

WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL

“The Bridge 橋”

The Voice of Our Community

帰り道を急ぐ傍ら ふと見ると桜の木に花が。
どこからかトルティーヤの匂いも漂ってきた。

Anxious to get home,

I pass a blooming cherry--

and smell tortillas.

- Haiku by Bob Gómez

“Translation by Hiromi Ushimaru-sensei, my friend

and first Japanese language teacher”

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We would like to thank those who have generously donated since our last issue. It is through your constant support that we continue to be a vibrant part of our community.

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**The next issue of The Bridge will be out
August 2019. See you then!**

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WATSONVILLE - SANTA CRUZ JACL UPDATE

Upcoming JACL Calendar of Events

Monthly chapter board meetings are held on the fourth Thursday (except in November and December) at the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL Kizuka Hall, 150 Blackburn Street, Watsonville, CA 95076 starting at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to attend. (Note: May's meeting had to be rescheduled to May 16, 2019.)

May 18	Friends & Family of Nisei Veterans Annual Memorial Service
June 8	Japanese Cultural Fair (Come visit us at our JACL booth!)
June 22	JACL Community Picnic
July 31-Aug 4	JACL National Convention - For more see https://www.convention2019.jacl.org

The JACL NCWNP District Gala 2019 Fundraiser: **Daruma Award** - *By Marcia Hashimoto*

Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL members enjoyed celebrating the honorees, especially our own Jeanette Otsuji Hager, at the Northern California Western Nevada Pacific District (NCWNP) Daruma Award Luncheon on April 6, 2019 in Danville, CA.

As presented in our March 2019 newsletter, Jeanette epitomizes the characteristics represented by the Daruma of persevering and moving forward with commitment despite any challenges that one may encounter.

NCWNP Governor and Daruma Gala Committee chair, Carol Kawase, recognized chapters' unsung heroes for their dedication in support of the goals and mission of the JACL.



Sitting (left to right):

Nancy Ukai (Berkeley), Utako Kimura (Florin), Nancy Mune Whiteside (Placer), Heidi Sakazaki (Florin), Ted Kitayama (Eden Township), Soyo Takahashi (Contra Costa)

Standing (left to right):

Sharon Uyeda (San Jose), Paul Kitagaki Jr. (Sacramento) Roger Fujii and Teresa Connelly (Sacramento) (son and daughter of Toko Fujii), Jeanette (W/SC), Aeko Yoshikawa (Stockton)

Jana Katsuyama of KTVU Channel 2 News was the Mistress of Ceremonies, Mas Hashimoto led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Elena DeLacy, Executive Director of the American River Conservancy, was the keynote speaker. Ms. DeLacy has written successful grant proposals that have provided over \$4 million in funding for the acquisition and restoration of the Wakamatsu Farm known as the Wakamatsu Tea and Silk Colony in Placerville, CA. This was the first Japanese Colony created in 1869, two decades before Japanese immigration to the United States was formally allowed.

Once again, congratulations to Jeanette. W-SC JACL is extremely grateful for her untiring efforts and sincere commitment to our organization and community.

National JACL Scholarship and Watsonville-Santa Cruz Chapter Scholarships

Scholarships will be awarded at the JACL Community Picnic
on Saturday, June 22, 2019
during the JACL Annual Community Picnic at Aptos Village Park.

FRIENDS & FAMILY OF NISEI VETERANS - Memorial Service - *By Brian Shiroyama*

The Friends and Family of Nisei Veterans (FFNV) will host its annual memorial tribute on May 18 (Armed Forces Day) at Roberts Park in Oakland Hills, Oakland, CA. The program will start at 12:00 noon. A potluck picnic will follow. Entry into the parking area will be free by informing the gate associate that you are attending the memorial service. Dress warmly and wear comfortable shoes. The service site can be found by following the sound of patriotic music permeating through majestic redwood trees. If you need more information, please contact Brian Shiroyama at bshiroyama@gmail.com or (408) 896-1021 (texting preferred).

KOKORO NO GAKKO - *By Zooney Jo and Irene Potter, Registration Committee*

Please join us for the annual summer session of Kokoro no Gakko!! Registration is still open and will close on May 31st. Please note that 2nd and 4th grade classes are now closed and that other classes may be filled up before May 31st so please register as soon as possible to secure a spot for your child.

Kindergarteners (who have completed kindergarten by June 2019) through 6th graders may enroll. The session is between June 24 through July 3, 2019, Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple. The cost is \$275.00 per child. Please visit our website for more information on how to register: <http://www.kokoronogakko.org>. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Registration at kokoronogakkowatsonville@gmail.com. Thank you.

MEDICAL THOUGHT - Always check with your medical professional - *By Joanne Hayashi, PharmD*

Medicines can help us feel better, keep us healthy, and possibly help us to live longer. But if they are taken incorrectly or mixed with certain medications (prescription or nonprescription), supplements, or foods they can cause harm.

Here are some tips to receive optimal benefits from your medicines and lower your chances of side effects:

- Tell your doctor and pharmacist all the medicines you take including nonprescription medicines, vitamins, herbal and other supplements.
- Report any allergic reactions or problems that you have had in the past with medicines.
- It is important to disclose if you are pregnant, might become pregnant, or are breastfeeding as some medicines can harm the baby.
- If any new medicines are being prescribed to you, ask your doctor and pharmacist for the name of the medicine, what it is for, and how to take it correctly.
- Ask the pharmacist for the ideal time to take the medicine (i.e. with or without food); what side effects or allergic reaction to watch for; if there are any interactions with other medicines, foods, alcohol; how to properly store the medicine; and if there are any special directions for use.
- Do not hesitate to tell your pharmacist if you have any problems with your medications such as having problems swallowing, reading labels, remembering to take your medicines, or other concerns.

ONWARD! - *By Mas Hashimoto*

[Recently, I was invited to speak for 20 minutes to Watsonville Rotary Club.]

Thank you for the invitation to speak to you today.

Two years ago, at a train station in Scotland I noticed beautiful flowers in planter boxes. They were donated by the local Rotary Club.

At the Franich Park (in Watsonville), I've admired the trees planted by your Rotary to enhance the beauty of our community. "Service Above Self." Thank you.

And, thank you for your work in the eradication of polio in the world. When I was in the top-secret Chemical Section of 6th Army Headquarters in the late 1950s, we were working with dead polio viruses. We learned the Russians were working with live polio viruses to be used as a possible weapon of mass destruction.

How many of you were born and raised in Watsonville? Show of hands please. How many of you graduated from WHS? How many of you have visited Japan?

A brief history of the Japanese in our country.

Let's begin with the Tokugawa Shogunate, 1600 to 1868. Ieyasu Tokugawa unified Japan, and there was over 250 years of peace. Japan isolated itself. No Japanese was to leave. If they did, they were declared dead. If they returned, they were put to death. Foreigners, Americans included, who shipwrecked in Japan were put to death.

