

Liberty
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Lessons in
Loyalty

THE WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL

Newsletter July 2013

A CELEBRATION, AND YOU'RE INVITED!



On Saturday, August 10, 2013, our Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL chapter will be celebrating the 25th Silver Anniversary of the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of August 10, 1988 at our JACL Tokushige Kizuka Hall, 150 Blackburn Street, Watsonville, CA 95076, from 2 pm to 4:30 pm with an enlightening program, and you're invited. The act provided an apology and reparations of \$20,000 for each surviving internee.

There is no admission charge, and light refreshments will be served. So that we can plan accordingly, we ask that you RSVP Mas Hashimoto at (831) 722-6859, hashi79@sbcglobal.net, or write to 578 Vivienne Drive, Watsonville, CA 95076 at your earliest convenience. Everyone will be welcomed regardless.

We will present a program highlighting the history and strategy of the redress movement and campaign and of our W-SC JACL chapter's supportive participation.

Special guests are the internees who were unjustly incarcerated by the US Government during WW II in the ten "concentration camps:"

Amache, Colorado

Heart Mountain, Wyoming

Jerome, Arkansas

Manzanar, California

Poston, Arizona

Topaz, Utah

Minidoka, Idaho

Rohwer, Arkansas

Tule Lake, California

Gila River, Arizona

We will also honor the W-SC JACL donors of 30 years ago to our chapter's redress and reparations campaign. Please see page 18 of this newsletter. We are grateful to the men of 100th/442nd/MIS and to those involved in the legal cases of **Gordon Hirabayashi, Minoru Yasui, Fred Korematsu, and Mitsue Endo**.

Our special keynote speaker will be **Grant Ujifusa** of NY and a W-SC JACLER, who, from the mid-1980s, was the strategy chair of National JACL's Legislative Educational Committee. Our special guests are **Ben and Yoko Umeda**, respected chairs of our redress and reparation campaign.

This event, highlighting the historic triumph of the Japanese Americans, is not to be missed. It is a significant program to be shared amongst those of Japanese ancestry. As a family, please join us.

AGAINST ALL ODDS

On February 19, 1942, **President Franklin Delano Roosevelt** issued *Executive Order 9066*, which forced 120,000 Japanese and Japanese Americans living in the western states of WA, OR, and CA into concentration camps, located in the country's most inhospitable places.

These Nikkei (of Japanese ancestry) were the victims of a breakdown of the *Constitution* driven by racial prejudice, war hysteria, and the failure of Constitutional government—legislative, executive and judicial branches.

In Hawaii, over 156,000 Nikkei were not incarcerated! Why is that? Were they more "loyal" than mainland Nikkei? No, it was simply a question of racism!

The Redress bill, to provide an apology and monetary compensation to the victims of the unjust incarceration, moved through the 100th Congress in 1987 and 1988. Then, on August 10, 1988, **President Ronald Reagan signed H.R. 442, Civil Liberties Act of 1988**. The Harvard Kennedy School called the event a political achievement "against all odds."

Grant Ujifusa, of the Japanese American Citizens League, will speak about how he devised a justification for the bill that appealed across political party and conservative-liberal lines, and then about finding an event in young Ronald Reagan's life that caused the President to reverse his opposition to H.R. 442.

A graduate of Harvard and the founding editor of the **Almanac of American Politics**, Mr. Ujifusa recently received the *Order of the Rising Sun*, the equivalent of a knighthood, from the Japanese government for his work in redress.

Edison Uno, Congressman Robert Matsui, Cherry Kinoshita, Senators Sparks Matsunaga and Daniel Inouye, John Tateishi, Gracye Uyehara, and Rudy Tokiwa of 100th/442nd RCT veterans are among those who played pivotal roles in securing justice. Join us on Saturday, August 10, 2013.

W-SC JACL SCHOLARSHIPS 2013 by Brooke Kondo

Our 2013 Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL Scholarship Committee was happy to receive and review scholarship applications from our local high school seniors as well as graduate students actively involved with the W-SC JACL, Westview Presbyterian Church, and/or the Watsonville Buddhist Temple.

The **Kee Kitayama Memorial Scholarship** was established by **Mrs. Keiko Kitayama** in memory of her husband, **Kee**, formerly of Bainbridge Island, WA who was our JACL chapter president in 1987. Mr. Kitayama worked tirelessly for Redress and Reparations with the Civil Liberties Act of August 10, 1988. The Kee Kitayama Memorial Scholarship fund has generously gifted \$1000 for local students to use towards their higher education goals each year.



This year's recipient, **Amanda Aiko Akiyama**, wrote an essay entitled, "Remembering the Civil Liberties Act of August 10, 1988." She wrote about the impact of Executive Order 9066, the significance of the Civil Liberties Act, and how the redress and reparations movement affected the Japanese American Community. She expressed, "Although Japanese Americans were not compensated in a truly fair amount, it is still important to acknowledge that there was an apology given." "It showed that our nation can take responsibility for our wrongful actions and the Japanese American community can forgive." We are pleased to award Amanda Aiko Akiyama \$1000 in honor of Mr. Kee Kitayama.

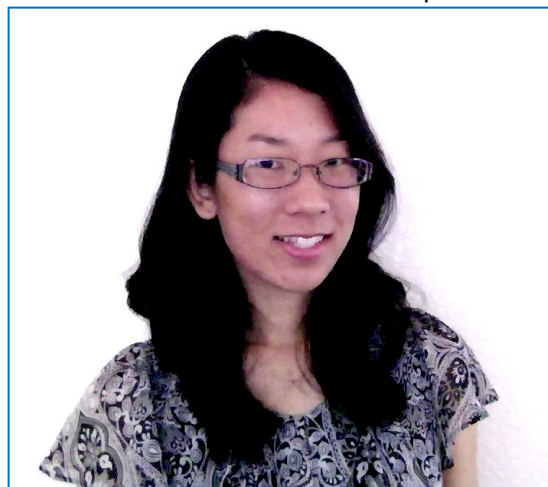
This is the inaugural year for the **Rekiso "Ray" and Hisako "Louise" Sako Scholarship**, which has been generously established in honor of the Sako's to support our local youth in their endeavors to achieve higher education. The Sako Multi-Year Scholarships will be awarded to an Undergraduate student, for up to four years of study, as well as students accepted into a Graduate program for up to two years of study. Mr. and Mrs. Sako were hoping to attend the picnic and to be able to personally deliver the scholarship awards this year, but unfortunately were unable to attend. Mrs. Sako wrote a congratulatory letter and expressed their strong belief that, "a good education is a basic foundation leading to a successful life." and "Omedeto!" or "Congratulations."

Amanda Akiyama will also be receiving the Undergraduate Sako Scholarship for \$1000 per year for

four years of her college education. Amanda has been an exceptional student, maintaining an overall GPA of 4.146 while attending Aptos High School. She was involved with student government, water polo, and swimming at school as well as working, volunteering, and being an accomplished pianist and dancer. She has trained in ballet, jazz, as well as *Japanese classical dance*. She will be attending Occidental College and hopes to become a physician or veterinarian. She has interests in the medical field and marine biology. She knows that these career paths both pertain to our area and she is positive that she will be able to give back to the community in the near future. If she does decide to become a physician or veterinarian, she will have many years of school ahead of her. So hopefully these scholarships will help her achieve those goals.

On behalf of the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL, Mrs. Keiko Kitayama, and Ray and Louise Sako, I would like to congratulate Amanda Aiko Akiyama on her graduation, acceptance to Occidental college, as well as being the 2013 recipient of the Kee Kitayama Memorial Scholarship and the Rekiso "Ray" and Hisako "Louise" Sako 4-year Undergraduate scholarship.

This year, we are honored to award two \$1,000 Graduate Scholarships from the **Rekiso "Ray" and Hisako "Louise" Sako Scholarship** fund. **Miss Jamie Kuratomi** and **Miss Marissa Kitazawa** were both outstanding applicants for the graduate category and with permission from Mr. and Mrs. Sako we were able to grant each of them the 2013 Sako Graduate Scholarship.



