DON'T SIGN THAT CARD!

Something happens to young men each February from which they do not recover until it is too late.

They send carefully chosen (cheap that looks presentable) Valentine cards with their names signed at the bottom “With Love, …”

It is hard to wiggle out of anything signed in ink let alone those engraved in metal such as fraternity pins or friendship rings. Pins and rings are difficult to get back. You might be able to get her mad enough to throw them back at you.

Never write a poem like:

*Rose are red, Violets are blue,*
*This is my way of saying*
*“I love you.”*

Instead, be less intimate:

*Roses are red, Violets are blue,*
*My nose is all stuffed up,*
*And, how are you?*

Before too long, in June, the young men will find themselves at the altar because of carefully orchestrated strategies by designing girl friends and potential in-laws. The guys never had a chance!

No, send carnations. Support Watsonville’s “official flower.” Send her perfume, which is meaningless. Or better yet, send chocolate, which is fattening.

But, whatever you do, don’t sign that card!

A ROYAL AUDIENCE The Art of Gaman drew huge crowds at Tokyo museum and was viewed by the Emperor and Empress. By J. K. Yamamoto, Rafu Shimpo

[Editor’s note: J. K. Yamamoto writes about Delphine Hirasuna’s project which has created a bond between people who share ancestral traits—of perseverance (gaman) and duty and honor. During shikataganai times (“it can’t be helped”)—our WW II incarceration and Japan’s earthquake/tsunami/radiation—those shared traits helped both overcome hardships and setbacks.]

Delphine Hirasuna never dreamed that her modest project to preserve a little-known aspect of the Japanese American wartime experience would lead to a national tour of Japan and an audience with Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko.

During their tour of The Art of Gaman, Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko (left) looked at brooches made by internees. Among those looking on are (center) Professor Masato Satsuma of Tokyo University of the Arts Museum and Delphine Hirasuna. (Photo courtesy of NHK)

The Art of Gaman book cover and the poster for the Tokyo exhibition. The Japanese title is “Songen no Geijutsu.”

In 2005, Hirasuna, editor of @issue: The Online Journal of Business and Design, put together a book, The Art of Gaman: Arts and Crafts from the Japanese American Internment Camps, 1942-1946, with designer Kit Hinrichs and photographer Terry Heffernan. For the book and a traveling exhibit that she curated, she collected a variety of hand-made items — paintings, sculptures, clothing, furniture, toys, teapots, and brooches, to name a few.

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The items were initially made from whatever materials were available, such as scrap wood. Later, materials could be ordered from outside camp. Many of the artists had no formal training and did not pursue their crafts after the war. In many cases, the artists had passed away and their families kept the objects stashed away in attics and closets.

Hirasuna, a San Francisco resident whom long-time Rafu readers may remember for her column, “Kaleidoscope,” chose the word gaman — to endure hardship with dignity — because the objects represented to her “a triumph of the human spirit over adversity.” The book and exhibit were also an effective vehicle to educate the public about the camps.

The Smithsonian Institution asked her to take the exhibit to Washington, D.C., where it was on display from March 2010 to January 2011. That in turn led to the Japan tour.

An anchorwoman at NHK (Hiroko Kuniya) heard about the Smithsonian show, Hirasuna explained. “Of all places, she was reading her neighbor’s cat blog. Her neighbor had just come back from Washington and was raving about the Smithsonian show ... (Kuniya) borrowed the book and decided that NHK should do a program about the show ... They sent a film crew out.”

The episode of NHK’s “Close-up Gendai,” which included interviews with Hirasuna and former internees, aired in the fall of 2010 and was seen by about 18.5 million people. So many viewers wanted to see the exhibit that NHK contacted Hirasuna and offered to sponsor a tour of Japan.

A meeting with NHK had to be cancelled following the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami in the Tohoku region, and Hirasuna figured that the project was dead. But a week or two later, “I got a call saying several people think it’s more important than ever to bring the show to Japan because it really shows the resilience of people — a very uplifting story.”

By that time, she had already committed to shows in Illinois, Georgia and New Mexico and was dealing with 12 additional requests, so the first leg of the Japan tour — at Tokyo University of the Arts’ University Art Museum — did not happen until just recently, Nov. 3 to Dec. 9.

Next year, the show will travel to Fukushima (Feb. 9-March 11), Sendai (May 5-18), Okinawa (June 1-30), and Hiroshima (July 20-Sept. 1).

