



THE WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL Newsletter November 2015

MAYFLOWER COMPACT, NOVEMBER 11, 1621



Aboard the ship, Mayflower, 41 males added their signatures to the *Mayflower Compact* (Agreement):

... do by these presents solemnly & mutually in the presence of god, and one of another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil body politick; for our better ordering & preservation and furtherance of the ends aforesaid; and by virtue hereof do enact, constitute, and frame, such just & equal Laws, ordinances, Acts, constitutions, & offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet & convenient for the general good of the colony; unto which we promise all due submission and obedience. ...

They simply "agreed to agree," thus laying down the foundation for this nation the concept of "consent of the governed (majority rule)."

Three resisted by refusing to sign. What happened to these "resisters" is not known.

Aboard the *Mayflower* were the Separatists who wished to separate themselves from the practices of the Puritan Church and the established Church of England. Aboard ship, they called themselves "Saints." The non-Separatists were called "Strangers" and included **Captain Myles Standish** and **John Alden**, a cooper (a skilled barrel maker was essential to the survival of the colony for food, gunpowder, and other supplies which were stored in them). Standish and Alden were signatories to the *Mayflower Compact*.

"The Courtship of Myles Standish" by **Henry W. Longfellow** never happened. John Alden married **Priscilla Mullens**, the only young eligible maiden, and both lived long lives together.

Although the Pilgrims were aided by several local Native Americans—**Samoset**, **Squanto** (who once lived in England and, therefore, could speak English—but that's another story), and **Chief Massasoit**--nearly half of these Pilgrims did not survive that first year. Those that did celebrated with a Thanksgiving after the harvest was in.

On October 3, 1863, **President Abraham Lincoln** set aside "the last Thursday of November as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens."

On this year's Thanksgiving Day, let us give our thanks to the Pilgrims who were among this nation's *Issei* (first generation) for they too had struggled and endured. Yes, they *gaman'd* (persevered against great odds).

IN GRATITUDE TO THE ISSEI ...

Editor



The real heroes of our *Nikkei* (of Japanese ancestry) nation are the *Issei* men and women who arrived in Hawaii and in the continental United States during the late 19th century and early 20th century.

Can you name the *Issei* pioneers in the above photo, taken at Watsonville JACL's Senior Center in the 1980s? They have all since passed away.

You may be surprised to discover that your ancestors may not have come through Angel Island. They might have crossed the Canadian or Mexican borders illegally—as undocumented.

All, nevertheless, struggled through a lifetime of discrimination and hardships. The following photos show a progression of our local history.



A funeral was held at the Watsonville Buddhist Church, 100 Union Street in May of 1911. The church was only five years old. The *Issei* men and one woman were in their 30s and 40s. The house (left) was the headquarters of the Japanese Society. Asians in Pioneer Cemetery on Freedom Blvd were buried in the least desirable location.



The *Nisei* children attended Sunday School in the late 1920s (above) and early 1930s (below).



Families with seven or eight children were not uncommon then. Some had 10 or more! Today?



This is the funeral photo of my father **Ikuta Hashimoto** (age 61) in August of 1938, in front of our home. (Located to the left today is **Yamashita's Market**. On the second floor of our home is **Dr. Frank Ito's** dental office. My father, a cook, had an *udon* noodles restaurant that catered to parties, funerals, anniversaries, etc.) My mother held me in her arms for this photo. I was almost three years of age. Many of the *Issei*—both men and women—had aged but retirement was out of the question.

My mother, **Nami**, a "picture bride" in 1914, was grateful to be married to my father, 16 years her senior. She had been divorced earlier in Japan and being a "picture bride" saved her life. She was to give birth to seven sons. I'm the baby of the family and at age 80 the only one alive.

Upon returning from Poston II camp, my mother worked in the sardine factory in Monterey, **Hiura's** apple drier, a laundry, and finally as a farm worker for the **Akiyoshi Brothers**, to whom she was forever grateful.

My mother died in 1972 just before her 80th birthday. She normally stood 4' 7" but after working in the fields, hunched over picking strawberries, she was back bent, unable to stand upright. She had been married for 24 years and a widow for 34 years. My mother never contemplated returning to imperialistic, fascist Japan in the 1940s.

It has been estimated that nearly a third of the immigrants returned to Japan before WW II.

Most chose to remain in the United States, even though they could not own property and become United States citizens. They were grateful that their children were United States citizens.

A central theme that ran true for all the families was "*kodomo no tameni*" (for the sake of the children). The *Issei* worked so hard for their children. They encouraged their children to be loyal, dutiful, hard working, honest, frugal, courteous, respectful, and, above all—to study hard. Education was the key to their future success and acceptance. And, we were fortunate to have had so many excellent and supportive public education teachers.

The *Issei* taught the *Nisei* generation by example to bring no shame (*haji*) to the family, oneself and the Nikkei community. They taught us to avoid the extremes and to live in harmony while overcoming adversity and setbacks. They kept focus on our future. The respect and love for the beauty of nature were not lost on the *Nisei*.

With their lives on the line, the *Nisei* soldiers, whether volunteers or draftees, whether with the 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team, Military Intelligence Service, or some other military unit, were reminded to honor our traditions and to bring no *haji* to the family name. Over 30,000 served honorably and with distinction and 811 paid the ultimate sacrifice with their young lives.

We are grateful to those *Issei* who remained dedicated and to the *Nisei* who also kept their faith in the United States of America.

BEFORE THERE WAS A JACL ...

Our *Issei* parents encouraged the *Nisei*, then in their early 20s, to form an organization dedicated to their own special needs.

The *Issei* had their *kenjin kai* associations (immigrants from their regional prefectures—Kagoshima, Fukuoka, Hiroshima, Kumamoto, and others) for mutual benefit and support. They believed the *Nisei* should organize.

Before organizing in 1929 as the National JACL, the name of chapters in Fresno (1923) and, later, SF was "American Loyalty League." American loyalty and citizenship were always forefront of our JACL goals. These remained historically and currently significant.

AN AMERICAN LEGION SURVEY ...

How would you answer this survey?

