

Liberty  
Lost...



Lessons in  
Loyalty

## THE WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL Newsletter October 2018

### ***THE REAL "FAKE NEWS" IS NOT NEW ... Editor***

Traditionally, national newspapers, private enterprises which are advertising papers with some news, promoted "WASP" – White (race), Anglo (English), Saxon (Germany), Protestant (religion) -- in their articles. Advertisers, of course, were from this WASP group.

In northern California, the *SF Examiner*, *SF Chronicle*, the McClatchy press (*Sacramento Bee* and *Fresno Bee*), and others, were the promoters of WASP.

In nearly every issue, there was "disinformation" -- anti-minority attacks against native Americans, blacks, Hispanics, Asians, Catholics, Mormons, women, and others.

My *Issei* mother would not wrap garbage in a Hearst *Examiner* paper. Why not? Our garbage was too good to be wrapped with 'garbage.'

Many ethnic groups throughout the country printed their own newspapers before the 1940s.

We had the *Hokubei Mainichi*, *Nichi Bei Times* and *Rafu Shimpo*. They served our Nikkei community by providing an outstanding service with local Nihonmachi (Japantown) news and news from Japan.

The WASP newspapers, with their allies, promoted the passage of the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882.

They wrote that the Japanese race is an alien race which could never be assimilated into the American way of life. There's nothing of value in Japanese culture. They wrote of our strange beliefs (Buddhism), of our untrustworthiness (they knew nothing of *chushingura*—our loyalty), of our "unhealthy" foods (perhaps the healthiest in the world today), that we stunk (they are the ones who smelled for they bathed once a week if that often while we took *ofuro* (hot baths) everyday (and we regularly washed our clothes), that we bred (children) like rats, and no white woman was safe.

To discourage the *Issei* from staying or to assimilate, laws were passed whereby they could not own land (homes), become citizens, or marry whites.

Congress, in 1924, passed another exclusion act aimed at eliminating immigration from Japan.

At the start of WW II, the national newspapers and the national radio press (broadcaster **Walter Winchell**) clamored for our immediate removal, and Executive Order 9066 was enforced. More than 120,000 innocent persons of Japanese ancestry, who were living on the West Coast (Washington, Oregon, and California), were incarcerated, most of whom were American citizens.

Then, toward the end of the war, the newspapers began to expand their coverages. Articles of the heroics of the members of the **100<sup>th</sup>/442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team** appeared in the US military's newspaper, *The Stars and Stripes*. The movie newsreels filmed these stories and of the men of the combat team. Local newspapers began to print the stories of their Nisei hometown heroes, although the headlines often read of "Jap Americans."

Who wrote the stories highlighting our Nisei soldiers? What officer? Actually, the officers didn't write the stories. Who then? What company clerk wrote the stories? It was **Sgt Mike M. Masaoka**. He wrote over 2,000 stories of gallantry. He was the staunch, dedicated leader of the National JACL before and after the war. War correspondent **Ernie Pyle**, too, admired the men of the 100<sup>th</sup>/442<sup>nd</sup> RCT.

An appreciative press began to write favorably of the contributions of the Navaho Code Talkers, Tuskegee Airmen, Filipino Freedom Fighters and others.



[Photo: General "Vinegar Joe" Stilwell pins SSgt Kazuo Masuda's (KIA) Distinguished Service Cross medal on sister Mary Masuda with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gensuke Masuda looking on. Photo courtesy of Masao Masuda and Susan Shoho Uyehara, Japanese American Living Legacy/Nikkei Writers Guild.]

At war's end, the national press took a more responsible role of promoting the true spirit of Americanism. They



covered the story of **Kazuo Masuda**, a 442<sup>nd</sup> RCT hero who had been denied burial in this home town and protested the removal of all 16 Japanese American soldiers' names from the **Hood River Oregon's Honor Roll**. The names were to be restored in April 1945 to the Honor Roll. [Editor's note: attorney **Minoru Yasui** was born in Hood River, Oregon.]

The reporters, editors, publishers, producers of national newspapers, radio, and the new television channels now pride themselves on presenting accurate information in the true spirit of American social justice and basic civil rights.

News anchorman, **Walter Cronkite** of CBS-TV, was known as "the most trusted man in America" during the turbulent decades of Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s and the post-Vietnam War eras.

Now, however, in the world of high technology where anyone can get published or have access to the many TV cable channels, tweets, *Facebook*, *et al*, white supremacy has made a notable comeback in this nation. "Fake News" has returned.

It is, therefore, important for each citizen to study the candidates and issues carefully and then vote courageously.

The national mid-term election is to take place on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. Please make your vote count!

## ***Why it is important for you to vote!***

### ***Learn how easy it is to vote from your home!***

**by Norris Woodford, W-SC JACL Board Member**

You have to register to vote. This is the most important right you have as an American citizen.

Why is it important for you to vote? By voting, you express your opinion about what you want our government to do. Your vote DOES COUNT...even if you don't think so!

The 2016 election results allowed for the border incarceration of non-white children and families at the US-Mexican border which reminds all of us of the internment experience in World War II, the Executive Order 1099 in the name of national security.

Your vote is important to make sure the internment experience doesn't happen again.

It is not difficult for you to cast your ballot from home. If you haven't yet registered and you need to register, the JACL Senior Center/Kizuka Hall has the forms for you to apply for a ballot by mail, and people to help you complete the application. The absolute deadline for registering to vote is **Monday, October 22, 2018**.

Please note the key dates:

Monday, October 8, first day for early voting @ the Watsonville City Clerk's office: 275 Main St. 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Watsonville, CA.

Tuesday, October 9: if you have made out a vote-by-mail request, this is the first day your ballot will be mailed out to you.

October 30 last day to REQUEST a vote-by-mail ballot in Watsonville City Clerk Office, 275 Main St. 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Watsonville, CA.

**Tuesday, NOVEMBER 6: Election Day:**

**Polls open at 7 am and close at 8 pm.**

## ***THIS IS A "NEWS" LETTER***

Why are newsletters called newsletters when many contain no letters of news?

Well, here are several letters from the past and present of great interest.

This typed letter, on official **S. Martinelli & Company** stationery, was in the possession of **Jack Tsuda**, a member of the Kamitani family of Watsonville, who brought it to our attention:

### **S. Martinelli & Company,**

April 25, 1942

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

We are pleased to certify that Mr. Soichi Kamitani has been employed by us since September 1926, working from 3 to 4 months each year during our apple pressing season, up to and including the season of 1941.