Jamie Kuratomi is currently finishing her second year of dental school at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, so she was unable to attend the JACL Picnic this year. Jamie attended UC San Diego for her undergraduate degree, during which time she volunteered at free dental clinics. She was inspired to pursue a career in dentistry by the dedication of the volunteer dentists as well as the gratefulness of the patients. She is working extremely hard and excelling at UNLV.

Bernard Hurlbut, DDS, assistant professor of clinical sciences, wrote for Jamie a letter of recommendation stating, "It is a privilege to be a part of her professional education, and I foresee a bright future for her!" Jamie is looking forward to moving back to California, practicing dentistry, and making a positive difference in her patient's lives as well as the community. The scholarship committee as well as Mr. and Mrs. Sako are pleased to award Jamie Kuratomi a \$1000 scholarship to be used towards the completion of her graduate education.



Our other Rekiso "Ray" and Hisako "Louise" Graduate Scholarship was given to **Marissa Kitazawa**. Many of our members had the chance to meet her while she filmed, *Keiro Thursday*, a documentary of our Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL Senior members. She was kind enough to send the film in as a sample of her work. I was pleased to see our senior member interviews and was quite impressed by the filming, editing, and content of the film. Marissa is finishing her first year at UC Santa Cruz for her Master's program on Social Documentation. She will be conducting research and creating a documentary, *Roots of Resilience*, a short film of Japanese American seniors and youth using cultural artistic expression as a form of preserving legacy and activism. She was the Interim Regional Director of JACL-Pacific Southwest District. Her work with the JACL, as well as research about the Japanese American community, has inspired her to work for social change.

Nancy Chen, Marissa's professor, wrote, "Her focus on generational change, social memory, and pan ethnic coalitions would complement and enhance the JACL's focus on social justice," adding, "I have a tremendous esteem for Marissa and her record of excellence. I have taught at UCSC since 1994 and in my near two decades of training doctoral students, I would rank her at the top." Marissa is an exceptional candidate with meaningful life goals, hard work, and dedication. We are looking forward to viewing her films as well as seeing her continue to work for social change. The Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL scholarship committee and Mr. and Mrs. Sako are pleased to award Marissa \$1000 for her last year of graduate school.



My husband and I were looking forward to attending this year's JACL picnic. Due to an unforeseen husband's illness, we are unable to be present to witness the first Rekiso Ray and Hisako Louise Scholarship Fund to be awarded to the winning candidates.

We wish them and also future recipients much success in their educational endeavors. We believe that a good education is a basic foundation leading to a successful life.

To the first awardees, "omedeto."

Hisako Louise Sako



The presentation to **Marissa Kitazawa** (left) and **Amanda Akiyama** (right) by **Dr. Brooke Kondo** (center) took place on June 22nd at our JACL community picnic.

DR. FRANCIS B. CHOY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

by Sharon Choy

Francis B. Choy, M.D. was raised in Berkeley, CA, youngest of four children of **Professor Bong Y. Choy**, who taught in the Berkeley Unified School District post-immigrating from Korea and who authored the text, "Koreans in America," as well as other texts documenting, in English, the Korean experience.

Francis attended Berkeley High School and U.C. Berkeley, then went on to medical school at U.C.L.A., whereupon he befriended **Conrad Hamako**, then a classmate, and myself, then a nursing student. That was over forty years ago. Eventually both doctors and respective families settled in Santa Cruz County to raise our children.

Over the course of twenty years of medical service here, Dr. Choy remained an avid and fiercely loyal Cal fan, consistently losing bets over the "Big Game" with Stanford to **Drs. Hamako, Menges and Okamoto**, all of whom hailed from Stanford. Despite the dismal Berkeley game statistics during this era, Dr. Choy remained steadfast in his support for his alma mater.

I believe that because of his unfailing loyalty to what was then a repeatedly losing battle over those twenty years, Dr. Hamako, in Dr. Choy's memory, established and oversaw, with my help, this scholarship.

"Go, Bears!"



James Ong, a "hapa" Chinese American, is a graduate of UC Santa Cruz and is currently studying for his Master's Degree under the tutelage of **UCLA Professor Lane Hirabayashi**, nephew of **Gordon Hirabayashi**.

James, who interviewed on digital camera many of our Senior Center members, has studied and taught in Japan. He writes:

I want to offer my research as insight into new trajectories for Asian American studies, engaging in this critical discussion as it is part of the "Asian American" experience, integral to our communal histories, and potentially representative of future trends. Through Japanese American experiences, I hope to show how the

phenomenon of multi-ethnic identity demonstrates ethnic fluidity and diversity within a seemingly "fixed" Asian American but uncover more obscure forms of racism, oppression, and marginalization. By challenging the endurance "embedded" views of "ethnic purity" based on notions of nations, group membership, ancestry, and culture, I endeavor to pursue social justice for both individuals and over historical discourse. As a final thought, based on demographic trends, the Japanese Amerasian populations will soon eclipse "mono-ethnic" Japanese Americans, signaling the importance of reconsidering the meaning of "Japanese American" identity, the deeper reasons of enduring ethnic categorizations, and new directions Japanese Americans studies as an academic discipline. The objective of this thesis is not only to present flexible ethnic perspective and a framework for interpreting ethnic discourse but also "new" historical and ethnographic narratives for the benefit of academia and the Asian American community.

We congratulate James upon receiving this \$1,000 scholarship commemorating the 20th anniversary of Dr. Choy's passing.

The recipients also received two books--the story of the **National Japanese American Memorial**, "**Patriotism, Perseverance, Posterity**," and "**Nisei Voices, Japanese American Students of the 1930's- Then & Now**," compiled by **Joyce and Paul Hirohata**.

2013 JACL ANNUAL COMMUNITY PICNIC

by Marcia Hashimoto, Chair

On behalf of the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL, I would like to thank everyone who helped, donated, and attended our annual community picnic on Sat., June 22nd at the Aptos Village Park. Over 175 participants enjoyed the beautiful, fun-filled day which included a variety of races for children and adults, exciting free bingo for Seniors and friends, a terrific performance by our wonderful and talented Watsonville Taiko, a delicious BBQ chicken lunch with an ice cream dessert, *jan ken po* contest won by **7 year-old Kai Kawamoto**, rice grains guessing contest won by **Mary Etow**, water balloon toss won by **June Kumada** and friend, and the grand raffle!

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

Gary and Cindy Mine; Dave Kadotani; Joe Bowes; Jeanette Hager; Phil Shima; Brooke Kondo; Iwao Yamashita; Jean Yamashita; Kinji House; Sunao Honda; Victor, Carter and Nicole Kimura; Clyde, Kimiyo, and Cathy; Bobbi Jo Palmer; Carol Kaneko; Randy and Tracy Mano; Drs Stuart Sakuma and Janet Nagamine; Doug and Sharyn Nakashima; Chiye Tamaki; Mabel Broader; Aimee Mizuno; Debbe Chan; Jim, Yoshiko, and Bruce Arai; Linda and Wilma Wong, Charlotte Saito; Kim and Melissa Tao; Rosalie Hoffman; Julie Etow; Carlin Schelstraete; Kenny Kusumoto; and Mas Hashimoto.

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

2013 PICNIC DONATIONS

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

David & Jeanni Kadotani	Alan Uyematsu
Aya Okuma	Jane Sugidono
Clyde & Kimiyo Kimura	Chiye Tamaki
Dr. Conrad Hamako	Dr. Steven Tanaka
George Dymesich	Wendy King
Marina Rangel	Gary and Cindy Mine
Hong Kong Garden II	Paul & Kim Tao
W-SC JACL Senior Center	Victor Kimura
Mas & Marcia Hashimoto	Watsonville Taiko
Willie & Joanne Yahiro	Paul and Carol Kaneko
Bill & Gail Wurtenberg	Michiko Hatamiya

Miyuki Restaurant—Yas and Janet Sakaguchi

Imura Restaurant, Jee Kajihara

Yamashita Market, Goro Yamashita

East Lake Village Hardware, Rodney Misumi

Flowers by Toshi, Ryoko Kozuki

Shiatsu Clinic--Ben and Chiyoe Yamaguchi

Union Bank--Sahin Günsel, VP

Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL

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

Dr. Gerald Kondo	Dr. Arthur Hayashi
Dr. Brooke Kondo	Dr. Reed Kuratomi
Dr. Stuart Sakuma	David & Jeanni Kadotani
Yukio & Edna Nagata	Floy Sakata



Holding the winning ticket for the **Grand Prize**, a 47" flatscreen TV, was 7 year-old **Kai Kawamoto** (with cap), shown with his father, **Rob**, and brother, **Noa**.

