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Lessons in
Loyalty

THE WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL

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In Memory of Nisei Veterans: A Service for All Faiths by Sam Sakamoto, Chairman



As chairman of the event--paying special tribute to the **U. S. Military Intelligence Service of WW II**--I would like to express my deep appreciation to the following:

Most important were the people who attended the service! It was very heart-warming to see the large and diverse audience gathered.

The **Temple Board** and to **Hanayama Sensei**, our Temple minister, for setting the date and officiating at the service;

Our guest speaker, **Mr. Mas Hashimoto**, for giving a wonderful and interesting talk about the MIS which was historically important;

To fellow veteran and Military Intelligence Service instructor **Lt Col. Frank Inami** of Livermore, CA, **Ben Umeda** and **Iwao Yamashita** of Watsonville; and to the President of the *Friends and Family of Nisei Veterans (FFNV)* **Lawson Sakai** (100th/442nd RCT veteran) and **Mrs. Mineko Sakai** of Morgan Hill, CA;

The *Honor Guard* of **VFW Post 1716** led by **Post Commander David Ambriz** and bugler **Tony Rojas** who made the ceremony a memorable one;

The **Adult Buddhist Association** for providing a delicious Mexican lunch and a variety of desserts;

Donations for the raffle, a hand-made jewelry box was won by **Jeanette O. Hager**;

The **Boy Scout Troop 558** who presented the colors and helped with the luncheon;

Franz Steidl for designing and printing the program;

Erik Chalhoub of the *Watsonville Register-Pajaronian* for advertising and covering the event;

And, thank you all for participating at this event.

A TRIBUTE TO THE MIS ON NOV. 9, 2014

by Mas Hashimoto, Editor

On a beautiful day, ABA member and 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team veteran, **Sam Sakamoto** welcomed everyone to the memorial service honoring those of the **Military Intelligence Service** of WW II.

Then, we all went outside for the flag raising and honor guard salute.



The young members of the Temple's **BSA Troop 558** carefully unfolded the flag and hoisted it onto the flag pole while bugler **Tony Rojas** played a patriotic tune.



An Honor Guard salute, in memory and honor of all those who served in the armed forces of the United States, was given by four members of **VFW Post 1716**. They were led by **Post Commander David Ambriz**. **Tony Rojas** played "Taps."



Rev. Shousei Hanayama of the Watsonville Buddhist Temple officiated the memorial service, and **Mrs. Yoko Umeda** played the organ.

After the service, a delicious lunch was served in the temple hall.

For the service, I had been asked to speak about the contributions of our forgotten heroes, the Military Intelligence Service of WW II and of the post-WW II war era.

Good Morning! And, thank you all for coming.

*I wish to thank **Sam Sakamoto** of the 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team and the **Watsonville Buddhist Temple** for this honor to speak today.*

I would like to preface my remarks by asking first how many of you here today were incarcerated in one of America's ten concentration camps during WW II? Please stand if you are able, or raise your hands. Thank you.

How many had family members—your grandparents, maybe--incarcerated in one of the camps? Please raise your hands. Thank you.

Who served with the 100th/442nd RCT – the “Purple Heart Battalion”--during WW II? Please stand and be recognized. Thank you for your service.

Who served with the Military Intelligence Service--the MIS--during WW II? Please stand and be recognized. Thank you. This is your story.

All who have ever served with Armed Forces of the United States--please stand and be recognized. Thank you for your service and for your presence.

To those who were unjustly imprisoned and who gaman'd – endured/persevered – and to those who served in the US military during WW II, our nation owes you a debt of gratitude. Our Japanese American community is stronger today because of your commitment, sacrifice, and love of country.

A point of personal privilege: an introduction to my family's connection to the MIS. First, I have six older brothers—**Hiroshi, Wataru, Tsuyoshi, Tadashi, Noriyuki, and Mitsuru**—and there's me, **Masaru**. Yes, there will be a test on this later.

Some of you may remember two of my older brothers, numbers #3 and #4--Tsuyoshi and Tadashi--who volunteered out of Poston in 1943 to serve with the MIS. Only Tadashi saw front-line combat, while assigned TDY (temporary duty) to the US Marines on an island in the Pacific War. After the war, he remained in Japan for the rest of his life--helping with the Occupation, restoration and modernization of a democratic Japan and served as the billeting officer for Tachikawa Air Force Base, outside of Tokyo, during the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

My oldest brother – **Hiroshi**, a Kibei (American born, educated in Japan) – is a draft dodger but of the Japanese Imperial Army. He borrowed money and escaped back to the United States in 1937 after I was born. Japan was expanding its war against China, and he wanted no part of that. He would have made a great MIS soldier but contacted tuberculosis (TB) while in Poston (one of 153) and was unable to serve.

I also had another brother, number #2--**Wataru**—none of you knew—who was given to an uncle who had no children, not an uncommon practice. **Wataru** was drafted and killed while serving with the Japanese Army.

Brother #5--**Noriyuki**—never got a chance to serve. In May of 1942, at age 14, he was accidentally killed while playing baseball in our first prison--the Salinas Assembly Center. My mother was devastated with the death of her best son. My father had died earlier in August of 1938.

Mitsuru, brother #6, graduated from WHS in June of 1950. That month the Korean War started. **Mits** volunteered to serve with the US Navy and was a corpsman—a medic--stationed at Yokusuka Naval Hospital in Japan. After his service, he graduated from Cal Poly with a degree in mechanical engineering.

I'm #7. After obtaining my teaching credential at San Jose State College I was drafted and served during the Cold War with the Chemical Section of Sixth Army Headquarters, Presidio of SF. Our work--developing chemical, biological (germ warfare), and nuclear weapons--required top-secret clearance. Today, this Army section would be working with potential biological agents like Ebola which may be used as a weapon against us. I started teaching US History at Watsonville High in 1960 and retired after 36 years. Today, I speak about our wartime experiences to students wherever invited.

I am happily married to **Marcia**, the love of my life. Thank you, Marcia.

Months before the attack on Pearl Harbor, the US Army was preparing for the war against Japan. In 1941, it had conducted a survey of 3,700 Nisei (Japanese American) soldiers. Only 111 were accomplished as linguists; 148 were proficient; and 111 needed training in the Japanese language. The rest, 90%, were considered too “Americanized.”

On Nov. 1, 1941, five weeks before “Pearl Harbor,” a top secret language school was established in an abandoned airplane hanger, Building 640, at Crissy Air Field, Presidio of SF by **Lt Col. John Weckerling** and

Captain Kai E Rasmussen, and the director of academic training was **John F Aiso**, who later became a renowned judge. Sixty students, mostly Nisei, were recruited. Nisei who completed and graduated were promised commissions as 2nd Lts. That was not to be. Only the Caucasian graduates, whose knowledge and expertise were considerably less, received officer's commissions. Japanese American soldiers were to fight two wars—one against the enemy and another against prejudice and favoritism in the US military.

Among the first instructors were **Tom Tanimoto** of Watsonville and **Shig Kihara** of Monterey.

After we were forcibly removed from the West Coast in 1942, the school was moved to a former Civilian Conservation Corps camp--Camp Savage--in Minnesota. It moved again when larger facilities were required – to nearby Ft Snelling, Minnesota.

Today, this school is at the Presidio of Monterey and is called the **Department of Defense Language Institute (DLI)**. Monterey is the language capital of the world. Today, of the 60 plus languages studied--Mandarin, Arabic, Russian, and the North Korean dialect--are among the most important.

More than 6,000 MIS graduates, men and women, served throughout the Pacific Theater and the subsequent Occupation of Japan.

The men served in every campaign in the Pacific War starting with the Japanese invasion of the Aleutian Islands in Alaska, part of the Battle for Midway Island.

The Japanese language was used as a secret weapon against the Japanese. The US military broke every secret code of the Japanese ... including one the Japanese thought was absolutely unbreakable. This code was based upon Japan's military academy's -- their "West Point's"--special language, but our Nisei-Kibei soldiers had attended that academy before the war and knew the special "lingo" spoken there.

Codes: There were several levels with special colored covers: **Confidential (blue folder); Secret (red)** and **Top Secret (yellow)**. The British would say "Most Secret" for top secret.

Then, there's the code within a code that's impossible to break for it's between two individuals: "Niitaka yama nobore--Climb Mt. Niitaka" which gave the Imperial Navy the go ahead to attack Pearl Harbor. Or, "Tora, Tora, Tora --Tiger, Tiger, Tiger" which meant surprise attack achieved.

Lt. Gen. John DeWitt, 4th Army commander, having the "ear" of **President Franklin D. Roosevelt**, stated "a Jap's a Jap. It makes no difference whether the Jap is a citizen or not ... There isn't such a thing as a loyal Japanese." DeWitt had served his purpose. President Roosevelt issued Executive Order 9066 on February 19, 1942 – our "Day of Remembrance"--and Congress passed Public Law 503 by which 120,000 innocent persons of Japanese ancestry were forcibly placed in one of ten concentration camps without warrants, charges, attorneys, trial or due process of law. The Constitution ceased to exist for those of Japanese ancestry.