Mr. Kamitani's work has always been very satisfactory. We have found him to be honest and industrious and always alive to our best interests. He is a capable workman and among his duties he has been entrusted with the cleaning and washing of complicated fruit processing equipment, which work he has always performed in a thorough and satisfactory manner.

Yours very truly,

S. MARTINELLI & COMPANY

By S. G. Martinelli (s)

[Editor's note: two days after this letter was written, we, including Mr. Kamitani, were forcibly evicted from our Watsonville homes on April 27, 1942 and imprisoned in the "Salinas (CA) Assembly Center" and then onto Poston, AZ.

We appreciate the expression in this letter and the continued support of our Nikkei community by the S. Martinelli & Company. Along with the **City of Watsonville** and the **Register-Pajaronian** newspaper, Martinelli's is celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary (1868-2018). Their theme is "Drink your apple a day".

On Sun., October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018, from 1 pm to 5 pm, the City of Watsonville will continue its year-long celebration in the City Plaza. The *Register-Pajaronian* and the City will provide more information.]

## **LETTER TO THE US NAVY DEPARTMENT**

A letter was written and sent on behalf of the W-SC JACL requesting that a naval ship be named in honor and memory of Joe Rosenthal, a photographic journalist of WW II.



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
Office of the Secretary  
1000 Navy Pentagon  
Washington, D. C. 20350-1000

July 23, 2018

Mr. Mas Hashimoto  
Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL  
P. O. Box 163  
Watsonville, CA 95077

Dear Mr. Hashimoto:

Thank you for your recent letter requesting a new Navy ship be named in honor of Pulitzer Prize winning photographer Joe Rosenthal. I am responding on behalf of Secretary Spencer.

Joe Rosenthal is more than a photographer. He is an American patriot who showed tremendous courage on the battlefield by risking his life to document the heroism and service of Marines fighting in the South Pacific. His talent, spirit, and tenacity served him and our Nation well, enabling him to document a vital piece of American history. His legacy will continue to endure. Secretary Spencer will give your worth recommendation every consideration when names are chosen for future ships.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,  
John Kelsey (s)  
Lieutenant, U. S. Navy  
Special Assistant for Public Affairs  
to the Secretary of the Navy

Please write in support to Secretary of the Navy Richard Spencer at the above address.



Photo of Joe Rosenthal after the Battle of Iwo Jima. His photo of the US Marines raising the American flag on Iwo Jima was the most famous photo of WW II.

## ON OFFICIAL W-SC JACL STATIONERY

July 4, 2011

Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee  
c/o Stamp Development  
U.S. Postal Service  
475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Room 3300  
Washington, D. C.

### Re: "A Nation of Immigrants" Series to include Japanese Americans

Dear Members of the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee:

Before World War II, West Coast newspapers repeatedly editorialized that, the Japanese were "an alien race that could never assimilate into the American way of life." Those who agreed added there was "nothing of value in the Japanese culture." Nothing of value!



Today, most Americans know *sushi, sashimi, wasabi, teriyaki, tofu, sukiyaki, green tea, origami, haiku, kimono, happi coats, bonsai, ikebana, ochanoyu* (tea ceremony), *ukiyo-e* (woodblock prints), Zen meditation, calligraphy, *sumi-e* (ink painting), Japanese gardens, *obon odori* (folk dancing), *koi*, Girl's Day (3/3), Boy's Day (5/5), *Tanabata* (7/7), viewing cherry blossoms, *sumo, judo, karate, karaoke, samurai, ninja*, and flip flops.

United States postage stamps have honored Japanese or Japanese American artists (Hokusai and Isamu Noguchi). What hasn't been done is to memorialize the shameful treatment of Japanese Americans and to commemorate their extensive contributions to and broad participation in American life, as well as their heroic patriotism in the face of that unyielding prejudice.

United States Army Lt. General John L. DeWitt, said in 1942, "A Jap's a Jap. It makes no difference whether the Jap is a citizen or not." Over 120,000 innocent persons of Japanese ancestry, nearly 70% American citizens, were incarcerated for the next 3½ years behind barbed wire.

In 1988 the Civil Liberties Act offered an apology and reparations for our wartime imprisonment. In 2011 Acting Solicitor General Neal Katyal took to task the predecessors of his office for suppressing evidence and deceiving the U. S. Supreme Court Justices in the Fred Korematsu and Gordon Hirabayashi cases of 1944. After his guilty verdict was vacated in federal court, Gordon Hirabayashi stated, "Ancestry is not a crime."

I am writing on behalf of the Watsonville-Santa Cruz (CA) Chapter of the National Japanese American Citizens League to say it is time for the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee's (CSAC) to recommend a commemorative stamp series to honor and acknowledge the contributions to this nation by those of Japanese ancestry. Here are just a few examples:

Our Japan-United States history dates back over 150 years to 1841 when Captain William H. Whitfield, aboard the whaler, the John Howland, rescued 14-year-old Manjiro Nakahama, shipwrecked off the coast of Japan. Captain Whitfield took Manjiro back to New Bedford, MA. Manjiro was to receive an

American education in Fairhaven and a new name, "John Manjiro." Manjiro, upon his return to Japan, was to play a vital role in the modernization of Japan and, most important, in assisting Commodore Matthew C. Perry in the 1853 "opening" of Japan. (See the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society.)

In 1860, 151 years ago, the naval vessel, Kanrin Maru, sailed into San Francisco Bay carrying the first Japanese emissaries to the United States. On board were John Manjiro and an American officer, John M. Brooke. The ship was accompanied by the USS Powhatan.

"Okei-san" (Okei Ito), a 19-year-old Japanese girl, is buried at the site of the tragic and ill-fated Wakamatsu Tea and Silk Colony, Gold Hill, CA, 1869-1871. Of the 55 people of Japanese heritage in 1870 census, 33 were in California with 22 in the Wakamatsu Colony. These first Japanese immigrants (Issei) planted the short-grain Japanese rice which grew extremely well in the Central Valley. An added benefit today, the rice fields are a haven for migrating birds of the Pacific Flyway.

The Issei labored in the sugar plantations of Hawaii, the forests of the Pacific Northwest as lumberjacks, on the railroad tracks of the West, in fishing communities and on small farms throughout the West Coast. Their work ethics were of "giri" and "on" (duty and honor) and "gaman" (to persevere). At times, they experienced "shikata ga nai" (somethings can't be helped) against unfair laws and overwhelming odds. Through it all, "haji" (never bring shame to the family) prevailed. With picture brides (my mother was a picture bride in 1914), the mission changed to "kodomo no tame ni" (for the sake of the children). The Issei were not without help from many understanding Caucasian Americans. Through all the difficult times, the Issei felt "arigatai" (gratefulness) to the people of this nation.

