

## THE WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL

### Newsletter March 2018

#### OFFICIAL APOLOGY CEREMONY

#### By the Monterey County Board of Supervisors To the Japanese American Community

On Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at a meeting of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, a formal apology ceremony was held. Representatives of the Salinas Valley, Monterey Peninsula, and Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL chapters were presented a "Certificate of Recognition" from Chairman **Luis Alejo**. It read:



**"WHEREAS**, On April 12, 1943, when federal officials considered releasing Japanese Americans from the incarceration camps, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, in response to local attitudes and emotions, passed a resolution protesting the release; and

**WHEREAS**, On February 19, 2002, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors rescinded the 1943 resolution, but a formal apology to the Japanese American community was not offered at that time: and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT AND RESOLVED**, On the occasion of the 76<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the signing of Executive Order 9066, the Board Supervisors on behalf of the residents of Monterey County, do hereby issue a formal apology to the Japanese and Japanese American community and to the Japanese American Citizens League Chapters—Salinas Valley, Monterey Peninsula and Watsonville (Santa Cruz)—for the unjust treatment of our neighbors of Japanese ancestry and the humiliation and financial losses that they suffered.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, And thereby urge schools, public agencies and the residents of Monterey County to learn about the mistakes and of the unwarranted fear that created Executive Order 9066 so that we do not fail to protect our fellow citizens and neighbors if ever those false circumstances rise again."

**Never Forget, Never Again!**



**Sandy Lydon**, *Historian Emeritus* of Cabrillo College, introduced our incarceration of WW II to the audience and supervisors using a slide PowerPoint presentation. Accepting the apology from **Luis Alejo** were President **Jeff Uchida** and **Larry Oda** of Monterey Peninsula JACL.



**Gary Tanimura**, son of **Charlie Tanimura** (second oldest of the five Tanimura brothers of *Tanimura and Antle*), spoke of his family's history in the Monterey Bay region.

A photo of **Bonnie Dillard** accepting for Salinas Valley JACL was not available. Our apologies.

Many W-SC JACL members live in northern Monterey County--Pajaro, Los Lomas, Royal Oaks, Prunedale, Aromas, Moss Landing, and Castroville. Accepting the certificate of apology from Chairman **Alejo** were W-SC JACL President **Marcia** and **Mas Hashimoto**.



Marcia spoke of the apology from our nation's leaders with the passage of the *Civil Liberties Act of August 10, 1988* which helped begin the healing from the unjust incarceration of the Japanese and Japanese Americans during WW II.

"Today, we are grateful to Chairman Alejo and the Monterey County Supervisors for continuing our healing with this resolution of apology."

Mas then spoke. "Thank you for this formal apology--the first in the nation by a local governmental agency.

"My name is Mas Hashimoto of Watsonville, and my POW prison number is 12524 D. At age 6, I was incarcerated first in the Salinas Assembly Center with my family on April 27, 1942. Later, we were shipped off to 'Roastin' Poston, Arizona.

"At the Salinas Assembly Center, my older brother Noriyuki age 14 and a freshman in high school was accidentally killed while playing baseball. We had his funeral, cremated his body, left it at a mortuary here, and after the war, one of the first things we did was to bring my brother's ashes home to Watsonville for burial.

"There were 120,000 innocent persons of Japanese ancestry, living in the states of Washington, Oregon and California who were incarcerated. There were 158,000 persons of Japanese ancestry living in the Territory of Hawaii who were not. The Constitution ceased to exist for us. We were imprisoned without charges, attorney, trial or due process of law.

"What happened to us was legal! Our imprisonment was constitutional. In the decision of the *Fred Korematsu* case, the United States Supreme Court ruled 6-3 that the government can imprison anyone under 'military necessity.'

"Today, the term used will be 'national security'"

Mas warned, "Next time, it may be reporters and producers of newspapers, television, the Internet.

"Thank you again."

Here is the resolution in full:

Resolution No. 18-033

Resolution setting forth the Monterey County Board of Supervisors' formal acknowledgment that the treatment of Japanese and Japanese Americans during World War II represented a fundamental injustice against Japanese and Japanese Americans, its deepest regrets of these acts, and its reaffirmation of a commitment to preserving the rights of all peoples and celebrating their contributions.

WHEREAS, Executive Order 9066 was signed 76 years ago on February 19, 1942 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, two months after the attack on Pearl Harbor, and which ordered more than 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry, both citizens and non-citizen aliens, to be forcibly moved out of restricted zones; and

WHEREAS, Scores of Monterey County residents of Japanese descent, some who had lived here for two and three generations, were ordered to report to Civilian Control Stations with only what they could carry; and

WHEREAS, Starting in late March 1942, the Salinas Armory Building at 100 Howard Street became a Wartime Civilian Control Agency Assembly Center and began detaining Japanese and Japanese American individuals and families; and

WHEREAS, Starting on April 27, 1942, more than 3,500 Monterey Bay area residents of Japanese ancestry, most of whom were American citizens and, were temporarily confined in the Salinas Rodeo Grounds, called the "Salinas Assembly Center," from April to July 1942, and were detained without charges, legal counsel, trial, or establishment of guilt before being incarcerated in permanent camps via train, mostly at Poston, Arizona; and

WHEREAS, Dozens of Japanese American high school students relocated to the Salinas Assembly Center were deprived of their high school graduation ceremonies with their classmates and instead were only issued diplomas during their incarceration; and

WHEREAS, The Poston Relocation Center opened on May 8, 1942 in a harsh Arizona desert in La Paz County, and by September 1942, nearly 18,000 Japanese and Japanese Americans were imprisoned there. Other incarceration centers included Amache, Colorado; Gila River, Arizona; Heart Mountain, Wyoming; Jerome, Arkansas; Manzanar, California; Minidoka, Idaho; Rohwer, Arkansas; Topaz, Utah, and Tule Lake, California; and

WHEREAS, the Japanese and Japanese American families were forced to give up their businesses, sell their land, and terminate their studies; and

WHEREAS, Despite the internment of their families, Japanese American men volunteered to form the 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team, noted for their exceptional valor and patriotism and which became the most decorated military unit in World War II; and volunteered for the top-secret Military Intelligence Service where the Japanese language was used as a weapon against the Japanese military in the Pacific War; and

WHEREAS, On April 12, 1943, when federal officials considered releasing Japanese Americans from the incarceration camps, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, in response to local attitudes and emotions, passed a resolution protesting the release; and

WHEREAS, On February 19, 2002, The Monterey County Board of Supervisors rescinded the 1943 resolution, but a formal apology to the Japanese American community was not offered at that time; and

WHEREAS, Congress authorized that the ten detention sites are to be preserved as historical landmarks to "forever stand



as reminders that this nation failed in its most sacred duty to protect its citizens against prejudice, greed, and political expediency"; and

WHEREAS, Monterey County is home to a significant population of Japanese and Japanese Americans who are an integral part of Monterey County's cultural and economic fabric; and

WHEREAS, Monterey County will forever regret the way its residents of Japanese ancestry were treated with the loss of their rights, property, liberty, and civic standing; and

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**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2018, upon motion of Supervisor Chair **Luis Alejo** and passed unanimously by Supervisors **John M. Phillips**, **Simon Salinas**, **Jane Parker**, and **Mary L. Adams**.