- 1A. Are you currently on active duty in the United States or a veteran?
- 1B. In which branch of the military do/did you serve?
Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marines, Navy, Reserve
2. Are you a registered voter?
3. Do you believe the physical act of desecrating the U.S. flag is a form of speech that should be protected?
4. Do you think the government does enough to support military families?
5. Do you think private businesses should receive tax benefits or other incentives to hire veterans?
6. Do you believe schools in Watsonville do an adequate job of preparing students for their future civic responsibilities?
7. Do you feel the phrase "under God" in our Pledge of Allegiance should be removed?
8. Do you SUPPORT or OPPOSE the practice of students reciting the Pledge of Allegiance every day in school?
- What rating (1-10, 10 highest, 5 average) ...
9. Would you give the job performance of the US Congress?
10. Would you give the job performance of the President?
11. Would you give our Supreme Court?

12. Would you give your own local public schools?

13. Would you give our United States Military?

14. In your opinion, how important is our National Defense and maintaining a strong military?

15. Do you feel students should have the right to say a prayer in public schools as long as it is not required that all students participate?

[**Editor's note:** The JACL has been opposed to the insertion in 1954 of "under God" for its divisiveness. The author, the **Rev. Francis Bellamy** (1855-1931), opposed any change to his *Pledge*.]

FROM "AMERICANS UNITED FOR SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE,"

(1) JESUS AS A WAR MEMORIAL IN MONTANA

A large statue of Jesus Christ will remain on Whitefish, Montana public property due to a ruling from the 9th U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The court found that the statue, known as "Big Mountain Jesus," does not constitute a government endorsement of religion, even though it is located on land owned by the federal government.

"There is nothing in the statue's display or setting to suggest government endorsement," the judges wrote. "The 12-foot-tall statue is on a mountain, far from any government seat or building, near a commercial ski resort, and accessible only to individuals who pay to use the ski lift."

The judges also ruled that although the statue is of Jesus, it is not sectarian. Instead, they observed that skiers often poke fun at the statue and noted "the flippant interactions of the locals and tourists with the statue suggest secular perceptions and uses." Those uses include "decorating it in *Mardi Gras* beads, adorning it in ski gear, taking pictures with it, high-fiving it as they ski by, and posing in *Facebook* pictures."

The statue was built and erected in 1954 with financial support from the *Knights of Columbus*; it sits on land owned by the U. S. National Forest Service. After receiving a 2010 letter from the *Freedom From Religion Foundation*, the Forest Service planned to remove the statue but reversed its decision after the *Knights* insisted that the statue functions as a **war memorial**!

[**Editor's note:** The case is *Freedom From Religion Foundation v. Weber*. Whitefish, Montana is considered not a safe area for members of the minorities.

The *Knights of Columbus* during this time of the Korean War, fighting against "godless" Communism, insisted that "under God" be inserted to the *Pledge*.]

(2) HINDU GROUP REQUEST ARKANSAS CAPITOL STATUE

The Universal Society of Hinduism has failed to persuade the Arkansas secretary of state to permit a statue of a Hindu god, *Lord Hanuman*, at the state Capitol.

The group's president, **Rajan Zed**, filed the request after the state legislature voted to erect a statue of the Ten Commandments on Capitol grounds.

"Besides honoring the Arkansas Hindus, this statue would raise awareness of Arkansans about Hinduism, oldest and third-largest religion of the world with about one billion adherents and a rich philosophical thought," Zed explained in a statement. Hindus venerate *Lord Hanuman*

for his strength and mental acuity; he is typically portrayed in part monkey, part human form.

The Associated Press reported that the secretary of state's office informed the group that it had to apply directly to the legislature, or to the Arkansas State Capitol Arts and Grounds Commission.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals and the *Satanic Temple* have also expressed interest in erecting displays.

State Rep. **Jason Rapert** (R-Conway) originally proposed the Ten Commandments display in March. His bill, SB939, easily passed both chambers of the legislature and was signed into law by the state's Republican governor, **Asa Hutchinson**, in April.

"JIM CROW" IS ALIVE AND WELL ...

In 2014, a law was passed in Alabama that put an undue burden on voters by requiring them to get a photo ID in order to vote, even though in-person voter fraud is extremely rare.

Alabama announced that it would be closing driver's license offices in 31 of 67 DMV locations where most people get the most commonly used voter ID—the driver's license. Most of these closures occurred in poor, majority Black counties. This is clear discrimination and disenfranchisement which we can't let stand.

Although the Secretary of State has said that the offices of the county boards of registrars and a "mobile voter ID van" can service the population, there can be no argument that these closures are yet another barrier to those seeking to exercise their right to vote.

[Editor's note: a "mobile voter ID van" can travel where blacks are not residing.

Just in: some of the DMV offices may be open for a limited time. If the location and hours are not publicly announced, it won't help potential voters.

In past "Jim Crow" days, registration for black Americans were made nearly impossible with a test that included questions such as "Who was the 14th Vice President of the United States?" Answer: John C. Breckinridge of Kentucky. Whites answered a simple, separate test of "Who was the first President of the United States?" Answer: George Washington. Actually, that answer isn't correct. It was John Hancock of the Second Continental Congress.

Photo ID problems: Women dye their hair; men lose their hair. Many become obese. One friend took his US passport photo with a moustache, which he shaved before a trip to mainland China. Did he have problems?

What is least likely to change? One's payroll signature which appears on the registration affidavit. One signs in to vote, and the registrar or the deputy registrar checks it against the signature on the affidavit.

Voting is a right only after one has met all the qualifications. If one is not registered, one cannot demand the right to vote. Photo ID? It's an obstacle to the right to vote.]

Following the 2013 Supreme Court ruling in *Shelby v. Holder*, which gutted a key section of the Voting Rights Act, Southern Poverty Law Center wrote:

While 40 percent of the white voting public cast their ballots for a black president nationwide, only 15 percent of

white voters did so in Alabama. And as Justice Ginsburg pointed out in her dissent, there are still Alabama legislators who talk openly about suppressing the black vote and refer to black voters as "aborigines." Freed by the Supreme Court from the protections for minority voters that Congress envisioned, one can only imagine what these kinds of legislators will think of next.

The closure of these important driver's license offices is exactly what the state thought of next. Alabama can only be this cavalier because we no longer have the strong protections of the Voting Rights Act, and that's why we urgently need to restore the act and protect the right of the people.

THE SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER

The Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) is dedicated to fighting hate and bigotry and to seeking justice for the most vulnerable members of our society. Using litigation, education, and other forms of advocacy, the Center works toward the day when the ideals of equal justice and equal opportunity will be a reality.

Justice Tom Parker derided federal judiciary and suggested that Alabama should defy the U.S. Supreme Court's marriage equality decision.