Today, we look proudly at our people and their contributions. This, obviously, is a partial list:

Actors/Filmmakers: Dean Cain (actor), Tak Fujimoto (cinematographer), Sessue Hayakawa, Grant Imahara (MythBusters on TV), Mako, Noriyuki "Pat" Morita, Nobu McCarthy, Desmond Nakano (film director), Steven Okazaki (Days of Waiting), James Shigeta, Jack Suzuki Soo, Iwao Takamoto (creator

of Scooby Doo), George Takei, Tamlyn Tomita, Chris Tashima (Visas and Virtue), Dave Tatsuno (Topaz, camp documentary film), Miyoshi Umeki, Iris Yamashita (playwright, Letters from Iwo Jima);

Artists/Architects: Jimmy Mirikitani (of Cats), Toyo Miyakawa (photographer of Manzanar), Isamu Noguchi (sculptor), Chiura Obata (UC Berkeley and camp sensei), Yoko Ono, Minoru Yamasaki (NYC World Trade Center);

Authors/Scholars: Philip Kan Gotanda (playwright), Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston (co-author with James D. Houston Farewell to Manzanar), Lawson Fusao Inada (poet laureate), Hiroshi Kashiwagi (camp poet), Akira Iriye (historian, Harvard), Harry Kitano, Don T. Nakanishi, Ronald Takaki (university professors), Michi Weglyn (Years of Infamy: The Untold Story of America's Concentration Camps);

Civil Rights: Mitsue Endo, Gordon Hirabayashi, Paul Igasaki, Yuri Kochiyama, Fred Korematsu, Mike Masaoka (Japanese American Citizens League), Dale Minami, Ehren Watada (Iraq War), Bruce Yamashita (US Marine Corps), Minoru Yasui, Aiko Herzig-Yoshinaga;

Military Heroes: Ben Kuroki (Army Air Corps), Military Intelligence Service, Sadao Munemori and many others (100th/442nd RCT), Hiroshi "Hershey" Miyamura (Korean War);

Music: Hiroshima (band), Jero (Jerome Charles White, Jr enka singer), Kent Nagano (LA Symphony conductor), Jon Nakamatsu (10th Van Cliburn winner), Seiji Ozawa (conductor), Jake Shimabukuro (ukulele), Pat Suzuki (jazz singer);

News Media: Ann Curry (Today Show), Dina Eastwood (KSBW-TV anchor), Roxanna Saberi (journalist), Ken Kashiwahara (ABC News correspondent), Tricia Toyota (TV anchor news);

Public Servants: Judge John Aiso; George Ariyoshi, (Governor, Hawaii); Congress--Mike Honda, Daniel K. Inouye, Doris Matsui, Robert Matsui, Spark Matsunaga, Patsy Takemoto Mink--Judge William Marutani, Norman Y. Mineta (Congress, Secretary of Commerce and Secretary of Transportation), Eric Shinseki (former Secretary of the Army; Secretary of Veterans Affairs);

Science: Yoichiro Nambu (physics), Charles J. Pedersen (chemistry), Dr. Paul I. Terasaki (tissue transplant, UCLA), Ellison Onizuka (astronaut-Challenger);

Sports: Olympic athletes --Fred Konno, Tommy Kono, Apolo Anton Ohno, Kristi Yamaguchi--Wataru Misaka (broke color line, NY Knicks), Yosh Uchida (judo sensei), Don Wakamatsu (MLB manager), Wally Yonamine (broke color line, NFL with the SF 49ers);

Others: we did not include business and trade categories. Hiroaki Aoki creator of Benihana would certainly be included.

Today, hundreds of thousands of everyday Japanese Americans are contributing to the democratic foundation by serving as elementary, middle, secondary, and college/university teachers; on city councils, community boards, legislatures; all serving in many different capacities for which we are the beneficiaries and we are truly grateful.

We are the American Dream come true.

We previously asked for the support of a National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism commemorative stamp(s). That request was denied. Now we ask for more. We seek recognition, we seek fairness, and we seek expiation of the stain on our nation's honor for her treatment of so many of her loyal citizens for the color of their skin, their places of worship and the birthplace of their ancestors. Indeed, our national honor demands that commemorative stamps recognize that what Lt. Gen. DeWitt said was a blatant lie: A "Jap" is NOT a "Jap." An American is an American.

Sincerely,

Masaru "Mas" Hashimoto, Chair

W-SC JACL Commemorative Stamp Committee

[Editor: This letter was written over 7 years ago. Much has changed since. If resubmitted, it would be updated for there are new and additional contributions to our society by Americans of Japanese ancestry. What are they, and what was contributed? Let us know your suggestions.

Will there ever be a "Nation of Immigrants" stamp series? It would be a wonderful way to celebrate our country as a united America.]

## IN REMEMBRANCE ...

### Helen M. Nitta Mito

Helen Miyuki Nitta Mito passed away on September 6, 2018. Helen was born on January 10, 1917 in Hollister, CA to **Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sumida**.



Helen is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, **Dan and Karen Nitta**; her stepson and step daughter-in-law, **Ron and Millicent Mito**; her brother, **Joey Sumida**; and sister, **Lily Yamashita**. She is also survived by 4 grandchildren, 2 step grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, and many nieces

and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, **Fred Nitta**; her second husband, **Frank Mito**; her daughter, **Joan Otsuji**; her brothers **George, Tommy, and John Sumida**; her sister **May Fujii**; and grandson **Kyle Otsuji**.

Helen married Fred Nitta in 1938 at age 21 in Watsonville, California. Within 3 short years, they had two children, Dan and Joan. Executive Order 9066 brought severe changes to her life, as her husband and other Japanese community leaders were suddenly taken away to a secret location in one of the Dakotas. Helen was left with two toddlers, a father-in-law who only spoke Japanese, and no way to contact her husband. Soon after that, Helen was forced to uproot her life. She managed to keep her children and father-in-law together as they were shuffled off to the Salinas Assembly Center, hastily built upon a racetrack. After that, they were relocated again to Poston, Arizona, Camp 2 located in the Sonoran Desert.

Although Fred was Issei, he was given the opportunity to work for the government during the war because he was bilingual. He was allowed to have his family come stay with him in the Washington DC area while he worked. Once again, Helen managed to keep her children and father-in-law together, as they took a train from Arizona to DC to join her husband.

After the war, the family moved back to Watsonville, California. They were extremely lucky that a bank president had kept their house safe and available for them. Fred was in the insurance business, and Helen did notary work to assist him. She also had an in-home seamstress business and was actively involved in her childrens' lives as a Sunday school teacher and Cub Scout den mother.

