

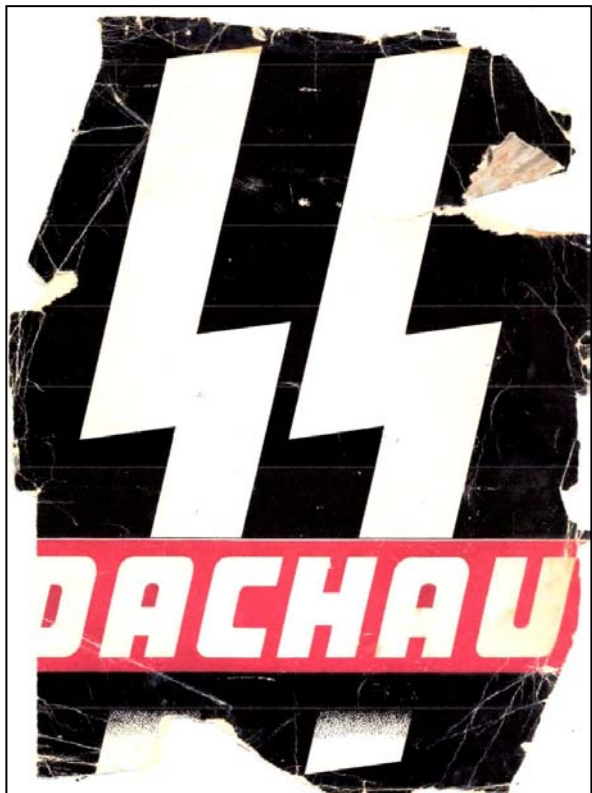
*Liberty  
Lost...*



*Lessons in  
Loyalty*

## THE WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL

*Newsletter April 2014*



When the Nisei soldiers of the 522<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery Battalion, part of the famed 100<sup>th</sup>/442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team, came upon Dachau on Sunday, April 29, 1945, they were shocked to see the emaciated prisoners of the camp.

Among the members of 522<sup>nd</sup> FA Battalion were **Mamoru Araki**, **Joseph Ichiuji** of Salinas, **Ed Ichiyama** of Honolulu, **Sus Ito** of Stockton, **Tom Kono** of Kauai, **Lawrence Mori** of La Puente, **Manabi Hirasaki** of Gilroy, **Ichiro Sugidono** of Watsonville, **Minoru Tsubota**, **Virgil Westdale** (a hapa), **George Oiye** of Basin Creek, Montana, and **Katsugo Miho**.

**Katsugo Miho** said of his experience:

"From Dachau to where we ended up the war, further down south of Munich, there were eight or nine other sub-camps. Thousands of these inmates were on the road, starving, dying, you know. This was our experience just at the end of the war (eight days later, on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 1945, the war ended in Europe).

"We kept quiet because the word was, we had violated orders in opening the gates, as I understand it. So those who opened the gates were under order to keep their mouth shut. Most of us who only saw the freed Jewish inmates didn't know about the opening of the gates.

"What we saw, we saw these decimate zombies walking the streets and dying on the streets. This was our experience with Dachau for the majority of the artillery boys. But we've had various testimonies from different individuals. One significant one is that he was in Dachau, definitely in Dachau, and was rescued by soldiers, Oriental-looking faces."

**George Oiye** recalled, "My first experience seeing the inmates of Dachau were lumps in the snow."

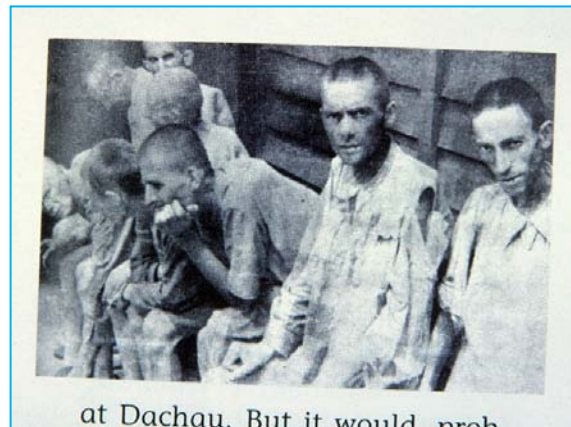
We are grateful to Mr. Oiye for the photos he took of Dachau (see below), which are housed at the JANM in LA and the Montana Historical Museum.



Many of the Nisei soldiers who opened the Dachau concentration camp had families in concentration camps back home in the United States!

In 2013, our (Hashimotos) tour guide stated that the 522<sup>nd</sup> FA Bn did not receive proper recognition for opening the gates of Dachau but two other units claimed credit.

**Buchenwald** concentration camp was liberated 18 days earlier on April 11, 1945 by African American soldiers of the 671<sup>st</sup> Tank Battalion.



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## **A brief history of Dachau:**

**Adolf Hitler** was appointed Chancellor of the Weimar Republic by **President Paul von Hinderberg** on January 30, 1933. Hitler, on March 23, 1933, forced the passage of the Enabling Act, to rule without the *Reichstag* (Parliament), to become the *Fuerher*. Dachau opened a week later on **March 30 1933**.

Dachau was the first and oldest concentration camp established by the Nazi. It held political opponents—German Communists and Social Democrats—and later gypsies, homosexuals, criminals, religious minorities (Jehovah Witnesses, Jews) and others. It was designed to hold 8,000 to 10,000 inmates. After the annexation of Austria and Czechoslovakia in 1937, there were 13,260 prisoners. The SS, using prisoners as forced laborers, constructed large complex of buildings with the slogan, ARBEIT MACHT FREI – “work makes (you) free.”

Prisoners from Poland arrived in 1940, from Balkan countries in 1941, from Russia in 1942, and from France and western Europe after. By the war's end there were over 31,000 inmates. At the height, it held an estimated 60,000 prisoners, including those in the sub-camps.

Dachau served as a training center for the SS camp guards and a “model” for the other camps. It was divided into two sections—the camp of 32 barracks and the crematoria. Later, sub-camps were established around the Bavarian city of Munich.

The German doctors performed gruesome medical experiments—high altitude and hypothermia—as well as experiments using malaria and tuberculosis and the testing of new medications on the prisoners.

During the last months of the war, the Germans moved prisoners from the battle front areas to Dachau. After days of forced travel with little or no food or water, they arrived weak and exhausted. Typhus as well as overcrowding, lack of sanitation, and insufficient provisions, weakened the prisoners. Many died along the road where they were covered with snow.

The number of Dachau prisoners between 1933 to 1945 exceeded 188,000. How many died in Dachau? How many were murdered? The numbers are difficult to determine as records were destroyed before the arrival of the Allied forces.

During the Holocaust, the Nazi killed over 11 million, of which nearly 6 million were Jews (72% of the total Jewish population in Europe).



Three of four crematoria (ovens) used at Dachau. Additional Dachau photos are included in this newsletter.

From the Library of **Judge Evan Wallach**

OSS Section: Seventh Army. Excerpts from the SUMMARY:

The only objective of the inmates was to survive under the most primitive and cruel conditions which constantly threatened their sanity and physical existence. As a result, this camp of 30,000 men cannot be compared to the structure of any normal society differentiated by social classes, political, religious, or professional affiliations.

The inmates did not act as members of their former social class or as representatives of political or religious groups—as bankers, workers, priests, Communists, intellectuals, artists, et al—but only as human beings in a struggle for survival against starvation and mass murders. Living under these abnormal conditions, the inmates, especially those who had gained a position of some power and security, were frequently degraded and degenerated to a criminal level, copying the methods and practices of the SS for their own protection and benefit (survival).