We are grateful to **Chairman Luis Alejo** and the **Monterey County Board of Supervisors** for this historic apology resolution.



We were delighted that **Erica Hashiba's** Advanced Placement Japanese language students of Alvarez High School in Salinas witnessed the ceremony.

## ***SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS THIS SEASON***

### **Editor**

In keeping with the resolution, "thereby urge schools, public agencies and the residents of Monterey County to learn about the mistakes and of the unwarranted fear that created Executive Order 9066 so that we do not fail to protect our fellow citizens and neighbors if ever those false circumstances rise again," the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL's speakers' bureau has been invited to teach about our wartime incarceration.

It has been a most busy season. Invitations were extended early by a Boy Scouts troop in San Jose, Rotary Club of Watsonville, a TEDx presentation by Merit Academy at Rio Theater, UCSC's Martin Rizzo's class, Watsonville's Moreland Notre Dame 8<sup>th</sup> graders.



Above: UCSC's Professors **Alice Yang** and **Alan Christy's** class on "Memories of World War II." Below: a presentation at Robert Louis Stevenson High School arranged by exchange students **Nancy Yu** and **Kaci Gu** from China.



Speaking to Half Moon Bay's Cunha Intermediate's 8<sup>th</sup> graders in the gym. Below: Thanks to **Nancy Shikuma Watson**, a grandmother, a presentation was made to the 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders in the cafeteria of Prunedale Elementary School.







Thanks to the invitation by teacher **Anthony Morales** of North Salinas High, Mas spoke to students studying WW II.



After the presentation, **Mr. Azuma's** Advance Placement Japanese language students shared their *haiku* poems.

Thank you, teachers, for the letters written by your students. They constitute my "evaluation." I never know what I said will remain with them.



Above is a drawing of the B&W American flag with barbed wire running through it (our imprisonment); an origami crane, a symbol of Japan; the 442<sup>nd</sup> patch with the Torch of Liberty; "thank you" written in Japanese by an 8<sup>th</sup> grader; a Torii Gate; and a colorful "Thank you" cover page.

Dear Mr. Hashimoto,

Thank you so much for sharing your experience with us so that we can prevent this event from happening again to other people. You helped us understand how wrong this

situation was that ended many people's freedom, and that we have to speak up against what is wrong. I promise to pass down this knowledge to other people because it is important to know. Samantha X. 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Dear Mr. Hashimoto,

Thank you so much for sharing your experience with Cunha's class of 2018. I know that the internment camps were insane and unjust. This must have been very hard for you so I thank you again. I have recently discovered that my bachan was put in an internment camp too, so your presentation has a significant impact on me.

Sincerely, Cam L. 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Grateful to receive several thousand letters each year, he responds quickly to questions posed by the young scholars who are investigating our wartime incarceration.

Upcoming speaking engagements in March 2018 includes Aptos High, Alvarez High in Salinas, Watsonville High, Cabrillo College's OASIS class, Ann Sobrato High (Morgan Hill), Gavilan College, and a Carmel Valley senior residential facility.

If you or your school is interested, you may call (831) 722-6859 (please leave a message) or better yet, email **Mas Hashimoto** at [hashi79@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hashi79@sbcglobal.net). He is willing to speak to 3<sup>rd</sup> graders to university students to adults within a reasonable distance from Watsonville. There is never a charge or honorarium.



Mas also spoke to the 600 Watsonville High School freshmen on the 150-year history of Watsonville. He also speaks about the Nikkei history (Japantown—Nihonmachi) of the Watsonville community. Photo, courtesy of **Tarmo Hannula** of the Watsonville Register-Pajaronian.

## ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND UNIVERSITY GRADUATE STUDENTS

W-SC JACL is now accepting applications for our local scholarships--the **Kee Kitayama Memorial Scholarship**, the **Frank Mito Scholarship**, and the **Rekiso "Ray" and Hisako "Louise" Sako Scholarships**.

For information, requirements, and the downloadable application, please visit our website: <https://watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org/scholarships/>.

Please send your completed forms, on or before **Tuesday, May 15, 2018**. They should be mailed to:

**Dr. Brooke Rains**, Chairperson

JACL Scholarship Committee

P. O. Box 163

Watsonville, CA. 95077-0163



The presentation of the scholarships will take place on Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at our JACL Annual Community Picnic at Aptos Village Park.

### National JACL Scholarships:

Applications for 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).

Thank you for applying for our scholarships.

### FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF NISEI VETERANS by Franz Steidl

FFNV President **Lawson Sakai** extended his welcome to the Friends and Family of Nisei Veterans annual meeting on Sat. Feb. 10, 2018 in Morgan Hill, and he introduced the special guests.

Featured speakers included Consul General of Japan, **Jun Yamada**, who expressed his deep appreciation and gratitude for the Japanese-American community, their hospitality and extraordinary accomplishments. CG Yamada also indicated that this was his last meeting because he is returning to Japan for a new assignment.

**Congressional Medal of Honor** recipient **James Allen Taylor** was a lieutenant with the 1st Cavalry Regiment (mechanized) in Vietnam. When his unit was ambushed and several tanks and armored personnel carriers destroyed, Taylor rescued several crews and was himself seriously injured. His *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.*

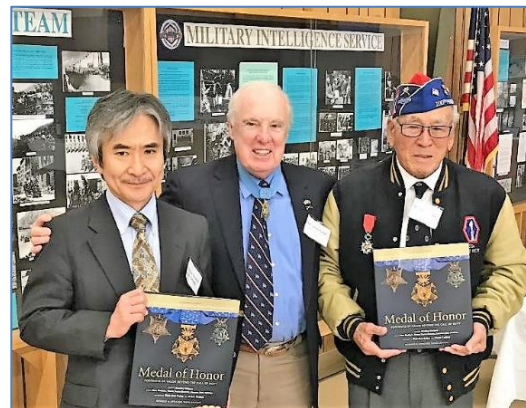
Taylor brought two videos: one about his actions in Vietnam followed by one featuring *Congressional Medal of Honor* winner **George T. Sakato**, who described his actions during the "Lost Battalion" push in France. Taylor offered very kind words about Sakato and the extraordinary military service of the 100/442nd RCT, MIS and Nisei women in uniform.

**Alexander Irwin** previewed a video about internment, Nisei soldiers and MIS, targeting primary and high school students. **Celeste Brasuell** of the Veterans History Project of the Library of Congress asked for veterans to share their stories, to be recorded and stored at the Library of Congress. Email: [cbrasuell@dcacable.net](mailto:cbrasuell@dcacable.net). **Carl Williams** wrapped up the presentations with the Hill 555 Project --renewal of the 442nd RCT patch memorial, located outside Bruyeres,

France. The meeting, including **Larry Oda**, was well-attended, and the potluck was excellent!



Front row: **Carl Williams** (Hill 555 Monument Project), **Odette Le Pendu** (French Resistance Fighter), **Lawson Sakai** (442), **James Taylor** (*Medal of Honor* recipient), **Consul General Jun Yamada** and **Sam Sakamoto** (442). Back row: **Alexander Irwin** (filmmaker), **Celeste Brasuell** (Library of Congress), **Franz Steidl**, **Roy Miyata** (MIS), and **Brian Shiroyama** (Lt. Col, USAF Vietnam).



