

## THE WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL Newsletter February 2018

### 2018 WOMEN'S MARCH

On Saturday, January 20, 2018, girls and women of all ages, with the support of men, marched and held positive rallies throughout this nation in commemoration of the **Second Annual Women's Day March**.

In keeping with the mission of serving our entire community, the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL (W-SC JACL) continues its outreach efforts.

Our thanks to **Aimee Mizuno** for attending the event held at the Watsonville Plaza.

**Kimiko Marr, Carol Kaneko, Marcia and Mas Hashimoto** represented our W-SC JACL at the Santa Cruz City/County event, marching with a unified group of 25,000.



"Fight Like A Jedi" read one sign in Santa Cruz. Marcia, below, carried our colorful banner, which was designed by **Shirley Inokuchi**. The pink cherry blossom flowers were perfect for this occasion.



Young women spoke and shared their struggles and achievements, encouraged women to step up to the political arena, and stressed the importance of having their voices heard especially at the ballot box.



After the march, *Watsonville Taiko* entertained thousands at the Loudon Nelson Community Center.



Artist and community activist **Lucien Kubo**, known for her unique incarceration art, assisted fellow artists' exhibit in the theater at the Loudon Nelson Center.



Mas and Marcia connected with friends and former students and gathered information from the NAACP, ACLU, LGBTQ, immigration, the homeless, Planned Parenthood, environmentalists, women's rights advocacy groups and others.

This was truly an empowering event.

## **AKEMASHITE OMEDETOU!**

**By Carol Kawase, NCWNP Governor**

Welcoming the New Year of the Earth Dog comes with the astrologist's communique of a year for *action* and *great change*! People born with the dog zodiac sign are destined to have a noteworthy year during this once every 60-year cycle. This is especially relevant to President Trump who has this astrologic designation. The past and impending *actions* by the current White House Administration on several key issues that seriously affect minority communities and low-income families are set to confront us with *great change*.

The fast and furious policy changes in education, immigration, healthcare, foreign policy, labor rights, social programs and transportation in the past year was indeed implemented with charged tenacity that undermined social justice reform. So much that had been put into place to support and strengthen social justice and civil rights have been dramatically dismantled. It's appalling to see so many people disenfranchised, demoralized and filled with dread.

I want to take this opportunity to **THANK** the Watsonville-Santa Cruz Chapter for being on the forefront of addressing those never-ending changes with fortitude and action! I've always admired the chapter for its ability to stay the course when it comes to social justice and civic engagement. Continue the good work because I look to your leadership as one of the stronger chapters to set those precedents for our district in the coming 2018 year of the dog changes.

In my reelection bid for executive board officer at the November 2017 meeting, I presented my goal to focus on five challenges for our district -- fundraising, membership, recognition, programming, and youth. At our last executive board meeting, I've instituted a plan of action to take on the challenges for the coming year. I look forward to collaborating with your chapter to tackle these challenges. Together, I hope we can maintain our district's ability to continue to be relevant, pro-active and engaging well into the future.

May the new year bring Watsonville-Santa Cruz members much peace, hope, joy, prosperity and good health.

## **16 YEAR OLDS, YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!**

When you are 16 years of age, you can now register to vote in California with your county's election department. There is no cost in registering. However, you must be 18 years of age on the day you actually vote. Parents: please help your 16-year-old and 17-year-old with registration.

To all: if you have changed your name, residence/mailling address, or party affiliation, you must reregister to remain eligible to vote. You can register online at <http://registertovote.ca.gov/> or obtain a voter registration card at [www.votescount.com](http://www.votescount.com) as well as at our office, DMV, post offices, and libraries.

For more information, call the Santa Cruz County Elections Department, 831-454-2060, 1-866-282-5900. SC County Clerk **Gail Pellerin** and her staff are most helpful.

[gail.pellerin@santacruzcounty.us](mailto:gail.pellerin@santacruzcounty.us).

**[Editor's note:** Photo id is not necessary here. You will change appearances over the years—dyed hair (or loss of hair), gained weight, loss weight, plastic surgery, new dentures, colored/tinted eye contacts, beard or clean shaven, etc. But, your **legal signature**, the one you write to cash a check, generally remains the same.

I would ask my students, "What's your most important possession?" They would think of life (of course, that's given) or material things. I would ask them to write their names as if signing a check. "Look at it for if you write it in the wrong place, you could be indebted for the rest of your life. Yes, you could be married." When you both sign the marriage certificate that's when you're legally married.

Of the answer "life," I would ask them, "And so, what constructive endeavors are you doing with this precious gift?"

I didn't get to vote until the age of 21 (XXVI amendment, 1971 changed the age to 18), and I have never missed an election—never—even when I was in the US Army! No duty as a citizen is more sacred in this republic.

Republic? Yes, we are not a democracy. If we were, we'd have someone else today as President of the United States. We are a republic ... "for Richard Stands." Kindergartners want to know who, in the Pledge of Allegiance, is Richard Stands ("for which it stands").

What do you believe is the record of Japanese Americans when it comes to voting? Excellent, average, poor? Which issues do they support at election time? Will you be elated or disappointed by the answers?]

## **SENIORS IN HIGH SCHOOL—THIS IS FOR YOU!**

**San Francisco, CA** - The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) announces its National Scholarship and Awards Program for the 2018 academic year. The JACL annually offers approximately 30 college scholarships for students who are incoming college freshmen, undergraduates and graduates, and those specializing in law and the creative/performing arts. There are also student aid scholarships for those in need of financial assistance in this era of rising tuition costs.

**Attention: Class of 2018 high school seniors--**

College Freshman applications must be submitted directly by the applicant to **Dr. Brooke Rains, W-SC JACL Scholarship Chair, P. O. Box 163, Watsonville, CA 95077** with a postmark no later than **March 1, 2018**.

Our Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL scholarship committee will have one month to evaluate all freshman applications, and we are to forward the most outstanding ones to the National JACL Freshman Scholarship Committee, c/o JACL NCWNP District, 3566 Barley Court, San Jose, CA 95127, postmarked no later than **April 2, 2018**.

Applications for the "other" scholarship categories (undergraduate, graduate, law, creative/performing arts, and student aid) are to be sent directly by the applicant to the National JACL Scholarship Committee, c/o Central California District Council, with a postmark no later than

**April 2, 2018.** The mailing address for this committee can be found on the application itself.

All those applying to the National JACL Scholarship Program must be a youth/student member or individual member of the JACL.

For more information on the National JACL Scholarship Program, contact Regional Director **Patty Wada** at [pwada@jacl.org](mailto:pwada@jacl.org) or National JACL Vice President for Planning & Development **Matthew Farrells** at [mfarrells@jacl.org](mailto:mfarrells@jacl.org).

## 2018 JACL/OCA LEADERSHIP SUMMIT



JACL is now accepting applications for the 2018 JACL/OCA Leadership Summit for anyone interested (in these areas but not limited to) Education, Immigration, Data (Census, Data Desegregation), Healthcare, Housing and Economic Justice. The summit will take place **April 7th-10th** in Washington, D.C. It is part of a longstanding JACL/OCA (Organization of Chinese



Americans) collaborative effort to build ties between local chapters. The summit trains future OCA and JACL leaders on how to lobby and communicate with their government officials, as well as includes briefings on important issues.

Acceptance to the summit includes airfare to Washington D.C., lodging, and organized Hill visits. This is an excellent opportunity for members who want to be more involved with the advocacy aspect of JACL.

The deadline to apply is **February 12th**. The application can be found at <https://jacl.wufoo.com/forms/2018-jacloca-leadership-summit-application/>.