The SPLC filed a judicial ethics complaint alleging that Alabama Supreme Court Justice Tom Parker improperly commented on pending cases, disrespected the dignity of the judiciary and undermined public confidence in the integrity of the judiciary.

The complaint cites comments made by Parker during an Oct. 6 radio show, "Focal Point," hosted by **Bryan Fischer** of the *American Family Association*. Fischer has used his radio show to promote outrageous, denigrating claims about LGBT people, Muslims, Native Americans and African Americans.

In the interview, Parker not only discussed a marriage equality case pending before the Alabama Supreme Court – *Ex parte State v. King* – he voiced his personal opinion about the case and suggested that Alabama should defy the U.S. Supreme Court decision legalizing same-sex marriage in order to lead to a "revival of what we need in this country."

The complaint was filed with the Judicial Inquiry Commission of Alabama, which could recommend that Parker face charges in the Alabama Court of the Judiciary.

"Tom Parker has a choice: He can be a judge or he can be an advocate, but he can't be both," said SPLC **President Richard Cohen**. "His comments were clearly unethical and driven by his ideological agenda, not his judicial responsibility."

The state's Canon of Judicial Ethics bars judges from publicly commenting about pending or impending proceedings in any court.

"With Justice Parker running around on the radio discussing his personal opinions of pending cases, challenging the federal judiciary process, and calling for a 'revival' to stand up and defy the U.S. Supreme Court, it's clear that he's gone off the rails," Cohen said.

"Focal Point" host Bryan Fischer has for years demonized LGBT people, Muslims, Native Americans and African Americans. He has blamed gay men for the Holocaust, saying, "Homosexuality gave us Adolph Hitler,

and homosexuals in the military gave us the Brown Shirts, the Nazi war machine and six million dead Jews.” He has called for banning Muslim immigration to the U.S., and has said the U.S. should “stop the practice of allowing Muslims to serve in the U.S. military.” In addition, he has said that African Americans “rut like rabbits.”

“It’s incredible that Tom Parker, a supreme court justice, would lend legitimacy to a bigot like Bryan Fischer by appearing on his show,” Cohen said.

The SPLC also has filed an ethics complaint against **Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore** for violating judicial canons. That complaint is still pending.

Moore also urged defiance of the same-sex marriage decision and has violated ethics through his continuing association with the *Foundation for Moral Law*. He is listed as president emeritus of the legal services organization, and his wife, **Kayla Moore**, serves as president. The organization is involved in litigation opposing same-sex marriage.

Parker is a former aide to Moore and once worked at the *Foundation for Moral Law*.

SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER (SPLC)

SPLC founder is only the fourth recipient of award that has honored judges and advocates across the world – and the first since 2007.

SPLC founder **Morris Dees** has been named by the *American Board of Trial Advocates* (ABOTA) as a recipient of the **Courageous Advocacy Award** for demonstrating “exemplary courage” as he has pursued a legal career dedicated to fighting hate and protecting society’s most vulnerable.

The national association has presented the award to judges and advocates across the world who have represented clients “and a firm commitment to the rule of law, even at great risk to personal freedom and safety.” Dees is the fourth recipient of the award.

The group highlighted the work of Dees and the SPLC, noting that the SPLC continues to be “a vital opponent against those who promote hatred and intolerance.” The award will be presented to Dees at the group’s national board of directors meeting in Charleston, South Carolina, on Saturday.



“ABOTA applauds **Morris Dees** and his staff of 75 lawyers for bringing systemic reforms – legally and peacefully – to society,” said ABOTA President Joel W.

Collins Jr. in a statement. “Mr. Dees has served as a tireless champion for those who could not defend themselves.

“He has endured numerous death threats, had his offices burned to the ground, and has opposed some of the most violent hate groups in America. All the while, he has adhered to the rule of law to fight against those who conspire against the very principles that provide freedom in our country.”

Since founding the SPLC in Montgomery, Alabama, with attorney **Joe Levin** in 1971, Dees and the SPLC have taken *pro bono* cases few others are willing to pursue. The SPLC has shut down some of the nation’s most violent white supremacist groups by winning crushing, multimillion-dollar jury verdicts on behalf of their victims, has dismantled vestiges of **Jim Crow** across the South, and has won precedent-setting legal victories for victims of discrimination.

“It’s a great honor to receive this award, but this recognition belongs to everyone at the Southern Poverty Law Center,” Dees said. “Every day, they demonstrate a selfless commitment to justice that inspires me and leaves no doubt that our clients have the most passionate and skilled champions fighting for them.”

[Editor’s note: We add our congratulations to Morris Dees and the Southern Poverty Law Center for actively pursuing law suits against those engaged in hate crimes and bigotry. They have the talent, resources and commitment to carry the fight in the courts of law.]

SEVENTY-YEAR OLD MEMORIES ...

BY TOM MIYASAKI

[Editor’s note: We are grateful for the permission to publish this engaging and insightful article which first appeared in French Camp JACL’s October 2015 newsletter.)

While I can’t even remember what I had for lunch



yesterday, I nevertheless do have poignant memories of the period right after the war that ended 70 years ago. I had kept some experiences to myself, but I’ve been thinking about them lately because of recent saturation of news and TV

documentaries, especially by the Japanese, commemorating the 70th anniversary of the end of WW II.

I’m the modest type so I don’t mind that the media never gave me the credit for ending WW II. The unpublicized fact is that I was part of one of the last all-Nisei company that completed basic training in Camp Blanding, Fl. in the spring of ‘45. Our outfit was ready

to board ship to join the 442nd when Hitler got word that I was coming over, so he promptly surrendered on May 8, 1945.

The Army then held up the ship as they interviewed all the Nisei soldiers. When it was my turn, I told them my Japanese name; and in the army's great wisdom, they concluded, "Great, you can speak Japanese." I was immediately transferred to the MIS language school in Fort Snelling, MN. But the army knew what they were doing because just before my graduation, Tojo got word that I would soon be on my way to the Pacific. On August 15, 1945 Japan unconditionally surrendered - as expected.

At the end of November, they loaded us graduates onto a huge washtub camouflaged to look like a troop transport. And boy, that tub didn't miss a wave, which looked like bouncing mountains, as we zigzagged our way all over the North Pacific toward Japan. Every once in a while, the entire ship would violently shudder, Thump! Thump! Thump!" A crew member told us, "Don't worry, it's just some whales scratching their backs."