There were, of course, exceptions to contacts with the outside world with China and with the Portuguese where one ship annually could trade at Nagasaki. Tempura – deep fat frying—is Portuguese.

Catholicism was introduced but was considered a threat to the Shogunate. Hiroshima and Nagasaki were to become the two centers of Christianity in Japan.

Tokugawa's: what do you do with samurais when there's no fighting? You make them teachers of art, culture, industry, banking, and science.

After Adm. Perry's arrival in Japan in 1853 (Japan was also thought to have plenty of coal, and would, therefore, serve as a coaling station for US steam ships), there followed a civil war between the Shogunate and the Emperor, and the Emperor's forces won.

Japan decides to westernize for it saw what the imperial European powers were doing to Africa, Asia and elsewhere- French Morocco, Belgian Congo, India, Dutch East Indies, West Indies, French Indo China, Hong Kong, Macao. The US had its Manifest Destiny and took Hawaii, Guam, and the Philippines.

Japan sent their best students to study abroad. Who had the best navy? The British. The best army? French, but then they lost a war to the Prussians. Learn the German language. Industry? The United States. Government? Oh, no, not the US. The American form of a republic was a curiosity but not for Japan. European powers had constitutional monarchies with a Parliament.

Japan, too, will adopt an imperialist policy.

Soon, industrial Japan had a surplus population. They will emigrate for the US and several Central and Latin American countries. There are more of Japanese ancestry living in Brazil than the US.

Japan adopted a policy of compulsory education to the ninth grade. Many who emigrated here had college degrees.

The first colony in America, north of Placerville, was the Wakamatsu Silk and Tea Colony of 1868—150 years ago. It failed. A young girl, only 19 years old, Okei Ito, was the first Japanese to be buried in the United States. Her tombstone is revered by all of us. My mother always cried when she heard the name "Okei-san" because she understood the hardships of a teenager living in a strange country.

My father and his first wife arrived in 1899 in Hawaii. The US had just taken Hawaii away from the Hawaiians in 1898. The work in the sugar fields was so hard, his first wife divorced him and returned to Japan.

Brokenhearted, he left Honolulu on the SS Alameda for SF on the day of the SF earthquake, April 18, 1906.

My mother, a "picture bride," married my father in 1914 when she got off the boat in SF, seeing him for the first time. They were to have 7 sons. I'm the 7th and the only one remaining.

Watsonville's Japantown was already established by 1914, and it included those living and working in Pajaro ... into Monterey County.

The first known Japanese here in 1885 was **Sakuzo Kimura** who spoke some English. He might have been from Nagasaki and a Catholic. He organized a labor force. When he died in 1900, he was buried in the Catholic cemetery on Freedom Blvd. The Japanese laborers worked where the Chinese left off ... first in the railroad and lumber industries. Later, they engaged in agriculture.

At first, Japanese workers were cheated out of wages and hours by the growers and others. Next time, they didn't work as hard. Emperor Meiji heard that Japanese workers did not have a very good reputation. He decreed that all will work diligently and fulfill any and all contracts regardless.

The Issei (immigrants—first generation) formed a **Japanese Association** for mutual benefit. There were dues and a paid secretary. The dues were often spent on funeral expenses. Monthly contributions were required. The Association was a “bank” where members could borrow since local banks wouldn't lend any money.

The center of Japantown is where Burger King on Main Street today is located. The area flooded often. The whites lived first on Maple Ave and later on East Beach Street. These houses are very ornate. Several were designed by William Weeks. The police station was located at 231 Union Street, in Japantown. We've always had a friendly working relationship with the police chiefs.

On lower Main Street, mixed together with Chinese businesses, were Japanese restaurants, pool hall, laundry, photo studio, boarding houses, drug store, grocery stores, auto shop, barber shops and other businesses.

The Japanese Presbyterian Church was located where the Salvation Army is situated on Union Street. It moved to the west side on First Street in 1929 and changed its name to Westview Presbyterian Church.

It's older than the Buddhist Temple which was built on the corner of Union and Bridge (now Riverside) streets in 1906. In 1956, the city required it relocate because of parking requirements. It is located now at the corner of Blackburn and Bridge Streets. Visitors from other cities are surprised that our Temple isn't protected by high security fences. In 2017, the Temple celebrated its 110th anniversary on November 4th.

The Japanese community hall—Toyo Hall and Japanese language school--was located near the Union Street entrance to Burger King. There's one redwood tree left that the Japanese Association planted, dedicated to education. There was also a baseball field on the corner of Union and Front Streets.

The Japanese Association, following Japan's donation of cherry trees to Washington, DC, donated hundreds of cherry trees to the city and to the schools of Watsonville. During WW II, many trees were vandalized. Upon our return, only three had remained—one at Watsonville High and two at Mintie White. This winter, the last tree died at Mintie White. I donated a tree to replace the one at WHS but it, too, had been vandalized. We're waiting to see whether it will survive.

The Japanese Association participated in Watsonville's 4th of July parades in the 1930s with floats to show their appreciation and patriotism.

In the mid-1930s, there was a Japanese graduate student ... of Meiji University ... studying at the University of Southern California. During the summer months, he stayed at the Hayashi boarding house on First Street, and my father fed him like a member of our family. He enjoyed his summer break here and learned of our history and struggles. He worked in the fields. He learned social dancing. He appreciated the American lifestyle. I was an infant, but this story was told over and over by my family members.

He returned to Japan in 1937 and was elected to the Parliament. He ran against Hideki Tojo's militaristic party and won! During WW II, he was under house arrest for his pro-America views. After the war, assisted by Kan Abe, grandfather to the current Prime Minister of Japan Shinzo Abe, he was elected 19 times to the Parliament and served in ten different cabinet positions, including Foreign Minister, before becoming the **Prime Minister of Japan** in 1974.

Which Prime Minister of Japan once lived in Watsonville? **Takeo Miki**, nicknamed “Mr. Clean.” He tried to clean up his political party and the government from corruption, most notably the bribery scandals by the Lockheed Corporation of California. Alas, he was to serve only one term.

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, it was said in the newspapers, other tabloids, the entertainment field (movies), patriotic organizations (Daughters of the American Revolution and Native Sons of the Golden West, Elks Clubs), some churches, and most certainly by politicians that “The Japanese race is an alien race which can never be assimilated into the American Way of Life. There's nothing of value of Japanese culture.”

To make sure we didn't assimilate, laws were passed against Asian immigrants. It was done to the Chinese in 1882 with the Exclusion Act, and to the Japanese in 1924. To make sure we didn't stay here—Asian immigrants could not own property, Asians could not marry whites; and Asians could not become citizens of the United States. It took a century to have these laws repealed or overturned.