Further questions can be directed to **Elle Kurata** ([ekurata@jacl.org](mailto:ekurata@jacl.org)) or **Kenzie Hirai** ([mhirai@jacl.org](mailto:mhirai@jacl.org)).

## KANSHA PROJECT FOR THOSE 18-25

The 2018 OCA-JACL Leadership Summit is made possible through the generosity of *Southwest* and *State Farm*.

The Kansha Project is a JACL Chicago program that connects self-identified Japanese Americans, ages 18-25, to the continuing legacy of the Japanese American community's

incarceration during World War II. The program centers around an educational trip to Los Angeles' Little Tokyo neighborhood and the Manzanar National Historic Site.

The 2018 Program Dates: Orientation: June 13; Trip: June 14-17; and Culmination: June 23.

**Application Deadline: March 1, 2018 (11:59 pm CT)**

Learn more and find the link to the application on [jaclchicago.org/programs/kansha-project](http://jaclchicago.org/programs/kansha-project).

## US-Japan Council Scholarship Opportunity



The US-Japan Council is accepting applications for its Watanabe scholarship program. The program provides funding to American students studying in Japan.

Please see:

[www.usjapancouncil.org/watanabe\\_faq](http://www.usjapancouncil.org/watanabe_faq)  
for FAQ and program details.



The Conference on Asian and Pacific American Leadership (CAPAL) is now accepting applications for the 2018 Public Service Internship and Scholarship Program. The programs include weekly leadership seminars, networking opportunities, Community Action Projects, and individual mentorship. This is a PAID 8-week summer program that places interns in public service positions across the country, and also financially supports those who have secured local DC internships.

## Desired Qualifications

Qualified applicants should have a GPA of 3.0 or above and a demonstrated commitment to public service, including service to the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) community. All current students and all majors are welcome to apply.

Apply by **Wednesday, February 28th, 2018:**

<http://www.capal.org/programs/scholarships-and-internships>  
Any questions can be sent to [applications@capal.org](mailto:applications@capal.org)

## Discussing Sexism, Sexual Assault and Violence in the JA Community

By **Kenzie Hirai**, Mineta Fellow, [mhirai@jacl.org](mailto:mhirai@jacl.org) and **Elle Kurata**, Inouye Fellow, [ekurata@jacl.org](mailto:ekurata@jacl.org)

In conjunction with the **#MeToo** movement and the long overdue reckoning of sexual assault, sexual misconduct, and negative sexual culture, JACL enters the conversation. In support of survivors, JACL will begin to publish a series of short essays. These essays attempt to discuss sexual assault, violence, and the way in which individuals in our community are affected by these issues.

JACL must join the conversation in order to help the Japanese American community be educated on these issues

and to lend support for the survivors who are a part of our communities.

This first essay broadly discusses sexual assault and victimization, and how a culture of rape can affect women and LGBTQIA individuals. In later writings JACL will discuss how these things uniquely impact the Japanese American community and explore important topics that are only briefly introduced in the first essay.

#### **Essay #1:**

In a series of pieces, JACL will discuss the recent flow of survivors publicly sharing their stories of sexual violence. These survivors have been silenced, ignored, and victim-blamed for far too long and our society has started to take their concerns seriously. Thanks to their bravery, we are becoming more aware of the broader rape culture and patriarchy in which we function, showing that problems like these infect all areas of our lives. For years survivors have been bearing the weight of advocating against sexual violence and now it is up to us to take up the reins. We have allowed these perpetrators to thrive because of our collective silence. Now JACL intends to break the silence within our community by facilitating a discussion where we observe how women, **non-binary** and **transgender** individuals are treated in every facet of society and recognize the lack of attention this subject has received in the past.

Cultural expectations and norms are vital when analyzing the way in which a survivor seeks help and whether they talk about their experiences at all. The reporting rates for Asian Americans are notoriously low, which suggests a culture where victims don't feel comfortable coming forward.

The culture of patriarchy reinforces a **culture of rape** and devalues women, girls, and LGBTQ individuals; harassment, misuse, and abuse is normalized and minimized. We reinforce this each time we tell women to watch their drinks, laugh at rape jokes, or dismiss survivors' stories when we say "but he's such a nice guy." The reinforcement of this culture creates barriers for survivors to report when they are harassed.

In the Japanese American community, cultural expectations can reinforce patriarchal ideals and the fierce need to bring no shame to one's family and community. Ideals that are inherent to the community, such as struggling forward despite adversity, keeping one's head down and working hard until better times, can discourage survivors from speaking out. Asian Americans are less likely to report their experiences than their white counterparts.(i) As a sub-community within the broader American society, now is the time to join in and listen to survivors. Looking internally at how gender roles affect women in the community, and how men are affected by these norms as well, will allow for our community to address those problems and acknowledge individuals who feel invisible or silenced.

While sexual assault plagues the Asian American and Japanese American communities, we also support and uplift women and survivors of other communities where assault and victimization occurs. We want to acknowledge the epidemic of sexual abuse of Native, Black, Latinx, queer, disabled, children, elderly, and men that often goes unmentioned. Later, in another piece, we will discuss problems that affect Asian women. The objectification and fetishization of Japanese women has unique effects. As minority women in America, Japanese American women deal with the intersections of what it means to be both American

and perpetually perceived as foreign, while also being sexually objectified.

The way in which sexual assault, harassment and rape affects survivors varies, potentially inciting anxiety and post-traumatic stress disorder. The detrimental effects of these attacks would seem obvious, and the vast number of accusations surfacing should mobilize our society to educate men who can become allies in the fight for gender equality. These perpetrators are not monsters, but are our brothers, fathers, partners and acquaintances who have been socialized to objectify and dehumanize women. We must end the sexual victimization of women in all areas of society, and this begins at home.

As a community we must educate men and women about sexual assault and the patriarchal norms that are culturally reinforced in our everyday interactions. We must talk about this taboo topic, and intervene when someone says something sexist. We must listen, believe, and support survivors. As women are being heard in the public there is hope that this change will continue into other areas of our society for survivors at all levels.

Education is vital—without it, there is no room for acknowledging the problem in the first place. We hope to provide clarity for our members on the issue that is in the news today and affects so many people that we care about.

#### ***AMERICANS UNITED FOR SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE reports:***

1—Disappointingly, the US Supreme Court let stand a 5<sup>th</sup> U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals' ruling that allows student-led Christian prayers in a public school board meeting (Birdville Independent School District) in Texas.

2—Facing pushback from the public, New Mexico's Public Education Department (NMPED) has decided **not** to implement new science standards that critics said weakened the study of evolution.

The National Center for Science Education (NCSE) had expressed concern over the standards, which are ostensibly based on the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). NGSS has been adopted in 18 states as well as Washington, DC, but in New Mexico, state education officials made a number of changes to the NGSS, cutting a reference to evolution outright and downplaying other provisions based on sound science.

State residents and the New Mexico Science Teachers Association expressed opposition and stated that the state's curriculum should adopt NGSS without alterations. Responding favorably to the pro-evolution activism around the state, the NMPED agreed to implement the unaltered NGSS. The decision was praised by sound science-education advocates.

3—Evolution in Public Schools under attack in Florida.

An anti-science bill filed in the Florida legislature concerns critics, who say it is designed to open the door to creationism in public schools.



4—The US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recently asked for public comment on whether it should give **new religious exemptions** to faith-based organizations that accept taxpayer-funded grants and contracts to provide services to the public.

HHS is essentially asking how it could change its rules to allow groups to use their own religious litmus test to decide whom to hire or serve and what services to provide within HHS funded programs.