Recalled to Japan

Hirasuna was in Tokyo for most of November. The show was very well received, attracting some 56,000 people — an amazing number, she noted, since “it would have been considered a huge success if they had 35,000.”

Within a week of returning home, she went to Arkansas with her aunt and cousin to be interviewed for a PBS documentary about the Rohwer camp. Shortly after arriving at the hotel, she got a phone call: “Can you come back to Japan? The emperor and empress would like to see you.”

Because the show was closing within a week, she flew to Tokyo as soon as she could.

“NHK said they didn’t approach the emperor and empress. The imperial household approached them and said they were interested in seeing the exhibition, so it really was their idea,” Hirasuna said. “So to me that was a double honor. It wasn’t some behind-the-scenes PR, it was strictly their interest in seeing the show.”

According to Japanese media reports, while looking at chairs, tansu and other pieces of furniture made by internees, the emperor asked, “Did they make their own tools?” Upon seeing sennin-bari — a thousand-stitch belt intended to protect a warrior from harm — the empress reflected, “I made those, too.” The Japanese custom was continued in the camps, where women made the belts for Nisei soldiers heading for the battlefields of Europe.

Before meeting the imperial couple, Hirasuna was nervous. “I practiced bowing. I was really worried because maybe I wouldn’t bow well enough. Several of my friends were demonstrating how to do it, and I wasn’t getting it right. I was concerned about insulting them inadvertently.”

Hirasuna was in a receiving line along with Professor Masato Satsuma of Tokyo University of the Arts, who was in charge of the exhibition, U.S. Ambassador to Japan John Roos, and other university and NHK officials.

“When the empress got to me, she stuck out her hand ... saying she was pleased to meet me. That was a relief that I didn’t have to try to bow.”

Although Hirasuna had a translator, she found that “the empress speaks excellent English, very fluent. She speaks sort of with a British accent.”

Hirasuna’s impressions of the imperial couple: “They were genuinely nice people ... You see people who go through the formalities (but) you can tell that these people were very sensitive and nice and genuinely interested in the subject ... I like them as people, although I was really impressed that I was standing before the empress and emperor.”

The protocol for the visit was fascinating to Hirasuna. “They have this thing mapped out to the second ... After a 20-minute tour of the gallery, the six of us (from the receiving line) and the emperor and empress were led into a private room. No one else was allowed in. They asked any questions they wanted ... I can’t remember what they asked me. It was a very quiet discussion. After exactly 20 minutes, one of the aides came in, bowed, and they were led out.”

She does remember telling the emperor and empress how thrilled her grandmother was to travel to San Francisco and meet Emperor Hirohito (Akihito’s father) in 1975. “It was a big deal for Issei women at that time ... an unbelievable moment in their lives.”

During the meeting, Hirasuna said, she couldn’t help thinking, “I wish Obaachan and Ojichan and my parents were here to see this ... I think they would have been just agog.”

Emotional Reaction

Hirasuna was pleased that the Japanese media gave the exhibition so much coverage. In particular, she was glad that “they have been giving more attention to what happened to Japanese Americans ... presenting not so much the hardships they went through but the way they comported themselves ... In some ways, hopefully, (the exhibit) bestows a certain dignity on Japanese Americans that maybe wasn’t there before.”

The Japanese title is “Songen no Geijutsu,” which means “The Art of Dignity.” While gaman has a positive connotation for many Japanese Americans, she said, “I
think that in Japan after the war it was more like caving in to authority, not standing up for your rights.”

When Hirasuna came up with the title for the book, “It never occurred to me that the book would go beyond the U.S. … It really captured what was the main word that the Issei and Nisei said after the war, so it seemed appropriate for all kinds of reasons.”

Whatever the title, the Tokyo exhibit got a strong response. “A lot of people were crying,” Hirasuna said. “… The museum said they’ve never had an exhibit where people … have tears in their eyes. They were really moved. It was very emotional for them.”

When giving her slide presentation, Hirasuna has found that both Japanese and American audiences are “stunned” because they knew so little about the internment. Audiences in both countries have been impressed by the beauty and variety of the works, and the skill and imagination of the artisans.

But for Japanese visitors, there is something more, Hirasuna observed. “I think the other thing that really touches them is that so many of the artworks created by people in camp have Japanese themes — Japanese dolls, inkwells … so the kind of things they made look like they could have been made in Japan.”