*Medal of Honor* book by Brian Williams, Tom Brokaw, and Victor D. Hanson was presented to Consul General Jun Yamada and Lawson Sakai by

James Taylor. Photos by **Tom Graves**.

If you wish more information about the FFNV and its upcoming activities, please contact Brian Shiroyama [bshiroyama@gmail.com](mailto:bshiroyama@gmail.com) or (408) 896-1021.



Consul General Jun Yamada, Madam Odette Le Pendu and Sam Sakamoto posed for a photo; taken by Franz Steidl.



## FIVE MONTEREY BAY AREA JACL CHAPTERS' "DAY OF REMEMBRANCE" OBSERVANCE

Annually, on the last Sunday in February, members of the five Monterey Bay area chapters—Gilroy, Monterey Peninsula, Salinas Valley, San Benito County, and Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL—observe President Franklin D. Roosevelt's infamous Executive Order 9066 of 1942. Monterey Peninsula JACL was this year's host.

Under beautiful, clear skies we gathered at the Salinas Assembly Center's historic California State marker of 1984. The former Salinas Rodeo Grounds incarcerated 3,608 of us.



Former National JACL President **Larry Oda** welcomed all and explained why we meet on this day.



Among the honored guests were Deputy Consul General **Shoichi Nagayoshi** and **Ai Hiyama**, Advisor for Community Affairs, of Japan and **Lawson Sakai**, 442<sup>nd</sup> RCT veteran.

President **Jeff Uchida** introduced the Chairman of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, **Luis Alejo**, who earlier had initiated the resolution of apology on Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>. (See pages 1-3 for the resolutions.)



**Tim Thomas** of the MP JACL board and historian discovered the petitions with its famous signatories upon which this great documentary,



"Enduring Democracy," is featured. Noted citizens—John Steinbeck, "Doc" Ricketts, Edwin Weston--of the Monterey Peninsula supported our return from "camp" in 1945.



We are grateful to the producer of this film, **David Schendel**. After the showing, he explained why and how the documentary was conceived, filmed, and, in today's political climate, why it remains an important topic. A Q&A period followed.

Light refreshments from the five chapters were served.

Next year, San Benito County JACL will host the event.

## KOKORO NO GAKKO by Irene Fujii

It's that time of the year again!! Please join us for the annual summer session of *Kokoro no Gakko*.



*Kokoro no Gakko*

Registration is currently open. Kindergarteners (who have completed kindergarten by June 2018) through 6th graders may enroll. The two-week session is between June 25 through July 6th, Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple. There is no school on July 4th.

The cost is \$275.00 per child with an early bird special of \$250.00 if payment is made by **March 15, 2018**. Please visit our website for more information on how to register: <http://www.kokoronogakko.org/>.

If you have any questions regarding registration, please do not hesitate to contact **Zoey Io** or **Irene Potter** at [kokoronogakkowatsonville@gmail.com](mailto:kokoronogakkowatsonville@gmail.com). Thank you.

## WATSONVILLE TAIKO AND SHINSEI DAIKO

By **Bonnie Chihara**

Please mark your calendars for Watsonville Taiko's 27th anniversary show Primordial Winds coming April 7th and 8th at Cabrillo College Crocker Theater. Tickets are on sale now through Cabrillo's box office.

We will have 60 people participating in this performance with half being from our children's groups. We are practicing hard every Friday and Saturday for this big show. We hope you will come and see us!

We have classes for all ages. Our beginning children's class is scheduled at 4:30 on Fridays and are held at Kizuka Hall in Watsonville. Our beginning adult classes are scheduled for 7pm also at Kizuka Hall. For times and locations for our other classes please contact Kay at 831 475 1088 or email us at [info@watsonvilletaiko.org](mailto:info@watsonvilletaiko.org).

Our upcoming schedule:

March 4<sup>th</sup> San Jose 408K Race to the Row, Santana Row

**April 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Watsonville Taiko's Anniversary Show, Crocker Theater**

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

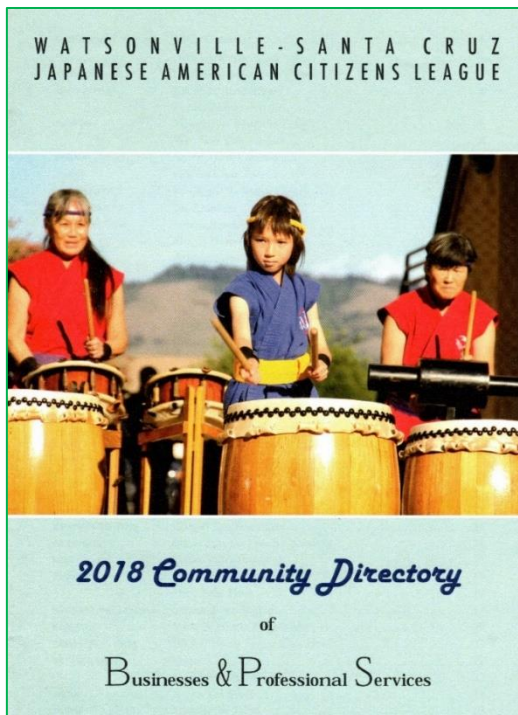
April 21<sup>st</sup> *Harumatsuri*, UCSC

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

## THE 2018 W-SC DIRECTORY



We are grateful to the businesses, organizations, and professional services that annually support our local JACL with a generous ad donation in our directory.

We encourage our members and friends to use this listing guide as a helpful reference.

Special appreciation

is extended to **Sean Parker** of **PV Printing** for all his patience and professional efforts in helping us format and publish this year's directory.

Our cover features *Watsonville Taiko* junior player, eight-year-old **Matthew Mather**, accompanied by **Kay Miyamoto** and **Naoko Yamamoto**.

## WESTVIEW CHIMES by Leslie Nagata-Garcia 2018 Dreams/Hopes

*"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."-Jesus (Matthew 5:14-16)*

Every January our Elders and Deacons spend a day together in retreat, thanking God for the past year and asking for God's guidance in the coming year. I am grateful for our faithful, hard-working leaders. After prayer here is what we hope for in 2018 at Westview. These Dreams are in order of priority determined by our leadership team.

### 1) Draw Families

- Youth Leader - hire to outreach at local schools & start new youth group Dan can continue with our current high-school-senior/College Group. (Talk with principal at Radcliff, Linscott, and other schools) - Offer a full Children's Program for all ages.

### 2) Senior Care

- Record service and give seniors DVD or stream on website

- Intentional Visiting by Deacons/Elders/Leaders. Continue food care.

- Pastor Visits - Thank you for letting pastor know when/who needs visits.

### 3) Update Church / More Welcoming to Outsiders

- Let's beautify our church.

- Bulletin Boards (Update them, & one for each church).

- Men's Bathroom Paint, fix exit lights.

-Continue to update website—It brought us several wonderful members! Thank Leslie Nagata-Garcia!

