

WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL

“The Bridge 橋”

The Voice of Our Community

So long 2020 —
Welcome 2021!

For many people 2020 has been a VERY difficult year. Many have had feelings of fear, and health, safety and financial concerns, and all that is involved with COVID.

We at “The Bridge” realize feelings of isolation are also occurring. We hope our JACL newsletter has made you feel connected or interconnected through information or even shared pictures as much as possible.

“The Bridge” crew has always appreciated everyone’s contributions whether it is through writing articles, pictures, donations, proof reading, formatting, the website, and the hands-on crew who copy, fold and tape 240 newsletters. Even through COVID, they show up (masked and social-distancing).

We thank everyone out there for your continued support, so we can continue.

We wish you Happy, Healthy and Safe Holidays!

Cindy Hirokawa Mine

DONATIONS

Thank you to those who have generously donated since our last issue. We are truly grateful for your support.

- Mas and Marcia Hashimoto in memory of Harold "Hal" Hyde
- Mas and Marcia Hashimoto with appreciation to the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL
- Joyce Kubota
- Arlene and Wayne Minami in memory of Michiko Hamada and Chiyoko Yagi
- Daniel and Karen Nitta in memory of Father, Fred Nitta
- Daniel and Karen Nitta in memory of Mother, Helen Nitta Mito
- Esther Ura in memory of Yoshiko Kawasaki

In the dark morning
the wee yellow flower bursts
from the curving fern

暗い朝

シダに浮く花

黄金色

ku-ra-i a-sa

shi-da ni u-ku ha-na

ko-ga-ne-i-ro

Haiku by Bob Gómez

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WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL CHAPTER

JACL Kizuka Hall Safety Inspection *By Marcia Hashimoto*

Four W-SC JACL Board Members met with Watsonville City Firefighters, Rick Pettigrew and his team, for an annual safety inspection of our JACL Kizuka Hall on October 28, 2020. Overall, everything went well as all rooms and the stage area were inspected. It was noted that three of our fire extinguishers had not been serviced since 2017 so we immediately called Tri County Fire Protection Inc. in Salinas. The maintenance of the extinguishers are now complete and ready for use when needed.

We reported to the Watsonville Police and Fire Department about a homeless person recently trespassing and settling in the entry area of the Hall in front of the double doors. We politely asked her to leave the area with her dog because she was trespassing on private property. She complied but left a blanket, debris, and things that were a hazard (cigarettes and matches). We were directed by a police officer to dispose of all that was left behind, which we did. We also put up a thin wire fence in that area and trimmed the bushes to discourage future trespassers.

Thank you to our Board Members for looking after the safety and welfare of our members, organization, and hall property. We welcome suggestions and help from our members in solving this and all future concerns



Rick Pettigrew, third from the left, Gary Mine, Norris Woodford, and Victor Kimura.

Congratulations to Minami Tamaki LLP *From U.S. News & World Report*

"Minami Tamaki Ranked on U.S. News 'Best Law Firms' List for 7th Year

Minami Tamaki LLP's Immigration and Nationality Law practice is nationally ranked again on the new 2021 U.S. News - Best Lawyers "Best Law Firms" list just released today. The firm's immigration practice received a National Tier 3 ranking for the second time, and a Metro Tier 1 ranking for the sixth consecutive year.

U.S. News - Best Lawyers "Best Law Firms" recognized the firm's Personal Injury practice as Metro Tier 1 for the seventh consecutive year.

Firms like Minami Tamaki LLP included in the 2021 Edition of U.S. News - Best Lawyers "Best Law Firms" are recognized for professional excellence with consistently impressive ratings from clients and peers. To be eligible for a ranking, a firm must first have a lawyer recognized in The Best Lawyers in America®, which recognizes the top five percent of private practicing lawyers in the United States. Achieving a tiered ranking signals a unique combination of quality law practice and breadth of legal expertise."

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NATIONAL JACL NEWS: The Japanese American Confinement Education Act

Congresswoman Doris Matsui introduced the Japanese American Confinement Education Act. This bill will permanently authorize the Japanese American Confinement Site (JACS) program, for which funding will run out in 2022, with a new \$38 million in potential funding. The JACS program, within the National Park Service (NPS), has been one of the primary resources in the preservation and interpretation of the U.S. Confinement Sites where Japanese Americans were detained during World War II.

In addition to making the JACS program permanent and establishing a new stream of potential funding up to \$38 million, this act will also introduce a new museum-based education component. This new program is modeled on the recently passed Holocaust education Never Again Act, run through the National Holocaust Museum, to continue and expand teaching the history of the Japanese American incarceration experience to more people than ever before. The new five year, \$2 million per year (\$10 million total) program would fund the development and national dissemination of accurate, relevant, and accessible resources to improve awareness and understanding of Japanese American Confinement in WWII. This new program would bring together many elements of the community and educators performing vital work in Japanese American history education under a more cohesive and powerful effort to ensure that the experience of Japanese American incarceration is taught nationally to as many students as possible.

FRIENDS & FAMILY OF NISEI VETERANS *By Brian Shiroyama*

The Nisei Veterans' Exhibit aboard the USS Hornet Aircraft Carrier Museum, Alameda, CA is now open on Saturday and Sunday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. However, due to COVID restrictions, only five visitors at a time will be allowed. Masks and social distancing are required. For more information, please contact Brian Shiroyama at bshiroyama@gmail.com, (408) 896-1021 or www.ffnv.org.



MEDICAL THOUGHT: Regarding the Flu Shot *By Cindy Mine*

Sometimes when I bump into people, I will casually ask during this time of year, by the way have you gotten your flu shot?