One visitor told Hirasuna that the exhibit “touched them because when they saw the objects, they identified with the people. These were people like them, of Japanese heritage, so it wasn’t a foreign thing.”

Photos of internees reminded older visitors of themselves and younger visitors of their parents or grandparents; some of the carvings depicted characters from Japanese folklore; and even a baseball banner is written in Japanese, Hirasuna added.

On the last day of show, after news of the imperial visit had been broadcast, “the lines were so long you couldn’t get into the museum.”

Hirasuna is a bit under the weather after two whirlwind trips to Japan in less than two months, and has no plans to accompany the exhibit on the rest of the tour. But she never knows what to expect since “The Art of Gaman” has, in her words, “taken on a life of its own.”
Helene Honda (pen name for Eiko Yoshizato Ceremony) was born in San Francisco, California, and grew up among artistic people whose comings and goings gave her home a colorful Bohemian atmosphere: news reporters, European and Asian poets and artists, violinists, opera singers, and Hollywood actors. This is her story.

Helene began violin lessons at the age of seven. During WW II, when Japanese Americans were forbidden to live on the West Coast, she studied at the Juilliard School of Music in New York City, under Toscanini’s concertmaster, Mischa Mischakoff. After graduating, she traveled the country with the Metropolitan Opera, touring with the American Ballet Theatre orchestras.

Since circa 1970, when Las Vegas became known as the “Entertainment Capital of the World,” Helene played for 25 years in the showrooms of every major Las Vegas hotel—for superstars such as Elvis Presley, Tom Jones, Smokey Robinson, Cher, Michael Jackson, Janet Jackson, Dean Martin, Tony Bennett, and Frank Sinatra.

Eiko explains: “Countless incidents during my lifetime clamored to be told which led me to write “Allegro,” a fictional novel. I wanted the reader to know what it felt like to be Japanese American and to learn about Issei immigrants and their Nisei children living in a country which held promises that were not intended for them.

“The middle part of the book tells of the day-to-day life in an incarceration camp. It also tells of the unswerving loyalty of young men scoffed at and dubbed as “enemy aliens.” It was they who volunteered in the Military Intelligence Service (MIS) as interpreters and interrogators to protect this country and who helped shorten the war in the Pacific theater by two years.

“In other parts of the book, I write of the music scene in Las Vegas in the 1970’s when every popular singer of the day was featured in the casino showrooms, and where I was a band member for 25 years.

“Mainly, I wrote this book for the Sansei and Yonsei as part of our Yoshizato family history. A book about my father’s involvement in the recovery of the stolen “Omoro-soshi,” a national treasure, and of its return to Okinawa after WW II is in the works.”

[Editor’s note: This is the introduction to Eiko Ceremony’s first book, but it is so much more than that! This fictional historical account, based upon her life and that of her family, recaptures the hardships and struggles of the days at Tanforan and Topaz.

It is a must read for all of us who were incarcerated during WW II—whether in Heart Mountain, Poston, Tule Lake, Manzanar, or any other “camp.”

All of us who were unjustly imprisoned must talk to our children and grandchildren and must not sugar coat it with “Oh, it wasn’t all that bad.” Certainly, there were good moments … of falling in love and marrying … but there were moments of suspicion and decisions and doubts.

When’s a good time to speak to your family? Sooner the better. Perhaps, during your next family gathering—your birthday or a memorial service for one who was in “camp.” Bring out the old albums and tell the stories behind the photos. Don’t just say, “That’s your Uncle John.” Tell of Uncle John—what he was like, what he liked and didn’t like, of his growing up. Have a youngster record your thoughts. Include the packing, trip to and from, food, weather, storms, fences, movies, toilet, laundry, education, fashion, music, artistic endeavors, diseases, funerals, help from, and don’t leave anything out. Start making out a list of items/issues to cover.

We thank Eiko Ceremony for this wonderful story and for giving us the impetus to start working on our own stories.]

RICE SACK ARTWORK

Etsie Nakajo of San Francisco hand-crafted these delightful “teddy bears” made of the rice sacks which were donated by Fred Oda and Louise Sako. If there’s a new Art of Gaman book ever to be published, Mrs. Nakajo’s art must be included.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF NISEI VETERANS

Author and photographer Tom Graves will speak about his new book, Twice Heroes: America’s Nisei Veterans of WW II and Korea, at the Friends and Family of Nisei Veterans (FFNV) potluck meeting on Saturday, February 9, at the Morgan Hill Buddhist Community Center, 16450 Murphy Ave., Morgan Hill, California. Please bring a favorite dish to share.