*Americans United* told the agency that it's a bad idea and unconstitutional to give these organizations religious exemptions that allow them to discriminate.

*AU* also joined 44 of its allies in the Coalition Against Religious Discrimination in filing a response to this request for information.

5—*Americans United* and its allies are urging the Montana Supreme Court to rule that the state was right to stop taxpayer money from funding religious education through a tax-credit voucher scheme.

Joined by the *American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)*, the ACLU of Montana and the Anti-Defamation League, *AU* filed a friend-of-the-court brief in *Espinoza v. Montana Dept. of Revenue (MDR)* asking the state's high court to reverse a trial court's ruling that allows public money to fund a voucher-like tuition tax credit program that could end up subsidizing private religious education.

*MDR* did not allow religious schools to participate in the state's tuition tax credit program because state officials want to honor Montana's constitution, which contains a clause that protects freedom of conscience of Montana residents by ensuring that tax revenues cannot be spent to fund religion.

"Montana students and their parents certainly have a fundamental right to choose a religious education, but not at the state's expense," the brief reads. "Montana's government is expressly barred from providing 'direct or indirect' aid for religious education."

## KNOW YOUR RIGHTS: RECORDING INJUSTICE

During a march, demonstration, or an activity, you are using your smartphone or other recording devices, according to the **American Civil Liberties Union**, you may under federal law:

1. You have the right to film and photograph police activity in public places. Several recordings have sustained the officers.
2. Video recording is fully protected. Some state laws prohibit audio recording without consent; however, in nearly all cases, audio recording the police in public is legal.
3. If you are detained, politely ask what crime you are suspected of committing, and remind the officer

that recording video is your right under the First Amendment and does not constitute reasonable suspicion of criminal activity.

4. Police officers may not confiscate or view your digital photographs or video without a warrant and may not delete your material under any circumstances.

## "WHO AM I?" Part 2 by Mas Hashimoto

Having lived more than 82% of my life with only a few percentages left, I don't have much time to do something meaningful and worthwhile.

It was a privilege to be a US History teacher at Watsonville High School for a number of years. I did show up on time for my classes to the dismay of some students.

Looking back, I am indebted to the composers and lyricists for the songs and themes of "Broadway" musicals—*Showboat*, *Sound of Music*, *King and I*, *Gigi*, *My Fair Lady*, *Flower Drum Song*, *South Pacific*, *Wizard of Oz*, *Man of La Mancha*, *Roberta*, *Oliver*, *Camelot*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Guys and Dolls*, *West Side Story*, *1776*, *Hello Dolly*, *La Cage aux Folles*, *The Producers*, *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*, *The Music Man*, *Oklahoma*, *Cabaret*, *Evita*, *Aladdin*, *Annie*, *Beauty and the Beast*, 'Bye 'Bye Birdie, *Pal Joey*, *A Chorus Line*, *Annie Get Your Gun*, *An American in Paris*, *Mame*, *Kiss Me Kate*, *Carousel*, *Phantom of the Opera*, *Damn Yankees*, *Kismet*, *The Lion King*, *Mikado*, *Peter Pan*, *Mary Poppins*, *Chicago*, *Finian's Rainbow*, *Anything Goes*, and many others. [I didn't see *Hamilton*. As one now hard-of-hearing, I have difficulty understanding "rap".]

I'm certainly not Jean Valjean of "Who Am I" from the musical, *Les Misérables*.

Among the most enjoyable were songs from the musical, *Gigi*. "I'm glad I'm not young anymore," was sung by **Maurice Chevalier**. I'm glad I'm not young anymore for today's youngsters face so many threats, challenges, and uncertainties. They will need our encouragement and love.

And, personally, the song, "Aw, yes, I remember it well," a duet sung by **Hermione Gingold** and **Maurice Chevalier**, remains a favorite.

I asked, "Am I getting old?"

Marcia, "Oh no, not you! How strong you were; How young and gay; a Prince of Love in every way."

Me: "Ah yes, I remember it well."

OK, so Marcia never sang any of this. She has remarked that while I may recall major events, there are many details with which I have difficulties. This may be the beginning of celebrating an 88<sup>th</sup> birthday in coming years.

There were several 88<sup>th</sup> birthdays we've attended where the emphasis was not on long life for the person at age 88 had already lived a long life. It was a celebration of the celebrant's entering a "second childhood"--a period of forgiveness for actions, not unlike those when a child.

A person who has reached 88 may be regressing mentally as well as physically and where that person reflects on his/her early years and enjoys reliving those years. The person is not focusing on the future (perhaps, the future doesn't look that good for all). It explains why a person would be suffering from the first stages of dementia.

I may not be the only one regressing.

**WHO AM I?** To be continued ...

## "I STILL GOT IT!!"

I shouted, "Oh my goodness, I still **GOT** it!"

Often one is referring to a revered talent or skill.

Marcia didn't know whether to smile, so she asked, "What?" I could tell from her puzzled look she had wondered over my golf game or mental capacity.

"I still got my **cough** (for over three weeks)."

I then popped a cough drop into my mouth, and sure enough, I began to cough some more.

This has been a terrible flu, cold and cough season. True, it's not as bad as the flu epidemic of 1918 when millions world over died. If you check the cemeteries of 100 years ago, you'll discover that the flu hit here, too.

## Sister City Flapjack Breakfast at Applebee's

By Robb Mayeda

Happy New Year from the Kawakami -Watsonville Sister City Association! Thank you for your support in the past.

KWSC Association will host another fundraiser at Applebee's, 1105 S. Green Valley Road, Watsonville. This event will take place on Sunday morning, February 25, from 8:00 – 9:45 A.M.

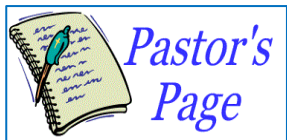
Advanced tickets are available from the students scheduled to travel to Japan. Walk-in sales will benefit the association's general fund which is used to assist the chaperones and to host our visitors from Kawakami.

The breakfast tickets are \$10, and the breakfast includes flapjacks, juice, eggs, bacon, and coffee. Thank you for your support in the past, and we hope to see you on the 25th!

## WESTVIEW'S "CHIMES"

by Leslie Nagata-Garcia

### Deadly!



A life without boundaries is not free.

It is our convictions and loyalties that chisel us, define us, and are the basis of free

actions that originate in our center. A child who is raised without boundaries will be spoiled and likely will die—like from running in the street as a toddler, or a drug overdose in the teen years. Boundaries and limits are good. They are often warning signs that can keep us out of danger or even death. The Seven Deadly Sins originated with the [desert fathers](#), especially [Evagrius Ponticus](#), who identified seven evil thoughts or spirits that one needed to overcome. It seems wise to know them so you can avoid them and don't get ensnared by them.

The seven Deadly sins are: Lust, Gluttony, Greed, Sloth, Wrath, Envy, Pride.

The reflection on which is wisdom for life! The Apostle Paul speaks of the "sin which so easily entangles us." They creep in and slowly take over and suck the life from us! He also says in Hebrew 12:1-2, "let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, **2** fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy [of loving us and setting us free] set before him he endured the cross."

The Church used the doctrine of the deadly sins in order to help people stop their inclination towards evil before dire consequences and misdeeds occur; the leader-teachers especially focused on pride (which is thought to be the one that severs the soul from Grace, and one that is representative and the very essence of all evil) and greed, both of which are seen as inherently sinful and as underlying all other sins.

Not only do these separate us from God and lead to death, but they ruin our soul.