Most say "oh yes". Some have not had the chance yet, then there are those who have not but quickly seem to give me a defensive explanation right away. I wonder if it is because of 1 of 2 reasons: 1) Other people have ragged on them about not getting the shot or 2) Just because I am a nurse, they think I will immediately rag on them for not getting their shot.

Sometimes, my handling of this is out of curiosity and education. A lot of people say, they got sick from the shot years ago and afraid the same will happen now. I share with them that the shot now is a dead virus, not a live virus injected into them.

Others explain that they do not believe in any injections due to the preservatives, then there are those who say they don't get the flu anyways.

Some are allergic or have had bad reactions to the shot.

Just the other day, someone shared that the meds that go into a flu shot is just a scientific "guess" which I feel is correct, too; sometimes it's more effective some years than others.

Whatever their reasons for not getting the flu shot, as long as they are aware of the consequences and are making an educated decision as with anything.

A serious complication from the flu, you can develop pneumonia. You may have a mild case but pass it on to someone else especially an elderly person who can die. According to one website, 900,000 people were hospitalized with the flu and 80,000 died in 2019.

Also, even if you get the flu shot, you can still get the flu but usually not as severe.

My question also is, do you want to have to decipher if you have a cold, flu or COVID?

I do respect your informed and educated decision.



Harold A. (Hal) Hyde, May 5, 1923 - Oct. 12, 2020, Resident of Corralitos, CA

[Editor's note: We mourn the passing of Brig. General Harold "Hal" Hyde, a dear friend of our Nikkei community and the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL. We send our deepest condolences to his family.]

Harold Anthony (Hal) Hyde of Watsonville died of natural causes on October 12, 2020. Hal was a fifth-generation descendant of early settlers in Santa Cruz County, with direct ties to Anthony, Bennett, Bliss and Treat families. He was the son of Harold A. Hyde, Sr. and Fannie Fern Kilburn Hyde.

Hal was born in Watsonville on May 5, 1923. His father was tragically killed in a car accident when Hal was three years old. His mother never remarried, and Hal grew up an only child. He went to Mintie White School kindergarten in Watsonville and then moved with his mother to Berkeley. As a youth, he was an Eagle Scout, skied at Badger Pass, and loved visiting the local Cal campus. He graduated from University High in Oakland.

Hal was a decorated World War II veteran, a member of the Greatest Generation. A freshman in 1941 at the University of California, Berkeley when Pearl Harbor was bombed, he joined the U.S. Army through the Army Enlisted Reserve Corps. In 1945, Hal saw combat as a Second Lieutenant in Patton's Third Army as it marched through France and Germany and into Austria. Following the war, he served in the Pacific in the Philippines where he helped decommission the Philippine Scouts. He continued his military service in the U.S. Army Reserves, retiring in 1983 with the rank of Brigadier General.

After the war and his Philippines assignment, Hal returned to California in 1947, where he completed his UC Berkeley degree. He then attended Harvard Business School where he received his MBA in 1949.

He married his wife Persis (Perky) Horner of San Francisco in 1948. The new family lived briefly in Berkeley until moving to Watsonville in 1951 when Hal joined Ford's Department Store, a business co-founded by Hal's maternal grandfather. He and Perky raised their four children in Corralitos. Perky died in 2001. Hal married Dorothy (Dottie) Puckett of Corralitos in 2002.

While he began as a businessman, community service was his hallmark, especially around education. He was a founding trustee of Cabrillo College and provided guidance for its creation and success. He served on a committee to attract the University of California to Santa Cruz, and then became the inaugural UCSC Vice Chancellor of Business and Finance where he directed physical development of that great institution. He was a long-time supporter of local scholarship programs, including MAIA Foundation and Cabrillo College CAP program.

In the area of culture and the arts, Hal was co-founder of the Arts Council of Santa Cruz County and helped design the Henry J. Mello Center for the Performing Arts (the "Mello Center" at Watsonville High School).

In the community, Hal was an active member of Watsonville First United Methodist Church, enthusiastic 73-year member of Watsonville Rotary Club, a co-founder of the Community Foundation Santa Cruz County, a leader of a 200-unit non-profit low-income housing development, and a champion for Watsonville following the 1989 earthquake, among other things. While active and leading, he always acknowledged the combined efforts of many to improve the places we call home.

As a WW II veteran, Hal, a friend and admirer of the 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team, knew of the 1944 Rescue of the Texas Lost Battalion. His friend, working at Ford's Department Store in Watsonville after the war, was Mitchie Miyamoto, the designer of the famed 442nd shoulder patch. In 2013, Hal spoke of his friend who was inducted into the Watsonville High School Foundation's posthumous "Hall of Fame" category. In appreciation for his many years of service to the community and to education, Hal was inducted into the Watsonville High School Foundation's "Hall of Fame" in 2015 as a "Friend of the Wildcatz."



Hal prioritized family activities and outings despite a busy schedule. He took great interest and pride in the successes of his children and grandchildren.

Hal was forever loyal to the University of California, Berkeley. "GO BEARS!" He attended many Cal football games and reunions for classes of the War Years, and made yearly treks to Camp Blue at the Lair of the Golden Bear with his wife Dottie.

With maps in hand, Hal was a lifetime enthusiastic traveler, visiting all continents but Antarctica, and encouraging his children to travel widely to understand the bigger world. He was long active in the Bohemian Club of San Francisco.

To the end, Hal was gregarious and energized by social interactions. He had an uncanny memory of people, places, and dates. He showed interest in everyone's story, often jotting notes in "his brains" that he carried in his pocket. He had an extraordinary ability to connect people of all ages, always with the

sincere hope of assisting, mentoring, or solving an issue. Hal had high expectations for all those younger than he, and would often ask, "What are you doing for God and Country?" His good memory, sense of humor, and optimism for life continued through his last days.: Hal (in wheelchair) with his SnoCatz buddies.