Maybe so, but more believable was that the thumps were caused by the ship's aft being tossed so high that the partially exposed propeller was battering the water. Most of us were seasick all the way during that long month's voyage.

But one morning when I woke up, the ship was strangely quiet. Then it occurred to me that we may have entered a bay. I ran out to the deck, and I was awed for there it was: Japan, the country from where my folks came. The thought that this was my enemy country had already left my mind.



Then, far in the background, I saw a cone-shaped mountain. It was partly covered in snow and the morning sun gave it a pinkish tinge. "Wow! Mt. Fuji," I guessed. I ran back to the bunk area and told my buddies. Although everyone knew or heard of Mt. Fuji and had seen pictures of it, no one knew where it was, so the guys had their doubts until they came up and

saw it for themselves. The beauty of the mountain left me awestruck.

A couple of hours passed before we docked at a Yokohama pier. There were many longshoremen, cargo handlers, truck drivers, and people of all walks of life busily going about their jobs. Funny, but it looked so strange to see that they were all Japanese instead of people I was so used to seeing in the states occupying those positions.

Then something ugly happened. I could never have imagined I would ever see such a sight. One of the *Nisei* soldier scattered a handful of cigarettes from the ship down to the pier. Dozens of longshoremen made a wild scramble and shamelessly picked them up like pecking chickens. Then they looked up expectantly. More soldiers tossed more cigarettes. More frantic pecking.

I was shocked! No Japanese I had known in my life would stoop so low as to go begging and scrambling for cigarettes or for anything tossed at them like that. And I couldn't believe that a fellow *Nisei* would do something so despicable as to incite such behavior. I was devastated. This was an experience I could never tell my mother or to any *Issei* back in California. They may have been poor and lived in dilapidated farm houses, but they were proud people.

That afternoon we were transferred to a train that was to take us to Camp Zama, a former Japanese army camp located about 30 miles inland from Yokohama.

As we slowly rolled through Yokohama, I began to see the reality of post-war Japan. Residential areas were pocked with make-shift, corrugated houses, industrial areas were nothing but bent iron beams with only cement chimneys standing erect, and little kids with outstretched hands were calling out to GIs, "Chocolate?"

It was evening when we reached the Camp Zama Replacement Depot, and we were taken to the mess hall. We were hungry and the army chow was tasting good when a Japanese garbage collector appeared in the kitchen area. He pulled aside a filled garbage can, scraped the inside with his hand, then eagerly gobbled up the handful of food scrapings.

Was he, too, one of my folks' people? It was a painful, unbearable sight.

A few days later I sat contemplating the events I witnessed on my first day in Japan.

It was a hard lesson, and I began to have a complete change of perspective of everything. Workers scrambling for cigarettes were no longer disgraceful; *Niseis* tossing them American cigarettes,

which were good as cash I learned, were no longer despicable; kids begging for chocolates were no longer disgusting; a man scraping for food was no longer repulsive. It was a matter of survival. I was the one who was ashamed.

Why do memories like these remain so indelibly in my mind when I would much rather recall what I had for lunch yesterday?

But thank goodness, I am grateful that I, a private of the highest rank in the US Army, ended that awful war when I did - 70 years ago.

(French Camp JACL Editor's note: This past summer Dean Komure and his family paid a visit to Tom and Tsuru at their new home in Sierra Madre (Southern California). On behalf of the chapter, Dean presented to Tom a replica of the Congressional Gold Medal for his participation in the MIS and post-war occupation of Japan. Thank you, Tom, for your efforts and sacrifices as a Nisei soldier in helping to rebuild Japan!)

2016 CALENDAR SEASON

How many 2016 calendars will you receive this year?

Military calendars are in vogue. One I received from the WW II Veterans Committee, a division of the American Veterans Center, 1100 North Glebe Road, Suite 910, Arlington, VA 22201, was of great interest for it had the photo of **Gen. James Doolittle** on the cover.



It commemorated the great battles of World War II starting from the late 1930s. I was surprised to read:

February 19, 1942: President Roosevelt signs Executive Order 9066 which was used to send 120,000 Japanese including many U. S. citizens to internment camps.

1945: In the Pacific, U. S. Marines land on Iwo Jima.

October 30, 1944: The Japanese American 442nd RCT rescues a trapped Texas battalion in the Vosges Mountains, but suffers tremendous losses.

We are grateful for these inclusions. Perhaps next year, the exploits and the importance of the India-Burma-China campaign with Merrill's Marauders; the Military Intelligence Service in 1943-45 and the opening of a subcamp of Dachau concentration/death camp by 522nd

Field Artillery Battalion's forward observers of the 100th/442nd RCT on April 28, 1945 will be included.

ATTENTION: KOREAN WAR VETERANS

Please contact **Congressman Sam Farr's** office which is coordinating this event at (831) 429-1976.



Ceremony of Recognition for Central Coast Korean War Veterans

Congressman Sam Farr
Joined by
Korean Consul General Han Dong-man
Friday, November 13, 2015
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Location: TBA

Consul Han will present Korean War Veterans with an appreciation certificate and the Ambassador of Peace Medal.
All those who served during 1950-1955, as well as surviving family, are invited to participate. Copy of your DD214 will confirm service.

For more information contact Ryan Simon, veterans' representative for Congressman Sam Farr at (831) 429-1976

WATSONVILLE'S "PEACE AND UNITY MARCH," SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH, 2015 11 am

By Aimee Mizuno

The **Watsonville Peace and Unity March** is for the victims of violence and for our local community to come together to speak out against violence.

Members of the Watsonville chapter of the **Brown Berets** first organized the march in 1994. In 2012, the **Watsonville Peace and Unity Coalition** was founded by the **Brown Berets** and other community members in order to involve more individuals and organizations in the event.

The Coalition meets year round to plan this now annual event in November.

In 2012, the list of sponsors included State Assemblyman **Luis Alejo**, Watsonville Mayor Pro Tem **Eduardo Montesino**, and City Councilmen **Felipe Hernandez** and **Daniel Dodge**. It is important to note that Luis Alejo was one of the young **Brown Berets** who organized the first march in 1994.

In 2014, over 60 organizations were listed as supporting the march, including the **Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL**.

The mission of the **Peace and Unity March** is to bring community members together to take a stand against all forms of violence, including gang violence, domestic violence, and police violence, with a particular focus on gun violence.

Watsonville, along with Salinas and other surrounding communities, has become known for the gang culture that leads to violence and often death.

