

*Liberty  
Lost...*



*Lessons in  
Loyalty*

## THE WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL

### *Newsletter January 2014*

*Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.*

*There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children.*

**Nelson Mandela, 1918-2013**

#### **ATTENTION: YOUNG SCHOLARS! CRITERIA CHANGES FOR 2014 W-SC JACL SCHOLARSHIPS**

Changes have been made to the JACL's selection criteria for the **Dr. Francis Choy, Kee Kitayama, Frank Mito (new for 2014), and Ray and Louise Sako Scholarships**:

Applicants will apply for scholarships by submitting generic application information that could apply to and satisfy all of the four scholarship funds.

The JACL's Scholarship Committee will determine, based on factors such as meritorious performance; grades; participation in certain social activities and organizations; level of volunteerism; and length of membership in the W-SC JACL, the Watsonville Buddhist Temple, and/or the Westview Presbyterian Church, which applicants will receive which scholarship.

***All scholarship recipients and their parents must be JACL, Watsonville Buddhist Temple, and/or Westview Presbyterian Church members for a minimum of one year prior to receipt of scholarship.***

An exception will be made for the upcoming June 2014 scholarships because of this late notification. The one-year membership requirement will be shortened to six months (i.e., membership to one or more of the organizations no later than January 1, 2014).

Unless there are extenuating circumstances, the scholarship recipient and/or his/her parents must be present at the awards ceremony, which will take place at the **JACL's Annual Community Picnic** on Saturday, June 28, 2014 at the Aptos Village Park, 100 Aptos Creek Road, Aptos, CA 95003.

An announcement for scholarship applications will be included in the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL newsletter, the Watsonville Buddhist Temple's **ICHIMI** and/or the Westview Presbyterian Church's **Chimes** no later than the April issues. That announcement will include requirements, documentation, and information needed to apply—along with the submittal deadline. The final determination of scholarship recipients will be made no later than the end of May 2014.

For additional information or for questions, please email our scholarship committee chair, **Dr. Brooke Kondo**, at [brooke.kondo@gmail.com](mailto:brooke.kondo@gmail.com).

#### **National JACL's 2014 Scholarship Program**

The National JACL announces its National Scholarship and Awards Program for the 2014 academic year. The JACL annually offers approximately 30 college scholarships for students who are incoming college freshmen, undergraduates and graduates, and those specializing in law and the creative/performing arts. There is also a student aid scholarship to address the increased challenge students face in meeting rising tuition costs.

JACL, in partnership with Meiji Gakuin University in Tokyo, also offers a U.S.-Japan Scholarship for an incoming college junior who wishes to study in Japan. Meiji Gakuin University, founded in 1863, is one of the oldest universities in Japan. This two-year scholarship will lead the recipient to a bachelor's degree in International Studies. All classes are taught in English.

A scholarship program brochure and applications for 2014 can be found on the JACL website at [www.jacl.org](http://www.jacl.org), and clicking "Education" on the menu bar. The National JACL Scholarship Program requires that all applicants be a student or individual member of the JACL. Membership under a parent will not fulfill this requirement.

#### **Freshman Applications**

The freshman applications must be submitted directly by the applicant to our chapter--W-SC JACL, P.O. Box 163, Watsonville, CA 95077-0163--postmarked no later than Sat. **March 1, 2014**. **[Editor's warning: US Post Offices are closed on Saturdays!]** Students who require the mailing address for their chapter may contact JACL Membership Coordinator **Annie Noguchi** at: [anoguchi@jacl.org](mailto:anoguchi@jacl.org) or by calling (415) 921-5225. Please put "Chapter Scholarship Chair Address Requested" in the subject line of your email.

JACL chapters then have one month to screen the applications and forward their "most outstanding" freshman applications to: "National JACL Freshman Scholarship Committee," c/o San Diego JACL, 6917 Town View Lane, San Diego, CA 92120. There is no limit to the number of applications a chapter may forward to National for consideration, but it is requested they only be of the strongest applicants. Chapters must submit their selected freshman applications to the National Committee, postmarked no later than April 1, 2014, in order to be considered.

#### **Other Grade Level Applications**

Applications for the "other" scholarship categories (undergraduate, graduate, law, creative/performing arts,

and student aid) are to be sent directly by the applicant to: "National JACL Scholarship Committee," c/o Washington, DC JACL, 5406 Uppingham Street, Chevy Chase, MD 20815. Applications for these categories must be postmarked no later than April 1, 2014 to be considered.

### **U.S.-Japan Scholarship**

The Meiji Gakuin-JACL Scholarship involves two completely different applications, which can be requested directly from Meiji Gakuin University via the JACL website. It is requested that chapters inform their respective membership and communities of the National JACL Scholarship Program, which can be an opportunity to boost membership for the chapter and stimulate interest in the JACL.

For more information on the National JACL Scholarship Program, contact Regional Director **Patty Wada** at [pwada@jaci.org](mailto:pwada@jaci.org), or National JACL Vice President for Planning & Development **Chip Larouche** at [clarouche@jaci.org](mailto:clarouche@jaci.org).

### ***W-SC JACL'er EARNs HER DOCTORATE***

**By Proud Father**

**Elizabeth Rose (E.R.) Mayeda** recently earned her PhD in epidemiology (the study of diseases) from the University of California, San Francisco. She was the first person to graduate with doctorate in epidemiology from UCSF. Prior to this, she received bachelor's in integrated biology and public health from U.C. Berkeley and MPH (masters in public health) from Columbia University. She was a research associate at both Columbia and UCSF.

In September, Elizabeth Rose presented an exit seminar entitled, "Diabetes, risk of dementia and cognitive decline, and the competing risk of mortality." Her public health area of expertise is bio-statistics and translational science. During the past three years, she conducted a statistical analysis that weighted various risk factors associated with dementia. Since graduating from Berkeley, her name has appeared on ten research publications.

When asked to describe her research area of interest, E.R. said, "I am interested in epidemiology of aging and methods to overcome methodologic challenges in longitudinal studies of aging. My dissertation focused on the relation between diabetes and risk of dementia in older adults and the role of the competing risk of mortality in our ability to observe this association."

Students in the Epidemiology and Translational Science PhD program, which accepted its first students in 2010, are trained in the most advanced methods for studying disease etiology and prevention; for evaluating diagnostic tests and treatment efficacy in clinical settings; and for implementing evidence-based approaches in clinical practice and population health. UCSF posted more information about the program and E.R.'s work at the following website: <http://graduate.ucsf.edu/news/epi-program-grants-first-degree>.

She has new position as a post-doctoral staff researcher UCSF. She continues to run as a member of the **Impala Racing Team** based in San Francisco. She is sponsored by **Nike** and runs competitively in road races

(5K or 10K), half marathons and ran her first marathon this year under three hours.

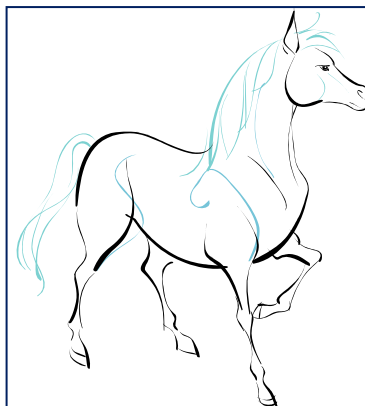


**Elizabeth Rose** (center), with her siblings, **Walter** and **Mary**, are all awardees of the Watsonville Santa Cruz JACL **Kee Kitayama Memorial Scholarship**. The photo was taken by mother, **Dorothy Mayeda**, after Elizabeth Rose's seminar presentation; father, **Robb**, stayed home in Watsonville to host visitors from our sister city, Kawakami-mura.

Mary is an environmental planner for the U S Forest Service in the Plumas National Forest (Feather River Canyon) and lives in Paradise, CA. Walter is an Agricultural Inspector for the County of Riverside. He lives in the city of Riverside.

**[Editor's note:** we are so proud of our scholarship recipients—all of whom have graduated or about to graduate. If you are a recipient of one of our scholarships and/or of a National JACL Scholarship, please let us know what you're doing. Please email Mas Hashimoto at [hashi79@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hashi79@sbcglobal.net) or write to 578 Vivienne Drive, Watsonville, CA 95076. And, don't forget to include photos!]

### ***2014, THE YEAR OF THE HORSE***



Horse-year people are very skillful in paying compliments and are quite popular. They are skillful in financial matters.

