

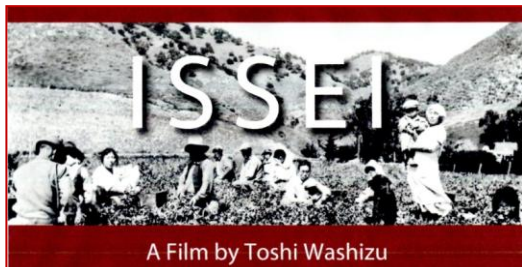
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THE WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL

Newsletter August 2014



A Film by Toshi Washizu

Come join our JACL chapter's 80th Anniversary celebration (1934-2014) on **Saturday, August 2nd** at the Tokushige Kizuka JACL Hall, 150 Blackburn St., Watsonville, CA 95076 from noon to 4 pm.

After enjoying a delicious *bento* lunch (salmon and chicken teriyaki--\$15 per person) from **Miyuki's Japanese Restaurant**, we will honor four JACL centenarians (1914-2014) — **Kiyoko Nancy Iwami, Dr. Masako Miura, Hiroko Shikuma, and Enji Shikuma.**

A birthday cake donated by **Katherine C. Tobin**, our Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACler of Alexandria, VA, will be served.

Then, we will feature the exciting rediscovery--*Issei: The First Generation*--a 1984 film by **Toshi Washizu**, who will be introducing the documentary along with **Professor Lane Ryo Hirabayashi** of UCLA. For *bentos* and reservations, call **Mas Hashimoto** at (831) 722-6859 or email hashi79@sbcglobal.net by July 27. For details, please read pages 1-2 of our July 2014 Newsletter. http://wscjacl.files.wordpress.com/2014/06/july_2014.pdf

OUR 2014 YOUNG SCHOLARS



Scholarship Vice-Chair **Aimee Mizuno** made presentations to **Robert Kitayama**, father of **Maya**; **Danny Souza**, **Melissa Tao**, and **Hayley Sakae** with **Marcia Hashimoto** assisting at the W-SC JACL Picnic.

2014 JACL ANNUAL COMMUNITY PICNIC

by **Marcia Hashimoto, Chair**

On behalf of the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL, I would like to thank everyone who helped, donated, and attended our annual community picnic on Sat., June 28th at the beautiful Aptos Village Park. About 175 participants enjoyed the sunny, fun-filled day which included a variety of races for children and adults, exciting free bingo for Seniors and friends, a terrific performance by our wonderful and talented *Watsonville Taiko*, a delicious BBQ chicken lunch, and ice cream social.

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

Gary and Cindy Mine; Dave Kadotani; Joe Bowes; Jeanette Hager; Phil Shima; Dr. Brooke Kondo Rains; Iwao Yamashita; Jean Yamashita; Sunao Honda; Victor, Karen, Carter and Nicole Kimura; Clyde, Kimiyo, Cathy, and Jennifer Kimura; Bobbi Jo Palmer; Carol, Paul, Takeshi, and Tadashi Kaneko; Aya Okuma; Drs Stuart Sakuma, Janet Nagamine and Jaime Sakuma; Doug and Sharyn Nakashima; Chiye Tamaki; Aimee Mizuno; Debbe Chan; Yoshiko and Bruce Arao; Linda Wong, Charlotte Saito; Paul, Kim, Melissa, and Alex Tao; Kenny and Kelsey Kusumoto; Nancy Kuratomi; Danny Souza; Julien Nakanishi; Sarah Jay; and Mas Hashimoto.

Picnic Donations:

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

David & Jeanni Kadotani	Alan Uyematsu, CPA
Yukio & Edna Nagata	Jane Sugidono
Clyde & Kimiyo Kimura	Chiye Tamaki
Dr. Steven Tanaka	Irene Potter
George Dymesich	Wendy King
Gary & Cindy Mine	Eiko Nishihara Family
JACL Senior Center	Victor Kimura
Mas & Marcia Hashimoto	Watsonville Taiko
Paul & Carol Kaneko	Bill & Gail Wurtenberg
Michiko Hatamiya	Chiyeko Shikuma
Paul & Kim Tao	Hong Kong Garden II

**Out and About Magazine, Bobbi Jo Palmer
Miyuki Restaurant, Yas and Janet Sakaguchi
Imura Restaurant, Jee and Kevin Kajihara
Yamashita Market, Goro Yamashita
Shiatsu Clinic, Ben and Chiyoe Yamaguchi
Pono Hawaiian Grill, Timmy Hunt
Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL**

Special thanks for the 48" flat screen "JVC TV," which has so many capabilities, to the **following donors** of our raffle grand prize:

Dr. Gerald Kondo	Dr. Arthur Hayashi
Dr. Brooke Kondo Rains	Dr. Reed Kuratomi
Dr. Conrad Hamako	Dr. Stuart Sakuma
David & Jeanni Kadotani	Floy Sakata

To anyone who helped or donated whose name was unintentionally omitted, I apologize. Please contact me at (831) 722-6859 or email at hashi79@sbcglobal.net and the correction will be made in our September issue.



Marcia Hashimoto presented this year's grand TV prize to **Alex Tao**, shown with his mother, **Kim Tao**.



Loading tables, chairs, water, food, etc. at 8 am were (on the truck): **Jeanette Hager; Kimiyo, Jennifer, and Cathy Kimura; Cindy H. Mine; Nicole Kimura;** (standing) **David Kadotani; Phil Shima, Aimee Mizuno; Marcia Hashimoto; Joe Bowes; Gary Mine; Carter Kimura; Clyde Kimura; and Victor Kimura.**



The BBQ crew of **Doug Nakashima, David Kadotani, Dr. Stuart Shikuma** with daughter **Jaime Shikuma**.



Aya Okuma and Takeshi Kaneko (seated) sold the lunch and raffle tickets. **Yoshiko Arai** (below) and **Jean Yamashita** (not shown) prepared the salad for the lunch.



Chiyeiko Shikuma, Haruyo Ishibashi, Nancy Iwami, Kitako Izumizaki and Haruko Yoshii needed one more number before saying, "Bingo!" **Iwao Yamashita** (rt) called the numbers both in English and Japanese with **Sunao Honda** assisting with the bingo prizes.



Get on your mark, get set for the “egg on the spoon” race.



Young “jumping jacks” are happily hopping.



Children eagerly bite into the powdered donut.