Often innocent bystanders are the victims of gun violence. Children as young as 4 years old have been killed by stray bullets. There is nothing more heinous and

tragic than neighbors killing neighbors and young people, especially young people of color.

The march aims to bring awareness to the issue of violence in our community and bring the families and friends of the victims out of the darkness and isolation of grief. The families of victims of gun violence are propelled by their unimaginable grief to speak publicly against the forces that took away their loved ones too soon. The culture of violence festers and spreads when the public is too fearful or indifferent to take a stand against it. In the wake of the most recent mass shooting of nine (9) persons of Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, Oregon, the JACL will march this year to promote peace not only in our own community but communities across the country and in the world.

We'd love to have you join us on **Saturday, Nov. 7th, 2015 at 11 am**, Watsonville City Plaza, for our Watsonville Peace and Unity March.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PRESS RELEASE

Friday, August 7, 2015

A 38-year-old Bremerton, Washington man, **Troy Deacon Burns**, pleaded guilty today to a federal hate crime under the *Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr., Hate Crimes Prevention Act*, for a January 2015 assault on three gay men, announced U.S. Attorney **Annette L. Hayes**, Western District of Washington and Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General **Vanita Gupta**, head of the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division.

Burns will be sentenced by U.S. District Judge **James L. Robart** on November 10, 2015.



JACLeR **Marcia Hashimoto** with **Judy Shepard**, mother of **Matthew Shepard**, campaigning for the "Hate Crime Prevention Act."

The case was

investigated by the Seattle Police Department and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney **Bruce Miyake** and **Saeed Mody**, Trial Attorney, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice. The King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office is providing significant assistance with the case.

According to the plea agreement, just after midnight on January 25, 2015 three gay men were walking on East Pike Street toward Broadway in Seattle's Capitol Hill neighborhood when Burns came up behind them and shouted homophobic slurs. Burns was holding a knife, which he raised up over his head in a stabbing position. Fearing for their safety the men started running. As Burns caught up to one of the men he again used a slur as he attempted to stab him. One of the other men was able to pull his friend away from Burns. The third man located Seattle Police Officers who took Burns into custody. While

detained in the patrol car, Burns continued to yell homophobic slurs. Burns was under the influence of drugs and alcohol at the time of the assault and says that he does not remember his actions.

[Editor's note: W-SC JACL worked on that legislation.]

JACL STATEMENT ON DETENTION PROGRAM

The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) renews its call on the Department of Homeland Security to end its family detention program that has led to the building of detention facilities for women and children in remote and desolate places such as Dilley and Karnes in Texas and Artesia in New Mexico.

Last September, JACL joined with numerous organizations in condemning the opening of additional facilities used to detain families who fled violence in Central America seeking asylum in the United States. JACL questions this tactic of using detention to deter individuals from seeking asylum in the United States to escape violence.

During World War II, Japanese Americans were forced from their homes on the West Coast, detained without due process, and confined in remote and desolate areas of America's interior. JACL is deeply troubled by the chilling similarities between the confinement of women and children in places such as Dilley and Karnes, and the wartime treatment of Japanese Americans at places such as Manzanar, Heart Mountain, and Tule Lake where barbed wire and guard towers encircled hastily constructed barracks that offered little privacy, no comfort, and contributed to the breakdown of family structures.

The so-called "South Texas Family Residential Center" at Dilley is surrounded by a high fence and security cameras. The families, consisting of women and children, are housed in barrack-like buildings that offer no privacy and are located in remote areas far from legal resources with conditions anathema to the social and psychological well-being of children. Even beyond the euphemistic jargon to identify the family detention facilities, JACL is disturbed by the lack of due process afforded these families.

As cited in a letter from the New York City Bar to President Obama, "detaining families with children in remote locations creates many barriers to access to the counsel that these families need to explain and support their asylum claims." Asylum seekers must convince an asylum officer that they will be harmed if they return to their country, complete a written application for asylum, collect evidence and prepare testimony for an immigration hearing. This constitutes an enormous challenge when access to counsel is limited or not provided.

In 1942, without trial, without charges of wrongdoing, without the basic protections guaranteed by law, Japanese Americans were the tragic victims of an arbitrary action by our government. And in the course of our detention, we suffered severe losses - freedom, dignity, and for some, a mental anguish that would last a lifetime. Karnes, Dilley, and Artesia must not be remembered as we remember Manzanar, Heart Mountain, and Tule Lake.

WW II NIKKEI CAMP ARTIFACTS— HISTORICAL TREASURES

The W-SC chapter is in charge of the DOR event for 2016, and the program will focus on saving and appreciating camp artifacts...theme: **World War II Nikkei Camp Artifacts--Historical Treasures.**

Nancy Ukai Russell and **Laura Iiyama** have been asked to speak about how the auction of camp artifacts was stopped and what has become of those items. They will also offer their assistance if families no longer want to keep camp artifacts. The five chapters will be asked to present five camp artifacts from their chapter members. One spokesperson from each chapter will speak about the camp items by identifying the artifact and contributor, the camp attended by the contributor, and a brief story about the artifacts.



Shari Higashi of Salinas Valley JACL is holding Poston's Directory of March 31, 1944; **Lily Kawafuchi** of Gilroy JACL is holding a stool made in camp; **Daryl Osaki** of Salinas Valley JACL is holding the Poston II 1945 yearbook edited by **Pete Hironaka** of Salinas; **Victor Kimura** of W-SC JACL is holding a colored drawing made in Tule Lake (see drawing below); **Nancy Ukai Russell** of Berkeley JACL is holding a crate board, and **Marcia Hashimoto** of W-SC JACL is holding a wood carving of a tiger made in Amache, CO .



This drawing (above) by **Oliver K. Noji** is of Tule Lake. We need to know more about the artist and his drawing. Are there more, and if so, where and who has them? If you have more information, please contact **Mas Hashimoto** at hashi79@sbcglobal.net.

VINCENT VAN GOGH AND OTHER GREAT ARTISTS LOVED JAPANESE WOODBLOCK

The Asian Art Museum's presentation of *Looking East* (Fri. Oct. 30 through Sun. Feb. 7, 2016) is the final stop on the exhibition's international tour and one you and your family must not miss.



In the 19th century, a craze for all things Japanese changed the impressionists' movement of Western art. *Looking East* explores it and the

artists affected—**Vincent van Gogh, Mary Cassatt, Edgar Degas, Henri Matisse and Claude Monet.**

Vincent van Gogh was deeply influenced by Japanese artists, especially woodblock impressionists.