Because so many of the administrative positions were held by **German prisoners** (and not the SS), a rather strong anti-German sentiment developed among the non-German inmates.

There was no underground organization or political activity. Even expressions of mutual help and solidarity among members of the same national group never transcended the level of personal relations between people bound by friendships, common background, and language. They never took the form of organized action.

## **29 April 1945: Survey of Internees at Dachau Concentration Camp by Nationalities at Liberation.**

Poles	9082 (incl. 96 women)
Russians	4258 (incl. 9 women)
Jews	2539 (incl. 225 women)
German Nationals	1173 (incl. 6 women)
Hungarians	670 (incl. 34 women)

<b>Americans</b>	<b>6</b>
British	8
French	3918
Alsace Loraines	36
Belgians	848
Luxembourgers	133
Dutch	558
Danes	1
Italians	2184
Slovenes	2907
Croats	103
Serbs	78
Slovaks	44
Czechs	1632
Austrians	253
Sudetens	3
Rumanians	50
Albanians	30
Bulgarians	8
Estonians	11
Latians	27
Lithuanians	39
Norwegians	79
Finns	1
Greeks	195
Spanish	194



Portuguese	4
Maltese	1
Arabians	1
Armenians	2
Swiss	2
Annex-Germans	2
Iraqs	1
Irans	1
Turks	3
Exiles	21
Total	31,106

[Editor's note: There were nearly 3,000 camps and subcamps throughout Europe. Dachau was the first.

Today, there are prisons where political dissenters are held without cause or charges.]

## ARE WE THERE, YET?

**Mas Hashimoto, Editor**

Restless children often ask from the back seat of the car while traveling to a special destination, **"Are we there, yet?"**

Without a reliable map or GPS, one can lose one's way.

When it comes to civil and human rights and simple courtesy, we have asked, **"Are we there, yet?"**

Once, the motto and goal of the USA was *E Pluribus Unum*—"out of many, one." To too many it really meant, "out of many—only mine (WASP) counts." Everyone, especially immigrants, was expected to adopt the culture of "WASP" as their goal. Hollywood actors regularly Anglosized their names. You weren't really an American if you weren't "WASP." "WASP" -- White (of the white race), Anglo (an old term for English), Saxon (a German state—Queen Elizabeth II's ancestry is of Hanover, Germany), and Protestant (once handpainted signs read, "Irish Need Not Apply, (many of whom were Catholics)).

During and after WW II, new signs read, "No Japs Allowed." As a 10 year-old, recently released from Poston, I read those signs in the stores and shops along Main Street in Watsonville in 1945.

*E Pluribus Unum* is no longer our motto since it was changed in 1956 to "In God We Trust." Check your depreciating currency. Earlier, at the time of fighting "godless" Communism in Korea, "under God" was added to the Pledge of Allegiance, to the dismay of its author and purists. [The JACL has been opposed to the addition of the two words.] The Korean War, since June of 1950, is on going. We have only an armistice (cease fire), not a peace treaty. It is one of America's longer wars. America's longest war has been against the native Americans, since 1607.

### **"Are we there, yet?"**

When a man and a woman go to work in Texas, a woman will take home just 82% of what a man makes. And if you're an African American woman, that number is just 59%. Hispanic? 45%. **Yes, you read that correctly -- Hispanic women in Texas take home less than half of what men do for equal work.**

You would believe that supporting equal pay would be a no brainer. The **Texas Equal Pay Act**, which **Wendy Davis** authored, would level the playing field and work to ensure that women take home the same paychecks as

men when they do equal work, but **Republican Attorney General Greg Abbott** is firmly against it.

### **"Are we there, yet?"**

Hate crime at San Jose State University (SJSU): **Donald Williams, Jr.**—a graduate of Santa Cruz High School and the son of **Donald Williams**, artistic director of University of California at Santa Cruz (UCSC) and founder of *Rainbow Theater* and our friend who directed us in our reenactment, **"Liberty Lost ... Lessons in Loyalty"**—is the victim of horrific bullying by four white students who share the same SJSU dormitory room. The students are from the California towns of Bakersfield, Clovis, and Woodacre (a fourth student's name and hometown was not identified as he is a minor). The roommates called Williams **"Three-fifths"** (referring to the US Constitution where black slaves were considered 3/5s of a white person for representation in the House of Representatives). When Williams protested, he was called "Fraction." The students hung a Confederate flag in the window of their dormitory room, barricaded him in his room, wrote the "N word" on a dry-erase board in the living room, wrestled him to the ground and fastened a bicycle lock around his neck!! This harassment went on for over a month, even after Williams' parents reported their suspicions of racial bullying to SJSU's administration.

The students have only been suspended and have pleaded not guilty to misdemeanor hate-crime and battery charges, downplaying their actions as pranks.

A \$5 million lawsuit against SJSU has been filed by Williams. An internal investigation and creation of a "task force" recommending changes in SJSU's response to racial discrimination and hate crimes are also underway.

The **W-SC JACL** has extended support to the Williams family, and they have expressed appreciation for our concern and outreach. We urge Congressional representatives **Sam Farr**, representing citizens of Santa Cruz County, and **Mike Honda**, whose district SJSU lies to speak up against bullying and hate crimes.

When will we ever move forward in recognizing that there is only one race—the human race?

### **"Are we there, yet?"**

## NATIONAL JACL CONVENTION IN SAN JOSE

**"Do you know the way to San Jose?"**

**By Gordon Koo and Pam Yoshida**



The **San Jose JACL** welcomes you to celebrate the theme of **"We Are America"** at the 2014 National JACL convention! It will be four full days of charting the course of JACL while enjoying great weather and amenities of the 10th largest city in the nation and surrounding cities!

While the convention dates are officially **July 9-12, 2014**, San Jose has so much to offer that we are happy to have you come early or leave later to enjoy our city!

San Jose is a place of change: once a capital of California to the 'Valley of Hearts' Delight,' which paid homage to the agricultural industry, San Jose has earned its nickname of '*Capital of Silicon Valley*' - the major city in the high tech industry. The 1940 census reported San Jose's population as 98% white American, and it is now a city with pride in diversity. It is home to **San Jose Japantown** (one of the last three historic Japantowns in the United States), **San Jose Taiko** (the second *taiko* group in America), the **Japanese American Museum of San Jose**, and the **San Jose JACL** (established in 1923 as the American Loyalty League) located in the landmark Japanese Hospital building. Convention delegates will get their first welcome to San Jose when they fly into the **Norman Y. Mineta San Jose International airport**. In 1971, Norman Mineta was the first Asian American mayor of a major American city.

The Convention will climax with the **San Jose Obon** on July 12 and 13. This is a two-day *obon* festival with the traditional *Obon odori* (dance) on both days. Conventioneers are invited to extend their visit to fully experience this event. San Jose is proud to host nearly 1200 dancers at their *Obon* with collegiate *taiko* performances in the afternoon prior to the festival, along with food and game booths for all ages.

This year's theme of the 2014 JACL Convention is "We Are America" and is a reflection of the diversity within the Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) community and the important role we play in our nation's socio-economic future. For far too long, AAPI's and other people of color have struggled to gain acceptance as Americans. The 2014 JACL National Convention will focus on raising awareness about diversity and inclusion of communities of color as an integral part of the fabric of American society.

The 2014 National JACL Convention chairperson is **Wayne Tanda**, and it will be held at the **DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel** conveniently situated minutes from the Norman Y. Mineta San Jose International Airport and several mass transit transportation services including the Valley Transit Authority (VTA) Light Rail System and Bus services. Visiting other parts of the Bay Area? The Cal Train Commuter Train service and Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) are also available and connected to several of the VTA bus lines.