Why should the children have all the fun? Teenagers **Bruce Arao, Kelsey Kusumoto, Alex Tao, Sarah Jay, Melissa Tao, Danny Souza, Carter Kimura and Julien Nakanishi** enjoyed the powdered donut race, too. We will continue to carry on this century-old tradition of the Watsonville Nikkei community.



W-SC JACL President **Marcia Hashimoto** (at the microphone and therefore not seen in this photo) called on the hardworking W-SC JACL board members to be recognized for their contributions all year long: **Victor Kimura, David Kadotani, Iwao Yamashita, Aimee Mizuno, Jeanette Hager, Cindy Mine, Gary Mine** (top of head shown only), **Bobbi Jo Palmer, Joe Bowes, Kimiyo Kimura, Carol Kaneko and Mas Hashimoto.**



The dynamic **Watsonville Taiko** entertained us. **Elren Hanayama** is their youngest new member.



After *Taiko* played, it was time to eat.

We are grateful to all the volunteers who see a need and then fill it. They not only serve the lunch but clean up after. **The Santa Cruz County Park (SCCP) Department** loves our group for they know we will leave the Aptos Village Park cleaner than we found it. We are grateful to the SCCP Department and to the **Aptos Lions Club** which built the park with its wonderful facilities and then donated its use to the park department and community!



Nancy Kuratomi served the salad. Please eat a lot of lettuce to help our lettuce farmers! Below, the Kawamoto family enjoyed the BBQ lunch.



They won a gift certificate to Miyuki's.

After lunch, it was fun with the two-person *geta* race. The water balloon toss was won by the team of **Rev. Dan Hoffman** and his daughter **Rosalie**.



In the exciting semi-finals of the *jan ken po* the contestants were **Yaeko Cross** with **Sharyn Nakashima**



(front) and **Nicole Kimura** with **David Io** (son **Felix** cheering Dad on). In the finals, after six ties, David finally won, but he graciously presented the Miyuki gift certificate to Mrs. Cross for his

parents own Miyuki's! Everyone is a winner!



Joe Bowes, who ably called out the raffle numbers, was assisted by **Carter and Nicole Kimura**, **Bobbi Jo Palmer**, and **Marcia Hashimoto**.

Larissa Hernandez, a young student at Watsonville High School, was the closest to choosing the "lucky number" (from 0 to 1,000). The number was **(831)**, our area phone number! She received a Miyuki gift certificate.

FOUND at the JACL Community Picnic--an electrical plug-in charger for electronic devices. Please call Marcia Hashimoto at (831) 722-6859 to claim.

GRAND MARSHAL LAWSON SAKAI
by Brian Shiroyama



When **Lawson Sakai**, a World War II veteran, received a call from **Morgan Hill Independence Day Parade** chairman and was asked to be **Grand Marshal**, he was delighted and honored to represent all WW II veterans. This Fourth-of-July parade was one of the largest in this region featuring 140 entries including over 20 floats and eight marching bands attracting over 50,000 watchers.

Editorial in *Morgan Hill Life* stated: "Sakai's story is a demonstration of all that is the best about the American character." Sakai volunteered for the legendary **442nd Regimental Combat Team (RCT)** in 1943 and fought in battles that included rescue of the **Texas "Lost Battalion."** With four **Purple Heart** medals, he was awarded two **Bronze Star** medals and, recently, the **Congressional Gold Medal**, our nation's highest civilian award.

Sakai rode in a WW II jeep completely restored and authentically configured to represent the combat vehicle used by the 442nd RCT. It belonged to **Ben Edes**, a Morgan Hill resident.

As Sakai's jeep passed by, parade watchers warmly and enthusiastically greeted him by calling out his name and with applause. The hour and half ride was one of Sakai's proudest moments in his life for someone who was labeled "enemy alien" after Pearl Harbor. Sakai fought to prove his loyalty to his country. His service epitomized true patriotism and on July 4, 2014, he was rewarded with recognition unimaginable until recent decades.

Another Morgan Hill Nisei, **Paul Yokoi**, also a veteran of the 442nd RCT, was similarly honored in 1988.

JACLER OF THE BIENNIUM, LAWSON SAKAI

On Saturday, July 12, during the Awards Luncheon of the National JACL Convention, **Lawson Sakai** was presented with the **JACler of the Biennium** for his years of service and dedication to the Nisei veterans of WW II, to the JACL, and to this nation. He was nominated for the award by the **Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL** and supported by the **Friends and Family of Nisei Veterans**.

Lawson Sakai eloquently spoke of overcoming discrimination in this country and in the US military and of fighting for equal rights and for equal opportunities.

We are grateful to the National JACL for presenting this well-deserved award to Lawson who continues relentlessly to speak on behalf of the Nisei veterans.



Lawson Sakai was presented with the *JACler of the Biennium Award* by **National JACL President David Lin**.



Among the first to congratulate **Lawson and Mineko Sakai** were former Secretary of Transportation **Norman Y. Mineta** and the **Hashimotos**.

GRANT UJIFUSA, JACLER OF THE BIENNIUM

At the same Awards Luncheon, our other nominee, Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACler **Grant Ujifusa** of NY, was presented with the **JACler of the Biennium Award**. Unfortunately, Grant was unable to attend.

President David Lin, in appreciation, spoke of the major contributions that Grant Ujifusa, as the Legislative Strategy Chair of the Legislative Education Committee (LEC), the redress lobby arm of the JACL, made that led to the successful passage of the Civil Liberties Act of August 10, 1988.

Mas Hashimoto accepted the award on Grant's behalf. Grant, in his written statement, which Mas read, gave credit and cited the work of **Grayce Uyehara**, **Senator Sparky Matsunaga**, **Cherry Kinoshita**, **Denny Yasuhara**, and **Mike Masaoka**, without whom redress and reparations would not have been possible.

We are grateful to the National JACL for this award and recognition to Grant Ujifusa during this, the 25th anniversary year of the Civil Liberties Act.

IN REMEMBRANCE, .. GRAYCE UYEHARA



[Editor's note: During the *Sayonara Banquet*, a wonderful video tribute to **Grayce Uyebara** was presented, the work of **Bill Yoshino** of the Midwest District.]

Washington, D.C. - During her tenure as the executive director of the JACL Legislative Education Committee (JACL-LEC), **Grayce Uyebara** was known for her "Action Alerts" sent to JACL chapters and others, which provided updates on the status of the Redress campaign, and more importantly, imparted upbeat inspiration to continuously motivate all who participated in the effort to successfully seek remedies for the injustice of the incarceration. Grayce, 94, passed away on June 22, following a brief illness at Virtua Memorial Hospital in Mount Holly, New Jersey.

