

If you are a Senior and not yet a member, you are most welcome to join us at our weekly Thursday fun-filled sessions. Give **Carol Kaneko** a call at (831) 476-7040. She'd love to hear from you.

May was another very busy month for Seniors on the go. What with graduations, birthdays, and Mother's Day,

plus the ever-popular casino trip, most of us were kept pretty well occupied.

Toshiko Yamashita, Haru Ishibashi, Fred and Betty Oda, Jean Akiyama, Yaeko Cross, Sid and Nobue Fujii, Noboru and Kumiko Nakatani, Kimi Kimura, Carol and Paul Kaneko, Eiko Nishihara, Satoko Yamamoto, and Edna and Yukio Nagata all contributed goodies on our May 7 Chukchansi bus trip. Generous and lucky winner **Noboru Nakatani** paid the tip to the bus driver. All enjoyed the drive up, as the weather was not all that bad. It only sprinkled a bit when we had to get off the bus, and then when we were getting ready to leave. We look forward to our next trip.

Mother's Day was celebrated with the presentation of corsages to mothers 88 and over: **Mitsue Tao 89, Kitako Izumizaki 91, Michi Hamada 91, Mitzi Katsuyama 92, Eiko Ceremony 88, Nancy Iwami 98, Masako Miura 98, Hideko Nagamine 92, Chiyoko Yagi 92, Miyeko Yamashita 95, and Haruko Yoshii 96.** Absent were **Gladys Fukumoto 89, Frances Goon 94, Evy Kamigawachi 89, Yoshino Matano 97, Betty Yagi 89, Ruby Nakamura 88, and Louise Sako 96.**



May birthdays were celebrated with honorees **Iwao Yamashita, Hisako Uemura, Nancy Iwami 99, Mitzi Katsuyama 93, and Haruko Yoshii 96.** **Alice and Ken Tanimoto** were absent. Head table for the birthday celebration was decorated with a bouquet of mixed colorful spring flowers. **Haruko Yoshii** graciously donated the cake and ice cream for this occasion.

As if we hadn't had enough parties this month, the family of **Nancy Iwami--Nancy Jean and Marvin Matson--**presented a cake and dinner to honor **Nancy's 99th** year. The special candle on the cake, when lit, it played a wonderful musical number. Nancy was given, by her daughter, a giant photo of **Buster Posey**, her favorite SF Giant baseball player.



Her son-in-law, **Marvin**, presented Nancy with a silver chain with a silver slot machine hanging on it. Nancy is a great slot machine addict. Many happy returns of the day, Nancy, from all of us!



Marcia Hashimoto gave the "Remembrance of Mother" talk about her mother, **Frances Hoshiyama**, which was followed by our *Mother's Day* raffle. After bingo, all went to *Hong Kong Garden* for a wonderful filling Chinese dinner. Decorations for this day were hanging colorful lanterns along with a cute packet containing candy, topped with a bright red lacy paper rose, all the work of **Helen Nakano**. The head table held a bouquet of peonies and baby gladioli, the work of **Jean Akiyama**.



Eiko Ceremony (left) was our lone April birthday honoree, and **Inako Johnson** was born in May.



Thanks for the lovely take-home dinner from *Imura's*. Another meal we didn't have to cook this month. Being a member of the W-SC JACL Senior Center is great!

Guest and helper this month was **Eileen Byers**, who also brought bingo prizes. Also, all the way from Windsor, Ontario, Canada was **Nancy Derkatz**, niece of **Rubie Kawamoto**.

Free dinners once a week were offered to Seniors over 90 from **Peggy Triplitt** and **Antonette Wood** of *Swing Time Cafe*. It is good to be so well taken care of by members of this city. *Swing Time Cafe* has been handing out free meals for years, and Seniors have been receiving hot treats on Thanksgiving from them for several years. We appreciate their thoughtfulness and kindness.

Eiko Stewart gave members a warning to check and double-check their credit card bill for fraudulent charges. She found that someone had made very large purchases on her card. Seniors should always beware and check everything. If someone has used your credit card information to make unauthorized purchases, call the customer service number on your card or statement to report the fraud, or call the police.

