

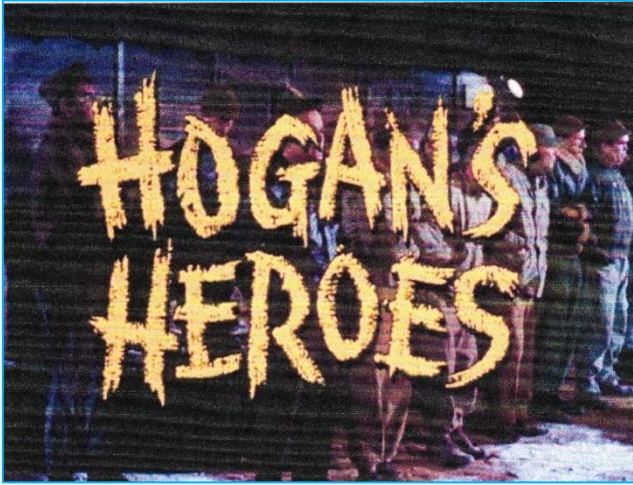
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## THE WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL

### Newsletter September 2016



There are many wonderful 1960s TV series, including *Hogan's Heroes*, now playing on ME television.

In 1968, a foreign exchange student, **Isola**, from Munich, Germany, was assigned to my class. Counselors thought it would be of interest to have US History taught by an American of Japanese ancestry who was incarcerated in a POW camp (Poston) during WW II.

One day, she was upset, complaining about the TV series, *Hogan's Heroes*, starring **Bob Crane** as Col. Robert E. Hogan. The two leading "Germans" were portrayed as complete dummies—Col. Klink, played by **Werner Klemperer** and "I know nothing" Sgt Hans Schultz, played by **John Banner**.

I asked if Col. Klink and Sgt Schultz were bad Germans? She replied, "No, but ...."

"During WW II, all Germans were not bad," I explained. "At great risk to their lives, many helped

downed Allied pilots and crew members escape." Col. Klink and Sgt Schultz were not Nazis. In real life, Werner Klemperer and John Banner are of the Jewish faith!

Isola now understood the message behind *Hogan's Heroes* and began to enjoy the series.

During WW II, at great risk to their careers and businesses, some Americans helped Japanese and Japanese Americans who were imprisoned in one of 10 major "stalags" (German for prisoner of war camps). Not all wanted to see us incarcerated as POWs.

Some unenlightened Americans repeatedly told us and others that the incarceration was for our "protection," to which I would reply, "... from people like you."

**Editor's note:** According to the Fred Korematsu case, the US Supreme Court ruled the US Government can legally deny constitutional rights to its citizens and others under "military necessity." Yes, our WW II incarceration, while immoral and unjust, was **legal**.

"Resisters" and others in camp who fought for their constitutional rights must work today with the National JACL to overthrow the high court's concept of "military necessity" for the issue of constitutional rights or disloyalty were **never** addressed when **President Harry S Truman** issued federal pardons to all draft dodgers with — "the war is over."

Can an incarceration like that of 1942-1945 happen again to us or another group? Legally, **yes**.

Should it happen again? Absolutely not.

Is the present US Supreme Court the last word on the Constitution? No.

Has the decision of the Court ever been reversed? Yes, several times.

The Constitution is what five individuals say it is at any given time. (I use to say five "men.")

You can help us right a great wrong with your vote and active participation.

In the winter of 1970-71, Isola was a great help as an interpreter/translator when our Watsonville High School SnoCatz skied in Switzerland for two weeks.

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

Whom would you say are the real heroes of our *Nikkei* (of Japanese ancestry) community? Consider the *Issei* immigrant pioneers—the very first generation—our parents and grandparents. Theirs was a lifetime of struggle for all of us, the beneficiaries.

They landed in Honolulu, Seattle or San Francisco.

In Hawaii, they worked hard and long hours on the sugar plantations. On the mainland, they worked hard, too, in the railroad, lumbering, and agricultural industries.

By the tens of thousands, they came from Hiroshima, Wakayama, Okayama, Kagoshima, Fukuoka, Kumamoto, Okinawa, Chiba, and other prefectures in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.



Many women, among them my mother, came as "picture brides." Young, frightened, and hopeful, they sailed from Yokohama, Kobe or Tokyo for a distant land which practiced strange customs, traditions, laws, and language.

They were subjected to discriminatory laws, racism, bigotry, unfair wages, and a host of other hardships ... yet, they survived and succeeded. They raised their children under the banners of *gaman* (to persevere when the odds are against you) and *kodomo no tame ni* (sacrifice all "for the sake of the children").

Most important, they taught their children--the *Nisei*--the values and philosophy of the Japanese were compatible with those of America—if you are loyal, work hard and persevere, you will succeed.

The *Issei* struggled every day of their entire lives. Returning from "camp" as elderly seniors, most were too old to start all over again. A few, alone with no families, died quietly, almost unnoticed in the 1950s.

Those who passed away before WW II didn't have names like Frank or Mary. Read the list of names in the Watsonville Buddhist Temple's *Shotsuki Hoyo* for September—their first names include **Utarō**, **Goichi**, **Yoshiteru**, **Kiichiro**, **Rintaro**, **Katsukiyo**, and **Unotsuke**.



Our *Issei* parents faithfully attended the *Day of Remembrance* observance (Executive Order 9066 of February 19, 1942) in the 1980s held at our first "camp", the Salinas Assembly Center. With hands over their hearts, they expressed their gratefulness, and now as full American citizens, they pledged allegiance to the flag and Constitution of the United States!

**Excerpts from a speech by Eric Saul on March 25, 2001 in Seattle, given to Nisei soldiers and their families.**

*Honoring the Nisei soldiers of WW II ...*

There were words like *giri* and *on*, which your parents taught you. Which means "duty," and "honor," and "responsibility." You felt you had to pay back a debt to your country, even though that country did not offer you the opportunities it did to other Americans.

*Oyakoko*: love for family. Your parents could not become citizens, but you loved your families and you knew you had to prove your loyalty at any cost. When you joined the Army, you used your bodies as hostages for your families to prove your love for democracy and justice when you volunteered from those degrading prison camps.

*Kodomo no tame ni*: "for the sake of the children." Many of you did not have children at the time, but you knew you wanted to have families. You knew that you did not want your children to have to suffer as you did. You wanted your children to be able to be doctors, and lawyers, and professionals. If you went into the military, did your job, perhaps things would change. You knew it, and you fought for it. You even came up with your own regimental motto that is on this honored regimental flag in front of me. It was "Go for Broke." You set the tone for your own regiment, and lived up to its motto. You made democracy work. Because of your wartime record, your children can now be what they want in a country that you wanted for them.

*Enryo*: humility. There's an old Japanese proverb that says if you do something really good and you don't talk about it, it must be really, really good. You never



talked about your wartime record. You did not tell your children, you did not tell your wives, and you did not even tell the country.

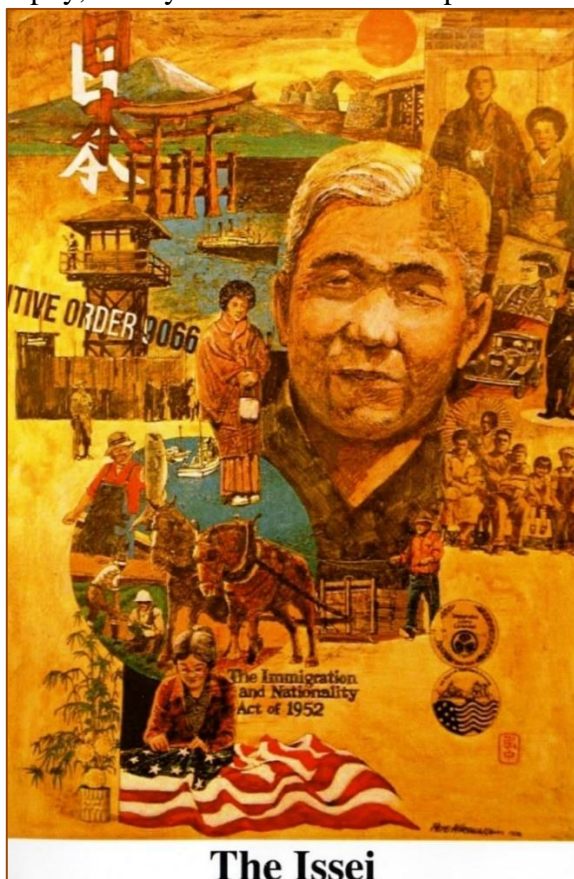
*Gaman*: internal fortitude, keep your troubles to yourself. Do not show how you are hurting.

*Shikata ga nai*: sometimes things cannot be helped. Other times, you have to go for broke, and you can change things.

*Haji*: do not bring shame on your family. When you go off to war, fight for your country, return if you can, but die if you must.

*Shinbo shite seiko suru*: strength and success will grow out of adversity.