San Jose hosts numerous entertainment venues including the **Winchester Mystery House**, sports teams such as the **San Jose Sharks Hockey**, **San Jose Giants Baseball** and several museums: the **Children's Discovery Museum**, the **Tech Museum of Innovation**, the **Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum** as well as California's

**Great America amusement park** for a full day of family entertainment. San Jose has a great variety of shopping: unique, with a European-inspired neighborhood environment, **Santana Row** houses over 70 shops and boutiques. Across the street from Santana Row is **Westfield Valley Fair** which showcases 230 shops and restaurants. To the south are the **Gilroy Premium Outlets**.

Please join us for the 2014 National JACL convention in San Jose! For more information go to <http://www.jacl.org/2014> for registration and updated event information.

### **TOM GRAVES' "TWICE HEROES" PRESENTED**



Tom Graves' book, "Twice Heroes," along with NJAHS of SF's DVD on **Sen. Inouye and Gov. Ralph Carr**, is presented to **Ann Sobrato High School** of Morgan Hill. Accepting them on behalf of the school's library are social studies teachers **Andrea Murphy Kusanovich** and her mother, **Tracy Murphy**. Photo by **Natalie Kimura**.

Tom Graves' book was also presented to the library of **Harbor High** in Santa Cruz where Mas spoke to the US History classes of **Teresa Gaims** and **Taylor Boyce**.

Thanks to your generous donations to our **Day of Remembrance Education Fund**, we are able to present this wonderful book to teachers and libraries and to give each student a **replica** of the "**1942 name tag**" that those incarcerated were forced to wear. Mas is wearing a "name tag" in the above photo.

### **NATIONAL JACL FRESHMAN SCHOLARSHIPS San Francisco, CA DEADLINE APRIL 1, 2014!**

To W-SC JACL college graduate students: Applications for the other National JACL scholarship categories--undergraduate, graduate, law, creative and performing arts and student aid--are to be mailed directly by the applicant to the National JACL Scholarship Committee, c/o the Washington, DC JACL (address on the application form), with a postmark no later than **April 1, 2014**.

Check [jacl.org](http://jacl.org) immediately for details. For more information, contact JACL Regional Director **Patty Wada** at [pwada@jacl.org](mailto:pwada@jacl.org), or call (415) 345-1075.



## W-SC JACL SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

Application forms are now available. High school seniors and graduate students who are members and their parents are members of our W-SC JACL and/or the Watsonville Buddhist Temple or Westview Presbyterian Church, can download our scholarship application forms at <http://watsonvillesantacruzjaci.org>. Or, pick up a form at the Temple or at Westview Church.

If you have questions, please contact **Dr. Brooke Kondo** at [brookekondo@gmail.com](mailto:brookekondo@gmail.com).

The 2014 scholarships are:

### (1) **Kee Kitayama Memorial Scholarship:**

The Watsonville JACL established this scholarship in memory of our 1987 President, **Kee Kitayama**, a respected leader who worked tirelessly for Redress and Reparations. In 1997, **Mrs. Keiko Kitayama's** generous donation in memory of her late husband, established the memorial scholarship as a Trust Fund which provides needed financial support for our young scholars. Mr. Kee Kitayama's legacy of encouraging our youth in their pursuit of higher education lives on in this \$1,000 scholarship.

### (2) **Rekiso "Ray" and Hisako "Louise" Sako Scholarships:**

The Sako scholarships were established in 2012 in honor of Ray and Louise Sako to carry on their belief that education is the cornerstone to the future success of each new generation. These scholarships help local students who are actively involved with the JACL, Watsonville Buddhist Temple and/or Westview Presbyterian Church.

A four-year undergraduate scholarship may be awarded at \$1,000 per year. This scholarship shall not be limited to first-year undergraduates. For example, an undergraduate who has completed the first year of study may be eligible for a \$1,000 per year scholarship for up to three years.

A two-year graduate scholarship will be awarded at \$1,000 per year. This scholarship is not limited to a first-year graduate. For example, a graduate who has completed the first year of study may be eligible for a \$1,000 for a year.

### (3) **Frank Mito Memorial Scholarship:**

This scholarship was established in 1994 in memory of **Frank Mito** by his son, **Dr. Ron Mito**, and assisted by family friends—**Mark and Patt Takeuchi**, one of the founders of *Kokoro no Gakko*. This scholarship mirrors Frank Mito's commitment to hard work, promoting education, and supporting youth who show exemplary community service. The W-SC JACL is honored to administer this scholarship. This scholarship carries the same criteria of other JACL scholarships, with *Kokoro no Gakko* participation preferred. In the first year, the scholarship will total \$500 and may be additive to other scholarships awarded by the JACL.

### (4) **Dr. Francis B. Choy Memorial Scholarship:**

This scholarship was established by **Dr. Conrad Hamako** with the help of Dr. Choy's wife, **Sharon**. Francis Choy was the son of **Dr. Bong Choy**, who taught in the Berkeley Unified School District after immigrating from Korea. Francis Choy graduated from UC Berkeley and UCLA Medical School where he befriended Conrad

Hamako and met and married Sharon, then a nursing student.

Dr. Choy was a well-respected dermatologist whose partner was **Dr. David South**. This may be the final year this \$1,000 scholarship is awarded.

## NEW! "GO FOR BROKE" NATIONAL EDUCATION CENTER PRESENTS THE 2014 STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST



The poster features two photographs of Nisei soldiers in military uniforms. The text on the poster includes the Go For Broke National Education Center logo, the contest title, prize information (\$4,000 in cash prizes, complimentary tickets to the 25th Anniversary Evening of Aloha Gala Dinner), entry details (250-500 word essay on one of three topics), deadline (Monday, June 30, 2014), and notification details (winners notified by email on Thursday, July 31, 2014). It also mentions that winning essays will be presented at the Gala Dinner and posted on the Go For Broke National Education Center's website. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner.

High school and college students are encouraged to submit essays:

- (1) This contest is open to high school (9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades) and college (any level) students.
- (2) Please select from one of the three given topics:
  - (a) **Describe a Nisei soldier experience or story, and explain why it is meaningful to you.**
  - (b) **Explain how the Nisei soldier experience is relevant to today's generation.**
  - (c) **Discuss your ideas about how to preserve the legacy of the Nisei soldier.**
- (3) Word limitation: between 250 to 500 words.
- (4) Cash prizes will be awarded to the top nine student qualified entries as follows:
  - a. **The top two essay winners will each receive \$1,000.**
  - b. **The third and fourth place essay winners will each receive \$500.**
  - c. **The fifth through ninth place essay winners will each receive \$200.**
- (5) The top 20 essay contestants will each receive two complimentary tickets to attend our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary *Evening of Aloha Gala Dinner* on **Saturday, September 27, 2014** at The Westin Bonaventure Hotel & Suites in downtown Los Angeles.

- (6) Please email essays by **Monday, June 30, 2014** to [community@goforbroke.org](mailto:community@goforbroke.org).
- (7) Essays must be submitted as a Microsoft Word or a PDF document.
- (8) Please identify your school/university and grade/level. Also please include your phone number.
- (9) A panel of student educators will be judging the essays.
- (10) Winners will be notified by **Thursday, July 31, 2014**.
- (11) The essays will be presented in a booklet at our *Evening of Aloha Gala Dinner* and will be available on Go For Broke National Education Center's website: [www.goforbroke.org](http://www.goforbroke.org).
- (12) For information about the Japanese American WWII veterans, please refer to our website. Interviews of more than 700 veterans are available online.