Born Grayce Kaneda on July 4, 1919, in Stockton, California, Grayce and her family were incarcerated at the Stockton Assembly Center and the Rohwer concentration camp. A lifelong member of the JACL, Grayce served in leadership positions at all levels of the organization, including as president of the Philadelphia chapter and governor of the Eastern District Council, in addition to service on national JACL committees.

In 1985, Grayce was appointed as the executive of the JACL-LEC, which was established to provide lobbying for the Redress campaign. Upon her appointment, Grayce said, "You have my commitment to redress and willingness to do the best I can. I ask for your support and patience...I do think that if the JACL wants redress...we have a good chance of reaching our goal."

Grayce became a catalyzing force in organizing the JACL effort by encouraging participation at all levels of the organization, including the LEC Board of Directors, JACL governors, JACL Redress coordinators, JACL staff, and the JACL membership.

Gerald Yamada added, "She, together with a team of volunteers, resuscitated the stalled redress initiative. Her team consisted of **Grant Ujifusa, Min Yasui, Cherry Kinoshita, Denny Yasuhara, Shig Wakamatsu, Mae Takahashi, Peggy Liggett, Molly Fujioka, Harry Kajihara, Tom Kometani, Rudy Tokiwa, Mary Tsukamoto, Art Morimitus, Judy Niizawa, Meriko Mori** and **Ruth Hashimoto**."

During the final phase of the Redress campaign to get **President Ronald Reagan** to sign the bill, Grayce devised a plan to mobilize grassroots support by issuing her *Action Alerts* to inundate the White House in a letter writing campaign. She declared, "The time has come to mount a massive campaign to urge the President..." In

her usual manner, Grayce set high expectations requesting 50,000 letters and 5,000 mailgrams.

Following the success of the Redress campaign, Grayce became the chairperson of the **JACL Legacy Fund** campaign that raised over \$5 million to be used to support JACL programs.

The JACL will remember Grayce Uyebara for her dedication and persistence in pursuing issues of social justice for all Americans. During a critical time for the Japanese American community, Grayce responded by using her enthusiasm and tenacity to successfully guide a campaign to secure Redress legislation. And, as a fixture at JACL events, she served as a model of leadership for succeeding generations of Japanese Americans.

Grayce is survived by her husband, **Hiroshi**; sons **Paul, Christopher, and Laurence**; daughter **Lisa**; a brother, a sister, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

The children of Grayce Uyebara request that donations be made payable to **JACL**, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115 with reference to the **Uyebara Internship Program**. It will provide legislative and policy making experience for our youth in the DC JACL office.



Student Poets Imagine Life in Camp

By **Aimee and Kitty Mizuno**, 5th and 6th grade teachers of **Kokoro no Gakko**



This year, the fifth and sixth graders of *Kokoro no Gakko* explored the history of the Japanese American incarceration during World War II. Students were particularly inspired by **Mas Hashimoto's** presentation about his family's experiences during the war when they were first taken to the Salinas Assembly Center and

then to Poston, Arizona.

As a class, we also read examples of *haiku* poetry written in the internment camps, including those by **Violet Kazue de Cristoforo**, who was interned in Jerome, Arkansas, and Tule Lake, California. Inspired by these first-hand accounts of camp, students brainstormed the images, sounds, feelings and thoughts that came to mind as they put themselves in the place of those who were incarcerated more than seventy years ago. They used these ideas to create *haiku* poems written in the 5-7-5 syllable pattern. At first, it was difficult for students to compose lines, but when the creative juices started flowing, many were inspired to write one *haiku* after another! We are pleased to share some of their creative efforts.

5th Grade haiku

*I'm trapped in this camp
surrounded by depression
I want to go home*
-Tyler Kashiwagi (Sakae)

*The roughened scrap wood
entangle my angered thoughts
like the fear in camp*
-Gus Bracher (Kenzo)

*All my dreams are trapped
so close to freedom behind
barbed and towers*
-Jordan Chin (Hajime)

Dreams
*Guard towers with guns
I am trapped behind the wire
yet I still have hope*
-Sydney Yamanishi (Midori)

*The cherry blossoms
The beautiful look of them
I miss my garden*
-Jamie Sakuma (Mariko)

*All of my flowers
they reminded me of home
how I miss my home*
-Hana Blaustein (Hanako)

Wild Mustangs
*Escaping from camp
running from the free horses
coming back to eat*
-Camille Kamimura (Eriko)

6th Grade haiku

*Mustangs chasing kids
hearing the fast mustangs neigh
kids are feeling tired.*
-Michael Liu (Takashi)

*Afraid of the guns
pointed at everyone here
Why is life not fair?*
-Ruth Conneely (Kayoko)

*Flowers of the bay
memories fill my sad heart
of times before this*
-Cecilia Salado (Mitsuko)

*I see the baseball
the baseball hit the barrack
I was so afraid*
-Kevin Ito (Takashi)

*I see the barbed wire
baseball makes me feel so free
yet I feel so trapped*
-Connor Schelstraete (Kazuo)

*Lines, lines and more lines
now we wait for everything
What do we wait for?*
-Nicole Garcia-Kimura (Sayoko)

*Frightening men with guns
warning shots are being fired
fear spreads through the camp*
-Kai Gavin (Hiroshi)

*Bare and dusty room
loneliness fills my sad heart
family saves me*
- Anonymous

THE JAPANESE IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

According to the Japanese consulate, Northern California and Northwestern Nevada is home to 40,000 Japanese nationals and 100,000 persons of Japanese ancestry. An estimated 600 Japanese companies do business in the San Francisco Bay Area, and the **Japan External Trade Organization** promotes foreign investment. There are 3,000 alumni of the Japanese government-sponsored **Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) program**.

In all of Santa Cruz County and the Pajaro Valley, we have fewer than 1,000 persons of Japanese and Japanese Americans residing. Of Japanese companies operating in Watsonville, **Union Bank** (a Mitsubishi Company) and **Mizkan Vinegar**, 46 Walker St. stands out. Ozeki sake company is in Hollister!



Consul General Masato Watanabe spoke at the *Sayonara Banquet* of the National JACL convention in San Jose of the warm relationship that the consulate enjoys today between the Japanese and **Japanese American Citizens League**.