- Signs on community bulletin boards like at Chamber of Commerce - contact them to place brochures

- Large Church Sign on outside wall - not banner

- Church Bell - Sunday in the morning

### 4) Everyone Invite People More - to activities that serve as a bridge/door:

- Salvation Army

- Relay for Life

- Crop Walk

- Harvest Dinner

A few came to our church through helping with the Salvation Army. Sometimes it is easier for people to come to these events than to worship. And we build relationships and they get more involved, loved into the Westview family!

### 5) Recycling - Let's get better at it to care for God's creation!

- 30 gal Blue Trash Cans -by kitchen and fellowship hall - put as much as we can in Recycling

- Not use Styrofoam

- Try metal utensils, if hospitality person chooses

Other ideas:

- Honor Wonderful Past history and the Present as we move forward

- Possibly start another Bible Study in a Senior Complex

Pajaro Vista? - Joy (Carmen's aunt lives there)

Valley Heights? Or other Senior Living Complexes

You are a wonderful church family and I am excited to see how God will lead us. Please give our leaders or me feedback about our hopes/dreams for 2018. Let us know anything we missed, need to adjust, or if there is any way you want to help. Also take time to thank our Elders/Diacons. They work hard and faithfully. God bless you, and may you continue to be that light that shines of God love, wherever God has placed you!

Much love,

Pastor Dan



*Everyone is Welcome to  
Join Us!!*



**Maundy Thursday Communion Service** and **Potluck** will be on **March 29th** at **6:15 pm**.



**Easter Worship Service** will be held on **April 1st** at **10 am**. There will be a

**Easter Egg Hunt** on our lawn **following our Easter Service**. This is always a fun event and a great time for fellowship!



We are in the midst of Lent, a period of repentance and preparation for Easter on April 1. Please take time to let God heal and shape your heart and spirit, that you might be drawn closer to God and have more of God's love in, and flowing from your life!

*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:

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

Youth group and Marlon serving Salvation Army Meals.



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 **March 2, 2018**.

Call Marlon or Pastor Dan for details.

**Sunday Message Series:** - 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.

**Wednesday Study Series:** 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

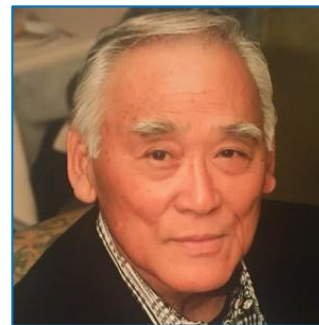


and "be church" at Paloma Del Mar! Photo: members and friends of Westview attending a Bible Study at Paloma del Mar.

Please mark your calendar for the following dates in March: **March 14th**.

## IN REMEMBRANCE ...

### AKIO IDEMOTO



Akio Idemoto passed away on January 15, 2018 at the age of 81, due to complications from cancer. Akio is survived by his sons: **Jon, Roger (Sai) and Michael**; his grandchildren, **Shina and Iris**; his sister, **Mary Iwami**; his brothers, **Kunio (Agnes) and Tom (Miyo)**; and his companion for the last 10 years, **Kristin Okimoto**. His wife of 40 years, **Kay**, preceded him in death in 2003.

Akio was born in Salinas, CA on October 16, 1936 to **Kenji and Fujiye Idemoto**. During World War II, Akio and his family were interned in Poston, AZ and Tule Lake, CA. Upon release, his family relocated to Watsonville, CA.

After graduating from Watsonville High School in 1955, Akio attended Hartnell College, and then served in the U.S. Army from 1958 to 1960, stationed in Frankfurt, Germany. He would then return to Watsonville and raise his family with Kay.

He was a proud union member of IBEW (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers), and worked for 38 years before retiring in 1999. His notable work sites were the



Monterey Bay Aquarium, UC Santa Cruz, Stanford Hoover Tower, and the PG&E plant in Moss Landing.

During his life, he enjoyed playing tennis, poker with family and friends, fishing, and traveling around the world. A devout Buddhist, Akio dedicated much of his time at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple. He had great interest in Japanese History, as well as world history, and was a movie buff. An avid Warriors fan, he never missed watching a game.

Akio will be remembered and greatly missed by all who knew him. He laughed readily and touched many lives with his easy-going nature and generosity with his time. He was a man of great integrity, honesty, and sincerity. Akio loved life and was taken from us all too soon.

Funeral service was held on Saturday, Feb. 10 at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple: 423 Bridge Street, Watsonville, CA 95076. Burial service was held the following day.

### **DONALD WHITE**

Donald White July 27, 1936 - February 6, 2018 San Jose

On the morning of February 6, 2018, at the age of 81, loving husband, father, and grandfather **Donald "Don" Lee White** passed away in San Jose, California. Born on July 27, 1936, in Woodland, California, one of two children of **George and Hazel White**.

At an early age, the family moved to Washington and settled in Puyallup where Donald found his love for music as a member of the band and sports playing baseball, basketball, and golf. Don graduated from Puyallup High School in 1954 and shortly after high school moved to Los Angeles to pursue a career in golf.

In 1959 Don enlisted in the U.S. Army where he spent much of that time overseas in Korea.

After two years of service, Don went back to golf working as a teaching professional at various clubs around the country such as Lakeside Golf Club in Burbank and Meadowbrook Country Club outside of Detroit. While teaching, he received his PGA Card in 1967 and began playing in tournaments all across the country.

In January of 1969 while playing in the "Little Crosby" Pro AM in Salinas he met Kathy McMurry of Watsonville. They were married at the Watsonville Baptist Church on August 9, 1969.

In 1970, Don took a job at Exmoor Country Club in Chicago as assistant head professional before eventually moving back to Watsonville and continuing on the tour. In 1975, Don officially retired from golf and began his "second career" in the financial services industry. He worked at Prudential Financial in Watsonville for over 25 years until his retirement in 2005.

Don was a renowned storyteller, an avid Oakland Athletics and Golden State Warriors fan as well as a collector of James Michener, John Steinbeck, and China Stamps.

However, the hobby most will remember him by was his love of *Bonsai*. Don joined the Watsonville Bonsai club in 1981 and just as he taught golf decades before he continued

his love of teaching and people with his students at local workshops or offering private lessons at his home. He taught a monthly Bonsai class at Aladdin Nursery and was a very active participant in the Santa Cruz County Fair.

In early 2017 Don and his wife Kathy moved to San Jose to be closer to their son, daughter-in-law and two granddaughters.

Don is survived by his beloved wife **Kathy** of 48 years, son **Conor**, daughter-in-law **Angela** and his two granddaughters **Sloane and Finley**. He will always be remembered for being a devoted husband, father, and grandfather.

A memorial service and celebration of Donald's life was held Friday, February 23 at the Lincoln Glen Manor Chapel, 2671 Plummer Ave. San Jose, CA 95125.

**The W-SC JACL extends condolences to the Idemoto and White families, relatives and friends.**

### **WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE NEWS**

We thank all the members of the *Sangha* who worked during the week to make the "all you can eat *udon* feed" of Sat. Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> so successful. We thank all the patrons. Many came early—at 4 pm! And, thus, we "sold out" by 6:15 pm.

In *Gassho*, chairpersons **Nancy Kuratomi, Alice Tanimoto and Bruce Yamamoto**.

Photo below: our very first customer at 4:01 pm.