This special exhibition consists of more than 170 objects from **the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston**. It includes decorative arts, paintings, prints, drawings and textiles. Juxtaposing Western masterpieces with rare works by prominent Japanese artists, *Looking East* reveals the renewed vision and stylistic ingenuity that emerged during this invigorating cross-cultural movement. To enhance your enjoyment and understanding, please study the works of great Japanese woodblock artists including **Hiroshige** and others. Check: ukiyo-e.org.

The Asian Art Museum (one of the largest museums in the Western world is devoted to the arts and culture of Asia) is located at 200 Larkin Street, San Francisco, CA 94102. Hours are 10 am to 5 pm but it is closed on Mondays. Tickets: \$15 Adults; \$10 Seniors, Students, and Youths; Free for children 12 and under and for members.

WATSONVILLE MULTICULTURAL CELEBRATION

For the past four years, members of our diverse cultural and ethnic communities have come together for an event called, "Holiday Traditions in the Plaza."

Recently, the name of this event has been changed to **"Watsonville's Multicultural Celebration."**

This year, on **Sunday, December 6th from 1 to 4:30 pm**, we will highlight our beautiful cultural diversity with enriching activities, wonderful entertainment, and delicious cuisine from various ethnic groups. Our event provides an opportunity to build unity and promote understanding and appreciation of other cultures. At 5 pm, the annual "Tree Lighting in the Plaza" will take place.

Our W-SC JACL chapter booth activities will feature name writing in Japanese and *origami*, the art of paper folding. Please plan to share a fun afternoon with us on December 6 at the beautiful Watsonville Plaza.

Enjoying the fundraising breakfast at *Applebee's* on Oct. 24th were **Sus and Mich Matano** and **Fred Oda**.



Harry Wiggins (right), chairman of the event, welcomed **Al Smith** and his family to the breakfast buffet.
Marcia Hashimoto, W-SC JACL rep on the Multicultural Celebration Committee

KAWAKAMI SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION

By **Robb Mayeda**

The first Kawakami Watsonville Sister City Association fundraiser for the 2016 trip is scheduled at *Applebee's* for **Sunday, Dec. 6 from 8:00 to 9:45 am**. Come to our breakfast first and then attend the Multicultural Celebration at the Watsonville Plaza. Meet the new students who will be going to Japan on our student exchange program!

WATSONVILLE TAIKO AND SHINSEI DAIKO

By **Bonnie Chihara**

Our **Holiday Boutique** is just around the corner! The handmade quilt is done, and we're already selling tickets. Tickets are \$10 each, and we have a limit of 250 tickets.

Besides the quilt, we will have our gift baskets for purchase. We will also have a small bake sale with goodies made by our members. Local crafters will be joining us again this year selling their unique wares.

The date for the *Holiday Boutique and Raffle* is Sunday, November 15th from noon to 5 pm at W-SC JACL Kizuka Hall, 150 Blackburn St. Watsonville. Please stop by to get your holiday shopping done by purchasing one of our unique gift baskets or gift certificates from local businesses.



For more information about the quilt (above) and boutique or questions about *taiko* classes, please contact our business manager **Taeko D'Andrea** at 831 435 4594 or email her at info@watsonvilletaiko.org.

Our upcoming schedule:

Nov. 8th Big Sur Half Marathon, Asilomar
 Nov. 15th Watsonville Taiko's Annual Boutique and Raffle
 Dec. 6th Multicultural Celebration, Watsonville Plaza

WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE NEWS

Temple Calendar for November 2015:

1	Sun	9:30 am	Japanese Service
		10 am	Sunday Service, <i>Shotsuki Hoyo</i>
3	Tues	6:30 pm	Post <i>Teriyaki</i> Meeting
		7:30 pm	Board Meeting
4	Wed	1 pm	BWA Meeting
5	Thu	10 am	ABA Meeting
8	Sun	10 am	Dharma School & Pet Memorial Service
13	Fri	2 pm	San Juan <i>Howakai</i>
15	Sun	10 am	Sunday & BWA Memorial Service w/ Rev. LaVerne Sasaki
18	Wed	7 pm	Coast District Meeting in Wats
19	Thu	7 pm	Ministerial Meeting
22	Sun	10 am	Sunday Service
29	Sun	10 am	Sunday & <i>Eitai</i> kyo Service
<u>December 2015</u>			
6	Sun	10 am	<i>Bodhi</i> Day & <i>Shotsuki Hoyo</i> Service with Bishop Umezu

**Shotsuki Hoyo Service
November Memorial List**

Akiyama, Sadatoshi	Aoki, Tom Tsutomu
Aramaki, Kumaki	Arao, Henry Akio
Arao, Taisuke	Arita, Yoshino
Eto, Mitsugu	Fukuhara, Helen Natsuko
Fujii, Chizue	Fujita, Shinhichi
Fujita, Yoshio	Hamada, Sasayo
Hara, Toraji	Higaki, Dick Takashi
Idemoto, Mitsuji	Iwanaga, Fujino
Iwanaga, Tokiuyemon Jim	Izumizaki, Sadao
Kadotani, Hana	Kadotani, Peggy Ayako
Kaita, Kiyomi	Kajihara, Masayo
Kajihara, Sadao	Kajihara, Shizuko
Kajihara, Takeshi	Kamimoto, Yoshiko
Kinoshita, Mrs. Hatsumo	Kohara, Kimi
Kohara, Shinnosuke	Matsunami, Kunishige
Mino, Barbara Ayako	Mio, Kazuji "Kaz"
Misumi, Saburo	Nakahara, Chikiye
Nakamori, Natsu	Nishita, Hiroshi
Nitta, Tokuki	Oda, Betty
Ogawa, Chiyo	Okamoto, Fumiko
Shiotani, Fumiko Frances	Shirachi, Ryu
Sukekane, Ayano	Tada, Ben
Takei, Jean	Tao, Katsumi Jim
Tominaga, Tatsuyoshi(Tats)	Tsuda, Tomio
Ura, Senzo	Wada, Masao
Wakayama, Fusajiro	Yagi, Tami
Yamakoshi, Kikuyo	Yamamoto, Kiku
Yamashita, Hideo	Yoshida, Kuni

ABA: Our members who attended the *Nembutsu Family* conference in Monterey enjoyed it very much.