There's nothing of value of Japanese culture? Sushi, tofu, teriyaki, sake, sashimi. taiko, ikebana, bonsai, karate, haiku, origami, karaoke, Zen, and others? The Japanese added their love of nature, harmony, honor, loyalty, never to bring shame to the family, yourself and community.

In the late 1930s and early 1940s, one-third of the graduates of Watsonville High School were Japanese Americans. Today, perhaps just one.

Once the Japanese population in the US was the largest among Asians, but now, the Chinese, Koreans, Vietnamese, Filipinos, and Indians from India (they are Caucasians) out number us in this country.

Watsonville is famous among Japanese Americans for many families got their start here. After our wartime incarceration, only a third returned to Watsonville. Many were welcomed in Minnesota, Illinois, New Jersey, and New York.

Of over 100 chapters, our Watsonville-Santa Cruz chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League is the 4th largest in the nation. Only Portland, Seattle and Chicago JACLs are larger.

Today, only **Yamashita Market** on Union Street and **H&S Garage** on First Street remains of Japantown. Of the 46 Japantowns in California, there's only 3 left—San Jose, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. Santa Cruz never had a Japantown.

For more information, please refer to **Sandy Lydon's** "The Japanese in the Monterey Bay Region" 1997 and **Eleanor Johnson's** "The Japanese and Japanese Americans in the Pajaro Valley," 1967.

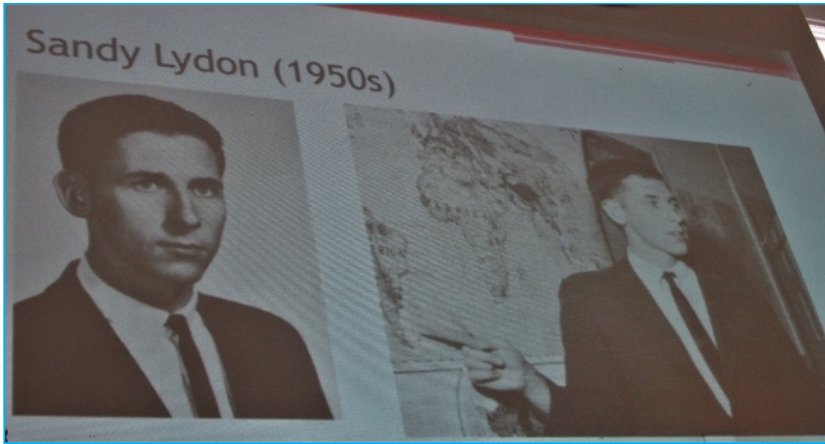
Here, we live quiet lives in harmony, peace, respect for others and the love of nature. Loyalty and devotion to family, friends and community service are high on our list of duty.

Thank you for inviting me to speak about a part of Watsonville's history.

"Onward!" -*Mas Hashimoto*

SANDY LYDON IS A "HALL OF FAMER"!

Congratulations to **Sandy Lydon** who, on April 23, 2019, was inducted into the "Hall of Fame" by the Baler Education Foundation at the San Juan Oaks Golf Course Clubhouse in Hollister, CA. The stated mission of the Baler Education Foundation is to provide resources through community partnerships, to support and enhance educational programs and opportunities in the San Benito High School District.



Sandy Lydon, *Historian Emeritus* of Cabrillo Community College, is a graduate of San Benito County High (Class of 1957). San Benito County High School is better known as "Hollister High," and Sandy wore his varsity letterman's sweater featuring a red block "H." He lettered in several sports but was most proud of his championship baseball team where he was the star pitcher.

An academic scholar in both science and math, Sandy wisely changed his major to history at the University of California at Davis for his BA degree and later to Sacramento State for his Master's. He received a full scholarship, 1965-1966, to attend the prestigious East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii on East Asia History and the Japanese language.

Always a leader--as a student, he was Class President in his junior year at UC Davis. As an Elk Grove high school teacher, he served as faculty association president, and as a Cabrillo College instructor he was elected President of the Faculty Senate and held other important faculty chairmanships.

In the late 1980s and early 1990s, he was seen on KCBA-TV as host and writer of "Backyard Adventures" (a regional 30 minutes show), and as the "Weather Dude," he forecasted the weather on its "Evening News."



As the “History Dude,” he was the consulting agent in 2000 for **Ken Burns Productions**, PBS series on “The American West”; 2002 Washington, D. C. **Smithsonian Institution** exhibit, “America on the Move, specific to the Santa Cruz Railroad, 1876”; 2002 Master of Ceremonies of the reenactment in Watsonville, entitled, “**Liberty Lost ... Lessons in Loyalty**”; 2007 co-chair of the symposium celebrating the movie, “**Vertigo**,” filmed in San Juan Bautista; 2007-2010 consultant for the Monterey County Redevelopment on this historical interpretation for the **Castroville Japanese School**; and 2008-2010, co-director for the historical elements of the **California Agricultural Workers History Center** in the Watsonville City Library.

His publications are sought and enjoyed: 1978 with **Carolyn Swift**, *Soquel Landing to Capitola-by-the-Sea*; 1985 *Chinese Gold: The History of the Chinese in the Monterey Bay Region*; 1997 *The Japanese in the Monterey Bay Region: A Brief History*; 2001 (with **Michael Barbour et al**) *Coast Redwoods: A Natural and Cultural History*; and 2002 co-author, *Chinese Dreams: The Life and Photographs of George Lee*. As a columnist, his articles have delighted readers of the *Watsonville Register-Pajaronian* and the *Santa Cruz Sentinel*.

His work and service has been appreciated by many, including: 1974 and again 2000 Santa Cruz County *College Teacher of the Year* by readers of the *Good Times* (publication); 1981 *Man of the Year* by Aptos Chamber of Commerce; 1986 *Special Award* by Chinese American Citizens Alliance, Salinas; 1987 *Doc Ricketts Memorial Award* by NOAA and the Monterey Aquarium, and Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL’s highest award, *The Mike Masaoka Japanese American Creed Award* for his work on our history and National JACL’s redress and reparations; 1999 *Person of the Century* by the Aptos Chamber of Commerce; 2000 *Cabrillo College’s Teaching Excellent Award*; 2008 *Community Hero Award* by Santa Cruz County United Way; 2012 first ever *Distinguished Historian Award*, History Forum, Museum of Art and History, Santa Cruz; 2014 *Paul Harris Fellow* by Rotary International; and 2014 *Sapphire Pin Award*, Monterey Peninsula JACL.

The *History Dude* is the best known, the most highly respected, and most beloved teacher in the entire Monterey Bay region for his continuing service, devotion, leadership and accomplishments. We are indeed fortunate that Sandy continues to serve our Monterey Bay community with distinction.

Finally, Sandy is a “Hall of Famer!” Well, it’s about time! Thank you, Hollister High Haybalers!

Congratulations, Sandy!