Hal Hyde was predeceased by his wife Persis (Perky) Horner Hyde, 1924-2001. He is survived by his wife Dorothy (Dottie) Puckett Hyde; two daughters, Marilyn Hyde of Watsonville and Christine Hyde of Hollister; a son, Harold Anthony (Tony) Hyde of Novato; a son and daughter-in-law, Douglas and Nancy Hyde of Westwood, Massachusetts, and Hal's three grandchildren Carrie, Nathan, and Sara. He also leaves a step-daughter, Nathell Dian, and her husband, Harry Hajian.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to

the Cabrillo College Foundation CAP Scholarship Program, foundation.cabrillo.edu; Watsonville First United Methodist Church Endowment Fund, watsonville1stumc.org; the UC Santa Cruz Foundation, foundation.ucsc.edu; or a [favorite charity](#).

Private inurnment will take place at San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery in Santa Nella, CA. A virtual celebration of life will be held later at a date to be announced.

Veterans Day Program *By Marcia Hashimoto*

W-SC JACL thanked Harry Wiggins, Lt. Col. (ret.) Vietnam veteran, for organizing and chairing the annual Watsonville Veterans Day program on Nov. 11th. This year the 75th Anniversary, marking the end of WWII, was celebrated remotely. We also expressed our appreciation to our W-SC JACler Franz Steidl for being the honored guest speaker.

Franz served as an infantry platoon leader during the Vietnam War and was a recipient of the Purple Heart. He is the son-in-law of Sam Sakamoto, a veteran of the heroic 442nd RCT. Franz is the author of "Lost Battalions Going for Broke in the Vosges Autumn 1944". Franz spoke of the remarkable rescue of the Texas Lost Battalion by our Nisei soldiers of the 100/442nd RCT during WWII. Following his presentation, Franz shared the Newsreel film that praised the patriotism and heroics of our Nisei soldiers. Thank you, Franz and Lt. Col. Wiggins for a program that filled us with pride and gratitude.

We would like to encourage our members and friends to read the Veterans Day issue of the Pacific Citizen. Included is an article written by Mas Hashimoto about Mitchie Miyamoto, Watsonville WWII veteran who designed the 442nd RCT shoulder patch. This was the symbol of pride for the "Go For Broke" unit.

HOW SANTA CRUZ COUNTY CHANGED OVER THE YEARS *By Mas Hashimoto*

Reflecting on our past, progress has been made here throughout this and past years.

Historically, Watsonville, as a community of minorities and with the old, established Caucasian American families, believed it was an unwanted stepchild of Santa Cruz County.

During my youth (mid-1930s-1950s), we, Asian Americans, rarely visited Santa Cruz for we felt unwelcomed. Hispanic American friends tell me that some of it still remains true for them.

Until the mid-1970s, Santa Cruz County was a staunch Republican Party county. The election of Leon Panetta to the House of Representatives in 1976 was the culmination of a great effort for change.

How did Santa Cruz County change from a regressive to a progressive, liberal county? For those involved with public education the 12th grade was as high as one could go in Santa Cruz County. Many high school graduates chose Hartnell College in Salinas or Monterey Peninsula College, both in Monterey County, for their first two years of college. Santa Cruz County residents paid dearly to Monterey County for those students' tuition.

Finally, in 1959, our county established Cabrillo College with Robert Swenson as its first President. We were grateful for the continuing success of Cabrillo College.

Then, in 1965, the University of California at Santa Cruz (UCSC) was founded. Preceding the establishment of UCSC, Jane Borg of the Pajaro Valley Historical Association invited me to attend a session with Governor Edmund G. "Pat" Brown in Watsonville to discuss the future of UCSC. I had been teaching at Watsonville High for only five years.

During the Q&A discussion, I asked the governor, "Why not make UCSC a post-graduate school where the best scientists and scholars would continue their research and instruct the brightest graduates of the UC system? Why not make UCSC a school different from all the other UC campuses?"

The governor stated the choice had narrowed down to New Almaden south of San Jose or Santa Cruz. He was determined to make Santa Cruz County a Democratic county.

In the years that followed, the intelligentsia came from all over the world to teach and research for which we are grateful. Cabrillo College and UCSC changed our county and the people in it. And, we in Watsonville are among the beneficiaries.

Watsonville is advancing too. While we are not a tourist town like Santa Cruz or Monterey or a boutique village, we can take heart that our Pajaro Vallely is beautifully nestled and surrounded on three sides by hills and the ocean to the west. We have clean air, clean water, resources for growing fresh and healthy vegetables and fruits that nourish our local and national population, a moderate climate, a concerned city leadership, and wonderful, caring people. Watsonville is a secret "Shangri-La."

Today, nearly all of the county residents have come together on the issues of Black Lives Matter, LGBTQ, women's rights, DACA "Dreamers," systemic racism, et al.

Led by **Harold "Hal" Hyde's** (May 5, 1923 - Oct. 12, 2020) visionary and leadership, Cabrillo College and UCSC continues to play significant roles in the daily lives of our Santa Cruz County citizens and residents.

Yes, progress has been made. Acceptance.

Onward! Mas Hashimoto



ONWARD!**"Radical Social Change . . ." By Mas Hashimoto**

The 2018 movie, "On the Basis of Sex," chronicled the struggles of **Ruth Bader Ginsburg**, played by



Felicity Jones, for equal justice in the case, *Moritz v. IRS*, which a federal court ruled for the first time that gender discrimination is a violation of the U.S.