**Rev. Jay Shinseki** welcomed all members of the *Sangha* and the community to our annual udon feed. At 4:30 pm, when this photo was taken, community members were enjoying the delicious *udon*, *chirashi*, desserts, and tea. Later in the evening, the gym was packed with customers.



Kim Tao was sure to purchase *chirashi* from Barbara Shingai before they sold out.



The top picture is YBA parents **Yoshie Maemura**, **Lisa Sakae** with daughter **Kaitlin**, and **Kim Yamaoka**. Then, there are the YBA guys--**Matthew Maemura**, **Alex Tao**, **Brian Yamaoka**, and **Kai Gavin**. They sold delicious home-baked desserts and drinks.



Why are **Reba Arao Condon**, **Sheryl Wobber**, **Ryoko Kozuki**, **Dennis Ikegami**, and **Lori Yoshida** so happy? They've just finished washing the last *udon* bowl.



In *Dharma School* **Irene Fujii Potter**, **Mia and Brandon Potter** and **Katerina Mataira** with mother **Lisa Nagamine** learned how and when to use the wooden clappers from **Rev. Jay Shinseki** during the *sutra* chanting.

**Rev. Shinseki**, ringing the gong, was assisted by Temple President **Barbara Shingai** who was working the computer.



A "pet memorial" was also held for deceased loved ones.



"Sunny," my dog of Poston II, died in 1952, some 66 years ago. She will always be remembered fondly. Photo: In 1943, my brother Mits, a 6<sup>th</sup> grader, is to the left. I was 8 years old in 1943 when this picture

was taken.



### March calendar:

2	Fri.	3 pm	"Like Father, Like Son" free movie
		7 pm	afternoon and night
4	Sun	10 am	Sunday Service, <i>Dharma School</i> , <i>Shotsuki Hoyo</i> , & <i>Ohigan</i> Service
6	Tues	7:30 pm	Temple Board Meeting
8	Thurs	10 am	ABA meeting
10	Sat.	9 – 11 am	<i>Ohigan</i> Levee Clean up
11	Sun.		<b>Pacific Daylight Saving Time</b> , "spring forward"
		10 am	Sunday Service
13	Tues.	7-8:30 pm	Meditation Session (new)
17	Sat.		BWA CD Conference Mt View
18	Sun.	10 am	Sunday Service
20	Tues.	7-8:30 pm	Meditation Session
25	Sun.	10 am	Sunday Service
27	Tues.	7-8:30 pm	Meditation Session

### April:

8	Sun.	10 am	<b>Hanamatsuri Service</b>
		11 am -2 pm	<b>Hanamatsuri Festival</b>

### *Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial) Service*

10 am, Sunday, March 4, 2018

Daitoku, Mary	Eto, Takashi
Etow, Mary	Fujii, Tadashi
Fujii, Linda	Fujii, Kosaku
Fujita, Kikuko	Hamada, Choichi
Hamamoto, Tatsuhiko Patrick	Hamamoto, Yuichi
Hasebe, Setsuko Betty	Hashimoto, Nami
Hashimoto, Tsuneno	Hosada, Shizayo
Ishimaru, Yuichi	Iwamasa, Yoichi
Iwami, Hideo Charles	Kadotani, Kimiyo
Kadotani, John	Kaita, Kinu
Kamitani, Muneichi	Kamitani, Soichi
Katsuyama, Toshiya	Kawasaki, Isamu
Kimoto, Tokumatsu	Kishimura, Kyoshuke
Kitamura, Masao	Kobara, Shoichi
Kodama, Hatsu	Kokka, Noriyuki
Kunishige, Nobuyo	Kusumoto, Kajito
Mametsuka, Moi	Matoba, Shizuo
Matsuda, Masayoshi	Matsunami, Itsuko
Mayeda, Kamenoshin	Mio, Masujiro
Morimoto, Kenji	Nakamura, Kozuye
Niiyama, Yakuichi	Nishita, Kimiko
Oda, Yaeko	Oka, Kazuo
Okamura, Sueko	Saiki, Saburo
Sakaguchi, Shioki	Sakai, Isao
Sakamoto, Katsue	Sasaki, Masami
Sasaki, Tadaichi	Sera, Kikuno
Sukekane, Frances Akiye	Sumida, Tsune
Takemoto, Dr. Katsumi	Takemoto, Itaro
Tamaki, Miyeko	Tanaka, Mina
Tanimasa, Jiro	Tao, Howard
Tao, Keitaro	Tao, Yotsuo
Terasaki, Yoneko	Toriumi, Shigezo
Tsukiji, John	Tsuchiyama, Yoshito
Uemura, Itsuo	Ura, George Masaru
Yamakoshi, Helen	Yamamoto, Iwakichi

Yamamoto, Jintaro

Yamanishi, Kunimatsu

Yamashita, Tommy David

Yonemura, Kimiko

Yamamoto, Saikichi

Yamashita, Kenji

Yoshida, Kikuno

Yoshida, Morisaburo

The March 10<sup>th</sup> Levee Clean-Up is coordinated by the City of Watsonville, Watsonville High School SAVE (the environment), BSA Troop 558, and the Temple. The City will provide garbage bags, gloves, sticks, etc. for the participants. Cleaning the levee is important preventive measure against a possible flooding by the Corralitos Creek and Pajaro River. In the past, flooding often took place after heavy rains in the month of March.

Thank you, ABA, for the new front *Hondo* doors. The weather, particularly the sun, had taken a heavy toll on the *Hondo* doors.

Come join the Meditation Sessions on Tuesdays, 7 pm (except the first Tues. of the month). Bring your own pillow and wear comfortable clothing. No alarm clocks are necessary.

The Temple office hours are Tuesdays to Thursdays from 9:30 am to noon. The telephone is (831) 724-7860.

### SENIOR CENTER NEWS by Jean Yamashita

Photos by Jean Yamashita, Kimiko Marr and Susan AmRhein

### HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY FROM THE SENIOR CENTER!



Dressed in colorful shades of red and pink, Seniors celebrated Valentine's Day and posed for a cheery group picture on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

The hall was lovingly decorated by the amazing **Helen**



**Nakano** who built beautiful heart towers (left) as table centerpieces and her daughter, **Susan AmRhein**, who made pretty Valentine sweet treat

favors for everyone while **Jean Yamashita** sprinkled around chocolate kiss hearts.



Also, on February 8<sup>th</sup>, Seniors enjoyed *zenzai* (sweet red bean soup with *mochi*) – a New Year's tradition at the Senior Center for many years. With the new generation learning from the experienced Senior members, the washed sweet rice was steamed and pounded, and the *mochi* cakes were quickly molded, drenched with sweet *azuki* beans, and served. It was nice to share this special "good luck" Japanese dish with new Senior Center members.

Special thanks to *zenzai* volunteers: **Kimiko Marr** for washing/soaking rice, **Susan AmRhein/Jean Yamashita** for cooking the *azuki* beans, **Cindy Mine** for heating up the beans, and the following volunteers for making the *mochi* cakes/ladling beans/serving the soup/cleaning up: **Nobuko Akiyama, Susan AmRhein, Eileen Byers, Reba Condon, Yaeko Cross, Nobue Fujii, Judy Hane, June and Sunao Honda, Hisako Kodama, Chie Sakaue, Kim Tao, Mitsuyo Tao, and Reiko Yamamoto** (apologies if anyone was missed).