Early Saturday morning at the JACL KIZUKA HALL **Joe Bowes, David Kadotani, Gary Mine, Marcia Hashimoto, Nicole and Carter Kimura, Kimiyo and Clyde Kimura, Victor Kimura, Jeanette Hager** loaded tables, chairs, bbq equipment, bingo and race prizes, beans, drinks, etc onto the truck. **Cindy Mine** was shopping for ice and ice cream and, therefore, is not in the group photo. Photo by **Mas Hashimoto**.



The participation of our supportive community at this annual family event is appreciated. We look forward to seeing you at our picnic next year on Sat. June 28, 2014, at the Aptos Village Park. Let the tradition continue!

KAWAKAMI WATSONVILLE SISTER CITY EXCHANGE by **Braelen Addison**, age 13, 7th grader at Linscott Charter School, 6/18/2013



My experience as an exchange student with the Kawakami-Watsonville Sister City program was awesome, and there are too many different things for me to talk about to really sum it all up. My trip was incredible! I had so much fun traveling, staying with the host family, meeting so many other wonderful people, visiting the school, and much, much more.

First, definitely the greatest highlight was staying with my host family. In all there were seven people in the family. My host, Diamon, who was the brother, two other brothers, ages 10 and 17. Next, there was a sister that was around 14. There was the mom and dad, and then finally the grandmother. They were all very hospitable and treated me very well.



Members of my wonderful host family (Braelen is in the center).

When Diamon comes to the U.S., my family and I will treat him the same way. They were constantly asking me if I wanted any food or drinks. At first, I was a bit nervous about staying alone, but after the first day or so, I got to be really comfortable. The whole family was very nice to me. They showered me with thoughtful gifts and even gave me gifts to bring back for my family! The meals at my homestay were unforgettable. They always said "Itadakimas" and "Gochisosama" before and after every meal, and the meals themselves were delicious. They had these tables that were low to the ground, and they had blankets draped over them. They had a layer of wood over the blankets, with a heater underneath. You would put your legs under them, with the heater keeping the bottom of the table warm.

My experience with different foods was unexplainable. You would have had to be there to understand how different the Japanese food was. It was odd, but also very good. From candies to sushi, it was all delicious. I remember this one root beer cotton candy thing that was very peculiar. It was strong, but after you chewed it, it turned into gum. The best food I had in Japan was when my host family and I went to this one restaurant a few miles out of Kawakami. There was udon, an egg dish, and just overall wonderful food. I'm not entirely sure what most of it was, but it was incredible. Every bite I took was a mix of different tastes.

Also, my host family taught me that you can take the marble out of Japanese sodas. One thing that surprised me was how many vending machines there were around the town. Even in the most peculiar spots, you would find a vending machine. They would be around every corner, next to a run down barn, in a store, next to a school, you name it. The vending machines carried a variety of different drinks, but I never saw one with food. There were still some recognizable brands like *Coke* and *Fanta*, but most of the drinks were specific to Japan.

Going to the school was so fun! My favorite activity at the middle school was the sport clubs. We

walked around the campus visiting sections of the school that held sports like baseball, basketball, soccer, table tennis, etc. I play baseball, so this was very interesting to me. The sports clubs were held the day we arrived, after school and lasted from around 4:30 to 6:30.



Above, our Watsonville students enjoyed an outing.

I have had a great appreciation for Japanese culture since I was about 5 years-old, and discovered *Pokemon* and *Anime*. In the last couple of years, my appreciation for Japanese culture has grown a lot because my family has become more connected to the Japanese-American community in Watsonville. So many things interest me about Japan, and as a result of my trip, I now have an even greater respect for the culture.



Kawakami has many things in common with Watsonville. I learned that both cities grow strawberries, and both are located in beautiful valleys populated with wonderful people. My trip was absolutely life-changing, and I will remember my trip forever. I am so excited to share my experience with everybody. Watsonville and Kawakami have a very close relationship with each other from over the years, and with each batch of students that we exchange, our friendship grows exponentially.

Photos provided by **Braelen Addison**.

THE REFLECTIONS OF THE 2013 JAPANESE CULTURAL FAIR IN SANTA CRUZ

by Carol Kaneko

The 27th annual **Santa Cruz Japanese Cultural Fair** took place on Saturday, June 8, and was enjoyed by the many people who filled Mission Plaza Park, eager to learn about Japanese culture, eat Japanese food, and enjoy and even participate in traditional Japanese performances.

The perimeter of the park was decorated with colorful koinobori on long poles, blowing in the breeze, and the main stage was decorated with red paper *chochin* lanterns. Vendor booths selling Japanese foods, crafts, art, and clothing lined the paths that weave through the park.

The Japanese Cultural Fair performances and demonstrations took place at three different venues: the main stage at Mission Plaza Park; *Aikido* of Santa Cruz Dojo on Mission Street; and the Zen Center on School Street.

The fair is one of the most comprehensive presentations of Japanese culture on the Central Coast and was attended by thousands of mostly non-Nikkei, which makes this event unique among other similar festivals.

Official greetings were given by the mayor of Santa Cruz, Hilary Bryant, and representing the Consul General of Japan in San Francisco, was Vice-Consul Tsuyoshi Hikita.

Performances on the main stage included: Chanting by the Zen Center members; Watsonville *Taiko*; a martial arts demonstration by *Aikido* of Santa Cruz; *Minyō* by *Matsutoyo Kai*; *Koto* by *Marimo Kai*; *Shakuhachi* by Karl Young; *Bon Odori* by Chieko; *Kyōgen* by Theatre of Yugen; *Shamisen* by Hougaku Kai; Okinawan Dance by *Ohtori Kinsen-Kai*; *Koto* by Shirley Muramoto; A Japanese Ghost Story by Brenda Aoki; and San Francisco *Taiko Dōjō*. Martial arts demonstrations were ongoing at *Aikido* of Santa Cruz and the Zen Center had ongoing tours and demonstrations of *Ikebana* by Watsonville *Ikenobo*, *Kimono* Workshop by Keiko-san, *Bonsai* by Don White, *Obon Seiki* Ceremony, Tea Ceremony, and new this year, a *Miso* and *Nattō* Workshop with Manfred Warmuth. A special silent auction was held for three digital cameras donated by Ricoh. In the center part of the park, a special kids area was busy with children and adults participating in *origami*, flower arranging, and name writing in Japanese characters.



Many visited our booth. **Marcia Hashimoto**, **Marissa Kitazawa**, and **Brooke Kondo** sold beautiful Watsonville strawberries and organic cucumbers.



Erika Obayashi and **Jeanette Hager** sold tea and *obento*.



Our W-SC JACL chapter was again a co-sponsor of the event, and our booth sold delicious strawberries, cucumbers, hot and cold green tea (mostly hot, as it turned out to be a cold and foggy day), three types of *bento* boxes prepared by **Timmy Hunt** of *Pono Hawaiian Grill*, and ceramic pieces donated and made by Santa Cruz local artist, **Wendy King** of *Double Happiness Pottery*. Our chapter's internment display boards were at the side of our booth, and **Mas Hashimoto** spent the day as a history teacher again, discussing our very important story with the many people who stopped by. I heard him asking, "What is a 'non-alien'?"

Eiko Ceremony, one of our Senior Center members, had a table at the JCF booth and sold her book, *Allegrò*. She donated most of her profit to the JCF.