-Mas Hashimoto

SENIOR CORNER - March Senior Center News

By Carol Kaneke and Jean Yamashita

Photos by Carol Kaneke, Kimiko Marr, Kiyoko Sakaue, and Jean Yamashita

The Seniors were puzzled as they entered Kizuka Hall on March 7th: The tables were covered with newspaper and bowls of dirt and grass seed were arranged on each table. “Surprise! We’re making grass heads today!” greeted our craft leader, **Susan AmRhein**. **Susan** made two delightful sample grass heads and brought a variety of supplies for folks to use on their projects.



The Seniors were excited and enthusiastic as they began “potting” their heads and giving their creations unique personalities. It was fun watching the “heads” come to life. **Susan** kindly took the colorful collection of grass heads home to water and care for. On March 21st, **Susan AmRhein** brought the sprouting grass heads back to the Senior Center where they were displayed for everyone to admire. The Seniors were eager to see what their creations looked like with their new grassy hairdos – you couldn’t help but smile when you saw all the whimsical personalities of the grass heads.

Thank you so much, **Susan AmRhein**, for leading and providing supplies for this fun craft project! Thank you to the Seniors for participating in our first craft event!



On March 7th and 21st, Chie Sakaue brought lovely flowers for everyone. Thank you, Mrs. Sakaue!



March 7th also welcomed back Satoko Yamamoto and Nobuko Akiyama. Wonderful to see Nobuko Akiyama, Chie Sakaue, and Satoko Yamamoto back at the Senior Center!



Jim Kawamoto also joined us on March 7th with Rubie Kawamoto – so nice to see you, Mr. Kawamoto!



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

It was truly a "green scene" at Kizuka Hall on March 14th as many of the Seniors dressed in green outfits and adorned themselves with assorted green accessories in celebration of St. Paddy's Day. The Seniors then participated in a wee bit of fun – solving a leprechaun word puzzle after finding their random teammates. It was quite a lively scene!

Congratulations to winning team: **Teruko Hirahara, Judy Hane, Kitty Mizuno, Franz Steidl**



Many thanks to **Susan AmRhein** for treating the Seniors to yummy mint ice cream with shamrock cookie and providing "green" decorations (e.g., green necklaces, cute St. Patrick's Day bear).



What a wonderful surprise to see **Nancy and Marvin Mattson** at the Senior Center on March 14th! They generously brought *senbei* for all the Seniors – thank you so very much! **Nancy and Marvin Mattson** also asked if anyone had any historical information regarding **Charlie Iwami's** barber shop – if you do, please contact them.



Toshi Yamashita and Nancy Mattson



March Birthdays were celebrated on March 21st. March honorees were Hideko Nagamine (98), Ruby Nakamura (94), and Chie Sakaue. Absent were Kimiyo Fujii (93), Yae Sakamoto (93), and Louise Sako (102). Manju was presented to the 90+ birthday honorees. Chiyeko Sakaue generously paid for the March birthday cake – thank you, Mrs. Sakaue! Thank you to Teruko Hirahara for providing all the lovely flowers that decorated the tables.



It was terrific to see Nobue Fujii and Connie Dimas back at the Senior Center!



Also on March 21st, the Seniors were surprised with delicious bento boxes from **Hideko Nagamine** in celebration of her 98th birthday! **Janet Nagamine** with her daughter **Jaime** brought the bento boxes and distributed to the Seniors who were thrilled to receive the wonderful treat! Thank you so much to the **Nagamine family** for their generous gift!



Hideko Nagamine with her daughter, Janet, and granddaughter, Jaime

On March 21st, the Senior Center had its first origami class. We tried making the crane (“*tsuru*”) which was a difficult assignment, but folks were diligent and patient and worked thru the intricate folds. (Thank you to all who participated; special thanks to the volunteer instructors!)



Eiko Stewart teaching Yoshiko Nishihara, Eiko Nishihara, Eileen Byers, Sunao Honda, and Haru Ishibashi how to make the origami *tsuru*.



On March 28th, several Seniors brought origami *tsuru* for the “*Tsuru for Solidarity*” effort. “*Tsuru for Solidarity*” was a national effort led by the Crystal City Pilgrimage Committee to invite Japanese Americans across the country to a nonviolent protest of the incarceration of immigrant children and families separated at the South Texas Family Residential Center in Dilley, Texas on March 30th.



Kimiko Marr is coordinator of the Crystal City Pilgrimage Committee and delivered the Seniors' tsuru to Dilley, Texas on March 30th.

On March 28th, **Carol Kaneko** taught the origami class how to make origami butterflies. The butterflies were fairly simple to make and came out lovely with the colorful origami paper that **Eileen Byers** supplied. (Thank you very much, **Carol** and **Eileen**!)

On April 11th from noon to 1 pm, interested Seniors will gather for a crochet workshop. Please join us!

We have many talented Seniors so the hope is to have a variety of workshops in the future to share and learn new skills. If you have a craft suggestion for our Seniors, please let **Susan AmRhein** or **Jean Yamashita** know. Thank you!

A get well card was circulated for **Patricia Marr**. We hope she will be feeling better soon!

SENIOR TRIPS

Table Mountain here we come! At last, it was March 27th, and 39 enthusiastic Seniors and guests boarded the bus to Table Mountain. It was a rather dreary day, but inside the bus, it was a very merry scene. Friends and family happily socialized while an endless stream of delicious goodies was distributed. Treats were generously donated by: **Jean Akiyama, Sharon Bobo, Vergi Cael and Mina Ehlers, Lani Chin, Yaeko Cross, Paul/Carol Kaneko, Rubie Kawamoto, Cindy/Gary Mine, Eiko Nishihara, Yoshiko Nishihara, Fumi Tanimasa, Mitsuyo/ Paul/Kim Tao, Iwao/Jean Yamashita, Jackie Yamashita, and Toshi Yamashita** – thank you so much for the donations! When we arrived at Table Mountain, passengers promptly received their \$15 free bonus play money and \$5 food vouchers and scurried into the casino as a light rain began to fall. Seniors and guests proceeded to enjoy the afternoon searching for lucky slot machines/tables and/or relaxing/eating/chatting with friends. All too soon, it was time to return home. Many folks were tuckered out and soon fell asleep on the bus while others watched the basketball movie “Hoosiers”. Andersen’s Pea Soup in Santa Nella turned out to be a pleasant change from our usual break stops. Special thanks to trip helpers **Rubie Kawamoto** (trip signups/payments), **Carol Kaneko** and **Toshi Yamashita** (trip treasurers), **Cindy Mine** (trip nurse), **Jean Yamashita** (trip coordinator) and other helpful trip volunteers: **Paul Kaneko, Gary Mine, Kim Tao, Jackie Yamashita**. Finally, a big “Thank you!” to all the Seniors and guests for joining us on this trip!