**Kimiko Marr and Jeanette Crosetti** enjoying the tasty *zenzai*.

February Birthdays were celebrated on February 15<sup>th</sup>.



February honorees were **Jean Akiyama, Haruyo Ishibashi (92), Rubie Kawamoto (91), Hisako Kodama, Jeanette Crosetti, and Sam Sakamoto (93)**. Absent were **Eiko Ceremony (93), Carol Kaneko, Ken Nakamura, Chiyeiko Shikuma (93), and Eiko Stewart**.

Thanks to **Teruko Hirahara** for providing the festive table decorations, **Gail Wurtenberg** for ordering/bringing the cake/ice cream, and **Toshi Yamashita** for ordering/bringing the *manju* for 90+ birthday honorees.

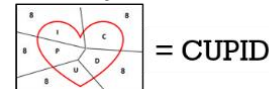
Following the February birthday ceremony, the Seniors played a belated Valentine's Game "How to Mend a Broken Heart". The goal of the game was for arbitrary teams of five to put together a puzzle and to unscramble a word. With the game start, Kizuka Hall came "alive" with new energy as Seniors enthusiastically sought out their team members and

dove into solving their puzzles. The winning first place team was awarded Valentine candy boxes generously donated by **Toshi Yamashita**. Hopefully, Seniors enjoyed the new challenge -encouraging them to intermingle and to exercise the mind and body a little.



**WINNING TEAM**

Mitsuko Ruble, Yoshiko Nishihara, Jeanette Crosetti, Kim Tao, Reiko Yamamoto



On February 15<sup>th</sup>, we also welcomed back **Sam Sakamoto and Franz Steidl!** Sam Sakamoto addressed the Seniors and kindly expressed his appreciation for the Senior Center (thank you, Sam!). He also mentioned that his wife, **Yae Sakamoto**, was recovering from an illness and was currently trying to regain strength in her legs. We hope to see Yae Sakamoto back at the Senior Center soon!

On February 1<sup>st</sup>, it was great to see **Jane Sugidono**, svelte and feeling good, back at the Senior Center after a long absence!

Brrrr .... Kizuka Hall has been chilly lately due to the aging furnaces breaking down. On February 1<sup>st</sup>, **Paul Kaneko** informed the Seniors that two new furnaces will be installed soon. Unfortunately, the ancient water heater will also need to be replaced. On February 15<sup>th</sup>, **Marcia Hashimoto** said the furnace installation is almost complete.

On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, the furnaces were ready for use, but unfortunately the gas had to be turned off, so volunteers (led by **Marcia Hashimoto**) frantically sought out alternatives for hot water for tea since the gas stove was inoperable. With perking electric water pots borrowed from home, hot tea was successfully served to the Seniors. Special thank you to Marcia Hashimoto and all the volunteers who quickly jumped in to resolve the unexpected dilemma.



Electric hot water pots to the rescue!  
Pictured: **June Honda, Reba Condon, and Marcia Hashimoto.**

Great news is

Kizuka Hall should be nice and toasty with brand new working furnaces to warm the Seniors next Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

– Hurray! Many thanks to **Marcia Hashimoto, Norris Woodford, Joe Bowes, Jean Yamashita, and Mas**





**Hashimoto** for successfully tackling this very time-consuming and cumbersome project!



Before leaving for vacation, **Paul Kaneko** trained **Norris Woodford** and **Sharon Bobo** on how to run the bingo game and distribute the donated bingo prizes. Thank you to Master Paul for sharing his bingo

wisdom so brilliantly! Thank you to Norris and Sharon for stepping up for the task and doing a wonderful job!

**Gini Matute-Bianchi**, First Vice President of the W-SC JACL, introduced herself to the Seniors and expressed her wish to meet everyone and to get to know all the Seniors. To help the Seniors remember her name, Gini cleverly referred to herself as *Haku-Gini*. Glad to have you at the Senior Center, Gini!

On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, get well cards were circulated to our Senior friends who are not feeling well: **Edna Nagata, Yae Sakamoto, Mitsuyo Tao**. Hope you're feeling better soon! Post note: Very happy to see **Yae Sakamoto** walk into the Senior Center today!

Senior Booked Trips:

*Table Mountain Casino*: Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Bus has been booked. The cost is \$30 for active members of the Senior Center or WBT and \$40 for others. Bus leaves from WBT promptly at 8 am; returning ~7:30 pm. Guests will receive \$10 free bonus play and \$5 food voucher.

Senior Tentative Trips: *Cabrillo Musicals*:

*RENT*: Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup> @ 2 pm

*THE PRODUCERS*: Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> @ 2 pm

Cost for a Senior Premier seat is \$45. We need a group of 20 to get \$4 discount.

*Filoli Gardens* in Woodside: Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 7 am to ~6 pm. Cost for Senior is \$18 admission plus \$5 for Garden Tour and \$5 for House Tour. Additional transportation cost is "to-be-determined" depending on number of people interested. We need a group of 15 to get \$17 discount admission price (for Adult/Senior).

If interested or have any questions regarding the above Senior Trips, please contact **Jean Yamashita** (email: [jeanyamashita@yahoo.com](mailto:jeanyamashita@yahoo.com), cell: 408-813-6539).

**Kimiko Marr** is leading a pilgrimage to Rohwer/Jerome on April 14-18, 2018. The pilgrimage will visit Little Rock, Museum in McGehee and Rohwer and Jerome Sites. The pilgrimage was highlighted in the *NikkeiWest*.

– Front Page! If interested in this pilgrimage, please contact Kimiko Marr: [kimiko.marr@gmail.com](mailto:kimiko.marr@gmail.com). Deadline to register is February 28, 2018.

On Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> after the Senior Center event (around 4:15 pm), the documentary movie "If You're Not in the Obit, Eat Breakfast" will be shown at Kizuka Hall. The movie is about 90 minutes long and admission is free. Anyone is welcome to attend so please join us!

What's the secret to living into your 90s--and loving every minute of it? In this documentary, irrepressible writer-comedian Carl Reiner (who shows no signs of slowing down at 95) tracks down several celebrated nonagenarians, and a few others over 100, to show how the twilight years can truly be the happiest and most rewarding.

Thanks to our February *toban*: **Eileen Byers, Reba Condon, June Honda. Sunao Honda** 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 February gratefully received from: **Jean Akiyama, Jeanette Crosetti, Haruyo Ishibashi, Carol Kaneko, Rubie Kawamoto, Hisako Kodama, Mitsuko Ruble, Sam Sakamoto, Chiyeko Shikuma, Eiko Stewart; Gini Matute-Bianchi** for New Year's; **Sam Sakamoto in Appreciation**.