They are cheerful at times and are able to grasp other people's meanings and intentions quickly. They are wise and talented and skillful with their hands. They are very decorative and showy in dress and manner. They appear as though they will never lose at anything, but inside they can be at times insecure, especially with the opposite sex. So, to offset their insecurity, they tend to talk too much.



Horse-year people are not noted for their patience and can be hot-blooded at times. They are independent and often will not listen to good advice, even from family members. They will venture out on their own at any early age. They will have trouble during the first (growing up) and second (work) periods of their lives. The third (retirement) will be the best for they will have settled down.

The horse years are: 1894, 1906, 1918, 1930, 1942, 1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002, and 2014.

Tragically, some born in the *Year of the Horse* were imprisoned for months in the horse stalls of Santa Anita (LA) and Tanforan (San Bruno) racetracks in early 1942.

### **HONORING OUR ELDERS, KEIRO KAI**

If you are 75 years of age or older (born in January of 1939 or before) and a **National JACLeR** of the Watsonville-Santa Cruz chapter, **then you are a Keiro Kai elder**. *Keiro Kai* is a title, not an organization.

To our respected *Keiro Kai* member:

In appreciation of your many years of support as our National JACLe member, the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACLe invites you to be our guest at the **Tri-Chapter JACLe Officers' Installation Luncheon** on Sunday, January 19, 2014 from 11 am (registration) to 4 pm at the Tokushige Kizuka JACLe Hall, 150 Blackburn St., Watsonville, CA 95076. A delicious buffet catered by **Miyuki Japanese Restaurant** will be served.

The Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACLe is the host chapter, and our program will include the showing of the 30 minute reenactment of *Liberty Lost ... Lessons in Loyalty*, which dramatizes the story of the Japanese and Japanese Americans evicted from their Watsonville homes during WW II. A program of fun will follow with opportunities to win wonderful prizes during the complimentary games of bingo and a raffle.

We hope you will join us as our W-SC National JACLe *Keiro Kai* elder. Please RSVP before Fri. January 10, 2014 with a message that you are *Keiro Kai* to **Bobbi Jo Palmer**, (408) 842-2879 or mail the reservation form to Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACLe, P. O. Box 163, Watsonville, CA 95077-0163 no later than January 10, 2014.

Sincerely,  
W-SC JACLe Board

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

To all others, please join us for our 2014 Tri-Chapter—Gilroy, San Benito County, W-SC JACLe chapters—Installation of Officers Luncheon on **Sunday, January 19, 2014**, hosted this year by the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACLe. It'll be held at our JACLe 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). For children 12 and under, the cost is \$10.

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 JACLe, please call your chapter representative for reservations before January 10, 2014.

### **2013 HOLIDAY TRADITIONS IN THE PLAZA**

By **Marcia Hashimoto**, photos by **Mas Hashimoto**

Thanks to our W-SC JACLe members and friends, our participation in the *Holiday Traditions* celebration on Sat. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> was fun and successful.

It rained heavily the night before but it cleared for the day of the event. While sunny and bright, it was a bit cool.



The **Watsonville Taiko** youth and adults presented an exciting performance that welcomed the public to an afternoon of cultural awareness and appreciation. Their rhythmic drumming could be heard far beyond the plaza's grounds and attracted the attention of the public to join in this cultural event.

**Mrs. Mitsuyo Tao's** strikingly beautiful *Ikenobo ikebana* arrangement and **Iwao Yamashita's** magnificent *bonsai* were impressive highlights of our colorful cultural display. We are so grateful for their masterful artistry and willingness to support our activities.



"Set-up" crew and activity helpers were **Marcia Hashimoto, Debbie Chan, Aimee Mizuno, Mitsuyo Tao** and **Thomas Chan**.



Many families visited our booth and enjoyed having their names written in *katakana* Japanese on a book marker, thanks to the enthusiastic help of **Aimee Mizuno** and her father, **Takashi**, and **Nozomi Banks**. Aimee's mother, **Katherine**, cheerfully assisted with the book mark decorating. Incidentally, these decorations could also be placed on the family Christmas tree as an ornament.

To their delight, children and adults learned how to fold *origami* paper into cute faces of a dog and cat, two types of butterflies, a caterpillar, basket-box, and other creations, thanks to the patient guidance and encouragement of **Debbe Chan** and **Bob Gomez**.



**Bob Gomez** (right) shows two youngsters how to fold *origami* paper into a basket box.

Thank you, **Mas Hashimoto**, for being our greeter and for explaining New Year's (mochi), Girl's Day, Boy's Day, *Tanabata*, *ikebana*, and *bonsai* displays. Our thanks to Mas and **Phil Shima** for taking photos.

Special appreciation is extended to the **Boy Scouts**, **Thomas and Debbe Chan**, the **Mizuno family**, **Nozomi Banks**, **Bob Gomes**, and **Mas** for setting up and cleaning up our booth area. Thank you for making it possible to proudly share our Japanese cultural traditions with the greater community of Watsonville



"Clean up" crew and activity helpers were **Marcia Hashimoto**, **Nozomi Banks**, **Bob Gomez**, **Katherine** and **Takashi Mizuno**.

### **IN REMEMBRANCE ... FOR 2013 ...**

We wish to take a moment to remember the passing of our members and friends in 2013 ...

**Wataru Eto**  
**Barbara Eto Wada**  
**Shinichi Misumi**  
**Jiro Sugidono**  
**Beulah Yukiko Shinta**  
**Yamato Nishihara**  
**Howard Haruto Tao**  
**Mary Tomoye Meifu**  
**Frank M. Enomoto**  
**Joan Chieko Ridao**  
**Hisae Tao**  
**Takeru Okamoto**  
**Tadaaki Kato**  
**Tom Isao Mine**  
**Arlene Rutsuko "Lou" Osato**  
**Harry K. Honda**  
**Yaeko Akiyoshi**  
**Kazu Oshima**  
**Rekiso "Ray" Sako**  
**Martha M. Miyamoto**  
**Jack Shigeru Matsuoka**  
**Jean Fumiko Yagi Kobayashi**  
**Shigeo "Shig" Akiyoshi**  
**Thomas T. Sakamoto**  
**Ben T. Tada**

### **DAISY IKU NAGAMINE**

**Daisy Iku Nagamine** passed away peacefully at home Saturday, November 30, 2013, surrounded by her loving family.

Daisy was born in Fort Lupton, Colorado and went to Japan in 1930, after marrying **Osamu Nagamine** she returned to the U.S. in 1956. They moved to Watsonville in 1962 and worked diligently to build a successful flower nursery business.

She was a hard working, compassionate, selfless person who sacrificed a lot for her family. She was also an



excellent cook and a generous person, who relished the time she had with her grandchildren.



She is survived by her husband **Osamu** of 57 years; daughter **Doris (Shuzo) Yonemura**, son **James**, son **Mike (Kathy)**; 5 grandchildren, **Mark, Lori, Erick, Chris and Doug**; sister **Hideko (Akira)** of Watsonville, brothers **Toshimi (Keiko)** and **Tatsuro (Yachie)** in Japan and by numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple on Saturday, December 7, 2013.

#### **TOMIO TSUDA**

**Tomio Tsuda** passed away peacefully at his home last Sunday December 1, 2013.

Mr. Tsuda was born in Walnut Grove California and raised in Delano California. He met his wife in the internment camps and after the War moved with her to Watsonville where he started a life for his wife and new family. He began working in farming and produce. He then started working at **Watsonville Radiator Works** and later owned the business himself. He was very involved with the VFW and Independence Square.



Mr. Tsuda loved his family and friends. He was quite the entertainer. He always had a story to share or a joke to tell. He loved to sing and play his harmonica among his friends. He loved to listen to his Country records, bingo,

bowling, and all sorts of puzzles, his favorites being jigsaw puzzles and crossword puzzles.

Mr. Tsuda is survived by his wife of over 60 years, **Frances Tsuda** of Watsonville; sons **Kenny (Rosie) Tsuda**; **Jack Tsuda**; **Tomi (Rickee) Tsuda**; Brother **Richard Tsuda**; sisters **Marsha Wada** and **Marian Asami**; 3 grandchildren **Jennifer Tsuda**, **Naomi Tsuda**, **Andrew Vargas** and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, mother, stepfather, brother and two sisters. There will be no service at this time.