Consul General Watanabe was appointed to his new post in San Francisco in November 2013. He has worked in Japan's Foreign Policy Bureau, European Bureau, Minister's Secretariat, Economic Cooperation Bureau, International Cooperation Bureau and the Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau. His overseas assignments have included embassies of Japan in Austria and Indonesia. He also served as vice president of the Japan International Cooperation Agency.

We welcome Consul General Watanabe, and we offer any assistance he and Japan may require of us.

Valley of the Heart

Valley of the Heart returns for a limited engagement, Sat., August 30 to Sun., October 12, at the **El Teatro Campesino**, 705 4th Street, San Juan Bautista, CA 95045 (831) 623-2444, www.elteatrocampesino.com.

Valley Of The Heart, the new play by **Luis Valdez**, is a love story, the dramatic interaction of two share cropping families the Yamaguchis and the Montaños - during the trying days of World War II.

From the foothills of Northern California's Santa Clara Valley, "the Valley of Heart's Delight," in 1941 to Heart Mountain Internment Camp in Wyoming in 1945, this "memory play" is about the marriage and ultimate survival of Teruko "Thelma" Yamaguchi and Benjamin Montaña, and birth of their son in camp.



Don't miss this wonderful performance. Tickets, which are moderately priced, may be purchased by calling 1-800-838-3006 or online at brownpapertickets.com.

A reading of the play, presented during the National JACL Convention in San Jose, was well-received by the delegates and boosters. Playwright **Luis Valdez** (below) answered questions about the play after the reading. He grew up in the beautiful Santa Clara Valley.



The cast and crew of "Valley of the Heart:" **Roy and PJ Hirabayashi** of *San Jose Taiko*, **Randall Nakano** (Ichiro Yamaguchi), **Christina Chu** (Hana Yamaguchi), **Erika Perez-Hernandez** (Paula Montano), **Luis Valdez** (playwright), **Christy Sandoval** (Maruca Montano and a WHS grad), **Andres Ortiz** (Benjamin Montano), **Melanie Arie Mah** (Teruko "Thelma" Yamaguchi), and **Scott Keiji Takeda** (Calvin Sakamoto); **back:** **Joe Louis Cedillo** (Stage Director), **Alex Itae** (Yoshi "Joe" Yamaguchi), and **Gustavo Mellado** (Cayetano Montano).

Luis expressed his gratefulness to **Joyce Iwasaki**, **Judy Niizawa**, **Joyce Oyama**, **San Jose Taiko**, the **Le Petit Trianon Theater** of San Jose, **Reiko Iwanaga** and the **Contemporary Asian Theater Scene (CATS)**, and the **JACL convention committee** for this special reading.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JACL CONVENTION

Our Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL chapter delegates, boosters, and honorees—**Mas and Marcia Hashimoto**, **Jeanette Hager**, **April Goral**, **Dale and Ai Minami**, and **Lawson and Mineko Sakai**—had a most wonderful time.



Dale Minami was presented with **Japanese American of the Biennium Award** at the *Sayonara Banquet* for his efforts on behalf of civil rights. He had played the key role that vacated **Fred Korematsu's** guilty conviction and which called upon the nation to support the National JACL's redress campaign in 1984.



The **Japanese Americans of the Biennium Award** was presented to **Roy and PJ Hirabayashi**, co-founders of the world-famous *San Jose Taiko*, which performed at the Welcome Mixer (below) and *Valley of the Heart* play.



Marsha Aizumi, advocate for the LGBT community and the author of *Two Spirits, One Heart*, also received the **Japanese American of the Biennium Award**.



American Friends Service Committee (Quakers), for its support of us in 1942, received the *Governor Ralph Carr Award for Courage*, and **Stewart Kwoh** received the *Edison Uno Civil Rights Award*. He is the founder of the **Asian Americans Advancing Justice** in LA.



The prestigious **"Ruby Pin" Award** was presented to **Carol and David Kawamoto** for their decades of dedicated and unselfish service to the San Diego chapter, the PSW District, and the National JACL. Carol is presently the chair of the *Pacific Citizen* editorial board, while David, a past National JACL President, currently serves as PSW Governor! Both are previous *JACLers of the Biennium* awardees. Congratulations, Carol and David Kawamoto!

We congratulate **Seattle JACL** as *Chapter of the Biennium*. Submitting applications were San Fernando Valley, Portland and Watsonville-Santa Cruz chapters.

Passed by the **National Council** were these five fantastic resolutions:

(1-2) Asking for Presidential Medal of Freedom for **Minoru Yasui** and **Mitsue Endo**.

(3) Appreciation expressed to **Eric Shinseki** for his years of dedicated service to this nation.

(4) Supporting the removal of "Redskins" logo from the National Football League's team in Washington DC.

(5) Expressing opposition to the US Supreme Court's ruling on "Hobby Lobby."

The JACL officers were sworn in by **Norm Mineta**:



David Lin, National President, New York JACL Chapter; **Matthew Farrells**, Secretary/Treasurer, Twin Cities JACL Chapter; **Jeffrey Moy**, VP, Public Affairs, Washington, DC JACL Chapter; **Chip Larouche**, VP, Planning & Development, Portland JACL Chapter; **Toshi Abe**, VP, Membership Services, Philadelphia JACL Chapter; **Nicole Gaddie**, Youth/Student Council Chair, Seattle JACL Chapter; and **Michelle Yamashiro**, Youth/Student Council Representative, SELANOCO JACL Chapter.

CANDID PHOTOS OF THE CONVENTION



At the *Welcome Mixer*, the youths were delighted to meet two old (oops), more experienced JACLers—**Norm Mineta** and **Ken Inouye**, former National JACL President.



Hanayagi Reimichi (Reiko Iwanaga) taught *obon* dances, and soon JACLers were doing the “tanko bushi.”



Celebrating his 100th birthday was **Henry Uyeda** with his daughter **Sharon** and a delicious chocolate cake!



Tom Graves autographed his prize-winning book, “*Twice Heroes*.” Stopping by were (rt to lt) **Marcia, David and Carol Kawamoto, Tom Nishikawa**, and a friend.



We wish to thank **Wayne Tanda** of the San Jose JACL, shown here with **President David Lin**, for all the hard work he and his committee did to make this convention successful.



Perhaps, no one enjoyed more this convention and the performance of “*Hiroshima*,” sponsored by **Pam Yoshida’s Nikkei Traditions** and **Midori Kai**, than home-town boy, **Norman Y. Mineta**.