The Seniors have booked an Elkhorn Slough nature tour aboard a pontoon boat on Tuesday, April 23rd. The boat seats 26 passengers and is currently full. We do have a waiting list in case of cancellations. Cost is \$30 which includes gratuity for the boat captain and naturalist. Hoping to see many baby otters!

If you are interested or have questions regarding this trip, please contact **Jean Yamashita** (email: jeanyamashita@yahoo.com, cell: 408-813-6539).

Kimiko Marr is leading a pilgrimage to Rohwer/Jerome on April 11-13, 2019. The pilgrimage will take place in Little Rock, Arkansas with visits to the Japanese American Internment Museum in McGehee and the Rohwer and Jerome internment sites. If interested in this pilgrimage, please contact **Kimiko Marr**: kimiko.marr@gmail.com.

BEWARE OF PHONE SCAM!

Franz Steidl warned the Seniors of a phone scam: The caller claims to be police officer and threatens to arrest the person unless he/she pays money – this is a hoax. Authentic police officers do NOT call asking for money. If you do not recognize the person on the phone, do NOT give out any personal information or money.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to our March *toban*, **Angie Guzman, Judy Hane, and Mary Perez. Iwao Yamashita** was in charge of opening up this month. Thanks to all our members who thoughtfully help out whenever needed!

My extreme apologies to **Haru Ishibashi** for forgetting to mention her monetary donation in February! Sorry, **Mrs. Ishibashi** and thank you for your generous donation!

Monetary donations for the month of March gratefully received from: **Chie Sakaue, Carol Kaneko, Eiko Ceremony, Susan Merchant, and Hide Nagamine.** Special donations from: **Chie Sakaue, Chiyoko Yagi, and Frances Schwamm.** All donations are very much appreciated!

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. It's been a rainy spring so far so try to stay warm and dry (wash, wash, wash your hands) and try to stay active – remember to do your balance exercises three times a day!

SENIOR CORNER - April Senior Center News

By Carol Kaneko and Jean Yamashita

Photos by Mas Hashimoto, Carol Kaneko, and Jean Yamashita

HAPPY HANAMATSURI

[Many thanks to Imura Restaurant for providing the delicious buffet for the Hanamatsuri event on April 4th! Sincere apologies to Imura Restaurant for using some non-Imura chopsticks for the event which caused confusion as to who provided the meal.]

On April 4th, the Senior Center celebrated Hanamatsuri (Buddha's birthday). Several members of the Watsonville Buddhist Temple joined us for this event:

From the Watsonville Buddhist Temple: **Reverend Jay Shinseki, Barbara Shingai**



From the Watsonville Buddhist Women's Association (BWA): Kiiiko Akiyama, Aiko Nitao, Itsuko Okamoto, Riiko Yoshida.





Reverend Shinseki began the festivities by providing an informative and entertaining talk about Hanamatsuri (thank you, **Sensei!**).

We then honored our inspiring 90 and above Seniors with a beautiful succulent plant from "Flowers By Toshi". The huge yummy cake was provided by the BWA (thank you, BWA!).

Seniors 90 and over: **Iwao Yamashita (91), Hideko Nagamine (98), Ruby Nakamura (94), Haru Ishibashi (93), Yaeko Cross (92), Rubie Kawamoto (92), Yoshiko Nishihara (91)**

Absent: **Masako Miura (104), Louise Sako (102), Haruko Yoshii (101), Mitzi Katsuyama (98), Chiyoko Yagi (98), Tea Hashimoto (98), Michiko Hamada (97), Akira Kodama (97), Grace Fujita (94), Eiko Ceremony (94), Sam Sakamoto (94), Chiyeko Shikuma (94), Kimiyo Fujii (93), Yae Sakamoto (93), Akira Nagamine (93), Satoko Yamamoto (93), Eiko Nishihara (92), Jim Kawamoto (92), Hisako Uemura (91), Mitsuko Ruble (90).**



The Hanamatsuri program continued with a rare Shigin performance by **Itaru Nitao** and **Sadao Matsunami** (thank you, **Mr. Nitao** and **Mr. Matsunami!**). If you are interested in learning Shigin, **Itaru Nitao** (Shigin teacher) holds a workshop every Monday from 1-3 pm at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple.

Following the impressive Shigin performance, the very talented **Sadao Matsunami** sang a couple of contemporary Japanese songs. The melodic tunes were lovely and meaningful, and the audience was entranced by the performance (thank you, **Mr Matsunami!**). A small token of appreciation was then presented to **Reverend Shinseki, Itaru Nitao, and Sadao Matsunami.**



The program concluded by inviting everyone to join in the popular Japanese folk dance "Tanko Bushi". It was a joyous moment as many people enthusiastically participated in the *odori* (dance). After the dance, folks were excited to play bingo. **Mas and Marcia Hashimoto** delivered the food from Imura's (thank you, **Mr. and Mrs. Hashimoto!**), and when all the dishes were ready to be served, **Reverend Shinseki** said "Shokuzen no Gassho", and guests/Seniors were invited to partake in the enticing buffet. Again, special thanks to Imura Restaurant for providing the scrumptious meal!



Thank you so much to all our special guests and Seniors for attending the Hanamatsuri celebration!

Thank you also to **Teruko Hirahara** for providing the pretty table decorations and lovely flower arrangement on the head table and to **Toshiko Yamashita** for ordering the food from Imura's. Many thanks to the Toban crew and all the Seniors who helped with setup, serving, and cleanup of the special event!



April Birthdays were celebrated on April 11th. April honoree was **Hisako Uemura (91)**. Absent was **Angie Guzman**. Manju was presented to the 90+ birthday honoree. Thank you to **Mitsuyo Tao** for arranging the beautiful ikebana arrangement on the head table, and **Teruko Hirahara** for providing all the colorful flower pinwheels that decorated the tables.



It was terrific to see Pat Marr and Donna Fujita back at the Senior Center on April 11th!



HAPPY EASTER!



On April 18th, the Seniors had a hoppin' good time at Kizuka Hall with the Easter activities planned. The hall was cheerfully decorated with grassy fields with little chicks and hidden Easter eggs cleverly created by **Susan AmRhein**.

Susan began the festivities by teaching the Seniors how to make cute little Easter bunnies out of wash cloths. Folks had fun creating their rabbits and decorating them – they came out so cute! Thank you so much, **Susan**, for providing all the materials for the craft and sharing the project with the Seniors!



Kazuko Sakai



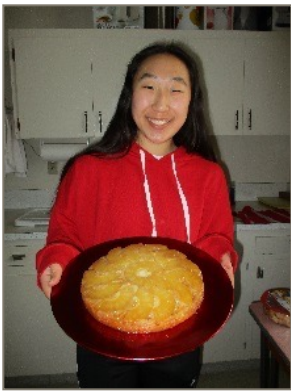
Sharon Bobo

The much anticipated Easter cookie buffet returned, and the tables were overflowing with a fantastic assortment of home-baked cookies that the Senior bakers generously brought.