Thank you for all the wonderful bingo prizes:

<b>June/Sunao Honda</b>	5 boxes California <i>maki</i> and <i>inari</i> ; 4 plates of spam musubi; 7 plates of Valentine cookies and Hershey kisses; 7 plates <i>takana</i> with <i>ume</i> and <i>furikake</i> rice; 5 plates Asian spaghetti salad
<b>Jeanette Crosetti</b>	Little pot; 3 jello boxes, bottle of <i>mirin</i> ; 2 bottle sake, variety pack cereal
<b>Jean/Iwao Yamashita</b>	5 bags pumpkin spice cookies; 6 bags chocolate chewies; 6 boxes green tea muffins
<b>Jean Akiyama</b>	12 rolls bathroom tissues; 3 boxes <i>Reynolds</i> foil wrappers, 3 bottle hand soap, 1 pack <b>Rubbermaid</b> bowls
<b>Toshi Yamashita</b>	5 boxes Valentine candies, 9 containers Valentine cupcakes and candies; 2 large bags snack mix; 5 bags cookies, 1 bag party popcorn, 1 12 oz bag sea salt popcorn
<b>Hideko/Akira Nagamine</b>	12 rolls paper towels; 100 dinner plates; 12 bags Japanese cucumbers
<b>Mitsuyo Tao</b>	6 bags assorted DVD's
<b>Yaeko Cross</b>	6 bags bananas; 10 packs of doughnuts
<b>Patricia Marr</b>	Bamboo pillow and lavender vanilla, diffuser, 6 boxes blueberry scones; 5 bags cherry handmade pies
<b>Bette Garcia</b>	4 bags <i>Senbei</i> and 1 Tokyo Noodles; 1 bottle <i>mirin</i> , 1 can water chestnut, 1 bag pretzels, 2 cans bamboo shoots, 3 bottles <i>furikake</i>
<b>Gini Matute-Bianchi/Norris Woodford</b>	Italian cauliflower; 20 plastic cups; 1 box multigrain crackers; 1 bag carrots, red potatoes; 12 2 pkgs seaweed
<b>Gini Matute-Bianchi</b>	1 box <i>Club</i> crackers, 1 package cookies, wild basil and lime softsoap
<b>Norris Woodford</b>	1 package season <i>nori</i>
<b>Rubie Kawamoto</b>	12 boxes <i>Kleenex</i> ; 4 bags <i>Pepperidge Farm</i> cookies; 6 more boxes <i>Kleenex</i>
<b>Kim Tao</b>	7 bags of home-made chocolate/peanuts haystacks, 10 plates homemade sugar cookies; 8 plates home-baked blueberry muffins
<b>Eileen Byers</b>	8 large rolls paper towels
<b>Eiko Nishihara</b>	1 dozen jars strawberry jam
<b>Yoshiko Nishihara</b>	18 bottles <i>Dawn</i> dish soap and handmade scrubbers
<b>Sumi Yamada</b>	4 cans of mixed crackers



**Mary Perez** 3 red onions, 2 cabbages,  
1 bag carrots, 2 bags pears

**Reba Condon** 24 bathroom tissues, 2 packages of  
napkins; 6 bag handy clips, 1 pound  
jar mixed nuts, 3 packages organic  
brown rice treats

**Nobue Fujii** 6 plates apple walnut cake,  
box of lemons

**Mitzi Katsuyama** 4 half dozen eggs;  
5 bags banana cake

**Satoko Yamamoto** 1 package Japanese cookies,  
2 bags wakame, 1 bag shitake,  
1 package *azuki* rice mix,  
1 package kelp

**Connie Dimas** 3 boxes *Cheerios*

**Yae/Sam Sakamoto** 56 packages *Trail* mix (mixed nuts);  
1 bottle *Martinelli* cider, 1 bottle  
*mirin*, 1 jar lingon berrie, 1 package  
instant soup mix,  
1 pack seasoned nori

**Jane Sugidono** 8 pack *Charmin* toilet paper

**Kimiyo Fujii** 12 boxes *Kleenex*

**Phil Shima** 1 organic box crackers

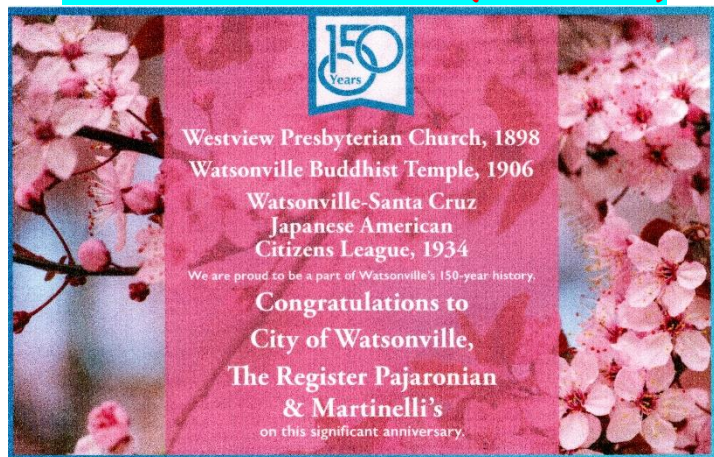
Thank you for coming to the Senior Center! It's a wonderful opportunity to socialize with old friends, make new friends and, of course, play bingo and win many useful prizes (such as the always popular roll of toilet paper!) Stay healthy these winter months (wash, wash, wash your hands) and try to stay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

#### March Schedule:

Thurs Mar 1 Regular Bingo  
Thurs Mar 8 Regular Bingo  
Thurs Mar 15 St. Patrick's Day/March Birthday Party  
Mon Mar 19 Table Mt. One-day Trip 8 am to 7 pm  
Thurs Mar 22 Regular Bingo; Movie Documentary  
"If You're Not in the Obit, Eat  
Breakfast" 4:30 – 6:00 pm  
Thurs Mar 29 Easter – Cookie Buffet

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).

### **HAPPY 150<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY (1868-2018)**



Congratulations to the **City of Watsonville, The Register-Pajaronian, and Martinelli's** from **Westview Presbyterian Church, 1896; Watsonville Buddhist**

**Temple, 1906, and Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL, 1934.** This beautiful flyer/ad is by **Peter Hester**.

The celebration will begin on Friday, March 30, 2018 at the City Plaza at 5 pm and will continue throughout the year. Be sure to read the R-P for the latest information.

### **FAREWELL, CONSUL GENERAL JUN YAMADA**

The Consul General returned to Japan for his next assignment. His tenure here was two years and nine months. During that time, he made many friends.

The Consul General was active and successful in promoting and strengthening ties in business, academia, and culture between Japan and northern California.

He thoroughly enjoyed our community's participation with the Japanese Cultural Fair in Santa Cruz, the Kawakami-Watsonville Sister City student exchange program, the various agricultural and cultural enterprises of the Pajaro Valley, and especially our Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL's mission.

A farewell luncheon was held at the Kabuki Hotel in San Francisco on Mon., Feb. 12, 2018 with over 200 bidding farewell. Photos were contributed.



Standing: **Patty Wada** (NCWNP Regional Director), **Joanne Tolosa**, **Mikiko Huang**, **Alice Kawahatsu**, **CG Jun Yamada**, **Rev. Ron Kobata** (BCA), **Merry Nishimura** (SF JACL Board Member) and **Richard Okiuye**, (SF Buddhist Church). Seated **Marcia and Mas Hashimoto** (W-SC JACL) and **Judy Hamaguchi**, (SF JACL President).

Let's welcome the new Consul General **Tomochika Uyama** who arrived in San Francisco on Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Years ago, while giving at a Red Cross blood bank, I was asked if I had a hazardous occupation. Jokingly, I replied, "Yes, I'm a school teacher." It's not a joke today.

