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*Lessons in  
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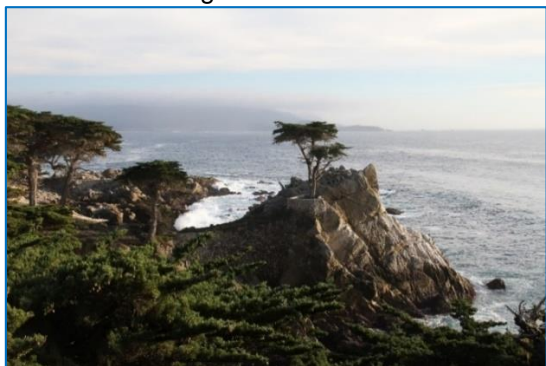
## THE WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL Newsletter August 2016

### **A STORM IS BREWING ...**

**Editor**

Our weather this past July has been perfect. The tourists visiting Santa Cruz, Monterey, Carmel, Pebble Beach, Point Lobos, Big Sur and, of course, Watsonville, have snapped memorable photos of their visit to be included with their Christmas cards or New Year's greetings.

They may have played golf on one of the world's premiere courses, dined at a world famous restaurant, explored our Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary, and eaten our finest local fruits and vegetables.



The most photographed tree in the world—the Lone Cypress--on the famous "17 Mile Drive".

We seem to be immune from the problems of race and religion facing other locales for Santa Cruz County is the second most liberal in the country after San Francisco City/County. But, hate groups do exist in our county as reported recently by the **Southern Poverty Law Center**.

Even after the success of the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s, race relations have not improved for too many. Left behind in education, advanced technology, economic inequities, social justice, and civil rights are they.

There is much work ahead for our JACL chapters and national organization. We need your help and support as full members of the W-SC JACL. Join us in the fight for racial and gender equality, civil rights, and social justice.

### **2016 JACL National Convention** By Kimiko Marr

The JACL National Convention took place July 11-14 at the Monte Carlo in Las Vegas. There were many serious topics to vote on this year like the election of new National Board members (including the President!), passing a budget for 2017-18 as well as 3 regular resolutions and 2 emergency resolutions.

Day one we heard reports from each National board member, and there was a panel discussion on the future of the *Pacific Citizen* with **Bill Imada**, **Gil Asakawa** and **Jay Kim** from the Asian American Advertising Federation. The nomination of the candidates for the board was followed by a

discussion of the 2015-16 budget and a presentation of the 2017-18 proposed budget.

Day two, the candidates addressed the delegates and there was a civic engagement presentation given by **Sue Van** the President/CEO of the Wallace H. Coulter Foundation. Consul General **Jun Yamada** and Minister **Takuya Sasayama** joined moderator **Floyd Shimomura** for a presentation of the US-Japan Committee Report including a short video of last year's **Kakehashi Program** participants. During lunch the National Youth/Student Council had a Youth Awards Lunch with a speaker from the Black Lives Matter movement.

The afternoon was spent discussing proposed resolutions. The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolution 1 which states "Acknowledgement of the civil rights violations forcefully imposed on Canadian Citizens of Japanese descent during and in the years following the end of World War II by the Canadian Government."

Resolution 2 which states "Additional funding for the *Pacific Citizen* operations."

Resolution 4 which states "A resolution of the National Council of the Japanese American Citizens League affirming support for a U.S. asylum policy free of racial and religious prejudice."

Emergency Resolution 2 which states "A resolution of the National Council of the Japanese American Citizens League relating to support for the establishment of the Tule Lake National Historic Site and protection and preservation of the entire historic site."

Our final day started with voting for the new officers and the adoption of a 2017-18 budget. The new officers are:

**Gary Mayeda**, President

**Jeffrey Moy**, VP, Public Relations

**Matthew Farrells**, VP, Planning and Development

**Michelle Amano**, VP General Operations

**Kota Mizutani**, Youth Representative

The awards luncheon, hosted by **David Ono**, celebrated the recipients of the 2016 Legacy Fund grants as well as the winner of the George Inagaki Chapter Citizenship award that went to John Saito of the Venice-Culver chapter.

The Sayonara Gala included the installation of officers by **Norman Y. Mineta**, the presentation of the *JACL Ruby Pins*: **Floyd Shimomura**, **Ken Inouye**, and **Larry Oda**; and the announcement of the Japanese Americans of the Biennium Awards: **Carole Hayashino**, President and Executive Director of the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii; **Delphine Hirasuna**, author of "The Art of Gaman" and **June Kuramoto** and **Dan Kuramoto** of the group, *Hiroshima*.

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## NATIONAL JACL YOUTH CONFERENCE

By Laurel Mayeda

At the 47th annual JACL National Convention, the National Student Youth Council honored *Black Lives Matter* Los Angeles Chapter for doing impactful organizing within the Black community. **Shamell Bell**, street dance activist, community organizer, choreographer, and PhD student at UCLA, accepted the award on behalf of BLM-LA. Bell shared the experience of being a mother of a black son. She shared a story that symbolized the difference in what "getting shot" means. When she was watching her son and his white friend play, her 5-year-old son asked Bell if she was 'gonna get shot.' Bell was petrified that her son would ask such a gut-wrenching question about reality of the Black community. As she was about to answer, a young white child said, "The doctor gave me a shot," pointing to his arm where he got a vaccine. The difference in the meaning of "getting shot" means different things depending on the skin color of an individual.

Bell emphasized that the liberation of the Asian American/Pacific Islander community is directly to the liberation of the Black community. *Black Lives Matter* needs to be a priority for the AA/PI community. White supremacy has created stereotypes such as the model minority myth. Asian Americans have been used as an example of achieving the "American Dream," making other communities of color "lazy." Because white America perceives Asian Americans as the "safe" minority, we reap the benefit of white supremacy. Because of this, Asian Americans must use our privilege to assist the liberation of the Black and Brown communities that face the brunt of white supremacy. Especially for a community that comes from generations of anti-Blackness and internalized model minority, we must undo those narratives. Bell then closed with the Assata Shakur chant, "It is our duty to fight for our freedom. It is our duty to win. You must love and protect one another. We have nothing to lose but our chains." It was an amazing speech that broke barriers for the Nikkei community within the JACL.

During Bell's speech, certain individuals left in the middle of her speech as a form of resistance to the idea of Black lives mattering. These individuals who shall not be named were known to have made anti-Black comments during the convention promoting the problematically racist, ignorant, and violent Internet slogan of *All Lives Matter*.

As Asian Americans we forget that we benefit from the violent system of white supremacy. We must remember that the police state has origins in the hunting down of Black bodies during the times of slavery. The system of the police is rooted in inherent anti-Blackness and violence against Black and Brown bodies. For many centuries there has been a pattern of the Black community being targeted by the state. This pattern is not an accident. It is a system of violence that has played out in generations in the United States.

RIP: **Philando Castile** (7/16/83-7/6/2016) Falcon Heights, Minnesota.

**Alton Sterling** (6/14/1979-7/5/2016) Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

**[Editor's note: Kimiko Marr and Laurel Mayeda were our W-SC JACL chapter's official delegates to the convention, and we are grateful for these reports written for our members.]**

In September, we will submit reports on the JACL's financial crisis, membership dues increase, and the cost of hard copies of the *Pacific Citizen*.]

## 2016 Minidoka Pilgrimage By Kimiko Marr



This year I was lucky enough to be invited to participate in the Minidoka Pilgrimage. I had been to several other camps, but none as part of a pilgrimage. I had no idea what to expect.

The pilgrimage took place in Twin Falls, ID about 30 minutes outside of the former Minidoka camp. Many pilgrims arrived by bus from Seattle or caravan from Portland. All age ranges and generations were covered.

The oldest pilgrim (and my travel buddy) was **Frank Inami** at 95 years old and the youngest was 11 month old **Adelynn**.



We spent our first day at the University of Southern Idaho. After a brief welcome to the pilgrimage, we watched a wonderful film by Dr. **Satsuki Ina** called "Children of the Camps" followed by a Q&A with Dr. Ina. The rest of the day was filled with many

different educational sessions (including mine!) that the pilgrims could attend. Some of the sessions included: a documentary on **Min Yasui**, a presentation of a graphic novel about the 442, a discussion about *hapa*/mixed race Nikkei, a presentation of the book "Balancing on Barbed Wire" as well as a discussion on racism.