On the Old Fisherman's Wharf in Monterey on **Sat. May 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sun. May 4<sup>th</sup>**, the Monterey Peninsula JACL and the Old Fisherman's Wharf Association will celebrate **Japanese American Heritage Days** from 11 am to 5 pm.

It's a fun-filled two day event for the whole family with an array of interactive and educational activities:

- Abalone cooking demonstration.
- An abalone song competition
- An abalone helmet diving demonstration
- Abalone races!!
- *Origami* demonstration and *Gyotaku* (fish printing)
- *Ikebana* and *bonsai* demonstration
- A Japanese tea ceremony (ochanoyu)
- *Taiko* drums and other live musical performances
- A historic photo exhibit of Japanese fishermen on the Monterey Peninsula
- A "Pop" Ernest look-alike contest
- Historic Walking Tours
- Wharf restaurants will be serving small bites of a variety of delicious Japanese dishes, and there will be *sake* and beer tasting, and sweet treats
- A presentation ceremony of a beautiful hand-crafted and painted traditional-style Japanese *Maiwai* Jacket, and
- **At 4 pm on Sat. May 3<sup>rd</sup>**, a special and colorful procession with dignitaries, lion dancers, and musicians will begin at the Wharf and continue to

the historic JACL Hall, 424 Adams Street in Monterey, followed by a special reception. You don't want to miss this important event!

### WATSONVILLE BONSAI CLUB EXHIBIT



**Don White** prepares a favorite *bonsai* for the show.

The *Watsonville Bonsai Club* will host its **41<sup>st</sup> Bonsai Exhibit** on **Sun., May 4, 2014**, at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple 423 Bridge Street, Watsonville, CA 95076 from 10 am to 4 pm. Approximately 50 bonsai trees from ages young, to old, to ancient, and from sizes small to large, will be on display. Also, at 1:30 pm there will be a demonstration by long-time club member **Don White**.

Don and his wife, **Kathy**, have been active in *bonsai* for over 40 years, even belonging to 7 *bonsai* clubs at one time. Don has studied with *bonsai* masters from Japan and Europe upon their visits to this country. However, Don states, "That his main mentor has been *sensei* **Katsumi Kinoshita**, who normally would be the demonstrator for our event. But, Kinoshita-san had an accident this past December that will preclude his *bonsai* activities for most of this year. So you are stuck with me!!"



We wish **Kinoshita sensei** (photo from last year's demonstration) a speedy recovery, and we hope he will be able to join us soon.

Don has demonstrated his *bonsai* skills at various garden clubs, has been a regular participant for the *Japanese Cultural Fair* held each year in Santa Cruz, and has assisted the cultural arts program at *Kokoro no Gakko*. Don also has a monthly *bonsai* workshop at *Aladdin's Nursery* in Corralitos. He maintains some 400 trees in his collection. (a side note: Kathy is also a long-time student of *ikebana* under *sensei* **Mitsuyo Tao**).





A raffle of beautiful *bonsai* items, including the demonstration tree, will be held at the conclusion of the demonstration. There also will be a plant vendor who should have a sufficient amount of plant material to sate your plant cravings. Admission is free, but a \$3 (more??) donation is appreciated.

### IN REMEMBRANCE ...



**SHOICHI KOBARA**

**Shoichi Kobara**, 91, passed away on March 6, 2014 in his Watsonville home. He will always be remembered for a no-nonsense approach to life that was coupled with a generous sense of giving.

He is survived by his family: **Helen Kobara** (wife), **Bruce Kobara** (son), **Patt Takeuchi** (daughter), **Gordon Kobara** (son), **Heidi C. Kobara-Long** (granddaughter), **Traci Takeuchi** (granddaughter), **Allison Takeuchi** (granddaughter), **Bryan Kobara** (grandson), **Corinne Buchanan** (granddaughter), and **Stephen J. Buchanan Jr.** (great-grandson).

Shoichi was born April 23, 1922, in Watsonville. He spent his childhood in Salinas, where his mother and father grew strawberries. He was incarcerated in Poston, Arizona from July 4, 1942 to September 22, 1944. He served in the United States Army with the Military Intelligence Service during and after World War II, from September 23, 1944 to July 14, 1946. The members of the 100<sup>th</sup>/442<sup>nd</sup>/MIS were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 2011.

A successful and respected businessman, Shoichi grew green beans, apples, and strawberries for over 50 years. He was a member of the Watsonville Buddhist

Temple and the Watsonville-Santa Cruz Japanese American Citizens League (JACL).

Shoichi spent his retirement caring for his beloved wife and spoiling his grandchildren with his favorite sweets.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Watsonville Buddhist Temple or the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL. The family will have a private memorial in his honor. He will be truly missed.

Our deepest condolences to the Kobara family, relatives and friends.

### SENIOR CENTER NEWS by Kitako Izumizaki

The month of March started off with a surprise birthday lunch given by the children of **Haru Ishibashi** in honor of her 88<sup>th</sup> birthday. Table flowers were potted spring flowers with paper cones saying, "**Happy Birthday, Haru!**" **Harold Sakoda**, Haru's eldest son, introduced the Sakoda family of 6 and one grandchild. Each member participated in either decorating or baking or making the favors for the party. Everyone had a wonderful time and enjoyed the delicious lunch. We thank the Sakoda family for the special treat. Please see the photos in the Seniors' Corner.

Manager **Carol Kaneko** passed out the monthly events calendar and manager **Paul Kaneko** announced that a planning meeting would be held. He also announced that all the videos were free for the taking to anyone interested.

**Helen Nakano** and **Susan AmRhein** held a *Hinamatsuri* doll display just for one day, and visiting and viewing were **Jolly Bilstad** and **Midge Morrison**.



We welcomed new member **Nobuko Akiyama** (above) and guest **Anna Tam**. For **Miye Yamashita's** 96<sup>th</sup> birthday, all received a surprise treat to take home, from her children.

The family of **Kimi Fujii** served a surprise birthday lunch to all with eldest son **Gilbert** introducing his wife, **Sherry**, and siblings, **Mike** and **Ethel Hiraga**. His brother **Bruce** and wife, **Laura**, were unable to attend, but they had participated in the surprise luncheon in honor of their mother's 88<sup>th</sup> birthday.

To top it all off, **Yae Sakamoto** passed out packages of *manju* to all in honor of her 88<sup>th</sup> birthday. It's a wonder the Seniors aren't all overweight with all the goodies we are showered with. Everything was simply delicious!



March birthday celebrants were **Yae Sakamoto 88**, **Kimi Fujii 88**, **Hideko Nagamine 93**, **Louise Sako 97**, **Miyeko Yamashita 96**, and **Chie Sakaue**. Absent were **Betty Yagi 90** and **Ruby Nakamura**. Kimi and Yae received a lovely purple orchid plant, while Hideko, Louise and Miye received a package of *manju*. Table flowers were California poppies and the head table held a bouquet of mixed spring flowers with some iris and status.

The Seniors were saddened by the passing of **Motoko House** in early March. She will be missed by all, and we send our deepest sympathy to **Kinji House** and family.

Other guests visiting this month were **Chiyeko Shikuma** and daughter **Nancy Watson**. Many thanks to the *tobans* this month. It was an extra busy one for **Judy Hane**, **Shirley Nishimoto**, **Jo Ann Vear**, **June** and **Sunao Honda**, and helpers.