It is a lot of work to pull together everything and everybody necessary to have our JACL booth at the fair, and I had thoughts of "never again" as fair day approached. Those thoughts disappeared on Saturday - it was, as always, a fun day and an important event for our chapter and for the community. We not only had fun working together, we increased our chapter's visibility in the community and raised some much needed funds.

Thanks to the many friends and local businesses that generously donated to our booth: **Paul Tao** for the top selling organic strawberries, **Tom Simmons**, manager of *Watsonville Berry Bowl Co-op*, and *Driscoll's* for strawberries--donations arranged by **Victor Kimura**; **Nagamine Farm** for organic cucumbers; **Wendy King** for her beautiful ceramics; and **Timmy Hunt** of *Pono Hawaiian Grill* for making the obento for our booth.



Our booth also included lessons of our wartime incarceration.

Many thanks to the following people who worked at the JACL booth all day: **Jeanette Hager**, **Marcia and Mas Hashimoto**, **Bobbi Jo Palmer**, **Erika Obayashi** (a student from Japan who is an intern with *Good Will Industries* in SF and a friend of **Bobbi Jo's** daughter Jackie) who was a big help to us, and **Carol Kaneko**. Thanks also to others who helped: **Kimi Kimura**, **Tosh Tanaka**, **Brooke Kondo**, **Victor Kimura**, **Iwao Yamashita**, and **Gary and Cindy Mine**. A special thank you goes to **Jim and Bobbi Jo Palmer** for providing delicious donuts in the morning and transportation to and from Watsonville for our equipment and supplies. Thanks also to **Kim Tao** and **Victor Kimura** for delivering the strawberries. My apologies to anyone whose name I may have omitted.

To everyone: *domo arigato!* See you next year!



An appreciative crowd enjoyed all the performers.

WATSONVILLE TAIKO AND SHINSEI DAIKO

By Bonnie Chihara

On June 8th, we arrived at the Mission Plaza in Santa Cruz at 8:30 am to set up for a full day of activities at the **Japanese Cultural Fair**. Joining us to play *taiko* were members of the **Grey Bears** class and members of our **children's taiko** workshops. For some, this was their very

first *taiko* performance. They were nervous but excited to participate. After performing we spent the rest of the day serving *tai yaki*, rice, cucumber salad, *yaki tori* and fried *mochi*. Thank you to everyone who stopped by our booth!



Two weeks later on June 22nd, we played at the JACL picnic at the Aptos Village Park (photo below). After performing, we enjoyed lunch and ice cream. Some of us stayed for the raffle and games. We all enjoy being a part of this tradition, and we look forward to it every year.



If you are interested in taking a *taiko* class, please contact our business manager **Taeko D'andrea** at (831) 435-4594 or email her at info@watsonvilletaiko.org.

We have classes for everyone from ages 8 and up. Please join us!

Our upcoming schedule-

June 29th Medicine Buddha Festival Land of the
Medicine Buddha
July 6th- Summer Concert New Brighton Beach
July 21st- *Obon Festival* Watsonville Buddhist
Temple
July 27th- Watsonville High School Multi-Year
Reunion, Coconut Grove Ballroom
July 28th- Wharf to Wharf, Capitola
Aug. 4th- Cabrillo Music Festival Church Street
Stage Santa Cruz
Nov. 17th- Big Sur Half Marathon Asilomar
Feb. 15th-16th, 2014-Watsonville *Taiko's* 22nd
Anniversary Performance

IN REMEMBRANCE ...

TOM ISAO MINE



Tom Mine, our beloved patriarch, passed away at home peacefully at the age of 95.

Tom was a three sports athlete at Watsonville High School-- track and field, an amateur baseball player, and an avid golfer for 72 years.

He was a dedicated family man and married to his loving wife, **Kikue**, for 54 years. He was a pioneer row-crop farmer for 46 years for Bud Antle, Inc. Loved and adored, sweet and humble, he had a full and happy life. He will be greatly missed.

Preceded in death by wife, **Kikue**; survived by three sons **Marvin (Joanne)**, **Steven, Buddy (Jody)**; seven grandchildren: **Allison and Mark, Matthew (Suzanne), Lindsay (Austin), Blake (Katie), Ashley**, and **Brent**, and one great-grandchild, **Ava**; sister **Tee Yamamoto**, and his faithful dog, **Toby**.

Services were held on June 20th at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple.

ARLENE RUTSUKO "LOU" OSATO

Arlene Rutsuko Osato was born on October 18, 1936 in Watsonville, California. Arlene, also known as **Lou** to many, attended local schools and graduated from Watsonville High School and achieved her AA degree from Monterey Peninsula College. A job opportunity with an insurance company had her venture out to San Francisco. While attending a local church, she met her husband, **Wallace Osato** of Hawaii. They married a short

time later on October 4, 1958 at the Westview Presbyterian Church in Watsonville.



Arlene and Wallace had 3 children: **Lori, Steve and Shari**. Together they raised their children. Arlene had been a homemaker and then started back to work as the children got older, eventually retiring from Granite Construction. Arlene and Wallace traveled to many foreign countries. While taking various tours, they met many new friends along the way.

Arlene was a member of the Westview Presbyterian Church and JACL. She was an amazing wife, mother, daughter and grandma. She was a very compassionate person who would often feed stray cats and neighbors' dogs. She dedicated her life to taking care of her family and her friends in need.

Two and a half years ago, she was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and fought it vigorously, never complaining. She inspired us, as her attitude was amazing. She always had her head up and was smiling.

Strangers that met her never forgot her, and she left a positive impression on everyone. Many doctors and nurses hugged her whenever they greeted her. Arlene was a fastidious writer. She would always immediately write a thank you note for anything anyone did for her. It was her trademark, and those that read her notes saved them as her messages touched their hearts.

Arlene was preceded in death by her beloved grandparents **Harry and Tomie Sakata**, and her mother **Florence Ishizuka**. Arlene is survived by her husband, **Wallace Osato** and her loving children; **Lori Pfeiffer** of Santa Barbara, CA., **Steve and Song Osato** of Port Ludlow, Wa., **Shari and Todd Clayton** of San Jose, CA. Arlene is also cherished by her grandchildren; **Nikki Pfeiffer, Lindsey Pfeiffer, Jeffrey Clayton, Ashley Clayton**, and **Lushea Osato**. She also leaves behind numerous cousins, brother and sister-in-laws, and many dear friends.

A celebration of life was held Sunday June 23rd at Westview Presbyterian Church 118 First St Watsonville, CA. 95076. A reception followed the service in the church gym.

The Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL wishes to express its most sincere condolences to the families of Arlene Osato and Tom Mine and their relatives and friends.

**THERE'S GOING TO BE FIREWORKS ...
AT THE WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE**

The Temple Fireworks booth, in celebration of the *Spirit of the Fourth of July in Watsonville*, will be set up at the corner of Bridge and Blackburn Streets, (Temple parking lot) July 1 through July 4 from 11 am to 8 pm.

We appreciate your patronage. Wave when you drive by.

If you can help man the booth, the Sangha will appreciate your help. Please sign up with **Judy Nagamine** at 724-3583, **Kim Yoshida** at 239-7541, or **Jackie Yamashita** at 724-7860. Thank you.

July is *obon* time! Our resident minister, the late **Rev. Yoshio Iwanaga** (1940-1950), introduced *obon odori* (dancing) to America in the 1930s.



The Temple calendar for July, 2013:

Mon. & Wed. 7 pm	<i>Obon Odori Practice</i>
1-12 9 am to noon	<i>Kokoro no Gakko</i>
6 Sat. 6:30 pm	<i>Hatsubon & Shotsuki Hoyo Service with Rev. Jay Shinseki,</i> refreshments served by BWA
7 Sun 10 am	<i>Obon Cemetery Service at PV Memorial Park</i>
9 Tues 7:30 pm	<i>Temple Board Meeting</i>
10 Wed 1 pm	<i>BWA Meeting</i>
11 Thru 10 am	<i>ABA Meeting, California Grill</i>
12 Fri 2 pm	<i>San Juan Howakai</i>
14 Sun 8 am	<i>Yard Cleaning,</i>
	<i>Outside Sunday Service</i>
21 Sun 12 pm	<i>Monterey Obon Festival</i>
4 pm	<i>Watsonville Obon Festival</i>
4:30 pm	<i>Service</i>
	<i>Obon Odori</i>

Note: our obon odori starts earlier this year.