Ray Sako, who has lost 30 pounds lately, has been suffering from chronic bronchitis. We wish him well and a speedy recovery. We miss his smiling cheerful presence very much. We miss **Louise** too, who stays home to take good care of him.

Upcoming events:

June 13, Father's Day Pot Luck;
June 8, Japanese Cultural Fair in Santa Cruz;
June 20, Birthday celebration; and
June 22, JACL Community Picnic.
Our next casino trip will be **July 23rd**.

Many thanks to *toban* ladies **Judy Hane**, **Rubie Kawamoto**, **Jo Ann Vear**, **June Honda**, **Susan AmRhein**, and **Eileen Byers**.

Monetary donations gratefully received: **Janice Tao**, **Hisako Uemura**, **Haruko Yoshii**, **Mitzi Katsuyama**, **Nancy Iwami**, **Iwao Yamashita**, **Inako Johnson**, **Bonnie Chihara**, and **Sam Sugidono**.

Other donations gratefully received were from:

Eiko/Geo Stewart	6 bags home-made cookies, 30 bags chips, 3 lge <i>Kleenex</i> , 5 plates <i>mochi</i>
Rubie Kawamoto	6 bags <i>chagashi</i> , 12 boxes <i>Kleenex</i> , 3 raffle prizes
Miye Yamashita	11 bags <i>senbei</i> , 11 pkgs <i>udon</i>
Eiko Ceremony	4 boxes <i>Kleenex</i> , <i>Happy Spring</i> cake, 4 avocados
Yukio/Edna Nagata	8 boxes <i>Kleenex</i>
Terry Hirahara	7 Mother's Day raffle prizes, 2 doz tissues, 3-8 pack pocket tissues
Motoko/Kinji House	6 <i>anko</i> roll cake, 5 bottles <i>Dawn</i> , 35 bottles water, 8 rolls paper towels
Haruko Yoshii	cake and ice cream for all, 6 rolls paper towels,
June/Sunao Honda	8 baskets strawberries, 6 plates Spam <i>sushi</i> , 9 plates California roll, 5 boxes <i>Kleenex</i> , 6 plates <i>mochi</i> bundt cake with <i>an</i>
Kimi Fujii	8 boxes <i>Kleenex</i> , 7 bottles <i>Dawn</i>
Hisako Uemura	doz tissues
Jean Akiyama	4 boxes <i>Kleenex</i> , 3 bottles <i>Dawn</i> , flower arrangement

Michiko Hamada	5 bottles <i>Dawn</i>
Eiko Nishihara	doz strawberry jam, 10 jars strawberry jam for raffle
Masako Miura	bag of walnuts, 2 bags candy
Aiko Nitao	doz jars <i>daikon tsukemono</i>
Haru/Richard Ishibashi	6 bottles <i>Dawn</i>
Susan AmRhein	2 boxes snack mix
Eileen Byers	5 memo pads
Nobue Fujii	2 bottles <i>Yamasa</i> soy sauce
Kitako Izumizaki	5 raffle gifts
Chiyoko Yagi	7 plates apple cake
Carol Kaneko	2 raffle gifts
Chie Sakaue	lots of flowers for all, 5 bags of Japanese cookies, 1 potted plant
Louise/Ray Sako	8 Scotch tape, 2 raffle gifts
Jane Sugidono	6 lge cupcakes, 2 raffle prizes
Hisako/Akira Kodama	lots of flowers, 6 mega rolls paper towels, 5 bunches flowers
Mitzi Katsuyama	5 bags home-made cookies
Kumiko Nakatani	8 lge Bounty towels, 5 bottles <i>Dawn</i>
JoAnn Vear	2 pkgs napkins, 4 pkgs paper plates, 2 lbs cashew clusters
Yaeko Cross	10 plates <i>inari sushi</i> , doz mega rolls paper towels
Hide/Akira Nagamine	6 bags cucumbers, 6 boxes <i>Puffs</i>
Toshi Yamashita	4 shopping bags
Satoko Yamamoto	doz double roll tissues
Gail Wurtenberg	3 sq <i>Kleenex</i>
Mitsue Tao	doz mega roll tissues
Bonnie Chihara	succulent dish garden

Many, many thanks to our Seniors for all the bingo goodies, plus all the delicious *chagashi*.