#### **FRANCES "KATHRYN" KOREMATSU**

**Frances "Kathryn" (Pearson) Korematsu** passed away in her sleep on October 28, 2013, in Oakland, Calif., at age 92.

Kathryn had a remarkable life. She was born on March 14, 1921, in Greenville, S.C., but as a child moved around between South Carolina and North Carolina wherever her father, who was a woodworker, could get work in the mills, especially during the Depression Era.

Kathryn was the first one on either side of her family of many cousins to receive a college degree. In June 1942, she received her Bachelor of Science Degree from Winthrop College, the South Carolina College for Women (now Winthrop University), in Rock Hill, S.C., and went on to receive a Master of Science in Medical Technology degree in January 1945 from Wayne University in Detroit, Mich.

After graduation she worked in the lab at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit where she did testing on the benefits of penicillin and later taught nurses at Mount Carmel College of Nursing, in East Lansing, Mich.

She will be remembered most for her unwavering support and encouragement that was given to her husband, Fred, for 58 years. She married **Fred T. Korematsu** (1919-2005), an Oakland, Calif., native, on October 12, 1946, in Detroit, Mich., where they had met.

They moved to California in 1948. Fred's landmark U.S. Supreme Court case, *Korematsu v. United States*, challenged the constitutionality of the Japanese American incarceration during World War II. He lost his case in 1944, but his conviction was overturned in 1983 when it was proven there was no military necessity for the incarceration of 120,000 people of Japanese ancestry.

Through the years, she was involved in several organizations and charitable work. She served as a Brownie Troop Leader for the Girl Scouts, Den Mother for the Cub Scouts, the PTA, "Lioness" in the San Leandro Lions Club, and various programs over the years with the First Presbyterian Church of Oakland.

She was a loving mother to her daughter, **Karen**, and son, **Ken**, and a caring mother-in-law to **Donald and Cecy**. She is also survived by her loving sister-in-law, **Carolyn Pearson**, and dear nephews and nieces, grandnephews, and grandnieces. She is predeceased by her brother, **Paul David**, who was 15 years her junior and had an untimely accidental death in 2002, and by her dear little sister, **Virginia Lee**, who died at the age of 5 of scarlet and rheumatic fevers.

Family and friends attended a memorial service on Saturday, November 30, 2013, at the First Presbyterian Church in Oakland, Calif.



Our honored guest at our Tri-Chapter Installation luncheon in 2011 was **Frances "Kathryn" Korematsu**.



**Karen, Kathryn, and Donald Haigh**, photo taken at the Seascapes Golf Course, Jan. 23, 2011, one week prior to the observance of the first Fred Korematsu Day.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the First Presbyterian Church, to the Fred T. Korematsu Institute (via the **Asian Law Caucus**; Korematsu Institute, 55 Columbus Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94111, please specify the Korematsu Institute in the gift designation), or a charity of your choosing.

### **THOMAS W. CONANT**

Tom Conant was born in Nevada on Feb. 15, 1953 and passed away on Nov. 29, 2013.

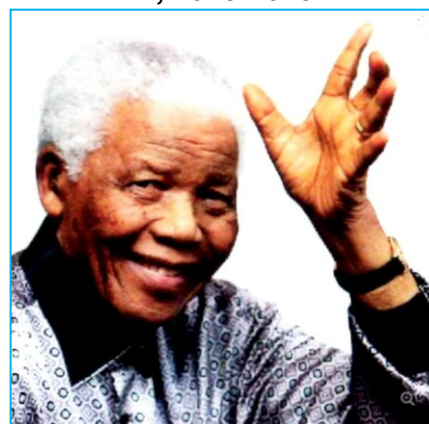
He grew up in Tacoma, Washington, where he lived with his eight siblings and two parents. After graduating from Bethel High School in 1971, he hitch-hiked across the US, and sold his car for a ticket to Barcelona. He spent the next six months traveling Europe and working on a luxury yacht in Pireas. After returning to the States, he came to California, where he enlisted in the US Army. He worked as an illustrator and motion picture photographer at Fort Ord for 3 years (shooting cameras in lieu of guns).

He met his wife, **Ikuyo**, at a Halloween dance at Monterey Peninsula College. They married and moved to Santa Cruz to attend UCSC. After the graduation, they moved to Ikuyo's hometown of Numazu in Japan. In Japan, Tom worked as a technical writer for Toshiba, pursued his dream of photojournalism, and was an avid scuba diver. After two years, they returned to the States

and he found his calling as a teacher, working with Santa Cruz City Schools' adult education program for over 20 years. After his second daughter was born, Tom took up painting and film-making, and is the writer of several scripts, one of which was made into the short film '*Julian's Garden*'. His passion for the arts and teaching stayed with him for all of his years. His kindness, gentle nature and enthusiasm for making a difference will be missed and remembered by many.

Tom passed on to his next journey surrounded by loving family, music, and immense support. He is survived by his wife, **Ikuyo**, and his two daughters, **Ailin and Myjah**. Friends and family are invited to attend his memorial services at the Santa Cruz Veterans Memorial Building on Sunday, January 5th at 11:00 a.m. Please RSVP to **conantmemorial@gmail.com**. Memorial donations may be made to Heartland Hospice of Santa Cruz County.

### **NELSON MANDELA, 1918-2013**



*If you want to make peace with your enemy, you have to work with your enemy. Then, he becomes your partner.*

*If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head.*

*If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart.*

*During my lifetime I have dedicated myself to this struggle of the African people. I have fought against white domination, and I have fought against black domination. I have cherished the idea of a democratic and free society in which all persons live together in harmony and with equal opportunities. It is an ideal which I hope to live for and achieve. But, if needs be, it is an ideal for which I am prepared to die.*

*The truth is that we are not yet free; we have merely achieved the freedom to be free.*

Go well, Madiba, and thank you.

[Editor's note: In our short lifetime, we have had the wisdom of **Mahatma Gandhi**, **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** and **Nelson Mandela**. Now, it is up to us to incorporate them into our daily lives. They were citizens of the world.]

**We send our deepest condolences to the Nagamine, Tsuda, Conant, Korematsu and Mandela families, relatives, and friends.**



## PETITION TO THE US POSTAL SERVICE FOR TEN CAMP COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS

We are grateful to the NCWNPD Governor, **David Unruhe**, for the support of the NCWNPD. Here, then, is his letter:

December 4, 2013

Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee  
U. S. Postal Service  
475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Room 3300  
Washington, DC 20260-3501

Dear Members of the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee:

*On behalf of the Northern California Western Nevada Pacific District of the Japanese American Citizens League, I request that the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee (CSAC) support a set of 10 commemorative stamps on the 10 major Japanese American WWII camps. This could educate new generations of Americans about the need to safeguard our civil rights and civil liberties in times of crisis, plus, if completed in 2017, help commemorate the 75th anniversary of the incarceration.*

*In support of the stamp proposal of the Watsonville-Santa Cruz (CA) Chapter of the National Japanese American Citizens League and leader Mas Hashimoto, we request that ten (10) commemorative stamps be issued. This would be one specifically designed for each 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.*

*The stamps will honor all those Japanese Americans who suffered, endured, and resisted the racism, humiliation, and shame of this injustice. The stamps will also provide an invaluable teachable moment for our country. How can Americans ensure that our country's leaders protect our cherished civil rights and civil liberties in another time of crisis? Seeing how Muslim, Arab, Sikh, and South Asian Americans faced backlash, persecution, and violence after 9/11, just as Japanese Americans suffered after the December 7, 1941 bombing of Pearl Harbor, highlights how crucial it is to guard our rights today.*

*A suggested date for the dedication of this set of stamps is February 19, 2017 - a Day of Remembrance on the 75th anniversary of Executive Order 9066. This 2017 date would fit the customary three year stamp planning process.*

Sincerely

**David Unruhe**, District Governor,  
Northern California Western Nevada Pacific District  
Japanese American Citizens League  
1765 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94115  
(415) 345-1075

We are grateful also to the **Florin, Lodi, and Sonoma County JACL Chapters** and to **Pam Yoshida** of San Jose for writing letters of support. **Meg Mizutani** of Sonoma County JACL asked 30 members to not only sign their letter but to disclose the camp they were incarcerated!

If you are able, please write to the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee, and thank you.

## FRESNO TOWER MADE OF POSTON WOOD

By Dr. Art Hayashi

On Nov. 19 the 26-foot **Soul Consoling Tower**, at Simonian Farms, 2629 South Clovis Avenue, Fresno, was formally dedicated.