The Minidoka Honor Roll of those men and women who served gallantly in the US military during WW II.



Day two started out with a trip to the actual camp site and walking tours with the National Park Service. We were able to see a reconstructed barrack, fire house and mess hall. What made it even more special was that there was a woman in my tour group that was actually incarcerated at Minidoka when she was a young teen. She shared several memories about the barracks and the mess hall and going to dances! It is an amazing experience to hear firsthand accounts of the camps WHILE touring the actual site.



Photos by Kimiko Marr.

During the afternoon of day two we returned to the University of Southern Idaho for what was called "Legacy Sessions". We were split up into intergenerational groups of about 15 where we could discuss how the incarceration has affected us whether personally or through family or friends. It was a chance for the generations to hear each other.

On the last day we went to the dedication of the new baseball field at Minidoka. There were several former Minidoka baseball players in attendance **Kerry Yo Nakagawa** of "American Pastime" (movie).

The pilgrimage was such a wonderful experience that I would like to encourage everyone to attend one! For more information on Minidoka's pilgrimage you can go to [minidokapilgrimage.org](http://minidokapilgrimage.org).

## ***FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF NISEI VETERANS***

**President Lawson Sakai** announced that the annual Nisei Veterans' Reunion will be held October 16-20, 2016 at the California Hotel in Las Vegas.

There will be an outstanding program by **Matthew Elms**, author of "When the Akimotos Went to War," who will speak of the 232<sup>nd</sup> Combat Engineer Company, a unit of the 100<sup>th</sup>/442<sup>nd</sup> RCT that performed vital work that led to the success of the RCT. Keynote speakers will include **Christine Sato-Yamazaki** of the National Veterans Network and news anchor **David Ono** of ABC-TV in Los Angeles. Both are wonderful supporters of our Nisei veterans. The registration deadline is September 16, 2016.

For complete information, please contact the Reunion Coordinator **Janet Ito**, [jagaito@gmail.com](mailto:jagaito@gmail.com) or call, (818) 468-7456.

## ***FROM "THE UTAH NIPPO" NEWSPAPER of Salt Lake City, Monday, August 27, 1945***

**1—NISEI TROOPS HONORED IN ITALY** (no author)  
LEGHORN, Italy – Some 3,000 Nisei troops, bearing their historic battle flag with its three Presidential unit citation streamers and a single white combat streamer, were designated today by Gen. Francis H. Oxx, area commander, to lead the V-J Day parade here. Altogether 15,000 GI's will be in line.

The Nisei troops will be in the van in this victory march as they were when they spearheaded the attacks that opened the Vosges Mountain doorway to Strasbourg last October and when they snatched the Thirty-sixth Infantry Division's lost battalion of Texans from the encircling Germans. These two actions, incidentally, cost them 2,3000 casualties in three weeks.

Col. V. R. Miller of Minnesconne, Wisc., who commands the Nisei, will lead them in the march. Beside him will march Maj. Mitsuyo Fukuda, Honolulu high school teacher, who is the last remaining member of the 100<sup>th</sup> Nisei Battalion still in Italy.

Simultaneously with General Oxx's announcement that the Japanese boys from the islands and from the United States mainland would hold the honor position in the V-J Day parade came a petition from all men in D Company of the 168<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, a white regiment stationed here, the Nisei boys during the readjustment problems back in the States.

The communications said:

**From Company D, 168<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, Thirty-fourth Infantry Division to the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion and 442<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment:**

**The undersigned members of Company D, 168<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, in appreciation of the heroic and meritorious achievements of our fellow Americans in the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion and the 442<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Battalion do hereby assert that our help may be counted upon to convince the folks back home that you are fully deserving of all the privileges with which we ourselves are bestowed.**

**It is a privilege and an honor to acknowledge the members of the 100<sup>th</sup> Battalion and the 442<sup>nd</sup> Regiment as fellow Americans. We are duly proud to say "Well Done" to you and yours.**

**Sincerely, your American buddies of Company D, 168<sup>th</sup> Infantry, Thirty-fourth Division.**

This document, a spontaneous appreciation from the officers and GI's of the 168<sup>th</sup>, bore the names of every man in the unit, from Lieut. Maxwell Robblee, acting commanding officer, to the lowest buck private. There were 117 signatures all told.

## ***2--442<sup>ND</sup> TO PRESENT FUNDS FOR ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL (Penbase Press)***

Upon his return from Potsdam, President Harry Truman will be presented with a purse of 4413 dollars as a Roosevelt Memorial Fund, made up spontaneously by the 442d Combat Team, Japanese Americans, now attached to the Base Section as PW guards.

The presentation will be made in Washington by a delegation of 442d men now in hospitals near Washington headed by Mr. Earl Finch of Hattiesburg, Miss., who took a warm interest in the regiment and the 100<sup>th</sup> Bn, when they were in training at Camp Shelby and who now is helping the returning veterans find jobs where they won't meet the bigotry and intolerance prevalent around their former homes.

When President Roosevelt died the 442<sup>nd</sup> was in the line. Upon the German collapse in Italy, a spontaneous movement arose among the combat team for a memorial to the man who had stood as a symbol of racial intolerance, T-5 Toshiyaki Hayashi, Special Service NCO, initiated the collection of the fund.

The regiment, the 232<sup>nd</sup> Engineer Co. and the 206<sup>th</sup> AGF Band, members of the Combat Team, contributed 3638 dollars. The 552<sup>nd</sup> Field artillery Bn., formerly a member of the team, sent a check for 775 dollars, bringing the total to 4413 dollars.

It had been planned originally to send the money directly to President Truman in Washington but Army Regulations prohibit that. Mr. Finch then was asked to form the delegation and upon conferring with the Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes, Assistant Secretary of War John J. McCloy, War Relocation Director Dillon S. Myer, and Delegate Joseph Farrington of the Territory of Hawaii, plans were made to hold the presentation ceremony in the White House.

### 3—"VFW UNANIMOUSLY Votes to Admit Nisei War Hero"

HERE'S HARRY TANOUYE AGAIN! The James V. Gresham post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hollywood, accepted him as a member August 16. Incidentally, Harry spoke at a meeting of Hollywood Lions Club at the Garden of Allah, Hollywood, Aug. 15.

### SENIOR CENTER NEWS By Jo Ann Vear

Many Senior Center members attended the JACL Community Picnic on Saturday, June 25 at Aptos Village Park. We had many exciting games of bingo for some wonderful prizes provided by our JACL chapter. After a performance by *Watsonville Taiko* and the scholarship presentations, we enjoyed a delicious lunch, more bingo, strawberry shortcake, ice cream social, and the raffle. It was a wonderful day.

Thirty-six Seniors and friends traveled to Table Mountain Casino on June 28<sup>th</sup> for a relaxing day away from home. Goodies for the bus ride were provided by **Alice Misumi, Jackie Yamashita, Jean Yamashita, Kazuko Sakai, Jean Akiyama, Rubie Kawamoto, Toshi Yamashita, Haru Ishibashi, Hide Nagamine, Yaeko Cross, Linda Murray, Yoshiko Nishihara, Nobue Fujii, and Eiko Nishihara.** **Jean Yamashita** who organized this trip from start to finish did a terrific job! **Paul and Carol Kaneko** were able to relax and not worry about losing anyone at the casino.

June ended at the Senior Center with an early 4<sup>th</sup> of July treat from **Susan Amrhein** and **Helen Nakano**. Helen provided the red, white, and blue table decorations and Susan and Helen treated everyone to ice cream and berries sundaes, also red, white, and blue.

On July 7, we all welcomed back **Sam and Yae Sakamoto**. It was wonderful to see them again after a long absence.