The MIS were the "ears and eyes of the US and its Allies." **General Douglas MacArthur** stated, "Never in military history did an army know so much about the

enemy prior to actual engagement." He was, of course, praising the MIS.

"We would have been twice as blind ... without a doubt they have saved many American lives." **Col. Van Antwerp**, 27th Infantry Division

"We used them on Bataan. They collected information on the battlefield, they shared death in battle, and when one of them was captured, his fate was a terrible one. The information received through their special skills proved invaluable to our battle forces." **Maj. Gen. Willoughby**

"No group had so much to lose. Capture would have meant indescribable horrors to them and their relatives in Japan. They are worthy of the highest praise for their invaluable contribution to the success of Allied arms." **Col. Mashbir**, Commanding Officer, Allied Translator and Interrogator Service

"If you are ever questioned as to your loyalty, don't even bother to reply. The testimony to your gallant deeds under fire will speak so loudly that you need not answer." **Maj. Gen. Bissell**, WDGS

"They worked so close to the enemy on these missions that with the danger of being killed by the Japanese, they run the risk of being shot, unintentionally by our own marines. Many have paid with their lives. They had done an outstanding job, and their heroism should be recognized. It has been recognized by the marine commanders where I saw them in action at Guam, Peleliu, and Iwo." **Joe Rosenthal**, News Cameraman, Pulitzer Prize Winner for his photo of raising the American flag over Iwo Jima--today's **US Marine Memorial**.

My brother, Tadashi, never wore a helmet in combat for he didn't wish to be shot accidentally by a US Marine.

Gerald "Gerry" Borg -- he was with the first wave of marines on Iwo Jima on February 19, 1945--his "Day of Remembrance"--when so many of his buddies were killed. He survived the war. You will remember his wife, **Jane Borg**, of the **Pajaro Valley Historical Association**.

At first, the commanders didn't know what to do with the MISers. So, they were used as drivers or ditch diggers (latrine duty). When the first Japanese soldiers were captured, the MISers went to work. They were assigned in groups of 4, 10 or 14. Because they were assigned as TDY – on temporary duty—"on loan"--they weren't mentioned in the company's morning reports. They were invisible and were not given due credit or recognition.

They went into battle armed with little dictionaries like this one. Their work as interrogators and interpreters, then later as translators, radio announcers, propaganda writers, and cave flushers impressed not only the officers but the men, too.

MIS learned while listening to airplane radio communications, which was in plain Japanese, of the movement of Japan's top military leader--**Admiral Yamamoto**--and aided in shooting him down.

They translated captured war plans--the famous "Z Plan." We knew their entire war strategy and maneuvers.

We learned of their complete military organization, of officers, of strength of each unit, and where they were located.

When a marine detachment asked for reinforcements, they were told they had the numbers to do the job and

reinforcements would be sent where they were badly needed.

MIS translated one huge, obscure document that later proved invaluable. The Japanese kept a careful inventory of their equipment ... some artillery pieces were missing firing pins. We knew what they had and where they were located.

Captured maps detailed the position and battle plans. Letters and diaries told of the desperation, hardships and starvation ... the enemy was reduced to eating roots, snakes and insects and suffered from diseases.

MIS men made beach assault landings, went on patrols, captured prisoners and interrogated them, parachuted behind enemy lines and operated behind enemy lines for the duration, worked with guerrillas and blew up bridges, ambushed enemy troops, and destroyed their supplies.

The exploits of Merrill's Marauders was made into a Cinemascope war film in 1962 with actor **Jeff Chandler** as Brig. Gen. Frank Merrill. How many have seen it? Included was one Japanese-speaking Filipino!! Conspicuously absent were the 14 MISers who saved the butts of Merrill's Marauders time and time again. Hollywood needs to remake the film and to do it correctly this time. Among the 14 guys was **Roy Matsumoto** who recently died at age 100. The long-range penetration by special operations jungle warfare unit--5307th Composite Unit (provisional) with the code name "Galahad" -- in South-East Asian theater of WW II (China-Burma-India) was vital to the war effort—to keep China in the war. Supplies to China were sent via USA, South America, Africa, India and then over the "hump" (Himalayas) to Chungking, China—three quarters way around the world. Later, more supplies will be sent via the Burma Road.

The Marauder 2nd Battalion was trapped at Nhpum Ga. At night Roy Matsumoto would crawl out close to the Japanese lines and listen to them talk and secured valuable information.

Later, he noticed a communication line in the trees. He climbed and tapped into the line. He knew the Japanese dialect that was spoken, and he could respond!

He learned that the Japanese were planning to annihilate his battalion. Roy, using his language skills, set up an ambush. When the attack came, the Marauders sprang the trap mowing down the first wave of attackers, and when the second wave stalled in confusion, Roy stood up and yelled in Japanese, "Attack! Attack!" causing the second wave to meet the same fate as the first.

When his Caucasian comrade, **Sgt Warren T. Ventura**, asked his commanding officer, **Lt Col George McGee**, why Matsumoto was not recommended for the Medal of Honor, the Colonel replied, "He was only an enlisted man doing his duty."

Brig. Gen. Frank Merrill said, "As for the value of the Nisei group, I couldn't have gotten along without them. Probably few realized that these boys did everything that an infantryman normally does plus the extra work of translating, interrogating, etc. Also they were in a most unenviable position as to identity as almost everyone from the Japanese to the Chinese shot first and identified later."

After the Marauders, Roy served in China at the Sino Translation and Interrogation Center (SINTIC). Then,

after the war Roy worked for Headquarters, China Command and performed undercover missions for the general headquarters of the Allied forces in Japan.

Roy ended up interrogating his cousin and rescuing his brother from a prison in China. He is credited with saving the lives of over 800 American soldiers and twice saved his own battalion from annihilation. He was awarded a Bronze Star.



MIS **Thomas Sakamoto** listens to **Roy Matsumoto** during a panel discussion honoring the MIS in SF.

In the 1970s, he attended a reunion of Merrill's Marauders, and he was overwhelmed with the attention, gratitude and respect showered upon him. He was inducted into the **US Ranger Hall of Fame** 1993 and **Military Intelligence Corps Hall of Fame** in 1997. His exploits are truly that of an American patriot. Once he had been classified as an enemy alien ineligible for military service. The British have the Commandos. We have Rangers.

The Marauders opened the Burma Road to keep China supplied and in the war against Japan. The Japanese never did connect with the Axis Powers in India.

When **Sgt. Frank Hachiya** was returning from a scouting mission he volunteered for during the battle of Leyte, Philippines, he was shot by our own troops ("friendly fire"). While wounded and dying he made a detailed report of the enemy location and fortification. He was awarded the Silver Star Medal and Purple Heart posthumously.

George Ichiro Nakamura, a graduate of Santa Cruz High School, Class of 1941, enrolled as a pre-medical student at UC Berkeley with high aspirations of becoming a doctor.

As the war was winding down in the Philippines, there were pockets of isolated Japanese soldiers left behind.



On June 29, 1945, Sgt Nakamura tried to convince one group to drop their weapons and surrender. A shot rang out. Nakamura lay dead. The war was to end seven weeks later. His family received his Silver Star.

There's a building named Nakamura Hall at the Presidio of Monterey in his honor and memory. He was only 22 years old. He is buried at the Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno.

There's an academic building named after Sgt Frank Hachiya too.

The MIS served with distinction with:

6th, 8th, and 10th Army Headquarters
1st, 9th, 10th, 11th, 14th, and 24th Corps Headquarters

The First Cavalry Division

6th, 7th, 11th, 24th, 25th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 38th, 40th, 41st,
43rd, 77th, 81st, 93rd, and 96th Infantry Divisions

1st, 5th, and 7th Marine Division

AMERICAL Division

Far East Air Forces Headquarters

5th, 6th, 7th, 10th, 11th, 13th, 14th, and 20th Air Forces

They served with Psychological Warfare, Office of Strategic Service (OSS), Office of War Information, Chinese Combat Command, and British, Australian, and New Zealand armies.

They fought in Attu, Alaska; New Guinea; Luzon, Mindanao, Leyte, Corregidor, Bataan in the Philippines; Solomon Islands; Los Negros; Guadalcanal; New Georgia; Makin Island; Saipan; Okinawa; Anguar; Ryuku Islands; Iwo Jima; Marianas; India-Burma; Chungking; Guam; Burma; and so many other forsaken places.

Soon after Germany surrendered in May of 1945, MIS linguists were flown to the Japanese Embassies in Europe to read captured documents which may shed light on Japanese war plans. The war in the Pacific continued for another three months.

MISers were assigned to our Manhattan Project, the secret building of the atomic bomb, for the Japanese were attempting to make such a bomb. So were the Germans.

Gen. Wainwright, the hero of Corregidor, and 1600 prisoners were rescued by an OSS team which included **Fumio Kido**. This was called Operation Cardinal.

When the war ended on Aug 15, the very next day, **Dick Hamada** and six others from OSS Det.101, parachuted into an enemy POW camp in Peiping, currently Beijing, to rescue four Doolittle Raiders and 600 others from possible execution. They were fired upon by snipers, surrounded and threatened by hostile enemy. It was called Operation Magpie. There were ten such Mercy Missions conducted simultaneously, and they all were parachuted behind the enemy lines.