Constitution. A "Radical Social Change" occurred. A judge reminded Ginsburg that the word—woman--does not appear in the Constitution. Ginsburg replied neither does the word—freedom--appear in the Constitution.

In 1870, the 15th Amendment to the Constitution was ratified by the many states. It stated, **"The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any**

state on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude." While a great progressive movement went forward, what single three-letter word was notably absent in this Amendment? Sex! And, "Jim Crow" laws continued to be the norm in nearly all southern states. The poll tax (tax for voting) was not eliminated until the passage of the 24th Amendment as late as **1964!!**

Women waited another 50 years for the passage of the 19th Amendment, 1920, **"Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex."**

And, women and men, too, today are still waiting for the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

"ARTICLE —

"Section 1. Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

"Sec. 2. The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

"Sec. 3. This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification."

The Equal Rights Amendment was passed by Congress on March 22, 1972 and sent to the states for ratification. In order to be added to the Constitution, it needed approval by legislatures in three-fourths (38) of the 50 states. By 1977, the legislatures of 35 states had approved the amendment. In 1978, Congress voted to extend the original March 1979 deadline to June 30, 1982. However, no additional states voted yes before that date, and the ERA fell three states short of ratification.

The 15 states that did not ratify the Equal Rights Amendment before the 1982 deadline were from the "Deep South" -- Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Virginia. That should not have been a surprise. Add to the list, two western states--Nevada, and Utah--plus Illinois.

Then, 45 years to the day (2017) after Congress passed the ERA, Nevada became the 36th state to ratify it. On May 30, 2018, Illinois became the 37th state. On Monday, January 27, 2020, Virginia became the 38th state to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment.

Meanwhile, five states had rescinded their ratifications: Nebraska March 15, 1973; Tennessee April 23, 1974; Idaho February 8, 1977; Kentucky March 20, 1978; and South Dakota March 5, 1979. However, there is no provision in the Constitution for withdrawing a state's ratification. The ERA is in limbo.

If passed, discrimination of unequal hiring, wages, benefits, housing, et al would be constitutionally illegal.

A great champion for women's rights in this Century has been Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, Ruth Bader Ginsburg. It would be fitting if it was named in her honor, the "Ruth Bader Ginsburg Equal Rights Amendment".

Here are the stories of local women who struggled for equal rights.

My mother, Nami Hashimoto (1893-1972), an immigrant in 1914 from Japan, was a fighter for women's rights. Her husband, my father, died in 1938 before my third birthday. She had given birth to seven boys. She was married for 24 years and a widow for 34 years. I grew up in a matriarchal family.

In 1940, my mother, while washing clothes, noticed a strange, white towel. She asked the family members about this towel. My older brother brought it home from the high school PE class. She made him take it back and apologize to the PE teacher. She called all of us together and stated, "Hashimotos do not steal. We're not so poor we can't afford towels." We were, of course, poor but not without honor.

After WW II, I worked in the fields picking strawberries (for my college fund). During the "summer vacations," I worked for 85 cents an hour and alongside my mother.

"Mrs. A," an elderly Issei mother and a neighbor, may not have been the most careful strawberry worker, but she was so grateful for the opportunity to earn money. So grateful that she worked through the 10 am and 3 pm ten-minute breaks. The "boss" once criticized her work in front of us, and my mother was the first to jump to her defense! The manner in which she talked to the "boss," I thought for sure the Hashimotos were going to be fired, but I was so proud of my mother. Other workers chimed in, and the "boss" apologized and backed off. My mother, a fighter, would have been a union organizer. Years later, her son was to become a union organizer and co-founder (one of the "dirty dozen") of the Pajaro Valley Federation of Teachers (PVFT) of the Pajaro Valley Unified School District.

Jean Pogue was my math teacher and later a teaching colleague at Watsonville High. She strongly believed that girls/women could do anything the boys/men could do. Before Title IX by **Patsy Mink** D-Hawaii, Jean started a high school ski club in 1965, "SnoCatz" (the high school mascots are the Wildcatz), for both boys and girls.

In 1962, I started a bowling club, the "Alley Catz.". Boys and girls, depending on bowling skills, were divided into three leagues—beginners, intermediate, and advanced. Mentally and physically handicapped students were encouraged to participate. Advanced Placement students enjoyed working with these students.

With bowling teams from other schools, I wanted to start an interscholastic bowling league (five-person Varsity and Junior Varsity teams) and worked for its approval. I provided uniforms and transportation but would not accept a coach's salary. Bowling alley proprietors offered free bowling.

At a meeting of school principals and athletic directors, I told them that of the five best bowlers for our Varsity team, two were girls. They immediately objected. "No girls!!" they said. I said, "The bowling pins don't know whether a guy or girl bowler knocked them down." My argument didn't matter. Only the Salinas High School principal and athletic director voted in favor of girls' participation.

Later, when Title IX was to be instituted, I attended a meeting with the principal, athletic director, and two women who were the girl's Physical Education teachers. They were all against girls' sports! The men didn't want to spend money on coaches' salaries, girls' athletic uniforms and equipment, and referees. The woman PE chair stated that girls should never be competitive for that would be harmful!

Finally, when girls' sports were finally ordered, the girls wore the same uniform for basketball, softball and track. The uniforms were washed after each of their sporting event. We've come a long way since then.

WHS golfer **Janet Coles** was permitted to be on the boys' golf team (1968-1972) for there were no girls' golf team. She went on to win two LPGA tournaments and others world-wide. She was inducted into the WHS Foundation's first "Hall of Fame" in 1986. Golf balls don't know who hit them.

Women are the majority in this nation and should not be treated as second-class citizens. They are finally represented in all fields of endeavors, including the House of Representatives, the US Senate, the Vice Presidency, and the Courts.