Fred passed away in 1978. By this time, she had 4 grandchildren and would have 1 more within a year. During her time as a widow, she spent time with her children and grandchildren on holidays. She also enjoyed cooking and crafting.

She married Frank Mito in 1987, and they spent time traveling both in the US and abroad. She also became an

avid San Francisco Giants fan and enjoyed attending games at Candlestick Park.

Frank passed away in 1994. Helen remained in Watsonville and frequented the W-SC JACL Senior Center to socialize. She kept herself busy and even learned how to send e-mails to her kids and grandkids in her 80s!

In 2006, she was beginning to slow down, so she moved in with her son's family in Cupertino. Eventually dementia began to set in, and she moved into an assisted care facility until her passing in September.

Helen lived a full life, and, although her demeanor was often quiet, she was a strong, accomplished woman.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, October 13 at 2 pm, Watsonville Buddhist Temple, 423 Bridge Street, Watsonville.

### Henry I. Hayashida

Henry I. Hayashida died peacefully on June 12, 2018. A 55-year Monterey Peninsula resident, he was born April 30,



1926 in Morro Bay, CA, to Kichiji and Yaye (Kiyota) Hayashida. The family moved to Los Alamos then later to Saticoy, south of Oxnard.

After the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941, the family was interned in Tulare Camp and later relocated to Gila River Camp in

Southern Arizona. Upon release, they moved to Santa Barbara. Soon after his older brother enlisted, Henry also joined the Army and after training in Florida he shipped to France serving in the 75th Infantry Division.

After leaving the Army, Henry moved to Ohio to attend school studying mechanical drawing. He joined his family in Watsonville where he worked on farms and helped his brother, Louie, build houses. Henry and Louie started their own business, Hayashida Brothers, buying their first farm in Corralitos just past Merk Lake. They purchased another farm near Sunset Beach and continued to farm and build homes.

Upon leaving the farming business, Henry worked at Kaiser Refractories in Moss Landing, then the County of Monterey from which he retired. He continued with his drawings and building of household items.

Henry was a man of integrity and generous with his time and support of others. He was devoted to his wife and enjoyed time with family and friends.

He enjoyed cooking his own version of ethnic dishes and watching sports. He was a life member of the VFW and the W-SC Japanese American Citizen League.

He lived a "good long life". His wife, **Akemi**, predeceased him in 2000. He leaves his daughter and son-in-law, **Joyce & Ronald Garnett**; his son-of-heart, **Mel Fortes**; grandchildren, **Jodice, Joleen and Ronald Anthony Garnett**; brother, **Louie Hayashida**; sisters, **Mary Collins and Grace Tamura** and several nieces and nephews. His brother, **Ben Hayashida**, also predeceased him.

A graveside service took place at Monterey City Cemetery on Monday, July 16.

The family wishes to thank his doctors who cared for him over the years and most recently, the nurses and aides at



VNA Hospice. In lieu of flowers, please contribute in his memory to the VNA-Hospice, PO Box 2480, Monterey, CA, 93940.

**W-SC JACL sends our deepest condolences and gratitude to the Hayashida and Nitta-Mito families, relatives, and friends.**

**[Editor's note:** The real heroes of the Nikkei community—the *Issei* and older *Nisei* are passing on. It is up to the *Sansei*, *Yonsei*, *Gosei* and *Hapas* to continue the fight for civil and human rights for all. We are confident they will.]

### **LOST AND FOUND DEPARTMENT:**



This nice, light jacket, held in photo by **Cindy Mine**, was found at the Community Picnic, Aptos Village Park. If it is yours or you know to whom it belongs, please email us: [hashi79@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hashi79@sbcglobal.net), or leave a message at 831-722-6859 so that we can mail or deliver it to the owner.

### **WATSONVILLE TAIKO & SHINSEI DAIKO** **By Bonnie Chihara**

It's the beginning of October, and we've already spent months planning and preparing for our **Annual Holiday Boutique and raffle**. This is our main fundraising event of the year. Besides having our usual Asian inspired quilt for our raffle, we have two more quilts that have been donated to us. Several businesses have generously donated gift certificates and members have been hard at work creating unique, one of a kind items to sell.

If you would like to donate to our boutique, please contact our business manager **Kay** at email at [info@watsonvilletaiko.org](mailto:info@watsonvilletaiko.org), or phone at (831) 475 1088.

We have classes for all ages. Our beginning children's class is scheduled at 4:30 pm on Fridays and are held at Kizuka Hall, 150 Blackburn St., 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 the above addresses.

We played prior to the start of the Jazz Concert at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple on September 1<sup>st</sup>.



Our upcoming schedule-

Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> World Arts Festival, Tannery Art Center  
Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> Open Streets Santa Cruz, West Cliff Drive  
Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> Halloween Event, Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office

Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> Tandy Beals Magic Carpet, Veterans Memorial Building Santa Cruz

**Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> Watsonville Taiko's Annual Holiday Boutique and Raffle.**  
**Donations are most welcomed.**



### **COMPLAINTS! COMPLAINTS! COMPLAINTS!**

A worker opens his lunchbox to complain. He angrily says, "Everyday, it's peanut butter and jam sandwiches! Everyday!!"

His co-worker asks, "Why not have your wife make something else?"

To which he replies, "Who's married?"

Too many people complain when they are part of the problem.

Just in: According to the **Brennan Center for Justice**, lawmakers in 26 states (a majority of the states) have introduced or carried over **79 anti-voting bills** so far in 2018 alone. California is not one of them.

Please register to vote, and then vote on election day! Thank you.



**A NEW "PILGRIMAGE" -- NOT TO BE MISSED ... FOR ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY ... YOUNG AND OLD**

We are delighted and excited to announce our friend **Luis Valdez's** play, "Valley of the Heart," will be performed at the historic **Mark Taper Forum**, 135 N. Grand Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90012 from Tuesday, October 30 to Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. The theater is near Little Tokyo in LA.

**We encourage all our southern California JACLers and friends to see this compelling play about Heart Mountain, Wyoming.**



**Many who saw the performance in northern and central California returned with their children, parents, and in-laws to see the play. It is that memorable!**

**The play is highly recommended for all who are interested in our wartime incarceration.**

Go to: [MarkTaperForum.ticketoffices.com](http://MarkTaperForum.ticketoffices.com).

A final note: playwright Luis Valdez of El Teatro Campesino of San Juan Bautista is famous for his plays/films "La Bamba" and "Zoot Suit." "Zoot Suit" was performed to sold-out audiences in 2017 at the Mark Taper Forum.