**Satoko Yamamoto 90 and Haruko Yoshii 99** are enjoying Bon Odori. Photos by **Carol Kaneko**.

July 17 was the Watsonville Buddhist Temple *Obon* festival. Many Seniors were seen there enjoying themselves - eating delicious food and chatting with family and friends. Many were also selling food and working in the kitchen, something they had been doing for several days before *obon*. Several seniors were also seen dancing - **June Honda** even made it to the platform for the final two dances (she has the videos). **Nancy Iwami, 102**, visiting from Reno, was seen having her picture taken with Watsonville mayor **Felipe Hernandez** and Buddhist Churches of America president **Ken Tanimoto**.



July's birthday celebration was held on July 21 with birthday honorees **Phil Shima, Sunao Honda, Kumiko Nakatani, Nobue Fujii, and Michiko Hamada 95**. Absent were **Mary Perez, Floy Sakata 91, and Chiyoko Yagi 96**. The 90 and overs were given a gift package. Thanks to **Hisako Kodama, Jean Akiyama, and Mitsuyo Tao** for the beautiful flower arrangements on all the tables. The colorful dahlias were from **June Honda's** garden.

Following the July birthday party, 26 Seniors enjoyed a movie night with iced tea and kettle corn as refreshments, courtesy of **Jean Yamashita** and **Carol Kaneko**. **Kimiko Marr** presented several of the documentaries she has filmed and produced. One was a two-part film called "Lost and Found" about two Japanese American men who knew each other as kids growing up in Sacramento and seventy years later, reunite and get acquainted again. Other films were about camps and camp life. The Seniors enjoyed the films and several stayed after to discuss them with the film maker, **Kimiko Marr**.



Thank you so much for all the help in the kitchen this past month. The *toban* ladies were **Terry Hirahara, Kimiko Marr** and **Pat Marr**.

**Terry Hirahara** brought her mother **Etsuko Yano** to bingo while she was here staying with Terry. **Fran Schwamm** brought **Lily Yamashita** who was here visiting with her son. **Chiyoko Yagi** came with her daughter, **Sharon Lowenstein**, who was visiting for *obon*.

**Kitty Mizuno** told us about the Friday "Open House" for **Kokoro no Gakko** which was held July 8 at the Buddhist Temple. There was a presentation from each class kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade and a raffle of wonderful prizes. This Japanese cultural program has taken place in Watsonville for over 25 years. Children learn Japanese crafts, songs, language, games, cooking, etc. Some of the special projects include making *mochi*, *ikebana*, *sumi-e* brush painting, *bonsai*, *taiko* drumming, *sushi* making, *shashiko* sewing, puppet making and much more. Older students interview their older relatives or friends about their family, immigration stories and about their experiences during World War II and present reports about their interviews. Students come back to **Kokoro no Gakko** every year and continue to come back as volunteers after they have graduated. **Kokoro no Gakko** is grateful to the members of the community to come to teach and assist with the program and there are many participants from the Senior Center.

Monetary donations were gratefully received this month from **Etsuko Yano, Chiyoko Yagi, Nobue Fujii, Kumiko Nakatani, Sunao Honda, Michi Hamada, and Floy Sakata**.

Thank you very much for all your generous donations:

<b>Toshi Yamashita</b>	4 containers cupcakes, 12 rolls paper towels, 2 – 1 lb. bag rice crackers
<b>Miye Yamashita</b>	5 bags <i>senbei</i> , 5 pkgs. noodle soup
<b>Rubie Kawamoto</b>	12 boxes tissue, 100 bags of tea, 2 doz. eggs
<b>Iwao/Jean Yamashita</b>	38 bags veggies, beans, squash, cucumbers
<b>Haru Ishibashi</b>	1 bag <i>senbei</i>
<b>Hideko/Akira Nagamine</b>	8 cans tuna, 2 large <i>Windex</i> cleaner, 5 bags cucumbers, 4 cans pink salmon, 2 air freshener
<b>Jane Sugidono</b>	1 case water, 2 pkgs. <i>sushi nori</i> , 12 plates lemon cake, 1 jar <i>umeboshi</i> , 1 box wafers
<b>Eileen Masuda (Kimiko Marr's aunt)</b>	Assorted gifts for Mother's day raffle
<b>Chie Sakaue</b>	8 bunches flowers
<b>Sunao/June Honda</b>	Plums for everyone, 7 plates of <i>Spam musubi</i> , 4 barbecue pork buns, Dahlia flowers, 4 pks <i>Koshi An Manju</i>
<b>Dylan and twins (from their garden)</b>	4 bags tomatoes
<b>Susan AmRhein</b>	5-1lb. container strawberries, 4-6 oz. black berries
<b>Eiko Ceremony</b>	4 cans pineapple chunks, 4 cans water chestnuts, 4 cans <i>Spam</i>
<b>Sam/Yae Sakamoto</b>	50 bags of cookies-one for everyone
<b>Melissa Song</b>	6 assorted Mother's day raffle gifts
<b>Kumiko Nakatani</b>	13 bags tomatoes, 13 cantaloupes
<b>Eiko Nishihara</b>	12 jars strawberry jam
<b>Yoshiko Nishihara</b>	8 foaming hand soap, 8 <i>Dawn</i> dish soap
<b>Mitzi Katsuyama</b>	2 dozen eggs

<b>Nobue Fujii</b>	8 <i>Bounty</i> paper towels, 100 small plates
<b>Yaeko Cross</b>	12 rolls toilet tissue, 5 pkgs cookies
<b>Kitty Mizuno</b>	1 bunch flowers, 5 pkgs Japanese noodles
<b>Sharon Yagi Lowenstein</b>	10 seasoned seaweed, 8 shopping bags
<b>Eileen Byers</b>	10 bottles <i>Dawn</i> dish soap
<b>Jo Ann Vear</b>	9 boxes <i>Kleenex</i>
<b>Jean Akiyama</b>	12 rolls toilet tissue
<b>Chiyeko Shikuma</b>	30 rolls toilet tissue
<b>Tea Hashimoto</b>	30 rolls toilet tissue
<b>Akira/Hisako Kodama</b>	12 jars pickles
<b>Kazuko Sakai</b>	6 <i>Bounty</i> paper towels, 2 <i>Lysol</i> hand soap
<b>Yukio/Edna Nagata</b>	6 rolls paper towels, 3 boxes <i>Kleenex</i>
<b>George/Eiko Stewart</b>	6 rolls toilet tissue

## Seniors' Corner

### (1) One-Day Senior Trip to Tachi Palace Casino

Tues., Aug. 16, 2016, 8 am to 7:30 pm

For reservations call **Jean Yamashita** (408) 813-6539 or **Rubie Kawamoto** 854-2028.

(2) **Santa Cruz Follies 2016 "Happy Days Are Here Again,"** Friday, Sept. 16, 2016 1 pm matinee. Cost \$20 per ticket. We will carpool and have dinner together after the show. For reservations call **Carol Kaneko** (831) 476-7040.

(1) A reminder there will be a casino trip on Tuesday, August 16 to *Tachi Palace Casino* in Lemoore, California. **Jean Yamashita** is organizing the event and **Rubie Kawamoto** is taking reservations. The price is \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members. The casino requires a minimum of 30 people to get the \$20 cash back to play. As usual at all casinos, everyone will get their players card. The fee being charged will not cover the cost of the bus so there may be fewer trips or possibly an increase in the fee charged. **Jean Yamashita** reminded everyone that Chukchansi does have their own bus that leaves from McDonalds if anyone is interested.

(2) Anyone interested in attending the **Santa Cruz Follies 2016 "Happy Days Are Here Again"** matinee performance on Friday, September 16 at 1 pm, please contact **Carol Kaneko**. The show will feature a tribute to **Frank Sinatra**. We will arrange to carpool from Watsonville and will plan to go out for dinner after the show.

The **August Birthday Party** will be held on **Thursday, Aug. 18**, and regular bingo days are Aug. 4, 11, and 25.

Thanks to all of you who make our Senior Center a place where our Seniors feel comfortable, have fun, are able to socialize with their friends, and win some really great bingo prizes! Stay healthy and see you all next month!

Check out <http://kizukahallseniors.wordpress.com>, our Senior Center website, to keep up with our activities, see photos in living color, and to check our calendar.

For those retired citizens who are not yet members, please join us on Thursdays. You'll have lots of fun.