28 Sun	<i>Salinas Obon Festival</i>
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JULY SHOTSUKI HOYO SERVICE, 6:30 Sat. July 6

Keiko Akimoto 1934	Alan Arao 1960
Ted Tetsuo Arao 1983	Asa Fujita 1927
Sosuke Hamai 1942	Kin Hattori 1972
Thomas Tsuyoshi Higaki 1993	Isao Hirano 1929
Midori Ikeda 1983	Takeshi George Inokuchi 1997
Shige Iwami 1967	George Izumi 1994
Fuji Kawasaki 1957	Sanosuke Kawasaki 1963
Aki Konishi 1972	Fusayo Kurimoto 1967
Amiko Kusumoto 2012	Satsuki Kusumoto 1958
Yoshio Matano 1986	Isekichi Mine 1972
Jim Naoto Misumi 1999	Mary Mito 1984
Takeo Nagata 1930	Robert Nakahara 1996
Motoichi Nakamoto 1983	Mikie Nakashima 1995
Mitsuteru Nakashima 1995	Ayako Niiyama 2004
Mitts Nishihara 2002	Ronald Toshiyuki Nishita 2008
Isano Nitta 1965	Tokujiro Nitta 1966
Suwa Oita 1980	Yaeko Ota 1931
Katsukazu Sasano 2004	Yoshiko Sasano 2005
Torasuke Shimonishi 1936	Chiyoko Shingai
Fuku Shingai	Isaac Shingai 1989
Seki Inouye Shingai 1930	George Kazuo Sugimoto 1982
Masao Tamasu 1987	Kazu Tao 1961
Kichisaburo Terasaki 1969	Sunao Tsuchiyama 1977
Sen Uyeda 1924	Utako Wada 2001
Hiroshi George Wada 2011	Hiroko Wakayama 1933
Tadayoshi Yamaguchi 1995	Fuku Yamamoto 1984
Akei Yamaoka 1977	Kousaku Kay Yamaoka 2002
Shizu Yokoi 1985	Tsuru Yoshizumi 1956

2012-2013 HATSUBON SERVICE, 6:30 pm, Sat. July 6,

To remember those who passed away from June 2012 to May 2013:

Toshiko Tsudama	June 29, 2012
Amiko Kusumoto	July 8, 2012
Tony Masami Yamaoka	August 16, 2012
Atsuko Obata	August 21, 2012
Masayuki Fujii	October 20, 2012
Yutaka Murakami	November 7, 2012
Kiyomi Kaita	November 29, 2012
Wataru Eto	December 29, 2012
Beulah Shinta	January 13, 2013
Shinichi Misumi	January 16, 2013
Barbara Wada	January 18, 2013
Yamato Nishihara	January 29, 2013
Howard Tao	March 21, 2013
Hisae Tao	April 6, 2013
Takeru Okamoto	April 14, 2013
Kazuo Kikuchi	April 16, 2013
Tadaaki Kato	May 22, 2013

The Temple Sangha wishes to express our sincere condolences to the families of Tadaaki Kato and Tom Isao Mine families.

Dharma School report: Thank you, **Ken Tanimoto** and **Dr. Reed Kuratomi**, for continuing to teach the monthly *Dharma School* class. Your dedication and support is appreciated by all the families.

YBA report: During the Memorial Day weekend, we sent a team to compete in the Bay District Volleyball

Tournament in Alameda. Our team, the **Watsonville Waffle Cones**, had members from Salinas and Mt. View joining us. We had a great time, placing 3rd in the C pool. We wish to thank **Kenny Kusumoto** and **Laurel Nakanishi** for chaperoning the event.

Doesn't the floor in the hongo look great? We cleaned it on June 17th.

Along with the Dharma School members, we cheered for the SF Giants against the Miami Marlins on June 23.

Come to our booth during the *Obon* Festival on July 21 for delicious beef *kabobs*, *teriyaki* burgers, curry bowls, corn-on-the-cob, water, and soda.-

ABA report: We will sell our famous *udon* at the Obon Festival starting at noon.

BWA report: The scholarship application deadline is June 30.

Temple Board report: **Dr. Arthur Hayashi**, **Kiyo Kawasaki**, and **Doug Nakashima** are the co-chairs of the **Teriyaki Dinner Take-Out** for September 28. Tickets will remain the same--\$10.

SANTA CRUZ MUSEUM OF ART AND HISTORY HISTORICAL LANDMARK DEDICATION

by Ann Jenkins



You are all invited to a special celebration 'unveiling' a Blue Plaque Award for the **Westview Presbyterian Church** on Sunday, July 14 at 11:05 am, directly following the 10 a.m. church service. **Lynn Nagata** holds the Award.

Ann Jenkins and **Suzi Aratin**, both members of the *Santa Cruz Museum of Art and History Historical Landmarks Committee* will speak on this historic occasion, as will several members of the Westview Church. Light refreshments will follow.

The MAH Blue Plaque committee presented the award to members of the Westview Church on May 4 of this year. Westview Presbyterian Church is located at 118 First Street and parking is directly behind the church. The location for the Blue Plaque is still under consideration, so guests should gather at the main entrance to the church and "standby." You will be guided to the proper location at that time.

SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER'S REPORT

The SPLC's legal docket if filling with innovative challenges to institutionalized discrimination, led most by churches and their leaders. Their cases protect the rights of gay men and lesbians who just want to live equally, and they wish to stop abusive bullying of LGBT children in schools, where violence and harassment too often goes unchecked:

"I don't believe in queers. I don't like queers. I don't hate them as a person, but what they do is wrong and an abomination against God," said an Alabama high school teacher during psychology class.

"The union of two men doesn't bring forth anything except disease and suffering, and the same thing with the union of two women." **Pat Robertson**, evangelical preacher.

"It isn't that some gay will get some rights. It's that everyone else in our state will lose rights." **Michele Bachmann**, R-Minnesota

"[Gay men and lesbians] are just one of the many things that destroy a decent white society We need to put the fear back in these freaks.... Homosexuality is a defect and a mental illness and should be treated as such – not celebrated." Post on *STORMFRONT*, a neo-Nazi website. [Editor's note: the Nazi's "treatment" was their liquidation along with Jews, gypsies, Catholics, Protestants, political enemies, *et al* in the Holocaust.]

Anti-LGBT extremists on the religious right have innocent and inviting sounding names such as the **American Family Association (AFA)** and the **Family Research Council (FRC)**.

"Destin," a young Caucasian American Mississippi girl, is one of SPLC's latest lesbian clients. Her classmates and teachers in junior high made her life a living hell. She was constantly called names. She was denied access to the girls' restroom and kept off girls' sports teams because she was "in-between." She wasn't supported by the school's administration.

No child should ever feel unwelcome or unsafe in school. Too many LGBT students in both public and private parochial schools have committed suicide or have attempted suicide.

SPLC has sued successfully to overturn the **Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA)** in the US Supreme Court. We are elated for the favorable decision against Proposition 8 by the US Supreme Court. Read our article on page 16.

Our W-SC JACL chapter has been supportive for the past 30 years and is grateful for the actions taken by the SPLC on behalf of our LGBT members and friends.

Led by **Morris Dees**, SPLC has the financial resources, talent, and commitment to bring suit against school districts and others and is winning!