All organizations will have a project before our 110th Year Temple Anniversary on November 4, 2017. ABA's project will be to rent a lift for the painting of our *Horin*, the golden wheel on the roof of the *Hondo*.

BWA: After the BWA Memorial Service on November 15th with **Reverend LaVerne Sasaki** as guest speaker, BWA will serve desserts.

Eleven BWA members who attended the *Nembutsu Family Convention* on October 25th enjoyed the program and thanks to the carpool drivers.

Thank you to BWA members for delicious desserts served at last month's *Eshinni ko Service*.

YBA: Several members also enjoyed the *Nembutsu Family Day* on October 25th.

Board Meeting Notes October 2015

On December 6th **Bishop Kodo Umezu**, our guest speaker, will present certificates to the following centenarians (100 year olds) to **Mrs. Nancy Iwami**,

Mrs. Yoshino Matano, **Mrs. Masako Morimoto**, and **Mrs. Fujiye Idemoto**.

Dharma School Report: **Judy Nagamine** will be in charge of *Dharma School* class with the help of **Dr. Reed Kuratomi**.

Fundraising: **Perry Yoshida** is still working on the *Chidori Band* Fundraiser and wishes to draft **Sadao Matsunami** to help co-Chair the event.

BSA Scout Master, **Chris Garcia**, said the scouts are happy to accept the offer of the Pancake Feed and Spaghetti fundraisers. The Pancake Feed date was set for March 20th.

There will be a *post-teriyaki* meeting at 6:30 pm just before the November 3rd board meeting.

The *Midori Kai* event on Saturday, September 12, in Mountain View was very successful for we sold all our 32 crates of strawberries and 20 cookbooks by 3 pm. Many thanks to **Berry Bowl Co-Op**, **Grant Sakae**, **Norman Uyeda**, and **Richard Uyematsu** for their donation of delicious strawberries. Special thanks to **Nancy Kuratomi** and **Lori Yoshida** for helping **Barbara Shingai** that day.

San Louis Obispo Buddhist Church & Guadalupe Buddhist Church would like to become part of Coast District Temples. Coast District is in the process of making a decision.

Alex Tao is looking for an Eagle Scout Project to do. The board decided on the project making gates and security measures from the *Hondo* to the Gym/Hall areas.

Photos from the 54th Annual Chicken Teriyaki:





(1) the happy cabbage *tsukemono* crew; (2) the rice cooking crew; (3) pot washers outside; (4) lunch break; (5) five cars drive up for the take-out; and (6) take-out team making a delivery. Thank you, *Sangha*, for helping at this year's *teriyaki* fundraiser. It was a FUN RAISER, too.

SENIOR CENTER NEWS by Jo Ann Vear

The month of October started with the Senior Center's 44th Anniversary celebration on October 8th.

Iwao Yamashita introduced **Marcia Hashimoto**, president of the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL chapter, who thanked our Seniors for all their contributions to our community. **Chie Sakaue** sang *Shigin*, followed by

presentations of a potted plant to each of our Seniors 90 years old or older.



The fourteen 90 and over Seniors who were present were (front row): **Nancy Iwami 101**, **Haruko Yoshii 98**, **Miyeko Yamashita 97**, **Mitzi Katsuyama 95**, **Tea Hashimoto 94**, **Michiko Hamada 94**, **Mitsue Tao 92**, **Grace Fujita 90**; (back row): **Akira Kodama 94**, **Fred Oda 92**, **Ruby Nakamura 90**, **Hideko Nagamine 94**, **Chiyeiko Shikuma 90**, **Eiko Ceremony 90**.

Cake cutting honors went to **Nancy Iwami**. Absent were:

Masako Miura 101, **Yoshino Matano 100**, **Louise Sako 98**, **Frances Goon 96**, **Chiyoko Yagi 95**, **Evelyn Kamigawachi 91**, **Betty Yagi 91**, **Sam Sakamoto 90**, **Floy Sakata 90**, and **Akira Nagamine 90**.

Our annual group photo was taken by **Phil Shima** and can be seen, along with the photo of our 90+ seniors, in our photo album in the back of the hall.



Carol Kaneko then presented her "Year in Review at the Senior Center" slide show, followed by bingo and a delicious *obento* dinner from *Imura Restaurant*. A special thank you to **Iwao Yamashita** for his *bonsai* and to **Hisako Kodama**, **Jean Akiyama** and **Mitsuyo Tao** for the beautiful flower decorations for the 44th anniversary party.

Thank you so much to the *toban* group this past month of October: **Nobue Fujii**, **Eiko Stewart** and **Nobuko Akiyama**. Plus all the others that help whenever they are there: **June Honda**, **Judy Hane**, **Eileen Byers**, **Jean Yamashita**, **Hiroko Madia**, and **Lisa Nagamine**. We also thank **Jean**, **Hiroko**, and **Lisa** for calling bingo this month.

We are gratefully appreciative of all the generous donations for bingo:

Iwao Yamashita

4 *Kabocha*, 2 bags tomatoes,
15 bags mixed vegetables
3 boxes facial tissue
24 rolls bath tissue
100 *Dixie* small plates,
2 boxes wax paper

Phil Shima

Haruko Yoshii

Nobue Fujii

Sunao/June Honda	7 plates <i>dora yaki</i> , 1 case water, 3 pkgs. noodle and <i>katsuobushi</i> , 5 plates <i>Inari sushi</i>
Rubie Kawamoto	3 bags <i>Chagashi</i> , large box <i>Cheez-it</i> crackers 12 boxes <i>Kleenex</i> ,
Kazuko Sakai	7 box <i>Kleenex</i> , 5 bottles hand soap
Chie Sakaue	34 bunch flowers
Eiko Nishihara	12 jars strawberry jam
Yoshiko Nishihara	14 bottles <i>Dawn</i> dish soap, 4 bottles hand soap
Eiko Ceremony	2 cans chili, 2 cans corn, 1 can <i>Campbell</i> soup, 1 can fruit, 6 rolls paper towels
Eiko/George Stewart	6 rolls bath tissue
Jean Akiyama	6 boxes <i>Kleenex</i>
Terry Hirahara	4 boxes aluminum foil, 4 bottles dish soap
Jane Sugidono	1 mystery package
Miyeko Yamashita	6 pkgs. senbei
Hide/Akira Nagamine	6 bags cucumbers, cucumbers for everybody
Eileen Byers	8 Bounty paper towels
Yaeko Cross	6 pkgs. cookies, 5 boxes <i>Kleenex</i>
Yukio/Edna Nagata	8 rolls paper towels, 4 boxes <i>Kleenex</i> , 12 rolls bath tissue
Fran Schwamm	1 box snack packs
Tea Hashimoto	8 rolls paper towels
Nobuko Akiyama	10 boxes <i>Kleenex</i>
Judy Hane	16 rolls paper towels, 100 lunch bags
Kimiyo Fujii	8 rolls paper towels, 4 <i>Dawn</i> dish soap
Pat & Kimiko Marr	50 piece sandwich containers, 50 napkins, 24 plastic forks, 1 scissor, 3 Sharpie pens, 3 scotch tape
Miyeko Yamashita	5 small bags of Japanese snacks
Satoko Yamamoto	15 small bags tangerines
Nancy Iwami	12 rolls bath tissue
Fred Oda	10 cans <i>Campbell</i> soup
Akira/Hisako Kodama	12 rolls <i>Bounty</i> paper towels
Kumiko Nakatani	pomegranates for everyone