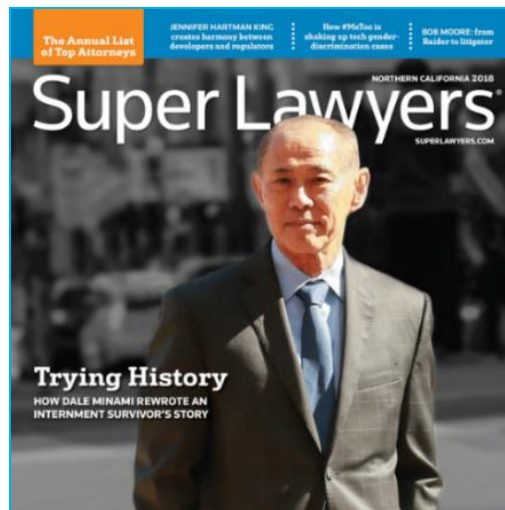
**WELCOME to SIRs CIVILIZATION 2018**

- ❖ Our Phones - Wireless
- ❖ Cooking - Fireless
- ❖ Cars - Keyless
- ❖ Food - Fatless
- ❖ Tires - Tubeless
- ❖ Dress - Sleeveless
- ❖ Youth - Jobless
- ❖ Leaders - Shameless
- ❖ Relationships - Meaningless
- ❖ Attitudes - Careless
- ❖ Babies - Fatherless
- ❖ Feelings - Heartless
- ❖ Education - Valueless
- ❖ Children - Mannerless
- We are - Speechless
- Government - is CLUELESS,
- And our Politicians - are WORTHLESS!
- I'm scared - S---less.

**This, from the ageless members of Chapter 85 of the "Sons in Retirement" (SIRs), is PRICELESS.**

***Super Lawyers Recognizes Dale Minami Among Its 'Top Ten' in Northern California for Sixth Straight Year***

Minami Tamaki LLP Partner **Dale Minami** is profiled in a special ***Super Lawyers*** article.



From the article: "While his civil rights work has received most of the attention, Minami has recovered multimillion-dollar settlements and large verdicts in his personal injury cases. These have provided a financial

underpinning, allowing him to help the community."

Dale has been listed on the ***Top Ten Super Lawyers*** in Northern California for six straight years, on the Top 100 list for 13 years since 2005, and every year on the Super Lawyers list since its initial publication in 2004.

Super Lawyers is a rating service of outstanding lawyers who have attained a high-degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. The selection process is independent and attorneys cannot purchase placements on the list.



One of the top personal injury lawyers in the San Francisco Bay Area, Dale has also been named as one of Northern California's Best Lawyers by Best Lawyers, recognized three times as one of the 500 Best Lawyers in America by Lawdragon Magazine (2005, 2013-2014, 2014-2015), and in the top 3% of attorneys in the nation by The Legal News.

He has an "AV" rating by the Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, the highest rating for competence and ethics issued by that publication and reserved for attorneys designated as outstanding in their field. He is a member of the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates forum, which admits only attorneys who have achieved more than one million dollar award for their clients.

## September Senior Center News

by Carol Kaneko and Jean Yamashita

Photos by Carol Kaneko and Jean Yamashita

Thanks to the efforts of W-SC JACler **Norris Woodford**, **Helen Ruiz-Thomas** of the Santa Cruz County Clerk/Election Office came to Kizuka Hall on Thursday, September 6 to register those interested in registering to vote and to present information and answer any questions about the election process. Many thanks to Norris and to Helen (and her assistant **Angie**) for her informative visit. If you are not already registered to vote and need help to register, please ask us for help. It's important to get involved and every vote counts!!



Our September birthday honorees were **Patt Marr** and **Akira Nagamine** 93. Absent were: **Susan AmRhein**, **Donna Fujita**, **Frances Schwamm**, **Jane Sugidono**, **Mitsuyo Tao**, and **Jackie Yamashita**. **Akira Nagamine** received a package of *manju* for being over 90. Thank you to **Teruko Hirahara** for providing the flowers on each table and the beautiful arrangement for the head table.

**Cindy Mine** presented information about a Dominican Hospital program called *Dare to C.A.R.E.* in which vascular screenings are offered for free. She had information cards and encouraged all our Seniors to make an appointment to have the screening. To learn more about the program or to schedule your free screening, please call (831) 462-7788.

Our flu shot clinic this year was held on Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> from 1 pm to 2 pm. **Hrushita Desai** from **CVS Pharmacy** administered shots to 21 Seniors, including **Rubie Kawamoto** (see photo). She explained that flu season is

from September to March and it is important to get your shot early in the season.



Get well wishes were sent to **Nobue Fujii** as she was not feeling well, to **Chie Sakaue** who fell and fractured her hip, and to **Mitsuyo Tao** who had knee surgery. We hope they recover quickly and will be back at the Senior Center soon!

We welcomed back **Nobue Fujii**, **Grace Fujita**, **Donna Fujita**, and **Pat Marr**. Welcome back!

To thank **Haru Ishibashi**, who recently stepped down

from many years of recording all the bingo prizes that are generously donated by our Seniors, the Senior Center presented her with a candy filled cup with her picture and an appreciation message on it. Thank you, Haru! And a special thank you to **Toshi Yamashita** and **Sharon Bobo** who are now recording and



announcing the donations.

**Gini Matute-Bianchi** has generously donated a popcorn machine and supplies to the Senior Center! Thank you so much, Gini! Stay tuned for future movie events where freshly popped popcorn will be served – yum!

A REMINDER: Please protect the Senior Center membership list and do not volunteer Senior information (name, address, phone number) to anyone you do not know. **Jean Yamashita** announced that we would have a Halloween costume contest on Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. She encouraged everyone to start planning their costume now for Halloween. Let's see what creative ideas our seniors can come up with!!



Many thanks from the WBT to all the Senior members who helped out and supported the *Chicken Teriyaki* event on September 22. The event would not be possible without the generous time and effort of all the thoughtful volunteers – much appreciated!

We are saddened to learn of the passing of **Helen Mito**. She was a Senior Center member many years ago and supported our center and programs with her many generous donations over the years. Her son and daughter-in-law, **Daniel and Karen Nitta**, have also been regular and generous supporters of our center. We send our condolences to her family.

Thank you to our September *toban*, **Nobuko Akiyama**. Special thanks to **Eileen Byers**, **June Honda**, and other volunteers who stepped in and helped out since September *toban* was shorthanded. **Iwao Yamashita** was in charge of opening up this month. The *toban* schedule is posted in the kitchen.