San Jose JACL President **Leon Kimura** welcomed all at the performance of "Valley of the Heart." His cousin is **Victor Kimura** of our W-SC JACL.



Who's the kid with the moustache, here with Fred Korematsu? Ten points for the correct answer!

Editor's postscript: **David Lin**, as President of the 85 year-old national organization, begins his second term with many challenges ahead.



The JACL is not only the oldest and largest Asian American civil rights organization in the nation but it remains the most vital and most successful. Help us to remain strong. We welcome your membership and, most of all, your ideas/concerns and participation!

Please let us know how we can help.

RAY KUSUMOTO

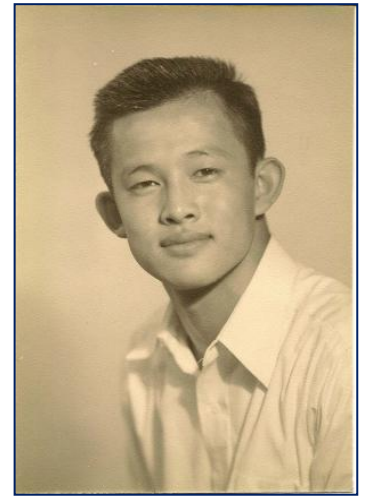
Ray Kusumoto passed away on Monday June 16, 2014 at the age of 83. He was a lifelong resident of Watsonville.

During World War II, Ray and his family were relocated to the internment camp at Poston. After the war Ray returned to Watsonville and attended high school where he was widely regarded as a great athlete. He was a standout on the CCAL champion varsity basketball team and a member of the All-CCAL team. After graduating high school he volunteered for the Air Force and served in the Korean War. Following the war, Ray returned to Watsonville and would later marry **Shigeko Enjoji** who passed away in 1991. Ray had a strong work ethic and sense of loyalty. He had two employers in the last 55 years. He worked at **Well Pict Berries** for the last 38 of those, stopping only after serious illness in 2013.

He is survived by his son, **Ray Seiji Kusumoto** (46) and his grandson, **Ayden** (8). He was preceded by his wife, **Shigeko**; father, **Masaharu Kusumoto** and mother, **Tamaye Hamagiwa**.

A private memorial service was held on Saturday, July 12, 2014 at Ave Maria Memorial Chapel.

Donations can be given to **Watsonville High School Foundation**, PO Office Box 832, Watsonville, CA 95077.



MARIA GITIN AT BOOKSHOP SANTA CRUZ, AUG 11

Come join **George Ow Jr** at Bookshop Santa Cruz at 7:30 pm, 1520 Pacific Ave., Santa Cruz. He will introduce **Maria Gitin** and her book, *This Bright Light of Ours*, which chronicles her 1960s civil rights experience in the Deep South.

WATSONVILLE TAIKO AND SHINSEI DAIKO

By **Bonnie Chihara**

July 19th-20th was a busy weekend for us. We had practice Saturday morning and then packed up our drums and went across the street to Watsonville High School's playing fields to drum for the **Relay For Life**. **Relay For Life** events honor cancer survivors and those that have lost the battle against cancer.

The next day we were at the Buddhist Temple in Watsonville to drum for the **Obon Festival**. We had nine children playing this year! They have been studying every Friday with **Sensei Ikuyo Conant** where they not only learn new pieces to play but also discipline and *dojo* manners.

If you are interested in taking a *taiko* class, please contact us at info@watsonvilletaiko.org or call (831) 435 4594. For more information about our group and upcoming events please check out our website www.watsonvilletaiko.org or like us on Facebook.



Our upcoming schedule:

July 27th-Wharf to Wharf, Opal Cliffs
 Aug 3rd-Peace Day, La Selva Beach
 Aug 3rd-Church Street Fair, Santa Cruz
 Aug 15th-Games and Folklore, Santa Cruz Museum or Art
 Sept 13th-Derby Girls, Kaiser Permanente Arena
 Sept 27th-Alzheimer's Walk, La Selva Beach

WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE NEWS

J. Yamashita

Annual Temple Rummage Sale, Aug 8th and 9th

It's August and that means the Temple Rummage Sale—Fri., Aug 8th and Sat. Aug 9th from 8 am to 3 pm.

Don't miss out on these great sale items! Experienced shoppers will be there long before the doors open. Mark the time and date.



Alice Tanimoto, Sharron Petty, Aileen Kawasaki and Sunao Honda waved to those passing by, who then stopped to shop. Photo courtesy of Kim Yoshida.

Thank you to all who volunteered to help in our "Fourth of July Fireworks" booth, the boosters who provided refreshments to our hardworking staff, and to our patrons. We hope everyone had a safe and sane holiday.

Thank you, too, to all who participated in our annual **Obon Festival**. The Santa Cruz Sentinel's Jessica York, with photographer Kevin Johnson, captured the essence of our obon--a fun-filled day of remembrance, enjoying a relaxed festival with friends, family and community. There was plenty of good food, games, entertainment, raffle, and, of course, the obon odori itself.



Our obon observance began the Sunday before, on July 13, with a service at the PV Memorial Park, with Rev. Shousei Hanayama officiating.

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| 2 Sat 10 am - 2 pm | CDYBA Activity Day
at Seacliff Beach |
| 3 Sun 9:30 am | Japanese Language Service |
| 10 am | Shotsuki Hoyo |
| 6 Wed | BWA Fun Lunch at Imura |
| 8 Fri 8 am-3 pm | Rummage Sale |
| 2 pm | San Juan Howakai |
| 9 Sat 8 am-3 pm | Rummage Sale |
| 10 Sun <u>No Service</u> | |
| 15 & 16 Fri & Sat | YBA Youth Retreat in Mt. View |
| 17 Sun 10 am | Sunday Service |
| 23 Sat 5:30 pm | CDABA Steak BBQ & Bingo
in Morgan Hill |
| 24 & 31 Sun | <u>No Service</u> |
| Sat., Sept 27 | Chicken Teriyaki Takeout Dinner |

Shotsuki Hoyo Service

10am Sunday August 3, 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 August are invited to attend the service and to Oshoko (offer incense). We look forward to seeing you at the service.