A list of seven heavenly virtues that oppose the [seven deadly sins](#) came later in an [epic poem](#) titled *Psychomachia*, or *Battle/Contest of the Soul*. Written by [Aurelius Clemens Prudentius](#), a Christian governor who died around 410 AD, it entails the battle between good virtues and evil [vices](#). The virtues are identified as: [chastity](#), [temperance](#), [charity](#), [diligence](#), [patience](#), [kindness](#), and [humility](#). Practicing them is said to protect one against [temptation](#) from the seven deadly sins. Or I would say they are the anchor of our core values that guard us from the deceptive allure of the "7 deadly's."

Reflect on these two lists. Which ones tempt you? How might they hurt or slowly destroy you? Ask God for help. Now look at them from a more corporate sense. How do we corporately participate in these sins? How can we choose not to participate and maybe begin to personally be set free from this corporate sin? Wow, modern advertising seems to feast on our propensity for the 7 Deadly's: Lust, Gluttony, Greed, Sloth, Wrath, Envy, Pride.

In these modern times I pray we can live the words of Jesus, "be as wise as serpents and yet as harmless as doves," (Matthew 10:16) that we might not be tricked into a life that slowly kills us or takes our soul away, but rather live a life passionately living out our convictions and loyalties as we pursue love in all we do! For Jesus desires the opposite for us. Jesus proclaimed, "I came that you might have life and have it abundantly!" -Jn 10:10.

Jesus would NOT want these lists to be a weight on our shoulders, but rather a means to freedom to live and love as the beautiful children God created us to be! Amen! In March I look forward to studying the 7 Deadly Sins and 7 Virtues with you in our Sunday message series "Deadly! Choosing life and joy over the 7 deadly sins"

As the Westview family, you teach me much about beautiful living, and I appreciate you! God is GOOD. May we all continue to know the JOY of God's love flowing abundantly in our lives and overflowing to others!

Much love,  
Pastor Dan



February 14 marks the beginning of Lent, a period of repentance and preparation for Easter. We will **begin**

**Lent** on **February 11th** with an **Ash Sunday service**.

*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 – 8:00 pm**, at **Westview**. Mark your calendars for the following dates:

- **February 2nd: Youth Gym Nite and serving at the Salvation Army, 4:00 – 7:30 pm, Westview**
- **February 16th: Youth Gym Nite, 5:30 – 8:00 pm, Westview**



We began serving Salvation Army meals again on the first Friday of the month starting in

December and going through April. Come enjoy cooking and fellowship on Friday afternoons! Our next Salvation Army meal will take place on

**February 2, 2018.**

Call Marlon or Pastor Dan for details.



Every **2nd** and **4th Wednesday** of each month, **6:45pm** at **Paloma Del Mar, 2030 Pajaro Lane in Freedom.**

We are studying **Bryan Loritts' book,**

***Saving the Saved: How Jesus saves us from try-harder Christianity into performance-free love.***

Join us! It has been a delight to make new friends and "be church" at Paloma Del Mar!

Please mark your calendar for the following dates in February: **February 14th, February 28th.**



*Photos of some of our January Events*

Left Photo: Our faithful volunteers preparing a meal for the Salvation Army on January 5th.

Right Photo: Our church members that attended the Leadership Retreat

held on January 20th.



**Sunday Message Series:** - In January we resumed the series **"None Like God!"** based on a **book by Jen Wilkin**. God is self-existent, self-sufficient, eternal, immutable, omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent, sovereign, infinite, and incomprehensible. We are NOT, and that is a good thing! We will learn about the qualities God has that we do not, and learn to celebrate the freedom that comes when we rest in letting God be God! In **March** we will start our series **"Deadly! Choosing life and joy over the 7 deadly sins."**



**Tutoring Club Update:** We continue to serve several students on a one-on-one basis at different times during the week. It is a

delight to reach out with love and care for our neighbors. If you would like to participate in any way please contact Mary Lou, Susan Manabe, or Pastor Dan.



## FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF NISEI VETERANS

by **Brian Shiroyama**, Lt Col. US Air Force (retired)

Friends and Family of Nisei Veterans (FFNV), a locally-based, multi-state Japanese-American veterans' group, will hold its annual meeting on February 10, 2018 at the Morgan Hill Buddhist Community Center, 16450 Murphy Avenue.

The main guest speaker will be Congressional Medal of Honor recipient **James Taylor** who was the Grand Marshal of the 2015 Independence Day Parade in Morgan Hill. Host will be Lawson Sakai who is President of FFNV and also Grand Marshal of the 2014 parade.

On November 9, 1967, First Lieutenant Taylor was serving in Vietnam as cavalry officer. When his troops came under intense enemy fire and one armored assault vehicle was hit, Lt Taylor jumped into action. The Medal of Honor citation reads: "His actions of unsurpassed valor were a source of inspiration to his entire troop, contributed significantly to the success of the overall assault on the enemy position, and were directly responsible for saving the lives of a number of his fellow soldiers."

Public is cordially invited to attend at 12:30 PM. Pot-luck lunch for FFNV members and guests will start at 11:30 AM.

If you wish more information, please contact Brian Shiroyama at [bshiroyama@gmail.com](mailto:bshiroyama@gmail.com) or (408) 896-1021.

## WATSONVILLE TAIKO AND SHINSEI DAIKO

by **Bonnie Chihara**

Once again **Watsonville Taiko** participated in the **Santa Cruz Women's March** on Sat., Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>. After the march, at the Loudon Nelson Center, our community performers and children's group played to thousands of enthusiastic marchers.



Kids and Kay Miyamoto fly the **koinobori** (carp banners) for the song, **Takinobori**. Photo contributed.

(Right) **Welo Crowbear**, among our youngest **taiko** drummer, is waiting to play the shaker.



We have classes for all ages. Our beginning children's

class is scheduled at 4:30 p, on Fridays and are held at the W-SC JACL Kizuka Hall, 150 Blackburn Street in Watsonville. Our beginning adult classes are scheduled for 7 pm also at Kizuka Hall. For times and locations for our other classes please contact Kay at 831 475 1088 or email us [info@watsonvilletaiko.org](mailto:info@watsonvilletaiko.org).

Our upcoming schedule:

Feb 10<sup>th</sup> Young Ensemble Showcase, Santa Cruz High School

April 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> - Watsonville Taiko's Anniversary Show, Crocker Theater, Cabrillo College

April 14<sup>th</sup> - Santa Cruz **Bonsai Kai** Show, MAH Santa Cruz

April 22<sup>nd</sup> - **Harumatsuri**, Morgan Hill

April 22<sup>nd</sup> - Five Branches University Graduation, Coconut Grove Santa Cruz

April 28<sup>th</sup> - Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival, Memorial Park Cupertino

April 29<sup>th</sup> - Big Sur International Marathon, Big Sur

## WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE NEWS

By **Barbara Shingai**, President

In preparation for the New Year, the Temple, on Dec. 17, 2017, held a short Sunday service and then the *omigaki* took place (cleaning of the *Hondo* pieces). Special polishing of the brass pieces which made the onijin shine like new.







The Temple held its annual New Year's Installation and potluck on Sunday, Jan. 7, 2018. Rev. Jay Shinseki held his first *Dharma Youth Program* in his effort to restart a program for the youth K-12.



During the luncheon, the congregation enjoyed a delicious assortment of entrees and desserts. Rev. Shinseki gave a toast for the New Year.