Carry guns today? No way!



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

We apologize for in last month's newsletter we published donations incorrectly in memory of Doris Goon when it should have been for her beloved mother, **Frances Goon**. Our most sincere apologies.

## Day of Remembrance Education Fund

Greatest Need from ...

**Paul and Carol Kaneko**

**Kazuko and Kurt Kurasaki** of San Juan Bautista

**Amy Newell**

**Anonymous**

In memory of **Akio Idemoto** from ...

**Helen Mito** of Cupertino

**Daniel and Karen Nitta** of Cupertino

**Yoko Umeda**

**Norman Abe**

**Philip and Sachi Synder** in memory of ...

**Tadashi "Tar" Mino, Barbara Ayako Mino, &**

**Richard Iwao Mino**

Newsletter from ...

**Lawson Sakai** of Morgan Hill

**Robert and Mary Oka** of Salinas

In honor of **Mas Hashimoto** from ...

**Chiyeiko Shikuma**

**Nancy Shikuma**

**Anonymous**

Education/Scholarship from ...

**Alan and Gayle Uyematsu**

## DONATIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED FROM ...

In memory of **Akio Idemoto** from ...

**Esther Ura**

## OUR CREW CLEANING THE MEMORIAL GARDEN



On Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>, in preparation for the *Day of Remembrance* observance, W-SC JACLers **Joe Bowes, Norris Woodford, Iwao Yamashita, Victor Kimura** and **Gary Mine** (who took this photo) cleaned the garden. Every month these JACLers will drive over to Salinas to clean and maintain the garden as a historic remembrance. Thank you, guys!

## WHY JOIN THE W-SC JACL?

At a gathering, a question was asked by a young *Nikkei*, "Why should I join the JACL? What can it do for me?"

I explained that we are a civil and human rights organization dedicated to social justice, education, and

cultural outreach. We work in unison with like organizations such as the Southern Poverty Law Center, American Civil Liberties Union, American Friends (Quakers), LGBTQ, and others. Most important, we provide for our elderly Seniors with an active weekly program.

I then thought of **President John F. Kennedy's** inaugural address: "**Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country.**"

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.

We invite you to join and attend our meetings, held on the fourth Thursday (except for Nov. and Dec.), 6:30 pm at the Kizuka JACL Hall, 150 Blackburn St, Watsonville.

Please encourage family members, relatives and friends to join us for 2018. We are a 501 (c) (3) non-profit, educational, civil rights 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

## POSTON PILGRIMAGE AND MEMORIAL BRICK DEDICATION APRIL 7<sup>th</sup> by Roberta Barton

You are invited to join the Poston Community Alliance in Parker, Arizona on Sat., April 7 for its first *Pilgrimage to Poston and Memorial Brick Dedication*. Those who purchased memorial bricks will be happy to know that their bricks are now installed and ready to be formally dedicated. [Editor's note: There's a brick for my dog "Sunny" and me.]

A special brick ceremony at the monument site will kick off a full day of activities. Registration for the pilgrimage is \$135 per person and includes: brick dedication ceremony at 10 a.m.; self-guided walking tours of Poston I site of original adobe school buildings and relocated original Poston barrack; box lunch; inter-generational conversation circles (tentative); screening of new documentary "For the Sake of the Children"; dinner banquet; and souvenir program booklet.

For registration form and discounted lodging information, <https://thepostonpilgrimage.blogspot.com/p/rsvp.html>. Deadline to register is March 7th. If you have questions or would like to purchase a memorial brick (supplies are limited), contact **Dianne Kyomoto** at [Poston1942@yahoo.com](mailto:Poston1942@yahoo.com).



## THE REPLACEMENT OF THE TWO FURNACES, FEBRUARY 2018

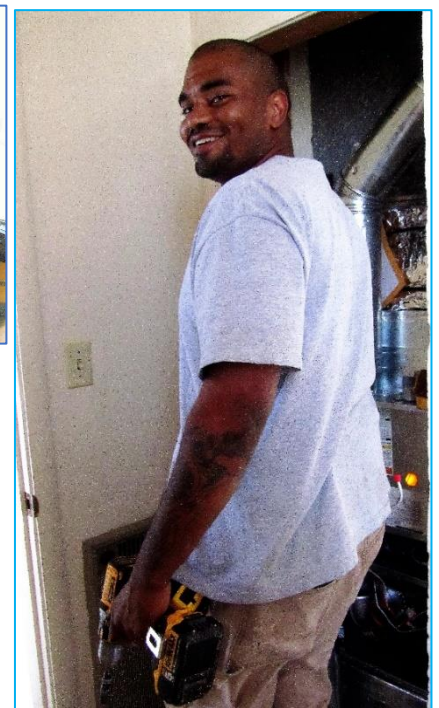
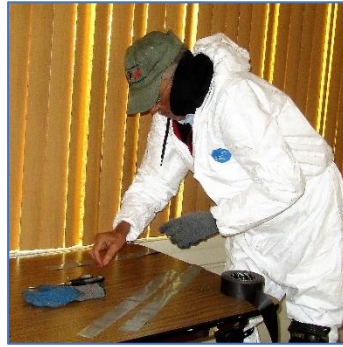
Our aging furnaces (of the 1960s) had to be replaced. Recently, our W-SC JACL has taken care of termites (cost \$2,900); replacement of exterior security lighting (\$2,400), replacement of two furnaces (over \$14,000), duct (vent) cleaning (\$450) and upcoming water heater replacement (\$2,000) for a total of \$21,750. We also had to pay for fire inspection by the City's Fire Department and the replacement of fire extinguishers. Then, there are the expenses of insurance, city utilities, taxes, PG&E, AT&T, *et al*. Our \$20 W-SC JACL local dues **doesn't** begin to cover all our expenses. We are grateful for all donations.

Working for over three weeks to replace the aging furnaces (of the 1960s) was Julian of *Hardy Air*. W-SC JACL board members Norris Woodford, Jean Yamashita, Marcia and Mas Hashimoto assisted with cleaning for a few hours.

1—Julian and co-worker are ready to clean the ducts and vents; 2-3—Norris, wearing protective gear, is covering the vents;

4—Julian is working hard! 5—Marcia and Jean cleaned some vents; 6—the debris of sand, dust, broken bits of linoleum, pencil, Coke can, paper, *et al* in the ducts had to be removed; 7—Julian constructed a noncombustible floor base; 8—Julian connecting the gas line to the furnace; 9—the new furnace in the kitchen is ready; 10—the new **second furnace in the "office"** (with the water heater, which must be replaced); 11—a gas leak in the PG&E meter required a new smart-meter replacement; 12—a second gas leak in the valve to the kitchen stove required replacement; 13—Rudy of PG&E gave final approval to restore our gas service. Thank you, everyone for your hard work and dedication. Repairs are extensive and ongoing.

**Donations to our DOR "greatest need" (building maintenance) are sincerely appreciated.**





## 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 the US Government.

Now, one would think, after all these years, America has learned the lesson of our unjust wartime incarceration, but has it? Our W-SC JACL continues to be a voice of advocacy. **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. Please consider being a member of our Board.



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.

Tax deductible #ID 94-2659895



# 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).