MIS help write the surrender terms, interpreted for **Emperor Hirohito** and **Gen. MacArthur** upon their first meeting.

The Emperor spoke to **Kan Tagami**, asking that the Nisei be the bridge between Japan and the United States.

They assisted with the War Crime trials in the Philippines, China and Japan. My high school teacher, **Paul Bourns**, was an Army Chaplain during the war assigned to Sugamo Prison. The high ranking Japanese officers asked for a Buddhist priest. Bourns found a young Jodo Shinshu minister in Tokyo--**Rev. Shinsho Hanayama**. He wrote of his experiences in "Way of Deliverance," a best-seller in Japan. In the 1950s he became the bishop of the Buddhist Churches of America. His grandson is our minister today--**Rev. Shousei Hanayama**.

MIS helped with the Occupation, assisted atomic bomb victims, helped those Japanese soldiers repatriated from Korea, China, and the Soviet Union after the war, helped with land reform and in writing the new constitution of Japan, and helped in the Korean War. The maps of Korea were in Japanese and had to be translated into English.

They helped to keep the Japanese Communists in check. We were not going to trade a fascist regime for a Communist one.

There is an important connection between the MIS, the 100th/442nd RCT and the JACL. It's the **Sgt Kazuo Masuda Story**.

"You take away our farm, our home, put us in prison, take my son, he is killed, and you want to give me a medal? No, thank you." Kaz Masuda's mother refused to accept the medal.

In Fountain Valley, LA they couldn't get their hero son buried because "No Japs" were allowed in the cemetery!

Her daughter **June** accepted the Distinguished Service Cross from **General Joseph "Vinegar Joe" Stilwell** who flew all the way from Washington, DC. General Stilwell knew first hand of the heroic contributions of the Nisei soldiers both in Europe and in the Pacific campaigns.

"The Nisei bought an awful big hunk of America with their blood," said General Stilwell, Commander of US troops in China-Burma-India Theater. The soldier's hall at Ft Ord is named in his honor for he served here before the war.

"The blood of Americans that has soaked into the sand of a beach is all one color. America stands unique in the world, the only country not founded on race, but on a way, an ideal ..." said a young Captain who accompanied General Stilwell. **Captain Ronald Reagan**, who remembered and, as President, signed the **Civil Liberties Act of August 10, 1988**, which offered an apology and reparations for our unjust wartime incarceration.

When the war ended in 1945, the highest ranking Nisei officer was that of a major. Today, we've had over 40 flag—men and women --admirals and generals.

In the year 2000, during a JACL National Convention in Monterey, a **Presidential Unit Citation** was presented by the **Army Chief of Staff, Gen. Eric Shinseki**, on behalf of **President Bill Clinton**, to the MIS. **Marvin Uratsu** accepted on behalf of the MIS.



A **Congressional Gold Medal** was presented in November of 2011 to those of 100th/442nd/MIS.

(Mas is holding the Gold Medal awarded his late brother, Tadashi.)

Photo by **Marcia Hashimoto**.

"The United States of America owes a debt to these Nisei linguists and to their families which it can never fully repay." **Col. Sidney Mashbir**, ATIS

"The Nisei saved countless Allied lives and shortened the war by two years." **Maj. Gen. Charles Willoughby**, Chief of Intelligence, G-2, under Gen. MacArthur's command.

So what did the Nisei soldiers of the MIS, along with the 100th/442nd RCT and those who remained faithful to America in those awful concentration camps, **accomplish**?

Well, it was said in the press before WW II, "the Japanese is an alien race which can never be assimilated into the American way of life. There's nothing of value of Japanese culture."

Nothing of value? Today, many Americans—young and seniors--know how to use chopsticks, enjoy sushi, sashimi, tofu, wasabi, teriyaki, sukiyaki, mochi; they know how to write haiku, fold origami and enjoy ikebana, bonsai, taiko, karate ("wax on, wax off"), karaoke, cherry blossom festivals, Godzilla, Seven Samurai, ninja warriors, and the love of nature's beauty.

But, far more important is our philosophy--"kodomo no tameni" (for the sake of the children), "gaman" (to persevere), "giri" (duty), "on" (honor), no "haji"—bring no shame to the family, "arigatai" (gratefulness), and "wa" (harmony). No longer are Japanese customs, traditions, and culture to be feared or ridiculed. They are respected because of the patriotism displayed by our grandparents, parents, and those of you in this room today.

We enjoy a unique place in American society, and I believe we've helped to open it for other Asian cultures.

On this special Veterans' Day observance that highlighted the Military Intelligence Service, we salute all who have served and who continue to serve in the Armed Forces of the United States.

Thank you.

Mas Hashimoto, Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL

Postscript:



MIS veteran **Frank Inami**, here with 100th/442nd RCT veterans **Sam Sakamoto** and **Lawson Sakai**, enjoyed the program and the lunch provided by ABA.

Next photo: **BSA scouts**, **Sadao Matsunami** and **Sam Sakamoto** served the delicious MIS cake.

Photos, courtesy of **Franz Steidl**.



MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE HONORED BY NATIONAL JAPANESE AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SF ON NOV. 15, 2014



Under the watchful eyes of the Golden Gate Bridge and on a beautiful autumn day, the **National Japanese American Historical Society of San Francisco (NJAHS)** of SF) held the first anniversary of the opening of the **Military Intelligence Service Historic Learning Center and Museum** in Building 640, Crissy Field, Presidio of San Francisco.

Crissy Field was a small airport used by the US Army and by the US Postal Service when "Air Mail" first arrived at this West Coast terminal (around 1920).



NJAHS Board President, **Bryan Yagi**, welcomed all.



The keynote speaker was **Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi**, D-SF, who is extremely knowledgeable not only of our unjust wartime incarceration but of the heroics of the MIS and of the 100th/442nd RCT that eventually led to the Congressional Gold Medal presentation. She spoke of her gratefulness to all in the Nikkei nation who have and who continue to serve this nation. She was extremely pleased to meet the members of the 100th/442nd MIS veterans and delighted in taking photos with each of them.



The program then moved to the Observation Post for the luncheon and continuation of the program.



Guest speaker, former US Senator from Hawaii, the honorable **Daniel Akaka**, now 90 years young, spoke of Hawaii's rainbows ... of all the colors coming together to present a united nation—that the United States is not a blue or red nation.

In Hawaii, there's a saying, "No rain, no rainbow."

As a young, military academy (high school) student on Dec. 7, 1941, Akaka stood on his building's rooftop to witness the bombing of Pearl Harbor by the Japanese airplanes. Later, as a MISer, on Aug. 6, 1945 and on Tinian Island, he saw the *Enola Gay*, the B-29 airplane, take off on its fateful mission to Hiroshima. He may be the only one who witnessed the start and the end of WW II.

He spoke of gratefulness to the Issei and Nisei for the past and hope by the Sansei and Yonsei for the future.

We are so fortunate to have had Senator Akaka representing all of the Nikkei in the Senate of the United States.



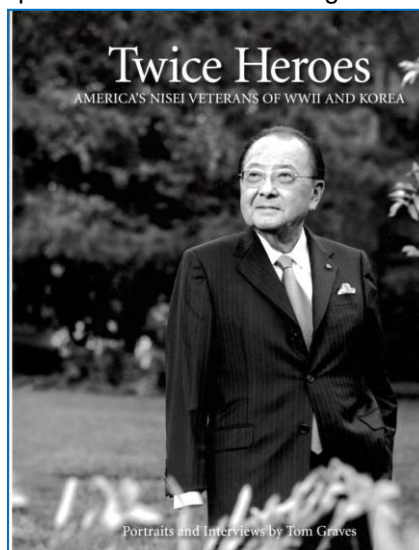
Consul General of Japan Masato Watanabe (far right), assisted by Director of NJAHS of SF **Rosalyn Tonai** (far left) presented certificates of appreciation to **MIS Frank Masaoka**, 442nd RCT **Shig Doi**, and **MIS Asa Hanamoto** of Auburn, CA. Hanamoto, on behalf of all the Nisei veterans, spoke of the hardships and discrimination the Nisei faced and of the ultimate triumph.

Robert Handa of NBC-TV ably served as master of ceremonies at the MIS Learning Center and luncheon.

An added attraction for the museum is a photographic presentation of Rohwer incarceration camp by **Professor Sarah Wilkerson Freeman** of Arkansas State University in Building 640, the MIS Learning Center.

SPECIAL OFFER FOR JACL MEMBERS

Photojournalist **Tom Graves**, a W-SC JACL member, spent a decade interviewing our Nisei soldiers for their life stories. The result?



A 2014 **Benjamin Franklin Award in History** for his informative book, **"Twice Heroes: America's Nisei Veterans of World War II and Korea."**

At first denigrated and mistrusted, Nisei veterans—now in their 80s and 90s, earned the praise of the nation and a **Congressional Gold Medal** in 2011.