A "Radical Social Change?" Yes! Thank you, Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Onward!

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SENIOR CORNER - September Senior Center News

By Carol Kaneko, Paul Kaneko and Jean Yamashita and Photos by Jean Yamashita

We hope that everyone is managing to stay safe at home during the COVID-19 pandemic and our forced hiatus. Because older adults and people with underlying medical conditions are at high risk for COVID-19 and serious outcomes, it is uncertain as to when we'll be able to meet again. In the meantime, we are extremely grateful to **Imura Restaurant**, who has generously donated delicious treats to our Seniors, and to our crew of volunteers (**Susan AmRhein, Sharon Bobo, Reba Condon, June Honda, Shirley Inokuchi, Eiko Stewart, Ken Tanimoto, Gail/Bill Wurtenburg**, and **Jean Yamashita**), who have stepped up to help distribute W-SC JACL Senior Center meals to our Seniors.

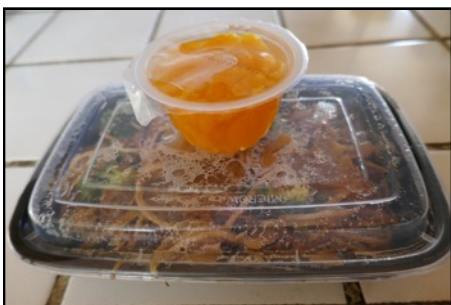
SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

Due to the coronavirus pandemic and for the safety of our Seniors, the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL Senior Center has suspended Thursday gatherings, activities, special events, and trips until further notice.

If you need help while sheltering-at-home (e.g., picking up groceries), please contact Carol Kaneko or Jean Yamashita (408-813-6539).

Many thanks to our thoughtful Senior community for continuing to care and help each other during this difficult time. There have been various acts of kindness such as delivering groceries and calling Seniors just to say "hi!" that are truly appreciated. Thank you!

Fresh air and blue skies welcomed our lively troop of delivery volunteers to **Happy Garden Chinese Restaurant** (1980 Freedom Blvd) as we gathered together to prepare for our distribution adventure on September 24th. When the beef chow fun was ready for pickup, we were surprised by how heavy the containers were as they were generously filled to the brim with yummy chow fun. We hope all the Seniors living in/near Watsonville enjoyed the Happy Garden beef chow fun and mandarin orange cup from the W-SC JACL Senior Center. Thanks to our excellent delivery team: **Sharon Bobo, June Honda, Shirley Inokuchi, Eiko Stewart, Ken Tanimoto, Gail and Bill Wurtenberg**, and **Jean Yamashita**. Special thanks to Ken Tanimoto for picking up a route for quicker delivery and to our substitute delivery helpers: **Eiko Stewart** and **Shirley Inokuchi**.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donations gratefully received for the month of September: **Connie Dimas, Jo Ann Vear, Pat Marr, and Jane Sugidono**. Special donations gratefully received from: **Akira and Hide Nagamine; Ryoko Kozuki** from **Flowers by Toshi; Dan and Karen Nitta** for 2 year memorial for mother, **Helen Nitta Mito**; and **Randy Yagi** in memory of mother, **Chiyoko Yagi**. Note from **Randy**:

*"Dear Friends at W-SC JACL Senior Center,
On behalf of the Yagi Family, I want to thank everyone at the Senior Center in support of the memory of my mother, Chiyoko Yagi.
Best Wishes and please stay safe.*

Randy"

SENIOR CORNER - October Senior Center News

By Carol Kaneko, Kimiko Marr, Jean Yamashita

Photos by Jean Yamashita



From the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):
"Getting a flu vaccine is more important than ever during 2020-2021 to protect yourself and the people around you from flu, and to help reduce the strain on healthcare systems responding to the COVID-19 pandemic."

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**HAPPY
49th ANNIVERSARY
W-SC JACL
SENIOR CENTER!**

For countless years, the W-SC JACL Senior Center has traditionally celebrated its anniversary in October with a special program that included inspiring speeches, reminiscing of memorable moments of the year, honoring our 90+ Seniors,

squeezing together for our annual group photo, and sharing a delicious meal and cake together. Unfortunately, the coronavirus pandemic has forced many venues to close in 2020 that included the Senior Center, and we sadly will miss commemorating this significant event together. While Seniors remain at home to stay safe, the W-SC JACL Senior Center decided to celebrate the anniversary by treating Senior Center members in the area with a special **Miyuki** lunch obento and **Baker's Village** green bean pastry that were delivered by our terrific troop of volunteers: **Susan AmRhein, Sharon Bobo, Reba Condon, Marcia Hashimoto, June Honda, Paul Kaneko, Cindy Mine, Gail Wurtenberg**, and **Jean Yamashita**.



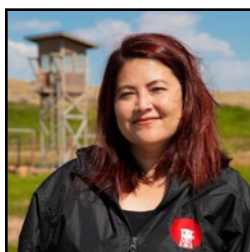
Volunteers pictured (L-R): **Reba Condon, Sharon Bobo, June Honda, Bill Wurtenberg, Gail Wurtenberg, Chris Ishikawa/Miyuki's, Cindy Mine, Paul Kaneko, Susan AmRhein, Marcia Hashimoto.**



Lovely meal picture taken by **Teruko Hirahara**.

Hisako Kodama wanted to thank our Senior volunteers by generously donating yummy sweet pickles that she made from her homegrown cucumbers. Domo arigato, **Mrs. Kodama!**

Pictured: **Nancy Tamaki** and **Hisako Kodama**.



Pilgrimages from Kimiko Marr

If anyone needs something to watch besides the news these days, check out the virtual pilgrimage we did this summer.