**Dennis Simonian** created the memorial tower with wood obtained from the Poston barracks. He did so to honor the five families who graciously shared their passion and knowledge of farming, of family values, of the ethics of hard work, honesty, and the importance of setting goals in life. The five families honored were:

**Shigeo and Kimuko Hayashi** and family,  
**Masao and Hanako Hayashi** and family,  
**Bob and Masako Nakadoi Mochizuki** and family,  
**Ted and Irene Takahashi** and family,  
**Yosh and Yo Takahashi** and family,  
These families were incarcerated during WW II.



Photo courtesy of **Dr. Arthur Hayashi**.

As observers enter the obelisk design they experience the sensation of being surrounded by the same prison wood. They try to imagine the feelings the Japanese Americans must have felt, feelings of claustrophobia, and that there's no way out, and betrayal by their fellow Americans as they were denied the same freedom that the rest of America was fighting for. The hope is that visitors will feel a symbolic loss of their own freedoms for a moment or two. But, as they look to the open sky, there's a message of hope ... hope that a free future is near ... a veritable light at the end of the dark tunnel that one leaves behind them ... but never forgets."

**Dennis Simonian and Family**

**Daniels Wood Products** of Paso Robles built the tower.

## POSTONITES! WE NEED YOUR HELP!

By Mas Hashimoto, Camp II

Were you or some members of your family incarcerated in Poston, Arizona? Were they in "Roasten," "Toasten," or "Dusten"? These were the nicknames for Camp I, Camp II, and Camp III.

**The Poston Community Alliance** needs your help. The mission of the *Alliance* is to create a foundation for educating the public about what took place at Poston during WW II. The *Alliance* is on a major fund-raising campaign (engraved bricks) to restore Poston's remaining historic structures to create a museum. This museum will tell the stories of the Japanese Americans and the Native Americans of the **Colorado River Indian Tribal Council** who shared their land.

Please use the form in this newsletter to order your brick(s). Checks should be payable to Poston Community Alliance and mailed to:

**Poston Community Alliance/Brick Campaign**  
630 E. Quincy  
Fresno CA 93720

Your contribution is tax deductible as the Alliance is a non-profit organization. Thank you.

### ***The Power of Our Stories: The Fight for Civil Liberties in the Japanese American Community and Beyond***

Sun Jan 05 2014 2:00 PM Santa Cruz Public Library, 224 Church St., Santa Cruz, CA, Free and Open to the Public.

The Santa Cruz Library is currently hosting an exhibit based on the book ***Wherever's There's a Fight***. In line with the exhibit, co-authors **Elaine Elinson** and **Stan Yogi** will present an overview of California civil liberties history from the Gold Rush to the post-9/11 era, highlighting courageous Californians whose battles in courts, classrooms and streets shaped the rights we have today. When they reach the moment of the most egregious violation of civil liberties in California history—the mass incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II—they will be joined by **Brian Komei Dempster**, editor of ***Making Home from War***, who will read first-person stories written by former camp prisoners. The program will also illuminate how past battles carry lessons for today, as Brian shares poems from his debut collection *Topaz*, which examines the Japanese American imprisonment experience, its legacy and impact on younger generations, and intersecting issues of race, gender, sexuality, and power.

Our featured guest speaker will be **Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston**, co-author of *Farewell to Manzanar*.



**Elaine Elinson** (above left) was the communications director of the ACLU of Northern California and editor of the ACLU News for more than two decades. She is a

coauthor of *Development Debacle: The World Bank in the Philippines*, which was banned by the Marcos regime. Her articles have been published in the *Los Angeles Daily Journal*, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, *The Nation*, *Poets and Writers*, and numerous other periodicals. She is married to journalist Rene CiriaCruz and they have one son. Photos by **Matthew Elinson** and by **Grace Chow**.

**Brian Komei Dempster** (right) is a Sansei (third-generation Japanese American). He received BAs in American ethnic studies and English from the University of Washington and an MFA in creative writing from the University of Michigan. His poems have been published in various journals and anthologies. Dempster is the editor of *From Our Side of the Fence: Growing Up in America's Concentration Camps*, which received a 2007 Nisei Voices Award from the National Japanese American Historical Society. His debut book of poems, *Topaz*, is forthcoming from Four Way Books in fall 2013. He is a professor of rhetoric and language and a faculty member of Asian Pacific American studies at the University of San Francisco. Currently, he divides his time between teaching and serving as Director of Administration for the master of arts program in Asia Pacific studies. Read more on his [website](#).

**Stan Yogi** managed development programs for the ACLU of Northern California for fourteen years. He is the coeditor of two books, ***Highway 99: A Literary Journey through California's Great Central Valley*** and ***Asian American Literature: An Annotated Bibliography***. His work has appeared in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, *MELUS*, *Los Angeles Daily Journal*, and several anthologies. He is married to nonprofit administrator **David Carroll** and lives in Oakland.



Photo of Stan Yogi by Michael Woolsey.

### **KAWAKAMI-WATSONVILLE SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION by Robb Mayeda**

KWSCA would like to thank the JACL community for their support of the two fall fundraisers. We served 150 breakfasts at **Applebee's** in November. Our **Imura's** Night was also well attended. We would also like to thank Applebee's and Imura's for their cooperation and donation.

### **HELP IS STILL NEEDED IN JAPAN**

Tokyo (Kyodo) As many as 278,000 people remained evacuees Nov. 14, 2013 as a result of the magnitude 9.0 earthquake and *tsunami* that devastated northeastern Japan on March 11, 2011, the Reconstruction Agency said Dec. 4, 2012, 1,000 days after the disaster.



The number marked a fall from a peak of about 470,000.

The evacuees include 49,554 who have left Fukushima Prefecture, where the disaster caused a serious crisis at nuclear power plant.

The earthquake-tsunami disaster killed 15,883 people and 2,651 are still unaccounted for as of Nov. 8. Search for the missing continues in the affected area.

An additional 2,688 deaths, including those from evacuation-caused health deterioration and suicides, were noted by the agency.

Help is still needed.

### AMBASSADOR CAROLINE KENNEDY

**Caroline Kennedy** presented her credentials to **Emperor Akihito** on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013 in a simple ceremony at the Imperial Palace, Tokyo, Japan. She was cheered by thousands of Japanese well-wishers along her route to the palace and back (to the American embassy).

Japan, today, is our most cherished and respected ally in the Pacific Rim, and we believe Ambassador Kennedy will ably serve the mutual interests of both countries.

We believe she will develop an even closer relationship, and we wish her the very best.

Other previous Americans who ably served our country as ambassadors to Japan were (a select list):

<b>Joseph Grew</b>	<b>1932-1941</b>
<b>Douglas MacArthur II</b>	<b>1957-1961</b>
<b>Edwin Reischauer</b>	<b>1961-1966</b>
<b>Mike Mansfield</b>	<b>1977-1988</b>
<b>Walter Mondale</b>	<b>1993-1996</b>
<b>Tom Foley</b>	<b>1997-2001</b>
<b>Howard Henry Baker, Jr</b>	<b>2001-2005</b>
<b>John Roos</b>	<b>2009-2013</b>

### WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE NEWS

by Jackie Yamashita



We are grateful that on Sunday, Dec. 1 for the Bodhi Day service **Bishop Umezo** of the BCA came to give an inspiring Dharma Talk. Thank you to all the Sangha for the delicious lunch after the service.

Thank you all for helping with *mochi tsuki* this year! We pounded over 350 lbs of rice into *mochi*!

January Calendar:

**Wed. Dec. 31 7:30 pm**

**Joya E Service & Soba**

<b>1 Wed</b>	<b>10 am</b>	<b>Shusho E</b>
<b>8 Wed</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	Ministerial Meeting
<b>10 Fri</b>	<b>2 pm</b>	San Juan <i>Howakai</i>
<b>12 Sun</b>	<b>10 am</b>	<b>Sunday, <i>Shotsuki Hoyo</i></b> <b>&amp; New Year's Potluck</b>
<b>14 Tue</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Temple Board &amp;</b> <b>General Meeting</b>
<b>15 Wed</b>	<b>1 pm</b>	BWA Meeting
<b>16 Thu</b>	<b>10 am</b>	ABA Meeting
<b>19 Sun</b>	<b>10 am</b>	<i>Ho On Ko</i> , Sunday Service, & <i>Dharma</i> School
<b>26 Sun</b>	<b>10 am</b>	Sunday Service with <b>Rev. Mukojima</b>
<b>29 Wed</b>	<b>7:15 pm</b>	Coast District Meeting <b><i>Shotsuki Hoyo Service</i></b>

### 10am Sunday January 12, 2014

*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 January are invited to attend the service and to *Oshoko* (offer incense). We look forward to seeing you at the service.

