

*Liberty  
Lost...*



*Lessons in  
Loyalty*

## THE WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL

*Newsletter December 2013*

### IN REMEMBRANCE ...

**Thomas T. Sakamoto**  
Colonel, U.S. Army, Retired  
1918- 2013



**Colonel Thomas T. Sakamoto** was inducted into the Defense Language Institute's "Hall of Fame," Presidio of Monterey in 2007. Photo by **Mas Hashimoto**.

Thomas T. Sakamoto, resident of Los Gatos, California, passed away October 18, 2013 at the age of 95. Tom was born in San Jose, California. His youthful life was centered around church, sports and community activities.

In 1934, while in high school, Tom was sent to Japan for education. He returned to the United States four years later and was drafted into the U.S. Army.

Because of his proficiency in Japanese, Tom was recruited into the secretly formed **Military Intelligence Service (MIS)**. Just over a month before Pearl Harbor, Tom was enrolled in an elite first class of the Japanese Language School at Presidio of San Francisco, California. Upon graduation, because of his superior knowledge of Japanese, he became an instructor. However, eager for combat, he volunteered for duties with **General MacArthur** in Australia and met his first combat at Los Negros Island with Texas 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry. The first prisoner Tom faced called him a traitor. But Tom's interrogation of the prisoner resulted in information that allowed his unit to repel a major attack. After taking part in General MacArthur's successful island hopping campaign, Tom stood proudly on the deck of the *USS Missouri* to witness Japan's surrender. Tom served this country gallantly and faithfully even though his parents and family were interned at Rohwer Relocation Center, Arkansas, for the duration of the war.

After helping to democratize Japan, Tom fought in Korea and in Vietnam. In 1961, he interpreted for **President Eisenhower** during his visit to Okinawa. Achieving the rank of Colonel, Tom stated that proving loyalty to America on battlefields was his most significant accomplishment.

After retiring from the U.S. Army, he served as Senior Vice President/Manager of a Sumitomo Bank in Cupertino and San Jose, California.

Tom was preceded in death by his wife, **Sadie**; brothers, **George and Donald** and sister **Clara (Kenji Honda)**. He is survived by brothers **Frank (Maryann)**, **Jim (Kaz)**, **Donald (Mary)** and **Paul**. He is also survived by sister **Bertha (Tom)**, sister-in-laws **Mary** and **Aggie** and nephews/nieces.

A private funeral service was held on October 25 at San Jose *Betsuin*.

Tom's family wishes to thank the professionals at Palo Alto VA Hospital, Hospice of the Valley, The Terraces of Los Gatos, and NexGen Healthcare, Inc. for outstanding care Tom received.

Instead of *koden*, Tom's family wishes donations be sent to the **National Japanese American Historical Society** (1684 Post Street, San Francisco, CA 94115) for grand opening and maintenance of the MIS Historic Learning Center, Presidio, San Francisco, where Tom was the first student in 1941.

### IN GRATITUDE ... THOMAS SAKAMOTO, MIS

By **Mas Hashimoto, Editor**

Tom Sakamoto passed away three weeks before the dedication of the MIS Learning Center—the project to which he dedicated his life and his fortune.

Oh, how he was missed! He was our dear friend, a Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACler, and whose advice we sought and administered.

On April 27, 2002, when our W-SC JACL chapter presented "Liberty Lost ... Lessons in Loyalty," the reenactment of our wartime incarceration and experiences, we told the story of MIS Tom Sakamoto to over 1,000 in attendance.

I had the honor to tell Tom Sakamoto's story to those gathered in Watsonville High's Mello Center:

*Five weeks before the attack on Pearl Harbor, on November 1, 1941, **Thomas Sakamoto** sat in a cold, drafty hangar (Building 640) at Crissy Field, located at the Presidio of San Francisco. As a member of an elite class--the Japanese Language School of the **Military Intelligence Service**--Sakamoto was*

studying the Japanese language in preparation for the war against Japan.

He had been recruited by **Captain Kai Rasmussen**. Sakamoto was well qualified, for he had studied in Japan for four years. In what would have been his junior year at Santa Clara High School in 1934 he was sent by his father to Japan. It was a common practice for the eldest son to be sent to Japan for his education.

In Japanese high schools, military reserve officer training courses were offered, at which Sakamoto excelled. He was recommended for officer candidate school by a major of the Japanese Army. Japan was expanding its war against China. Sakamoto refused. He was told that he was not loyal to the land of his ancestors. He took other abuses silently, for he knew his loyalty was with the United States. Sakamoto returned home to San Jose in 1938 to work on the family's farm.

Sakamoto received his US Army induction notice in February of 1941. While at a military reservation near King City, Sakamoto was asked to translate a Japanese manual on military tactics. Translating the book was easy. Captain Rasmussen was impressed and promised Sakamoto a promotion to a commissioned officer should he successfully complete a one year course. Sakamoto was ordered to attend the secret Army language school at the Presidio. After the Pearl Harbor attack, the course was shortened to six months.

The instructors included **Tom Tanimoto** of Watsonville and **Shig Kihara** of Monterey. Of the 45 graduates in the first class, 32 were shipped directly overseas to various combat units in the Pacific—from Alaska to Guadalcanal. Upon graduation they were not given their commissions as promised. Instead, they became sergeants. The Caucasian American students, many of whom were not as well qualified, were given officer commissions. Sakamoto was disappointed at the army's discriminatory practices. Because of Sakamoto's advanced knowledge of Japanese, he was made an instructor, and the school was transferred to Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

Sakamoto, however, was anxious to get into the fight. In August of 1943, he volunteered for combat duty and was assigned to **General Douglas MacArthur's** Headquarters in Brisbane, Australia. As General MacArthur began his island hopping campaign along the coast of New Guinea and other key islands, more linguists were needed in the field.

Sakamoto was sent to join the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Reconnaissance Task Force, assigned to take Los Negros island in the Admiralty Island group. When they went "over the side" of the landing craft, they

were greeted by machine gun fire. **Commanding General William C. Chase** became so worried about Sakamoto—that he might be killed by our own men—he was assigned a 24-hour bodyguard.

When Japanese prisoners of war were brought to him for interrogation, they called Sakamoto a traitor.

One of the POWs had a document which Sakamoto quickly translated. It read: "Tonight, the battalion under Captain Baba will attack the enemy who have landed. Be resolute to sacrifice your life for the Emperor and commit suicide in case of capture."

That night US naval guns pounded the area of battle.

Later, when the guns were silent, a scout spotted an enemy movement only 30 yards ahead. Sakamoto tried to talk them into surrendering, but it was to no avail. After the ensuing battle, the dead were counted. Fifteen of the enemy lay dead, including Captain Baba. In the anxiety of the battle Sakamoto had forgotten it was his birthday! He was recommended for the Bronze Star by General Chase.

The Pacific war ended in August of 1945. Sakamoto and other Nisei linguists were finally given their promised commissions. With his gold bars pinned to his collar, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Sakamoto stood proudly on the deck of the USS Missouri. From 30 feet away he witnessed the official surrender ceremony of the Japanese.