Keep coming so you won't miss out on the surprises that pop up from time to time that are not planned by the leaders of the Center. How many times did we enjoy cake and ice cream on the Thursdays of this month alone? How many not planned dinners have we enjoyed??? We are grateful to our many wonderful, generous, and thoughtful Senior Center members and their children who wish to celebrate and to give thanks.

Keep coming so you don't miss out. See you next month.

If you are of Senior age, come join us. Or, if you know a Senior who would enjoy the fun and camaraderie of our Senior Center, please call **Carol Kaneko** at (831) 476-7040. Do it today!

KAWAKAMI-SISTER CITY UPDATE by **Robb Mayeda**, **Kawakami-Watsonville** **Sister City Association**

We had a successful trip to our sister city, Kawakami-mura in Nagano Prefecture. Dorothy (my wife) and I were the advanced scouts. We left on May 3 and stayed in Tokyo (Shinagawa Prince Hotel, across the street from the busy Shinagawa train station).

After meeting a relative (first cousin, once removed) we toured Tokyo, Mt. Fuji, and Kyoto. On May 8, we took the Narita Express train and met the Watsonville contingent after their flight landed at 7:00 P.M. While waiting, we met **Mr. Keita Fujihara** and **Mr. Kazama** from the Kawakami-mura city government. After the group cleared customs, we loaded the luggage on a large bus.

After four hours, we arrived at a golf course resort hotel in Kawakami-mura. The students were assigned rooms and quickly went to sleep.



The 2013 group consisted of: **Jacqueline Lopez-Diaz**, **Autumn Ricketts** from Cesar Chavez M.S.; **Ruby Gonzalez**, **Maria Corona**, **Evelyn Torres-Topete** from E.A. Hall; **Alex Wong**, **Bryanna Crick** from Lakeview M.S.; **Julie Quintana-Martinez**, **Roxana Arrona** from Rolling Hills M.S.; **Braelen Addison** from Linscott Charter School; **Luis Garcia-Ponce** from Alianza Charter School; and **Emma Thomas** from *Kokoro no Gakko*. This year's chaperones were **Rick Ito**, principal of Rolling Hills, **Joann Borbolla**, counselor at E.A. Hall and **Teresa Martinez**, Rolling Hills School Site Council. Ms. Martinez' family has hosted Kawakami students a number of times and her daughters; Julie and Jackie have been school guides for Kawakami students at Rolling Hills. Travel arrangements were made through **Lance Imamura** of *Polaris Tours* in Union City.

The next morning we all were treated to a very nice breakfast in the hotel's restaurant. We loaded our luggage again and had a quick tour of the town. We stopped at the super market and selected bento lunches and ate them at a community center. After lunch we went to Kawakami Junior High School, a beautiful new school with ornate natural wood beams and paneling selected from nearby forests. We entered science lab that rivaled our high school lab rooms and a music room that had a pipe organ. We entered the gym and sat before the students who were lined up in neat rows. The Watsonville students introduced themselves in Japanese and stated their age and their hobbies. After several speeches by Kawakami students in English and Japanese, our group participated in P.E. activities in the gym. One of the classes jumped rope; twenty plus students at the same time under one very long rope. Our students then participated in after school activities, and at 5:30 P.M., met their host mothers and started their home stays.

The next day we all met at the junior high school. After going to some classes, we all got on a bus and visited the two elementary schools. We were greeted in student assemblies. After speeches, we participated in activities that included games, lessons on the koto, and calligraphy. After several hours, we returned to the junior high school, and at the end of the school day we participated in a 25th anniversary celebration which

included speeches and planting of five cherry blossom trees. A short time later, we met at the civic center that was decorated for our welcome banquet. It was a catered affair that was attended by a hundred people that included host families, city officials, and members of the Friendship Committee (sister city committee).

On Saturday, a city bus took the host students and the Watsonville group to Fuji-kyu amusement park. Unfortunately this was the only day that it rained, so after a brief time the group retreated from the rides into a nearby museum. Dorothy and I were taken on a separate trip in a village van accompanied by a city employee, **Atsu**, who stayed with us in 2010, and some members of the friendship committee. They had arranged a trip to Azumino-city, about 90 minutes north, to see a natural history museum dedicated to my great uncle, **Yukio Tabuchi**. He was the brother of my maternal grandmother. He is a well-known naturalist, photographer and painter.