"Presentation on Farmworkers in California: Watsonville Public Library Welcomes Acclaimed Authors, Bruce Neuburger and Ann Aurelia López" by Watonka Addison

[Editor's note: We are pleased to announce this presentation. **Watonka Addison** and her family are among our newest W-SC JACL members, and **Bruce Neuburger**, along with his wife, **Sharon Yuki**, have been

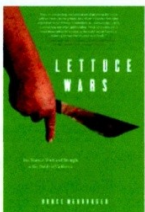
devoted W-SC JACLeers for years. We are grateful for we share a common goal—to fight for the rights of all—to become *Better Americans in a Greater America*.

This editor is a farm worker but of the mid-1940s and 1950s era—from age 10 to 23. He is grateful to both the growers of the Pajaro Valley and to his fellow workers—Mexican and Mexican Americans, *Issei* men and ladies, teenage Nisei and Sansei students, and the others—all who labored in the fields on chilly, cold, foggy, wet mornings when our fingers froze and in the blazing afternoon sun for 85 cents to a \$1 an hour. He is grateful to the growers who provided his “scholarship” so that he could pay his way to college.]

Watsonville Public Library welcomes acclaimed authors,
Bruce Neuburger and Ann Aurelia López


Lettuce Wars
Bruce Neuburger

Part memoir, part informed commentary on farm labor, the U.S. labor movement, and the political economy of agriculture, *Lettuce Wars* is a lively account written from the perspective of the fields... vividly and indelibly, lending a human aspect to the conflict between capital and labor as it played out in the fields of California.



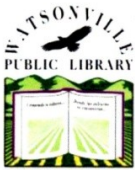
The Farmworkers' Journey
Ann Aurelia López

Illuminating the dark side of economic globalization, *The Farmworkers' Journey* gives a rare insider's view of the migrant farmworkers' binational circuit that stretches from the west central Mexico countryside to Central California.



SATURDAY, JULY 20TH at 2:00 p.m.

Watsonville Public Library
275 Main Street
Watsonville, California
Meeting Room



Sponsored by the Friends of the Watsonville Public Library

Bruce Neuburger will present his new book *Lettuce Wars: Ten Years of Work and Struggle in the Fields of California*, a lively 1970s account written from the perspective of the fields. As a participant in organizing efforts, strikes, and boycotts, Neuburger saw first-hand the struggles of farm workers for better wages and working conditions, and the lengths some growers would go to suppress worker unity.

Offering the perfect complement to Neuburger's work, **Ann Aurelia López**, author of *The Farmworkers' Journey* discusses the farm workers' experience and how our food is produced. Illuminating the dark side of economic globalization, *The Farmworkers' Journey* gives a rare insider's view of the migrant farm workers' binational circuit that stretches from the west central Mexico countryside to Central California.

Bruce Neuburger is a former farm worker, longtime radical political activist, GI organizer,

movement newspaper writer and editor, cab driver, and, for the past twenty-five years, adult school and community college teacher. *Lettuce Wars* is his first book.

Ann Aurelia López received a Ph.D. from the University of California, Santa Cruz. She recently completed a President's Postdoctoral fellowship at the University of California, Berkeley. She has a long history of teaching Environmental Science, Ecology and Botany courses in the Department of Biology at San Jose City College.

This talk is free and open to the public. 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 20, 2013 in the Main Library Meeting Room, 275 Main St. Please call the library at 831-768-3419 for more information.

SENIOR CENTER NEWS by Kitako Izumizaki

Lots of things going on this June with the Japanese Cultural Fair in Santa Cruz and the ever popular annual JACL picnic. We welcomed brand new member **Eileen Byers** who has been very active helping out already. Hope you win lots of bingos, Eileen.

We are hoping for the best for **Ray Sako**, who has been confined at the Valley Heights Convalescence Home. He is happy to have visitors but has a difficult time talking. We send good thoughts to him and **Louise**.

At this time we mourn the loss of a loyal supporter of the Senior Center, **Tom Mine**, who passed away unexpectedly this month at the age of 95. We send our deep condolence to the family, relatives and friends.

Alice Tanimoto says she will be back some day but is unable to make it at this time. We miss her great smile.

Father's Day: Manager **Iwao Yamashita** opened the meeting with a moment of silence which was followed by the singing of *God Bless America*.



Kitako Izumizaki gave a wonderful talk in remembrance of her father, which was followed by announcements, donations and bingo.

The day was celebrated with a potluck dinner donated by members. Red carnation boutonnieres were presented to all fathers 88 and over—**Akira Kodama 91, Fred Oda 89, and Sam Sakamoto 88**. Absent were **Sam Sugidono 91, Ray Sako 96, and Roland Johnson 90**. See the photo of the fathers on the *Seniors' Corner*, page 19.



After grace by **Kitako Izumizaki**, all lined up at the tables filled with delicious home-made foods prepared by our Seniors.



We were happy to meet a newly arrived couple from Japan who dropped in to visit. **Paul Kaneko** (left, above) greeted **Harumi and Tamotsu Minnawa**, and **Keiko Takane** who has been here before.



A very happy **Akira Nagamine** wins again at bingo!
All Senior Center photos are the courtesy of **Carol Kaneko**.



June birthday celebrants were **Masako Miura 99**, **Yoshino Matano 98**, **Eiko Nishihara**, and **Judy Hane**. **Leigh Sakaguchi** and **Sam Sugidono 91** were absent.

Mrs. Matano and Dr. Miura both received *manju* as gifts for being over 90. The head table held an enormous bouquet of *glads*, colorful calla lilies and iris. Individual tables held small bunches of colorful spring flowers in vases. **Jean Akiyama** and **Hisako Kodama** donated the flowers. Photos the courtesy of **Carol Kaneko**.

One couldn't ask for more wonderful weather for the annual **JACL Community Picnic**. There were lots of games for kids and bingo for the seniors with a great lunch and *taiko* to enjoy. Many thanks for providing rides for the Seniors without wheels, also for the delicious lunch and for the refreshing ice cream with strawberries for dessert. We really appreciate all that the members of the JACL do for us.

We thank **Cindy Mine** for coming so often just to take our BP too.

Many thanks to June *tobans*: **Haru Ishibashi**, **Yaeko Cross**, **Mitsuko Ruble** and **Gail Wurtenberg** for a job well done. And as always, thanks to **Judy Hane** and **June Honda** for always helping.

Many thanks to **Helen Nakano** who made the *Father's Day* decorations so that seniors entering the meeting hall were greeted by a colorful spinning paper hot air balloon. Each table had a mobile made of three colorful smaller hot air balloons hanging from a stand and which turned in the breeze, while at each place setting a paper box with *Happy Father's Day* spelled out with hearts held a bar of candy. Helen never fails to amaze us all with all her clever tricks. Thanks loads for all the hard work.

Thanks to **Peggy Triplett** from the *Swing Time Café* for continuing to provide several seniors with a free dinner each week.

Monetary donations gratefully received from **Iwao Yamashita**, **Judy Hane**, **Yoshino Matano**, **Masako Miura** and **Eiko Nishihara**.