New member **Frances Schwamm** was welcomed and she promised to attend as often as she can.

The October birthday party will be combined with the November birthday party on November 12.

Paul Kaneko reminded everyone that Carol will be collecting 2016 dues in November. All members of the Senior Center who are not National JACL members must pay dues in the amount of \$20. It is requested that Seniors who are National JACL members renew their membership at this time also - your Senior Center dues are included in your National JACL membership. Also, it is expected that all members of the Senior Center give a monetary donation (no minimum or maximum amount) for the 44th anniversary. Please see Carol to pay your membership dues or if you have not yet made your anniversary donation.

Thank you to those who made monetary donations this month: **Wallace Osato, Nobuko Akiyama, Sam & Yae Sakamoto, Susan AmRhein, Mas & Marcia**

Hashimoto, and Jean Yamashita. A big **Thank You** to all our Senior Center members who generously donated in honor of our 44th anniversary.

Members were advised of a new *Medicare sham*. Don't respond if you receive any phone calls or mail regarding proposed cuts in Medicare.

A reminder about our annual bus trip to San Francisco's Japantown on December 1. Stops will be made on the way home for additional shopping. See Carol or Rubie if you are interested in going.

It was announced that the ashes of **Kinji and Motoko House** would be put in a niche at the Monterey Cemetery at 9 a.m. on Friday, October 23. Paul and Carol Kaneko, **June and Sunao Honda, Fred Oda, Jane Sugidono, Mitsuyo Tao, Kimiyo Fujii, and Rubie Kawamoto** made the trip to Monterey to remember our dear friends, Kinji and Motoko. Their daughter, **Takae Araki**, was very appreciative of our attendance, and took us all out to breakfast and joined us afterwards as we all visited *Chaya Japanese Tea and Things* and the *Monterey Farmers Market*, two places Kinji often visited.

Paul announced that the National JACL newspaper, the *Pacific Citizen*, in the future will be in digital format only. They are having a meeting to discuss this for those members that do not have a computer.

Paul and Carol have a resource to go to if you are having legal problems and need referrals to local legal aid providers and pro bono assistance. I (**Jo Ann Vear**) also want to volunteer to help anyone that might have a rental question or real estate question. If I do not have the answer, I have the resources to find out whatever it is you need help with. I would be happy to help any one of you.

Our next casino trip will be Tuesday, November 17, to *Table Mountain Casino*. Seats are still available, so please sign up. We are still waiting to hear officially when *Chukchansi* plans to open again.

WESTVIEW CHIMES by Leslie Nagata-Garcia



Harvest Dinner

Mark your calendars for Saturday, **November 14th**, for our famous teriyaki dinner and buffet as Westview will host its annual **Harvest Dinner**. The dinner will begin at **5:00 p.m.** All **donations** will be split to benefit both our **Westview Church Tutoring Club** and **House of Joy Navajo Church in Arizona** (where our Youth served this past summer). Everyone is welcome to attend this event and it is guaranteed to be a great time for fellowship!



Westview will resume serving Salvation Army meals again on **December 4th** (every 1st Friday evening of each month). Contact the Deacons or Pastor Dan if you would like to volunteer to help.

Fall Congregational Meeting

A **Fall Congregational Meeting** will be held **Sunday, November 8th**. Immediately **after Worship Service**. Nominations of Church officers will take place.



On Saturday, October 17th, Westview participated in the CROP Hunger Walk at **Second Harvest** in Watsonville. CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by religious groups, businesses, schools, and others to raise funds to end hunger in the U. S. and around the World.



Westview won the **Golden State Award** for the 2nd year in a row for the most participants! Good job, Westview, in helping feed the

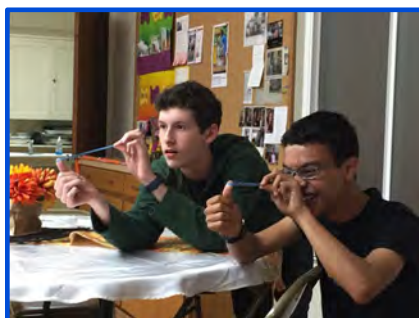
hungry of the World.

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Help your youth/children grow a strong foundation in Christ!
Youth/Family Upcoming and Past Events

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

- **Nov. 6th & 20th; Dec. 4th & 18th – Gym Nite**



Photos of Youth Gym Nite from Oct 2nd: Youth team game of "Minute to Win It," rubber band bowling, and a



very competitive game of donut stacking on forehead.

Kris and Isaac (above) are installed and blessed as Junior Deacons.

Wednesday Study Series

What is the confusing Book of Revelation really about and how does it speak into our time?

Wednesday Study Series are usually held the **2nd** and **4th Wednesday** of each month at **6:30 p.m.** at **Westview** - come explore the **Book of Revelation** as we discuss Max Lucado's study of Revelation.

Please mark your calendar for the following dates:
November 11th, December 9th.

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JOIN US--WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JA CL

We'd love to have you, your family members, relatives and friends join us for 2016. A membership application is included in this newsletter for you and your family. Yes, you don't have to be a Japanese American to be a member. You don't have to be a US citizen, but you must be an advocate for social justice and for civil rights for all

Current members: your membership expiration date (example, **10/15** = Oct. 2015) is located after your name on the address label. If you have moved or about to move, please let us know your new address.

Thank you for reading this November 2015 newsletter.
Onward!