Appreciation gifts were given to the following individuals for their help throughout the year: **Itaru Nitao, Jim Uemura, Iwao Yamashita:** landscaping/yard maintenance; **Norman Uyeda,** treasurer; **Yoko Umeda:** organist; **Susan Uyematsu,** temple payroll assistance; **Peter Hester,** website; **Kirk Muldoon,** weekly temple garbage disposal; **Tom Simmons,** apt.



assistance with feral cats;



The Temple's appreciation was extended to **Jackie Yamashita** for her 29 years of dedicated service as the office administrative assistant. A congratulatory plaque and gift were extended to Jackie upon her recent retirement by **Rev. Shinseki, Barbara Shingai, and Sadao Matsunami.**

A belated presentation of a proclamation was made by former City Mayor, **Oscar Rios,** for the Temple's recent 110-year anniversary. Current Mayor **Lowell Hurst** and his wife, **Wendy** and City Councilman **Felipe Hernandez** were also in



The 2018 Temple Cabinet was installed by **Rev. Shinseki: Perry Yoshida,** President-Elect; **Barbara Shingai,** President; and **Norman Uyeda,** Treasurer.

Below: ABA Cabinet members are **Sadao Matsunami, Judy Hane, Fumi Tanimasa, Jean Akiyama, Janice Tao, and Iwao Yamashita.**





attendance. Mr. Hurst extended his appreciation to the Temple and was honored to be part of this celebration.

Many thanks to *Miyuki's* for donating the *sake* and *Martinelli's* for donating the delicious sparkling cider. The afternoon was filled with bingo and wonderful prizes.



**Perry and Kim Yoshida** did a wonderful job coordinating this fun-filled day. All photos by **Richard Uyematsu**.

Calendar for February:

3 Sat. 4 pm to 7 pm **"All You Can Eat" Udon Feed**  
 4 Sun. 10 am **Shotsuki Hoyo**, Sunday Service  
 5 Mon. 7 pm – 8:30 pm Buddhist Study Class  
 6 Tues 7:30 pm Board Meeting  
 8 Thurs 10 am ABA Meeting  
 11 Sun. 10 am **Nirvana Day, Pet Memorial & Sunday Service**  
 12 Mon. 7 pm – 8:30 pm Buddhist Study Class  
 18 Sun. 10 am Sunday Service  
 22-25 Thurs-Sun. BCA National Council Meeting  
 24 Sun. **No** Sunday Service

**Shotsuki Hoyo Service**

**10 am Sunday, February 4, 2018**

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

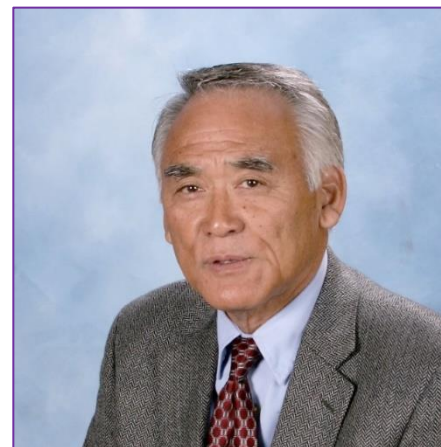
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**Chihara, Takashi**  
**Fujimura, Mieko**  
**Fukuba, Henry**  
**Hane, Tsutomu**  
**Ishimaru, Misue**  
**Iizushita, Denta**  
**Jyoji, Kimiye**  
**Kajihara, Lynn Harumi**  
**Kamimoto, Mitsuo Michael**  
**Kimoto, Lily Masae**  
**Koike, Toshi**  
**Kumada, Tsune**  
**Manabe, Shozo**  
**Miyanohara, Hatsue**  
**Morita, Seitaro**  
**Nagata, Kohei**  
**Niiyama, Emiko**  
**Nishihara, Sanjiro**

**Arao, Louise**  
**Brace, Carolyn**  
**Eto, Tamae**  
**Fujita, Tadao**  
**Hamada, Minoru**  
**Hirano, Dick**  
**Hirahara, Noboru**  
**Iwamasa, Makiyo**  
**Kadotani, Yoshito Tommy**  
**Kaita, Roy**  
**Kendall, Rosalie**  
**Kodama, Keiko**  
**Kumada, Katsuichi**  
**Manabe, Dick (Masami)**  
**Mito, Frank**  
**Morimune, Tei**  
**Muramoto, Tsuchi**  
**Nakano, George Joji**  
**Nishihara, Dale**  
**Nitta, Toshimi**

**Oda, Jean**  
**Okamoto, Fred Kunio**  
**Sakakihara, Kazuo Philip**  
**Sumida, Jintaro**  
**Tahara, Tsuyo**  
**Taniguchi, Yayono**  
**Tsuchiyama, Benji**  
**Usuki, Vickie Kimiko**  
**Wada, Lindy**  
**Yagi, Hatsusaburo**  
**Yamamoto, Richard**

**Oita, Hirosaburo**  
**Sakae, Clifford**  
**Shingai, Tomizo**  
**Suruki, Kimiye**  
**Tamasu, Masaaki**  
**Tanouye, Russ Hiroshi**  
**Tsuda, Toku**  
**Wada, Dean**  
**Wakayama, T. Grace**  
**Yamamoto, Jim**  
**Yamaoka, Ayako**

We mourn the recent passing of **Akio Idemoto**, a respected member of the Sangha. The funeral memorial service will be held at 11 am on Saturday, Feb. 10 at the Temple. Otoki to follow. At press time, we had no obituary to print.



Watsonville Buddhist Temple

**Udon Noodle Nite**

**"All You Can Eat"**



**Saturday, February 3, 2018**  
**From 4pm to 7pm**

423 Bridge Street  
 in the Temple Gymnasium  
 831-724-7860

(sold separately)  
**Chirashi – Pastries – Soda**  
 (take out available on request)

**\$10.00 Per Person**  
**Thank you for your support**



## Tri-Temple Ho Onko Service, Jan. 28



Chairman **Douglas Nakashima** welcomed all and spoke of the life and passing of our founder **Shinran Shonin** to the 125 Sangha members in



attendance from Monterey, Salinas and Watsonville.

We were delighted to have had as keynote speaker **Rev. Nariaki Hayashi** of the *Ekoji Buddhist Temple* of Fairfax Station, Virginia.



Participating in the memorial service were ministerial assistant **Nick San Juan**, **Rev. Jay Shinseki**, **Rev. Hayashi**, **Rev. Yugo Fujita** of Salinas, and assistant **David Correia**.

## Coming up in March at the Temple!

- (1) Friday, March 2, 2018 WBT movie night, the film from Japan, award winning, "**Life Father Like Son**," to be shown at 3 pm and again at 7pm in the conference room. Free admission, and light refreshments will be served. Yes, you can bring your own popcorn. You might wish to bring a *zabuton*.
- (2) Saturday, March 10, 2018 from 9 am to 11 am, "**Neighborhood Clean Up Day**," sponsored by the WBT in collaboration with the City of Watsonville's Neighborhood Services Department. Meet at the parking lot, 423 Bridge Street. Coffee, tea and cookies will be served.

## JANUARY SENIOR CENTER NEWS

by **Carol Kaneko** and **Jean Yamashita**

HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

*Akemashite omedetō gozaimasu!*

January 4, 2018 was the first day back for our Seniors, and there were plenty of Happy New Year greetings going around! Everyone was glad to be back with all their friends and to play Bingo again.

An up-to-date membership list and the January/February schedule of activities were passed out. If you did not receive them, please see Carol. Please shred any old membership lists as they contain information that should remain private. If you do not have a shredder, please return any old membership lists to the center, and we will take care of them.

**Rubie Kawamoto** returned after a long absence due to a bad fall. Everyone was happy to see her doing so well. We also welcomed



back **Satoko Yamamoto** after a few weeks of absence,



and **Kitty Mizuno**.