Sakamoto assisted in the Occupation and transformation of a democratic Japan, fought in the Korean War, and did two tours in the Vietnam War. Sakamoto was to receive the Legion of Merit for overseeing the counterintelligence work during the Tet Offensive.

Before Sakamoto was to retire, he was assigned to the position of Chief of Security for the 6<sup>th</sup> Army at the Presidio of San Francisco. If he held that position in 1942 he would have been responsible for the evacuation of his own family!

Colonel Sakamoto was to retire after 30 years of dedicated service.

The 6,000 Nisei linguists and the 27,000 "Go For Broke" Nisei combat veterans had to fight two wars—one against the Axis enemy and the other against discrimination in the US armed forces. Their bravery, heroics, and unqualified loyalty, along with those 120,000 internees, opened the doors of opportunity for Asian Americans and other minorities in America today.

Sakamoto never, not even for a moment, ever doubted his loyalty to this nation.

We salute Colonel Sakamoto. A grateful nation thanks you!





**Sadie and Tom Sakamoto with Gene and Hiroko Uratsu.** Gene also was inducted into the *DLI's Hall of Fame* for his WW II MIS service in 2007.



**Marvin Uratsu, Tom Sakamoto, and Roy Matsumoto**—all MIS greats—speaking about their experiences at an event held at the Officers' Club Presidio of SF in November of 2009.



Cutting the ribbon to the special **Thomas T. Sakamoto Room** at the MIS Learning Center were **Terry Shima** of **Japanese American Veterans Association (JAVA)** of Washington, DC and **Brian Shiroyama** and **Lawson Sakai** of **Friends and Family of Nisei Veterans** of Morgan Hill, CA.

### **DEDICATION OF HANGAR 640, NOV. 11, 2013**

Sponsored by the **National Japanese American Historical Society of San Francisco (NJAHSofSF)**, the **National Park Service**, and the **Presidio Trust**, the MIS Learning Center was dedicated with over 200 in attendance.



**Bryan Yagi**, President of the NAJHS, welcomed all. The program included presentation of the colors by the **US Army Color Guard** and led by **MSG Stanley Kamiya (US Army Reserves)**; the *Pledge* led by **BSA Troop 58**, and *The Thunderer* (composed by **John Philip Sousa**) performed by **BSA Troop 12**.



**Chaplain Omar Doi** of the VFW Post 9379, shown above, gave the *Invocation*. Remarks highlighting the significance of the event were made by (standing behind Chaplain Doi, from left to right) **Don Bernal**, Chief of Staff for Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi; **Craig Middleton**, Executive Director of the *Presidio Trust*; **Howard Levitt**, of the *Golden Gate National Regional Area*; the **Honorable Masato Watanabe**, Japanese Consul General of San Francisco; and **Major General Arthur Ishimoto** (retired) who gave a stirring keynote address.

### **MAJOR GENERAL ARTHUR ISHIMOTO**



**Maj. Gen. Arthur Ishimoto** spoke as **Craig Middleton** and **Howard Levitt** listened intently. We thank the general for providing a copy of his speech.

I was a member of the MIS during WW II. This building (Hangar 640) has a connection to all of us who served in the MIS. We began our long journey from here to prove we're Americans.

But first, let me remind you of our shameful and ugly history so that you can fully understand why so much blood was spilled by my generation.

Our lives changed dramatically on Dec. 7, 1941.

We Nisei were suspected of being disloyal and were classified as "enemy aliens (4-C)". With one stroke of a pen, 70,000 Nisei lost their citizenship. Over 112,000 Japanese residents from the West Coast were sent to internment camps. From April 1942 to October 1943, 17,000 so-called "enemy aliens" lived in the stables at Santa Ana racetrack under deplorable condition.

In 1943, we were allowed to enlist in the Army. Even while in the Army, we were called "Japs." When we returned home from the battlefields with purple hearts, we were met with signs that read "No Japs Allowed." We were refused service at barber shops, restaurants and other places.

We looked like the enemy, but we were Americans at heart. What price is freedom, we wondered?

Most internees accepted their confinement, surrendered and said, "shikata ga nai," meaning it can't be helped, there is nothing we can do. Oh yes, we did. Over 33,000 of us served in the military during WW II. That was more than 13% of the total Japanese population in the U.S. and greater than the national average.

In Japanese culture there are values we depended on. "Gaman" is one. It means to endure, tolerate, persevere. My judo sensei yelled in the dojo many times "ganbare" -- don't give up, hang in there.

We suffered racial adversity since that December day. We had to "gaman" and "ganbare." These two values were our guiding principle that navigated us through a sea of racial prejudice, hatred and distrust.

Of all the Nisei who fought in WW II, the members of the Military Intelligence Service (MIS) were the first in combat. Some graduates of this school were in the Solomon Islands at a place called Guadalcanal in August 1942 just eight months after Pearl Harbor. Enemy alien classification 4-C was ignored by the War Department because they needed Nisei who spoke the language. On one hand they said we need you and on the other they said you cannot be trusted.

Members of the MIS participated in every major campaign in the Pacific including China and Burma.

Meanwhile, our brothers were spilling blood all over Italian and French soils. On those battlefields, the all Nisei 100<sup>th</sup>/442<sup>nd</sup> RCT became the most decorated unit of its size in the history of the United States army. They fought in 8 major campaigns and received over 18,000 decorations including 21 Medals of Honor. Blood was spilled 9486 times. The casualty rate was an astounding 314%.

The public wrongfully perceived us in the MIS as only interpreters. We were told in a demeaning way, "Oh you're just an interpreter," and one asked me, "Have you ever carried a rifle?"

The following facts will not only disprove that misconception, but will give you an insight into some of the interesting things we did.

We made beach assault landings, we flushed enemies out of caves, we went on patrols, captured prisoners and interrogated them, we parachuted behind enemy lines and operated behind enemy lines for the duration, we worked with guerrillas and blew up bridges, ambushed enemy troops, destroyed their supplies.

My intelligence school classmate was a spy for the Chinese Army. I lost 10 of my friends. When the war ended on Aug 15, the very next day, **Dick Hamada** and six others from Det.101 OSS parachuted into an enemy POW camp in Peiping, currently Beijing, to rescue four Doolittle Raiders and 600 others from possible execution. They were fired upon by snipers, surrounded and threatened by hostile enemy. It was called Operation Magpie. There were nine other Mercy Missions conducted simultaneously and they were all performed with parachutes. This unit made more parachute jumps behind enemy lines than any unit I know of--bar none.

**Gen. Wainwright** the hero of Corregidor and 1600 prisoners were rescued by an OSS team which included **Fumio Kido**. This was called Operation Cardinal. Their aircraft was nearly rammed by a kamikaze aircraft while preparing to parachute and had problems after landing. They were stripped of their firearms and clothing. They were ordered to kneel down naked and threatened to be shot. There is much more to this amazing story, but in the end they succeeded.

I mention Det.101 OSS in deference to **Dick Hamada** a former member of that unit. He has cancer, and he asked me to please mention his proud unit during my talk. Dick, I just did. You and your unit have been duly honored and recognized publicly but sadly your unit's heroic combat deeds are still not publicized. His unit received the Presidential Unit Citation in 1946. He has 2 PUCs as compared to one that we have.