[**Editor's note:** Eric Saul, in March of 2001, while speaking of the heroics of the *Nisei* soldiers of WW II, honored their parents who taught and lived the philosophy, beauty and values of our Japanese culture.



Poster by **Pete Hironaka**, formerly of Salinas, CA honoring our *Issei* immigrant pioneers.

### **“THE SPEAKING SEASON” HAS BEGUN ...**

Upon the invitation of instructor **Martin Rizzo**, a PhD candidate at UCSC, Mas Hashimoto spoke to his summer session students who are studying Santa Cruz County history.

No history of our county can be complete without the contributions and achievements of the Japanese and Japanese Americans. Most important, the class wished to learn more about our wartime incarceration during WW II and how it relates to the future of our county.

### **PILGRIMAGE: FROM THE VALLEY OF HEART'S DELIGHT TO HEART MOUNTAIN By Luis Valdez**

[*Editor's note: Luis Valdez is an American playwright, actor, writer and film director. Regarded as the father of Chicano theater in the United States, Luis is best known for his play “Zoot Suit,” his movie “La Bamba,” his creation of El Teatro Campesino in San Juan Bautista, and now, the play, “Valley of the Heart.”*]

This July 29-30, my wife **Lupe** and I joined the Heart Mountain Pilgrimage in Cody, Wyoming, celebrating five years since the Grand Opening of the *Heart Mountain Interpretive Center (HMIC)* in 2011. It was my honor to deliver the keynote address at this year's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual convocation.

As a story teller and playwright, I sing the song of America. In my latest play “Valley of the Heart,” I feel honored to sing the song of Heart Mountain. I wrote a love story because it had to be a love story. As human beings, the way to the mind is through the heart. **It is through love that we understand each other.** Yet on seeing the landscape of the Heart Mountain camp for the first time, my immediate response was to recognize it as the site of the original crime of ethnic cleansing in America.



A reconstructed guard tower with the chimney of the hospital in the background. Photos provided by **Lupe Valdez**.

As one of the ten concentration camps built specifically to incarcerate Japanese Americans during World War II, Heart Mountain was one of the largest, impounding up to 13,000 men, women and children from 1942-1946, many of whom were American citizens by birth. The camp was built out in the middle of “nowhere,” on 434 acres of raw brush prairie, near the banks of the Shoshone river, west of the Big Horn mountains. This was once buffalo country - home for the nomadic hunter tribes of the great plains. Notably, it became the home of “Buffalo Bill” Cody, who won fame and fortune by hunting and slaughtering the American bison that were his namesake.

Despite the heroic resistance by indigenous peoples in the face of White supremacy and its Westward Movement, the Japanese American concentration camps from California to Arkansas were all built on Indian reservation land.

Being a Mexican American of Yaqui descent, the irony of this historical fact is painful to absorb. But the healing power of Heart Mountain is in the resonant echoes of memory that haunt the landscape. The place itself and the few scattered camp buildings that remain are an unforgettable testament to human resilience.



**Shigeru Yabu** (Heart Mt internee), **Lupe** and **Luis Valdez**, and **Damany Fisher** (board member) in the HMIC.



**Jack Ybarra**, **Luis Valdez** and **Grace Kubota-Ybarra** on the Memorial Walking Trail.

I am particularly grateful to my old San Jose friend **Jack Ybarra** for inviting us to visit over a year ago. I've known Jack since the sixties, but as a member of the Board of Directors of the Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation, he and his attorney wife, **Grace Kubota-Ybarra**, have been prime movers in the creation of the Interpretive Center since its conception in 1997. As a girl, Grace was interned at Heart Mountain with her family. Through the efforts of many camp survivors just like her, in conjunction with many Americans of good conscience, the memorial center finally opened its doors to the public on August 20, 2011; where visitors now find a world class facility equipped with a theater, temporary gallery space, and a permanent exhibit.

These are enhanced by a Memorial Walking Tour, featuring the Memorial Honor Roll erected in the 40s to acknowledge all the Nisei soldiers from the camp who served during WWII.

The ingenious root cellar that *Issei* farmers dug to protect their seedlings from harsh winters still lies underground, but sadly, it is not open to the public.

As if erased from history, the rest of the original camp no longer exists. A single barrack saved from demolition and the boarded up hospital with its towering red brick chimney are all that remain. Amid acres of emptiness the power of the place lies in its sacred desolation – sacred because humans made it so through their suffering and their transcendence of that suffering.

In her introductory remarks prior to my address, **Shirley Ann Higuchi, Esq.**, chair of the Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation, used a term that perfectly defined my purpose for being there. With reference to all the people that have made the Interpretive Center a reality, she stressed the importance of the "compassionate witness." That succinctly

explains the basic *raison d'être* of my play "Valley of the Heart."



Former Secretary of Transportation **Norman Y. Mineta**, **Luis Valdez**, **Shirley Ann Higuchi** and **Jack Ybarra**.

During World War II, even as a boy, I became a compassionate witness. The tragedy that beset Japanese Americans after Pearl Harbor established the foundations of my social consciousness. Simply stated, it takes suffering to empathize with the suffering of others. Any traumatic shock to the heart will do.

Born in a farm labor camp in Delano, California in June, 1940, I was on the migrant path with my farm working family before I could even walk. We spent the summer of '41 living in a barn in the Valley of Heart's Delight, before heading back to the San Joaquin Valley, where my Dad went to work for a Japanese American farmer. That permitted our family to stay put for the rest of the year. Then came Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

When President Roosevelt unleashed Executive Order 9066, the Japanese American farmer and his family were forcibly removed from the property and sent to one of ten concentration camps the Feds had erected far from the West Coast.

As one of the last employees of that *Issei* farmer, my father was urged by the Farm Security Administration to take possession of the ranch and grow row crops for the Army. I grew into boyhood believing Dad owned the place. My earliest memories date back to those years of World War II. Over the course of the next three years, I gradually became aware that our family ranch was linked to a world at war.

Once it was over, the illusion of our family's "rancho" disintegrated. With no more help from US Army price supports, we lost our erstwhile homestead. More gravely tragic still, the Japanese American farmer and his family never recouped their losses or their property.

By summer 1946, my family was back on the migrant path. I was perplexed. I asked my big brother: what happened? We used to be rich, now we're homeless! He demurred, insisting we had never been rich, but he was just as hurt and confused as I was. He knew about the displaced Japanese farmer, but he didn't blame the US government for anything. He seemed to be more angry at my father for losing the ranch. It would take me years to figure it out, but deep in the morass of my childish fears and disappointments were feelings of guilt.

We settled in Earlimart, on Highway 99, where a new friend came into my life. His name was **Esteban**, and he was



7 years old like me. At first, I thought he was Filipino. But his father, **Benjamin Cornejo**, was Mexican, and his mother, **Thelma Yamada**, was Japanese American. Rather than abandon his wife and child, Esteban's father had spent the war with his family in Poston, the concentration camp in Arizona. After the war, they moved into the only housing they could find as migrant farm workers - a tiny shack down the street from our house, with a tiny cardboard lean-to for a kitchen.

Despite her battered wooden stove, Thelma was a great cook. One day she would make tortillas and Mexican food; another day she would cook Japanese. It was her rice balls that opened my eyes to another world. I began hanging around Esteban's shack at dinner time, not knowing what to expect, until my Mom put a stop to it. "Those poor people can't afford to feed another mouth," she said. "Stop making them think we never feed you."

After a few months, Esteban and his migrant family moved on. I never saw them again.

Yet, I never forgot my friend and his bi-racial, bi-cultural parents, Benjamin and Thelma. Meeting her, Esteban's mom looked like an exotic human flower to me. Seeing her in her daily family life, I realized she was not unlike my own mom. I couldn't help reflecting on the family that had once owned what I thought was our ranch, and I began to understand the depth of the injustice heaped on Japanese American families during WWII.

My parents passed on in the 1990s. I wrote a play called "Mummified Deer" to honor my Mom's memory in 2000. Twelve years later, I wrote "Valley of the Heart" to honor my Dad.

In my play, the operative word is *heart*. From Cupertino in the Valley of Heart's Delight to Heart Mountain in Wyoming, I chose to tell a love story.

The plot is fictional but true to life. In the days leading up to WWII, a young Mexican American sharecropper and the *Nisei* daughter of his employer, an *Issei* farmer, fall in love; despite her up-coming arranged marriage to a Japanese American suitor. The attack on Pearl Harbor throws everything into chaos. The secret lovers end up eloping. So while her family is sent to Heart Mountain, his family works the farm in order to save it. Separated by time, distance and barbed wire, the newlyweds nevertheless survive the war with their infant son. I hardly knew the true life story of Esteban's parents, but I named my young lovers Benjamin and Thelma in order to make my play true to the heart.

Amazingly, during our initial run in 2013, the surviving children and grandchildren of Benjamin and Thelma Cornejo unexpectedly came to see "Valley of the Heart" at El Teatro Campesino in San Juan Bautista. Tearfully, they informed me that my childhood friend Esteban had passed away two years before, as had his beloved parents. I was still overwhelmed to meet their real flesh and blood family after losing contact with them almost 70 years before! It was as if the two ends of the circle of my life were suddenly touching. The trip to Heart Mountain only further defined the reach of its intimate embrace.