August Memorial List

Chou Akiyama	Matajiro Akiyama
Shigeo Akiyoshi	Ken Arimura
Mieko Aoki	Sadako Arita
Sumie Nadamoto Champagne	Kenzo Etow
Zenkichi Fujimoto	Ikuta Hashimoto
Teruo Hamada	Kisae Hatsushi
Mary Hirano	Kazushige Jofuku
Masaru Jyoji	Eiji Kajihara
Kawano Kimura	Evelyn Misao Koda
Wakatano Koda	Hama Kowaki
Masumi Kusumoto	Yoshiharu Kusumoto
Matsu Maemura	Isaku Matsumoto
Iwao Matsunami	Joe Kazumi Morimoto
Harry Sozo Morimune	Tooru Muronaka
Hisami Murakami	Sen Nakase
Tom Nakase	Junko Nakashima
Hamaichi Nishimoto	George Nishita

Motosuke Oita	Haruo Okamoto
Hiseto Harry Okamura	Teruzo Ota
Kimiye Saiki	Juzo Sakamoto
Namiko Sakata	Iwataro Sasano
Maxine Shirachi	Noboru Sukekane
Masao Tachibana	Minoru Tanaka
Ai Tsuchiyama	Uta Tsuchiyama
Misu Tsuji	May Takako Tsukiji
Gozaemon Wada	Kyotaro Yamakoshi
Hiromi Henry Yamamoto	Tony Masami Yamaoka
Hisaye Yonekura	Kenjun Yorita

Aug 8-9 Rummage Sale: The Temple is now accepting any saleable items. Please bring in your items to the Temple Gym between 9:30 am to 5:30 pm. We will be sorting and folding on Sunday, August 3rd, after the Service, and again on Thursday, Aug 7th from 9 am to noon. Please, your help is needed to have a successful Rummage Sale. Thank you!

Veteran's Day Service: ABA will provide lunch and a cake on November 9th.

Board Meeting

The **Vickie Usuki Memorial Scholarship** will be presented to **Hayley Sakae, Melissa Tao, Danny Souza, Kelly Maemura, and Morgan Hester**. Congratulations, young scholars!

Building & Maintenance-**Jim Uemura** has been hard at work here at the Temple keeping the grounds very nicely manicured, mowed and cleaned. Thank you, Jim!

Noboru Nakatani has been historian for more than 11 years, and he would like to step down.

Kokoro no Gakko: **Phyllis Nagamine** of *Gakko* thanked the Temple for their continued support. *Gakko* had 53 students this summer, and it was a very successful term. Some former students are sending their children. *Gakko* sold cabbage salad at the Obon Festival. They would also like to thank **Ken Kusumoto** for a job well done as logistics manager for the *Gakko*.

Fireworks Booth: The Temple is grateful to **Perry Yoshida** and his committee for arranging for the booth, manning the booth, feeding the people in the booth, and cheering the people on to come and purchase fireworks.

Now that Obon is over, we have a little time to rest before we start on our Temple's biggest event—Chicken Teriyaki Dinner, Sat. Sept. 27.

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Tea Hashimoto
Chiyeko Shikuma
Yukio and Edna Nagata

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Jennifer Gavin Ura

In memory of Ray Kusumoto from ...

Jennifer Gavin Ura
Mas and Marcia Hashimoto

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Gayle and Elizabeth Ivanovich

In memory of Tomio and Frances Tsuda from ...
Ichiro Sam Sugidono

In memory of Edith Ichiuji from ...
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New member

We welcome, Karen Kurokawa of Santa Cruz

KAWAKAMI-WATSONVILLE SISTER CITY by Robb Mayeda



Be sure to visit our **Kawakami-Watsonville Sister City Association** booth during the annual **Strawberry Festival**, Aug. 2nd and 3rd, 2014, to enjoy the delicious strawberry treat--strawberry salsa, cheesecake infused strawberries, and

strawberries with a choice of dips (brown sugar, sour cream, and chocolate)—yummy! we serve from 10 am to 7 pm. Our booth will be located on Main Street, between Beach and Alexander (Wells Fargo Bank) Streets, and in front of the Watsonville City Plaza. It's a fundraising event, so your support will be most appreciated.

You and the children will enjoy the wonderful food, great entertainment and fun activities! And, the admission is free! Help support our fun-filled 20th Strawberry Festival.

Kawakami Trip, by Kai Gavin, age 12

Hello, my name is **Kai Gavin**. I was one of the representatives to go to Watsonville's Sister City, Kawakami in Japan. I also went with fourteen other kids who were either one or two grades above me. And I had a really fun time with them, my host family, and being in Japan. And since I am back in the United States of America, I am about to tell you about my journey to Japan and visiting Kawakami, its people, and culture.

So, to begin, on May 6, 2014, we traveled to San Francisco Airport (SFO) and got into our airplane, flying to Narita Airport in Tokyo, Japan. When we arrived at Narita Airport, it was May 7 already, and we got off our airplane, got in our private bus, and headed to the **Kawakami Country Club** to sleep for our first night in Japan.

The next day on May 8, my roommate, **Luciano**, and I woke up, put some new clothes on, and went downstairs and bought some drinks from the vending machine in the Country Club house. Then, another one of my friends, Sam, came down and started to rest on a couch in the main lobby until one of our chaperones, named **Ms. Maleta**, came down and asked anybody if they wanted to run with her around the Kawakami Country Club golf course. The only people who went were Sam and me. So, I then went up to my room, put my shoes on to go run, then went downstairs and went outside to the golf course. When I went outside, I met up with Sam and Ms. Maleta and started down the golf course trail, and took some pictures on the run too. When we arrived back at the Country Club from the run, everybody went to the other building that was part of the Country Club and had breakfast there. After we had breakfast, we all went to the main building, picked up our luggage, got in our private bus, and headed to the Kawakami Junior High School to get to the welcoming ceremony. When we got there, we were escorted to the multi-purpose room and did our welcoming speeches to the entire school. After that, we all met our host families outside the school and went to their houses. The family my partner, **Bryan**, and I stayed with was the **Ito family**. The Ito family was made up with a mom, dad, older brother, sister, and younger brother, which his name was **Takeru**. So, Bryan and I traveled in their car to their house, where we met the rest of the Ito family, had dinner, and then went to sleep.



On May 9, we spent the whole day at the **Kawakami Junior High School** (the photo is of Statue of the Kawakami Middle School's Mascot). The things we did there were math, social studies, English, and P.E. We also visited the local elementary schools too. After school, we went back to the house and relaxed for a while, until we went to the local

spa. After going to the spa, we went back to our host

family's house, got dressed for our welcoming banquet, and left for the banquet. When we got to the banquet, we found our seats and listened to the speeches that were being given at the banquet. After the speeches were done, we went up and did our speeches too, and started to eat. Also at the banquet, there was *taiko* drumming as entertainment for us and the other people inside the building. After the banquet was over, we traveled back to the house, and went to sleep.