My friend, **Lt. Ralph Yempuku** also of Det.101 OSS told me in Tokyo that he engaged in hand-to-hand combat in Burma and the enemy offered a \$20K bounty on him and few other Nisei of the OSS.

Their mode of operation was hit-and-run and not conventional warfare. Their clandestine operation was like a Hollywood movie. They lived with the guerrillas and operated as one of them. They ambushed the enemy, blew up bridges and railroad tracks. The Nisei were evidently notorious, probably the reason for the bounty. They were told to save one bullet for themselves in the event of capture. Operating in secrecy, they were truly the kagemusha or shadow warriors. These Nisei received specialized training. Like the Navy Seals, only the best were chosen. They are the precursor to the CIA. Some of them deserve to be in the Intelligence Hall of Fame.

This story was told to me by **Sgt. Kiyo Fujimura** in Tokyo. He and **Terry Mizutari** made a beach assault landing in Wakde New Guinea. That night, while repelling the Japanese attack, Mizutari was the first in the MIS to be killed-in-action (KIA). Fujimura fought next to him and felt his blood splattered all over him. Mizutari received the Silver Star Medal for his heroic action during that battle. Fujimura also received the Silver Star Medal later when he risked his life to hand carry the surrender letter from Maj. **Gen. Gill** to **Gen. Yamashita** to end the war in the Philippines.



**Gen. Willoughby**, Chief of Intelligence for **Gen. MacArthur** said the MIS shortened the war by 2 years and saved over a million lives. We made significant contributions that turned the tide of the war in the Pacific. One effort was the timely translation of the captured "Japanese Z" plan, which was an all-out effort by the Imperial Japanese Navy to destroy the U.S. naval fleet. The translated information and action taken had a huge impact on the war and nearly destroyed the entire Japanese Navy in the Battle of the Philippine Sea. They lost 3 carriers with a total loss of 476 fighters and 455 pilots. The remnants of the badly damaged fleet staggered back to Okinawa. This alone shortened the war by a year said **Col. Mashbir**, the head of ATIS.

**Joe Rosenthal**, news cameraman and Pulitzer Prize winner, shot the famous flag raising photo on Mt. Suribachi at Iwo Jima. He said:

They work so close to the enemy on these missions that with the danger of being killed by Japanese, they run the risk of being unintentionally shot by our own marines. Many have paid with their lives. They have done an outstanding job, and their heroism should be recognized. It has been recognized by the marine commanders where I saw them in action at Guam, Peleliu and Iwo.

**Sgt. Frank Hachiya** was shot by our own troops when he returned from a scouting mission he volunteered in Leyte. While wounded and dying he made a detailed report of the enemy location and fortification. He was awarded the Silver Star Medal and Purple Heart posthumously.

The MIS in total did a commendable job by translating nearly two million captured documents.

I revealed a few untold stories of the shadow world of the OSS and some facts of the MIS. Most of the stories were given to me first-hand by those involved.

The aforementioned is a small sample of what we did in combat as so called "interpreters." We heard the sounds of war -- bullets, mortars and artillery shells. Yes, we even carried rifles and grenades and machine guns to boot.

During the occupation of Japan, a former Japanese POW I interrogated in Luzon traveled all the way from northern Honshu to Tokyo and expressed his gratitude to me for my humane treatment. He bowed low and said I came to thank you and pay my respect. "Orei ni maerimashita" he said in Japanese. I was touched.

For those of us who fought for our country in WW II, the sun is rapidly setting and our numbers are becoming few. This building 640 will remind the public of our contribution to WW II. Our journey started here from this building 72 years ago, and I gave you a glimpse of our struggles, sacrifices and accomplishments as we traveled thru those troubled and difficult years. Freedom was indeed earned and stained with blood.

#### **Time heals all wounds.**

Our former enemy is now our staunch ally and friend.

Today, we Japanese Americans can walk down the street and not be called "Japs." We can go to any college without restriction. We can apply for any job without discrimination. **We have come a long way from "enemy aliens 4-C" to be accepted as Americans.**

I earned the right to be called an American and proud to represent the freedom that we now have.

[Editor's note: Thank you, Major General Ishimoto for your service and for the cause of freedom. We truly appreciated your words and, most of all, your service.]

#### **LUNCHEON PROGRAM AT OBSERVATION POST**

The MIS program continued, and we were greeted by the soft jazz music of **George Yoshida, Clay Yoshida, Paul Yonemura** and **Paul Yamasaki**.

**Anny Hong** of **KRON Ch. 4** ably served as the mistress of ceremonies. She introduced **Rev. Stina Pope** of Christ Church who gave the Invocation.

A delicious buffet luncheon followed.



Keynote speaker **Terry Shima** of the **Japanese American Veterans Association (JAVA)** (headquarters is located in Washington, DC) gratefully acknowledged the work of those soldiers responsible for this and past events of historical significance.



**Rosalyn Tonai**, Executive Director of NJAHS and chairperson of the dedication ceremony.



**Rev. Ronald Kobata** of the BCA gave a most thoughtful benediction on supporting those for public office who advocate the cessation of wars and who will advance the cause of peace. Thank you, Rev. Kobata!

## ***SPEAKING ON OUR WARTIME EXPERIENCES***

**By Mas Hashimoto, Editor**

In the past, the invitations to speak came mainly from teachers of high school juniors when they were studying WW II in May. Much has changed. Now, the speaking season is no longer limited to high school students, and the season has extended from October to July. Our W-SC JACL does not charge a fee or accept an honorarium.

We are grateful for each invitation—from adult groups, service organizations, public and private schools, churches, retired federal employees' organizations as well as colleges and universities.

On Oct. 24, the ladies of **Calvary Episcopal Church in Santa Cruz** invited me to speak. Of the dozen ladies, three were 93 years of age. One of the three men was the pastor. Some remembered while others who grew up on the east coast knew nothing of our wartime incarceration.

Our fundamental message centers on the racism in this country that led to our incarceration.

**Katherine McGinty** of *Charter School of the Arts at Alianza School* (Salsipuedes School) invited me for the 5<sup>th</sup> year to speak to all the third graders (8 years old)—76 students. They asked the most thoughtful questions for they were prepared by their teachers.

What is the greatest reward? Fourth and fifth graders at Alianza saw me unload my equipment from the car. They hollered, "Hey, Mr. Hashimoto. You gonna speak to the third graders today?" "Yup," I said. They came over to carry my bags and then escorted me to the front office where I checked in as a "visitor." They helped me set up in the multi-purpose room where I was to speak. And, they were on their recess time!



*Photo courtesy of Katherine McGinty.*

During the season, we will have reached several thousand students and adults. Each will be given a "name tag" similar to the one issued when we were evicted from our homes in 1942 and placed in concentration camps. This is how we keep track of the attendance numbers.