Among those present at the *Pilgrimage* this year were dignitaries like **Norman Y. Mineta**, former US Secretary of Transportation, and **Alan K. Simpson**, former Senator from Wyoming. Both serve as honorary advisors to the Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation, but the two met at a Boy Scout Jamboree at Heart Mountain during WWII, when Norm was interned there with his family, and their story is one of

the legends of the place. I had met Norm years ago when he was Mayor of San Jose, but I had no idea that he shared a wicked sense of humor with his old friend, as Senator Simpson deftly displayed at the podium.



**Cal Shintani** (chair of NJAMF), **Shirley Ann Higuchi**, **Luis Valdez**, **Douglas W. Nelson** (vice chair of NJAMF) and former US Senator **Alan K. Simpson** of Wyoming with Heart Mt in the distance.

Among the less known dignitaries at the camp were a dwindling number of original internees, most of whom were children or teenagers during the incarceration. So I was astonished to hear someone address me as "Louie," my nickname back in high school. He turned out to be **Shin Mune** – who did indeed remember me from high school, having graduated with my older brother in the class of '55 at James Lick High in San Jose. I then met the sister of **Betty Sasaki**, with whom I graduated from Evergreen Grammar School in '54 and James Lick in '58. She had been in Heart Mountain too. I had the distinct feeling that the circle of my life closed even tighter, turning Heart Mountain into one of the most incredibly healing experiences in my life.



After my speech, a number of people asked whether "Valley of the Heart" was going to New York, or at least where they could see it for themselves. Having played to sold out houses in San Juan Bautista, Monterey, and at the San Jose Stage Company, "Valley of the Heart" is now slated to re-open at the **Hammer Theatre Center in San Jose** next year, before heading south to Los Angeles. Whatever the fate of the play, if it can inspire anyone to make the long trek to visit the Heart Mountain Interpretative Center for themselves, I will be grateful.

All of the former concentration camps from Manzanar to Minidoka, Topaz to Tule Lake, Poston to Gila River, Amache to Rohwer, Jerome to Heart Mountain are vital reminders that racism, fear and intolerance can undermine even the greatest of democracies in the history of the world.

We must never forget what happened to Japanese American citizens during WWII and prevent it from ever happening again.



**Jack Ybarra and Luis Valdez** paid their respects to those men and women who served in the US military during WW II from Heart Mt.

### **GARY MAYEDA, NATIONAL JACL PRESIDENT**



**Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL**

Thank you for your support. I want to be the first to say that I will not be perfect, and I will make mistakes over the next 2 years. It's inevitable but I must take the wins with the losses.

My goals are to make the finances solvent and to make the funders happy to continue to support our organization by communicating with them

frequently and let them know how the many programs of JACL are making the lives of our communities and the communities of others better.

The challenges of the board and JACL are to better understand the needs of the funders and what they are looking for.

My challenge is to coordinate the board's actions to work as one board and to stay focused on the immediate needs of fund development (current and new sources) in order to fund staff to do the work of our programs.

Secondary is to find more volunteers to help relief the staff from being overloaded. Giving projects to volunteers helps to concretize their personal connections with JACL and that helps to create long term members.

**Gary Mayeda**

### **NATIONAL JACL'S BUDGET CRISIS**

We had hoped to present a report on the budget crisis of the National JACL in this month's edition.

Perhaps, the reporters of the *Pacific Citizen*, the official newspaper of the National JACL, will explain the shortfall in its next issue.

**ATTENTION! Those between 18-25.**  
Apply now for the **JACL Kakehashi Program 2016-2017!**



**Kakehashi 2016** group photo taken at the Japanese Overseas Migration Museum in Shin Yokohama, Japan,

**The next deadline for application is October 1, 2016!**

Do not delay! Up to 200 participants will be selected to participate in this year's **JACL Kakehashi Program**, coordinated by the **Japanese American Citizens League (JACL)** and the **Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE)**, and supported by funding from the **Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs**. The goal of the **JACL Kakehashi Program** is to build relations between Japan and Japanese Americans/Asian Americans. The program provides participants with a better understanding of Japan through a variety of fields, including politics, economics, and culture. **JACL Kakehashi Program** alumni are encouraged to become effective advocates in enhancing U.S. - Japan relations.

Participants selected in a competitive process will travel to Japan for 9-days where they will visit a number of historical and educational sites, experience traditional and cultural activities, and participate in a home stay with a local family.

### **Program and Application Guidelines**

Applicants must be: (1) a student in good standing currently enrolled in accredited college or university OR a young professional who has completed a minimum of a bachelor degree from an accredited college or university; (2) between the ages of 18-25 years old, (3) Japanese American or Asian American heritage.

You do not need to be a JACL member to be eligible. Notice, there is no mention of travel costs which are paid by the Japanese Government.

The online application is available at **kakehashi.jacl.org**. All applications and requested documentation must be received by October 1, 2016.

### **Trip Schedule:**

<b>Trip Date</b>	<b>Application Deadline</b>	<b>Copy of Passport Deadline</b>	<b>Notification of Selection</b>
Trip 2: <b>December 12-20, 2016</b>	<b>October 1, 2016</b>	No later than November 25, 2016	Early November 2016
Trip 3: <b>March 13-21, 2017</b>	<b>October 1, 2016</b>	No later than December 31, 2016	Early November 2016

If you have questions or issues, please contact **Merissa Nakamura** at **japanprogram@jacl.org**, or call 202-223-1240 (Monday-Friday, 7:00 am-2:30 pm PST).



## LETTER TO THE *PACIFIC CITIZEN*

Dear Editor,

I felt compelled to write in response to the two letters in the July-Aug 11 edition of the *Pacific Citizen* that were angry about the National Youth/Student Council awarding their Vision Award to the Los Angeles chapter of *Black Lives Matter*.

I, for one, was very proud of the youth not only for having a passion for the civil rights of other communities besides our own, but also the willingness to take a stand. The only way that our organization can remain relevant is to actually speak out decisively against the actions of those individuals who do not respect the civil rights of every person.

I specifically used the word INDIVIDUALS because I believe there is a huge misconception that the *Black Lives Matter* movement is anti-police or that the individuals who attacked police are working on behalf of *Black Lives Matter*. This is a fallacy used to try to discredit the movement. What the *Black Lives Matter* protesters are against is a system where individual "bad apple" police officers are not held accountable for their actions especially when it comes to aggression with the African American community. Supporting our police and supporting *Black Lives Matter* are not mutually exclusive.

What we as Japanese Americans need to realize is that though we are a minority community, we have absolutely no idea what it is like to be Black in America. I have never been followed around in a store by a security guard. No one has ever told me I shouldn't wear a hoodie or walk on the street at night. I don't worry that if I get pulled over for a traffic violation that something violent might happen. These are thoughts that many African Americans have on a daily basis.

As an organization that is supposed to support the civil rights of all, why is it wrong to recognize another organization that is actively working to try to make our society a little bit better? Norm Mineta, in his speech at the Sayonara Dinner, praised our youth for including *Black Lives Matter* at their banquet, and so do I.

Kudos to the NY/SC!

**Kimiko Marr**

Board Member, Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL

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## **LIFE AFTER HATE**

*Life After Hate* is a new organization of former white supremacist radicals who are tired of a life of hating. They've discovered there is life after hating, and we welcome them to our struggle.

**Christian Picciolini**, Co-Founder and Board Chair

"Happy people don't plant bombs, and happy people don't behead people, and happy people don't paint swastikas on synagogues ... disenfranchised, lonely, self-loathing people do that. There is something missing from their life, something that they didn't get, whether it was as a child or maybe they were abused or maybe they came from a broken home or something was missing."

**Anthony McAleer**, President, Executive Director

"From my own personal journey, I grew up in a middle-class family. I was a bright, sensitive kid in a house where it wasn't safe to be sensitive, where emotions were treated as weakness and shamed and ridiculed. I was beaten at Catholic school and shut down even further. I ... became a very angry kid with what was happening to me.

"I never dealt with the stuff that made me angry and it made the choice to join the movement (skinheads) sense. I went from the skinhead scene to the polar opposite, the rave scene. But I never dealt with the stuff that got me there. I disengaged from the movement, but I was still an angry person.

"I believe that unresolved anger always expresses itself as violence.

"My daughter changed me. The interesting thing about young children is it's safe to love them, it's safe to open up, it's safe to allow yourself to feel again with them, because they're not going to shame you, they're not going to ridicule you, they're not going to reject you. That started a process of thawing and opening up the heart."