Earlier in the week, I had lunch in a Tokyo suburb with his only surviving son. He called the museum staff to make sure that we had the grand tour and were given some memorabilia. Although I have some of his books and three of his paintings, I learned much more about him. After seeing Yukio Tabuchi's home, the Friendship Committee members (many of whom have stayed at our home) took us to lunch, then the Matsumoto Castle, followed by shopping, and later, dinner.

On Sunday, one of our friends arranged for a local fisherman and his college-age son to take me fishing on the Chikuma River for Japanese char (like a brook trout). He showed me the tenkara method, that uses a telescopic 14 foot fly rod, and a small dry fly on a 14 foot leader. There was no reel! I have seen this demonstrated at fly fishing shows, so I was excited to try it. (No, we did not catch fish, but it is the experience that matters, right?)

At noon, the host families brought us to a mountain campground. This was about thirty minutes from Kawakami-mura. We passed several camping areas, retreats, hot spring spas and other tourist attractions. Apparently this area is a destination for the city dwellers to get back to nature. I might compare this to people from our bay area cities going to Lake Tahoe or Yosemite. This was Mother's Day in Japan too, but the mothers took over the grilling over mesquite-like barbecue pits. The food was delicious. I think that I ate more red meat that day than I have in the past five years.

On Monday, the students attended some classes. The host families brought the luggage to the school around noon. Many of the people we have hosted at our home came to see us off. As usual, it was a tearful event. The bus then took us to Tokyo. Since there was daytime traffic, this trip took nearly six hours. We checked into the Dai Ichi Hotel in Ryogoku. This is located near an area that hosts the national sumo-wrestling tournament in May. There were a couple of wrestlers in the lobby.

The next two days involved sightseeing and shopping, ending with a trip to Narita International Airport where the group boarded a Singapore airliner for LAX. After a five-hour layover, the group made their way to SFO. Most of the students were back in Watsonville by midnight. We were tired, but thankful for the experience and grateful for the hospitality.



Westview Presbyterian Church was presented with a **Historic Landmark Award** (Lynne Nagata holds the historic landmark plaque Photo by Tarmo Hannula of the *Register-Pajaronian*) by the **Santa Cruz Museum of Art & History** on May 4, 2013. Nine new Historic Landmarks throughout Santa Cruz County were presented with these "Blue Plaque" awards for their "pioneering spirit" and architectural or historic significance. Plaques were awarded to buildings from the 19th and 20th century. The 90-minute ceremony that took place highlighted each new historic landmark.

A Very Happy Mother's Day at Westview

Those attending *Worship Service* on Mother's Day, May 12th, were also treated to a wonderful luncheon.



Dr. Masako Miura, Emily Takemoto, and Betty Yagi are among those who enjoyed the delicious buffet of *shoyu* chicken, chicken *karaage*, *musubis* (rice balls), macaroni salad, *napa* cabbage chicken salad, corn, green beans and a wonderful white cake with strawberries and whipped cream was served. A big thank-you goes out to **Randy & Tracy Mano, Joanne Hayashi and Kenny Matsui** for providing/cooking this buffet and the grocery bags, and to Dr. Art Hayashi for helping to clean up. Just reading about this feast is probably making you hungry!!



Rosie Hoffman presented bright green, reusable *Westview* grocery bags to all the mothers who attended.

Upcoming Youth/Family Events

Each of our upcoming youth and family events is guaranteed to be fun-filled! Everyone is welcome so mark your calendars for the following dates:

- **June 7th: Everything frisbee!** From golf, ultimate, juggling, distance rolling, skipping.
- **June 21st: 2nd annual WCP youth Olympics.** Last year's event was so successful that we had to make this an annual event. Westview, 5:30 pm – 8:00 p.m.
- **June 22nd: (Saturday): JACL Picnic** – Come to Aptos Community Park for a day of games, raffle and great food! Bring the whole family!
- **July 5th: Theme game night (Youth Gym Nite).** Westview, 5:30 pm – 8:00 p.m.
- **July 20th: Pool Party!** At the Kadotoni's house. Always a crowd pleaser! Thank you David & Jeanni for opening up your home to Westview members and friends. (No gym nite Friday, July 19th).
- **August 2nd: 2nd annual Church lock-in overnighter.** Westview, 5:30 pm – 8:00 p.m.
- **August 16th: Beach Party** at the Church – volleyball, croquet, paddle ball, bocce ball, roasting hot dogs and marshmallows over a fire.