In order to "win" cookies, the Seniors played a modified cakewalk game. If the number they were standing on was randomly selected, the Seniors happily "shopped" for cookies. Everyone eventually won a big bag of yummy cookies to take home and enjoy.

Huge thank you to our terrific cookie buffet helpers: Reba Condon, Jamie Sakuma, Eiko Stewart, and Emiko Stewart



Jaime Sakuma (Hideko Nagamine's granddaughter) kindly baked and brought four pineapple upside down cakes for the Seniors! All the Seniors received a delicious slice. Thank you, Jaime, for the dessert and for all your help with our Easter event!

Much appreciation to all our talented Senior bakers: **Susan AmRhein, Sharon Bobo, Eileen Byers, Reba Condon, Yaeko Cross, Nobue Fujii, Judy Hane, Teruko Hirahara, June Honda, Juanita Lopez, Kimiko Marr, Pat Marr, Cindy Mine, Eiko Nishihara, Yoshiko**

Nishihara, Mary Perez, Kazuko Sakai, Jaime Sakuma, Eiko Stewart, Kim Tao, Mitsuyo Tao, Gail Wurtenberg, Jean Yamashita, and Toshiko Yamashita.



Eiko Stewart with her daughter, **Emiko**

Thank you to Eileen Byers for making the beautiful Easter favors with green tea bags for everyone! Thank you to Nobue Fujii for folding the tiny origami hopping rabbits that added to our Easter table decorations!



Easter jackpot! Kumiko Nakatani is surrounded by all her Easter winnings: Easter bingo prizes, towel bunnies, and big bag of Easter cookies!



Willie Yahiro



José



Carol Kaneko

Many thanks to Willie Yahiro for treating the Seniors to delicious "Green Gardens" pizzas delivered by José from Corralitos Pizza on April 25th! Thank you to Willie Yahiro for treating the Seniors to delicious pizzas from Corralitos Pizza on March 28th, too!

Fumi Tanimasa is a new member of the Senior Center! Welcome, Mrs. Tanimasa!

SENIOR WORKSHOPS

On April 11th from noon to 1 pm, Seniors gathered for the first crochet workshop. We were so fortunate to have crochet pros, **Yoshiko Nishihara** and **Emi Hirano**, to teach the class. **Mrs. Nishihara** and **Mrs. Hirano** generously provided instructions and supplies to make the crochet rectangular scrubbies - so thoughtful! Students of various skill levels dove right in on their projects, and everyone helped each other so it was a beneficial hour for all.



The second crochet workshop was held on April 25th from noon to 1 pm. **Emi Hirano** and **Yoshiko Nishihara** taught the eager students how to make the more difficult circular scrubbies. Time flew by as participants focused on their projects. **Emi Hirano** also kindly provided "circular scrubbie kits" that included samples, crochet instructions, and scrubbie material - so nice!



Thank you so much, Yoshiko Nishihara, Emi Hirano, and Eiko Nishihara!



The third crochet workshop will be held on May 16th. **Susan AmRhein** will show the group some new crochet projects, and folks can also continue to work on their scrubbies. Please join us!

We have many talented Seniors so the hope is to have a variety of workshops in the future to share and learn new skills. If you have a craft suggestion for our Seniors, please let **Susan AmRhein** or **Jean Yamashita** know. Thank you!

SENIOR TRIPS



Photo by **Mas Hashimoto**



Photo by **Mas Hashimoto**



Photo from **Alice Tanimoto**

Elkhorn Slough Safari, April 23, 2019: What a gorgeous day for a water adventure! April 23rd turned out to be the hottest day of the year so the 24 Seniors and guests slathered on the sunscreen and/or wore wide brimmed hats, and carefully boarded the pontoon boat for the Elkhorn Slough Safari nature tour in Moss Landing. It really felt like a vacation as the boat glided on the water (expertly driven by our captain **Austin**), and our naturalist **Ian** informed us about Elkhorn Slough and pointed out assorted wild life. It was exciting to

observe the numerous sea lions barking on the docks, all the pudgy harbor seals basking in the sand along the shore, the cute sea otters playing in the water, and the various birds soaring in the skies or posing for the camera (e.g., egrets, cormorants, pelicans, herons, etc.) Complimentary binoculars helped to spot the many baby animals that were out-and-about – some in training/learning skills from their mothers. After the boat tour, the hungry Seniors and guests enjoyed a huge lunch at the popular Phil's Fish Market. It was wonderful to spend this beautiful day with family/friends! We thank our Seniors and guests for joining us on this outing! Special "thank you" to our carpool drivers: **Reba Condon, Marcia/Mas Hashimoto, Carol/Paul Kaneko, Alice/Ken Tanimoto, Gail/Bill Wurtenberg, Jean Yamashita** and for everyone's help and support on this trip!

Paul and Carol Kaneko attended the **Rohwer/Jerome Pilgrimage** on April 11-13 in Little Rock and McGehee, Arkansas. The pilgrimage, which was organized by **Kimiko Marr**, also included visits to the Rohwer and Jerome incarceration sites. The 135 pilgrims who attended had the opportunity to hear and see many interesting speakers and presentations. **Paul** encouraged everyone to attend a



pilgrimage to the camp they or their family were sent to or to any of the camps. It is a powerful and emotional experience to visit the camps and meet and talk with others whose families shared your family's experience during that time. **Kimiko** again did a wonderful job of organizing the pilgrimage. There were lots of positive comments made about her and the program she put together, and many people asked her to do it again next year!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to our April *toban*, **Susan AmRhein, Sharon Bobo, and Gail Wurtenberg**. **Leigh Sakaguchi** 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 April gratefully received from: **Hisako Uemura** and for Hanamatsuri from **Iwao Yamashita, Sadao Matsunami, Itsuko Okamoto, Riiko Yoshida, and Sam and Yae Sakamoto**. All donations are very much appreciated!

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. Remember to wash, wash, wash your hands and try to stay active – remember to do your balance exercises three times a day!

Please see **Carol Kaneko** or **Jean Yamashita** if you did not receive your copy of the **May Schedule**:

Thurs May 2	Regular Bingo
Thurs May 9	Mother's Day Celebration; Happy Gardens Buffet 3:30 pm
Thurs May 16	May Birthday Party
Thurs May 23, 30	Regular 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.

WATSONVILLE TAIKO AND SHINSEI DAIKO - *By Bonnie Chihara*

We're walking in the Human Race on May 11th raising funds for Watsonville Taiko and the Volunteer Center of Santa Cruz County. Thank you to all who have donated to this fundraiser.

We're looking forward to the many performances that are coming up including the Japanese Cultural Fair, Watsonville Obon Festival and the JACL Picnic. Please check our upcoming performance list and join us at one of the many events happening in Santa Cruz County.