Check them out at: <http://www.lifeafterhate.org/>

## **MORE ABOUT REDRESS AND REPARATIONS**

Go to [grantujifusa.org](http://grantujifusa.org) website, and click onto these:

1. Mike Masaoka: JACL Origins, JA Identity
2. Changing Reagan's Mind
3. Reagan Himself On Video: All Kaz and the 442, No Nitto/JANM Mystery
4. Redress on CSPAN: Kean and Reagan Face to Face Twice

## IN REMEMBRANCE ...

### BEN UMEDA

**Ben Umeda** was born in Selma, CA on Oct. 22, 1923 and was a resident of Watsonville for over 62 years.

He worked as a pharmacist at May Way Pharmacy for 40 years and was a dedicated member of the Watsonville Buddhist Temple and the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL; he contributed greatly on the redress for Americans of Japanese ancestry.

Mr. Umeda volunteered and participated in many community activities: he served on community advisory



boards in North Monterey and Santa Cruz counties, and volunteered as a driver for patients for many years with the American Red Cross and Lucille Packard Children's Hospital.

Mr. Umeda was a WWII Military Intelligence Service veteran.

#### **Ben Umeda**

passed away at home at the age of 92. He is survived by his wife of 62

years, **Yoko Umeda**, children **Kai (Diane)**, **Yuko (David) Thielk**, **Shin (Sue)**, and **Ren (Suzanne) Umeda**, seven grandchildren, sister **Lily Toyoko Omokawa** and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sisters, **Shizue (Susie) Asai** and **Meri Misaki**; and brother, **Kiyoshi (Kay) Umeda**.

A funeral will be held on September 3, 2016 at 2 pm at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple.

**[Editor's note:** In 1941, Ben was a student at Reedley (CA) Community College. During WW II, he and his family were incarcerated at the Gila River, AZ camp. Because of his knowledge of the Japanese language he served in the highly acclaimed Military Intelligence Service (MIS) during WW II and the post-war period in Japan and Korea.

It is with great pleasure we present Ben and Yoko Umeda's story of redress and reparations.

In early 1979, Ben, who served as our JACL President in 1965 and again ten years later in 1975, was appointed to serve as Watsonville JACL's redress representative by **Wally Osato**, then President. As our local redress chairman, Ben's primary work was to keep our members informed of the redress progress and to request monetary contributions toward the National JACL's redress fund raising—a job that continued for nearly a decade. Ben's wife, **Yoko**, who served as our first woman President in 1983 and 1984, assisted Ben, and they were an amazing team because this was a daunting task.

Jobs were scarce as our *Nikkei* -- of Japanese ancestry -- returned to Watsonville or made new beginnings here after WW II ended in 1945. Our community was struggling but our hopes remained high. Our Watsonville JACL was re-organized in 1948.

Fundraising drives were ongoing as the Watsonville Buddhist *Sangha* built a new Temple in 1956 at a cost of nearly \$90,000, and the Westview Presbyterian Church members were trying to meet their financial needs. In 1977, the fund-raising campaign to purchase a JACL hall began in

earnest, and \$71,000 was raised with Ben Umeda as our building fund chairperson. At the same time, our community contributed substantially to the construction of the Watsonville Community Hospital. Time and again our families were asked to give, and each time the goal was met.

Now, there was a new campaign for donations!

In 1979, the initial preparation for "The Civil Liberties Act" was to determine how the JACL members felt about seeking redress, a most critical decision. A letter explaining the reason for redress and along with it a questionnaire was sent out to 300 plus local JACL members. The purpose was to get their thoughts and opinions on pursuing redress. The ten percent questionnaire return was disappointing, but the one hundred percent approval for redress by the JACL Senior Center members was encouraging. Ben, with Yoko's positive support, then followed with a second letter stressing the urgency and need of membership response to the questionnaire. This time, there was a high number of returns with an overwhelming approval to proceed with the redress movement, and more than ninety percent of the respondents favored the individual monetary reparation.

After the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians was established in 1981 and hearings scheduled, Department of Justice representatives came to Watsonville to get personal testimonies directly from members of our community. With the help of translators many *Issei* and Senior members expressed the hardships of the incarceration and of their return home. Former internees were also urged to send their testimonies to the Commission.

To promote the redress campaign to our chapter members, Ben requested speakers that included **Fred Korematsu**, Commission member **Judge William Marutani**, Board Chair of National JACL's Legislation Education Committee **Minoru Yasui**, National Redress Chair **John Tateishi**, and **Grant Ujifusa**, Vice Chair of the Legislation Education Committee.

The long uphill struggle for justice, which started in 1970, came to a close on August 10, 1988 when **President Ronald Reagan** signed "The Civil Liberties Act" (HR 442).

In order to hasten the payment for the redress, **Senator Daniel Inouye**, through his long experience in the Senate, along with **Senator Hollings** of South Carolina, was able to get the Congress to make the redress payment an entitlement.

From the very beginning of the National JACL's redress movement and fund raising, the Watsonville JACL supported it with generous financial donations. Thanks to the leadership and untiring efforts of Ben and Yoko Umeda, our chapter did an outstanding job in meeting all the fund raising drives requested by the National JACL.

Ben and Yoko maintained detailed records of the donors. Nearly all have passed away, and we honor their memories.

Watsonville JACL's contributions exceeded our goal -- 113%. After reparations were received, our chapter members gave, from 1990-1993, an additional \$44,050 to the National JACL Legacy Fund. This brought the ten years' final contribution of \$58,834.50.

Ben and Yoko were given a tremendous task in seeking support and financial aid for redress and reparations. It is a credit to Ben and Yoko and to our chapter members and community members who generously donated time and again when they were struggling with personal finances that included sending their children to college! What an amazing and dedicated membership we had then, and how it



continues to be! We are forever thankful for their commitment to civic, social and legal justice.

Ben and Yoko were presented with an exact copy of the Civil Liberties Act signed by President Reagan.

**Maria Gini Matute-Bianchi, PhD** who served on our JACL board with Ben, wrote, upon hearing of his passing, "Ben was a tower of a humanitarian, a man of quiet strength, compassion, integrity, courage and common sense. He is one of my heroes."



Ben, saluting, received the *Congressional Gold Medal* (bronze replica) for his Military Intelligence Service during WW II. The presentation took place at Monterey JACL Hall.

### AIKO YAMAMOTO

**Aiko Yamamoto** died at Dominican Hospital on Sunday, July 17, 2016. She was 93.

Mrs. Yamamoto was born in Watsonville and lived here



except for the years she was incarcerated at a war camp in Poston, Ariz. during WWII. She was a member of the Watsonville Buddhist Temple and the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL. She was also a member of the Pajaro Valley Women's Golf Club. Her passion for golf kept her playing into her 93rd year!

Mrs. Yamamoto is survived by her four sons,

**Stuart, Randall, Leonard and Marshall**; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Ben**. Private services will be held at a later date.

### NOBUKO HAMAI

**Nobuko Hamai** (known as Nobu or Dorothy), loving mother, grandmother, dental assistant, friend and longtime resident of Watsonville, CA. passed away peacefully on July 20, 2016 at her assisted living home in Roseville, CA. She was 92 years of age.



She was born in Salinas, CA on September 29, 1923. She was the daughter of **Yuzo and Moyo Arima**. Nobu was the eldest of 6 children.

Nobu had a lifelong career assisting a local dentist as a dental assistant/office

personnel. She was a member of the Watsonville Buddhist Temple. She loved gardening and she loved animals, especially cats. Nobu also worked at the VFW in Watsonville, CA after retiring from her career at the dental office.

Nobu was married to **Yon Hamai** for over 50 years. They had a daughter, **Susan Jugo**, of Roseville, CA. Susan predeceased her mother on March 31, 2016 due to a health condition.

Nobuko is survived by 2 of her 6 siblings, **Mitzu Hashi** of Los Angeles and **Lily Miyake** of Los Angeles, her two granddaughters **Brooke and Jodi Jugo** of Sacramento, CA and her son in law **Rudy Jugo** of Roseville, CA.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her memory to St. Jude's children's hospital.

A private family gathering will be taking place in Los Angeles to honor and remember her life.

### SUMIKO HANETA



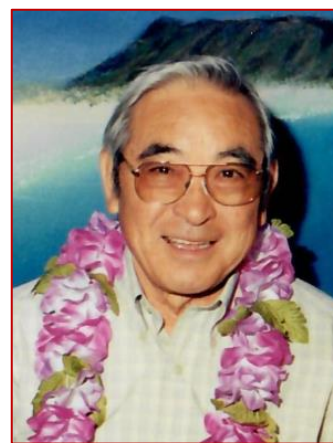
**Sumiko Haneta**, a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed away peacefully surrounded by family and friends on Saturday, July 23, 2016 in her home in Aromas, California. She was 93 years old.

Sumiko's dedication and passion was working in the chrysanthemum nursery she and her husband started in 1965. She worked until she was 85 years old.

Sumiko was preceded in death by her husband **Atae**, and son **Kenichi**. She is survived by her daughters: **Junko (Tadayoshi) Haneta** and **Ryoko Kozuki**; three grandchildren: **Scott (Kathy) Haneta**, **Bryant Haneta** and **Tracey Haneta**; and four great grandchildren: **Joelle, Kylie, Elise and Colin Haneta**.