Included in 192 pages and 98 photographs are Watsonville's own **Shig Kizuka**, **Mas Tsuda**, and **Walter Tanaka**—as well as neighbors **Frank Inami** and **Lawson**

Sakai. There are also these greats: **Roy Matsumoto, Thomas Sakamoto, Terry Shima, Gene and Marvin Uratsu, Yukio Sumida, Fred Kitajima, Grant Ichikawa, Grant Hirabayashi, Harry Fukuhara, Bill Omoto, George Oiye, George Sakato, George Ariyoshi, "Hersey" Miyamura, Kiyo Sato, Norman Mineta** and, of course, **Daniel K. Inouye.**

JACL members will receive a **20% discount** for "Twice Heroes" by ordering at www.TwiceHeroes.com and enter the code "JACLHEROES" in the coupon field at checkout. The book retails for \$50.

"This book adds an important chapter to the history of the WW II era in which some proud Americans suffered discrimination and internment simply because of their Japanese ancestry. The interviews go a long way to help us understand how wartime hysteria can make governments make poor decisions." **Lt. General Lawrence Snowden**, US Marine Corps, retired.

All current **JACL Millennium Club members** will receive an autographed copy in appreciation of their outstanding commitment to the JACL. JACL members who upgrade to the Millennium Club (\$1,000 annually) by Dec. 31, 2014 will also receive an autographed copy.



Our W-SC JACL chapter has been presenting a copy of Tom Graves' book to the teachers and/or school library when Mas makes his presentation. The funds come from your generous donations to our *Day of Remembrance Education Fund*, and we thank you for your support and thoughtfulness.

SANTA CRUZ HIGH SCHOOL SHUT DOWN

An email which threatened mass casualties was received by the school's principal **Karen Edmonds** on Tues. night, Nov. 18th, by which the school was ordered closed on Wed. Nov. 19th.

A meeting of parents, school administrators, students, police officers, and the community was held at the Kaiser Permanente Arena on Nov. 19th to discuss the issue of threats of violence. Our W-SC JACL member, **Maria Eugenia Matute-Bianchi**, attended

The investigation is still ongoing at press time.

[Editor's note: In the 1960s, Watsonville High School received numerous bomb threats via the telephone. As a teacher, I was instructed to escort my students to the athletic field. All the teachers received similar instructions. I protested, "What if the bomb is at the athletic field?"

The administration ordered us to search our rooms and the students' lockers for the bomb(s). I protested,

"What are we looking for? What does the bomb look like? What if it goes off accidentally?" I refused. I asked the bomb squad from nearby Fort Ord be called.

In basic training in the army at Fort Ord, I had only an hour's training on locating and disarming a land mine. I learned that some had trip wires that would set the mine off. If you discovered the trip wire and were to cut it, the mine would go off. Some mines were booby-trapped.

The high school was getting so many phone calls that the Watsonville police put tracers on the pay telephone booths (remember those?). The police officers moved so fast that one student was caught while still making the call! The phone booth was across from Taylor's Hot Dog Stand. Other calls had come from the area of the 7-11 store on Lincoln and East Lake Avenue. The calls ended.

Today's bomb makers are far more sophisticated, making IEDs (Improvised Explosive Device). These threats are very serious.]

RAISING AWARENESS AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE IN SANTA CRUZ, NOV. 5TH

As the two-year anniversary of the **Sandy Hook Elementary School**, Newtown, Connecticut (Dec. 14, 2012) shooting approaches, members of **Community Against Gun Violence** continue to hold vigils in downtown Santa Cruz on the first Wednesday of every month to promote increased gun safety and a more stringent background check system for potential gun owners.



While the tragedy at Sandy Hook served as the catalyst for the formation of the group, subsequent incidents of gun violence in Santa Cruz County have strengthened the group's resolve, according to co-founder **Maria Eugenia Matute-Bianchi**. Two Santa Cruz police officers were shot and killed in Feb of 2014!

Matute-Bianchi said she is fearful that the American public no longer believes stronger gun regulation laws can be enacted for our voices are drowned out by the fire of those opposed to any gun regulation.

The sparse turnout to Wednesday night's vigil in downtown Santa Cruz appeared to support Matute-Bianchi's allegation of public apathy. Retired teachers **Marcia and Mas Hashimoto** of Watsonville were among the handful of vigil participants.

"It's just too easy to get a gun. We need stronger regulation and background checks," Marcia Hashimoto

said. "There are innocent bystanders dying right here in Santa Cruz County."

"A student brought a loaded semi-automatic gun to Mission Hill Junior High (Santa Cruz, CA) just last month and gun replicas were found at Harbor High School," **Sandra Nichols** said. "How long are we going to wait?"

Matute-Bianchi said she believes the U.S. public has become desensitized to gun violence due to the increased frequency of incidents, but remains hopeful. Initiative 594 is a Washington state measure that passed with a 60% majority vote that will extend background checks to all weapons sales and transfers, with exceptions only for transfers between family members and temporary loans for sporting or self-defense purposes.

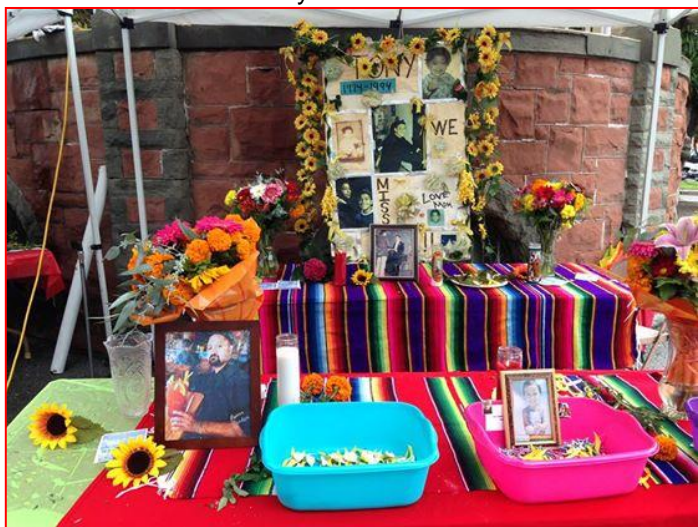
[Editor's note: My brother, living in postwar Japan, had to attend and pass a gun safety class (an 8 hour mandatory class) each year in order to possess a gun license and keep his guns for skeet and pheasant hunting, and he had to prove his guns were securely locked away. Japan is one of the safest countries in which to live.]

21st ANNUAL PEACE AND UNITY MARCH

By Aimee Mizuno

On Sat. Nov. 1st, community members gathered at the Watsonville City Plaza to show their unity by calling for an end to gun violence.

It began in February of 1994, when **Jessica Cortez**, 9, and her 13-year old brother, **Jorge**, were shot dead outside a Pajaro bakery. Just a few months later, 19-year-old **Antonio Ramirez Valdivia** was killed in a drive-by shooting as he left a beach party. The memorial below is dedicated to their memory.



The killings shocked the community, especially the young people. **Felipe Hernandez** and several high school and middle school students responded by organizing the first *Peace and Unity March* as a way to channel their outrage and grief into a call for community action.

Every year since, community members have gathered to remember those killed in violence and to call attention to the issue. And every year, the list of those remembered grows longer.

This year, the community came together for four-year-old **Jaelyn Marie Zavala** and 33-year-old **Ramon Rendon**, both killed in what police believe was a gang-related shooting Oct. 17th.

Our W-SC JACL participated in past marches. Present this year were board members **Aimee Mizuno**, **Mas and Marcia Hashimoto** and members **Gini Matute-Bianchi**, her partner **Norris Woodford** and **Kathryn and Takashi Mizuno**.

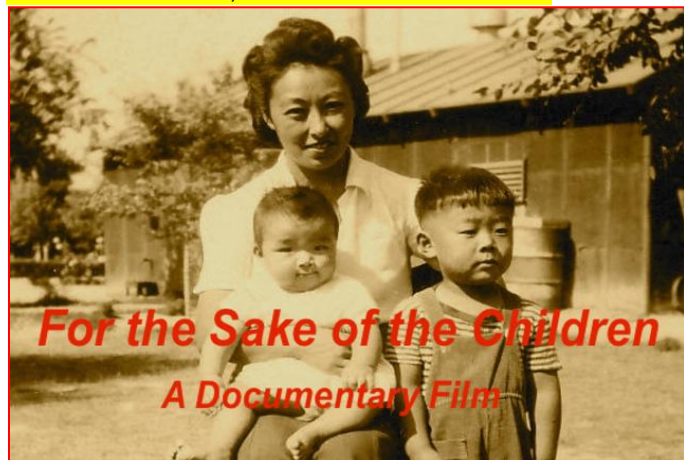


Christina Peabody and **Ana DeLeon**, both students at Cabrillo College, **Aimee Mizuno** and her mother, **Kathryn Mizuno** participated in the march. Photo by **Takashi Mizuno**.

Our W-SC JACL chapter donated \$100 which was used to buy breakfast burritos from Pajaro Food Center for the march organizers and volunteers. The burritos were enjoyed and appreciated, especially by the children. I hope we will be able to support the march in a greater capacity next year!

"FOR THE SAKE OF THE CHILDREN," NEW FILM

We've just learned that our **Kitako Izumizaki** will be featured in this film, and are we excited?! Yes!



For the Sake of the Children is the first and only documentary film about incarcerated mothers in camp and four generations of their descendants.