### ***ACTION ALERT! ACTION ALERT! ACTION!***

***THE CSAC LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN HAS STARTED. THANK YOU!***

We ask you to write a letter of support for our ten camp--**Amache, CO; Gila River, AZ; Heart Mountain, WY; Jerome, AR; Manzanar, CA; Minidoka, ID;**

**Poston, AZ; Rohwer, AR; Topaz, UT; and Tule Lake, CA**--US Postal Service commemorative stamp proposal.

You may choose to write on behalf of someone in your family who was unjustly incarcerated during WW II and who may be no longer with us. Explaining your experiences and why these stamps are so important to this nation will go a long way in securing approval.

All JACL chapters, members (Youth/Student members as well), and friends across the nation are asked to write in support of this stamp proposal.

We are grateful to those JACLers and friends who already have submitted their personal letters to the US Postal Service's Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee (CSAC) in support.

We've asked that the stamp(s) issuance be on the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Executive Order 9066—our "Day of Remembrance," February 19, 2017. The stamp process takes 3 years.

If you haven't written, please do so today. The letters may be brief. The CSAC will be meeting again soon.

**Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee  
c/o Stamp Development  
U.S. Postal Service  
475 L' Enfant Plaza, Room 3300  
Washington, D.C. 20260-3501**

Thank you so much for writing on behalf of the Nikkei (of Japanese ancestry) nation!

## ***Questionnaire for Nisei about the Issei***

**By James Ong, MA candidate & W-SC JACler**

Dear Participant,

Thank you for your help and participation with my research. Over the next several years, I will be conducting research exploring the lives of the early Issei in the Pajaro Valley to understand how these important individuals viewed themselves and created community. I am most interested in exploring the origin stories of the Issei and if/how their village, county, and prefectural identities (cultural practices, language dialect, friend and kinship networks) were important to them.

Were village/prefectural influences important factors for immigration? How did these characteristics help them once in the US? I hope to propose the importance of **regional identities** as a major factor for the creation of Watsonville Nihonmachi and the surrounding Japanese American community.

Did **regional identities** help the Issei connect to one another? Form business relationships? Encourage certain friendships? Or influence the organization of community groups? This will also be important for continuing the Watsonville Nihonmachi Project that we began in 2011.

Inserted in this newsletter are a series of questions. Please feel free to answer as many or as few as you would like. The more details we have, the more of this important history can be preserved for future generations.

Thank you again for your valuable answers.

With much appreciation,  
**James Ong**, M.A. candidate,  
UCLA Asian American Studies  
Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACler



## HOLIDAY TRADITIONS IN THE PLAZA, SAT. DEC 7<sup>th</sup> COMING ON SAT., DEC. 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2013



We are excited to once again participate in this wonderful community event which promotes and respects Watsonville's cultural diversity. **It will be held on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from noon to 4 pm at the City Plaza.** We encourage you and your family members to attend. Grandchildren and grandparents will enjoy this event, **and there is no admission charge.**

Our W-SC JACL will display Japanese artifacts and teach those who visit our booth how to write their names (Maria, Roberto, Juan, Jesus, Johnny, Elizabeth, et al) in *katakana* and how to fold paper into origami subjects such as a dog, a butterfly, and a crane. These activities are the most popular of the event.

**Watsonville Taiko**, with youth members, will open the event with a performance that will welcome all in attendance. They delighted the crowd the last two years with their precision and enthusiasm.

Respectfully, the sponsors—**Watsonville Register-Pajaronian** and the **City of Watsonville**—are not calling this "Christmas Traditions" so that everyone can participate and enjoy the day. This is an event that celebrates Watsonville's rich cultural diversity.

[Editor's note: It was stipulated by the donors of the plaza (park), the Sebastian Rodriguez family, that no religious or political events be held on the property. How wise of the family, and in keeping with the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights, too!]

### W-SC JACL IS IN HOT WATER!

W-SC JACL board members **Joe Bowes** and **Gary Mine** report the hall is in hot water! Oh, there's nothing to worry about. Thanks to them, the restroom hand washing basins now have instant hot water! It took them 22 hours to put the special water heater in. The next time you are in our JACL Hall, go to the restroom and check out the hot water! Thank you, Joe and Gary!

### 2014 BALLOTS FOR FIVE BOARD MEMBERS

To those who have returned their ballots--**thank you** for participating in this most important duty of citizenship/membership.

All ballots must be returned on or before the Thurs., Dec. 12, 2013 deadline. Senior Center members may give them on Thursdays to any of our W-SC JACL board members. You may drop the ballots at 578 Vivienne Drive, Watsonville, or mail them to Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL, P.O. Box 163, Watsonville, CA 95077-0163.

If you are a paid National JACler who did not receive a ballot, please contact Mas Hashimoto, (831) 722-6859, or email at [hashi79@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hashi79@sbcglobal.net) right away. We may have sent it to your old address. Thank you.

Our W-SC JACL Chapter Constitution permits only our National JACL and National Youth/Student members to vote.

## SENIOR CENTER NEWS by Kitako Izumizaki

November found a number of Seniors under the weather. Even though we haven't had too much rain and so far no frost at all, we must be extra careful to keep warm and safe. To date, **Chiyoko Yagi**, **Masako Miura** and **Rubie Kawamoto** have been absent due to health problems. Chiyoko and Masako appreciate visitors, and Rubie, who had a mild heart attack, is resting now at her home. We wish all the best for a speedy recovery.

The doors at the Center were checked for safety, and they will soon be upgraded. **Paul Kaneko** also announced that we now have hot water in the bathrooms!

We were all again reminded to beware of scams!

Paul also announced that it is time to sign up for 2014 membership to the JACL or Senior Center. Please see **Carol Kaneko** to renew your membership.

Our last casino trip to Table Mountain was taken by a busload of hardy Seniors. Taking care of our hunger pangs were **Fred and Betty Oda**, **Toshi Yamashita**, **Yaeko Cross**, **Carol and Paul Kaneko**, **Eiko Nishihara**, **Yukio and Edna Nagata**, **Yoshiko Nishihara**, **Hide Nagamine**, **Rubie Kawamoto**, **Jackie Yamashita** and **Cindy and Gary Mine**.

October and November birthdays were combined with honorees **Toshi Yamashita**, **Yaeko Cross**, **Kitako Izumizaki 92**, **Edna Nagata** and **Satoko Yamamoto 88**. **Manju** was received by Kitako, and Satoko who is visiting her sister in Japan, was absent.

We welcomed back **Hatsuko Tsuji**; and **Alice Tanimoto**, still unable to attend, sent a big *Hello* to all.

Thanksgiving was celebrated with a potluck and a packaged **Turkey Boat** dinner ordered by the Center. Volunteers made a variety of food, which made the dinner very enjoyable. The Center also furnished pumpkin pies for dessert. Many thanks to all the volunteers who brought food and to the Center for treating us.



For Thanksgiving, **Helen Nakano** decorated the tables with a cornucopia (above photo) filled with fresh fruits and nuts while the head table was dominated by a ceramic turkey sitting on a bed of pumpkins surrounded by colorful autumn leaves. At each place sitting, a paper owl with a pack of M&M's was inside. As usual, **Susan AmRhein** got in the swing of things and was sporting appropriate turkey headgear.