A memorial service in her memory was held on Saturday, August 20, 2016 at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple; 423 Bridge Street; Watsonville, CA.

### YUKIO NAGATA



**Yukio (Yuki) Nagata** peacefully passed away at his home on August 15, 2016, two days after his 84th birthday.

Yuki was born in Garden Grove, CA on August 13, 1932 and during World War II he and his family were sent to an Internment Camp in Poston, AZ. After the war his family moved to the Fresno area to find work in agriculture. Yuki later moved to Capitola with his parents

**Kohei and Asa** to farm strawberries and graduated from Santa Cruz High School.

He met his future wife **Edna** at a Westview Presbyterian Church gathering. They were married in 1955 and eventually

moved to Watsonville. Yuki worked tirelessly for thirty-seven years at Star Market, Ho Mart, Lambert's and Fairway Market. People fondly remember him as "Yogi" or the "Cookie Man" as he would always greet awaiting kids with a cookie in his hand.

After his retirement in 1996 Yuki and Edna were able to travel all over the world. He was an active member of Westview Presbyterian Church and the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL's Senior Center. He liked walking along the local levee every day to greet his friends and their dogs. Yuki truly loved all people, especially kids, and was able to make instant friends wherever he went. He possessed a wonderful sense of humor and enjoyed brightening people's days by making them laugh and smile. He was dearly loved by his family and friends and will be deeply missed.

Yuki is survived by his devoted wife of sixty years, Edna, and daughters, **Lynne Nagata** of Watsonville and **Leslie Nagata-Garcia** of Hollister, and sister **Yoshiko Hatakeda**.

Visitation was held at Mehl's Colonial Chapel on Saturday, August 27, and a private burial on August 29.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Westview Presbyterian Church or your favorite charity.

***We send our deepest condolences to the Hamai, Haneta, Nagata, Umeda, and Yamamoto families, relatives and friends.***

#### **FROM TOM IKEDA OF "DENSHO," SEATTLE**

I could feel myself getting choked up as I watched **Khizr and Ghazala Khan** address the *Democratic National Convention*. And when Mr. Khan — a distinguished man of the Muslim faith — described how his U.S. Army Captain son sacrificed his life to save his men and how his son represented "the best of America," the tears started streaming down my cheeks.

What I was thinking at that moment was how Mr. Khan was giving voice to what my grandparents (*Issei*) might have thought and said 72 years ago while being handed the American flag for the death of their eldest son, **Staff Sergeant Francis "Bako" Kinoshita**, who was killed in action while fighting in Italy with the 100<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team. I also thought how difficult it must have been for my grandparents, **Akino and Fred Suyekichi Kinoshita**, to have to accept the flag while on a dusty field in an American concentration camp, incarcerated because they were suspected of not being loyal enough to the country their son fought and died for. (Photos courtesy of **Tom Ikeda**.)



Only a couple of years earlier my uncle **Bako** was a popular, good-looking teenager who loved to play football, did reasonably well in school and in his free time roamed the streets of Seattle's Central District with his buddies. I never had the chance to talk with him, but I'm pretty sure it was painful when the only country he knew, the United States, started seeing him as the enemy. Sure, his parents were from Japan, and Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, but his dad had been in Seattle for 30 years and his mom had been there for 23. Seattle was their home. They wanted to become U.S. citizens but discriminatory immigration laws in place until 1952 prevented all Japanese from becoming naturalized citizens.



A few months after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Bako, along with 110,000 other Japanese Americans, was ordered to leave his home and go to a street corner to be picked up and taken to the hastily constructed detention center at the Puyallup Fairgrounds. Even though Bako was born in Seattle and knew he should have rights as a U.S. citizen, he was imprisoned without trial or any accusation of having committed a crime. The only thing he was guilty of was his ancestry.

After several months at Puyallup, Bako was transferred to the Minidoka, Idaho concentration camp with about 9,000 other Japanese Americans where dust storms, bad food, and lots of waiting around were common. Although rejected by his country, Bako remained loyal to the U.S., and he volunteered to fight in the Army. When he took his Army physical, he failed because his kidneys weren't working properly. Disappointed, he returned to the barracks where his family lived and his mother, seeing his disappointment made a special herbal remedy to strengthen her son's kidneys. With this homebrew treatment, Bako passed his physical and was soon off to basic training and then off to the war in Europe. It was on a battlefield north of Rome when a sniper's bullet ended his life.

When I ask my mother about her older brother, she still tears up at the memory of hearing about Bako's death. Bako's younger brother, my **Uncle Chuck**, was told of Bako's death while on farm work leave from the concentration camp and a family friend told me that Chuck collapsed, overcome with despair when news reached him. But who I think about most are my grandparents and the unimaginable pain they must have felt to have lost their treasured son. It must have taken so much strength and conviction for them to have been treated so badly and sacrificed so much, and yet be one of the first Japanese to apply for U.S. citizenship when the law finally changed in 1952. When I go to schools to talk, I pose the question, "What does an American look like?" After a lively exchange, I show the class the photograph of my grandparents accepting the flag and tell them that this is what an American looks like.

Mr. Khan's words spoke deeply to me because his experience felt so familiar to my own family history. It's a cruel reality to be an immigrant who has sacrificed so much for a life in a country that sees you as the enemy because of your race or religion. I admire the Khans for their brave and



earnest words, both at the *Democratic National Convention* and in their responses to attacks from **Donald Trump** in its aftermath. I thank them for giving voice to the experience of immigrant parents of military casualties, and I stand with many others in the belief that they, and all **Gold Star** families, deserve nothing but respect.

**Tom Ikeda**, Executive Director, *Densho*  
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## **Placer County's Frank Kageta was one of last of illustrious WWII combat team**

By Gus Thomson of the *Auburn (CA) Journal*



From left, **Frank Kageta**, **Shigeo Yokote** and **Al Nitta**, were the three remaining members of the 442nd "Go for Broke" Infantry Regiment from Placer County in 2009. The veterans were honored as grand marshals at that year's Auburn Area Veterans Day Parade. Journal file photo.

One of the last surviving members of World War II's 442nd Infantry Battalion made up of mostly Japanese-Americans, **Frank Kageta** is dead at 96.

Kageta, a Rocklin resident who grew up in Penryn, was one of two surviving 442nd combat team members from Placer County. With his death, 99-year-old **Shigeo Yokote** of Loomis remains.

While others joined the service to show their patriotism, Kageta – who was sent to an internment camp in Wyoming as part of a mass relocation of Japanese-Americans after Pearl Harbor – enlisted with others in the 442nd to prove their patriotism.

"We were classified as threats to the country and it didn't make us feel too good," Kageta said in a 2009 Auburn Journal interview.

That year, Kageta and two other 442nd members from Placer County were **grand marshals** in the Veterans Day parade in Auburn.

A year later, Kageta joined other veterans at the unveiling of a larger-than-life statue at the *Santucci Justice Center* in *Roseville* depicting a Japanese-American soldier helping a wounded Texas soldier from the "Lost Battalion."

And soon after Kageta turned 90, he was honored with other members of the combat team in Washington, D.C., when they received the Congressional Gold Medal of Honor.

His daughter, **Keren Feuz**, said that Kageta didn't talk about his internment or time in the service until about a decade ago, after Sierra College worked with the local Japanese-American community to tell their story. After that, Kageta would visit schools and share his experiences, she said.

"Things get easier when you can talk about it more," Feuz said. "When they dedicated the statue, he was proud."

And it was a pride not tinged by bitterness, she noted.

"My dad and his generation didn't care if it was not done 60 years ago," Feuz said. "Their attitude was that they were happy and proud to be recognized."

Auburn's **Ken Tokutomi** and Kageta worked together as co-chairmen of the *Placer County Japanese American Citizens League* effort to successfully advocate in the 1980s for an apology and financial compensation for those interned during World War II.

Kageta's own experience gave credence to the effort, Tokutomi said.

"He was interned and also a 442nd vet," he said. "He told the story of coming back in uniform and the sign at the Auburn barbershop said he couldn't get served, he couldn't get a haircut"....

[Editor's note: We thank our friend and colleague, **Jim Mikaelson**, retired teacher and coach at Aptos High, now living in Lincoln, CA for this article. A side note: Lincoln is a beautiful active adult (55+ age) retirement community built by **Del Webb** (1899-1974). Webb's construction company built Poston!]

## **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.

## **JAPANESE MEMORIAL GARDEN IN SALINAS**

On a regular basis our W-SC JACL gardening crew of **Joe Bowes** and **Gary Mine**, assisted by **Iwao Yamashita** and **Victor Kimura**, will tend to the needs of this memorial garden dedicated to those 3,608 who were incarcerated in the "Salinas Assembly Center" from April to July of 1942.

They trim the trees and bushes, rake the leaves, and repair (or replace) the rusting metal fences. They care for the dedication plaques as well.