It explores the legacy of the Japanese American incarceration, its impact on current generations who are descendants of families who were incarcerated and the complex interplay of culture, racial prejudice, history, and intergenerational differences. Rich with interviews with mothers--**Misako Shigekawa**, **Kiyo Yoshida** and **Kitako Izumizaki** (of Watsonville)--who gave birth to and raised

children while imprisoned in concentration camps, and of three generations of descendants, this film will incorporate archival footage, vintage family film clips, children's book illustrations and contemporary *verité* footage. Interviews will be filmed throughout the US. Approximately 70% of the footage has been shot. Over the next several months, we will be shooting more interviews. Editing and post-production will begin during the spring of 2015 with a targeted completion date of July 2015.

The producer is **Marlene Shigekawa**, co-director is **Joe Fox** and the director of photography is **James Nubile**, all familiar names who worked on *Passing Poston* and *Question 1* films.

Why Your Financial Support Is Needed

Recently in May 2014, we were fortunate and honored to be awarded a grant from the **National Endowment for the Arts**. To do justice to our narrative structure and premise, we decided to create a **feature-length film**. For this we are in need of \$10,000 more.

Our fundraising ends on **Fri., Jan. 2, 2015**.

A pledge of **\$10, \$25, \$100, \$250, \$500, \$1,000, \$3,000 or more** will be most welcome.

For **\$5,000**, the donor's name will be listed in the film's *Producer's Credits*.

Checks payable to **Poston Community Alliance** may be mailed to c/o Marlene Shigekawa, 956 Hawthorne Drive, Lafayette, CA 94594.

Thank you!

FUMIKO HAYASHIDA, 103, PASSES AWAY

Seventy-two years ago, **Fumiko Hayashida** was a face in the crowd, one of 227 Japanese-Americans forced to leave **Bainbridge Island**, Washington State (**Exclusion Order #1**) during World War II. But as she (age 31) awaited imprisonment with 13 month old **Natalie** in her arms, a *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* news photographer took her picture.



This photo would later become an iconic wartime image, propelling Hayashida, then a modest farmer's wife, into the limelight of civil rights activism. She was identified by an archivist who enlarged the photo and was able to read Fumiko Hayashida on her identification tag!

[Editor's note:

For the Sake of the Children film tells of the hardships our young mothers faced in camp.

These mothers took little for themselves. Instead, they packed baby clothes, cloth diapers, baby food and maybe a toy. Note the precious little bear toy near the bottom of the photo.]

Hayashida died in Seattle. She was 103.

Born on Bainbridge Island, Hayashida was the oldest living Japanese-American incarcerated from the island.

Because they were near naval bases, the Bainbridge group was the first of 120,000 people of Japanese ancestry detained under Executive Order 9066 in the country. Most were U.S. citizens.

She boarded a ferry to Seattle; and then a train to **Manzanar**, an isolated desert camp in California. She was anxious and scared. Later, she was transferred to Minidoka, Idaho, spending a total of three and a half years. She gave birth to her son **Leonard**. She had three kids under 5 while incarcerated.

When she and husband **Saburo** returned to Bainbridge, their strawberry fields had gone fallow. Many of their friends never returned to the island. He got a job at Boeing and they moved to Beacon Hill, where Hayashida raised three kids and lived for decades.

Her photo re-surfaced in magazines and the *Smithsonian*. She quickly became a living icon, a survivor of wartime heartbreak.

"She wasn't a political person, or an activist, but she relished that role," said **Natalie Ong**, her daughter. "It really added an interesting dimension to her later life."

In her 90s, Hayashida joined the effort to get federal recognition for a Bainbridge site memorializing the internment. She testified before Congress, rolling down the halls in a wheelchair. At first, she was reluctant.

"She said, 'Oh no, I can't speak, I'm an old lady,'" recalled her friend **Clarence Moriwaki**, who had convinced her to testify.

"She nailed it," he said. "She said, 'I'm 95 years old, I'm an old woman, I hope I live long enough to see this memorial be recognized.'"

The **Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial**, of which Moriwaki is president, is now open to the public.

"This war was so long ago," she told the P-I in 2009. "I'm proud of my life. I had a good life, not a perfect one. But nobody's life is perfect. I have good family and good friends, and I feel so lucky."

Hayashida is survived by sister **Midori Yamasaki**; daughter **K. Natalie Ong** and son **Neal Hayashida**; grandchildren **Dennis Hayashida, Richard Hayashida, Kristine Hayashida Moore, Gary Ong and Paula Ong**; five great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by husband **Saburo Hayashida** and son, **Leonard Hayashida**.

The family held a celebration of her life on Nov. 16 in Seattle.

We, too, of the W-SC JACL celebrate her life and contributions to our nation, and we are eternally grateful.

NISEI SOLDIER'S CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL DIGITAL EXHIBIT

TORRANCE, CA.— Inspired by the 2011 awarding of the *Congressional Gold Medal* to the 100th/442nd/MIS, the **National Veterans Network (NVN)** has begun developing a state-of-the-art digital exhibition centered on the outstanding military service of Nisei during World War II. The NVM is working in partnership with the Smithsonian Institution's **Asian Pacific American Center (APAC)** and the **National Museum of American History (NMAH)** and with the financial support from the **National Parks Service (NPS)**.

The digital exhibition will cover the entire Nisei Soldier experience that includes the 100th/442nd/MIS, Japan Occupation and those who served in supporting capacities and integrated into mainstream units.

The exhibition will serve as an educational resource to more than 5 million visitors, students and teachers who come annually to the **Smithsonian National Museum of American History (NMAH)** exhibition, *Price of Freedom: Americans at War* to learn about our country's history.

The Smithsonian will display the *Congressional Gold Medal* permanently as part of NMAH exhibition.

The NVN has raised \$300,000 for this Nisei Soldier Congressional Gold Medal Digital Exhibition, thanks to **Cole Chemical Company** and the **National Park Service**, along with many individuals who are supporting this national project.

What is needed is an additional \$150,000 in matching donations for the digital educational component.

Christine Sato-Yamazaki, the executive director of the National Veterans Network, is asking for your financial support. Please consider making a matching holiday gift in honor of the Japanese American WWII soldiers.

To donate log onto National Veterans Network's website www.nationalveteransnetwork.com. Or, send a check payable to "**National Veterans Network /Tides Center**" to P.O. Box 1221, Torrance, CA 90505. National Veterans Network's fiscal sponsor is the Tides Center, a 501(C)(3) nonprofit organization. All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.



Holiday Cards sponsored by Cole Chemical in honor and memory of our Japanese American WWII Soldiers

Special Holiday Gift

For a limited time, individuals who donate \$50 or more will receive a special holiday card gift set. The cards' design reflects the Nisei Soldier's spirits during the holiday seasons, including images from Christmas and New Years.

- \$50 - one set of five holiday cards with envelopes
- \$100 - two sets of holidays cards with envelopes
- \$500 - three sets of holiday cards with envelopes
- \$1000 - four sets of holiday cards with envelopes
- \$2000 - five sets of holiday cards with envelopes

NCWNPD COUNCIL ELECTS OFFICERS

On Nov. 2, in Sacramento, the Northern California Western Nevada Pacific District Council elected new officers who will lead us in 2015. Our NCWNP district includes 32 chapters from northern California, Reno, Hawaii and Japan! It is the largest and most active of all the districts.



Left to right: Past Governor **Alan Nishi**, Treasurer **Alan Teruya**, Vice Governor **Thaya Mune Craig**, Secretary **Carol Kawase**, District Governor **David Unruhe**, board members **April Goral** and **Sharon Uyeda**, with former governor **Ben Takeshita** installing. Absent are: board member **Howard Shimada**, Youth Rep **Beth Uno** and PC Rep **James Duff Jr.** We are grateful for their leadership and dedicated service.

The meeting was held at the **California Museum** (private) at 1020 "O" Street. This museum has an excellent exhibit of our wartime incarceration. We were led by an extremely knowledgeable docent, **Mas Hatano** of Sacramento.

NCWNPD COUNCIL VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO HONOR MIKE MASAOKA IN 2015!

A resolution, introduced by the W-SC JACL chapter, to honor the legacy of **Mike Masaru Masaoka**, was



passed by the NCWNPD Council on Nov. 2nd. The resolution will be presented to the JACL National Board by our district **Governor David Unruhe** for consideration at its next meeting in early 2015.

In our JACL history, no one has done more to help the Nikkei (of Japanese ancestry) nation. We are asking that our National JACL celebrates the

centennial of Mike M. Masaoka (born Oct. 15, 1915) throughout 2015.

He had the vision to transform us from a social club into a nationally and internationally renowned political movement. Today, the JACL is recognized as a highly respected organization of the Nikkei community.

Let's make 2015 a year of reflection.

THE CALIFORNIA MUSEUM ON "O" STREET



The NCWNP Council meeting of Nov. 2nd was held at the California Museum where we met a wonderful docent, **Mas Hatano** of Sacramento.

This exhibit highlights our camp experiences in a most dramatic manner.

Marcia was impressed with the model tower, the trunks, black tarpapered barrack.