Upcoming events: **Hanamatsuri** Celebration April 3<sup>rd</sup> and May 20<sup>th</sup> day trip to Chukchansi. Sign up early for the Chukchansi trip.

Monetary donations gratefully received: **Ruby Nakamura**, **Chiyeko Shikuma**, **Nancy Watson**, **Edna** and **Yukio Nagata**, **Jo Ann Vear**, **Michiko Hamada**, **Chiyoko Yagi**, **Kimi Fujii**, **Nobue Fujii**, **Carol** and **Paul Kaneko**, **Jean Akiyama**, **Miye Yamashita**, **Jane Sugidono**, **Haruko Yoshii**, **Hideko Nagamine**, **Yae Sakamoto**, **Chie Sakaue**, **Louise Sako**, **Rubie Kawamoto**, **Kitako Izumizaki**, **Sunao** and **June Honda**, **Eiko Ceremony**, **Susan AmRhein**, **Mitsuyo Tao**, **Nancy Iwami**, **Eiko Nishihara**, and **Helen Nakano**.

Other donations gratefully received:

<b>Miye Yamashita</b>	6 bottles <i>Dawn</i> ,
	12 double roll tissues
<b>Kinji/Motoko House</b>	doz double rolls tissues
<b>Kazuko Sakai</b>	7 boxes foil
<b>Toshi Yamashita</b>	doz double rolls tissues,
	6 rolls paper towels
<b>Louise Sako</b>	1 dishtowel, 2 wash towels
<b>Chie Sakaue</b>	69 bunches flowers, 3 pkgs Jpn cookies, 1 bunch freesias, 2 pkgs sweet cakes, 2 bags <i>chagashi</i>
<b>Eiko/Geo Stewart</b>	18 double rolls tissues, 8 assorted rice crackers, 6 lge tissues
<b>Frances Goon</b>	1 giant can cookies
<b>Eileen Byers</b>	doz mega rolls tissues,
	6 <i>Mr Clean Magic Erasers</i>

**Sam/Yae Sakamoto**  
**Donna Fujita**  
**Judy Hane**  
**Shirley Nishimoto**  
**Terry Hirahara**

**Nobue Fujii**

**Jean Akiyama**  
**Kitty Mizuno**  
**Mitzi Katsuyama**

**Yaeko Cross**

**Helen Nakano**

**Chiyoko Yagi**  
**Rubie Kawamoto**

**Kitako Izumizaki**  
**Susan AmRhein**

**Eiko Nishihara**  
**Jane Sugidono**

**Mitsuyo Tao**  
**Nancy Iwami**  
**Akira/Hide Nagamine**

**June/Sunao Honda**  
**Kimiyo Fujii Family**  
**Haru/Richard Ishibashi**

520 napkins, *manju* for all  
 4 lint remover rolls  
 doz lge *Bounty* paper towels  
 3 boxes puzzles  
 4 boxes *Kleenex*, 160 napkins,  
 1 bag popcorn, 2 pkgs note pads,  
 9 double rolls tissues, 2 bags  
 veggie chips, 2 bags *Chex Mix*  
 1 basket chocolates,  
 1 bag toffee candy  
 4 lge boxes *Kleenex*  
 5 pkgs *arare*  
 3 *Dawn* dish soap,  
 3 rolls paper towels  
 6 lge bottles dish soap,  
 3 lge bags *Cheetos*  
*manju* on table (made by **Helen**,  
**Hisako Kodama** and **Jean Akiyama**)  
 doz rolls tissues  
 4 bags tea, 4 cans tea,  
 6 sq *Kleenex*  
 doz double rolls tissues  
 lge bag of *Veggie Straws*,  
 1 pkg birthday cake candles  
 30 double roll tissues  
 2 pkgs *sushi nori*,  
 1 pkg *wakame* soup  
 30 rolls tissues  
 bags of lemons  
 2 boxes foil, 6 boxes freezer  
 bags, 2 bottles odor freshener  
 5 pkg *ume sushi*, 10 pkg *nori*  
 wonderful *obento* for all  
 20 rolls tissues

Words cannot express how much we appreciate all your most generous and continued donations. Just keep healthy, and keep coming. One never knows what one will be missing if you don't attend. See you.

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

Fifteen Watsonville middle school students and their two chaperones are preparing for their May trip to Japan.



Our March meeting reviewed flight schedules and packing advice (not to forget the passports as one Kawakami student's visit was delayed by a day last year).

The students and their parents will work on a car wash at Ramsey Park this Saturday, March 29th.



**Kawakami – Watsonville Sister City Assoc.**  
**Middle School Exchange Program**  
*Help support our PVUSD Middle School students' trip to Kawakami, Japan*

## CAR WASH



**SATURDAY, March 29, 2014**

**8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Donation: \$8.00**

**\$5 with early bird coupon from students**  
*rain check info on our Facebook site*

**Ramsey Park, Watsonville**  
**Main Street and Pennsylvania**

**Thank you for your support!**

Please come support this fund-raiser.

## WATSONVILLE TAIKO AND SHINSEI DAIKO

by Bonnie Chihara

This is our busiest time of year with performances scheduled for two out of four weekends. We look forward to performing at the *Hanamatsuri* at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple again this year. We will have our children's group performing with us and they are sure to bring a smile to the faces of everyone there!

Our upcoming schedule:

- April 6 *Hanamatsuri*, Watsonville Buddhist Temple
- April 26- Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival, Memorial Park, Cupertino
- April 27- Big Sur Marathon, Big Sur
- May 10- Human Race, 2300 Delaware Ave, Santa Cruz
- May 17- Santa Cruz Rejuvenation Festival, San Lorenzo Park
- June 7- Japanese Cultural Fair, Mission Plaza Santa Cruz
- June 28- JACL Picnic, Aptos Village Park

To learn more about *Watsonville Taiko* or to join one of our classes, please visit our website:

**[www.watsonvilletaiko.org](http://www.watsonvilletaiko.org)** or check us out on Facebook.

## WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE NEWS

by Jackie Yamashita

Thank you everyone for making our **YBA's Pancake Feed** on March 23<sup>rd</sup> such a wonderful success! We hope you enjoyed it as much as we had fixing, cooking, serving and bussing tables. This tradition dates back over 56 years when YBAers were fund-raising for the upcoming

WYBL Conferences to be held in either San Francisco, San Jose, Sacramento, Fresno, or Los Angeles!



Thank you for supporting our 'Pancake Feed.' Front row: **Bruce Aaro, Kelsey Kusumoto, Sarah Nagamine, Alex Tao, Kelly Maemura, Julian Nakanishi-Rodriguez.** Back row: **Chris Inokuchi, Matthew Maemura, Hayley Sakae, Kaitlin Sakae, Danny Souza, Melissa Tao, Jordan Nakanishi-Rodriguez, and Kevin Yamaoka.**



The cooking crew consisted of the parents of the YBA members: **Chef John Maemura** (front, with pancakes) and left to right, **Kim Yamaoka, Phyllis Nakano, Laurel Nakanishi, Glenn Nagamine, and Dean Sakae.** We appreciate our great parental support!



Friends at the "Pancake Feed" get together to catch up on the news! **Hal and Dottie Hyde** met with **Susan and Dennis Ikegami.** Patrons remarked that the food was both delicious and quickly and cordially served by YBA members. What a great way to start the week!



**Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>** will be the busiest spring day for we will celebrate **Hanamatsuri**, the birth of **Siddhartha Gautama**, with a fun exhibit/food bazaar, and **Shotsuki Hoyo Service**, too. All are welcome.