Other donations gratefully received:

Eileen Byers	6 bottles dish soap
Miye Yamashita	2 boxes <i>manju</i>
June/Sunao Honda	5 pkgs seasoned <i>nori/katsuo</i> , 7 pkgs cupcakes,
Haruko Yoshii	doz sq <i>Kleenex</i>

Rubie Kawamoto	6 sq <i>Kleenex</i> , 6 pkgs cookies,
	3 bags <i>arare</i>
Eiko Nishihara	doz jars strawberry jam,
	12 jars assorted jelly
Kinji/Motoko House	10 boxes <i>Kleenex</i> , 5 bottles
	<i>Dawn</i> , 5 plates <i>daifuku mochi</i> ,
Mitsuko Ruble	6 jars seasoned nori, doz <i>Scott</i>
	tissues
Chie Sakaue	1 box cookies, 6 bunches flowers,
	lemons, flowers, more flowers,
	one potted plant
Marcia Hashimoto	8 pkg seasoned <i>nori</i> ,
	4 lge <i>Kleenex</i> ,
Hisako Uemura	doz roll tissues
Yaeko Cross	30 rolls tissues
Yae/Sam Sakamoto	1080 paper napkins
Chiyoko Yagi	8 rolls <i>Brawny</i> paper towels
Jean Akiyama	6 bottles <i>Dawn</i> , flowers on table
Fred/Betty Oda	doz rolls tissue
Jane Sugidono	3 pkgs <i>wakame</i> soup
Akira/Hide Nagamine	doz <i>Bounty</i> paper towels, 6 bags
	cucumbers, 2 lge <i>Ajax</i> soap
Satoko Yamamoto	2 bags Japanese cookies
Mitzi Katsuyama	5 pkgs banana bread
Kimi Fujii	doz rolls <i>Bounty</i> towels,
	3 bottles <i>Dawn</i>
Cindy Mine	2 bottles <i>Method</i> all purpose
	cleaner
Mitsuyo Tao	16 clamshells of strawberries
Hisako/Akira Kodama	5 bunches flowers,
	flowers on table
Toshi Yamashita	doz double roll tissues
George/Eiko Stewart	6 roll tissues
JoAnn Vear	9 bags candy
Eiko Ceremony	1 bag of 20 single serve chip mix
Edna/Yukio Nagata	6 double rolls <i>Scott</i> paper towels

Many, many thanks for all your continued donations every week.

Keep coming so you won't miss out on all the goodies. Don't forget about the coming day trip to **Chukchansi** on July 23. See you, and take care.

WESTVIEW HIGHLIGHTS by Randy Mano

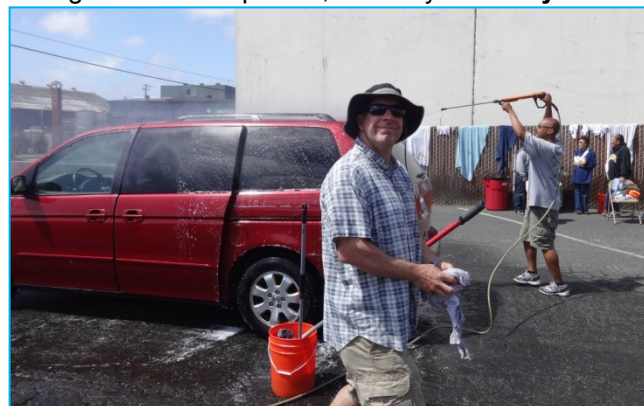
On Saturday May 25th, *Team Westview* held a car wash at Westview Church to raise money for **Relay For Life (American Cancer Society)** that will be held on July 20th-21th. We raised over \$400! Anyone wanting to donate monetarily, wanting to join our team and walk a 1 hour session, help out at our tent (booth), or dedicate a Luminaria Can, please call **Randy Mano** (831) 809-7938 or **Evelyn Veil** (831) 920-8493.

One of the most inspiring ceremonies of the *Relay For Life* experience, luminaria are votive candles placed inside of personalized white bags. **To remember or honor a loved one lost to cancer with a luminaria, or honor someone who has had or have been stricken by cancer, you can personally design your white bag, or have us do it for you. Bags can be purchased for a donation of \$5.**

The event is held around 8-9 pm on Saturday July 20, 2013, all are welcome to walk around the track and see the display. Help us fight cancer! We need your help!



While **Evelyn Veil** is doing her sign dance to bring in customers, **Pastor Dan Hoffman** and **Marlon Veil** are washing an SUV. All photos, courtesy of **Randy Mano**.



Marlon Veil and **Willie Yahiro** finished washing a car.



On Sunday June 16, 2013, **Westview** held a *Father's Day Luncheon* prepared by the women after worship service. **Pastor Tom Carr** was our guest speaker for our worship service. The men were treated to a wonderful lunch and were presented with McDonald gift cards.



Diane Mio with Pastor Tom and Becky Carr.



Shirley Wong, Diane Mio, and Eiko Stewart are in line for the delicious meal.



Tracy Mano handed out *McDonald* gift cards to the fathers.

Westview is having a *Relay For Life* rummage sale this coming Saturday June 29th from 8:30 to ?? If you have anything to donate or are looking for hidden treasures, we appreciate your help.

DONATIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED FROM ...

Richard and Susan Uyematsu on the birth of grandson **ActiveChinese, Inc.** for Chinese language program at Cabrillo College

Jennifer Ura-Gavin

In memory of Kaz Kikuchi

In memory of Frank Enomoto

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In memory of the Kuratomi and Takemoto Families

In memory of Shizue Kuratomi

Nancy Kuratomi

In memory of mother, Hisae Tao

Viola Nakagawa of Los Angeles

In memory of George and Frances Hoshiyama

Tom Mine Family

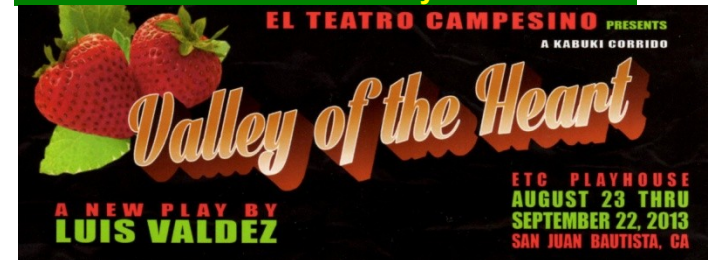
In memory of Tom Mine

Esther Ura

In memory of Tom Mine

In memory of "Lou" Osato

"VALLEY OF THE HEART," A NEW PLAY ... By LUIS VALDEZ



We are excited about **Luis Valdez's** new play about a Japanese family and a Mexican family before and during WW II. The play takes place in the Santa Clara Valley where Luis grew up, remembering the beautiful blossoms of the fruit trees around San Jose, and of Heart Mountain, Wyoming where many San Jose Nikkei were incarcerated.

It is a love story, the dramatic interaction of two sharecropping families—the Yamaguchis and the Montanos.

In our August 2013 newsletter we'll post ticket availability and show times. Meanwhile, check this website: www.elteatrocampesino.com. The show will be presented from August 23 through September 22, 2013 at the El Teatro Campesino, 705 4th Street, San Juan Bautista, CA. 95045, or call (831) 623-2444.

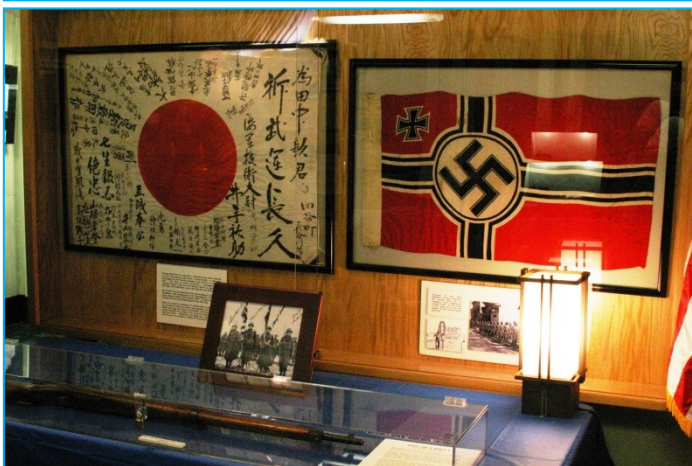
FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF NISEI VETS

The next meeting of the FFNV will take place aboard the **USS HORNET (MUSEUM)** on Saturday, August 31st from 11 am. Note the change of date. The address is 707 W. Hornet Avenue, Pier 3, Alameda, CA 94501, (510) 521-8448, www.uss-hornet.org.

If you and your family (youngsters in particular) have never been aboard an aircraft carrier, this is the golden opportunity to visit this great warship. The benefits and savings are many on this day.

For registration send \$20 per person to our new address: **FFNV, P. O. Box 626, Gilroy, CA 95021.**

This includes a great *bento* lunch with fantastic desserts, the USS Hornet's admission charge of \$14, and the program highlighting the 70th reunion of the 100th/442nd RCT in Hawaii.



While aboard ship, don't miss viewing the outstanding exhibit honoring our 100th/442nd/MIS who fought against the Axis Powers of Japan, Italy, and Nazi Germany.