Or sign up for one of our classes....

We now have classes at Pathways Dojo located at 2724 Soquel Ave., Suite D/E.

On Tuesday mornings from 9:15-10:15 we have our Taiko for Health classes. From 10:15-11:15 we have a beginners class for seniors. On Wednesday nights from 7:30-9pm we have a class for adult fast learners.

We have classes for all ages at our dojo at Kizuka Hall in Watsonville.

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Fridays

4:30-5:10pm - Beginners Children 1

5:10-6:00pm - Beginners Children 2

6:00-7:00pm - Intermediate Youth

ADULT CLASSES

Fridays

7:00-8:00pm - Beginners Adults

8:00-10:00pm - Intro to Performance

Please contact Kay at 831-475-1088 or email us at info@watsonvilletaiko.org if you are interested in taking any of our classes.

Our upcoming schedule-

May 11th- Human Race, Santa Cruz

May 11th-Queer Youth Leadership Awards, San Lorenzo Valley High School

May 15th-California Mental Health Conference, Asilomar Conference Center

June 1st-Street Party Prior to Pops Concert, Front of the Civic Auditorium

June 2nd-Open Streets, Downtown Watsonville

June 8th-Japanese Cultural Fair, Mission Plaza Park, Santa Cruz

June 22nd-JACL Picnic, Aptos Village Park

July 21st-Watsonville Obon Festival, Watsonville Buddhist Temple

July 28th-Wharf to Wharf, Opal Cliff Park

Aug. 4th-Church Street Fair, Santa Cruz

Sept. 21st-Walk to End Alzheimer's

Nov. 3rd-Watsonville Taiko's Annual Holiday Boutique and Raffle

WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE

An Invaluable Gift



Over the many years of my life, I have been fortunate enough to have received many gifts. Some were birthday gifts, some were Christmas gifts, some were thank you gifts. A very good friend of mine gave to me a baseball signed by Johnny Bench that I treasure. I have shirts and jerseys in my closet given to me by my wife. And I have a plethora of gift cards still unused. The watch that I wear everyday was a gift from my wife that I treasure because it is from her. The only time I don't wear that watch is when I golf. Recently the watch was off by several hours, and I thought, "Oh no, my watch has died." Thankfully, it is a self-winding watch and just needed me to wear the watch and move around. All of our gifts we have received over the years are precious to us, but they are also subject to the laws of impermanence. In time they will break, wear down and disappear.

However, there are gifts that many of us probably received from our parents. My father taught me how to take care of a car, how to change the oil, fix a flat and tune the engine. He taught me many practical things that have served me well over the years. My mother taught me how to cook, sew and do laundry, again some very practical things. I like to think of them as gifts given to me by my parents. My parents also made me attend the Mountain View Buddhist Temple when I was young. That turned out to be an invaluable gift.

For many of us our parents made us attend temple Dharma School growing up. Our parents knew that the Nembutsu teaching was a gift that would serve us well in our life. The Buddha Dharma is the tools that allow us to see ourselves and life clearly, true and real. Unbeknownst to them they were fulfilling the wish of the Buddha by transmitting the dharma to their children. His wish to save all sentient beings.

*“The mind that seeks to save all sentient beings
Is directed to us through Amida’s Vow of wisdom,
Those who realize this true entrusting that is directed to us
Attain great, complete nirvana.”*

The Collected Works of Shinran, Hymns of the Dharma Age.

In a world of uncertainty and turmoil, the gift of Namoamidabutsu is invaluable. It is the gift of assurance that despite our situation, no matter the circumstances of our life we are embraced by Amida.

*“Persons who truly realize shinjin,
Which is directed to them through Amida’s Vow of wisdom,
Receive the benefit of being grasped, never to be abandoned;
Hence, they attain the stage equal to perfect enlightenment.”*

The Collected Works of Shinran, Hymns of the Dharma Age.

This month we will celebrate the birthday of Shinran Shonin. Shinran was born on May 21, 1173 in Hino Japan. Although never aspiring to be a leader or founder of a school of Buddhism, his desire to share with any who would listen to the vow of nembutsu resulted in millions of followers receiving and sharing the gift of namoamidabutsu.

Join us on Saturday, May 18th at 10:00 am for the Gotan-e (Sect Founder Birthday Gathering) service celebrating Shinran’s birthday.

Gassho,
Rev. Hosei Shinseki

MARK YOUR CALENDAR — UPCOMING OBON FESTIVALS			
Monterey	July 14	Watsonville	July 21
San Jose	July 13-14	Salinas	July 28
Mountain View July 20-21			

Watsonville Buddhist Temple

Obon Festival

Sunday,
July 21,
2019
423 Bridge Street



Obon is a time of joyous celebration and gratitude to the generations who went before us and gave us the gift of life. The highlight of the day is colorful dancing in which the community is invited to participate.

Delicious Food & Fun
Vendors
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Farmer's Market
Children's Games
Drawing
It All Starts At 12noon
Traditional Japanese Dances
Starting at 4:00pm

For info call 831-724-7860 | email: buddhist@wbtemple.org | wbtemple.org

May, June and July 2019 Schedule of Events

Sat., May 18: Gotan-E Service (10:00 a.m.)
Sat., May 18: Cooking Class (sponsored by ABA)
Sun., May 19: NO SUNDAY SERVICE

Sun., June 2: Shotsuki Hoyo/Dharma Youth (10:00 a.m.)
Mon., June 17: Obon Practice begins (7p.m.)
July 1-4: Fireworks sale
Sun., July 21: Obon Festival

Office Telephone (831) 724-7860, Wed., 9a.m.-noon
Email: buddhist@wbtemple.org

Sun., May 26: Cemetery Services:
9:00 a.m. - Pioneer Cemetery
10:00 a.m. - P.V. Memorial Park
11:30 a.m. - San Juan Bautista

Obon dancing practices begin on Monday, June 17 at 7pm at the Temple. Practices will be Monday and Wednesday (except no practice on Wed., July 3rd).

WESTVIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHIMES



Scandalous Worship: Dancing before God in his skivvies!

There's a lot in the Bible that you just would not put in a holy book if you were making it up. The very human stories actually lend legitimacy to the Scriptures, and this story is one of those. So picture this scene: They were finally bringing the Ark of the Lord back to Jerusalem, and King David got swept up in worship for his God. He began to dance, taking off his royal garb and only wearing his tunic—let's call it his undergarments. He danced like a madman for God. His first wife, Michal, despised him for it (that's how scandalous and embarrassing it was), and he responded with the now classic line, "I will celebrate before the LORD. I will become even more undignified than this, and I will be humiliated in my own eyes (2Sam 6:21-22)."

Hallelujah, word often used in worship, is a combination of 2 Hebrew words:

The second part, *Yah*, is a shortened form of YHWH, Yahweh, the Hebrew name for God meaning "I Am."