Children assisted by placing flowers on the Hanamido.

The Temple Calendar for April 2014

1	Tues	7:30 pm	Temple Board Meeting
2	Wed	1 pm	BWA Meeting
3	Thurs	10 am	ABA Meeting
6	Sun	10 am	<b>Shotsuki Hoyo &amp; Hanamatsuri</b>
		11 am-2 pm	<b>Hanamatsuri Bazaar</b>

11	Fri	2 pm	San Juan Howakai
13	Sun	10 am	Sunday & Dharma School Service
14-17	Mon-Thu		Temple Fumigation
20	Sun	10 am	Sunday Service
27	Sun	10 am	Sunday Service
30	Wed	7 pm	Ministerial Meeting

**Shotsuki Hoyo Service**

**10 am Sunday April 6, 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 April are invited to attend the service and to *Oshoko* (offer incense). We look forward to seeing you at the service.

**April Memorial List**

Bob Daitoku	Niichi Eto
Seiko Fujii	Tamotsu Fujimura
George Sakae Fujita	Kazuo Fujita
Nancy Miyeko Hirahara	Walter Hashimoto
Kazuko Higaki	Haruso Higaki
Hisa Hirano	George Hoshiyama
Henry Ikeda	Itsuyo Inokuchi
Brad Roy Kaita	Setsuko Kajihara
Sanemi Kamimura	Haruko Kamitani
Takanoshin Kimoto	Kazuo Kikuchi
Henry Kokka	John Kurasaki
John Masao Kurimoto	Gunzo Maemura
Toro Matano	Nihei Matsui
Alice Matsumoto	Shio Matsumoto
Seki Mine	Mitsuo Misumi
Richard Miyama	Dennis Nishihara
Takeru Okamoto	Eki Nitao
Miyoko Ono	Yutaka Sakai
Hisae Sakakihara	Kina Sera
Tony Shimonishi	Tsunaye Shingai
Yukio Shingai	Mickie Shirachi
Frances Sugimoto	Masaru Sukekane
Kozo Suruki	Chikako Takata
Yasu Takei	Akira Bill Tao
Hisae Tao	Junko Toriumi
Kakichi Tsuda	Sonny Tsudama
Yoshihisa Tsuji	Yukiko Tsuji
Naoko Ura	Sawano Ura
Nora Nobuko Uyeda	Mary Uyematsu
Roy Uyematsu	Louis Waki
Mitomu Yamaguchi	Asayo Yamanishi
Yoneichi Yamaoka	Rinzo Yonekura
Edward Yoshida	Kazuye Yoshida

Hatsue Yoshida



### Watsonville BWA News

The CDBWL Conference on March 29th will be hosted by our BWA. We expect about 120 people in attendance.

The *Hanamatsuri* party on Thurs., April 3, at the W-SC JACL Hall for the Senior Center members will start at 1:30 pm. BWA will donate a cake and \$100 for this occasion. We will be singing the *Hanamatsuri* song, which we have been practicing.

For the *Hanamatsuri* Service and Bazaar on April 6<sup>th</sup>, BWA will be making *nori maki*, *inari* and *chirashi sushi* for sale. Please come to help if you have the time.

April 4th, Friday 8:30 am -- sushi preparations

April 5th, Saturday 8 am to finish -- sushi preparations

April 6th, Sunday until 2 pm

### YBA Update

Our ski trip in February went well. Six members and their parents attended. Big thanks to the **Yamaokas** for letting us use their condos.

We had our first Temple visit by our Coast District YBL members. Thanks to our **Danny Souza** (CD religious chairperson), we will have more Temple visits prior to our monthly CD meetings. We'll be visiting the Mt. View Buddhist Temple in April.

Nine members and three chaperones will be attending this year's Bay District Jr YBA conference on March 29th. It will be held at SACBC (Union City, CA).

Together with *Dharma School*, we'll be selling baked goods and drinks at this year's *Hanamatsuri* Bazaar.

### Kokoro no Gakko

We will sell our famous cabbage salad at *Hanamatsuri* and will try to have a small display. **Kai Gavin** will go to Japan this spring with the Kawakami Watsonville Sister City group. If you know anyone wishing to attend *Gakko* this year (June 23 to July 3), please ask for an application.

### Board Notes:

Temple Termites: The parsonage with the BBQ pits will be tented, if the cherry tree dies, (it is diseased now, it has termites) we will plant a new one. The Temple building from the *Hondo* to the Gym will be tented, the bell tower will be tented and the storage room will be tented from Monday, **April 14 to Thursday, April 17**. No access at all. Sensei will be on vacation. *Mighty Mite Company* will do the job.

*Hanamatsuri Bazaar*: The Temple board, not ABA, will take on the responsibilities of chicken teriyaki--ordering, making the marinade, cleaning, cooking, boxing and selling the chicken. Chicken cleaning will be at 5:30 pm on Thursday, April 3rd. Gym set up and yard cleaning will be on Sunday, March 30th from 8 am.

As for this year's Entertainment & Demonstrations we have: *Aikido of Santa Cruz*, *Santa Cruz Ukulele performances*, *Watsonville Taiko* and possibly *ikebana* demonstrations. **Judy Nagamine** offered to have hands on learning and craft table and asked if she can have a donation box at her table and the proceeds will be sent to Reverend Hanayama's brother-in-law who donates it to a school for books. We appreciate all the help from the organizations, members, and non-member volunteers in order to make this year's *Hanamatsuri* a success. And, we will have the usual raffle of prizes.

Remember the date--**Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 2 pm**. The combined *Hanamatsuri* and *Shotsuki Hoyo* service is at 10 am. Come join the celebration!

### WESTVIEW HIGHLIGHTS

by Leslie Nagata-Garcia

#### Youth/Family Upcoming Events

**Fri., April 4** - Salvation Army, 4-7 pm, meet at Westview

Then, Gym Nite 7-8 pm, *April Fool's Night*

(No Gym Nite, Fri., April 25)

**Sat., April 26** - *Saturday Bike Ride*, 10:30 am. Meet at Westview)

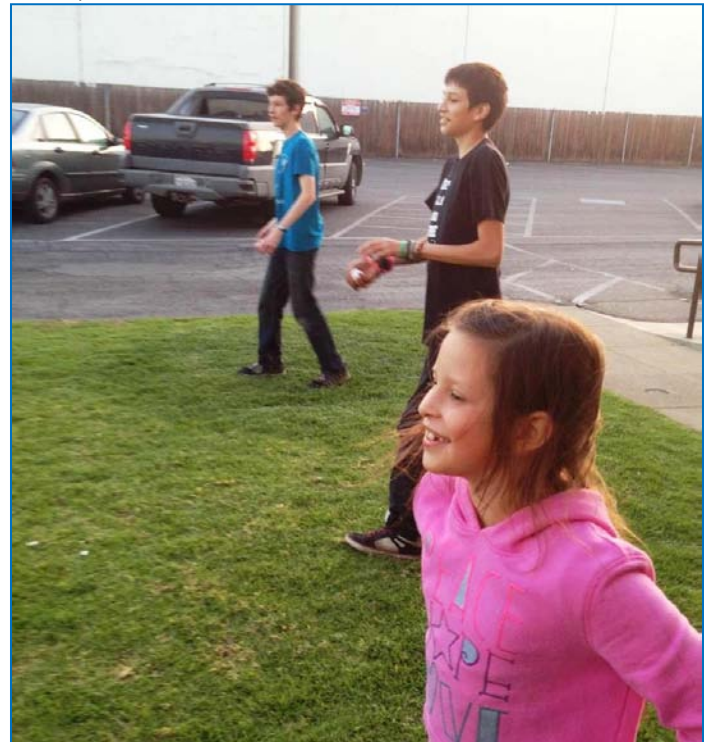
We need parents w/ bike racks or trucks to drive! We'll bike from Sand City to Monterey and back. Bring a sack lunch and ice cream money!