More News on Youth/Family Events

On **June 9th** we will honor the children and youth who have attended these Confirmation/Catechism classes and thank those who have invested in our children and youth this year. This was a chance for our children and youth to more explore in depth their spirituality, the gift of Jesus, and participation in the family of God.

Don't forget that our **Youth Gym Nites** are held every 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month unless otherwise noted.

Westview will again be participating at **Relay For Life** to help raise money for the **American Cancer Society**. A car wash was held at Westview on May 25th. On **June 8th** Westview will be having a **rummage sale**. The **Relay For Life Event** will be held in Watsonville at Watsonville High School on **Saturday, July 20th**. Please call **Randy Mano at (831) 809-7938** if you would like to donate items at the rummage sale or participate in the *Relay For Life* Event. More information about this *Relay For Life* Event will be in the July issue of the Chimes

Our last book study from our series "Conceptions of the afterlife and how this affects how we live in the present." will be on Thursday, June 13th, 6:30 p.m. at

Westview. We are studying the book *Life After Death: The Evidence* by **Dinesh D'Souza**. We will begin a new series in September

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

Westview is always searching for members and friends to join our **Praise Band**. If you are interested in playing or singing 1 – 2 times a month on Sundays please contact **Pastor Dan**. We would love to have more instruments and singers!!

WATSONVILLE TAIKO AND SHINSEI DAIKO By Bonnie Chihara



On

Saturday May 11, **Watsonville Taiko** participated in the *Human Race* fundraiser. There were twelve of us that walked that day--**Karen Groppi**, **Sensei Ikuyo Conant** and **Becca Lindquist**. Second row **Maggie Shao**, **Herlie Kataoka** and **Kay Miyamoto**. Back row is **Hiroshi Musselman**. Standing are **Bonnie Chihara** and **Mary Lou Jaquith**. Absent from the photo are **Ginny Lindquist**, **Jenny Wishnack**, and **Kellie Kataoka**.



At the Watsonville Taiko information table are: seated (left) **Naoko Yamamoto** and **Taeko D'andrea**; standing **Karen Groppi** and **Kay Miyamoto**.

We all enjoyed the walk along West Cliff Drive in Santa Cruz and the spaghetti lunch afterwards. Thank you to everyone who helped us to reach our fundraising goal at this event.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the **Japanese Cultural Festival** on June 8th at the Mission Plaza in Santa Cruz. We will be performing taiko at 11:30 and we will be serving our usual *yakitori*, cucumber salad, *taiyaki*, fried *mochi* and more. Please stop by to see us!

Our upcoming schedule:

May 28	Annual Matsuri, Stevenson College UCSC
June 1	Strawberry Festival, Santa Cruz
June 8	Japanese Cultural Festival, Mission Plaza
June 15	Tannery Art Center Anniversary Festival, Santa Cruz
June 22	JACL Picnic, Aptos Village Park
June 29	Medicine Buddha Festival, Land of Medicine Buddha, Soquel
July 6	Summer Concert, New Brighton Beach
July 21	Obon Festival, Watsonville Buddhist Temple
July 28	Wharf to Wharf, Capitola
Aug 4	Cabrillo Music Festival, Santa Cruz
Nov 17	Big Sur Half Marathon, Asilomar

BRADLEY SCHOOL HONORS "GRANDMA ESTHER" URA

On Tues. May 21, the children and staff of Bradley Elementary School honored "**Grandma**" **Esther Ura** in a special assembly. Over 20 students spoke in praise.

Esther, worked as the Director of Medical Records, Director of Quality Assurance and as Medical Staff Coordinator at the Watsonville Community Hospital for over 37 years.

In her retirement, Esther volunteers everyday at the school her grandson, fifth grader **Kai Gavin**, attends. For years, she has helped and continues to help, a number of teachers by correcting students' homework papers, run-off copies of educational materials, reading stories to children, and providing positive encouragement and hugs to hundreds of youngsters. Esther's assistance has enabled teachers to provide more attention to the educational needs of their students.