For more information on this meeting and the **Annual Nisei Veterans' Reunion in Las Vegas**, October 20-24 at the California Hotel, please contact **Lawson Sakai** at (408) 782-2054, lawson.sakai@gmail.com or **Brian Shiroyama** at bshiroyama@gmail.com. or (408) 896-1021.

Check FFNV's website: www.ffnv@org.

"WE, THE PEOPLE ..." TRIUMPHS

Hollingsworth v. Perry (better known as Prop 8) was dismissed in a 5-4 ruling by the US Supreme Court due to a lack of standing. The defenders of Prop 8 could not demonstrate that they or anyone else would be harmed by committed and loving same sex couples getting married in California. **This means that the freedom to marry will be restored imminently!** Marriage licenses will be available as soon as state officials process the necessary orders. Our **Gov. Jerry Brown** told counties to issue marriage license as soon as the US 9th Circuit Federal Court Stay is lifted (likely in 25-30 days).

In a separate ruling, section 3 of the federal **Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA)** was ruled unconstitutional in a 5-4 ruling.

[Editor's note: Justice Anthony Kennedy noted, "The Constitution's guarantee of equality . . . cannot justify disparate treatment of lesbian and gay couples. Under the law, 'same-sex married couples have their lives burdened, by reason of government decree, in visible and public ways. By its great reach, DOMA touches many aspects of married and family life, from the mundane to the profound.' **By 'treating those persons as living in marriages less respected than others, the federal statute is in violation of the Fifth Amendment.'**"]

This means that couples in 13 states (including California and the District of Columbia) will now have their marriages recognized by the federal government and will have access to the more than 1,000 benefits that come with federal recognition of marriage (including hospital visitation rights, filing joint federal taxes, inheriting spouses estate, receiving social security, Medicare and disability benefits, etc).

While the decision is positive, it is not a sweeping win. Couples who live in these 13 states will be able to get legally married and receive all federal benefits, but my heart is heavy for couples who still live in **"inequality states."**

Today, we must celebrate, **and then tomorrow we will get back to work.** We are one step closer to creating a more equal and fair world. We could not have made it this far without the dedication and support of all of you. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to today's monumental victory.

With gratitude, **Sharon Papo**, Executive Director
The Diversity Center of Santa Cruz County

WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL

We welcome **Melissa Tao** as our newest Youth member, and we are grateful for your membership and for your continuing 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 your comments are always welcome. Please email us at hashi79@sbcglobal.net or write.

Read our full color newsletter online at our website: www.watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org.

Onward!

Mas Hashimoto, Editor

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Fujimoto, Clifford	Kimoto, June	Nagata, Yukio	Tanaka, Minoru	Yagi, Tommy
Fujita, Frank	Kimura, Clyde	Nakamichi, Sakiyo	Tanaka, Ray	Yamaguchi, Ichiro
Fukutome, Harry	Kimura, George	Nakamori, Kazuo	Tanaka, Steven	Yamaguchi, Olive
Furukawa, Mitsuo	Kitayama, Kee	Nakamura, Betty	Tanimasa, Fumi	Yamamoto, Ben
Goon, Frances	Kitayama, Keiko	Nakamura, M. G.	Tanimasa, George	Yamamoto, Bob
Hamada, Michiko	Kizuka, Kimino	Nakamura, Masakatsu	Tanimasa, M.	Yamamoto, Emi
Hamada, Teruo	Kizuka, Tokushige	Nakamura, Ruby	Tanimura, Lillian	Yamamoto, Henry
Hamagiwa, John	Kobara, Shoichi	Nakamura, Tadao	Tanimura, Noboru	Yamamoto, Robert
Hamagiwa, Tamaye	Kobayashi, Eddie	Nakao, Dick	Tanouye, H. Russ	Yamamoto, Tee
Hamai, Nobuko	Kobayashi, Jean	Nakao, Donna	Tao, Hisae	Yamamoto, Tom
Hamai, Yoneichi	Kobayashi, T.	Nakao, Mildred	Tao, Howard	Yanagihara, Jim
Hamano, James	Koda, Masao	Nakase, Tom	Tao, Shig	Yonekura, Hisae
Hane, Machie	Kusumoto, Amiko	Nakatani, Noboru	Tashiro, Kenneth	Yorita, Misayo
Hane, Tsutomu	Kusumoto, Kajito	Nishihara, Y.	Tashiro, Taye	Yoshida, Charles
Hashimoto, Marcia	Kusumoto, Kajizo	Nishimoto, Dan	Tomosawa, Francis	Yoshida, Kikuno
Hashimoto, Masaru	Matano, Y.	Nitta, Betty	Torigoe, Yuki	Yoshida, Masao
Hayashi, Arthur	Matsumoto, George	Nitta, Helen	Toriumi, Jane	Yoshida, Robert
Hayashi, Joanne	Matsuoka, Gilbert	Nitta, Toshimi	Toriumi, Jimmy	Yoshida, Rose
Hayashi, Grace	Matsuoka, H.	Oda, Fred	Tsuchimoto, Mildred	Yoshii, Haruko
Higuchi, Tak	Matsuoka, Mitsue	Oda, Toku	Tsuda, Hardy	Yoshikado, Hatsuyo
Hirahara, Noboru	Matsushita, Toshio	Okamoto, Fred	Tsuji, Frank	
Hirahara, Yoshiko	McGrath, Bob	Okamura, Sueko	Tsuji, Hatsuko	
Hirai, Harry	McGrath, Helen	Oshida, Henry	Tsukiji, Howard	

2013 JACL COMMUNITY PICNIC AT APTOS VILLAGE PARK



(1) Our BBQ crew of **Doug Nakashima, Jim Arao, David Kadotani, Dr. Stuart Sakuma, Randy Mano**; (2) tickets were sold by **Nicole, Carter and Victor Kimura, and Carol Kaneko**; (3) our able kitchen crew of **Mabel Broader, Chiye Tamaki, Yoshiko Arao, and Kim Tao** took a little break to play bingo; (4) **Mrs. Sadako Yamamoto** wins at bingo! (5) bingo caller **Iwao Yamashita** is assisted by **Kinji House**; (6) Chair **Marcia Hashimoto** welcomed and thanked everyone for coming; then introduced **Dr. Brooke Kondo**, Scholarship Chair; (7) Wonderful **Watsonville Taiko** played for us! (8-9) **Clyde Kimura** is served a delicious BBQ'd chicken lunch by **Jean Yamashita, Debbe Chan, Melissa Tao, Cindy Mine, Chiye Tamaki, and Mabel Broader**; (10) Aw, the old fashioned run with a "bean bag on your head;" (11-12) **Brandon Potter** and his friend must pick up 5 beans with chopsticks; (13) **Rev. Dan Hoffman**, cheered by daughter **Rosalie**, beat **David Kadotani** in the "powdered donut eating" race; (14) The youngsters bit the yellow *Takuwan koko* before running to the prize table; (15) Decisions, decisions, decisions—what wonderful prizes! (16) *The Jan Keh Po* contest was won by **Kai Kawamoto**, age 7, with a scissor over paper. He beat a 9 year-old. Kai won a *Miyuki Restaurant* gift certificate and then, later in the day, won the grand raffle prize-- a 47" flatscreen TV! What JACL chapter has more fun than ours? We thank everyone for coming!

Seniors' Corner

July 2013 ck

WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL SENIOR CENTER TOURS

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. We are open to your suggestions. Thank you.



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY, 2013! Top: Iwao Yamashita, Paul Kaneko, Kinji House, Fred Oda 89; Bottom: Yukio Nagata, Sunao Honda, Sam Sakamoto 88, Akira Kodama 91, Leigh Sakaguchi, and Tamotsu Minnawa.

Upcoming Activities at the Senior Center:

Thurs July 4, 11, 25 Regular Bingo
Thurs July 18 July Birthday Party
Tues Aug 20 or 27 Possible Casino Trip – place to be announced.

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: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

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.