**Fri., May 2** - Gym Nite 5:30-8 *Fun with Crafts* at Westview. Then, we will go over to the Science Center to Create!

**Fri., May 16** - The Great Challenge 5:30-8 pm at Westview



March 21<sup>st</sup> World Record Breakers Gym Nite: our youth are having fun with the one-mile run with egg on a spoon, which was followed by a group egg toss (photo below).





How many spoons can be placed on one's face?



Our youth enjoyed a wonderful hike at the Pinnacles National Park.

### **Hospice Grief Group**

**Pastor Dan** will be leading a *Hospice Grief Group* for VNA and Hospice at **Valley Heights** the **first Wednesday** of each month from **3:30 pm. – 5:00 pm.** Grief Groups will be held on the following dates: **April 2nd, May 7th.**

Come receive 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.

Westview has volunteered to prepare and cook one more month for the hungry/homeless on **Fri., April 4th.** Contact **Eiko Stewart** at **(831) 288-0494** if you need more information. The meals are prepared at Westview beginning at **2 pm** and served at the Salvation Army at 5 pm.

### ***"The Myths of Medicare Benefit"***

A VNA Hospice Seminar at Valley Heights, 925 Freedom Blvd in Watsonville will be held on **Tues., April 1,** from 10 am to 11 am. Come join the seminar.

### ***"What Matters Most"***

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 pm.** 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 [www.westviewpc.org](http://www.westviewpc.org), our website.

**Thirteen computers** were donated by **Michael Fukutome's workplace!** They are good, fast computers, but **we need monitors, keyboards, mice, software, a wireless printer, some tables,** and someone with expertise to help us set it up. Also, if anyone is interested in teaching a computer class to the youth or seniors, please call **Pastor Dan.**

### ***Sunday Message Series***

We will continue 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.

### ***Become a Tutor...change a life ...and maybe change your life too!***

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

### ***DONATIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED FROM ...***

#### ***Day of Remembrance Education Fund***

##### Greatest Need

**Bill and Ida Akimoto**

**Hon. Judge Raymond Uno** of Salt Lake City

##### Newsletter

**Judy Yung and Edward Fung** of UCSC

#### ***In memory of Shoichi Kobara***

**Mas and Marcia Hashimoto**

**Yukio and Edna Nagata**

**Lester and Michelle Aoki**

**Richard and Haruyo Ishibashi**

**Chiyeko Shikuma**

**Esther Ura**

**Alan and Gayle Uyematsu**

#### ***In honor of Shoichi Kobara***

**Law Offices of Grunsky, Ebey, Farrar and Howell**

#### ***In memory of Asa Sugidono***

**Ichiro "Sam" Sugidono**

From **Louise Sako**, an electric hot water dispensing pot and timely books about our Nikkei history for our lending library. Thank you!



## ASIAN LAW CAUCUS REPORTS

by Winnie Kao, Litigation Director,  
Asian Law Caucus (ALC)

In January 2014, the California Senate passed SCA 5, a Senate Constitutional Amendment introduced by **Senator Ed Hernandez** that seeks to repeal Proposition 209 as it applies to public higher education. Proposition 209 is a ballot initiative passed in 1996, which has been applied to bar the consideration of race or sex in education, employment, and government contracting. The initiative passed despite the vote of the majority of African Americans, Latinos, and Asian Americans against it.

We at **Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus** support the full repeal of Prop 209. Affirmative action, diversity and anti-discrimination programs in higher education and other sectors of public life have been critical to securing equal opportunities for racial minorities and women, and have been crucial to building a more just and equitable society. Prop 209's ban on such constitutionally permissible programs has been a huge step backwards for all Californians.

Without such programs, we have seen the resegregation of public higher education in California. Prop 209 has relegated many African American, Latino, Pacific Islander and other Asian American students, including Filipinos and Southeast Asians, to campuses with fewer resources and opportunities or out of higher education entirely. Minority students, including many East Asians who are left on the flagship campuses have faced increased bigotry and hostility of all kinds.

We still need affirmative action. The reality is that race continues to unfairly limit educational opportunities for all students of color. Our K-12 schools are more separate and unequal today than they were 40 years ago. Cold numerical indicators like grade point averages and standardized test scores capture and magnify those inequalities and cannot be fairly evaluated without considering the real-life impact of race and racism. Nor are standardized test scores accurate predictors of academic success. Our full life experience, including race, is also part of what we bring to the table.

The Supreme Court has ruled that race-conscious admissions programs that undertake a flexible, individualized review of applicants where race is just one of many factors is consistent with the 14th Amendment. Race-conscious programs should not be conflated with racial quotas or other unacceptable, unlawful forms of discrimination.

The United States Supreme Court is currently considering a case called *Schuette v. BAMN*, which has challenged the constitutionality of a Prop 209 copycat proposition in Michigan. Advancing Justice - ALC is co-counsel to one of the plaintiff groups in the case. The Court's ruling is expected by the end of this term and may affect the validity of Prop 209 here in California. As such, any action to impact affirmative action in California should be measured in light of the impending decision.

No matter what the Court's ruling is, we are committed to supporting affirmative action. We strongly support the spirit of SCA 5 and its stated goal of repealing Prop 209 in the context of education. In the coming weeks and months, we look forward to working with other civil rights groups to restore affirmative action in California. We also

support efforts like those of our affiliate Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Los Angeles, which is working with legislators and advocates to address the broader issue of expanding educational opportunities for all Californians.

[WinifredK@advancingjustice-alc.org](mailto:WinifredK@advancingjustice-alc.org),  
(415) 896-1702 x102.

### ON ACCOUNT OF RACE ...



The very first ordered (evicted from their homes) on Monday, March 30, 1942 were those Japanese and Japanese Americans of Bainbridge Island, Washington. Among the families were the **Kee Kitayama** family.

Those of Watsonville were ordered (Civilian Exclusion Order No. 16) to leave on Monday, April 27, 1942 from the Veterans Memorial Building on East Third Street (now, East Beach Street). We were sent to the Salinas Assembly Center, Salinas Rodeo Grounds.

### WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL

**Our mailing address is:**

**Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL**

**P.O. Box 163**

**Watsonville, CA 95077-0163**

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

Thank you for reading this April 2014 newsletter.

And, thank you, too, for your membership and for your continuing support of our programs and projects. We cannot succeed without your help. 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:

**Bob Mxxxx 1/14** This means the membership expired after January of 2014.

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).