Recently, they cleaned the garden before "Big Week" in Salinas when the annual California Rodeo is held in July. Thousands of visitors would see the garden is carefully maintained thanks to our dedicated gardening crew.





**Gary Mine** (retired lettuce grower), **Joe Bowes** (retired California Highway Patrolman and *taiko* drum maker), **Iwao Yamashita** (retired flower nurseryman) and **Victor Kimura** (Chief Financial & Administrative Officer, Second Harvest Food Bank of Watsonville and retired UCSC Budget Director).

The Gilroy JACL will be presenting the DOR program in February of 2017. It'll be the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of EO 9066.

#### **WATSONVILLE TAIKO AND SHINSEI DAIKO**

**By Bonnie Chihara**

On August 7<sup>th</sup>, we performed at Santa Cruz's Church Street Fair. Members from our Grey Bears group, youth group and beginning kid's group joined us that day.

Our special addition that day was our grey bear who performed the piece, *Spirited Moon Bear*, with us (see photo). It was hot in that bear costume so afterwards we took our bear to get ice cream!



We have set the date for our annual *Holiday Boutique* and are busy planning the details. Please join us on **Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>** from 12-5 pm, JACL Kizuka Hall, 150

Blackburn St., Watsonville, CA. We will have our usual gifts baskets, gift certificates, craft vendors, baked goods and raffle. Please save the date and join us.

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

Our upcoming schedule:

Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> Ksitigarha Day, Land of Medicine Buddha, Soquel  
Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> Alzheimer's Walk, Seacliff  
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. 6<sup>th</sup> Watsonville Taiko's Holiday Boutique**  
Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> Big Sur Half Marathon  
Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> Multicultural Celebration, Watsonville



We, **Herlie Kataoko**, **Sue Walter**, **Sue Berry**, **Kathie Brown**--aka the *Grey Bear*--and **Bonnie Chihara**, enjoyed eating ice cream!

#### **KAWAKAMI STUDENTS TO ARRIVE SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**

**By Robb Mayeda**

Sixteen students from Kawakami Jr. High along with three chaperones are scheduled to arrive Tuesday afternoon, September 6<sup>th</sup>.

They will be welcomed by Lakeview Middle School's **Isabella Lara**, **Layla Ruiz**, **Principal Dr. Rosa Hernandez**, **Octavio Perez** and **Angel Garcia**. Photo courtesy by **Tarmo Hannula** of the *Register-Pajaronian*.



There will be a tour of city departments including meeting Chief of Police David Honda.

The community is invited to join us for a traditional American turkey dinner at 6:00 P.M. at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple. The 8 pairs of students will go "home" with their host families.

The students and their school buddies will attend school on Wednesday.



On Thursday morning at 10 A.M., Lakeview Middle School will host a welcome assembly for all the visiting students, after which they will leave for the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

Friday morning the students will have a tour of the Pajaro Valley Ag History Museum at the fairgrounds. We are still in need of two interpreters for this tour. This will be followed by a pizza lunch at Cassidy's.

The traditional beach party barbecue will take place at Saturday, September 10th, at Seacliff Beach State Park from noon to 5:00 P.M. Since the group will be leaving early Sunday morning, the beach party will also serve as the farewell event. Please feel free to join us at Seacliff Beach.

## WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE NEWS

On Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm the Funeral Memorial Service will be held for Reverend Shousei Hanayama at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple, 423 Bridge Street, Watsonville, CA 95076.

### A Message from Temple President Bill Wurtenberg

The Temple is about to close a very sad chapter in its history. The Temple, in conjunction with the **Buddhist Churches of America (BCA)**, will be holding a memorial service for the late **Reverend Shousei Hanayama** on Saturday, September 17, 2016 from 1 pm at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple. I encourage everyone to attend, and all are welcome. **Keiko, Shoren and Elren Hanayama** will be attending the service.

The problem will be with parking. We are expecting around 700-800 people. We are requesting that everyone carpool. The parking around the Temple totals around 100 cars, and some of that parking will be reserved for the Bishop and attending ministers. The front of the Temple will be reserved for handicap parking. We have reserved 100 parking spots at the Elks Lodge on East Lake Ave and Martinelli Street. I suggest that if people can meet there, get into one car and then come to the Temple. Above all, please be patient. There will be people at the Temple to direct you and help with parking.

[**Editor's note:** Watsonville High School's student and faculty parking lots are available as well as those spaces along the school's athletic field on Blackburn Street. Watsonville Police Department will increase surveillance around the Temple and streets.]

**Reverend Jay Shinseki** of Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple has been assigned by the Bishop to be our supervising minister until we receive a new minister. I ask for your patience, understanding and compassion in the period ahead. Reverend Shinseki has also been asked to supervise the Salinas Temple until they receive their minister in late January. Please refer to the calendar in the *ICHIMI* for dates and times of our services. He would like to have services every Sunday, and he wants to start *Dharma School* classes again. We will try to continue to have Japanese language services before our monthly memorial services. Reverend Shinseki is planning to have Buddhist study classes in the near future. Come to check it out.

In the event of an emergency, please contact myself or Barbara Shingai. In the next few months let's create beautiful *Harmony* as Reverend Hanayama would have wanted.

In Gassho,

**Bill Wurtenberg** 750-2906; **Barbara Shingai** 840-3301

All of us at the Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple extend our condolences to Mrs. Keiko Hanayama, son Shoren and daughter Elren, and the entire Watsonville *Sangha*. It is truly sad when we lose a good *Dharma* friend at such a young age.

Thank you Reverend Hanayama for your years of service in sharing the *Dharma* with countless others.

Thank you Reverend Hanayama for paving the way to the Pure Land for all of us.

Gassho,

**Reverend Jay Shinseki**



We are grateful to **Rev. Shinseki** (above) who officiated at our *Obon Festivities* in July.

We are asking *Sangha* members to bring desserts only for the *Otoki* (reception). Please have the desserts already cut into small portions and in standard size cupcake liners. We appreciate all your help in making this day run as efficient and smoothly as possible. Thank you.

### Watsonville Buddhist Temple Rummage Sale.

Thank you to everyone who generously donated items. We want to thank all of our volunteers who came to sort, sell and clean-up. Without our donors and volunteers, we would not have had a successful fundraiser. Photos of our rummage sale have been included in the W-SC JACL September newsletter. Thank you, **Jean Yamashita** for taking the photos and the W-SC JACL for publishing them.

September is **Chicken Teriyaki Take-Out Dinner** month. It's our biggest and most important fundraiser, and all *Sangha* members are asked to help. Tickets are \$12 each.

### Calendar for September 2016

Every Tuesday	10-11:45 am	<i>Tai Chi</i> classes
Every Thursday	5:30-6:45 pm	<i>Tai Chi</i> classes
2 Fri	Secretary Off	
6 Tues	7:30 pm	Board Meeting
7 Wed	1 pm	BWA & ABA Meeting
9 Fri	Secretary Off	
10 Sat	9 am – 4 pm	<i>Midori Kai</i> in Mt. View
11 Sun	9:30 am	Japanese Service
	10 am	<i>Shotsuki Hoyo &amp; Higan E</i>
		YBA Installation with <b>Rev. LaVerne Sasaki</b>

17 Sat 1 pm **Funeral Memorial Service**  
for Reverend Shousei Hanayama

24 Sat from 10 am to 2 pm  
**55<sup>th</sup> Chicken Teriyaki Take Out Dinner**

25 Sun 2 pm Sunday Service & *Dharma*  
School

28 Wed 7 pm CD Council Mtg in Monterey

**Shotsuki Hoyo Service**  
**10 am Sunday September 11, 2016**  
**with Reverend LaVerne Sasaki**

Let us gather to remember and express our gratitude. The families of the following deceased are invited to attend the September service and to Oshoko (offer incense). We look forward to seeing you at the service.

**September Memorial List**

Akiyama, Utao	Aramaki, Hisae
Arao, Takanori	Arita, Goichi
Fujii, Yoshiteru	Fujimoto, Sakaye
Fujita, Frank	Hamada, Fumi
Hane, Kiichiro	Hatsushi, Rintaro
Higaki, Henry Akio	Higaki, Kazuna
Hirano, Bill	Idemoto, Kenji
Itamura, Chisako	Ito, Toshiharu
Iwamuro, Kiyoichi	Izumizaki, James
Kadotani, Katsukiyo	Kimoto, Yasu
Koda, Masao Joe	Koda, Mitsuno
Kodama, Keichi	Kondo, Alice Ayako
Kurosaki, Hiroshi	Kusumoto, Kajizo
Kusumoto, Unotsuke	Mametsuka, Larry
Mano, Kojiro	Mano, Miteru
Mine, Sayoko	Mio, Haruko Margaret
Mitani, Don Kiyoshi	Murakami, Fushi
Muronaka, Haruo	Nagata, Asa
Nakamoto, Nakayo	Nakamoto, Shoso
Nishimoto, Ito	Nishio, Kinu
Nishita, Suteichi	Okamoto, Tadao
Ota, Goichi	Ota, Zenichi
Saiki, Kihachi	Sakai, Seigo
Shibata, Maxine	Shiotani, Shig
Tanaka, Kojiro	Tanimasa, Masako
Tao, Sentaro	Torigoe, Yuki
Ura, Ernest	Wada, Grace
Wada, Michiko	Wada, Kinue
Wakamiya, Katsushi	Yamamoto, George Iwao



**Reverend Orai Fujikawa** – Thank you for your guidance and “Happy Retirement” in Canada!

**ABA Report for August 2016**

*Obon Udon Sale:* Chairpersons **Janice Tao & Nancy Kuratomi** would like to thank you ABA members and Temple members who helped acquire the ingredients, prepare the noodle garnish, frying, seasoning, washing, cooking, chopping, slicing, cooking the noodles, measure the quantity, make the broth, heat the noodles, garnish the noodles, make the tea, serve the tea, return the trays and replenish the broth, etc. on Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. That was a lot of work, but it was fun, too.