Monetary donations for the month of September gratefully received from: **Susan AmRhein**, **Sumi Yamada**, **Akira Nagamine**, and **Pat Marr**. Thank you also for these special donations: **June and Sunao Honda**, **Haruyo Ishibashi**, **Toshiko Yamashita**, **Paul and Carol Kaneko**, **Marvin and Eileen Byers** in memory of **Edna Nagata**. We are very grateful for your support.

Thank you for all the fabulous bingo prizes:

<b>June/Sunao Honda</b>	4 plates chocolate bundt cake; 4 bags lavender cookies, 4 boxes barbeque buns, 6 bags of corn
<b>Jean Yamashita</b>	12 plates peach cobbler, 8 boxes brownies, 5 mini pies
<b>Toshi Yamashita</b>	5 packages brownies, 20 rolls paper towels, 4 pkgs <i>nori</i>
<b>Connie Dimas</b>	6 boxes cereal
<b>Terry Hirahara</b>	3 bags brownies, birthday flowers
<b>Hideko Nagamine</b>	4 packages <i>Napa</i> cabbage, 6 rolls paper towels, 6 halves of cabbage
<b>Rubie Kawamoto</b>	4 bags rice crackers, 1 box green tea bags
<b>Mitzi Katsuyama</b>	2 boxes of popcorn (3 packs in each)
<b>Bette Garcia</b>	1 box <i>Milano</i> cookies (20 2-packs), 5 cans <i>Spam</i> , 5 pkgs <i>nori</i> , 1 jar popping corn
<b>Hisako Kodama</b>	5 bags cucumbers, 5 bags cucumbers/tomatoes
<b>Gini Matute-Bianchi</b>	Popcorn makers and supplies
<b>Yoshiko Nishihara</b>	18 bottles <i>Dawn</i> dish soap with scrubbies
<b>Eiko Nishihara</b>	12 jars strawberry jam

**Haru Ishibashi**  
**Gail Wurtenberg**  
**Chie Sakaue**  
**Jean Akiyama**

**Reba Condon**

**Kim Tao**

**Nobue Fujii**

**Mitsuyo Tao**  
**Donna/Grace Fujita**  
**Eileen Byers**  
**Jo Ann Vear**  
**Tea Hashimoto**  
**Yaeko Cross**  
**Pat Marr**

**Kitty Mizuno**

**Hisako Ando** of Ando Farms 13 bags of bell peppers

Thanks for coming to the Senior Center! It's important to stay active, visit with your friends, win bingo prizes, and have fun. Be sure to do your balance exercises three times a day.

See you next month!

#### October 2018 Schedule:

Thurs Oct 4	47 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration; <i>Imura</i> buffet 3:30 pm
Thurs Oct 11	Regular Bingo
Thurs Oct 18	October Birthday Party
Thurs Oct 25	Halloween & Bingo

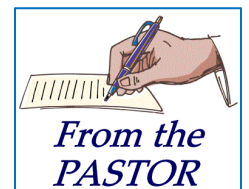
Please check out our Senior Center website to read the Senior Center News, see pictures of our Seniors in living color, and see our calendar of events:  
[kizukahallseniors.wordpress.com](http://kizukahallseniors.wordpress.com).

## WESTVIEW CHIMES

by **Leslie Nagata Garcia**

*"Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."-Jesus*  
*John 7:37-38*

This statement by Jesus, describes the heart of discipleship. A disciple is one who sits at the feet of another to learn and to be changed.



The concept of discipleship comes from education in ancient times in which a student would go and literally live with a teacher and learn. As Christians, we choose to sit at the feet of Jesus. We are given the privilege of living with and learning from Jesus, God Incarnate!! Amazing!! I believe discipleship is living passionately the love



affair with God—a loving relationship that fills us and spills over to others!

Discipleship is relationship, not religion!! It is daily prayer and connection with God in order to know God, and not to earn heaven, not to appease him, not to look good, not to follow the rules or be moral. May our spiritual activities be about knowing/seeing/experiencing God. We will be changed, radically changed, and live differently as we know God more deeply through prayer, the study of Scripture, the fellowship with believers, and risking to live a life of mission.

The early Christians were referred to as the people of “the Way”. There is a lot in that name. Christians at the beginning were associated with a particular pattern of life—A Way of Life. Their faith produced a discernible lifestyle and had clear social results.

They became a caring, sharing, and open community that was especially sensitive to the poor and outcast. Their refusal to kill, to recognize racial distinction, or bow down before the imperial deities was a matter of public knowledge.

Aristides described the Christians to the Roman emperor Hadrian in this way:

“They love one another! They never fail to help widows; they save orphans from those who would hurt them. If they have something they give freely to the man who has nothing; if they see a stranger, they take him home, and are happy, as though; he were a real brother. They don't consider themselves brothers in the usual sense, but brothers instead through the Spirit, in God.” (Jim Wallace)

On Sundays this Fall we are reflecting on 7 Characteristics of Vital Churches in order to work towards Revitalization—breathing new life into our church. The first Characteristic of a Vital Church is: LIFELONG Discipleship Formation vs. complacent “Christian” piety, simply teaching good morals, or offering the latest programs.

Here are the ways a vital church pursues discipleship for its members:

- An intentional plan for discipleship formation of all ages; from the cradle to the grave theology (including, but not limited to, family systems and intergenerational discipleship where applicable)
- A regular practice of Bible study, prayer, and

other spiritual habits, inside and outside where we gather

- Teaches rituals and faith traditions, biblical literacy and spiritual practices to all members
- Equips and empowers all people to interpret faith in daily life. It engages in, not hides from, difficult conversations of society and cultures today. (i.e. sexism, racism, classism, ageism, and all other “isms” that divide)
- Fostered environments of diversity which help enhance and deeply enrich biblical study, worship, and communal life

Faith — seeking understanding, cultivating wisdom, and actively following Christ in daily life. It is not an extra-curricular activity nor merely head-knowledge.

- Discipleship awakened and engaged in issues facing today's culture: injustice, inequality, divisive segregation, oppression, suffering, abuse of creation.
  - Emphasize Sabbath-keeping as a priority
- Have a strong culture of generosity
- How does our church help you grow in discipleship formation?

What can we/our church do better to nurture discipleship and lifelong discipleship?

How do you personally help others grow in discipleship?

The love, the life of discipleship, flows from the love affair, from the relationship with Christ, God Incarnate, then streams of living water will flow out from us! Yes us!

I pray we all can be swept up in God's love, and work together to do discipleship formation of each other and across all ages here at our church and in our community!