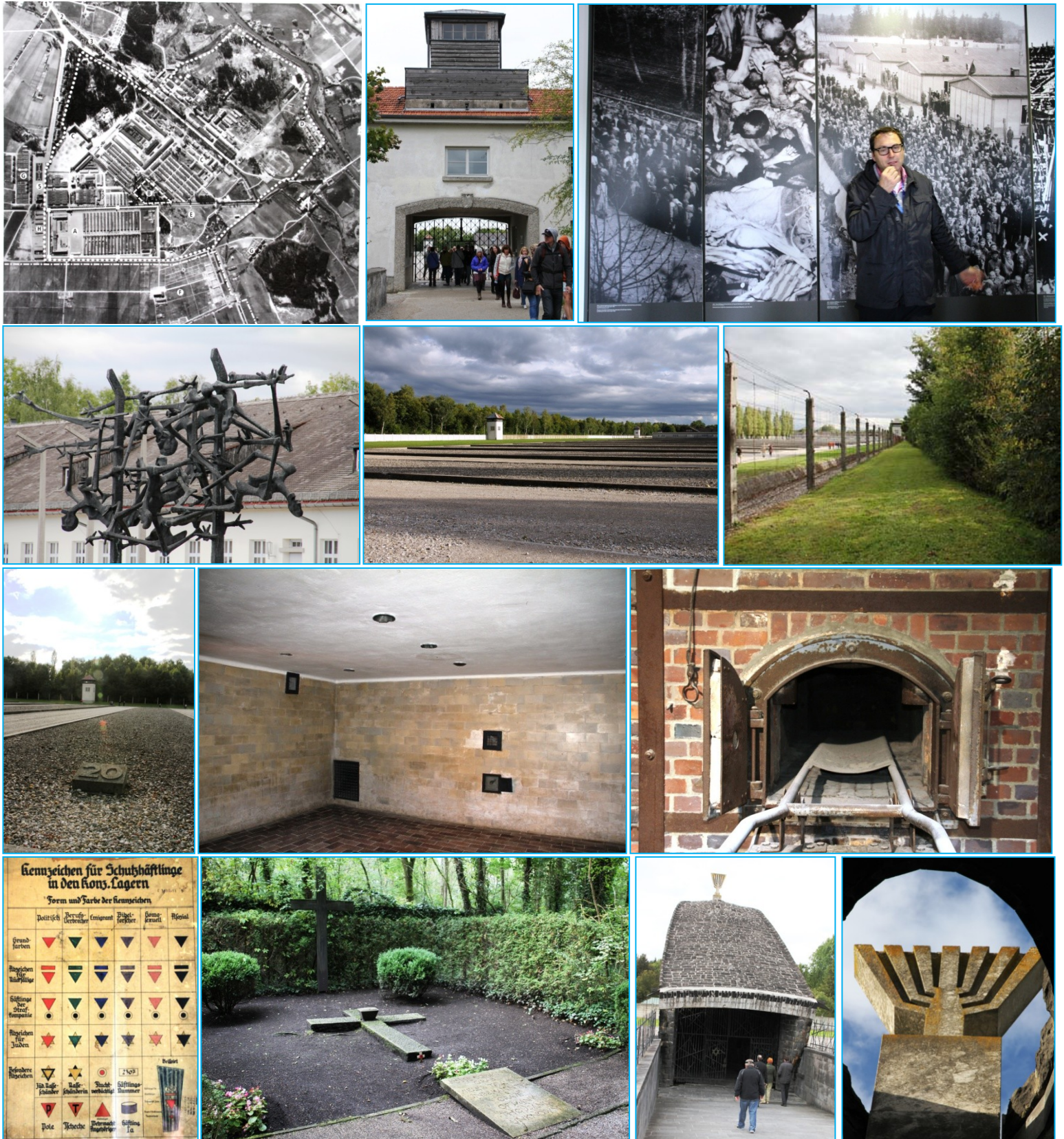
Read our full color newsletter online at our website: <http://watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org>.

Onward!

**Mas Hashimoto**, Editor



## DACHAU CONCENTRATION DEATH CAMP MUSEUM



- (1) Main barracks are located in the lower left corner of the aerial photo. (2) The main entrance. (3) Our guide explained that 552<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery Battalion opened the gates. (4) The memorial sculpture to the victims. (5) The barracks are gone but the towers remain. (6) The electric fence and the water moat with a tower in the background. (7) Once, barrack 20 stood here. (8) The “shower room” where the inmates were gassed. (9) The crematorium, the bodies were placed in the oven and cremated. (10) Badges worn by inmates denoted “rank and authority,” or the lack of .... (11) The ashes of Christians are buried here in a mass grave, “Grave of Man, Thousands Unknown.” (12-13) The monument/memorial to the Jewish victims of Dachau.



# Seniors' Corner

April 2014 ck

## WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL SENIOR CENTER TOURS

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### One-Day Senior Trip

Chukchansi Casino, Coarsegold

May 20, 2014 [Tuesday] 8:00 AM to 7:30 PM

\$10 e-cash \$5 lunch coupon

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

**Reservations: Carol Kaneko 476-7040 or Rubie Kawamoto 854-2028**

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

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.

### Celebrating 88<sup>th</sup> Birthdays with the Senior Center!



(1) Carol Cooper, Gail Miller, Clarence Sakota, Haru Ishibashi 88, Harold Sakota, Pam McTighe, Liz Goodson and Miko Cooper in front. (2) Sherry and Gilbert Fujii, Kimiyo Fujii 88, Ethel and Mike Hiraga. Photos by Carol Kaneko.

### April activities at the Senior Center:

Thurs, Apr 3

**Hanamatsuri – Obento -- 4 pm**

Thurs Apr 10, 17, 24

Regular Bingo

**The April and May birthdays will be combined in May.**

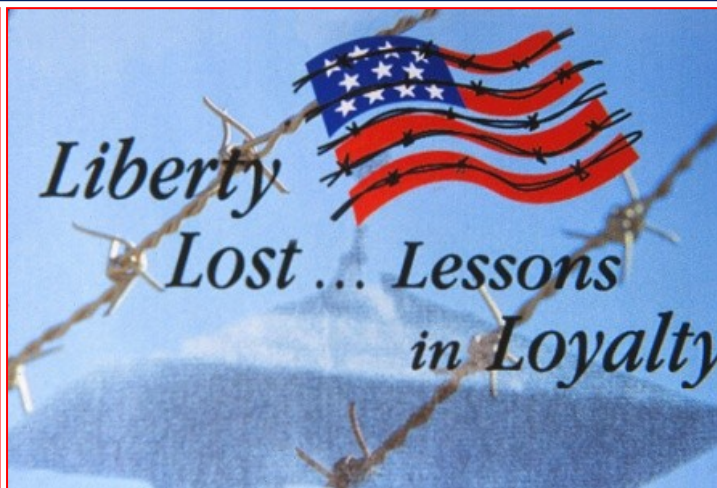
Please check out our Senior Center website: <http://kizukahallseniors.wordpress.com> to keep up with our activities.

**\*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.**

**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.



APRIL--PAST AND PRESENT





## APRIL--PAST AND PRESENT



(1) Photo wisely taken of our last Watsonville Buddhist Temple Sunday School on April 5, 1942, before the eviction from our Watsonville homes on April 27, 1942. (2-3) **Dr. Janet Nagamine, Dr. Stuart Sakuma, Kari Nagamine, and Nicole 'D'Arcy** from our April 27, 2002 reenactment of "Liberty Lost ... Lessons in Loyalty" (logo design by **Andy Fukutome**) in Watsonville. (4-5) the beautiful cherry blossom tree, a gift from the Watsonville Japanese Association to Watsonville High School in 1929 as a token of friendship. The tree has died, and its replacement, named "Neko (cat)," for the Wildcatz of Watsonville High School has been vandalized and may not survive. (6-7) Of the Washington and Jefferson Memorials, the gift of 3,000 trees from the Mayor of Tokyo in 1912 to Washington, D. C., where a great cherry blossom festival is enjoyed by millions annually in April. (8) A castle in Kanazawa, Japan. (9) A samurai warrior. (10) The Kamakura Buddha is adorned with the flowering cherry trees. (11-12) The flowering cherry blossom trees of Miyajima (an island near Hiroshima) and of Mt Fuji.

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

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

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

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