# WATSONVILLE TAIKO AND SHINSEI DAIKO

By Bonnie Chihara



**Sensei Ikuyo Conant** will be teaching a Kids' Summer Taiko class from August 5th-26th from 4:30-5:30 pm at Kizuka Hall 150 Blackburn St Watsonville. This class is for children age 8 and up and will focus on rhythm, movement and power to develop better balance and coordination.

If you are interested in taking any of our other classes we have classes for all ages in Watsonville and Santa Cruz, check out our website [www.watsonvilletaiko.org](http://www.watsonvilletaiko.org) or visit us on Facebook.

For more information on our upcoming performances or classes please contact **Kay Miyamoto** at 831 475 1088 or email us at [info@watsonvilletaiko.org](mailto:info@watsonvilletaiko.org).

Our upcoming schedule:

July 24 <sup>th</sup>	Wharf to Wharf, Capitola
Aug. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	National Night Out, Watsonville
Aug. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Church Street Fair, Santa Cruz
Aug. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Aromas Day, Aromas
Sept. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Ksitigharba Day, Land of Medicine Buddha, Soquel
Oct. 9 <sup>th</sup>	Open Streets, West Cliff Dr. Santa Cruz
Oct. 15 <sup>th</sup>	UN Day, Abbott Square Santa Cruz
Oct. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Japan Day, UCSC Crown College
Nov. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Big Sur Half Marathon
Dec. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Multicultural Celebration, Watsonville

## 2016 KOKORO NO GAKKO By Dr. Janet Nagamine



We just completed the 27th annual Kokoro No Gakko cultural program! It is remarkable that the parents, teachers, and community members have kept the program going strong for so many years. And, it was an honor to meet and work with many of the Gakko Alumni and Grandparents who are now returning with their

children and grandchildren! Save the date--next year will be June 26, 2017 to July 7.



**Sensei Carol Clouse's** 4<sup>th</sup> grade students, with the aid of *Watsonville Bonsai*, had just finished their bonsai project.



This group photo was sent to **Elren Hanayama** in Japan for her birthday. We all miss her. Photo by **Janet Nagamine**.



**Sensei Aimee Mizuno** led the "ohayo"—"good morning" greeting--and the early exercises.

The classes were lined by grades from Kindergarten (in front) to 6<sup>th</sup> grade.







BWA ladies--**Aiko Nitao**, **Mitsuyo Tao**, and **Hideko Nagamine**--assist students with their *ikebana* project.



**Gakko's 2<sup>nd</sup> graders** sing about fish in the ocean.



**Sensei Bob Gomez** rehearses a Japanese song with the 1<sup>st</sup> graders. They are pointing to their *atama* (head).



The Kindergarten students of **Sensei Debbe Hoshiyama Chan** and **Marcia Hoshiyama Hashimoto** are wearing the *origami kabuta* (warrior's helmet) they folded for Boy's Day (5/5). Student helper is **Jaime Sakuma** and parent helper is **Amy Uyematsu Reams**.



Volunteer helpers are **Hery Kamimura** (standing), **Stacey Nomura**, **Shirley Wong**, **Ryan Sakakihara**, ? and **Nancy Shikuma-Watson**.



Co-founder of **Gakko**, **Mark Takeuchi**, helped the alumni group with a cooking class of making rice balls.



**Sensei Aimee Mizuno** and **Kitty Mizuno** and their 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders on "photo day." Photos by **Janet Nagamine**, **Stuart Sakuma** and **Mas Hashimoto**.

### **Kawakami-Watsonville Sister City Association** **By Robb Mayeda**

Please mark your calendars. Eight Kawakami-mura middle school students--all boys--will arrive in Watsonville on Tuesday afternoon, **September 6**. There will be a welcome dinner that evening, and a welcome assembly will take place on Thursday morning at Lakeview Middle School. Students will attend our middle schools during that week.

Field trips are scheduled to the Monterey Bay Aquarium and our Ag History Museum at the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds.



On Saturday, September 10, there will be a beach party at Seacliff State Park from noon to 4 pm which will also serve as our farewell event.

The group will leave Watsonville early Sunday morning, September 11, from the Watsonville Buddhist Temple. A more detailed schedule will be presented in next month's newsletter.

## WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE NEWS



It is with great sadness that the BCA announces the passing of **Rev. Shousei Katsukiyo Hanayama**, BCA Minister, on July 15, 2016 at the age of 51 (August 21, 1964-July 15, 2016), at his home in Higashi Kurume, Tokyo, Japan, while on medical leave. He is survived by his wife, **Keiko Hanayama**, his son, **Shoren**, and his daughter, **Elen**.

Rev. Hanayama was the resident minister of the Watsonville Buddhist Temple since November of 2001 (14 years 8 months), and prior to that, the Seabrook (NJ) Buddhist Temple.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at Shohei-Ji Temple, 22-8 Asahi-Cho, Tokorozawa, Saitama Prefecture, Japan.

The Watsonville Buddhist Temple will hold a memorial service tentatively set for Saturday, September 17, 2016.

Gassho,  
Buddhist Churches of America

On behalf of the Watsonville Buddhist Temple Sangha, I wish to express our deepest condolences to the Hanayama family.

In Gassho,  
**Bill Wurtenberg, President**

If you wish to send a condolence message to Mrs. Keiko Hanayama, please call the office for the address. Temple office hours are 9:30 am – 12:30 pm, Monday through Friday. The Temple office email is [info@WBTemple.org](mailto:info@WBTemple.org), telephone is (831) 724-7860. Secretary is off Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>.

**August Rummage Sale:** Members and friends can drop off items at the Temple starting Monday, July 18 from 9:30 am to 3 pm. Other arrangements can be made by leaving a message at the Temple, (831) 724-7860.

Items **not** welcome are mattresses, TV, computers, e-waste, large appliances (washers, dryers, refrigerators, etc.), anything broken, torn or dirty.

## August Rummage Sale

5	Fri	8 am to 3 pm	Temple Hall
6	Sat	8 am to 1 pm	Temple Hall

## The Temple Calendar for August 2016:

2	Tues	7 pm	Teriyaki Meeting
			Emergency Board Meeting
4	Thurs	10 am	ABA Meeting
7	Sun	9:30 am	Japanese Service
		10 am	Shotsuki Hoyo & Sunday
27	Sat	5 pm	CD ABA BBQ & Bingo in Morgan Hill

## September

24	Sat	9 to 2 pm	54 <sup>th</sup> Chicken Teriyaki Take-Out Dinner
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## Shotsuki Hoyo Service

10 am Sunday, August 7, 2016

The families of the following deceased are invited to attend the August service and to *Oshoko* (offer incense).

## August Memorial List

Akiyama, Chou	Akiyama, Matajiro
Akiyoshi, Shigeo	Arimura, Ken
Aoki, Mieko	Arita, Sadako
Nadamoto, Champagne Sumie	Etow, Kenzo
Fujimoto, Zenkichi	Hashimoto, Ikuta
Hamada, Teruo	Hatsushi, Kisae
Hirano, Mary	Jofuku, Kazushige
Jyoji, Masaru	Kajihara, Eiji
Kimura, Kawano	Koda, Evelyn Misao
Koda, Wakataro	Kowaki, Hama
Kusumoto, Masumi	Kusumoto, Yoshiharu
Maemura, Matsu	Matsui, Tamiko
Matsumoto, Isaku	Matsunami, Iwao
Morimoto, Joe Kazumi	Morimune, Harry Sozo
Muronaka, Tooru	Murakami, Hisami
Nakase, Sen	Nakase, Tom
Nakashima, Junko	Nishimoto, Hamaichi
Nishita, George	Oita, Motosuke
Okamoto, Haruo	Okamura, Hiseto Harry
Ota, Teruzo	Saiki, Kimiye
Sakamoto, Juzo	Sakata, Namiko
Sasano, Iwataro	Shirachi, Maxine
Sukekane, Noboru	Tachibana, Masao
Tanaka, Minoru	Tsuehijama, Ai
Tsuehijama, Uta	Tsuji, Misu
Tsukiji, May Takako	Wada, Gozaemon
Yamakoshi, Kyotaro	Yamamoto, Hiromi Henry
Yamaoka, Tony Masami	Yonekura, Hisaye
	Yorita, Kenjun





Rev. Orai Fujikawa of Salinas conducted the **Hatsubon Service** on July 9, 2016, remembering these Sangha members who passed away this past obon year.