We officially welcomed 2018 on January 11<sup>th</sup>. Happy Year of the Dog! The tables were decorated with the cutest little doggies amazingly created from a single white towel and surrounded by pretty origami dog bell toys, all constructed by the talented **Helen Nakano**. In-line with



the dog theme, **Susan AmRhein** made a wide variety of





delicious  
"dog"  
cookies  
served in a  
dog bowl –  
so very  
clever!  
Individual  
bottles of  
*Martinelli's  
Sparkling  
Cider* from  
**Reba  
Condon**

completed each place setting.

On the  
front table,  
an  
impressive  
*bonsai* was  
displayed by  
**Iwao  
Yamashita**  
for all to  
admire and a  
beautiful  
New Year's  
*ikebana*



flower arrangement was masterfully created by **Mitsuyo Tao**.



The Seniors were very fortunate to have the talented **Chie Sakaue** beautifully sing the difficult *shigin*, and the brilliant **Kimiko Marr** present two wonderful videos that she created: "Mochitsuki: A Japanese New Year Tradition" captured the *mochitsuki* event at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple on December 10, 2017. If you didn't know what *mochitsuki* entailed, this video did a great job demonstrating the process.

"2017 Pilgrimages"

was a poignant video of Kimiko's pilgrimages in 2017. The interview at the end was especially moving. Thank you, Kimiko! We are very impressed with the quality of your work. To view Kimiko Marr's videos, visit:  
<https://vimeo.com/hapayonseiproductions>.

A trailer of the documentary, "If You're Not in the Obit, Eat Breakfast" was also shown. This ~90-minute movie will be shown on Thursday, March 22 around 4:15 pm - after daylight savings time begins. Please save the date and join us.

"Nancy!" shouted the excited **Toshi Yamashita** when the forever vibrant **Nancy Iwami** walked into the Senior Center! Nearing 104, Nancy is still going strong – an inspiration to everyone! Everyone was overjoyed to see **Nancy** along with her daughter and son-in-law, **Nancy Jean** and **Marvin Mattson** who brought her all the way from Reno.



After a few games of Bingo, **Susan AmRhein** said grace, and we all enjoyed a delicious buffet from **Miyuki Restaurant** delivered by **Chris Ishikawa** and team. The Seniors were also treated to delicious dessert cupcakes thoughtfully provided by **June Honda**, **Eileen Byers**, and **Toshi Yamashita**. What a feast! Thanks to the *toban* crew and everyone else who lent a hand in setting up and cleaning up.

January birthday honorees were **Terry Hirahara**, **Hatsuko Tsuji**, and **Mitsuko Ruble**. Absent was **Karen Sugidono**. It was



nice to see **Hatsuko** and **Mitsuko** back with us again. Thanks to **Terry Hirahara** for the delightful table flowers.

Thank you to the **Santa Cruz County Symphony** for providing eight vouchers for our Senior Center for the January 28 concert at the Mello Center.

The Seniors have scheduled a one-day bus trip to Table Mountain Casino for Monday, March 19, 2018. The cost is \$30 for active members of the Senior Center or the WBT and \$40 for others. If you are interested, please contact **Jean Yamashita** (email: [jeanyamashita@yahoo.com](mailto:jeanyamashita@yahoo.com), cell: 408-813-6539).



A planning meeting for the 2018 year was held on January 18. Thanks to **Jean Yamashita, Jean Akiyama, Toshi Yamashita, Iwao Yamashita, Paul and Carol Kaneko, Susan AmRhein, Kimiko Marr, June and Sunao Honda, and Terry Hirahara** for attending and sharing their suggestions and ideas for the upcoming year's activities. Thanks to those who volunteered to take on many of the responsibilities for our activities. We enjoyed a delicious lunch thanks to everyone who brought goodies to share.

Welcome to **Norris Woodford**, our newest member!



May you have many chances to shout "Bingo!" in the months to come!

**Carol Kaneko** passed around several copies of the 2017 donations list and has the 2017 treasurer's report. Please see Carol if you have any questions.

Thanks to our January *toban*: **Gail**

**Wurtenberg, Toshi Yamashita, and Sharon Bobo. Paul Kaneko** was in charge of opening up this month. Thanks to all our members who thoughtfully help out whenever needed.

Monetary donations for the month of January gratefully received from: **Hisako Kodama, Satoko Yamamoto, Jean Akiyama, Nancy Iwami, Hatsuko Tsuji, Terry Hirahara, Helen Mito** (in honor of her 101<sup>st</sup> birthday!) and **Daniel and Karen Nitta** (in honor of Helen's birthday), **Iwao and Jean Yamashita, Norris Woodford, and Sam and Yae Sakamoto.** **Nancy Iwami** also made a donation in memory of **Kiyo Arai.**

Thanks to all members who have paid their 2018 Senior Center or National JACL dues. Thanks for your commitment to our Senior Center and JACL chapter.

Thank you for all the wonderful bingo prizes:

<b>Toshi Yamashita</b>	9 pkgs chocolate cupcakes, 8 rolls <i>Bounty</i> paper towels, cupcakes for New Year's party, 6 plates mini cinnamon rolls, 6 plates brownies
<b>Nobue Fujii</b>	5 bags <i>arare</i> , 50 bags green tea
<b>Jean/Iwao Yamashita</b>	4 pkgs mini cherry cheesecake, 1 bag assorted chocolates from Las Vegas, 6 bags cut-up <i>kabocha</i> , 6 rolls toilet tissue, 3 containers <i>maze-gohan</i>
<b>Angie Guzman</b>	6 pkgs sponges, 3 hand soap, 3 pot holders
<b>June/Sunao Honda</b>	4 plates <i>azuki</i> cookies, 3 plates <i>manju</i> , 7 pkgs <i>azuki</i> cookies, lots of lemons, 4 chocolate and 4 spice bundt cakes
<b>Eiko Nishihara</b>	1 dozen jars strawberry jam
<b>Yoshiko Nishihara</b>	18 bottles <i>Dawn</i> dish soap
<b>Brandon/Mia Potter</b>	1 bag chocolate cookies, 1 bag macadamia nut cookies
<b>Hide Nagamine</b>	5 containers cucumber <i>tsukemono</i> , 2 <i>Lysol</i> disinfecting wipes,

**Kumiko Nakatani**

**Terry Hirahara**

**Yaeko Cross**

**Eileen Byers**

**Jean Akiyama**

**Rubie Kawamoto**

**Mary Perez**

**Nobuko Akiyama**

**Reba Condon**

**Kitty Mizuno**

**Toshi, Eileen, June**

**Kim Tao**

**Hisako Kodama**

**Gini Matute-Bianchi/Norris Woodford**

**Jo Ann Vear**

**Gail Wurtenberg**

**Kimiyo Fujii**

**Hatsuko Tsuji**

**Judy Hane**

**Sharon Bobo**

**Mitsuyo Tao**

**Connie Dimas**

**Pat/Kimiko Marr**

**Satoko Yamamoto**

Thank you for coming to the Senior Center! It's a wonderful opportunity to socialize with old friends, make new friends and, of course, play bingo and win many useful prizes (such as the always popular roll of toilet paper!) Stay healthy these winter months (wash, wash, wash your hands) and try to stay active – remember to do your balance exercises three times a day!

February Schedule:

Thurs Feb 1	Regular Bingo
<b>Thurs Feb 8</b>	<b>Zenzai Treat</b>
<b>Thurs Feb 15</b>	<b>February Birthday Party</b>
Thurs Feb 22	Regular Bingo
<b>Sun Feb 25</b>	<b>Day of Remembrance, Salinas Community Center</b>

Please check out our Senior Center website to read the Senior Center News, see pictures of our seniors in living color, and see our calendar of events: [kizukahallseniors.wordpress.com](http://kizukahallseniors.wordpress.com).