### January Memorial List

<b>Asa Akiyama</b>	<b>Michiko Dooka</b>
<b>Ichijiro Fujita</b>	<b>Yeiko Fujita</b>
<b>Midori Fukuba</b>	<b>Suyeko Hamada</b>
<b>Tsui Hamai</b>	<b>Yoneichi Hamai</b>
<b>Sammy Hiraga</b>	<b>Manabu Hirahara</b>
<b>Shig Hirano</b>	<b>Yasube Hirano</b>
<b>Yutaka Ikeda</b>	<b>Sadao Itamura</b>
<b>Asako Iwamuro</b>	<b>Kintsuchi Izumizaki</b>
<b>Teruko Jeanne Kajihara</b>	<b>Masashi Kajisa</b>
<b>Haruno Kamimoto</b>	<b>Mary Yukiko Kimura</b>
<b>Sayoko Kimura</b>	<b>Yukiko Kinoshita</b>
<b>Rokuzo Koike</b>	<b>Satoru Kokka</b>
<b>Toraichi Kowaki</b>	<b>Takajiro Kunishige</b>
<b>Peggy Shizuko Kurimoto</b>	<b>Harumi Kay Kuroiwa</b>
<b>Tommy Toshiyuki Matsui</b>	<b>Kozo Maemura</b>
<b>Bob Manabe</b>	<b>Haruo Manabe</b>
<b>Suyeo Manabe</b>	<b>Harumi Marui</b>
<b>Shinichi Misumi</b>	<b>Umazo Morimoto</b>
<b>Helen Morimune</b>	<b>Sei Morishima</b>
<b>Tsui Morita</b>	<b>Otomatsu Nagamine</b>
<b>Chiyuki Nakahara</b>	<b>Eijiro Nakase</b>
<b>George M Nakatani</b>	<b>Kohide Nishihara</b>
<b>Yamato Nishihara</b>	<b>Gladyce Nishita</b>
<b>Frank Nishita</b>	<b>Sayoko Nishita</b>
<b>Tsune Nitao</b>	<b>Masaru (Buzz) Noda</b>
<b>Yooko Sakae</b>	<b>Bunichi Sakai</b>
<b>Takeichi Sakimoto</b>	<b>Shizuma Sasaki</b>
<b>Beulah Shinta</b>	<b>Hayato Sukekane</b>
<b>Masanosuke Sukekane</b>	<b>Masao Sukekane</b>
<b>Fukuichi Sumida</b>	<b>Roy Takamune</b>
<b>Lillian Teruo Tanimura</b>	<b>Tomoe Tao</b>

<b>Takashi Tsuchiyama</b>	<b>Hardy Tsuda</b>
<b>Henry Tsutsui</b>	<b>Toyoki Shizan Uchimaruru</b>
<b>Sumi Ura</b>	<b>Kaname Uyeda</b>
<b>Suyeko Ito Uyematsu</b>	<b>Shigeo Wada</b>
<b>Tatsu Wada</b>	<b>Barbara Sanae Wada</b>
<b>Harry Yagi</b>	<b>Kirino Yagi</b>
<b>Takimi Yamada</b>	<b>Jennie Yamamoto</b>
<b>Kichigoro Yamamoto</b>	<b>Ichisaburo Yamashita</b>
<b>Leland Toru Yamauchi</b>	<b>Hideo Yokoi</b>
<b>Wataru Yoshida</b>	

#### BWA News

New Year Potluck, Sunday, January 12, 2014. BWA will donate \$100 toward the bingo games.

There will be a very important CD BWL Meeting on Wednesday, January 8, 2014. We need all BWA members to attend this meeting so that we can finalize the program for our 2014 conference on March 29th.

#### YBA/Dharma School

We will be chairing January's Sunday Services.

Our CD YBL winter activity will be held on Sat. January 25th at the San Jose *Betsuin* from 7-12 pm.

A ski trip is planned for February 14-17.

#### ABA News:

Congratulations to our 2014 officers who just happens to be the same people as last year's. Installation will take place at the January 12, 2014 service.

**Reverend Mukojima** of Mt. View Temple will be our guest speaker for the ABA Memorial Service on January 26th at 10 am. A luncheon will follow.

#### Board News:

Congratulations to the 2014 Temple Board Cabinet:

President –	<b>Kiyo Kawasaki</b>
Vice President –	<b>Kenny Kusumoto</b>
CEO –	<b>Glenn Nagamine</b>
Corporate Secretary –	<b>Kim Yoshida</b>

Thank you to **Kiyo and Aileen Kawasaki, Dennis Hamada, Elren and Rev. Hanayama, Ryoko Kozuki, Kirk Muldoon, Glenn and Judy Nagamine, Doug Nakashima, Itaru Nitao, Fred Oda, David Toriumi, Iwao Yamashita, and Perry and Kim Yoshida** for cleaning the Temple, parsonage, the back of the apartments, and the Temple grounds on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. The Sangha truly appreciates your dedication, hard work, and sacrifice of your time.

**Please bring non-perishable food and/or canned goods to the Installation Potluck Dinner for Second Harvest Food Bank. Bingo prizes are also most welcomed. Thank you!**

#### **CA STATE CHAMPIONS! CONGRATULATIONS!**

Yes, to the **Cabrillo Community College Seahawks Women's Volleyball Team** for winning the state championship! In the 35 year history of the state competition, they are the first from northern California to ever win the State Championship! And, they went undefeated the entire season, 31 to zip!

Congratulations to their awesome coach, **Gabrielle "Gabby" Houston-Neville**. She is the daughter of **Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston** and the late **James D. Houston** and co-authors of "Farewell to Manzanar."

'Way to go, Gabby!

#### **WATSONVILLE TAIKO AND SHINSEI DAIKO**

**By Bonnie Chihara**

On Dec 7<sup>th</sup> we participated in **Holiday Traditions** at Watsonville's Plaza Park. We opened the event with our children's group playing the *taiko* music they'd been practicing for several weeks. **Sensei Ikuyo Conant** was there to lead the group with back up from members of our advanced performers.

We all had a great time at our annual *Holiday Party* on Dec. 13th. We enjoyed seeing new and old friends welcoming more than 60 people to share good food and good company. Our business manager **Taeko D'andrea** led us through some fun and exciting games. Our talent show included a storyteller, taiko drummers and singing. We honored members of our group for their hard work during the year-**Hiroshi Musselman** for his excellent organizational skills in keeping our storage under control, **Sue Walter** for organizing and heading the basketmaking for our *Holiday Boutique*, **Joyce Smith** for all her work on our *Facebook* page, **Cindy Mine** for always being there to help us for any event, and **Bonnie Chihara** for her raffle quilts. Of course, we couldn't keep going without everyone's help and support-both members and non-members. We truly appreciate your support. And a special thank you to **Taeko D'andrea** and **Sensei Ikuyo Conant** for all their hard work all year long! We hope everyone has a wonderful Holiday season and Happy New Year!

Our Anniversary performance is scheduled for February 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> 2014 at Cabrillo College Crocker Theater. For ticket information, please contact Crocker Theater at (831) 479-6154 or [www.cabrillovapa.com](http://www.cabrillovapa.com) or contact Watsonville Taiko at (831) 435 4594 or email us at [info@watsonvilletaiko.org](mailto:info@watsonvilletaiko.org) or visit our website [www.watsonvilletaiko.org](http://www.watsonvilletaiko.org).





## THANK YOU FOR RETURNING THE BALLOTS

Thank you to the 76 W-SC JACL National members who returned their ballots. We are very grateful to those who voted.

Congratulations to **Marcia Hashimoto, David Kadotani, Brooke Kondo, Gary Mine, and Aimee Mizuno** who were elected for a three-year term to our chapter board of directors. And, thank you for your service to our organization and community.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2014 OFFICERS!

**Marcia Hashimoto** will lead the W-SC JACL in 2014 as President. She will be ably assisted by **David Kadotani**, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; **Victor Kimura**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Treasurer; and **Cindy Hirokawa Mine** as Secretary.