Hideyuki Tom Kawano	Aug. 8, 2015
Jim Uyematsu	June 11, 2015
Carmel Kamigawachi	July 7, 2015
Lois Ota	Nov. 6, 2015
Roy Sakae	Nov. 22, 2015
Bill Kajihara	Nov. 29, 2015
Roy Kaita	Feb. 5, 2016
Aaron Boone	April 5, 2016
Frank Mitsuo Okamoto	May 8, 2016
Mitsue Tao	May 8, 2016

**BWA's Summer Fun** luncheon will be at the *Miyuki Restaurant*. BWA members please meet at Temple parking lot at 11:15 am on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Please come and help with help for the Chicken Teriyaki Drive Thru Dinner with rice packing on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to **Sarah Nagamine** and **Hayley Sakae** for our \$1000 BWA scholarship recipients.

A big "thank you" to all our BWA members who:

- (1) demonstrated *maki sushi* to all students of *Kokoro no Gakko* and helping out with *mochi tsuki*.
- (2) for providing lunch and dinner for Fourth of July staff,
- (3) for the great help on Friday, Saturday and Sunday for *sushi* preparation and sale during the Obon Festival.

There will be no BWA August meeting. Next meeting on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 1pm.

**ABA:** The *Obon udon* sale is our only fund raiser. We sold out! Thank you to all who helped.

Thank you to all the ABA members who helped with the Fireworks sale.

ABA members are asked to help sort and sell at the August Rummage Sale.

The next ABA meeting will be August 4<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.

The CD ABA Steak & Bingo Night will be in Morgan Hill on Sat., August 27<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$15. All money raised will go the Koromo Fund which helps to buy the new minister's robes.

#### Board Notes:

**Reverend Fujikawa** of the Salinas Temple will retire at the end of August 2016. Salinas will get a new minister, **Reverend Yugo Fujita** of Kagawa, Japan. He is 26 years of age. **Reverend Dennis Shinseki** of Monterey will give a service in Salinas on August 13<sup>th</sup>.

Fall & Winter services: Watsonville's supervising ministers will either be from San Jose *Betsuin* or the BCA. Temple President **Bill Wurtenberg** can also request a retired

minister. Reverend **Ron Miyamura** of Chicago will be the minister for *Bodhi Day Service* on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

As an outreach to the community, the *Tai Chi* class will be advertised following the *Gakko* session.



Fireworks Chairman Perry Yoshida, Janice Tao, Lori Yoshida, Gail Sera, Sunao and June Honda, Itaru Nitao, Doug Nakashima, Iwao Yamashita, and Kim Yoshida. Photos courtesy of Jean Yamashita.



Among the visitors to our booth was Chief David Honda shown here with his two sons.



Gail Sera, Yoshie Maemura, and Lori Yoshida were the sales ladies. Thank you to all for supporting our booth.

July was such a busy month with the passing of our beloved Rev. Hanayama, assisting *Kokoro no Gakko* students and teachers, fireworks booth, and presenting the *Obon Festival* to our community. Thank you -- our Sangha, organizations, Monterey and Salinas Temples, and the community -- for your continuing support. *Arigato!*



## FROM OUR 2016 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

### MIKE MIKAWA

Thank you very much and a big thank you to the Watsonville Santa Cruz JACL Scholarship committee. I am very grateful for this support from the JACL and the Sako family.

This summer I am interning for the Federal Government in Washington, D.C. I'm working my entire summer from end of finals and until classes begin this fall. Currently, I'm working at the Federal Trade Commission in the Bureau of Competition and later this summer I'll be working at the U.S. Department of Justice. I feel very fortunate for these opportunities. This past spring, I was also able to extern under the tutelage of the **Honorable**



**A. Wallace Tashima** on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Judge Tashima is the first and only Japanese American judge to sit on the U.S. Court of Appeals.

Since I'm in Washington, D.C. this summer, I unfortunately won't be able to attend the Community Picnic. I have asked my mom if she could attend.



Mike is standing sixth from the left with an open collar white shirt. Standing first is **S. Floyd Mori**, formerly a National JACL Executive Director. Photo was taken earlier at the National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism in Washington, DC.

### AMANDA AKIYAMA

Dear **Mrs. Sako**:

I am very grateful and honored to be a **Reiko "Ray" and Hisako "Louise" Sako Scholarship** recipient. I am thankful for the aid this scholarship has provided helping me with college expenses.

After three years at Occidental College, I can truthfully say Occidental is the perfect match for me. Without the aid of your scholarships I would not have been able to attend this home away from home. I have made strong **connections** with professors and students, adopting easily to college life. Everyone was very caring and every class was personalized.

I am learning valuable life lessons both in and out of the classroom.

Not only has this **scholarship allowed me** to be a part of the Occidental educational community but also in their



sports. I participate on the Women's Water Polo Team. I made strong connections with teammates who became lifelong friends. Our team worked well together and ended the season strong.

With the aid of your scholarship I could have missed out on all of these educational and memorable experiences. I aspire to continue my education with a major in Biology while continuing

to play collegiate water polo. I also studied abroad in the Galapagos Islands last semester and had a wonderful experience. As a student who needs financial aid, all of this could not be tangible without your help. You help fuel my aspirations and encourage me to continue to give everything my best.

Sincerely,  
**Amanda Akiyama**

### MELISSA TAO

Going to Cabrillo College was one of the smartest and most helpful decision I have made when it came to choosing the right path for my future. After graduating high school, I thought I had an idea of what career I wanted to pursue, but Cabrillo College gave me the chance to learn about myself and made me realize exactly what I want to do with my academic future.

My freshman year of college I was very angry at myself for not leaving and getting the freshman experience that all my other friends were obtaining. I just finished my second year at Cabrillo, and I look back and think about why I even thought those thoughts. Cabrillo has provided me with so many opportunities like the Honors Program, AGS Honors Society Club, and helped me not waste my money on a career that I wouldn't have pursued. I am glad I have made these decisions because it has resulted in a productive college experience.

I am very grateful for the **Reiko "Ray" and Hisako "Louise" Sako Scholarships** which I have received these past three years, and I will continue to do my very best. Thank you so much, Mrs. Sako and the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL.

**[Editor's note: see photos #4 and #6 of Melissa and Sarah on the Community Picnic photo page. We are delighted that all our scholarship recipients are doing so well in college and in graduate school.]**

### SARAH NAGAMINE ...

I couldn't have asked for a better first year of college. I was really scared at first going to school so far away but the friends that I made helped make **Amherst** feel like home. Without my core group of friends, I would have gotten homesick all the time.



People always asked me why someone from California would go to school in Massachusetts. My response to them was why not. I wanted to experience new things with new people in a new region. Everyone always asks me how I deal with the winters since they're so different than the typical California winter. I've always enjoyed the snow and have wanted to live in an area where it snows. Watching it fall from the sky is so tranquil to me so I usually don't complain too much about the frigid temperatures, but when it's below 0° F it's a little hard not to.

I'd like to thank the **Sako family and the JACL** for helping me write these new chapters in my life and allowing me to continue my education.

In gratitude,  
**Sarah Nagamine**

## WESTVIEW "CHIMES" By Leslie Nagata-Garcia

You want to really see and experience Jesus?

—You gotta walk on the edge!

**Youth Mission Report:** This past week I got to lead our youth on a service and mission trip to Hollywood and the Mexico Border. I was reminded why I love mission trips, I got to profoundly see and experience Jesus!

We went to The Center a homeless ministry in the heart of urban Hollywood attached to Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. Many ministries "to persons without homes" provide food and services, but often the people feel like a number in a long line of the needy. At The Center they come and find community as they sit and drink coffee and tea in the garden patio, they attend a seminar on centering and finding peace, they get their mail. I felt Jesus as we just sat with and



talked with different people who live on the streets. I met Mike who is an artist and showed me some of his incredible work through pictures on his phone. I met

Anthony who dreams of building a house on some land he owns outside Spokane, WA. I felt Jesus as I met these men, loved them with dignity, and told them I would pray for them.