"I enjoy reading each issue of the newsletter with all the pictures of my friends at the Senior Center events. Best wishes to all." **Eiko Ceremony**, now of Las Vegas, NV.

## 2018 PILGRIMAGE TO JEROME-ROHWER

by Kimiko Marr

The Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL is sponsoring a pilgrimage, April 14-16, 2018, to Arkansas in conjunction with the 5th anniversary of the Jerome-Rohwer Interpretive Museum & Visitor Center in McGehee. We will be visiting the site of the former Jerome and Rohwer "war relocation centers" as well as the Butler Center in Little Rock to view their collection of art and artifacts from Jerome and Rohwer. There will also be a day of speakers, genealogy sessions and discussion groups.



Registration begins Jan 1, 2018. The cost per pilgrim is \$150. Deadline to register is **February 28th**.

For more information and registration forms, please email [kimiko.marr@gmail.com](mailto:kimiko.marr@gmail.com).

2018 Jerome/Rohwer Pilgrimage \*Tentative\* Schedule:

### **Sat., April 14<sup>th</sup>**

- |           |   |
|-----------|---|
| • 6:00 pm | Distribute Registration Packets           |
| • 6:30 pm | Dinner (pizza buffet),<br>Opening Remarks |

### **Sun., April 15<sup>th</sup>**

- |                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| • 9:00 am-11 am     | Educational sessions                                |
| • 11:30 am-12:30 pm | Tour Butler Center                                  |
| • 12:30 pm-3:00 pm  | Lunch (everyone is on their own)                    |
| • 3:00 pm-6:00 pm   | More Educational Sessions and<br>genealogy workshop |
| • 6:30 pm-8:00 pm   | Dinner  |

### **Mon., April 16<sup>th</sup>**

- |                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| • 8:00 am           | Leave hotel for McGehee                        |
| • 10:00 am-11:00 am | Visit Rohwer site                              |
| • 12:00 pm-1:00 pm  | Box lunch at museum in McGehee                 |
| • 1:00 pm-2:00 pm   | Museum 5 <sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration |
| • 2:30 pm-3:00 pm   | Visit Jerome site                              |
| • 5:00 pm           | Arrive back in Little Rock                     |

Actor and activist **George Takei** will be at the museum's anniversary celebration.

## INSTALLATION OF 2018 OFFICERS ...

On Jan. 27, Gilroy, Salinas Valley, San Benito County and W-SC JACL chapters welcomed Monterey Peninsula to the installation luncheon. Thank you, Salinas Valley for hosting this wonderful event at the beautiful Bayonet/Black Horse Golf Course in Seaside.

The musical program was provided by the "Blue Clay Trio," talented high school students who are part of the Monterey Jazz Festival Group.

**Shari Higashi** introduced keynote speaker **John Bailey**, attorney, former board member of ACLU, and advocate for Community Alliance with Family Farmers. Bailey spoke about the discord between state and federal law and advised

not to give out information until you understand exactly what is being asked.

We were honored to have retired **Superior Court Judge Joseph F. Biafore, Jr** administer the oath of office. He has graciously performed this duty for over 30 years. He noted that this former military installation had no US flag. **Arlington "Arly" LaMica** of Monterey volunteered his patriotic necktie of multiple flags of the US. He's a federal agent.



Chapter presidents and our 1<sup>st</sup> VP **Gini Matute-Bianchi** spoke of their commitment to the mission of the JACL.

Our thanks to **Phil and Sachi Synder** for donating a stunning sunset photograph of the famous *Torii Gate* at Miyajima Island for the raffle held; \$346 was raised to benefit the Japanese Memorial Garden at the site of the "Salinas Assembly Center."



From left to right are the officers and board members of the Gilroy, Monterey Peninsula, Salinas Valley, San Benito County, and W-SC JACL chapters with Judge Biafore near the center. All are excited to work together in 2018 for our respective communities and the NCWNP district.

Next year, **Gilroy JACL** will be the host.

## MONTEREY PENINSULA JACL'S DAY OF REMEMBRANCE PROGRAM

The presentation is a shortened version of our documentary of the petition that was gathered by Monterey peninsula residents who welcomed back the Japanese at the conclusion of WWII. As you are keenly aware of not many communities welcomed back the Japanese Americans back to their homes after the war.

There are a couple of famous signatures—**John Steinbeck** and "**Doc**" **Ricketts**--and people who risked their reputation in the community by welcoming back the JA's.

We interviewed relatives of some of the original signers and made this film for a debut later this year, and hopefully a Public television showing is in the future.



**Tim Thomas** will be the presenter and will display the petition at the DOR for everyone to see. Former National JACL President, **Larry Oda**, will add to the program.

The date is **Sunday, Feb. 25** at the Santa Lucia Room, upstairs, at the old Salinas Rodeo Grounds, now the Salinas Sports Complex, at 940 North Main Street in Salinas from 1:30 pm to 4 pm.

We hope to see you there.

## W-SC JACL CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2018

Monthly chapter board meetings are held on the fourth Thursday (except in November and December) at the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL Kizuka Hall, 150 Blackburn Street, Watsonville, CA 95076 starting at 6:30 pm, and all are welcome to attend.

Sun., Feb. 11 NCWNP Council meeting 10 am at National JACL HQs, 1765 Sutter Street, SF, CA 94115.

**Tues. Feb. 13** Monterey County Supervisors' resolution presentation.

Thurs., Feb. 22 Board meeting at 6:30 pm.

**Sun., Feb. 25** *Day of Remembrance Observance* from 1:30 pm-4 pm, Santa Lucia Room, Millennium Charter High School, 940 North Main Street, Salinas, CA 93906.

Host: Monterey Peninsula.  
**Thurs., March 1** Deadline for the entering college freshmen National JACL scholarship applications: [jacl.org](http://jacl.org).

Thurs., March 22 Board meeting at 6:30 pm.

Apr 14-16 Pilgrimage to Jerome-Rohwer AR

Thurs., April 26 Board meeting at 6:30 pm.

Sat., April 28 National JACL Executive Board meeting at the SF JACL HQs.

Fri., May 18 W-SC JACL scholarship application deadline.

Thurs., May 24 Board meeting at 6:30 pm.

**Sat., June 9** Japanese Cultural Fair, Santa Cruz  
Sun., June 10 Pre-convention NCWNP District Council meeting; meeting site TBA.

**Sat., June 23** Annual Community Picnic, Aptos Village Park, 100 Aptos Creek Road, Aptos, CA, 5003 from 11 am to 4:30 pm.

Mon., June 25 to Fri., July 6 *Kokoro no Gakko*, a "School with a Heart," Japanese Cultural School for grades K-6<sup>th</sup>, Watsonville Buddhist Temple, 423 Bridge St., Watsonville, CA 95076.

Thurs., June 28 Board meeting at 6:30 pm.

Wed., July 18 to Sun., July 22 JACL National Convention in Philadelphia.

Thurs., July 26 Board meeting at 6:30 pm.

Thurs., Aug. 23 Board meeting at 6:30 pm.

Thurs., Sept. 27 Board meeting at 6:30 pm.

Thurs., Oct. 25 Board meeting at 6:30 pm.

Sat., Nov.3 NCWNP Council meeting.  
Host: Sequoia Chapter.

Thurs., Nov. 15 Board meeting at 6:30 pm.

**Sun., Dec. 2** *Multi Cultural Celebration*, Watsonville Plaza, 2 pm to 5 pm, lighting of the *Holiday Tree*.

Thurs., Dec.20 Board meeting at 6:30 pm.

## WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE THOUGHTFUL DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM ...

In memory of **Fred Oda** from ...

**Arlene Minami** of Alexandria, VA

In memory of **Miye Yamashita** from ...

**Arlene Minami**

In memory of **Yonekazu Satoda** of SF from ...

**Mas and Marcia Hashimoto**

In memory of **Doris Goon** from ...

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**Day of Remembrance Education Fund** from ...

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**Milo G. Yoshino** of Walnut Creek

**Steve Nakajo** of San Francisco

Greatest Need:

In honor of **Helen Mito's** 101<sup>st</sup> birthday from ...

**Daniel (son) and Karen Nitta**

**Helen Mito** in celebration of her 101<sup>st</sup> birthday!

**Kazuko Kurasaki** of San Juan Bautista

**Watsonville Taiko** for use of Kizuka Hall

## PLEASE JOIN US—THE W-SC JACL

If you are not now a member of the National JACL, we'd love to have you join our W-SC JACL chapter. We do our best to serve our local community.

Please encourage family members, relatives and friends to join us for 2018. We are a 501 (c) (3) non-profit, educational, civil rights and cultural appreciation organization, and our tax deductible federal ID is #94-2659895.

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 look at the date after your name on the address label. **E. Txxxx 1/18** means your membership expired in **January of 2018!** Please renew before your membership's expiration month. 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 **February 2018** newsletter. Comments are always welcome at [hashi79@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hashi79@sbcglobal.net).

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

Onward!

**Mas Hashimoto**, Editor

**"And Then They Came For Us,"** 6 pm at the Del Mar Theater, 1124 Pacific Ave., Santa Cruz, CA, film by **Abbey Ginsberg** with a panel discussion before the film with her and the lawyer for Fred Korematsu, **Don Tamaki**. There will be a Q&A after the viewing.

**WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE SUNDAY SCHOOL GROUP PHOTO OF APRIL 5, 1942 –BEFORE EVICTION TO THE SALINAS ASSEMBLY CENTER**



Are you or members of your family in this photo? Whom can you identify? From the left in the 4<sup>th</sup> row, 4<sup>th</sup> is my brother, Noriyuki Hashimoto, age 14. A month later, he was accidentally killed while playing baseball in the "Salinas Assembly Center". Rev. Yoshio Iwanaga was the minister from 1940 to 1950. He went to Salinas, then to Poston II, Block 219. He died in May of 1950 at the age of 50. In 1945, the Temple was used as a hostel for those who returned and who had no place to stay.



## GUARDING AGAINST UNJUST INCARCERATION BY US GOVERNMENT

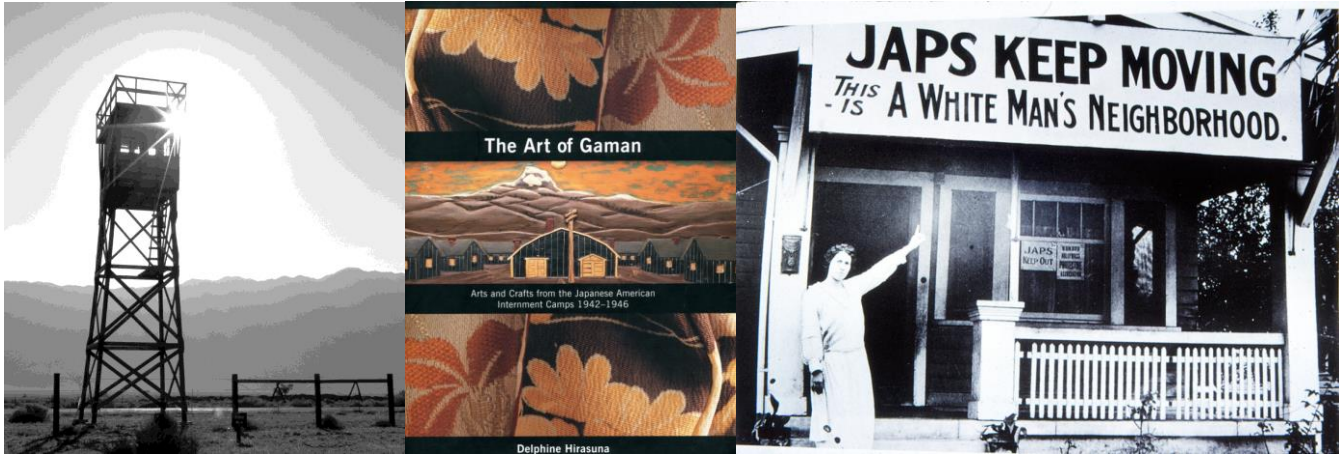
We of Japanese ancestry in this country, via the infamous **Executive Order 9066**, were, in 1942, imprisoned without charges, attorney, trial, or due process of law by those who swore, with their oath of office, to uphold the Constitution of the United States! They failed in their constitutional duties! They gave in to racism, hatred, and unfounded fear that was promoted by the press media and others.

Now, one would think, after all these years, that America has learned the lesson of our unjust wartime incarceration, but it has not! The present administration has implemented travel ban of those of Muslim faith.

**What happened to us must never happen again to anyone or any group in this country.**

The JACL is the modern guardian of the Bill of Rights! And, we gladly accept this responsibility.

As JACLers, it is our duty to fight for and protect the civil and human rights of every American and legal resident. You can help. How? By continuing your membership in our Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL chapter and by taking an active role in our mission.



Manzanar guard tower; Delphine Hirasuna's "The Art of Gaman" book; our reception coming home.

Our Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL is truly grateful to its members and friends who have donated to this year's **2018 Day of Remembrance Education Fund (DOREF)**. Thank you. To those who haven't, please help with what you can. Each donation helps to preserve our *Nikkei* history and legacy.

This **DOREF** also maintains a safe hall/*dojo* for our Senior citizens and cultural groups; honors our youths with scholarships; and supports this monthly newsletter.

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### 2018 DAY OF REMEMBRANCE EDUCATION FUND (DOREF)

☐ Yes, I/we wish to help. Enclosed is a tax-deductible contribution for:

☐ Greatest Need    ☐ Education/Scholarship    ☐ Newsletter

Please make checks payable to Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL, memo: DOREF,  
and mail to Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL, P. O. Box 163, Watsonville, CA 95077.

Your name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Our donation is: ☐ In Remembrance of .., or ☐ In Honor of ...

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

(An acknowledgment, unless you request otherwise, will be sent to:)

Name of person(s) to be notified and address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I/We do not wish to be acknowledged in any publication of the organization.

Thank you!

W-SC JACL is a non-profit, educational, civil rights organization.  
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# Watsonville-Santa Cruz Chapter National Japanese American Citizens League (JACL)

## \$5 Increase in the 2018 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 2018 National and local dues for our tax-deductible organization (ID #94-2659895) are as follows:

Individual Member	___ <b>\$85</b> This includes National dues, local chapter dues, and our monthly JACL newsletter.
Family/Couples	___ <b>\$155</b> This includes two National dues, local dues, and our monthly JACL newsletter, and all children under age 14 to be included.
Youth/Student	___ <b>\$30</b> for each of ages 14 to 24, National and local youth/student membership, and our monthly JACL newsletter are included. Youth membership is <u>required</u> for scholarship consideration.

**Please note:** Free email subscription to the *Pacific Citizen*, the official paper of the National JACL, is provided via your email address. Subscription to a printed, hard copy requires an additional \$17 annually payable to the National JACL, 1765 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94115, (415) 921-5225.

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.  
Check out our websites: <http://watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org> and [jacl.org](http://jacl.org).