Esther entered the multi-purpose room which was filled with cheering students and grateful teachers.



Teacher **Joni Martin** had each student speak about "G-R-A-N-D-M-A (love sign) E-S-T-H-E-R." A delightful student produced video and KSBW-TV's coverage of the 2013 **Jefferson Award** were shown.



Joni Martin thanked **Esther** for her years of dedicated service to the students and faculty. Teacher **April Nelson** (left) and Principal **Kathy Arola** (right) were in complete agreement.



Mayor Lowell Hurst presented the City of Watsonville's special proclamation to Esther Ura. Friend **Ida Akimoto**, grandson **Kai Gavin**, **Esther**, **Mayor**, friend **Marcia Hashimoto**, **Principal Arola**, (back: Esther's children: **Jennifer Ura Gavin** and **Jason Ura**).

It was a wonderful ceremony presented by the children and teachers with love and appreciation to "Grandma Esther."

REMEMBERING ...

Wednesday, June 12th marks the 50th anniversary of the assassination of **NAACP National Field Secretary Medgar Evers**. Evers is best remembered for his fight to secure voting rights for all Americans. Evers' spirit and

legacy will live on each and every time we exercise our right to vote. We will not be denied (*Shelby County, Alabama v. Holder*).

WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE NEWS



Rev. Shousei Hanayama conducted services on **Memorial Day** at the **City of Watsonville's Pioneer Cemetery**. A grave marker shows an infant, **Nobue Kimoto**, died at the age of three weeks on July 17, 1910.



At 9 am on Memorial Day, these dedicated Sangha members met at the City of Watsonville's Pioneer Cemetery: **Perry Yoshida**; **Kiyoshi Kawasaki**; **Shoren, Elren**, and **Rev. Shousei Hanayama**; **Kim Yoshida**; **Mae Yoshida**; **Aileen Kawasaki**; **Noboru Nakatani**; **Sharon Shingai Wells**; **Keiko Hanayama**; **Tamiko and Isao Matsui**. **Sharon's** brother **Gary Shingai** is buried here.



Over 100 gathered at the PV Memorial Park at 10 am to pay their respects to those family members and friends

who have passed on. Many returned to their “home town” of Watsonville from the Santa Clara Valley, Monterey County, and elsewhere. It was a homecoming of sorts with friends greeting longtime friends. Conversations centered around grandchildren and medical appointments.



Sadayuki “Sid” Fujii remembered his offering, and **Roy Sakae** (in wheelchair) is assisted by his son, **Wayne**.

Temple Calendar for June

2	Sun.	10 am	Graduation/Sunday & Shotsuki Hoyo Services
4	Tues.	6:30 pm	Teriyaki Committee Meeting
		7:30 pm	Temple Board Meeting
5	Wed.	1 pm	BWA Meeting
6	Thurs	10 am	ABA Meeting
9	Sun.	10 am	Sunday Service with Rev. Eijun Kujo, retired BCA minister
16	Sun	No Sunday	Service
22	Sat	11 am-4 pm	JACL Community Picnic at Aptos Village Park

23 Sun. No Sunday Service
 24 Mondays & Wednesdays **Obon Practice** at 7 pm
 30 Sun. 10 am Sunday Service
Kokoro no Gakko prep

The **Shotsuki Hoyo Service** will be held on June 2nd for the following who passed away in the month of June:

Jim Yoshio Akimoto 1979	Akira Dooka 2011
Tokio Fujii 1984	Mits Hashimoto 1997
Osami Higaki 1938	Mitoshi Hirahara 1965
Frances Hoshiyama 2012	Kazuko Idemoto 2003
Tsunehichi Iyama	George Yutaka Izumizaki 1988
Tsutae Kamimoto 1977	Momoyo Kanda 1959
James Kimoto 1998	Isamu Kimoto 1941
Tomo Kimoto 1973	Chisako Kobara 1985
Kaichi Kobara 1946	Isamu Kobayashi 1941
Shizue Kokka 1995	Jason Tadashi Maemura 2000
Midori Matsui 1975	Kenneth Matsumoto 1959
Misao Matsunami 1983	Tsugumi Matsunami 1959
Bill Matao Mine 1999	Sachi Mine 1957
Gijiro Misumi 1957	Takaji Miura 1961
Shozo Murakami 1995	Tsuyuko Helen Muronaka 2005
Tousuke Nagamine 1987	Pauline Nakase 1993
Norma Taeko Nishijima 2006	Hayakichi Nishita 1948
Fumiko Oda 1917	Kanako Oka 2008
Manzo Sadamura 1971	Tsuya Shirachi 1969
Chiyeko Sukekane 2002	Kisaku Takei 1936
Noboru Tanimura 1986	Takeyo Tao 1969
Rosie Terasaki 2012	Jane Misako Toriumi 2010
Toshiko Tsudama 2012	Barbara Sanae Yamamoto 2003
Hisa Yamamoto 1976	Ben Tsutomu Yamamoto 2006
Masatatsu Bob Yamamoto 2005	Sakuichi Yamane
Akiji Yamanishi 2002	Jitaro Yamanishi 1981
Tadao Yamanishi 1994	Minoru Yamashita 1993
Misayo Yorita 1998	Toshiteru Yorita 1991
Masato Yoshimaru 1980	Rempei Uyematsu

The Tri-Temple Obon Schedule:

Sun. July 14 Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple
 Sun. July 21 Watsonville Buddhist Temple
 Sun. July 28 Salinas Buddhist Temple

KOKORO NO GAKKO TO START



Kokoro no Gakko

This year, the *Kokoro no Gakko* leadership wisely decided to start a week later for a very good reason that involves the 4th of July celebration.

Gakko classes will begin on Monday, July 1st at 9 am, at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple, 423 Bridge Street, Watsonville, CA 95076 and will celebrate its last session on Friday, July 12 with its traditional “Open House.”

All the classes, K-6th grades, are filled this year for which we are grateful. The volunteer teachers, parents (and grandparents) and students are looking forward to another great, wonderful, learning experience about our Japanese and Japanese American culture.

DONATIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED FROM ...

Thank you for your thoughtfulness. We appreciate each and every donation in support of our programs and events.

Day of Remembrance Education Fund

Newsletter. Thank you for your encouraging comments:

Thomas Sakamoto, MIS of Los Gatos

George Shimizu of Walnut Creek

In Remembrance, ...

of **Takeru Okamoto** from **Itsuko Okamoto**

of **Kaz Kikuchi** from **Esther Ura**

of **George Kimura** from son, **Victor Kimura**

of **Frances Hoshiyama** from family ...

Ichiro and Dora Hoshiyama,

Darryl and Vivianne Hoshiyama,

Mas and Marcia Hashimoto,

Debbe and Thomas Chan, and Nikolas Chan

Special Donation

Paul and Carol Kaneko 9 cases of 8½ x 11 multi-purpose paper

IN REMEMBRANCE OF TADAAKI KATO

Tadaaki Kato of Watsonville passed away at home on Wednesday, May 22, 2013, surrounded by his family. He was 89 years old.

Mr. Kato was born in Fukuoka, Japan on February 10, 1924. As a young man, he worked for the Japanese railroads as a conductor and also served in the Japanese military during WWII. He married **Akiko Ishida** on July 1, 1947, at the age of 24. In 1954, they immigrated to the United States where they settled in San Jose, CA and grew strawberries. He then decided to change his line of work to gardening. Years later, to make a better life for his family, he moved to Watsonville in 1966 where he started *Kato Nursery*, a family run wholesale carnation business. In 1973, he opened up *Kato Florist and Gift Shop* in San Jose. Two years later, he expanded and opened a second retail florist shop in Watsonville. In 1977, he decided to transition into growing roses and changed the name of the business to *Kato Cut Flowers, Inc.* In 1995, he opened another wholesale cut flower warehouse in San Jose. Mr. Kato continued to work until the early 2000's. He loved his business as much as he loved his family.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, **Akiko (Betty)** of Watsonville, and his children; **Setsuko/Sue Sinclair (Scott)** of Santa Cruz, **June Weinstein (Jack)** of Villa Park, **Tad Kato (JoAnn)** of Scotts Valley, **Mary Rumney (Craig)** of Watsonville, **Nancy Velez (Victor)** of Watsonville, **Eileen Klockgether (Joe)** of Sacramento, **Tom Kato (Wanda)** of Sacramento, **Kathy Ito (Doug)** of Aptos, and nephew, **Michael Maemura** of Gardena who was like a son, 16 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

The family will be forever grateful to the skill, expertise, and the dignified care Tadaaki received, in his home, by the staff of Hospice of Santa Cruz County.