Front: **Victor, Karen, Nicole, Carter Kimura; Mimi** (Bobbi Jo's dog), and **Marcia Hashimoto**; Middle: **Mas Hashimoto, Paul and Carol Kaneko, Bobbi Jo Palmer, and Aimee Mizuno**; back: **Makiko Inomoto** (UCD exchange student), **Jim Palmer, Bob Gomez, Iwao Yamashita, and Francisco Esparza**. Photo taken by **Phil Shima** at the December meeting.

## THE MEMBERSHIP OF OUR W-SC JACL

Our chapter members reside throughout the USA.

Watsonville	162	NY	1
Santa Cruz	27	VA	2
Aptos	26	NV	1
Aromas	2	LA	4
Ben Lomond	2	SF	7
Capitola	3	Menlo Park	3
Cupertino	5	Mt. View	1
Freedom	5	Tustin	2
Soquel	7	Livermore	1
Gilroy	2	Salinas	1
Hollister	2	Carmel	1
Moss Landing	1	Mill Valley	1
Scotts Valley	1	San Jose	2
Felton	1	Woodland	2
Castroville	1	Soledad	1
Monterey	1	Seaside	1
Marina	1		

We are grateful to our supportive members and welcome our newest members:

**Ben, Patty, Samuel (Y), and Amanda (Y) Akiyama**  
**Shirley and Rubert Chin**  
**Mary Collins**  
**C. Gamble**  
**Robert "Bob" Gomez**  
**Brooke Hiura (Y)**  
**Janice Ichikawa**  
**Alan Igarashi**  
**Ann Jenkins**  
**Robert, Karen, Grace (Y) and Maya (Y) Kitayama**  
**Dr. Ron and Millicent Mito**  
**Katherine and Takashi Mizuno**  
**Paul Pelkey**  
**Joseph Myers**  
**Martin Miyamoto**  
**Danny Souza (Y)**

As W-SC JACLers we all share several issues in common--civil and human rights for all, cultural outreach, gratitude to our Nisei veterans, and educating young and old of the injustices perpetrated on 120,000 innocent persons of Japanese ancestry--our incarceration--during WW II.

JACL membership is open to everyone and is not limited to Japanese Americans. Please encourage your family and friends to join and participate in our upcoming activities. A membership application form is located on the back cover of this newsletter.

## 2014's CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sun., Jan. 19 **Tri-Chapter JACL Installation of Officers' Luncheon** at JACL Kizuka Hall, 150 Blackburn St., hosted by W-SC JACL
- Sun., Feb. 23 **Day of Remembrance** observance, site of the Salinas Assembly Center, 1034 N. Main Street, Salinas, CA 93906 from 1:30 to 4 pm, hosted by San Benito County
- May 2014 Kawakami students will arrive for a week. A welcome party and farewell party are planned.
- Sat., Jun. 7 **Japanese Cultural Fair**, Santa Cruz Mission Plaza Park, 103 Emmet St., Santa Cruz, CA 95060, 11 am to 6 pm
- Mon., Jun 23-  
Fri., Jul. 3 **Kokoro no Gakko**, Japanese cultural school, K-6<sup>th</sup> grade, Watsonville Buddhist Temple, 423 Bridge Street, Watsonville, CA 95076
- Sat., Jun. 28 **Annual Community Picnic**, Aptos Village Park, 100 Aptos Creek Road, Aptos, CA 95003, 11 am to 4:30 pm, with Scholarship presentations.
- Jul. 9-12 **National JACL Convention**, San Jose, CA
- Mid-October **26<sup>th</sup> Pacific Rim Film Festival**
- Sat. Dec 6 **Holiday Traditions in the Plaza**, Watsonville, CA 95076

## THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS FOR THEIR 2014 DIRECTORY ADS

We are grateful to the following businesses and professional services who have placed their ads in our 2014 Directory. This list is in addition to the one which appeared in December's newsletter:

**Watsonville Taiko, Sensei Ikuyo Conant**  
**Ave Maria Memorial, Pat & Debbie Carroll**  
**PV Memorial Cemetery, Pat & Debbie Carroll**  
**Monterey Bay Prof. Landscape,**  
**Pat & Debbie Carroll**  
**Union Bank, Watsonville branch, Sahin Günsel**  
**McSherry and Hudson Insurance**  
**Gerald Kondo, D.D.S**  
**Brooke Kondo, D.D.S.**  
**Taiko Jo, Joe Bowes**  
**Alan Uyematsu, CPA**  
**Ariana Roofing, Nieves Jauregui**  
**Senior Network Services, Brenda Moss**  
**Dr. Steven Tanaka, D.C.**  
**Imura Japanese Restaurant. Jee & Kevin Kajihara**  
**East Lake Hardware and Crafts, Rodney Misumi**  
**Marty Franich Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep,**  
**Rocky Franich**  
**Dr. Arthur Hayashi, D.D.S.**  
**Mehl's Colonial Chapel, Claudia Mehl**  
**Dr. Robert Webber. M.D.**

We have a total of 48 businesses and professional services who have generously donated ads in our 2014 Directory, our most successful year. The Directory will be published later this month.

## DONATIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED FROM ...

*In memory of Ben Tada from*  
*wife, Mary Tada*

**Yukio and Edna Nagata**

*In memory of Tomio Tsuda from*  
**Esther Ura**

**Yukio and Edna Nagata**

*In memory of father, Thomas Sakamoto, from*  
**James Sakamoto**

## **Day of Remembrance Education Fund** **Greatest Need**

**Debbe and Thomas Chan**  
**Irvin Matsuda of Denver**  
**L&W Land Company of Menlo Park**  
**Sakata Ranches, Inc.**

## SENIOR CENTER NEWS by Kitako Izumizaki

Already we have reached the last month of the old year, and are looking forward to 2014 with great hope and expectations. "Shopaholic Seniors" took a bus to San Francisco for a day of shopping to start off the last month. **Jon and Alice Drier** and **Toshi Yamashita** provided the goodies for this trip.

The following Sunday was our annual Christmas celebration with manager **Iwao Yamashita** thanking all for coming to the festivities. After a moment of silence, the group sang *God Bless America* followed by the **Rev. Dan Hoffman** of **Westview Presbyterian Church** giving us his greetings.



The *Westview Choir* consisting of **Edna Nagata, Diane Mio, Joanne Hayashi, Dr. Arthur Hayashi, Rev. Hoffman** and **Lynn Nagata** led the group in singing Christmas carols.

Greetings were then given by **Tosh Tanaka**, JACL president and **Rev. Shousei Hanayama**.

Cake cutting by seniors over 90 was led off by **Mitsue Tao 90, Kitako Izumizaki 92, Haruko Yoshii 96, Nancy Iwami 99, Yoshino Matano 98, Louise Sako 96, Mitzi Katsuyama 93, Fred Oda 90, and Michiko Hamada 92**. Absent were **Masako Miura 99, Miye Yamashita 95, Frances Goon 94, Chiyoko Yagi 93, Carmel Kamigawachi 92, Hide Nagamine 92, Akira Kodama 92, Sam Sugidono 91, Roland Johnson 91, and Gladys Fukumoto 90**.

Gift drawing followed with **Paul Kaneko** as MC and **Rev. Hanayama** as Santa. Helpers were **Rev. Hoffman, Tosh Tanaka, Fred Oda** and **Iwao Yamashita**. Words of appreciation were given by manager **Paul Kaneko** on behalf of the Senior Center. He thanked one and all for our great support during the whole year and listed activities taken by the Center. He invited others to join the group as we have fun. Special thanks to the JACL for all their help and giving us a nice safe place to meet.

On December 5th, Seniors were surprised when entering the center to find each table decorated with a white orchid plant, plus sweets in a bag with a photo of a very young couple in their wedding attire. The 50th wedding anniversary of **Sunao and Junko Honda** was celebrated - arranged by daughter **Kris Matsuo**. The following Thursday, another surprise was finding candy canes decorated as reindeer in a box decorated with Santa with a sign saying "Happy Birthday, Helen." A dish of homemade cookies was on the table and everyone was served a delicious dessert, all the work of **Susan AmRhein**, honoring her mother, **Helen Nakano's birthday**.

Good to see **Rubie Kawamoto** after her absence. **Chiyoko Yagi** is now at home and will be happy to receive visitors. **Cindy Mine** came several times to take blood pressures. This month was full of surprises as **Jee Kajihara** from **Imura Restaurant** brought over soup and dinner for all to take home and enjoy. Jee wished us all a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays also. We appreciate her thoughtfulness as she brings us ice cream in the heat of summer too. Special guest was **Makiko Inomoto**, a UC



Davis student from Japan. Good to see **Roland Johnson** also being able to join us at his birthday celebration. We welcomed back **Motoko and Kinji House** after several long weeks of being under the weather. Hope to see both of you in the best of health in the coming year.