We thank *tobans* **Haru Ishibashi, Yaeko Cross, Mitsuko Ruble, and Gail Wurtenberg** for all their hard work.

Remember, no Senior Center on November 28<sup>th</sup> because it is Thanksgiving Thursday.

On Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> is the day trip to San Francisco; Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> is our Christmas Party from 2 pm; December Birthday Party is December 19<sup>th</sup> and is also our last meeting of Year 2013 with dinner at Hong Kong II at 4 pm. The Center will be closed until Thursday, January 9, 2014. Take care, keep well, and keep coming.

Monetary donations were gratefully received from: **Satoko Yamamoto, Yaeko Cross, Chie Sakaue, Edna Nagata, Toshi Yamashita, Kitako Izumizaki, Leigh Sakaguchi and Iwao Yamashita.**

Other donations gratefully received:

<b>Judy Hane</b>	16 rolls <i>Brawny</i> paper towels
<b>Jo AnnVear</b>	1ge bag veggie chips, Halloween goodie bags for all
<b>Terry Hirahara</b>	4 lge <i>Kleenex</i> , two 6 pack soap, 12 rolls tissue
<b>Miye Yamashita</b>	5 pkgs instant noodles, 4 <i>Dawn</i> soap
<b>Kinji/Motoko House</b>	6 tea-towels, 4 lge <i>Kleenex</i> , 8 rolls paper towels, 5 boxes <i>Kleenex</i>
<b>Eiko/Geo Stewart</b>	9 plates carrot cake, 11 plates carrot/pineapple cake, 6 lge rolls tissues
<b>Haruko Yoshii</b>	4 sq <i>Kleenex</i> , 2 pkgs <i>senbei</i> 3 rolls paper towels, Halloween candy for all
<b>Kazuko Sakai</b>	3 lge <i>Kleenex</i> , box persimmons, and then more persimmons
<b>Yukio/Edna Nagata</b>	4 doz eggs, 4 bags candy doz rolls tissues
<b>Shirley Nishimoto</b>	10 boxes <i>Nestle</i> cocoa mix, 1 box cake mix, 1 bag <i>Fritos</i> , 1 bag cinnamon candy, 256 paper plates
<b>Sam/Yae Sakamoto</b>	3 <i>Dawn</i> soap, 2 containers <i>miso</i>
<b>Michiko Hamada</b>	5 bottles <i>Palmolive</i> dish soap
<b>Dylan Matsuo &amp; twins</b>	1 bag <i>Tootsie Pops</i>
<b>June/Sunao Honda</b>	8 plates <i>umeboshi sushi</i> , 5 barbecued pork buns
<b>Kitako Izumizaki</b>	3 <i>Dawn</i> soap, 2 bottles <i>Softsoap</i>
<b>Eiko Ceremony</b>	3 pkgs serviette napkins (160)
<b>Akira/Hide Nagamine</b>	3 boxes heavy duty foil, 5 containers disinfecting wipes
<b>Nancy Iwami</b>	2 doz eggs
<b>Rubie Kawamoto</b>	6 sq <i>Kleenex</i>
<b>Eileen Byers</b>	6 jumbo rolls tissues
<b>Nobue Fujii</b>	6 plates of apple walnut cake
<b>Jean Akiyama</b>	8 rolls <i>Brawny</i> paper towels
<b>Mitzi Katsuyama</b>	5 bags cookies
<b>Marcia Hashimoto</b>	4 cartons canned peaches and mandarin oranges
<b>Chie Sakaue</b>	1 lge bag <i>arare</i>
<b>Watsonville Taiko</b>	4 lge gift baskets
<b>Akira/Hisako Kodama</b>	16 double rolls tissues, doz jars pickles

**Alan/Betty Yagi**  
**Iwao Yamashita**  
**Nancy Kuratomi**  
**Tokio Yamashita**  
**Kimi Fujii**  
**Eiko Nishihara**  
**Jane Sugidono**  
**Tee Yamamoto**  
**Toshi Yamashita**  
**Hatsuko Tsuji**

20 fresh crabs!  
 8 bags persimmons  
 6 lge boxes *Puffs* tissues  
 25 baggies dried persimmons  
 6 rolls *Bounty*, 4 *Dawn* soap  
 doz strawberry jam  
 3 pkgs *sushi nori*  
 19 bags persimmons  
 4 shopping bags  
 3 rolls paper towels,  
 1 bag *Hershey* chocolates

Again many, many thanks for your continued generosity. Keep up the good work, and take care. See you all next month.

## WATSONVILLE TAIKO AND SHINSEI DAIKO

By Bonnie Chihara

Thank you to everyone who came to our **Holiday Boutique and Raffle** on Nov. 3rd. The winner of the raffle quilt was **Elizabeth McQuinn of Ireland** (quilt on the right) and the winner of the silent auction quilt (on the left) was **Marcia Hashimoto**. Congratulations to both winners!



**Hiroshi Musselman** and mother, **Bonnie Chihara**, designed and hand-made the beautiful quilts.

Thank you to everyone who helped us put on this event: the **W-SC JACL** for use of the hall; **Cindy Mine** for set up, take down and flyer distribution; **Watsonville Taiko members** for all their time and energy gathering items for our basket sales and work setting up for the event; and local businesses for their donations and support. This was only our second year for this event and it was a great success!

We would like to invite everyone to our year-end **Holiday Party** to be held at W-SC JACL Kizuka Hall on Friday December 13th from 6-9 pm. This is a pot luck dinner with games and a talent show. We will also have a few members selling their handmade craft items for all of the last minute shoppers. Please join us!

We will end the year with two performances--**Holiday Traditions** on Dec. 7th at noon at the City Plaza in Watsonville and **Festival of Lights** at 7 pm in Corralitos.

To contact us for information on upcoming events or classes please check us out on Facebook or go to our website [www.watsonvilletaiko.org](http://www.watsonvilletaiko.org). Email us at [info@watsonvilletaiko.org](mailto:info@watsonvilletaiko.org) or call us at 831-435-4594.



## 2014 DIRECTORY OF BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONALS

The Watsonville-Santa Cruz Chapter of the National JACL is a non-profit educational civil rights organization that serves our greater community in the important areas of education, civil and human rights, and cultural appreciation. With your financial support, we will be able to continue our community outreach programs.

We will be publishing a 2014 directory of businesses and professionals in Jan. 2014 that will be a valuable resource to our chapter's families and friends who reside primarily in Santa Cruz County and the Pajaro Valley.

The deadline for submission of an ad is **December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013**. We hope you will consider our JACL worthy of your support. If you prefer to make a donation, your donation would be most appreciated.

If you have not been contacted and would like your professional or business service represented in our 2014 Directory, please call **Marcia Hashimoto** at (831) 722-6859 or email at [hashi79@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hashi79@sbcglobal.net).