The first part, the word *hallel* in Hebrew means a joyous praise in song, to boast in God. *Hallel* could also refer to someone who acts madly or foolishly.

With King David in 2Samuel we have a picture of unrestrained worship. Scandalous worship!

This Fall we are participating in a church revitalization initiative from the Evangelism Department of PC(USA). They determined 7 characteristics of vital churches—that make them ALIVE!

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| 1. LIFELONG Discipleship Formation | 5. Spirit-Inspired Worship |
| 2. Intentional, Authentic Evangelism | 6. Caring Relationships |
| 3. Outward Incarnational Focus | 7. Church Health |
| 4. Empower Servant Leadership | |

We are reflecting how these qualities can be present in our church and in our own lives so that both might be more vital and abundant!

The fifth is Spirit-Inspired Worship vs. self-gratifying worship; stale divorced of meaning; consumer entertainment worship.

When we worship we do so for an audience of One. God is the audience and we sing, pray, live lives of service, all to please and love this audience of One-- God, The Great I Am.

We are changed when we are in the presence of greatness. We are changed when in the presence of God. Worship lifts us into God's presence and begins to change us—our hearts are softened so we love more, forgive more, say sorry more, serve others more, care for the least.

- Worship helps people deepen their relationship with God, nurtures faith, and strengthens our bonds with each other through communal experience and sharing of our stories.
- Worship enlivens us, emboldens us to be a people of God in our communities and our world
- Worship bestows on us the blessing of rich diversity as people share new rituals, traditions, ways of interpreting which challenge and enrich our wisdom in faith.

Too often our worship can become about us; our wants, our preference of style. Yet, Spirit-Inspired Worship exposes us, brings us to our knees in confession, and offers us freedom and rest in the Savior's arms. We don't only worship God on Sunday, our whole lives are meant to be worship of God!

As Christians we are swept into a Divine Romance! God wants to be close to us. When Jesus came to Earth, his words, life and death brought a fresh invitation to draw near to the Almighty. He taught his disciples to pray to an intimate Father in heaven, just as he did. He said they were "no longer just servants but friends" for everything he'd learned from the father he was showing to them. In Revelation 3:20 Jesus reminds the Laodician Church of this invitation: "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me."

We are invited into a cosmic romance with the personal and loving God. Worship of God is not about God pining for our love. It is actually about the reality about anything that is truly good, truly amazing.

CS Lewis states, "I had never noticed that all enjoyment spontaneously overflows into praise. ... The world rings with praise—lovers praising their mistresses, readers their favorite poet, walkers praising the countryside, players praising their favorite game... I had not noticed either that just as men spontaneously praise whatever they value so they spontaneously urge us to join them in praising it: "Isn't she lovely? Wasn't it glorious? Do you think that magnificent?"

The Psalmists in telling everyone to praise God are doing what men do when they speak of what they care about. My whole, more general difficulty about the praise of God depended on my absurdly denying to us as regards the supremely Valuable, what we delight to do what indeed we can't help doing, about everything else we value. I think we delight to praise what we

enjoy because the praise not merely expresses but completes the enjoyment: it is its appointed consummation. It is not out of compliment that lovers keep on telling one another how beautiful they are; the delight is incomplete till it is expressed!"

We are not asked by God to muster up praise. That would be an insult to God. We are called to come to God, experience God, be reminded again of God's incomparable goodness, and the praise will naturally come. I pray we can encounter God here even more on Sunday mornings. I pray we can prepare ourselves to meet the living God each day not just at church but throughout our days as we seek to walk with God, dialogue with God in our day, and see God love people around us. I pray as we become more aware of God in our daily lives, that spontaneous praise would come forth, like the unhindered, spontaneous praise of lovers! And hey, like David we might even get caught up and even become scandalous foolish worshippers for our God!

"The spirit and the bride say 'Come!' And let anyone who hears say 'Come!' And let anyone who is thirsty, come! And let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift!"—Revelation 22:17

I appreciate you all dearly!

God bless you,

Pastor Dan



Bringing
Easter and
Communion
to Seniors



Celebrating our Westview History!!

On **May 5th** and **May 19th**, a group of people from these eras or who know of these eras will share their knowledge by possible video diaries, participate in storytelling and answer questions.

Everyone attending – please bring old photos/videos, slides and share Westview's 121 historical years!!!

May 5th, 11 am, Westview: The History of Westview from 1898 - 1965

May 19th, 11 am, Westview: The History of Westview from 1965 – present



Tuesday
Study Series

Tuesday Study Series: What does God's voice sound like? How do you discern God's direction/leading in our life? Held on the **2nd** and **4th Tuesday** of each month, **4 pm** at **Westview**. We **pick up** at **3:40 pm** from **Paloma Del Mar**. We are **studying Hearing God** by **Dallas Willard**. It has been a delight to make new friends and "be church" at Paloma Del Mar!! Join us!

For the month of May, the Tuesday Study Series will be held on **May 14th** and **May 28th**.

Sunday Message Series: In May Pastor Dan will start a series on "The Tough Questions about our Faith we're often too afraid to ask." Pastor Dan won't claim to have all the answers but he hopes to at least refer to other wise people and begin to shed some light. Ask him a question you might want addressed and he will try.

SonRise Kitchen:

Stay tuned for a paint the kitchen shelves day! We need to paint all bare wood to be up to county code standards!!

"When we feed the hungry we are serving and encountering Christ! (Matthew 25)

We applied for 3 grants to bring the kitchen up to code for food prep—please pray for our funding! Soon after we hope to fix the kitchen and begin!

Margo Loehr is leading us beginning soon in a ministry that provides breakfast to those in need Monday through Friday. We cook at the church and serve at River Park (just a few blocks from the church).

If you would like to help regularly, or even just one morning a week, or on an occasional basis, or would like to donate to this worthy cause, please contact Pastor Dan or Margo. Checks can be written to Westview Presbyterian Church and write

"SonRise Kitchen" in the memo. A list of needed donations can be found on Westview's website: www.westviewpc.org.

Westview needs a volunteer contractor who can help us install a new hood over the stove, build a shed and install new sinks!!



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CHILDREN 6 to 12 years: \$5
CHILDREN 5 years & under: Free

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Watsonville Taiko.

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2019 WATSONVILLE - SANTA CRUZ JACL MEMBERSHIP FORM

We would be honored to have you and your family members join our W-SC JACL Chapter. Please consider giving "gift" memberships to members of your family.

With membership, a digital *Pacific Citizen* is included with email address. Subscription for a printed copy of the *Pacific Citizen* (PC) is an additional surcharge of \$17 a year, payable to National JACL, 1765 Sutter St, San Francisco, CA 94115.

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_____ \$155 Includes two National JACL annual dues, Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL chapter dues, and our newsletters. It also includes all children under the age of 14. Youth/Student:

Youth/Student:

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