Paul announced that it was time to renew membership now. He also announced that the Senior Center would pay half the bill for making the doors to the center fire proof for all of our safety.

December birthday celebrants were **Kinji House, Roland Johnson 91, and Helen Nakano**. **Jim Kawamoto** was absent. Roland received a package of *manju*. Since this was the last meeting, the end of the year program was held also. Tables were decorated with potted primrose plants in all colors, the donation and work of **Hisako Kodama**. The head table was graced with a large arrangement of assorted blooms, the work and donation of **Mitsuyo Tao and Jean Akiyama**.



Thank you, Senior Center Managers: **Paul and Carol Kaneko, Iwao Yamashita, June and Sunao Honda!**

Many thanks to *toban* workers for this very busy month--**June Honda, Mitsuyo Tao, Eileen Byers, Sachi Snyder, Aimee Mizuno and Sunao Honda**. **Iwao Yamashita** thanked all workers for all their efforts during the year, especially **Paul and Carol Kaneko** for their hard work. Paul read off the names of all who made special efforts during the year and each received a potted colorful poinsettia plant. He also mentioned that the years seem to go faster as one gets older. He appreciates all the work and generous donations both monetarily and otherwise given by all. After bingo, the group went to *Hong Kong II* for a tasty dinner. This scribe told the group that no other Senior Center group has been running as long as we have and it's all because of the generosity of members, and that you should give yourselves a pat on the back. Look forward to the New Year in good health. See you in 2014.

We thank **Swingtime Café** for continuing to provide weekly dinners for some of our Seniors.

Monetary donations gratefully received: **Yamashita Fish Market, Roland Johnson, Helen Nakano, James Kawamoto, Yae and Sam Sakamoto, Diane Mio, Sunao and June Honda, and Paul and Carol Kaneko**.

Other donations gratefully received:

**Westview Presbyterian** Christmas bags for all  
**Watsonville Taiko** 2 baskets goodies, 3 lge baskets filled with surprises,  
 3 ornamental soap holders

**Shirley Nishimoto**  
**Hide/Akira Nagamine**  
**Jean Akiyama**  
**Judy Hane**  
**Rubie Kawamoto**  
**Michiko Hamada**  
**Sunao/June Honda**

6 *Dawn* dish soap  
 8 rolls paper towels  
 5 bags snack mix, 4 lge *Kleenex*  
 6 mega rolls paper towels  
 6 bags *chagashi*, 6 sq *Kleenex* kiwis  
 50th anniversary cake and ice cream, 7 poinsettia plants, 10 plates *sushi*, 5 rain hats with biscotti

**Nancy Iwami**  
**Kumiko Nakatani**  
**Chie Sakaue**

lots of persimmons  
 lots of persimmons  
 3 bags goodies, persimmon branch, 2 plants, 3 bags *chagashi*, 1 box green tea, 5 crocheted fish toy

**Kimi Fujii**  
**Haruko Yoshii**  
**Nobue Fujii**  
**Kris Matsuo**

4 lge *Kleenex*, 4 *Dawn* soap  
 6 rolls paper towels  
 6 plates persimmon cookies  
 11 orchid plants, bags of candy for all

**Mitzi Katsuyama**  
**Yaeko Cross**

5 bags banana bread  
 3 lge boxes green tea, 7 pkgs Xmas cookies  
 32 double rolls tissues, 1 Xmas gift

**Miye Yamashita**

**Edna/Yukio Nagata**  
**Alan/Betty Yagi**  
**Hatsuko Tsuji**  
**Eileen Byers**

doz double roll tissue  
 16 crabs  
 4 pkgs tea and *manju*  
 6 jumbo rolls tissues, 5 *Dawn* soap

**Aimee Mizuno**  
**Fred/Betty Oda**  
**Terry Hirahara**

1 bag *chagashi*, 1 pkg *mochi*  
 8 giant rolls *Bounty* paper towels  
 6 rolls paper towels, 7 persimmons bars, bag of granola  
 1 bag popcorn, 1 bag kettle corn  
 10 bags roasted seaweed  
 40 paper bags

**Heidi Hirahara**  
**Sam/Yae Sakamoto**  
**Louise Sako**  
**Akira/ Hisako Kodama**

5 jars pickles, 5 jars *tokyozuke*, 12 primrose plants  
 doz strawberry/blueberry jelly  
 5 tapes  
 table decorations

**Eiko Nishihara**  
**Judy Tokubo**  
**Susan AmRhein**

1 pound bag tortilla chips  
 22 pocket calendars  
 4 boxes *Kleenex*

**Toshi Yamashita**  
**Kinji/Motoko House**  
**Mitsue Tao/Gail Wurtenburg**

doz mega rolls tissues

Thanks to all who have paid their 2014 Senior Center dues or their National JACL membership dues for 2014. Please see Carol Kaneko if you still need to pay.

Upcoming Activities at the Senior Center:

Thurs, Jan 2 Senior Center closed for Holidays  
 Thurs Jan 9, 23, 30 Regular Bingo  
 Thurs, Jan 16 January Birthday Party/New Year's Celebration, Imura Buffet,

**WESTVIEW HIGHLIGHTS by Leslie Nagata Garcia and photos by Randy Mano**

**Christmas Caroling:** on December 14, Westview carolers were joined by **Girl Scout Troop #14042** to sing Christmas carols at local senior facilities. The places visited were Valley Convalescent, Country Villa (east and



west wings), Wesley House on Brewington and Wesley House in La Selva Beach. It is a joy to have the residents join in the caroling. Their gratitude, especially for the youth, is heartwarming. Our hope is to touch those we meet but find that we are the ones truly blessed.



**Westview Carolers** at our first stop, Valley Convalescent on Freedom Blvd.

**Our Christmas Appreciation Luncheon**, held on December 15, was a joyous celebration. Everyone enjoyed the delicious ham dinner with all the trimmings. **Randy and Tracy Mano** were honored for their dedication to our Lord and Westview. Randy, as elder has been the Guiding Ministry chair and audio visual technician for many years. He also single handedly repaired the manse so it could be rented. Tracy started the women's ministry and later became a deacon. During the passing of the mic many personal expressions of love and gratitude were shared. The men of *Teen Challenge* joined us for worship and the luncheon. Randy has a special heart for this organization and they have been a recipient of the Harvest Dinner free will offering. Gifts were presented to the Mano's as a token of our love and appreciation. This event concluded with our Christmas gift exchange.



**Randy and Tracy Mano** were honored for their service and presented with a special cake.

As a part of the **Deacon's Christmas Outreach Program**, we wanted to bring some holiday cheer to inmates of the Santa Cruz jail, as we did last year. We filled 60 bags of sweet treats provided by the Deacons. We thank the coordinator, **Lynn Wagner**; youth director **Jordan Sousa** and our youth for assembling the bags; and **Candy McCarty, Diane Mio** and **Jane Yoshida** for making this project possible.



**Willie and Joanne Yahiro** are wrapping gifts to be given to members of the JACL Senior Center at the **JACL Senior Center Christmas Party**. On December 8th Westview members and friends joined the **Praise Team** to sing Christmas carols for the JACL Senior Center. Everyone had a glorious time as they sang favorite Christmas carols together, received gift bags and JACL members over 90-years-old helped cut the delicious cake that was donated by Westview.



Enjoying the gift exchange are **Suzanne Mine Eguchi, Bobby Yoshino, Dr. Art Hayashi, Diane Mio, and Faye Hashitani** (above) and **Nancy Watson, Louise Sako, Emily Takemoto, Edna and Yukio Nagata**.







**Loaves and Fishes:** Westview Family and Youth prepared and served a Thanksgiving meal at Westview for *Loaves and Fishes*. A special thanks to everyone who pitched in to help make this a heartwarming event.



**Salvation Army Meals:** Our next date to prepare meals for the Salvation Army will be on **January 10th**. Please meet at **Westview** at **2 p.m.** if you would like to volunteer. The meals are prepared at Westview and will be served at **5 p.m.** this year at the Salvation Army. For more information please contact **Jane Yoshida** at **(831) 722-1265**.