Sincerely,

**David Kadotani & Marcia Hashimoto**, Co-chairs

*We are grateful for the following early response from:*

**Dr. Reed Kuratomi, DDS**

**Hargis Home Improvement**

**Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL Senior Center**

**Kadotani Auto Repair**

**Watsonville Buddhist Temple**

**Mas Hashimoto, Lecturer**

**Drive-up Coffee Service, Nikolas Chan**

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**Dr. Yoshihisa Ogino, D.P.M**

**Dr. Stuart Sakuma, O.D.**

**Dr. David A. South, MD**

**Scurich Insurance Services, Mike & Tony Scurich**

**Second Harvest Food Bank, Victor Kimura &**

**Jeanette O. Hager**

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**Annieglass, Ann Morhauser**

**Julian Grantz, CPA**

**W-SC Area Ikenobo Ikebana, Suinin Matano**

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appreciation, Mas Hashimoto's presentation

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**Yuko Umeda** of Port Townsend, WA

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**Watsonville Taiko**

Book donation

**Naomi Hirahara's** "Strawberry Yellow"

from **Dr. Steven Tanaka**

## JAPANESE CULTURAL FAIR INVITES DESIGN PROPOSALS

By **Paul Kaneko**

Next year's Japanese Cultural Fair is scheduled for Saturday, June 7, 2014 at the Mission Plaza in Santa Cruz. The W-SC JACL has been a major supporter and sponsor of this very important event for many years.

The Japanese Cultural fair is inviting everyone and anyone to submit a proposed design for use in its poster, postcards, and commemorative T-shirts for the 2014 event. The winner will receive a check for \$200 for an original design. The deadline for submittals is **January 31, 2014**. Attached is a flier presenting the guidelines for the design contest. For more information about the Japanese Cultural Fair, please see the website: <[www.jcfsantacruz.org](http://www.jcfsantacruz.org)>.



# JAPANESE CULTURAL FAIR



## Design Contest for 2014

We need to receive your original design  
by: **January 31, 2014**  
Email to: [jcf@baymoon.com](mailto:jcf@baymoon.com)  
Or Send to: Japanese Cultural Fair  
P.O. Box 3458 • Santa Cruz, CA 95063

**"All entries should represent an aspect of traditional Japanese Culture."**

**A cash prize of \$200 will be awarded the winner**

**Rules:**

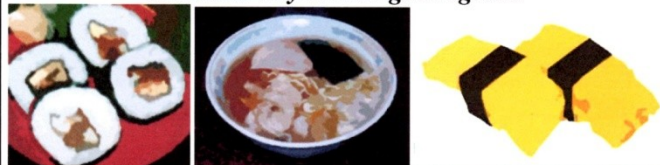
- Design must be received by the JCF no later than January 31, 2014.
- Besides being used for the poster, the design (or element(s) of it will need to be able to fit and be used for the 2014 T-shirts.
- Design must be original and no larger than letter size (8.5" x 11"). A digital entry is preferred, please send it to: [jcf@baymoon.com](mailto:jcf@baymoon.com) with your name, address, telephone number in the email.
- One design submission per person
- Your name, address, telephone number and E-mail address must appear on the back of the design (or on a separate sheet) if mailed in.
- All entries will be judged by the JCF board, and all decisions will be final.
- Judging will be on February 4, 2014, and winner will be notified by mail.
- Winning designs shall be released to the JCF for use in publicizing the 2014 Japanese Cultural Fair.
- If it helps you decide on what to create, 2014 will be the Year of the Horse.

The Kawakami-Watsonville Sister City  
Student Exchange Program  
invites you to help support our upcoming activities  
with our Sister City delegation from Kawakami, Japan.  
*Please join us for*

# KAWAKAMI NIGHT at IMURA

FUNDRAISING DINNER  
Monday, December 9th, 2013  
4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

*A portion of the proceeds will benefit  
the Sister City Exchange Program!*



*Dine-In or Take-Out*

**Imura Japanese Restaurant**  
1994 Main Street, Watsonville  
761-8799  
in Nob Hill Shopping Center

*Thank you for your support!*

## KAWAKAMI NIGHT AT IMURA'S RESTAURANT By Robb Mayeda

Come dine at **Imura's** Japanese Restaurant, (take-out, too!), 1994 Main St., Watsonville, CA (831) 761-8799 and support our sister city association. The event will take place on **Monday evening, December 9<sup>th</sup>**. Imura's will donate a portion of the night's receipts to our association's general fund. Please join us for this event helps fund hosting events and providing partial scholarships.

This coming May, 2014, we will send fifteen students and a number of chaperones to our sister city, Kawakami-mura, Nagano prefecture, west of Tokyo.

After attending sister city meetings at the Japanese Consulate in SF, we've learned that little old Watsonville has the largest (and best!) sister city student exchange program in Northern California and Nevada!

## WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE NEWS by Jackie Yamashita

The Temple Sangha is grateful to the **Haneta Family** for generously donating beautiful white chrysanthemums for the services these past many, many years. The altar always looked so beautiful with the flowers, and we in the Sangha took great comfort in seeing the altar complete. Thank you!

**It's mochi tsuki time—Sunday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> from 9 am!**  
It's always great fun seeing everyone—young and old, members and non-members—helping and enjoying the ancient tradition of turning sweet rice into *mochi*. Everyone is welcome to participate. You don't have to be a Temple member.



Photos were taken at last year's *mochi tsuki*. The children enjoyed helping.

You may order your *mochi* – *osonae* for the *butsudan* (family altar) and/or regular--by calling **Jackie Yamashita** at the Temple, (831) 724-7860 between 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, Monday-Friday. The price is \$5 for a 1 pound box.



**Gary Mine** takes a whack at pounding. Oh, a word of caution to the "pounders." Lets not split or break the wooden mallets while pounding the rice. Those mallets are **EXPENSIVE** to replace.





Lunch will be provided, too, by the Dharma School and the YBA for the participants. Notice: plain *gohan* and no *mochi* will be served for we must not eat the "profits."

#### Temple Calendar for December 2013-January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014

1	Sun	10 am	<b>Sunday Service, Bodhi Day, &amp; Shotsuki</b> with Socho Umezu. Temple will serve lunch.
3	Tue	7:30 pm	Temple Board Meeting
4	Wed	1 pm	BWA Meeting
5	Thu	10 am	ABA Meeting
8	Sun	9 am	<b>Mochi Tsuki</b>
		10 am	<b>Sunday Service &amp; Luncheon</b>
13	Fri	2 pm	<b>San Juan Howakai</b>
15	Sun	8 am	Yard Cleaning
		10 am	Sunday Service & Dharma School
22	Sun	10 am	Sunday Service
29	Sun	<u>No</u> Sunday	Service
31	Tues	7 pm	<b>Joya E Service, Toshikoshi Soba</b> , healthy buckwheat noodles, a symbol for long life
Wed Jan 1	10 am		<b>New Year Service</b>

**Shotsuki Hoyo** will be combined with **BWA Memorial** and **Bodhi Day Services**, with Bishop Umezu as guest speaker at 10 am Sunday December 1, 2013.

**Shotsuki** refers to a gathering to give thanks to express gratitude for being able to find the meaning of life through *Nembutsu*. Let us gather to remember and express our gratitude. The families of the following deceased of December are invited to attend the service and to *Oshoko* (offer incense). We look forward to seeing you at the service.