We went to Homeboy Industries in one of the hotbeds of LA gangs. Homeboy is a place started by Fr Greg Boyle as he sought to save people from the gangs. We met Abraham and Jacquelyn who both came from gangs and prison and have found a path to a new life through the ministry of Homeboy where they work in the bakery, silkscreen shop or Homegirl Café alongside rival gang members and find a way of peace, find God, get job skills, receive counseling, get legal help, and rather than dwelling in hopelessness they begin to dream again for their lives. Jesus felt very present through the love and encouragement we experienced in the staff and all who entered. We felt Jesus at the morning staff meeting as a young man, who was obviously afraid of public speaking, shared the inspiring thought for the day to a room of 75 people and then the whole room was led in prayer. We felt Jesus as we saw tattooed, tough men greet each other with love, an urban handshake, and often a hug. We felt Jesus in every corner of that place.

We went to the Mexican border and met Officer Jose of the Border Patrol who seemed to want to make sure all immigrants they dealt with were treated with dignity. Officer Jose struggled with how we could reform our immigration system to make the pathway to legal entry easier and less cumbersome. We felt Jesus as we looked over the fortified fence into a very impoverished neighborhood on the other side. We felt the compassion of Jesus as we learned that the minimum wage in Mexico is \$4.25 a day, not an hour, but per day! We felt the compassion of Jesus as we stood in Friendship Circle, a place at the border fence where families and friends are allowed to come each weekend to talk, cry, laugh, and feel less separated by a border.

"Would you like to see Jesus? [Mother Teresa takes Bishop Curlin around a few walls to a man lying on a black leather pallet who has clearly visible things crawling on his body. As the bishop stands there in shock, Mother Teresa kneels down and wraps her arms around him, holding him like a baby in one's arms.] Here he is. [The bishop asks "Who?"] Jesus, she says. Didn't he say you'd 'find me in the least person on earth?' Isn't this Jesus challenging us to reach out and love?" -Mother Teresa

I felt like we saw Jesus and felt Jesus as we walked on the edge—as we walked on the edge with those who were in desperation, in pain, in recovery, in poverty. I felt Jesus tangibly as we saw them be Jesus' love to each other at Homeboy Industries and as we got to be Jesus as we reached out in love to those without homes at The Center. We felt the compassion of Jesus as we looked over the border into extreme poverty.

How is God inviting you to walk on the edge?--to be with others on the edge of need. How might you be blessed as you experience Jesus, and as you get to be Jesus' love? It is Amazing! It is a taste of Heaven on earth!

God bless you and be with you,

**Pastor Dan**

## Youth Mission Trip Photos



The Youth Group at Homeboy Industries with two staff members.





- The Youth Group meet a giant sloth at the La Brea Tar Pits near Hollywood

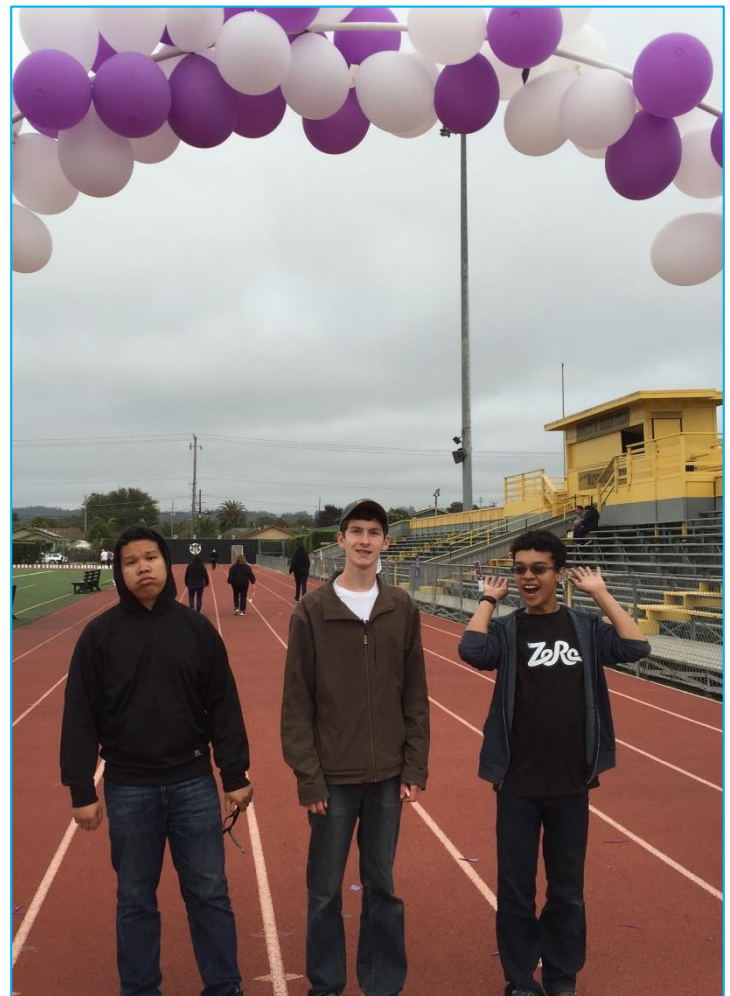
- Youth Mission Group at "Friendship Circle", along the fence at the Mexican border where families come on weekends to talk through the fence.

- Youth Mission Trip "home" was dinner in which we had to find dinner out on the street when we had no money. It was definitely a test of our creativity and faith to find God!

### Relay for Life

The **Relay for Life** event that was held **July 16th – 17th** at the Watsonville High School raised a total of **over \$65,000 for the American Cancer Society**. This year, Westview joined another team called **X Out Cancer**. Together, they were named a Silver Team (**raised over \$3600 as a team**) and exceeded their original goal of \$2000. Team X Out Cancer thanks all those who volunteered at Relay for Life and/or made donations to make this a very successful event!!

*Photo below: Team X Out Cancer walking at the Watsonville High School track.*



*Help Your Youth/Children Grow a Strong Foundation in Christ!!*

*Youth/Family Upcoming Events:*



**Gym Nites** are usually the **1st** and **3rd Friday** of each month, from **5:30 – 7:30 pm**, at **Westview**. Mark your calendars for the following dates:

**August 5th – Gym Nite,**  
**5:30 – 7:30 pm,**  
**Westview**



**August 19th – Surf Lessons and Beach Trip, Manresa Beach, 4:30 – 7:00 pm**

*Sunday Message Series: - "Ancient Wisdom for Life: mining the wisdom of the Hebrew Scriptures."*

*Sunday School During Worship Service in our Youth Room: Youth with Youth Leader Jordan Souza for the Summer!*

The **Tutoring Club** will **resume** again in **mid-September** after a summer break. Many have much need for help in math and reading and they are learning much! Our



Tutors are awesome – Mary Lou Hoffman, Diane Mio, Susan Manabe, Pastor Dan and sometimes Nancy Shott & Joanne Hayashi!

If you want to join us on **Thursdays 3:30 - 5 pm** in **mid-September** please let us know! It has been a delight to reach out with love and care for our neighbors.

**Wednesday Study Series:** We will finish our Revelation study in September after taking a break in July and August. Wednesday Study Series usually take place on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at **6:30 pm** at **Westview**.

**The Salvation Army Dinners** will begin again in December.

**IS A STORM IS BREWING? Editor**

**IN CONGRESS, July 4, 1776.**

**The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America,**

The true birthday of the United States of America is July 2, 1776 when the Second Continental Congress voted 12-0 for independence. New York, which had abstained, later voted for the resolution on independence.

A simple resolution or a "declaration" does not make one free and independent. One must first win a war and then sustain the peace.

The "Declaration of Independence" is the nickname of the document whose final wording was adopted on July 4. The true name is "IN CONGRESS, July 4, 1776 The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of

America." Note: united, an adjective, is spelled with a small "u" for the states were not yet fully united.