Nine weeks worth of content!

<https://www.jampilgrimages.com/tadaimavirtualpilgrimage>

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Donations gratefully received in October from: **Mitsuyo Tao, Nobuko Akiyama, Toshi Yamashita, Kim Tao, Satoko Yamamoto, and Riiko Yoshida.**

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The W-SC JACL Senior Center is most appreciative for the kind donations received. For those who wish to donate during this time when the Senior Center is closed, please make out your checks to "W-SC JACL Senior Center" and send them to **Carol Kaneko** at 1835 Silvana Ln, Santa Cruz, CA 95062. Thank you for your generous support of our Senior Center.

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

Happy Anniversary Senior Center *By Marcia Hashimoto*

The W-SC JACL congratulates our Senior Center on the celebration of their 49th Anniversary.

The Senior Center is a place of friendship, laughter, and good times. Although we are not able to be physically together during this coronavirus pandemic, I feel we are together in thought and spirit. It is wonderful to know that our Seniors are sheltering in place with such a positive attitude.

We appreciate the outstanding leadership of Carol and Paul Kaneko, Jean Yamashita, and June Honda. They continue to keep our Seniors connected with the Senior Newsletter and delicious meal treats.

We look forward to playing BINGO together in the coming year. Until then, please take care and stay happy and healthy.

WATSONVILLE TAIKO AND SHINSEI DAIKO *By Bonnie Chihara*

These are challenging times with COVID-19 and the recent wildfires that have ravaged our area leaving friends to evacuate temporarily and for some to lose their homes. "Stay safe" are the words we frequently hear now and we hope everyone is staying safe and that recoveries from the fires are going well.

In past years Watsonville Taiko members would be busy working on our Annual Holiday Boutique and Raffle but unfortunately because of COVID-19 we have had to cancel this event. Instead we will be holding a modified quilt raffle with the usual Asian inspired quilt grand prize made by Hiroshi Musselman and Bonnie Chihara. Sensei Ikuyo Conant has generously donated a beautiful embroidered kimono which is being used as the main part of the quilt. Second prize is a quilt made by Helen Klee who has previously donated quilts for our raffle and is a dedicated supporter of our group. We will also have three large gift basket prizes.



Tickets will be available beginning mid-November and can be purchased from Watsonville Taiko members or by contacting our business manager Kay Miyamoto at info@watsonvilletaiko.org or by phone-831-475-1088. Cost is \$10 per ticket. The drawing will be held on Sunday December 6th at 4pm and will be posted live on our Facebook page.

Thank you for your continued support-Stay safe everyone!

WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE



Here is Rev. Shinseki's article in the Religious section of the Pajaronian newspaper from the 08-11-20 issue for you to enjoy reading.

Cultural Shift

"There are causes for all human suffering, and there is a way by which they may be ended, because everything in the world is the result of a vast concurrence of causes and conditions, and everything disappears as these causes and conditions change and pass away."

Teachings of the Buddha

I have been observing the number of people who wear masks and how many don't wear masks during the current pandemic crisis. I call it a crisis, because that is exactly what it is a crisis. People are getting deathly ill and dying as a result of COVID 19. It is hard to believe there is anyone who is not aware of the urgency of our current situation.

Although the governor and state and local officials, doctors, scientists and teachers all encourage social distancing and the wearing of masks, there are many who are out in public not wearing masks. Why is this? I believe it is an inherent selfishness of people. It has been said on numerous occasion by many that the wearing of masks is not so much for oneself, but for the protection of others. And yet, people talk about individual rights and freedoms.

What we need here is a cultural shift in thinking and practice. I don't want to condemn a whole culture or society, but we have to stop thinking so selfishly. We have to start thinking about our interrelationships and our effect on other people. Everything, every person in existence are all interrelated and our actions will affect others. This goes beyond the current crisis of the COVID 19 but extends to the environment and simple human relations.

As long as we continue to think of ourselves as the center of all things we will continue to create a wake of suffering as in the case of the virus deaths. We have to move from thinking about "I" to thinking about others and our connection to all beings.

It would be nice if we could shift our thinking from centric to think about all that we receive. Imagine if all children understood that their neighborhood, their schools etc are assets to be looked on as gifts that we receive. There would be a deep sense of responsibility to take care of those gifts. Imagine if all of us became more aware and appreciative of the air we breathe that gives us life. There would be a deep appreciation for nature and all it provides.

This is not an easy shift for many people. I believe it starts with each of us living our lives with the understanding that every thought, word and action affects others. We are all part of a larger whole. Today it starts with the simple act of wearing a mask in consideration of others.

Let us each be the start of a cultural shift where our homes, neighborhoods, cities and country are understood to be a part of each of us individually, and as a result we will live a life of gratitude for all that we have received and we treasure the gift of life.

Gassho,

Rev. Hosei Shinseki

Watsonville Buddhist Temple

NEW YEAR DAY & NEW YEAR EVE SERVICES

As we approach the end of 2020, we hope you are all well and staying healthy and safe. As you know, we are currently live streaming all our Sunday Services to Monterey, Salinas and Watsonville. Each Temple has their individual YouTube sites.

We have created a "Tri-Temple" YouTube site, which we will be posting all the services after they are conducted. Our plan is to utilize this YouTube site for future "Tri-Temple" services. The first service streamed on the site will be the Joya-e service on December 31st at 8:00 pm. The second service will be the Shusho-e service on January 1, 2021 at 10:00 am.