The next day on May 10, we traveled to **Fijikyu Highland Amusement Park** and had fun there for about eight hours. We also bought some things there, ate some lunch, and rode all the rides. My favorite area of the park was the Le Gaspard and Lisa Village and the Mount Fuji Museum. After going to the amusement park, we went to a fancy restaurant that was near Kawakami. I had like a vegetable type of pizza that they had, and I thought it was good. So, after we were done with dinner, we headed back to our host families home and went straight to bed.

The following next day on May 11, we all went to a BBQ that the people of Kawakami paid for, and had a great time. The interesting thing about it was that the meat and chicken that I had, you actually had to BBQ them yourselves. Also, before we got to the BBQ, we had an ice cream in the mountains that was supposed to be the best in town, and had a great view of Mt. Fuji. So, after the BBQ, we went to a local mall and looked around for stuff to bring back. After that, we went straight home, and then went to sleep.

The next day on May 12, it was our final day in Kawakami, so we went to the junior high school for a little bit, and then left Kawakami to get to Tokyo. So, after about four hours, we arrived in Tokyo, and our hotel. Before we went to sleep, we went to an exclusive restaurant on top of an exclusive hotel, and had a great time. One of the cool things about it was that we got a clear view of all of Tokyo. After the dinner, we returned to our hotel, and went to bed.

The next day on May 13, we took a tour around Tokyo and got all our shopping done. The places we visited were Tokyo Skytree Tower, and the temples of Tokyo. We also went to the Tokyo Skytree shopping center and a 100 yen store. We also went to another exclusive restaurant at the same hotel, but this time, it was a buffet. It also had the same view of Tokyo just like our first dinner in the hotel. So after that delicious dinner, we went straight to our hotel and went to sleep.

On our final day in Japan, we started to pack our entire luggage and headed to our personal bus and headed to Narita Airport. Once we reached Narita Airport, we boarded our airplane, and started to head to San Francisco Airport, (SFO), (which would take about ten and a half hours.) So after the long plane ride, we arrived at SFO, and met all our family members again, and traveled to our homes.

And that was how my friends and my trip to Japan went, and if you have a kid in 6th to 8th grade, tell him or her about this amazing adventure to Japan that they will probably enjoy. So in the end, I really enjoyed Japan and traveling to Kawakami, and I hope this will encourage kids to want to go too. So thank you for your time, and goodbye.

EDUCATIONAL CONSORTIUM INSITTUTE (ECI)

By Eriko Yokoyama

ECI is an educational, non-profit organization that is in **need of host families** for this summer. Will you help us?

ECI has been involved with international education for the past 20 plus years. We mainly work with high school and middle school students from Japan, China, Korea, Europe (Italy, Spain and France), and, occasionally, the Americas. We organize short-term English language and American culture programs during the winter, spring and summer, with our greatest need for host families during July and August.

This summer, our biggest home stay group is from **Rissho Middle and High School of Tokyo, Japan**. We are in need for host families from **July 27 to August 10** for some of these 14-15 year-old students.

The families will receive compensation of \$550 for hosting a student, and the students are in class or out and about from around 8:30 until 5:00, approximately, from Monday to Friday.

Host families need to provide a bed, 3 meals a day, and a friendly, welcoming atmosphere for the students, who wish to practice their English and learn about American family life.

ECI provides transportation to and from a convenient drop off/pick up location each day, so families don't need to transport all the way to our campus in La Selva Beach.

We also have an all-day outing planned for the students on Sun., Aug 3, 2014 to an Oakland A's baseball game, so they will be out that day as well.

For more information, please contact **Eriko Yokoyama** at (831) 724-4800 right away. Thank you so much! *Domo arigato!*

WESTVIEW HIGHLIGHTS by Leslie Nagata-Garcia



Birthday Celebration!!

After Worship service on June 29th, members and friends of Westview were honored to celebrate the 100th birthday of **Dr. Masako Miura** (photo at left). Congratulations!

Upcoming Event for All Members and Friends -Sushi Bowl

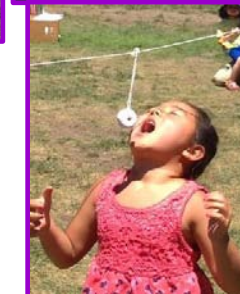


Don't forget to mark your calendars for **Saturday, August 23rd** as everyone is invited to attend the **Westview Sushi Bowl!** See Upcoming Youth/Family Events below for more details.

JACL Picnic

On June 28th, the JACL held its annual Community Picnic at the Aptos Village Park. This fun-filled day included races, bingo, entertainment from Watsonville

Taiko, scholarship presentations, a raffle and a delicious BBQ chicken/hot dog lunch. As you can tell from the photos above, everyone had a great time!



Upcoming Youth/Family Events

- **August 9 – SATURDAY NIGHT POOL PARTY 11 AM – 2 PM** at the Kadotani's (No gym nite August 1st or 15th)
- **August 23 – SUSHI BOWL**, All Church event - all members and friends are invited at the Gilroy Bowl!! Meet at **Westview** to carpool at **3 p.m.** We will be back at 7:30 p.m.

Summer Youth Service/Educational Trip to San Francisco/Oakland with Center for Student Mission from **August 10 – 13th, 2014**. There are still a few spots open if you are interested in attending this event. Contact Pastor Dan for more details & to sign-up.

Wednesday Study Series: We will start a new series in the fall. We will possibly read **The Hope Quotient** by **Rev. Dr. Ray Johnston**. It is a fantastic book about nurturing hope in your life! If you have any idea or thoughts, talk to Pastor Dan.

Computer Tutor Center for Youth and Seniors: **13 Computers** were donated by **Michael Fukutome's workplace - Skidmore, Owings and Merrill LLP!** 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.

Pastor Dan Hoffman will be leading a **Hospice Grief Group** for VNA and Hospice at **Valley Heights** on **Wed., Aug 6 & Sept 3 from 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** 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.

TOM DOI STORY by Randy Mano



On July 20, 2014, **Tom Doi**, one of the founding members of Westview here on 118 First Street, made a pilgrimage from Burbank to Westview Church. He spoke of his parents both Buddhist's bringing

him to Westview (a Christian Church) in the early 1930's to learn more about the American way of life, to his Buddhist Church and Westview Church families throwing him a going away party before being deployed to the armed services in the 1940's.