It is a joy to be on this journey with you. I appreciate you. I pray you will know God's embrace every step of the way.

Pastor Dan

**Memorial  
Service**

A **Memorial Service** will be held for **Kenny Matsui** on **October 6, 2018** at **11 am** at **Westview**.



Our **Annual Harvest Dinner** will be held on **November 3rd, 5 pm** at **Westview**.

The free will offering will support Puerto Rico Recovery and to support Julie Lonerio in her ministry to families of children with Sanfilippo Syndrome (MPS-III). Please bring a salad, dish or dessert and we will provide the delicious chicken teriyaki.

Come celebrate the harvest of God's goodness!!

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

*Westview Church Youth/Family Events:*

**Gym Nites** are **usually** the **1st** and **3rd** Fridays.

For October only one is scheduled: **October 5th, 5:30**

**– 8:00 pm, Westview**

*Sunday Message Series:* In mid-September we began a series on **"The 7 Marks of Congregational Vitality—breathing life into our lives and our church!"**

*What Westview is grateful for: Worship team for the beautiful music they lead us in.*



*Sheri often steps in to usher; Mario in for his visual and audio expertise and volunteering.*



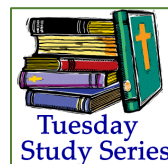
*And, to all who make our Sunday fellowsip hour delicious, we are grateful.*

*Tuesday Study Series:* Now held on Tuesdays, the **Study Series** has resumed on **every 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 4 pm** at **Paloma Del Mar, 2030 Pajaro Lane in Freedom**. We will continue 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 calendars for the following dates in October: **October 9th, October 23rd**

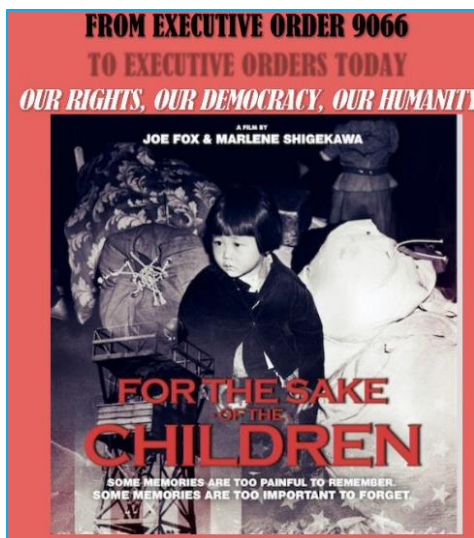
*Salvation Army Dinner:* We will resume serving Salvation Army meals in December. Westview participates in preparing and serving these meals every first Friday for the Salvation Army from December through April.

*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.





Now, more than 75 years after World War II, *For the Sake of the Children*, explores the legacy of the Japanese American incarceration, its impact on current generations who are descendants of families who were incarcerated and the complex interplay of culture, racial prejudice, history, and intergenerational

differences.

*For the Sake of the Children* captures the diverse voices of women who surmounted imprisonment, racial prejudice, displacement and resettlement. Mothers who gave birth to or raised children while incarcerated include: **Misako Shigekawa, Kiyo Yoshida** and **Kitako Izumizaki** (of Watsonville). They speak of putting aside their frustration and fear to provide for their children.

*For the Sake of the Children* follows the journeys of a variety of Japanese Americans from four generations in searching for their identity as Americans with a unique Japanese American heritage. These individuals reflect a cross section of society such as artists, politicians, preservationists, journalists, activists and young students.

**Marlene Shigekawa**, born in the Poston Concentration Camp, is the executive producer/co-director of *For the Sake of the Children*. With a grant from the **National Park Service, Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant Program**, the *Poston Community Alliance* began production with *Fly on the Wall Productions* in 2012. With a grant awarded in May 2014 from the **National Endowment for the Arts**, the film was lengthened to a one-hour documentary.

**The public is invited to participate in a screening and panel discussion of the new documentary film, "For the Sake of the Children," on October 28 (Sunday) at the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin, 640 N. 5<sup>th</sup> St., San Jose, CA 95112 at 4 pm. There is no admission fee for this screening although RSVPs are requested. Please text reservation to (925) 596-1770. Call today!**

The *Poston Community Alliance* is co-sponsoring the documentary with **Midori Kai, San Jose Betsuin** and the **Japanese American Museum of San Jose**.

Initially conceived to focus specifically on mothers who gave birth to and raised children while incarcerated at Poston, the documentary was eventually expanded to include family stories from other camps after the Alliance received a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. Previous screenings have been in Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco, Missoula, Montana, Fresno, Sacramento and Larkspur. Shigekawa produced the film with director **Joe Fox** and Directors of Photography, **James Nubile** and **Sean Dolan** of *Fly on the Wall Productions*.

The *Poston Community Alliance* works to preserve the stories, artifacts and historic structures of the concentration camp. The *Alliance* is currently leading an effort to stabilize original classrooms at the Poston Camp I Elementary School site and create a visitor center.

For more information about the film and the Poston Community Alliance, visit [www.forthesakeofchildren.org](http://www.forthesakeofchildren.org).

Panelists joining the post-screening discussion will include **Patty Tsubokawa Reeves** and **Stephanie Gillman**, cast members, and **Zahra Billoo**, Executive Director of the Council on American-Islamic. The moderator will be **Robert Handa**, news reporter, NBC Bay Area News.

## MONTEREY, CALIF. TO HOST "COURAGE AND COMPASSION: OUR SHARED STORY OF THE JAPANESE AMERICAN WWII EXPERIENCE"

*National GFBNEC Exhibition Unveils Little-Known Chapter of Monterey History*

**LOS ANGELES and MONTEREY, Calif. (Sept. 10, 2018)-**

The Monterey Peninsula JACL will host "Courage and Compassion: Our Shared Story of the Japanese American World War II Experience" at the historic **Casa Gutierrez at 590 Calle Principal in Monterey from September 22 to October 27, 2018, open Thursday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** For more information, please visit [www.jaclmonterey.org](http://www.jaclmonterey.org)

The national exhibit, sponsored by Go For Broke National Education Center in Los Angeles, reveals little-known stories of bravery and conscience among local Monterey residents during and after the turbulent days of World War II.

Funded in part by a grant from the National Park Service, "Courage and Compassion" covers events from the attack on Pearl Harbor to the fateful decision to incarcerate Japanese Americans in wartime camps to the postwar fight for redress. Visitors will learn about the Nisei (second-generation Japanese American) WWII experience and its legacy, engage with questions about what courage looks like during a time of crisis and consider the relevance to today's society.