**Bishop Umezu** and several ministers will attend Reverend Hanayama’s Memorial Service. ABA will help pay a portion of the airfare for the Hanayama family.

The Temple office email is **info@WBTemple.org**  
Go to [www.wbtemple.org](http://www.wbtemple.org) to check out what’s going on!

**WESTVIEW’S “CHIMES” by Leslie Nagata-Garcia**  
*Jesus Attracted Huge Crowds!*



Jesus did three things to attract large crowds: He loved them (Matt 9:36), He met their needs (Matt 15:30, Luke 6:17-18), and He taught them in interesting and practical ways (Matt 13:34, Mark 10:1).

We have an amazing church family and I’d love to have more people come and experience it. Wouldn’t you? We have each been given by God a tremendous privilege and responsibility.

This month let’s look at how to LOVE PEOPLE INTO GOD’S KINGDOM!

The following 8 points are from Pastor Rick Warren’s book, *The Purpose Driven Church*:

- 1) The command to love is repeated over 55 times in the NT. If we don’t love people, nothing else matters (I John 4:8). Many churches have members that love *each other* and have great fellowship, but the churches are dying because all the love is focused inwardly. They don’t attract unbelievers because they don’t love unbelievers. They love the people they feel comfortable with – the warm fellowship doesn’t translate into love for unbelievers and visitors.
- 2) The most overlooked key to growing a church: We must love unbelievers the way Jesus did.
- 3) Churches that grow are those who are loving to outsiders. Love draws people in like a powerful magnet. A lack of love drives people away.
- 4) The right climate for church growth is an atmosphere of acceptance and love. To make an impact, love must be expressed in a practical way by caring for other’s needs. Love is more than a feeling; it is a behavior.
- 5) When you work hard at remembering people’s names, it pays great relational dividends.
- 6) Personally greet people BEFORE and AFTER service.
- 7) Many individuals live by themselves, and the only physical contact they may get will be at church. Behind every smile is a hidden hurt that a simple expression of love could heal.



8) As believers, we are called to accept and love unbelievers. The church is a hospital for sinners. (We ALL need the Great Physician to come and heal us!)

You are such a loving, caring church family. How can we all focus our love outward even more, loving others in such a way that they can't help but see the amazing love of Jesus!! Let us pray about how to love the people around us and then invite them to our loving church!

God bless you and be with you,

**Pastor Dan**



**Yukio (Yuki) Nagata** peacefully passed away at his home on August 15, 2016, two days after his 84th birthday. He was a valued member of Westview, dearly

loved and will be deeply missed. For more on his life, please read page 12 of this newsletter.

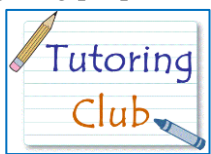
*We have a new Youth Leader!! Introducing Allen*



Allen is a senior at CSUMB studying business. He was raised in Sacramento and was very involved in his church youth group eventually being a student leader. He is outgoing and plays the drums. He

is Minh which is from an area near Thailand. His favorite ice cream is vanilla. Make sure you introduce yourself when at church as we welcome him into the Westview family!

Please continue to pray for your youth and that our youth ministry will continue to grow as we seek to care for young people at this complicated time in their lives.



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 resume our Revelation study on September 28th at 6:30 pm Lesson 8 of the Max Lucado book. Then it will be the 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 6:30pm.

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

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

**Sunday School:** During Worship Service in our Youth Room

### 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:

Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> Gym Nite at Westview, 5:30-7:30 pm. Casino Nite

Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> Gym Nite at Westview, 5:30-7:30 pm

Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> Gym Nite

Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> Gym Nite



Top photo: Youth playing pickle ball during a Gym Nite.

Bottom photo: Youth sporting wetsuits at our Gym Nite surfing outing. Thank you to Jason Hall our surf instructor. And thank you to Club Ed who let us use surfboards and wetsuits for free!! Everyone caught a wave!

### SENIOR CENTER NEWS by Jo Ann Vear

Thank you *toban* ladies for August – **Nobue Fujii, Eiko Stewart and Nobuko Akiyama**. And thanks to all who pitch in whenever you are there – **Judy, June, Eileen, Jeannie**.

Carol is organizing a trip to the *Santa Cruz Follies* for Friday, September 15 at 1:00. The price is \$20 per person. *Happy Days Are Here Again* is the theme with many Sinatra songs. The group will go out to dinner following the follies. Please contact her as soon as possible so she can purchase the tickets.

**Kimiko Marr** spoke about 2017 being the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Internment and that camps will have programs. She would like to organize a bus to go to Poston, Arizona and many people were very interested. It will most likely be a 5-day trip doing other sight-seeing. There will be some fundraising such as engraved pavers (stepping stones).





**Jee Kajihara** from *Imura Restaurant* treated the Seniors to delicious strawberry shortcake. Thank you to **Jee** with her daughters, nieces, and great grandmother **Reiko Yamamoto**.



Enjoying the strawberry shortcake were **Kimiyo Fujii**, **Reiko Yamamoto** and **Edna Nagata**. In the background, **Marcia Hashimoto** is serving **Yukio Nagata**. Above photos courtesy of **Jean Yamashita**.

On September 17 at 1 pm, there will be a memorial service for **Reverend Shousei Hanayama** at the Buddhist Temple. They are asking people to carpool due to the high volume of attendees. The back will be reserved for guests from other areas. Also, Temple members are requested to bring "finger desserts" as they are trying to stay away from forks and knives. Please bring the desserts to the kitchen as the gym will be used for the overflow of guests. The Reverend's wife and children will also be there.

Our Aug. 16 casino trip was changed from *Tachi Palace* to *Table Mountain Casino*. The bus company arranges the casino contract, and *Tachi Palace* made a last minute request for background checks on bus drivers which necessitated the switch to Table Mountain. Guests had a grand time at *Table Mountain*, and the bus driver **Don Cox** generously donated his tip back to JACL Seniors. Thank you, **Don**! Delicious goodies for the bus trip were kindly provided by: **Alice Misumi**, **Jackie Yamashita**, **Cindy Mine**, **Emi Hirano**, **Hide Nagamine**, **Emma Reyes**, **Fumi Tanimasa**, **Jean Akiyama**, **Lillian Etow**, **Eiko Nishihara**, **Yoshiko Nishihara**, **Rubie Kawamoto**, **Toshi Yamashita**, **Yaeko Cross**, and **Jean Yamashita**. **Jean Yamashita**, **Cindy Mine** and **Rubie Kawamoto** were all thanked for their help in this adventure.

There was a moment of silence for member **Yukio Nagata**. Paul announced on August 25 that there will be a viewing at Mehl's Chapel on Saturday, August 27 from 5 pm to 8 pm.

The Buddhist Temple will be having their annual chicken teriyaki dinner on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

There is quite a collection of Korean Drama DVDs in the back room. Feel free to borrow (and keep if you like) whatever interests you.

The Seniors have been enjoying *Tai Chi* every week on Thursdays.

Carol and Paul were back in time for the August 25<sup>th</sup> meeting after enjoying a well-deserved vacation. They have certainly been missed. (*Mahalo* to everyone for stepping up and seeing that everything ran smoothly in our absence! Paul and Carol Kaneko.)



August birthdays were celebrated on the 18<sup>th</sup>. In attendance were: **Eileen Byers**, **Akira Kodama – 95**, **Reiko Yamamoto**, **June Honda**, **Yoshiko Nishihara**, **Kazuko Sakai**, **George Stewart**, **Gail Wurtenberg**, and **Jo Ann Vear**. Cake and ice cream was enjoyed by all and donated by **Kazuko Sakai**. Happy birthday wishes to those not in attendance: **Paul Kaneko**, **Kitty Mizuno**, **Shirley Nishimoto** and **Mark Takeuchi**. Birthday flowers on the tables were provided by **Jean Akiyama** and **Hisako Kodama**.