Please advise all your members to tune in to the site on those two days for the services. Prior to the Services, we will have cooking and flower demonstrations. Dates and times for these will be announced. Please subscribe to:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCw6UC6tdbDLulAzset8f1ag>

Gassho,

Rev. Shinseki

CONGRATULATIONS TO BILL WURTENBERG,
who received his Certification as a Minister's Assistant from the Buddhist Churches of America.
Bishop Marvin Harada & Rev. Shinseki presented Bill with his certification
on Sunday, October 4, 2020.

On behalf of the Sangha of the Watsonville Buddhist Temple,
we wish to extend our deepest condolences to
the family of Yoshiko Kawasaki.

Special thanks to Mrs. Jean Hirahara from Watsonville
for donating several handmade facial masks & hand sanitizers!
Please be safe, practice good hand washing and social distancing.
If you are in need of a mask, please call the Temple Office
at 724-7860 and one will be mailed to you. (while supply lasts)

The Pain Of Shame ***(1942 Incarceration)***

*I was only twelve years old on a day that is now history.
 Innocent and ignorant of the turmoil far across the sea.
 Confused by the "breaking news," my heart began to pound.
 Fearful that my youthful world would soon be turned around.*

*Reluctantly, the very next morning, I returned to school.
 Apprehensively, because as a rule, kids can be so cruel.
 I pretended I didn't care, but I was clearly aware,
 Of classmates with their whispers and cynical stares.*

*Was I to blame, because we didn't look the same?
 Must I always carry the burden of the pain of shame?
 Whisked away by scavengers, the fruits of our endeavor.
 An organ that was the music of my life ~ lost to me forever.*

*With heavy hearts, we boarded the Union Pacific.
 Secretly leading to "no man's land," to be very specific.
 The window shades were drawn, both night and day.
 What in the world did we do wrong, against the U.S.A. ?*

*Listening to the clickety-clack of the aged railroad track,
 I wondered, "where are we going, and when will we be back?"
 From the mild, cooling breezes of the beautiful west coast,
 We were driven into the arid desert to sweat and roast.*

*Placed behind barbed wire fences facing a watch tower,
 The respect for my racial origin suddenly turned very sour.
 The shameful feelings we endured were oh, so unforgiving.
 The luxury of privacy was unheard of, in communal living.*

*In a 20' x 25' barracks room partitioned by a hanging sheet,
 We co-existed under conditions of unbearable dust and heat.
 Having to fill our mattress with straw was morally demeaning.
 Obviously, the Bill of Rights held very little meaning.*

*For spiders, black widows and scorpions, it was sheer heaven,
 But it was a time of hurt and tears for our family of seven.
 Through all the indignities and injustices, we did persevere,
 In the country that I still love ~ and will always revere.*

janice tao

The Pain of Shame (Part Two) *(1942-1945 Incarceration)*

*Out of senseless wartime hysteria came Executive Order No. 9066,
Displacing U.S. citizens to the desert into barracks of tarpaper and sticks.
Built with unskilled labor and green lumber, engulfing us in dust and heat,
Air-conditioned cottages for Anglo personnel resembled a vacation retreat.*

*As we internees pulled into camp, an irate guard hopped onto our bus,
Defiantly warning us to be subservient, and not to make a fuss.
Harsh words were instantly exchanged, and angry voices effervesced,
Fueled by a sense of betrayal, humiliation, and bitterness.*

*Trapped by barb -wired fences, machine guns, and Army searchlights,
Lost in the swirling desert winds were our Constitutional rights,
As we tearfully said goodbye to young boys leaving for the Service,
Who ironically were willing to die for the country that did them disservice.*

*For three long years, we routinely lined up for breakfast, lunch, and dinner,
But without a family life whatsoever, no one came out a winner.
Although I was under-age, I diligently worked in the mess hall,
Before and after school, because \$8 a month was a windfall.*

*I had an addiction for reading books ~ mysteries, westerns, and fiction,
So walking to the library under the scorching sun was worth the affliction.
Wrapped in blankets with buckets of charcoal to warm our chilly feet,
We watched "B" movies under the stars, with the cactus and mesquite.*

*To escape the heat, we performed a feat that was considered quite stellar.
Shoveling out dirt from under the barracks created a cool and neat cellar.
On Saturday nights, we stayed up late for the #1 song on the Hit Parade.
Those were the days of the Frank Sinatra craze that lasted for decades.*

*In 1945, due to school closure, a classmate and I left for Los Angeles,
In the cargo section of a delivery truck ~ proof of our youthfulness.
Through miles and miles of sagebrush and sand, dejection and dehydration,
Determined to finish our senior year, we made it to our destination.*

*While in the care of a loving Jewish family, I completed my education,
And dubiously went back to my home town, with little expectation.
In the meantime, my family had returned to an empty, non-existent home.
With nothing in their hands and pockets ~ it was literally "to each his own."*

janice tao

*(Campfires are out, and the ghosts are gone but I still have memories,
of one of the most deplorable acts in United States history)*

Watsonville Buddhist Temple Tentative Schedule of Events:

Schedule of events will be re-evaluated based on the current status of COVID-19.

Go to Temple website (www.wbtemple.org) and click on YouTube link

Sun., Nov. 22 - Sunday Service @ 10am (Live Streaming)

Sun., Nov. 29 - **NO SUNDAY SERVICE**

Sun., Dec. 6 - Bodhi Day Service and Shotsuki Hoyo - December Memorial @ 10am

Sun., Dec 13 - Mochitsuki - **CANCELED**

Sun., Dec 20 - Sunday Service @ 10am

Sun., Dec 27 - **NO SUNDAY SERVICE**

Unfortunately, there will be NO Mochi-Tsuki this December due to the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Watsonville Buddhist Temple

Office Telephone (831) 724-7860, Temple Office Hours: Wednesday mornings, 9 a.m.-noon

Office is temporarily closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. By Appointment only.