This smaller room was reserved for singles or couples, just enough room for two cots covered with brown army blankets. Every room came "equipped" with a single light bulb. The white chamber pot (the indoor "toilet") was used when it was too cold to go to the restrooms.



Each camp had its "Honor Roll" of men and women in the armed forces of the United States.



Photos of camp life: mess hall, *ikebana* class, baseball games, nursery class, the toy library, sumo tournament, harvesting vegetables, talent show night, etc.



Art by those incarcerated ... making gifts out of seashells or carving and painting birds (the end pieces of wooden fruit crates were soft and the right size), and paintings of the camp's landscape.

**Kawakami – Watsonville Sister City Assoc.
Middle School Exchange Program**

Help support our PVUSD Middle School students' trip to Kawakami, Japan

FLAPJACK BREAKFAST

Sunday, December 7, 2014

8:00 – 9:45 A.M.

Donation: \$10.00



*Pancakes, juice, bacon or sausage, coffee
Tickets available from students or at the door.
Take-Out Available*

@ Applebee's
(in the Green Valley Cinemas parking lot)
Thank you for your support!

Kawakami Watsonville Sister City Flapjack Breakfast at Applebee's by Robb Mayeda

The KWSC Association will have a fundraiser at **Applebee's**, 1105 South Green Valley Road, Watsonville, CA 95076, on **Sunday morning, Dec. 7, from 8:00 – 9:45 A.M.** Advanced tickets are available from the 15 students scheduled to travel to Japan. Walk-in customers will benefit the association's general fund that is used to assist the chaperones and host the visitors from Kawakami. The breakfast tickets are \$10, and the breakfast includes flapjacks, juice, eggs, bacon, and coffee. Thank you for your support in the past, and we hope to see you on the 7th.

2015 Ballots for Five Board of Directors

Ballots were mailed to 271 W-SC National JACL and National Youth/Student members on Nov. 13, 2014. Presently, our W-SC JACL is the sixth largest chapter in the JACL behind Portland (389), Chicago (351), San Francisco (340), Sacramento (313), and Seattle (291), according to the most recent report.

Our members are asked to return their ballots by **Fri., Dec. 12** to our W-SC JACL address: P. O. Box 163, Watsonville, CA 95077. You may present them to any W-SC JACL board member or to the managers of our Senior Center on Thursdays. Thank you.

It would be a lot simpler and cheaper to have inserted the ballots in the November newsletter. Then non-members could vote, and that would be a violation of our JACL Constitution.

We truly appreciate your participation in this important democratic process.

TRI-CHAPTER INSTALLATION OF 2015 OFFICERS

The installation luncheon will be hosted by the **Gilroy JACL** on **Sunday, January 25, 2015** (OK, so it's "Super Bowl Sunday") at the Old City Hall Restaurant, 7400 Monterey St., Gilroy, CA 95020 (408) 842-3454. Enjoy *panko* chicken, pesto penne pasta, tossed salad, garlic bread and beverage (lemonade, iced tea or coffee) for only \$20 (tax and tip included), and a great gathering.

Gilroy JACL promises an exciting program.

Sign up with **Marcia Hashimoto** by calling (831) 722-6859 or leave a message at hashi79@sbcglobal.net. We'd love to have you join. Thank you!

WATSONVILLE TAIKO AND SHINSEI DAIKO

By Bonnie Chihara

Our **Holiday Boutique and Raffle** which was held on Nov. 2nd was a great success. Thank you everyone for your participation. The winner for the quilt was **Linda Franzen**. Second prize -- two nights stay at *Atlantis Spa and Resort* went to **Patty Frankfort**, and the third prize lunch at the *Hyatt* went to **Kelly Monahan**.

The year is coming to an end and once again we would like to thank everyone who has helped and supported Watsonville Taiko this year. Our year-end **Holiday Party** is scheduled for Friday, December 12 from 6-9. We will have a few local crafters, talent show and games. Dinner will be potluck style. If you would like to join us please RSVP to **Taeko D'Adrea** by email at taekosan@pacbell.net or call her at 831-435-4594.

Watsonville Taiko
HOLIDAY Party!
Friday December 12, 2014
6:00-9:00PM
@ Kizuka Hall
Please bring a dish to share.
Local Crafters Booths
Games & Talent Show
Lots of Food
Friends!
Please RSVP
Email: taekosan@pacbell.net
Phone: 831-435-4594

SENIOR CENTER NEWS by Carol Kaneko

The Seniors were welcomed on the last Thursday in October with Halloween decorations by **Helen Nakano** and special treats from **June Honda, Jo Ann Vear**, and **Donna and Grace Fujita**. Pumpkins decorated the tables, and everyone received cupcakes from June, bags of candy from Jo Ann, and packages of homemade cookies from Donna and Grace. We are getting spoiled with all the goodies coming our way! Many Seniors were dressed up in orange and black – was that for *Halloween* or in honor of our *2014 World Series Champions, the San Francisco Giants*?! Go, Giants!



Seniors dressed for Halloween in SF Giants colors: **Sachi Snyder, Jo Ann Vear, Susan AmRhein, Eileen Byers, Leigh Sakaguchi, Donna Fujita, Gail Wurtenberg, Nancy Iwami, June and Sunao Honda.**



Our November birthday honorees were **Edna Nagata, Yaeko Cross 88, Kiyo Arao, Tea Hashimoto 94, Kitako Izumizaki 93, and Satoko Yamamoto.** Yaeko was presented with a beautiful orchid plant in honor of her 88th birthday, and Tea and Kitako were given a package of manju.

On Nov. 2nd, 24 Seniors and friends attended the **Kristi Yamaguchi and Brian Boitano Golden Moment** skating show at the SAP Center in San Jose. Everyone had a wonderful time. Among the performers were seven

Olympic gold medalists, and it was heartwarming to see **Kristi Yamaguchi** skating with her young daughter.

Paul Kaneko encouraged everyone to attend the *Veterans Day Memorial Service* at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple on Sunday, Nov. 9th. The service was organized by **Sam Sakamoto** and **Mas Hashimoto** was the guest speaker.

For Thanksgiving, **Helen Nakano** decorated the tables with a cornucopia filled with fresh fruits with a package of candy at each place setting.



The head table held a turkey, two pilgrims, and some small pumpkins with the "Happy Thanksgiving" banner.



June Honda and Susan AmRhein serving others at the Thanksgiving potluck.

Thanksgiving dinner was a delicious potluck with the turkey and fixings from *Safeway* (eight turkeys carved by **Susan AmRhein** – thank you, Susan!) and the other side dishes from our many talented cooks at the Senior Center. There were such a variety of delicious dishes and so much good food that everyone was invited to take home leftovers. It's always nice not to have to cook for a couple of days!

Phil Shima offered to make 8"x10" prints of our Senior Center group photo taken at our 43rd anniversary celebration at a very reasonable cost, and many Seniors took advantage of his offer. We thank Phil for taking the birthday photos this month as **Paul and Carol Kaneko** were off to Las Vegas for a few days.

We welcomed several guests in November. **Kimiko Marr** and her parents, **Patricia** and **Mark Marr**, **Cindy** and **Gary Mine**, and **Eiko Stewart's** sister and brother-in-law, **James** and **Miyeko Watari** were guests at our Thanksgiving celebration. James and Miyeko are from Hawaii, and Hawaiian accents could be heard as Paul Kaneko and James talked about the good old days in Hawaii.

After short absences due to medical concerns, it was good to see **Kitako Izumizaki**, **Jean Akiyama**, **Kinji House**, and **Haru Ishibashi** back at the Senior Center. It was also nice to see **Jane Sugidono** and **Miye Yamashita** back this month and to have **Helen Nakano** back from her trip to Japan.

A moment of silence was observed at our Thanksgiving celebration in memory of **Betty Oda**, who passed away this month. The Senior Center sends condolences to the Oda family.

Carol Kaneko is busy collecting Senior Center annual dues and National JACL dues from our Senior Center members. Please see Carol if you have not paid your annual dues. Paul also gave a reminder to all seniors of our obligations as Senior Center members to make anniversary donation and a birthday donation each year.

Many thanks to our November *toban*: **Terry Hirahara**, **Shirley Nishimoto**, **Donna Fujita**, and others who regularly help – **Judy Hane**, **Eiko Stewart**, **June Honda**, and **Shirley Chin**.

Upcoming events:

Our annual shopping trip to *San Francisco's Japantown* and *Marukai* in Cupertino is **Tues, Dec. 2nd, from 9 am to 5 pm**. Cost: Active Senior Center Members \$30 and non members \$40. For reservations: call **Carol Kaneko 476-7040** or **Rubie Kawamoto 854-2028**. Seats are available.

Our **Christmas Party** is set for **Sun., Dec. 7th, 2 pm** at Kizuka Hall; and our December birthday party which is also the **last meeting of the year** (with dinner at *Hong Kong Garden II* at 4 pm) will be **Dec. 18th**.

The Senior Center will be **closed** for Christmas and New Year's Day. We will **start** on Thurs., Jan. 8th, 2015.