No one signed the document on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. It came back from the printers on August 2. Delegates (56) signed it from time to time over the next few years. The first to sign was our first President of the united States of America and the Second Continental Congress—John Hancock of Massachusetts. He is also remembered for his large, flamboyant signature on the document so that put your "John Hancock" there meant your signature.

In the course of the American Revolutionary War (1775-1783) many of the 56 signatories were to lose their lives and their fortunes but not their sacred honor.

It has been estimated that only one-third of the Americans were true Patriots—that the other thirds were either Loyalists (Tories) or didn't care one way or the other.

Today, we wonder whether we are "united." Perhaps, one-third of Americans are for the Republican candidate for President, another one-third for the Democratic candidate, and the final one-third doesn't care.

The time has come to spell "united" with a capital "U"—**United States** of America and to mean it.

It is paramount that all eligible, registered voters exercise the duty of American citizenship by voting in the Presidential election on November 8, 2016. Register, then vote!

### **"COMMON CAUSE" REPORTS ...**

Across the nation, *Common Cause* is working to ensure that everybody counts in our democracy.

*Common Cause* organized a "friend of the court" brief from 19 counties and cities across America and filed our own brief in *Evenwel v. Abbott*, a case the U. S. Supreme Court heard in December.

The Texas-based plaintiffs sought to radically alter how every state draws legislative districts to require counting only eligible voters instead of the total population.

This would have made children, immigrants, and others who live and work in our communities invisible in our democracy. It would also have resulted in huge difference in population between districts and severe underrepresentation in state legislatures for communities with relatively large non-voter populations.

Fortunately, the Court rejected this partisan move and ruled 8-0 that states may continue using Census data—that is, total population—to draw districts. SCOTUS (Supreme Court of the United States) has now recognized that the right to equal representation demands that redistricting at every level of government be based on *We the People*, not some subset of the population.

"Ensuring that each representative is subject to requests and suggestions from the same number of constituents, total-population apportionment promotes **equitable and effect representation.**" **Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.**

April 4, 2016.

**[Editor's note:** If you are not registered to vote, please do so soon. Call us at 722-6859 if you need information. "Black Lives Matter"? "All Lives Matters"? "IT MATTERS!" Registration and voting on November 8 matters!]

**STUDY, THEN VOTE! IT MATTERS!**



## Nine Attorneys from Minami Tamaki LLP Named to Super Lawyers List for 2016



(L-R): Suhi Koizumi (Rising Stars), Jack W. Lee (10-plus years), Dale Minami (Top 10, 10-plus years), La Verne Ramsay, Minette A. Kwok (Top 50 Women, 10-plus years), Sean Tamura-Sato (Rising Stars), Donald K. Tamaki (10-plus years), B. Mark Fong (Top 100), Seema Bhatt, Aron K. Liang\* (Rising Stars), Lisa P. Mak (Rising Stars), Olivia Serene Lee (Rising Stars) \*Aron was with us through May 2016.

We're proud to announce that all of Minami Tamaki LLP's Partners and more than half of our Associates were selected as Northern California Super Lawyers for 2016. Super Lawyers is a rating service of outstanding lawyers who have attained a high-degree of peer recognition and professional achievement.

Four of our Partners have been named Northern California Super Lawyers for the last 13 consecutive years. Dale Minami was named to the Top 10 list. Minette Kwok was named to the Top 50 Women list. Mark Fong was named to the Top 100 list.

Established more than 40 years ago Minami-Tamaki LLP delivers small-firm service with large-firm expertise in the areas of personal injury, immigration, corporate and nonprofit, and consumer and employee rights.

**Dale Minami** (Top 10, 10+ Years) Personal Injury  
**Minette A Kwok** (Top 50 Women, 10+Years) Immigration.  
**Jack W. Lee** (10+ Years) Consumer and Employee Rights  
**Donald K. Tamaki** (10+ Years) Corporate and Nonprofit Counseling  
**B. Mark Fong** (Top 100) Personal Injury  
**Suhi Koizumi** (Rising Stars) Immigration  
**Sean Tamura-Sato** (Rising Stars) Consumer and Employee Rights  
**Olivia Serene Lee** (Rising Stars) Immigration  
**Lisa P. Mak** (Rising Stars) Consumer and Employee Rights

### DONATIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED FROM ...

In memory of **George Kubota** from ...

**L. Carroll** of Altadena, CA  
**Dale Fendorf** of Santa Cruz  
**Adam, Marilyn, Samantha and Spencer Schwarz**  
of Rocklin, CA  
**Kristin Beccaria** of Santa Cruz  
**Michiko Matano**  
**Terry Locke-Paddon** of Aptos

In memory of **George T Aihara** from ...

**Yoko Aaihara and Sons** of Santa Cruz

In memory of **Rev. Shousei Hanayama** from ...  
**Mas and Marcia Hashimoto**

**We send our deepest condolences to the Hanayama family, relatives, and friends. The entire Hanayama family are revered members of our W-SC JACL.**

### JOIN US--WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL

The National JACL, established in 1929 (our chapter was established in 1934), is the oldest and largest Asian American organization in the nation devoted to civil rights, human dignity, and social justice.

If you are not now a member of the National JACL, we'd love to have you join our W-SC JACL chapter, the fourth largest after Portland, Chicago and Sacramento.

Please encourage family members, relatives and friends to join us for 2016-2017. We are a 501 (c) (3) non-profit, educational, civil rights organization, and our tax deductible federal ID is #94-2659895.

Annual membership dues are \$80 for an individual, \$150 for couples/family (children), and \$25 for youths 14-25.

Yes, you don't have to be a Japanese American to be a member. You don't even have to be a US citizen. You must be an advocate for justice and for civil rights for all.

**Current members:** Please renew before your membership's expiration month. Look at the date after your name on the address label. **E. Txxxx 7/16** means your membership expired back in **July of 2016**. **Marcia Hashimoto**, who sends renewal reminders, will be very grateful.

If you have moved or are planning to move, please let us know your new address.

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

**Our mailing address is: W-SC JACL, P. O. Box 163, Watsonville, CA 95077.**

Thank you for reading this August 2016 newsletter. We welcome the feedback (comments). If there's something we should include, please let us know.

For our full, living color newsletter, log onto **<http://watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org>**, Newsletter, then the month.

Onward!

**Mas Hashimoto**, Editor

### 2016 W-SC JACL COMMUNITY PICNIC

**By Marcia Hashimoto**

On behalf of the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL, I would like to thank everyone who helped, donated, and attended our annual community picnic on Sat., June 25<sup>th</sup> at the beautiful Aptos Village Park.

About 145 participants enjoyed the sunny, fun-filled day which included a variety of races for children and adults, exciting free bingo for Seniors and friends, a terrific performance by our wonderful and talented *Watsonville Taiko*, presentation of our scholarships, a delicious BBQ chicken lunch, a raffle, and an ice cream social.

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

**Randy and Tracy Mano; Gary & Cindy Mine; Joe Bowes; Phil Shima; Dr. Brooke Kondo Rains; Iwao Yamashita; Jean Yamashita; Victor, Karen, Carter & Nicole Kimura; Gini Matute-Bianchi and Norris**



Woodford; Jeanette Hager; Kimiyo Kimura; Carol, Paul, Takeshi Kaneko & Aya Okuma; Dr Stuart Sakuma and Jaime Sakuma; Chiye Tamaki; Debbe Chan; Jim & Bruce Arai; Doug and Sharyn Nakashima; Kim, Melissa, & Alex Tao; Kenny Kusumoto; Julian Nakanishi-Rodriguez; Sarah Nagamine; Samantha Sakai; Isaac Veal; James Black; & Mas Hashimoto.