Email: buddhist@wbtemple.org

WESTVIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHIMES

Darkness Always Dissipates in the Presence of Light!



I was reminded lately from a mentor that it is very easy to focus on the one or two difficult things in our lives and let them consume us or overshadow all the other good that is indeed present. We let the darkness overshadow all the light. I have some difficult things happening in my life, as I know all of you do as well, but there are indeed so many blessings—so much light. I don't want to let the difficulties obscure my view of the good or of the light! I am grateful for family, friends, our wonderful church family, meaningful work, a roof over my head, and food to eat. In addition, we live in such a beautiful area and we live in a country with relative security and opportunities. We have a God who loves us dearly, guides us when we are willing to listen and even graciously when we don't. We have a God who adopts us as precious sons and daughters and died for us so he could be with us forever.

In the midst of a pandemic, a heated political climate, surviving wildfires, and all that 2020 as dished up, we still have much to be grateful for! So, I encourage us to take time right now (pause your reading) and think of 5, no 10 things/people you are grateful for and thank God, for November is the month of Thanksgiving, and in the 8th month of this pandemic we need to continue to focus on the light!

I missed not having our Harvest Dinner this year! The Harvest Dinner always helps me reflect on gratitude, reminds me that gratitude spills over in generosity towards other as we always gave to a cause at our Harvest Dinner, and connects us all of the wider Westview community. It is always a wonderful celebration of our relationships and of God's goodness. But alas, what else has not been "normal" this year!

Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations won't be "normal" either, but we will find new creative ways to celebrate, and to be grateful in the little things. In the midst of shorter days and the darker months of winter—in the midst of the times in our lives when it feels like the darkness is overwhelming, John 1:5 reminds us, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it."

"Even in the darkest night. That light once shined and will shine still. God's way of love is the way of life. It is the light of the world. And the light of that love shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not, cannot, and will not overcome it!"

— The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, Bishop, Episcopal Church

Amen!

I am grateful for you, the Westview Family. You are a source of comfort, support, and joy when at times the darkness feels overwhelming. May you experience God's abundant joy even amidst these difficult times.

-Pastor Dan

Worship Services & Bible Studies via Zoom and on our website
until it is safe for seniors & the vulnerable to gather again.

Some churches have opened up again for services, but the CDC has encouraged churches with a high number of seniors to continue with online services, so we will continue online until it is safe.

The best place to get up-to-date information will be the Westview website, www.westviewpc.org.

**** If you are in need of any assistance during this time please do not hesitate to call Westview at (831) 724-6222 and leave a message. Someone will call you back as soon as possible. ****

Donations/Tithes to Westview: Can now be done through a **PayPal button on our website** or you can **continue to send it via mail**.

Live Zoom Worship Service and the Video & Audio Recordings on our Website

Westview has been having **live Zoom Sunday Worship Services every Sunday at 10 am. A video recording of the service and audio recordings of previous services are also on the website.** Please check our website for these videos and to listen to the audio recordings at www.westviewpc.org.

If you would like to watch/participate in the Zoom Live Worship Services as it happens on Sunday please send Westview an **email** at westviewpc@gmail.com so that your name/email address can be added/accepted to our Zoom live recordings and you can receive an automatic email reminding you of our upcoming live services.

Pastor Mick Erickson will be our **Guest Speaker** for **November 29th** and **December 27th**.

Wednesday Zoom Scripture Reflection & Check-In: Wednesdays at 4 pm. The link is emailed out weekly. Please send Westview an email at westviewpc@gmail.com if you would like to automatically be sent a link/reminder on a weekly basis about our Wednesday check-ins.

Connecting to Zoom: If you **need help connecting on Zoom**, please **leave a message at Westview** at (831) 724-6222 and someone will get back to you as soon as possible (usually within a day) or **contact Margo** or **Evelyn**. They'd love to help you get connected. Thank you Margo and Evelyn! Also let us know if you know someone who needs a computer device or wifi set up so they can connect with us. Check the Westview website for updates.

Sonrise Kitchen: The breakfast program to the needy is **temporarily closed until Shelter In Place has passed and it is safe to continue the program.** While Westview Worship Services are not being held at the Church, we are redoing the kitchen to make it up to code to cook for SonRise Kitchen. Thank your Margo and Marlon for all your work coordinating this needed endeavor.



Kitchen Photos
Far left: Current remodeling of the kitchen.

Middle photo taken November 6, 1961.

Photo far right taken October 25, 1965.

Westview's kitchen has a wonderful history of fellowship and hospitality.
And by God's grace the Holy Spirit will continue to use this sacred space (our Church) for ministry.

Photos from Westview's 90th Anniversary Book From the Sasaki Family



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (SEPTEMBER, 1988). Front (L to R): Faye Hashitani, Yuki Fuji, Fumi Kobayashi, Niki Shikuma, Fusako Ishizuka, Tamaye Hamagiwa, Betsy Shikuma, Chiyecko Shikuma, Louise Sako. Middle: Marie Nakamoto, Rose Mayeda, Hiroko Shikuma, Miyo Yamasaki, Mary Matsushita, Virginia Sakata, Jane Yoshida. Back: Yuri Hiura, Edna Nagata, Midori Akimoto, Lorraine Enomoto, Joanne Yahiro, Iku Yamaguchi, Dolas Koga.

Left photo:
The Westview Presbyterian women,
taken September 1988.

Right photo:
A Saturday night at one of Westview's
bazaars. Joanne (Shikuma) Hayashi,
2nd from right, top photo.



SATURDAY NIGHT AT
WESTVIEW'S BAZAAR.
(L to R): Joyce (Yoshida) Runde, Phyllis
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