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

Monetary donations were gratefully received from: **Rupert Chin**, **Rotary Club of Watsonville** (thanks to **Art Hayashi**), **Kiyo Arai**, **Gail Wurtenberg**, **Mitsue Tao**, **Tea Hashimoto**, **Edna Nagata**, **Kitako Izumizaki**, **Yaeko Cross**, **Satoko Yamamoto**, **Eiko Stewart**, **Iwao Yamashita**, and **Miye Yamashita**, and again we thank all those who donated to our 43rd anniversary event.

Other donations gratefully received were:

Watsonville Taiko	2 raffle tickets for their Boutique, 2 gift baskets
Eileen Byers	11 bottles <i>Dawn</i> dish soap
Jane Sugidono	10 plates of lemon cake, 7 plates <i>inari sushi</i> , 6 plates chocolate cake
June/Sunao Honda	Cupcakes for everyone, 2 pkgs of candy, 4 bags barbeque pork buns, 4 pineapple/persimmon bread, 4 pkgs candy
Shirley Chin	20 fruit cup snacks

Rubie/Jim Kawamoto	Lge box <i>Cheez It</i> crackers, 2 bags candy, 12 <i>Kleenex</i>
Nobue Fujii	5 jars pickled cauliflower, 3 pkg spaghetti, 3 pkg cocoa
Hide/Akira Nagamine	15 bags cucumber, 100 paper bags, 8 bags cucumbers, 3 cans macadamia nuts
Susan AmRhein	2 bags Japanese candy
Tee Yamamoto	box of persimmons
Kazuko Sakai	12 baskets raspberries, 3 lbs rice crackers, 2 bags corn chips, 2 bags <i>Cheetos</i>
Yae/Sam Sakamoto	2 <i>Spam</i> , 3 rolls paper towels, 5 pkg <i>nori</i> , 8 bags persimmons, 2 pkg <i>hashi</i>
Chie Sakaue	bags of persimmons, 17 bunches flowers
Eiko Ceremony	4 cans pineapple
Eiko Stewart	6 plates <i>sushi</i> , 6 plates fried noodles, 6 rolls tissue
Mitsuyo Tao	3 baskets strawberries
Donna/Grace Fujita	cookies for all
Jo Ann Vear	Halloween candy for all
Shirley Nishimoto	5 pkgs candy, 2 doz eggs
Judy Hane	24 rolls tissue, 12 rolls paper towels
Eileen Masuda	2 rolls paper towels, 2 boxes <i>Kleenex</i> , 2 pkg cookies, 2 pkgs candy
Terry Hirahara	4 pkgs <i>Kleenex</i> , 2 bags popcorn
Michi Hamada	6 pkgs instant noodles
Eiko Nishihara	1 doz jars of jam
Yoshiko Nishihara	doz <i>Dawn</i> soap, 3 pkg dish cloths, 3 scrubbies, 2 pkg sponge
Haruko Yoshii	2 boxes <i>Kleenex</i> hand towels
Kiyo Arai	5 bags persimmons
Yaeko Cross	10 shopping bags
Alan Yagi	10 crabs
Yoko	lots of candy
Haru Ishibashi	0 bags persimmons
Hiroko Coburubias	4 boxes <i>Kleenex</i>
Miye Yamashita	box of <i>manju</i> , box of cookies, 3 <i>Dawn</i> dish soap, 6 rolls tissue
Satoko Yamamoto	2 bags <i>Veggie Sticks</i> , 8 rolls paper towels
Nancy Iwami	lots of persimmons
Mitzi Katsuyama	5 microwave popcorn, 2 pkg <i>somen</i>
Kimiyo Fujii	5 bottles dish soap, 12 dish cloths
Chiyeko Shikuma	100 bags green tea
Tea Hashimoto	100 bags green tea
Hisako/Akira Kodama	birthday party flowers on tables, 8 rolls tissue, 12 jars pickles
Kimiko Nakatani	12 boxes <i>Kleenex</i>
Gail Wurtenberg	12 rolls paper towels
Mitsue Tao	8 boxes <i>Kleenex</i>
Toshi Yamashita	8 rolls paper towels
Kitako Izumizaki	12 rolls tissue
Jean Akiyama	6 <i>Dawn</i> dish soap
Shirley/Rupert Chin	3 boxes brown sugar, 2 cans pineapple, large box snacks
Edna/Yuko Nagata	12 rolls tissue

James/Miyeko Watari peanut butter *mochi*, persimmon cookies and muffins
Gary/Cindy Mine persimmons
Marcia Hashimoto 4 boxes *Kleenex*,
 2 bottles dish soap



Susan AmRhein dressed up for Halloween.

WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE NEWS

It's *mochi tsuki* time! The Temple Sangha will be pounding rice into *mochi* the traditional way on Sun., Dec. 14th starting at 7 am. All the Temple members and friends are invited to participate and to have fun. Light refreshments will be available to all the participants.

Central California rice farmers were forced to cut back on production because of our severe drought. Rice has become a bit more expensive.

To order your *osonae* and/or regular *mochi*, please call Jackie at (831) 724-7860 no later than Fri. Dec 5th. They are \$5 per pound. Pick-up time is from 9 am to noon at the Temple (423 Bridge St., Watsonville, CA 95076) on Dec. 14th.



Rev. Julie Hanada, the guest speaker for the *BWA Memorial Service* on Sun., Nov. 16th, spoke of her exciting new role as a counselor in the medical field.

Here's the calendar for December:

Tues.	2	7:30 pm	Board Meeting
Wed.	3	1 pm	BWA Meeting

Please let us know of any mistakes on the list of donations. Thanks for your continued support. Stay healthy and keep attending the Senior Center.

Thank you Seniors who upgraded your membership to include our National JACL. We are grateful to our W-SC JACL for providing a safe and wonderful building for our weekly sessions.

Thurs.	4	10 am	ABA Meeting
Sun.	7	9:30 am	Japanese Service
		10 am	Sunday, <i>Shotsuki Hoyo</i> & <i>Bodhi Day Services</i>
		1-4 pm	<i>Kimekomi Doll Class</i>
Sun.	14	7 am	<i>Mochi Tsuki</i>
		No Service	
Sun.	21-28	No Services	
Wed.	31	7 pm	<i>Joya E Service & soba</i>
Thurs. Jan. 1		10 am	<i>ShuSho-E, New Year's Service</i>

Shotsuki Hoyo Service

10 am Sunday December 7, 2014

The families of the following deceased of December are invited to attend the service and to Oshoko (offer incense). We look forward to seeing you at the service.

December Memorial List

Yoshiro Roy Aramaki	Kiku Enomoto
Wataru Eto	Hajime Etow
Shigeru Etow	Norman Fukuba
Takino Hamada	Tomiye Hamada
Machie Hane	Yoneko Hara
Teyo Hirahara	Uta Ito
Mitsuko Kadotani	Kanezo Kaita
Kay Kamimoto	Jihei Kawasaki
John Mitoshi Kimura	Yoshinobu Maemura
Tatsue Matoba	George Matsumoto
Michie Matsumoto	Kikue Mine
Mary Misumi	Shizue Misumi
Haya Morimoto	Soichi Morimune
Kumajiro Murakami	Shoichi Murakami
Meiji Nakamura	Suichi Nishita
Kumezo Nitta	Toku Oda
Tokuzo Oda	Hajime Saiki
Roy Saiki	Chiyono Sakai
Kiyoto Sakai	Ichiji Sakata
Somo Sakaue	Kunito Shinta
William Shirachi	Sakaye Sudou
Ben Tada	Toshiye Takemoto
Kimi Hamamoto	Tsunesuke Tawamoto
Sam Yoshinobu Terasaki	Iwao Teshima
Bunkichi Torigoe	Jim Shigeru Toriumi
Saizo Tsuji	John Susumu Ura
Jitsuto Uyeda	Hatsu Wada
Shozo Wada	Frank Yamakoshi
Tadashi Yamamoto	Edward Yonemura
Lee Ritsuo Yoneyama	Yaemon Yoshida
Kumakichi Yoshii	Lewis Kazuo Yamamoto
Akira Yamashita	Haru Yamashita
Masano Yamashita	Tomiko Yamashita

WESTVIEW PRESBYTERIAN HIGHLIGHTS

by Randy Mano and Leslie Nagata-Garcia

On November 13-15 2014, the 3rd annual *Organic Outreach Conference* was held at Shoreline Church in Monterey with **Kevin Harney**, Senior Pastor. This year's theme was level up whatever God wants you to do, such as level up your passion, level up your ability to share your faith, level up your boldness, level up your love, level up your skills, level up everything you dare to place in His hands.



Diane Mio, Randy and Tracy Mano and Pastor Dan Hoffman attended the conference all three days. It was an opportunity to get equipped with the discipleship tools necessary to take our faith to the next level and to bring God's word to those around our community and abroad.

The conference had renowned speakers such as **Kevin Harney, Dan Kimball, Miles McPherson, Nabeel Qureshi**, and many more. There were many outbreak sessions to choose from: Leveling up in the work place, making your home a lighthouse, what the bible says about grand parenting, outreach into your missions ministry, engaging spiritual seekers, God vs. science, heart for homeless, the real Jesus, the evangelism tool box (for families), testing to gospel and many many more!