Before WWII, Monterey was a thriving community with large numbers of Sicilian and Japanese American fishermen and farmers who worked side by side as neighbors and friends. Young Japanese residents learned Sicilian and Sicilians learned Japanese, often while playing baseball together at the diamond located across the street from the local JACL hall. When Japanese American families were forced to leave in 1942 during the mass incarceration of approximately 120,000 Japanese Americans, some locals reached out to their friends, helping to protect their homes, businesses or belongings for the duration of the war.

More than 440 Monterey residents signed a public petition urging kindness and civility towards returning Japanese Americans. Among the signers of that petition were some remarkable names—Nobel laureate **John Steinbeck**, famed photographer Edward Weston, biologist **Ed Ricketts**. This extraordinary petition was rediscovered recently by local historian **Tim Thomas**; the history of this unusual act of conscience has been largely forgotten in Monterey.

## WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE ICHIMI



### The Temple's October calendar:

Tues., Oct. 2 – Board Meeting, 7:30 pm  
Thurs, Oct. 4 – ABA Meeting, 10:00 am  
Sun., Oct. 7 – Sunday Service/Shotsuki  
Hoyo/Hatsumairi/Dharma Youth Program,  
10:00 am

Fri., Oct. 12 – Movie Night. Show times at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm. **"The Samurai I Loved"** (Semishigure) was Japan's Academy Award winner in 2006 for Best Picture and Best Director.

Sun., Oct. 14 - Sunday Service/BWA Eshinni & BWA Memorial Service @ 10:00 am, Guest Speaker:

**Rev. Yugo Fujita** from Salinas (in Japanese)

Sun., Oct. 21 and Oct. 28 – Sunday Service, 10:00 am  
Rev. Shinseki will be in Japan from 10/15 to 10/29.

**Temple Office will be closed during this two-week period.** During Rev.'s absence, please contact **Perry Yoshida** at (831) 239-7540 for any emergencies.

### Shotsuki Hoyo memorial service on Sunday, October 7 at 10 am

Akiyoshi, Masao	Aoki, Sharon Harumi
Arao, Phyllis	Chihara, Mitsuye
Fujii, Masayuki	Fujimoto, Suyeno
Haneta, Atae	Hayashida, Miyeko
Hayashida, Yaye	Higaki, Bengo
Hirahara, Tommy	Hiwatashi, Jioji
Iizushita, Tsuruko	Ikeda, Kazuo
Kadotani, Masataka	Kikuchi, Hisato
Kimura, Yoshiko	Kobara, Kathy
Kohara, Yoshihiro	Kowaki, Glenn
Mametsuka, Tom	Manabe, Masako
Manabe, Tsugiyue Dorothy	Matano, Yoshino
Mayeda, Kazue	Mine, Elizabeth Libby
Mino, Tadashi	Nagata, Reichi
Nakahara, Yoshiyo	Nakamura, Betty
Nakamura, Kazume	Nakamura, Tadao
Nishita, Dennis	Nishita, Wayne
Nitao, Kuniyoshi	Nitta, Fred
Phillips, Susan	Tsukino Itaya
Sasano, Fuyu	Shibata, Matsue
Shirachi, Masajiro	Sumida, Mamoru
Suzuki, Fumiko	Tada, Hana
Tada, Kazue	Tada, Richard
Taniguchi, Sadakichi	Tao, Minoru
Tao, Shigeo	Tao, Tom Tamotsu
Teshima, Chiyoko	Teshima, Takeshi
Tsudama, Masato	Tsuji, Frank
Yamashita, Masayuki	Yamashita, Miye
Yamashita, Tokizo	Yorita, Tsunesaburo
Yoshida, Goro	

The Temple was fortunate to have hosted the **Tohoku Jazz Benefit with Otonowa**, feature **Akira Tana** and **Art Hirahara**. It was a wonderful event, and the music was fabulous. Special thanks to **Ryoko Kozuki** who was instrumental in her artistic planning in transforming the temple hall into a special **night-club atmosphere** and to the wonderful committee who helped with the event set-up.

Thanks also to all the temple members who helped make this event such a memorable experience.

**Barbara Shingai**, Temple President.



The dedicated crew of the **Tohoku Jazz Benefit Concert**: (photo below) front: **Kim Yoshida, Nancy Kuratomi, Phyllis Nagamine, JoAnn Kato, Barbara Shingai, Tracey Haneta**. Back Row: **Dean Sakae, Jean Yamashita, Lisa Sakae, Tad Kato, Susan Uyematsu, Perry Yoshida, Jane Shinseki, Lori Yoshida, Ryoko Kozuki, Sheryl Wobber, and Rev. Jay Shinseki**.



The Jazz Benefit Concert on September 1<sup>st</sup> was well-attended, and thanks to their generosity several thousand dollars were raised.





The concert pianist is **Art Hirahara**. The drummer is **Akira Tana**; Sax **Mas Koga**; bass player **Ken Okada**; and son **Kenta Okada** sang with his mother who is holding the mic.



The Hirahara-Tao families celebrated with Art Hirahara.



**Rev. Sala Sekiya** of Garden Buddhist Temple speaking at the *Ohigan* service in Monterey on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Photo, courtesy of **Richard Uyematsu**.

The **Chicken Teriyaki Take-Out Dinner** will be reported in the November 2018 issue. Thank you!

## DONATIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED ...

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**Jane Sugidono**

In memory of **George Tanimasa** from ...

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**Henry Izumizaki of Gig Harbor, WA**

**The SF Foundation. We are grateful for this most generous annual donation.**

## WHY JOIN OUR W-SC JACL?

Our W-SC JACL is blessed with dedicated board members and members who voluntarily serve our community. No one associated with our non-profit organization/chapter is a paid employee. They are dedicated to our JACL mission of social justice and civil rights for all.

You are welcome to attend our board meetings held on the fourth Thursday of the month (except in Nov. and Dec.) at the Tokushige Kizuka JACL Hall, 150 Blackburn St in Watsonville at 6:30 pm. We also encourage you to become a member of our board.

**If you are not now a member of the National JACL, please consider joining our W-SC JACL chapter. We will do our best to serve you and our local community.**

If you are a JACL member, please encourage family members, relatives and friends to join us. We are a 501 (c) (3) non-profit, educational, civil rights organization, and our tax-deductible federal ID is #94-2659895.

**And, a grateful "thank you" to those who renew before the expiration month of their membership!**

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 social justice and for civil rights for all.

Current members, please look at the date after your name on the address label. **E. Txxxx 4/18** means 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 **October 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**

**PLEASE VOTE ON ELECTION DAY!**

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

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

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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).