#### December Memorial List

<b>Yoshiro Roy Aramaki</b>	<b>Kiku Enomoto</b>
<b>Wataru Eto</b>	<b>Hajime Etow</b>
<b>Shigeru Etow</b>	<b>Norman Fukuba</b>
<b>Takino Hamada</b>	<b>Tomiye Hamada</b>
<b>Kimi Hamamoto</b>	<b>Machie Hane</b>
<b>Yoneko Hara</b>	<b>Teyo Hirahara</b>
<b>Uta Ito</b>	<b>Mitsuko Kadotani</b>
<b>Kanezo Kaita</b>	<b>Kay Kamimoto</b>
<b>Jihei Kawasaki</b>	<b>John Mitoshi Kimura</b>
<b>Yoshinobu Maemura</b>	<b>Tatsue Matoba</b>
<b>George Matsumoto</b>	<b>Michie Matsumoto</b>
<b>Kikue Mine</b>	<b>Mary Misumi</b>
<b>Shizue Misumi</b>	<b>Haya Morimoto</b>
<b>Soichi Morimune</b>	<b>Kumajiro Murakami</b>
<b>Shoichi Murakami</b>	<b>Meiji Nakamura</b>
<b>Shuichi Nishita</b>	<b>Kumezo Nitta</b>
<b>Toku Oda</b>	<b>Tokuzo Oda</b>
<b>Hajime Saiki</b>	<b>Roy Saiki</b>
<b>Chiyono Sakai</b>	<b>Kiyoto Sakai</b>
<b>Ichiji Sakata</b>	<b>Somo Sakaue</b>
<b>Kunito Shinta</b>	<b>William Shirachi</b>

**Sakaye Sudou**  
**Tsunesuke Tawamoto**  
**Iwao Teshima**  
**Jim Shigeru Toriumi**  
**John Susumu Ura**  
**Hatsu Wada**  
**Frank Yamakoshi**  
**Edward Yonemura**  
**Yaemon Yoshida**  
**Lewis Kazuo Yamamoto**  
**Haru Yamashita**  
**Tomiko Yamashita**

**Toshiye Takemoto**  
**Sam Yoshinobu Terasaki**  
**Bunkichi Torigoe**  
**Saizo Tsuji**  
**Jitsuto Uyeda**  
**Shozo Wada**  
**Tadashi Yamamoto**  
**Lee Ritsuo Yoneyama**  
**Kumakichi Yoshii**  
**Akira Yamashita**  
**Masano Yamashita**

**YBA:** 11 YBA members and 5 chaperones attended the CC YBL Conference in Fresno on November 9<sup>th</sup>, and we had a great time. This year's theme was "A Link Within the Chain"

We're planning a ski trip to Tahoe in February -- so let it snow, let it snow! Please, let it snow.

**Dharma School:** three families attended the *Nembutsu Family Convention* in Mt. View on October 13th and enjoyed the workshops and services.

Dharma School and YBA members had great fun hosting the *Halloween Party* on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

And, wouldn't you know it—**Nancy Iwami** won the "pass the pumpkin" game again this year! Do you think at age 99 she will disclose how she does it?

A special "thank you" to friends and families for helping bake treats for the cake walk. Arigato!

**BWA:** We thank all those who attended the *BWA Memorial Service*.

We will be helping to shape the *mochi* on Sun. Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, and if you would like to help, please come. We welcome your help.

**BSA:** **Jamie Thomson**, a scout parent, has been helping out a lot. Scout recruiting signs will be going up around the neighborhood. **Shane Ely** will receive his Eagle Scout Award soon. 'Way to go, Shane!

#### IN REMEMBRANCE ...

**BEN T. TADA**



**Ben T. Tada** died November 18, 2013, at Watsonville Community Hospital. He was 91. A native of Watsonville, he graduated from Watsonville High School. Mr. Tada grew strawberries in the Pajaro Valley for more than 50 years. He was a member of the Watsonville Berry Co-op and was instrumental in setting up the cooler for the Co-

op. Mr. Tada was a member of the Watsonville Buddhist Temple and the W-SC JACL. He enjoyed golf, bowling, fishing, and watching sports on television.



Ben was a member of the **Watsonville YBA Orchestra**. This photo was taken Jan. 1, 1942. Front: saxophones: **Arthur Izumizaki, Walter Moriya, Kenji Torigoe**; Mrs. **Helen Iwanaga** leader; **Harumi Nagase** piano; Back: trumpets **Ben Tada**, **Tom Murakami**, drums **John Kado**. Most of the band members were in Poston II where they played for dances. Upon their return to Watsonville the band reformed with younger members.

Mr. Tada leaves his wife of 50 years, **Mary**, of the family home in Watsonville, his son, **David (Melissa) Tada** of Colorado Springs, Colorado, daughter, **Carolyn Tada**, of Watsonville, two grandsons, **Alexander and Nathan Tada** of Colorado Springs, and one sister, **Nancy Iwami**, of Watsonville. He is preceded in death by his siblings, **Haruko Tsurumoto, Kazue and Richard Tada, Misue Ishimaru, Mary Otsuki**.

A visitation was held at Mehl's Colonial Chapel on Friday, Nov. 22. A private family funeral service was held.

**Our deepest condolences to the Sakamoto and Tada families, relatives and friends.**

## WESTVIEW PRESBYTERIAN HIGHLIGHTS

By **Randy Mano and Leslie Nagata Garcia**

Our **Harvest Dinner** was held on November 2, 2013 and was attended by 120 friends and family. This year's "Free Will Offering" recipients were the women from **Teen Challenge** and special guests.



**Willie Yahiro** entertained us with one of his jokes! **Willie** was the Master of Ceremonies and **Joanne**, his wife, coordinated the decorations for the event.



**Eric Wong, Gary Mine, and Akito Shikuma** barbecued the delicious teriyaki chicken.



Some of the women preparing the dinner plates are **L-R Joanne Hayashi, Gabriella Church, Eiko Stewart, Evelyn Veal, Diane Mio, and Shirley Wong**. **Suzanne and Matt Eguchi** peeked in to see what's happenin'.

Bags with toiletries, goodies, and balloons were the center pieces on the tables and later presented to the women from **Teen Challenge**. A few of the women were so excited about the gift bags, they wanted to see what was inside and took them before dinner was over. After enjoying a delicious *teriyaki* chicken dinner, we assembled in the sanctuary.

The **Teen Challenge Women** opened the program by leading everyone with song. **Pat Borden** (Director of the **Women's Teen Challenge**) spoke about Teen Challenge Women Center which is a faith-based, non-profit, residential discipleship/recovery program for women with life-controlling problems, including (but not limited to) drug and alcohol abuse and their present needs (clothes dryer). Pat then invited three of the women to give their testimonies and talk about how the Women's Center has helped them. After listening to their amazing stories and their renewal of their faith showed us all how good God is.