#### Picnic Donations:

We are extremely grateful for the generous donations from the following individuals, businesses and organizations to our picnic and raffle. Thank you, all:

<b>Alan Uyematsu, CPA</b>	<b>Wendy King</b>
<b>Yukio &amp; Edna Nagata</b>	<b>Kazuko &amp; Perry Sakai</b>
<b>Randy Mano</b>	<b>Chiye Tamaki</b>
<b>Stan Stevens</b>	<b>Gary &amp; Cindy Mine</b>
<b>JACL Senior Center</b>	<b>Victor Kimura</b>
<b>Mas &amp; Marcia Hashimoto</b>	<b>Watsonville Taiko</b>
<b>Paul &amp; Carol Kaneko</b>	<b>Bill &amp; Gail Wurtenberg</b>
<b>Paul &amp; Kim Tao</b>	<b>Hong Kong Garden II</b>
<b>Iwao Yamashita</b>	<b>Karen Garcia-Kimura</b>
<b>Gini Matute-Bianchi</b>	
<b>Miyuki Restaurant, Chris Ishikawa</b>	
<b>Imura Restaurant, Jee and Kevin Kajihara</b>	
<b>Yamashita Market, Goro Yamashita</b>	
<b>Shiatsu Clinic, Ben and Chiyo Yamaguchi</b>	
<b>Flowers by Toshi, Ryoko Kozuki</b>	
<b>Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL</b>	

This year's grand TV prize winners were **Tracy and Randy Mano**. Congratulations!

Special thanks for the 50" flat screen "VIZIO TV," which has so many capabilities, to the following donors of our raffle grand prize:

<b>Dr. Gerald Kondo</b>	<b>Dr. Brooke Kondo Rains</b>
<b>Dr. Reed Kuratomi</b>	<b>Dr. Jamie Kuratomi</b>
<b>Dr. Stuart Sakuma</b>	<b>Dr. Arthur Hayashi</b>
<b>David &amp; Jeanni Kadotani</b>	<b>Floy Sakata</b>

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

In the kitchen of Westview Presbyterian Church, **Randy Mano**, our head BBQ chef, supervised **Gary Mine, Marcia and Mas Hashimoto** on preparation of the boneless chicken thighs for marinating with Randy's special *teriyaki* sauce.

At the picnic, the chicken thighs and hot dogs, were skillfully barbequed by chefs **Randy Mano, Jim Arai, Stuart Sakuma and Doug Nakashima**. Everyone raved about this year's tasty chicken. **Cindy Hirokawa Mine** and her kitchen crew prepared a fabulous lunch of salad, chili beans, rice, and strawberries. **Chiye Tamaki** donated many loaves of delicious buttered French bread.

The dynamic **Watsonville Taiko** entertained us, which was followed by a splendid presentation by **Dr. Brooke Kondo-Rains** honoring our scholarship recipients.

After lunch, it was off to the races ... or to play free bingo!

**Franz Steidl** was the winner of the *jan keh po* contest. The water balloon toss winners were **Julia Sheehan** and **Anita Ridpath**. Each received a \$35 Miyuki gift certificate.

We appreciate the help of all the volunteers. Special thanks to **Jean Yamashita** and **Gary Mine** for their tremendous efforts in cleaning up after the event.

The Santa Cruz County Parks Department appreciates our group for it knows we will leave the Aptos Village Park cleaner than we found it.

The W-SC JACL will continue this century-old tradition of the Watsonville Nikkei community as long as our community deems it a worthwhile tradition to maintain.

Please see the photos of our picnic on pages 18 and 19 of this newsletter.

Next year's picnic will be held on Saturday, June 24, 2017 at the Aptos Village Park. Please reserve the date. We'd love to have you and your family/clan join us for a day of fun.

### Captions to "Photos of Our W-SC JACL Community Picnic, June 25, 2016,"

#### Page 1

- 1-The racing group of youth and adults.
- 2-Cooking the *teriyaki* chicken are **Randy Mano, Jim Arai, Dr. Stuart Sakuma**, and **Jaime Sakuma**.
- 3-"*Teriyaki* chicken and hot dogs, too?!" asked the kids.
- 4-The "ice cream with strawberries social" hit the spot!
- 5-**Sunao Honda, Carol Kaneko**, and **Iwao Yamashita** declare a winner of bingo.
- 6-**Fred Oda, Toshiko Yamashita, Haru Ishibashi, June Honda**, and **Tea Hashimoto** are watching their bingo cards.
- 7-"I need just one more number!"
- 8-The youngest *taiko* drummer.
- 9-Watsonville *Taiko*'s exuberant performance!
- 10-**Ikuyo Conant Sensei** introduces her *taiko* members.
- 11-Boys in the "powdered donut eating" race.
- 12-The jumping sack race.
- 13-Getting ready for the 3-legged race.

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- 1-Scholarship Chair **Dr. Brooke Kondo Rains**.
- 2-Brooke with **Samantha Sakai**.
- 3-Brooke with **Isaac Veal**.
- 4-Brooke and **Melissa Tao**.
- 5-**Melissa, Bruce Arai**, and **Sarah Nagamine** in the powdered donut eating race.
- 6-Brooke with **Sarah Nagamine**.
- 7-The 3-legged race for the children.
- 8-Using the *hashi* (chopsticks) to pick up the beans race.
- 9-There were so many fabulous prizes from which to choose.
- 10-The *Takuwan koko* eating race.
- 11-"What is this smelly stuff?" *Takuwan koko*.
- 12-Waiting for my raffle number to be called.
- 13-Announcer **Joe Bowes** calls the winning number with **Samantha Sakai** and **Nicole and Carter Graham Kimura** and **James Black** helping.
- 14- This year's grand prize, a giant TV set, winner is **Tracy Mano**, shown here with husband **Randy Mano** and their two foster children.

**We cannot thank you enough for your membership and support of our W-SC JACL chapter and our mission. We are so grateful! But, there still so much to do. We need your continued involvement and commitment.**  
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# WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE'S 2016 OBON FESTIVAL PHOTOS



1-A slide show presentation on Rev. Hanayama; 2-Remembering the Hanayama Family; 3-selling *udon* tickets are Yoshiko Yamashita and Jackie Yamashita; 4-noon to 2:30 pm *udon* heating crew of Sadao Matsunami, Leigh Sakaguchi, Itaru Nitao and Isamu Akiyama; 5-Franz Steidl, the new tea master; 6-JoAnn Kato and Lillian Etow prepare the cabbage salad; 7-Bill Wurtenberg with Rev. Jay Shinseki family; 8-BWA ladies –Kiiko Akiyama, Hisako Kodama, Itsuko Okamoto, Ryoko Suruki–quickly sold out their famous *sushi*; 9-enjoying the *udon*, curry rice, and deserts were Carol Kaneko, Nancy Iwami, Ted Wada, Steve Mine, Sharon Hayashi, Marvin and Nancy Mattson; 10-YBA sold *teriyaki burgers* and drinks; 11-Takeshi, Kitty and Aimee Mizuno sold game tickets; Christopher Tang, formerly of Sao Paulo, Brasil won a fishing prize; 13-Jaime Sakuma helped Katerina Mataire win a cute toy dog at the Wheel of Fortune; 14-Vicki Halil bought fresh local strawberries at our Farmers' Market from Glenn Nagamine; 15-We are grateful to these Farmers' Market donors; 16-Ryoko Kozuki is taking a well-deserved break by enjoying shaved ice.



## WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE'S 2016 OBON FESTIVAL PHOTOS



1-President of the Temple, Bill Wurtenberg, welcomed everyone to this year's Obon Festival. He announced the passing of Rev. Hanayama to the audience. 2-Rev. Jay Shinseki of the Salinas Temple led us in *gassho* to start the dancing. 3-Glenn and Judy Nagamine accepted the BWA scholarship on behalf of daughter Sarah Nagamine from Terry Hirahara and Aiko Nitao. 4-Haley Sakae also received a BWA scholarship with proud parents Dean and Lisa Sakae. 5-Watsonville Taiko, youth and adult groups, entertained before the gathered dancers and onlookers. 6-Isamu and Kiiko Akiyama and Ida Akimoto danced as did 7-Maria Farias and Mayor Felipe Hernandez (it was his first time ever). 8-*Obon no uta* dancers included June Honda, Janice Tao and Sandy Izumizaki. 9. Christine Bowes kept the beat with her taiko drums. 10. Nancy Iwami 102 years young with BCA President Ken Tanimoto. 11. Mayor Hernandez posed with the all lead dancers, including Sensei Akemi Ito and Lisa Honda (in white *yukata*).



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

## No Increase in the 2016 – 2017 Membership Dues

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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