Tom spoke with love and passion about his beloved Westview Church and how much it meant to him and hoping that he would find one of his old friends during his visit. Although he didn't find anyone and thought he may be the last one around, there was still joy and happiness that he made this trip.

He recalled a time when he played on the Westview Church baseball and basketball teams called the **Ace's** that often played against their arch rival the Buddhist Temple. He attended Westview before the sanctuary was built with the pulpit being in now what is the fellowship hall. Tom talked about remembering how important the **Sakata family** was to building Westview Church as it stands right now.

What an awesome blessing it was for me to be able to be in attendance and meet someone with that much history and passion for Westview Church, on the exact same day my wife and I came back to visit after moving to Sacramento earlier this year. Photo by **Randy Mano**.

WHAT RETIRED SENIORS DO FOR FUN

1. At lunchtime, sit in your parked car with sunglasses on and point a hairdryer at passing cars. Watch 'em slow down.
2. On all check stubs, write "for Marijuana."
3. Skip down the street instead of walking and see how many weird looks you'll get.
4. Order a diet water at a restaurant and do it with a serious face.
5. Sing-a-long while at the Opera.
6. When the money comes out of the ATM, scream, "I won! I won!"
7. When leaving the zoo, start running towards the car parking lot, yelling "Run for your lives! They're loose!"
8. Tell your children over dinner, "Due to the economy, we have to let one of you go."
9. Or, at a fancy restaurant, pay the bill and say, "Thank you," to your children. When they ask, "Why are you thanking us when you've paid the bill?" Tell them you're spending their inheritance.

10. Go to a large, crowded department store's fitting room, drop your drawers to your ankles and yell out, "There's no paper in here!"

A flyer for Midori Kai Arts & Crafts Boutique. The top half has a green background with a white circular logo on the left containing a green diamond shape. To the right of the logo, the text reads "Midori Kai ARTS & CRAFTS BOUTIQUE". Below this, it says "Saturday, Sept. 13, 2014 9am to 4pm". Further down, the location is listed: "Mountain View Buddhist Temple Gym 575 N. Shoreline Blvd. Mountain View, CA 94043". On the left side, there is a list of items: "Asian American Arts & Crafts", "Handcrafted Jewelry", "Clothing", "Pottery", "Drawing Prizes", and "Food and much more!!!!". On the right side, there is a section for "FEATURED ENTERTAINMENT" listing "Lotus Preschool Singers 10:30am" and "Kyle Abbott Tuguru Shamisen 2:00pm". At the bottom, contact information is provided: "For more information please contact Phyllis Oaki (925) 596-1770 or Marsha Baird (510) 579-1518 www.midorikai.com". A note at the bottom says "PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE".

SENIOR CENTER HIGHLIGHTS

The Senior Center News for July will, along with the August events, appear in our 2014 September issue.

Thank you for understanding.

We, however, do have the **Seniors' Corner** on page 19 of this newsletter. Please check it out.

WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL

Thank you members for your continuing support of our programs and projects. We cannot succeed without your membership. Please encourage family members, relatives and friends to join us for 2014-2015. Our membership dues have not increased for the past 6 years.

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

E. Txxxx 3/14 This means the membership expired after March of 2014.

Our mailing address is:

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Watsonville, CA 95077-0163

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

Thank you for reading this August 2014 newsletter.

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.

Among those who expressed appreciation for our monthly newsletter was **Norman Y. Mineta**, former Secretary of Transportation.

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

Onward!

Mas Hashimoto, Editor

PHOTOS OF WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE OBON, JULY 20, 2014





(1) We were grateful so many attended this year's obon; (2) Ken Tanimoto, BCA President-elect, welcomed all. Tad & JoAnn Kato sold raffle tickets; Barbara Shingai & Janice DeCarli sold the cookbooks; (3) YBAers enjoyed selling *teriyaki* beef-on-a-stick; (4) Young Skye Horton of *taiko*; (5) Special guests from SF were Ai, Lina, Ellie, Dale Minami and Mrs. Sakiko Mori. They enjoyed the strawberry shortcake; (6) *Sushi*, *udon*, and so much more good food were available; (7) Children enjoyed playing the many games; (8) Tea"masters" Sam Sakamoto and Franz Steidl; (9) Kaden Tao enjoyed playing with his fan during the *odori*; (10) Sensei Lisa Honda and Akemi Ito led the *tanko bushi*; (11) Christine Bowes played the *taiko* drum for the *odori*; (12) Watsonville Taiko's children group was a huge hit; (13) Rev. Hoshu Matsubayashi, Rev. Orai Fujikawa and Rev. Shousei Hanayama; (14-15) The *odori* was the perfect ending to our **2014 Obon Festival**.

Friday, September 12, 2014 1 pm matinee

Santa Cruz Follies

"MOMENTS IN TIME" - 'All the milestones of our lives are accompanied by music'

Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium, 307 Church St., Santa Cruz, CA

Cost: \$20 for senior ticket. We are arranging car pools and **need drivers!**

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.



June birthdays: **Michiko Hamada 93, Nobue Fujii, Kumiko Nakatani, and Sunao Honda.** Absent were **Floy Sakata, Phil Shima, and Chiyoko Yagi 94.** **Susan AmRhein and Shirley Nishimoto** with "4th of July" treats for the Seniors. Photos by **Carol Kaneko.**

Upcoming Activities at the Senior Center:

Thurs Aug 7, 14, 28 Regular Bingo

Thurs Aug 21 August birthday party

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.

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	___ \$150 This includes two National dues with one subscription to the <i>Pacific Citizen</i> , local dues and our monthly JACL newsletter, and all children under age 14 to be included.
Individual Member	___ \$80 This includes National dues with subscription to the <i>Pacific Citizen</i> , the official paper of the National JACL, and local chapter dues and our monthly JACL newsletter.
Youth/Student	___ \$25 for each of ages 14 to 24, which includes a subscription to the <i>Pacific Citizen</i> , local youth/student membership, and our monthly JACL newsletter. Youth membership is <u>required</u> for scholarship consideration.

For **Thousand Club**, **Century Club**, and **Millennium Club** and **Life** membership categories, please contact our membership chair **Jeanette Otsuji Hager**.

Name: _____
(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Name)

Spouse's Name: _____
(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Name)

Address: _____

Home phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

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

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Please send your check payable to **Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL** and mail ASAP to:
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