**Westview Church Youth/Family Events:**

**Gym Nites** (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays) 5:30-8 pm:

Jan 3 Gym Nite

Jan 17 Gym Nite **"Westview Idol Talent Show!"** All are invited to enjoy this special talent show, 6:30 pm. This is not just for the youth, if you want to show off a talent.

Feb 7 Gym Nite Game Nite and Salvation Army feeding the hungry/homeless

**Wednesday Study Series:**

We are continuing the study series on **"What Matters Most."** This series usually meets at Westview on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at **6:30 p.m.** During the month of **January** we will meet on the **8th** and the **22nd**. 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. Everyone is always welcome and it is never too late to join us. Order your book through

Amazon.com or sign up at church and we will order one for you. For a complete list of dates and curriculum please visit our website at **[www.westviewpc.org](http://www.westviewpc.org)**.

**Become a Tutor...change a life!**

... And maybe change your life too!

**The Literacy Program of Santa Cruz County** can pair you up with someone who needs to learn English and learn to read English. You will be trained and then you meet on your own schedule. They have helped 11,000 students since 1967! Call 722-6708 or talk with Pastor Dan to learn more.

**Grief Group:**

**Pastor Dan Hoffman** is leading a *Hospice Grief Group* for VNA and Hospice at Westview the first Thursday of each month from 3:30-5:00 pm. Come receive the healing support of others. Come learn that you are not alone in the fog of grief as you recover from the loss of a loved one.

**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 9:30am 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!)

**JAPANESE CULTURAL FAIR ART DESIGN CONTEST**

**Paul Kaneko**

**"All entries should represent an aspect of traditional Japanese Culture."** A cash prize of \$200 will be awarded the winner. The deadline is Jan. 31, and should be emailed to **[jcf@baymoon.com](mailto:jcf@baymoon.com)** or mailed to Japanese Cultural Fair, P. O. Box 3458, Santa Cruz, CA 95063. Please contact **[jcf@baymoon.com](mailto:jcf@baymoon.com)** for more information.

**WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL**

Thank you for reading our January 2014 newsletter.

And, thank you, too, for your membership and for your continuing support of our programs and projects. We cannot succeed without you. Please encourage family members, relatives and friends to join us for 2014. Our membership dues have not increased for the past 5 years.

To check your current membership status, look at the date after your name, example:

**Naomi Sxxxx 8/13** This means the membership expired after August of 2013.

If you have moved or are planning to move, please let us know your new address. The newsletters are returned with first class postage due. We can inform our National JACL Headquarters and the staff at *Pacific Citizen*.

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 write or email us at **[hashi79@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hashi79@sbcglobal.net)**.

**Read our full color newsletter online at our website: [www.watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org](http://www.watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org).**

Onward!

**Mas Hashimoto**, Editor



#### One-Day Senior Trip

Chukchansi Casino, Coarsegold

(Tentative date) February 11, 2014 [Tuesday] 8:00 AM to 7:30 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



- (1) Thank you to all the helpers at the Senior Center! (2) December birthday honorees: Helen Nakano, Kinji House, Roland Johnson 91. (3) Seniors 90 and over at Christmas party: Mitsue Tao 90, Kitako Izumizaki 92, Haruko Yoshii 96, Nancy Iwami 99, Yoshino Matano 98, Louise Sako 96, Mitzi Katsuyama 93, Fred Oda 90, and Michiko Hamada 92. (4) Celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary at the Senior Center were Sunao and June Honda.

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR! SEE YOU AGAIN ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2014.



**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.



## TRI-CHAPTER JACL INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS LUNCHEON

### Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL Host Chapter

The Watsonville-Santa Cruz, Gilroy and San Benito County JACL Chapters cordially invite you, your family and friends to attend our annual installation of board and officers luncheon.

- When: Sunday, January 19, 2014  
Where: JACL KIZUKA HALL, 150 Blackburn St., Watsonville, CA 95076  
Time: Check-in registration 11 am  
Lunch and Program 12 noon to 4 pm  
What: Installation of 2014 JACL Officers and Board Members  
Theme: "Reflections of the 1940s" and dress (attire) of that era is optional  
Luncheon: Buffet catered by Miyuki Japanese Restaurant  
Price: \$25 per person and \$10 for children 12 and under  
Program: *Liberty Lost ... Lessons in Loyalty*, 30 minute video, which dramatizes the story of the Japanese and Japanese Americans evicted from their Watsonville homes during WW II.

A program of fun will follow with opportunities to win wonderful donated prizes during the complimentary games of bingo and free raffle.

Please contact your chapter's representative before Friday, January 10, 2014.

Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL: *Keiro Kai*, who are 75 years of age as of January of 1939 and older and who are National JACL members of the W-SC JACL, will be the chapter's special guests.

For reservations, please leave a message on Bobbi Jo Palmer's answering machine 1-(408) 842-2879. Checks may be made payable to Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL and mailed to Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL, P. O. Box 163, Watsonville, CA 95077.





**WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ CHAPTER  
JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE  
P.O. Box 163, Watsonville, CA 95077-0163**

December 18, 2013



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Dear Watsonville-Santa Cruz National JACL *Keiro Kai*:

We cordially invite our members who are 75 years of age or older (born in January of 1939 or before) and a **National JACler** of the Watsonville-Santa Cruz chapter to be our guest at the **Tri-Chapter JACL Officers' Installation Luncheon**.

In appreciation for your many years of support, we hope you will join us on Sunday, January 19, 2014 from 11 am (registration) to 4 pm at the Tokushige Kizuka JACL Hall, 150 Blackburn St., Watsonville, CA 95076. A delicious buffet catered by **Miyuki Japanese Restaurant** will be served.

The Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL is the host chapter, and our program will include the showing of the 30 minute reenactment of *Liberty Lost ... Lessons in Loyalty*, which dramatizes the story of the Japanese and Japanese Americans evicted from their Watsonville homes during WW II. A program of fun will follow with opportunities to win wonderful prizes during the complimentary games of bingo and a raffle.

The theme is Reflections of the 1940s" and (attire) dress of that era is optional.

We hope you will be able to attend this event. Please RSVP **Bobbi Jo Palmer** at (408) 842-2879 before Fri. January 10, 2014 with a message that you are *Keiro Kai*.

Or, mail this reservation form to Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL, P. O. Box 163, Watsonville, CA 95077-0163 no later than January 10, 2014.

Sincerely,

W-SC JACL Board of Directors

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Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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During World War II, of the 110,000 interned Japanese Americans, almost 18,000 were incarcerated in the Poston Concentration Camp on the Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) Reservation in Arizona. The Poston Memorial Monument (below) was built in 1992 through the efforts of a determined and passionate group of detainees with support from the CRIT.

The mission of the Poston Community Alliance is to create a foundation for educating the public about what took place at Poston, Arizona during World War II. The Alliance is on a major fundraising campaign to restore Poston's remaining historic structures to create a museum. This museum will tell the stories of Japanese Americans and Native Americans who shared the surrounding land.

For \$100 donation or more, you can purchase a 4" x 8" brick with a personalized inscription (name of former Poston internee, donor's name, or wording of your choice)

Make check payable to: **Poston Community Alliance**

Mail to:  
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Fresno, CA 93720

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The brick has space for three lines with a maximum of 14 letters (including spaces) on each line.


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

## No Increase in the 2014 Membership Dues

Working toward our national goal of *Better Americans in a Greater America* is a worthy one. One does not have to be of Japanese ancestry to be a JACL member, but one must believe that safeguarding the rights of all Americans and legal residents is of utmost importance in this country.

Please join us today. We are the most proactive, oldest, and respected Asian American civil rights organization, and our programs include cultural appreciation and educational outreach.

Your membership is never taken lightly or for granted. We have worked diligently to earn your confidence and trust. Your active participation and membership can make a significant difference in what happens today in our community and in our nation.

Please help us fight **racial prejudice, discrimination, racial profiling, bigotry, intolerance and indifference.**

The 2014 National and local dues for our tax-deductible organization (ID #94-2659895) are as follows:

Family/Couples	___ <b>\$150</b> 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	___ <b>\$80</b> 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	___ <b>\$25</b> 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**.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Name)

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Name)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

For family membership, please list names (and ages) of all children under the age of 14:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please send your check payable to **Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL** and mail ASAP to:  
**Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL**  
**c/o Jeanette Otsuji Hager, Membership Chair, P. O. Box 163, Watsonville, CA 95077**

Thank you so much for your support.

Check out our websites: [watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org](http://watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org) and [jacl.org](http://jacl.org).