We then held an open "mic," giving everyone an opportunity to speak about how the Lord has blessed us this past year. The evening ended by our closing song



"Give Thanks" and **Pastor Dan Hoffman's** benediction. The evenings "Free Will Offering" total was an awesome \$1425.00! Thanks to all of Westview's volunteers who sacrificed their time and talents to put this event together.



**Teen Challenge Women** singing.

**Pastor Dan Hoffman:** "We want to reach out in love to more people!"

Amazing things happen when we pray! We have had some of our new attenders to our church say, "This is such an amazing church family. We wish more people could be part of it!" So, we started meeting every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. to pray for God to show us how to reach out and love more people. Join us and let's see what God will do! (Or if you need prayer, come and we will pray for you!)

On the first Friday of each month, beginning **Dec. 6th**, we will prepare meals for the homeless. Please meet at Westview at 2 pm in you would like to volunteer. The meals will be served at 5 pm this year. We also need a Volunteer to pick up the food at **Second Harvest** on the Thursday morning before we serve. For more information please contact **Jane Yoshida** at (831) 722-1265.

We began a study series about **"What Matters Most."** This series usually meets at Westview on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. In December we will only be meeting December 11th.

We are studying the book **"What's the Least I can Believe and Still be a Christian?"** by **Martin Thielen** and are using it as a conversation starter as we prayerfully grapple with *Scripture*. Order your book through Amazon.com. Come explore your faith and watch it grow!

### **Fall Congregational Meeting**

A Fall Congregational Meeting will take place immediately after Sunday Worship Service on December 8th. There will be an Election of Church officers and a review of the 2014 budget will be discussed.

### **December Events**

Everyone is welcome to join our wonderful **Praise Team** as they will be singing for the JACL Senior Center on December 8th at 2 pm. This event is guaranteed to bring Christmas cheer as we sing favorite carols together.

Mark your calendars for December 14th as members of Westview along with the Girl Scouts will be visiting various Senior Facilities around the Pajaro Valley. Everyone is welcome to join us at this joyous event. Please meet at Westview at 1 p.m.

Our **Christmas Appreciation Luncheon** will be held December 15th after worship service. It will be a special event this year as we honor **Randy and Tracy Mano**. We celebrate all they have done to bring glory to God. Their handiwork can be seen in the multiple ministries they are involved in. They have a knack for doing everything so effortlessly. Please join us in honoring a wonderful couple who mean the world to their Westview Family.

Don't forget – we will also have our traditional \$5.00 Christmas gift exchange.

### **Youth/Family Events**



**"Gym Nites"** (1st and 3rd Fridays of each month). (Photo: Flashlight night held Nov. 15th)

The schedule for youth/family activities for December and January are as follows:

December 6th: Salvation Army. Helping to feed the hungry/homeless from 3:30 – 7:30pm, meet at Westview.

Christmas Party: 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

December 20th: Gym nite from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

January 3rd: Salvation Army. Helping to feed the hungry/homeless, 3:30 – 7:30 p.m., meet at Westview.

**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.

### **TRI-CHAPTER INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

Please join us for our 2014 joint Tri-Chapter—Gilroy, San Benito County, W-SC JACL chapters—Installation of Officers Luncheon on Sunday, January 19, 2014, hosted this year by the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL. It'll be held at our JACL Tokushige Kizuka Hall, 150 Blackburn Street, Watsonville, CA 95076.

Registration will take place at 11 am. The program will include the showing of our 30 minute re-enactment video, "Liberty Lost ... Lessons in Loyalty," and fun with free bingo and raffle activities.

A delicious **Miyuki Japanese** buffet lunch will be served for \$25 per person (tax and tip included).

Our W-SC JACL **Keiro Kai** who are National JACL members 75 years of age or older (born in January 1939 or earlier) are cordially invited as our special guests. Please call to register with **Bobbi Jo Palmer**.

For reservations, please call **Bobbi Jo Palmer** at (408) 842-2879 before January 10, 2014 to leave a message. We'd love to have you join us.

If you are a member of the Gilroy or San Benito County JACL, please call your chapter representative for reservations.



## DEDICATION OF BUILDING 640, MIS, PRESIDIO OF SAN FRANCISCO, NOVEMBER 11. 2013



Back row: VFW Nisei Post 9879 Commander **Ken Akagi**, Chaplain **Omar Doi**, US Army Color Guards **Carlos Estape** and **MSgt Stan Kamiya**, (blocked). Middle row: **Kenneth Ho**, MIS Korea; **Tadashi Sawamura**, MIS; **Capt Frank Masuoka**, MIS; **Col. Joseph Kurata**, CIC; **Frank Mizufuka**, 442; **Ron Yoshida**, MIS; **Mutsuo Hirose**; **Maj. Gen. Arthur Ishimoto**, MIS; **Lawson Sakai**, 442. [Lady in light blue jacket who came all the way from Bruyeres, France to celebrate and give thanks to the Nisei soldiers.] Front row: **Yone Satoda**, MIS; **Mas Ichikawa**, MIS; **David Masuoka**, MIS; **Warren Ejima**; **Mas Kawaguchi**, OSS; **Ken Nihei**, 442; **Asa Hanamoto**, MIS; **Koji Ozawa**, MIS; **Terry Shima**, 442; **Marvin Uratsu**, MIS; and **Iwao Lewis Suzuki**, MIS. BSA Troop 58 in the background. Thank you all for your service and dedication to our nation and to all of us Japanese Americans.



Hangar 640 now the Learning Center; MC **Bryan Yagi** of NJAHS of SF; **Ron Yoshida** and **Marvin Uratsu** (unidentified Boy Scout).



**Honor Wall** with the names of two of Watsonville's MISers. JAVA's **Terry Shima** spoke with the Golden Gate in the background.



### One-Day Senior Trip

**San Francisco Japantown/Marukai in Cupertino**

**December 3, 2013 [Tuesday] 9 AM to 5 PM**

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

**Reservations: Carol Kaneko (831) 476-7040 or Rubie Kawamoto 854-2028 (new phone number)**

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

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.



Oct/Nov birthday photo: **Edna Nagata, Yaeko Cross, Kitako Izumizaki 92, and Toshiko Yamashita (Satoko Yamamoto 88 was absent).** **Eiko Ceremony, Terry Hirahara, and Jane Sugidono** are enjoying the Thanksgiving potluck dinner at the W-SC JACL Hall.

### Upcoming Activities at the W-SC JACL Senior Center:

<b>Tues. Dec. 3</b>	<b>SF One-day Trip</b>
<b>Thurs. Dec. 5, 12</b>	<b>Regular Bingo</b>
<b>Sun. Dec. 8</b>	<b>Christmas Party, Kizuka Hall 2 pm</b>
<b>Thurs. Dec. 19</b>	<b>Dec Birthday Party &amp; last 2013 meeting with dinner at Hong Kong II at 4 pm</b>
<b>Dec. 26 &amp; Jan. 2</b>	<b>Senior Center is <u>closed</u> for Christmas holiday</b>
<b>Thurs. Jan 9, 2014</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> day back for 2014!</b>

Please check out our Senior Center website: <http://kizukahallseniors.wordpress.com> to keep up with our activities.

**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.**

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**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.