This conference helped me to level up my commitment to read the bible more, be more God-like, pray more, and renew my passion for what it means to be a Christian. I highly recommend you attend next year's conference on November 5-7 2015. If you purchase your tickets before 11/29/2014 it is only \$69.00 the website is organcioouthreach.com Next year's theme is *The Outer Limits*. Hope to see you there!

2014 Harvest Dinner, Saturday, November 8



On Saturday November 8, 2014 our annual *Harvest Dinner* was held at Westview Presbyterian church in Watsonville. A total of 85 plus guests and friends enjoyed the delicious teriyaki chicken dinner. This year's Free Will offering was split between the **Westview Youth** program and **Youth N.O.W.** Youth N.O.W. is an after school tutoring program developed and dreamed up by founder **Dave Grazian** shown with **Rev. Dan**.

Dave spoke to us about God planting this program for Watsonville youth in his thoughts to help youth. Right now 13 schools in Watsonville rank 2 out of 10 or lower in the California State ranking of academic performance index. Youth N.O.W. program is dedicated to the academic and social support of youth in our community. They are also in

great need of anyone wanting to volunteer. After Dave told us about the program, **Pastor Dan** prayed for Dave and Youth N.O.W.



We then went into the sanctuary and our *Westview Praise Band* consisted of youths **Isaac and Elisha Veal**, **Pastor Dan**, **Diane Mio**, **Lynne Nagata**, and guest appearance from **Teen Challenge** men led us in a couple of songs to start the program. Westview youth's and Isaac Veal spoke about their faith and what the church has meant to them. There was also a slideshow about some of wonderful youth activities. Surveys have shown that less than 6% of people receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior after 12. And 4 out of 5 church leaders grew up in church. The survey also showed that only 13% of churches list "ministry to children" in their top 3 church priorities. It is important to Westview that children are not only the future of the body of Christ, but need to be our prime responsibility now. Any children interested in our Youth Events and Youth Nights are all welcome. Please call (831) 724-6222 for more information or check our website at westview.org. to see what we are about and future functions, we would love to have you! **MC Randy Mano** presented **Luis Renteria**, president of operations of Second Harvest, with a check from our Westview loose coin ministry. As of today Westview has donated about \$28,000 to Second Harvest Food Bank. Second Harvest Food Bank is here to help those in need of food in the community. Where each dollar they receive can produce 4 healthy meals to those in need. Then we had an opportunity to have an open mic to give God thanks and to give Him praise for how blessed we were though out this year. Pastor Dan then gave the benediction to close the event. Many thanks all those involved who helped out from setting up, decorating, preparing, serving, cleaning, cooking, cleaning up, delivering meals, sharing, singing, bringing salads, attending, you made this event happen. What a wonderful evening it was for all, hope to see you back next year!!!!

Matching Grant

the budget shortfalls published in our newsletter and graciously offered Westview \$2000 for a matching grant! She just upped the matching grant another \$1000 so now she will **match up to \$3000!** So if you would like to invest in Westview's ministry and help decrease our large 2014 budget shortfall please consider giving towards the Warner Grant (write in check memo) and every dollar you give will be doubled up to \$3000! Please prayerfully consider a donation and please try to make it above and beyond your regular.



Once again, Westview will be preparing meals for the **Salvation Army** every first Friday of each month. If you are interested in volunteering, please meet at **Westview** at **2 p.m.** For the month of December we will be preparing the meals on **December 5th.**



December Events
The **JACL Senior Center Christmas Party** will be held Sunday, **December 7th.** Everyone is welcome at this joyous event to join the Praise Team as they sing carols and spread Christmas cheer throughout the Senior Center. The Party starts at **2 p.m.**



Join Westview members and friends on Saturday, **December 13th,** as they will be visiting and singing **Christmas carols** at several local Senior Facilities. Everyone is welcome to join us. Meet at **1 p.m.** at **Westview.** After Worship Service on **December 14th,** Westview will have its annual **Christmas Appreciation Luncheon.** Don't forget to bring your **\$5.00 gift** for the gift exchange. What a great time for fellowship!

Youth/Family Upcoming Events

Gym Nites are usually the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month, from **5:30 – 8 p.m.;** meet at **Westview.** Mark your calendars for the following dates:

- **December 5, 3:30 – 7 p.m. – Salvation Army Meal & game nite; bring your favorite game!**
- **December 13 – Christmas caroling, meet at 1 p.m.**
- **December 19 – 5:30–8 p.m., Christmas Party**
- **January 2 3:30 – 7 p.m. – Salvation Army meal & California Snowy Winter**
- **January 16 – 5:30–8 p.m. – Backwards Day! Wear your clothes backwards, play games backwards!**



UPDATE!! Gretchen Warner, Leslie Hoffman's mom, saw

Wednesday Study Series: We are reading and discussing *The Hope Quotient*, a fantastic book about nurturing hope in your life by **Rev Dr. Ray Johnston!** You can order a book online at **Unleashinghope.com** or for **\$15** at **Amazon.** Wednesday Study Series are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Westview. For the month of December and January we will be meeting on **December 10th, January 14th** and **January 28th.**

Sunday Message Series: "How to play the game." Based on **John Ortberg's** book, *When the Game is Over, It All Goes Back in the Box*, we will learn vital lessons about how to play the **MOST IMPORTANT GAME EVER...the game of life.**

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 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. Grief Groups will be held on the following dates: **December 3rd, January 7th.**



On October 22, 2014 Westview lost one of its founding and active members of our Church. Enji Shikuma was a true native of Watsonville. Born August 1, 1914, Enji's life was only interrupted by the outbreak of World War II, when he and his family were sent to Arizona's Poston Relocation Center. Known for his physical strength and tenacious work ethic, Enji worked primarily as a farm laborer. At war's end, Enji established a partnership with his brother, Charles, creating E&C Shikuma, with strawberries as their main crop. For 48 years, they were members of Naturipe, one of the earliest agricultural co-operatives that his father, Kotoro, was integral in forming.

Enji died peacefully on October 22nd, at his Valley Heights residence. Recently reaching his 100th birthday, Enji was the last surviving member of five siblings. Enji is survived by his son Mark, three nieces and one nephew. He is preceded in death by his wife, Sonoco, daughter, Agnes, brothers, Charles, Harry and George, and his sister Lakue Shikuma.

The dedicated and spirited Watsonville farmer will be missed by family and community members, friends and extended family. Services were held on Saturday, November 1st, at Westview.

IN REMEMBRANCE



Chikiye Nakahara (Feb. 25, 1924-Nov. 8, 2014) was a longtime resident of Santa Cruz before moving to San Jose.

She was preceded in death by her husband **Chiyuki** and son, **Robert**, and leaves behind a two sons, **William** and **Norman (Joelle)**, a daughter **Pat Vallard (Jerry)**, a sister **Matsei Hanashiro**, four grandsons, and numerous nieces and nephews.



We are sad to announce the passing of **Betty Oda**.

A memorial service will be held on Sat., Dec. 27th, at 1 pm, Watsonville Buddhist Temple.

We send our condolences to the Nakahara and Oda families, relatives and friends.

DONATIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED FROM ...

The Shikuma Family in *memory* of Enji Shikuma
Sam Sugidono in *memory* of Masayuji Yamashita
Esther Ura in *memory* of

Bob Moresco
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Moe Neishi

Mas and Marcia Hashimoto in *memory* of
Betty Oda

Watsonville Taiko Group for the use of the hall
Polaris Tours

Newsletter:

Martha Iwagaki of Monte Sereno, CA (we are grateful for her kinds words regarding our monthly newsletters)
Gerald and Nancy Yamada in *memory* of
Yoneko Mizokami and Paul Mizokami

2015 W-SC JACL DIRECTORY OF COMMUNITY BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONALS

Our W-SC JACL, a non-profit educational civil rights organization, serves the greater community in the important areas of education, civil and human rights, and cultural appreciation.

As a reminder to the businesses, professionals and members, the deadline for submission of an ad is **December 14th, 2014**. We hope you will consider our JACL worthy of your support.

Sincerely,

David Kadotani & Marcia Hashimoto, Co-chairs

We appreciate the generous support by the following who have thus far donated an ad to our 2015 directory:

A Accurate Overhead Door, Frank Nigro III
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Watsonville Buddhist Temple

Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL Senior Center

Watsonville Taiko Group, Ikuyo Conant

West Lake Fresh, Inc., Louis Ivanovich & Sam Gabriel

Westview Presbyterian Church

YOUR WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL

We welcome **Mrs. Mitsuyo Tao** as a new W-SC JACL member! Mrs. Tao is an outstanding *Ikebana* artist and has graciously decorated our JACL hall on special celebrations and, when called upon, at the residence of the Consul General of Japan in San Francisco.

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 2015.** Our membership dues have not increased for the past 7 years.

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

E. Txxxx 8/14 This means the membership expired after August of 2014.

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 December 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://watsonvillesantacruzjaci.org>.

Onward!

Mas Hashimoto, Editor

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

No Increase in the 2015 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:
Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL
c/o Jeanette Otsuji Hager, Membership Chair, P. O. Box 163, Watsonville, CA 95077

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Check out our websites: <http://watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org> and jacl.org.