Thank you to everyone, and a special thank you to **Eileen Byers** who treated everyone to a pretty container of candy at our August 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, in honor of her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Guests welcomed this month were: **Kimi Kimura, Marsha Wada, Nancy Jean Mattson,** and (shown below with **Kimiko Marr**) **Komo Gauvreau.**



It was truly wonderful to see **Nancy Iwami 102** who visited



us (she is shown here with **Toshiko Yamashita**).

Monetary donations were gratefully received this month from:

**Reiko Yamamoto, George Stewart, Yoshiko Nishihara, June Honda, Akira Kodama, Jo Ann Vear, Gail Wurtenberg, Kazuko Sakai,**

**Eileen Byers, Shirley Nishimoto, Paul Kaneko, Alice Misumi, Don Cox, and Inako Johnson.** *Koden* in memory of **Yukio Nagata** from: **Michiko Hamada, Chiyoko Yagi, Jo Ann Vear, Gary and Cindy Mine, Nancy Iwami, June and Sunao Honda, Gene and Marsha Wada.**

Thank for you for the Bingo donations. Everyone is so generous:

**Toshiko Yamashita**

4 pkgs. seasoned *nori*, 12 rolls toilet tissue, 6 big rolls paper towels, 4 plates chocolate cake

**Sunao/June Honda**

8 plates butter *mochi*, 6 plates chocolate *mochi*, 7 plates *Spam sushi*, 2 *jalapeño Spam sushi*, 7 pieces *mochi*, 6 apple and pineapple sticky buns

**Sunao/June's grandchildren** 2 shopping bags from Hawai'i

**Iwao/Jean Yamashita**  
**Kumiko Nakatani**  
**Hide Nagamine**

65 bags veggies  
6 *cantaloupes*  
5 bags *daikon*, 5 bags cucumbers,  
6 rolls toilet tissue  
Birthday cake and ice cream, plates  
2 dozen organic eggs,  
18 boxes *Kleenex*,

**Kazuko Sakai**  
**Rubie Kawamoto**

6 rolls toilet tissue  
6 boxes *Kleenex*, 5 large eggplants  
2 cans *Spam*, 3 electrical power switches, 6 fruit cups, 3 cans pineapple, 3 pkgs. gravy mix

**Eiko/George Stewart**

12 rolls toilet tissue,  
6 zucchini bread,  
6 boxes *Kleenex*, 1 pkg. hand wipes  
3 platters of finger *JELL-O*,  
4 pkgs. *mochi*

**Chie Sakaue**  
**Jean Akiyama**

4 bundles flowers  
12 rolls toilet tissue,  
4 boxes *Kleenex*  
10 boxes *Kleenex*

**Kimiyo Fujii**  
**Akira/Hisako Kodama**  
**Eileen Byers**

7 pkgs. green beans, 12 jars pickles  
20 rolls *Bounty* paper towels, 10 bottles *Dawn* dish soap, 70<sup>th</sup> birthday candy for all

**Nobuko Akiyama**  
**Jackie Yamashita**  
**Eiko Nishihara**  
**Yoshiko Nishihara**  
**Fred Oda**

18 rolls toilet tissue  
6 rolls paper towels and *Dawn* soap  
12 jars homemade strawberry jam  
18 bottles *Dawn* dish soap  
10 *Dawn* dish soap

**Jo Ann Vear**  
**Phil Shima**  
**Reiko Yamamoto**  
**Mitsuyo Tao**  
**Eileen Matsuda**  
**Susan AmRhein**  
**Miyeko Yamashita**  
**Satoko Yamamoto**  
**Haruko Yoshii**  
**Gail Wurtenberg**

4 large *Lysol* wipes  
7 bags potato chips  
6 rolls paper towels  
8 basket strawberries  
12 fruit cups  
6 bags apple/pears  
3 pkgs. *senbei*, 5 pkgs *chagashi*  
6 cans wipes  
12 rolls toilet tissue  
8 rolls paper towels, 1 gift basket in memory of **Mitsue Tao** (mother)  
Pruning shears combo pack

**Jeanette Crosetti**  
**Paul/Carol Kaneko**

3 cans Macadamia nuts, 2 insulated lunch bags (all from Hawai'i)

**Melissa Eguchi Song and Yamamoto family**

**Reiko Yamamoto's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday - anpan for all.**



Carol passed out the schedule of activities for September/October:

Thurs Sept 1, 8, 22, 29 Regular Bingo

**Thurs Sept 15 Sept Birthday Party**

**Friday Sept 16 Santa Cruz Follies 12 pm – 4 pm  
Dinner after at Mayflower**

**Thurs Oct 6 45th Anniversary Celebration;  
Potluck 4 pm**

Thurs Oct 13 Regular Bingo

**Thurs Oct 20 October Birthday Party**

Thurs Oct 27 Halloween & Bingo

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

Thanks to everyone for coming to our weekly meetings and participating in our various activities. Stay healthy and see you next month!

## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST W-SC JACLeR



A “baby shower” toast with *Martinelli's Sparkling Cider* was held at our July board meeting for **Dr. Brooke Rains**, (center) mother-to be. Photo courtesy of **Lea Haratani**.



Welcome  
**Lily**, and  
congratulations  
and best wishes  
to **Chris and  
Brooke Rains**.

**Lily Rains** was  
born on  
Sunday, August  
14, 2016.  
Photo by **Sandy  
Cabreira**.

## 5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL WATSONVILLE FILM FESTIVAL

The festival will be held Sept 29 to Oct 2 at the Fox Theater on Main Street, and one film featured on Sept 30th is **The Great Sasuke**, directed by **Mikiko Sasaki**.

In next month's issue we will feature **Poston**. What do you remember about life in “camp”? Write to us.

## DONATIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED FROM ...

In memory of **Nobu Hamai** from ...

**Mas and Marcia Hashimoto**

In memory of **Aiko Yamamoto** from ...

**Stuart Yamamoto** for “Mom” to Day of Remembrance Education Fund's Greatest Need

**Mas and Marcia Hashimoto**

In memory of **Sumiko Haneta** from ...

**Esther Ura**

**Mas and Marcia Hashimoto**

In memory of **Ben Umeda** from...

**Victor Kimura**

**Mas and Marcia Hashimoto**

**Cindy and Gary Mine**

In memory of **Yukio Nagata** from ...

**Mas and Marcia Hashimoto**

**Victor Kimura**

**Wallace “Wally” Osato** to our building maintenance fund.

## HELP US—WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL

Current members, please look at the date after your name on the address label. **S. Kxxxx 8/16** means your membership expired in **August of 2016**. If you are able, please renew before your membership's expiration month. **Marcia Hashimoto**, who sends renewal reminders, will be very grateful.

If you are not now a member of the National JACL, we'd love to have you join our fight for civil rights and social justice for all as a member of our dedicated W-SC JACL chapter.

Please encourage family members, relatives and friends to join us for 2015-2016. We are a 501 (c) (3) non-profit, educational, civil rights organization, and our tax deductible federal ID is #94-2659895.

Membership dues are \$80 for individual, \$150 for couples, and \$25 for youth 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 civil rights and social justice for all.

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 September 2016 newsletter. Comments are always welcome.

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

Onward!

**Mas Hashimoto**, Editor

## UPON GETTING THERE ...

I've been getting tired of late and discovered that I'm anemic. My doctor advised taking iron pills, and after a month, I'm not as tired as I use to be, but I am a little “rusty” doing my chores.

I use to laugh when **Tim Conway** on the *Carol Burnett Show* played an old man who took little bitty steps. Well, I'm not laughing any more ....

The late **Dr. George Kubota's** car bumper sticker read, “Drive like Hell, and you'll be sure to get there.”



**THE WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE RUMMAGE SALE PHOTOS OF AUGUST 5-6, 2016 by Jean Yamashita**



The Temple is very grateful to all who donated items for the rummage sale, to those who sorted and prepared the sale, and to all who came to browse and to purchase items. 1—The donated items were placed on the tables. 2—**Judy Hane, Sumiko Matsunami, June Honda** and **Eileen Byers** checked the purse and shoe section. 3—**Tracy Haneta** and **Sunao Hondo** helped with the sales. Bargains were to be had by all. 4—**Iwao Yamashita** and **Fred Oda** sorted the men's clothing section. 5—**Sumiko Matsunami** and **Fumie Han** refolded clothes in the women's section. 6—**Eiko Nishihara** checked out the glassware section. 7—Young mothers and their children checked out the toy and doll collection. 8—**June Honda** explained the merchandise in the jewelry department. 9—**Yoshiko Nishihara** liked the orchids with the ceramics. 10—**Tracy Haneta, Barbara Shingai, Kim Yoshida, Jean Akiyama** and **Fumi Tanimasa** were pleased with this year's sales. 11—**Janice Tao, Fumi Tanimasa, Jean Akiyama, and Toshiko Yamashita** served tea to workers and our guests.



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

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Name)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

Please send your check payable to **Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL** and mail ASAP to:  
**Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL**  
**c/o Jeanette Otsuji Hager, Membership Chair, P. O. Box 163, Watsonville, CA 95077**  
Thank you so much for your support.  
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