In lieu of flowers or koden, the family has requested that donations be made to Hospice of Santa Cruz County, 940 Disc Drive, Scotts Valley, CA 95066.

Friends and family are invited to attend funeral services on Saturday, June 1, 2013 at 11:00 AM at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple, 423 Bridge St., Watsonville.

AT THE GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL CEMETERY IN SAN BRUNO ON MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 27TH



Mas Hashimoto was invited by the **Golden Gate Nisei Memorial Post #9879** to deliver the keynote address. He asked the veterans and all in attendance to follow President Truman's order to the 100th/442nd RCT -- to "keep up that fight (against prejudice)." He spoke of the heroics of the men of the 100th/442nd/MIS from Watsonville. In closing, he reminded all of another cemetery dedication in Gettysburg 150 years ago (1863) by President Abraham Lincoln.

Photo, courtesy of **Greg Marutani** of the SF JACL.

WELCOME, W-SC JACL MEMBERS

Thank you for supporting our National and local organizations with your annual membership.

Here are our newest members!

Joseph Myers, USN retired, of Watsonville

Thomas Sakamoto of Los Gatos

Alan Igarashi of Monterey

Amanda Akiyama (Y) of Watsonville

Brooke Hiura (Y) of Watsonville

Maya Kitayama (Y) of Menlo Park

Robert and Karen Kitayama & Grace (Family)

Joyce Nakano of Los Angeles

Cathy Gamble of Aptos

If you are not now a JACL member, consider joining our W-SC JACL chapter! We strongly believe that every person of Japanese ancestry should belong to the JACL, and we welcome friends of all ethnic backgrounds to join as full members who are devoted to the principles of justice, fair play, and equality under the US Constitution.

WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL

We gratefully acknowledge your National JACL membership and your continued support of our important programs. If you have moved or are planning to move, please let us know your new address.

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

Onward!

Mas Hashimoto, Editor

One-Day Senior Trip
Chukchansi Gold Casino, Coarsegold
\$10 e-cash and \$5 food coupon

July 23, 2013 [Tuesday] 8:00 AM to 7:30 PM

Cost: **Active Senior Members \$30** and others **\$35**

Reservations: Carol Kaneko 476-7040 or Rubie Kawamoto 464-6721

Non-Senior Center members are welcome to join us! Help us fill the bus!

If you have suggestions for places where our Seniors would enjoy a one-day or multiple-day trip or you can help in the planning of such trips, please call *Carol Kaneko* at 476-7040. Thank you.

Mother's Day for those over 88.



Mitsue Tao 89, Kitako Izumizaki 91, Michi Hamada 91, Mitzi Katsuyama 92, Eiko Ceremony 88, Nancy Iwami 98, Masako Miura 98, Hideko Nagamine 92, Chiyoko Yagi 92, Miyeko Yamashita 95, and Haruko Yoshii 96. Photo by **Carol Kaneko**.

Upcoming Activities at the Senior Center:

Thurs June 6, 27	Regular Bingo
Thurs June 13	Father's Day Celebration – Potluck
Sat June 8	Japanese Cultural Fair – Mission Plaza Park, Santa Cruz, 11 am – 6 pm
Thurs June 20	June Birthday Party
Sat June 22	JACL Community Picnic - Aptos Village Park, 11 am – 4:30 pm

***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 – who knows what goodies you might take home! Let us know if you can help out on one or more Thursdays each month. Call **Susan AmRhein at (831) 724-9454** to volunteer and have some fun.

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

No Increase in the 2013 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 2013 National and local dues for our tax-deductible organization (ID #94-2659895) are as follows:

Family/Couples	___ \$150 This includes two National dues with one subscription to the <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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Please send your check payable to **Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL** and mail ASAP to:
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: watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org and jacl.org.