Tom spent over 10 years compiling the book’s 98 portraits. In the accompanying interviews, veterans tell of
their experiences before, during and after WWII, and those who served in the Korean War talk about that conflict. Among the men and women represented are four Medal of Honor recipients.

Early readers have great things to say about the book. Late Senator Dan Inouye’s friend, Senator Bob Dole said: “As a fellow WWII veteran, I salute these great Americans who are indeed ‘Twice Heroes’ and whose stories come to life in Tom Graves’ work.”

Retired U.S. Army General David A. Bramlett: “Tom Graves’ work adds a rich dimension to an extraordinary story -- that of the Nisei veteran in WWII and Korea. Through his portraits and their words, he provides memorable insights into the Nisei record and legacy of loyalty and courage—a worthy tribute to these remarkable men.”

Tom says Twice Heroes’ unique combination of portraits and interviews is a new way to teach about the Nisei Veterans and the Japanese American Experience during WWII. Parents and grandparents can use the book to start conversations with family members about their own experiences.

Since 2006, Tom’s veterans’ portraits have been exhibited at venues including American Legion National Convention, Fort Knox, National Japanese American Historical Society, National Steinbeck Center, the Presidio of San Francisco, San Francisco City Hall and Webster University. His current exhibit at the Manzanar National Historic Site has been extended into the new year.

The FFNV meeting begins at 11:00 a.m. and includes lunch. All are welcome. Contact Mas Hashimoto at 722-6859 if you need a ride.

For more information on the meeting, membership, and future events, please contact Brian Shiroyama, bshiroyama@gmail.com.

For information on Twice Heroes, contact Tom Graves at tom@tomgraves.com.

**DAY OF REMEMBRANCE WORKSHOP, “THE PARALLELS BETWEEN PEARL HARBOR AND 9/11: LESSON FROM HISTORY”**: When: Saturday, February 16, 2013 from 1-3 pm.

Where: The Memorial Hall at Enmanji Buddhist Temple, 1200 Gravenstein Hwy S., Sebastopol, CA 95472

We are pleased to invite you to a workshop “The Parallels Between Pearl Harbor and 9/11: Lessons from History”. This workshop is sponsored and organized by the Sonoma County Japanese American Citizens League for Day of Remembrance to commemorate the 71st anniversary of the 1942 signing of Executive Order 9066 by President Roosevelt.

This workshop’s main objectives are to:

- Shed light on the parallels between two historical events - Pearl Harbor and 9/11 - from the perspectives of Japanese Americans and Muslim Americans respectively, and

- Discuss how relevant these lessons are today and how we can avoid making similar mistakes in the future by educating ourselves and raising awareness in the community.

Our keynote speaker, Imam Ali Siddiqui, Executive Director of Muslim Institute for Interfaith Studies & Understanding, will speak about his experiences of living in America as a Muslim particularly after 9/11. Sonoma County JACL board member Marie Sugiyama will speak about her experiences in a Japanese American internment camp.

We welcome our local filmmaker, Lina Hosino, who will show her film Caught In Between, which illustrates the power of people coming together to fight for human rights by comparing the two groups’ experiences. She will also facilitate an open discussion to conclude the program.

This workshop is open to the public and free of charge. Donations at the door are appreciated, and refreshments will be served after the program.

Please contact sonomacojacl@yahoo.com to find out more. To reserve your seat, please RSVP by February 13, 2013.

**2013 DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OBSERVANCE**

By Larry Oda, Monterey Peninsula JACL

The Monterey Peninsula JACL will be the host for the five-chapter observance of the Day of Remembrance at the site of the Salinas Assembly Center where 3,600 of our families and friends were incarcerated from April to July of 1942 while waiting for permanent facilities to be built in vast wastelands in the interior of our country.

The program will be held at 1:30 PM, Sunday, February 24th in the Salinas Community Center, Santa Lucia Room, 940 North Main Street, Salinas, CA 93901. The program is free, and the public is encouraged to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

This year, we will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the signing of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, which acknowledged the government and its three branches violated the highest law of the land—the United States Constitution—by stripping Japanese Americans of their civil rights during World War II. Redress was the culmination of twenty years of effort by JACL to educate the public about the injustices perpetrated on our community, to pursue legislative remedy, and to convince our government that there was a need to acknowledge its error and to apologize for its ignorance.

A special part of the program will be an unveiling of “Twice Heroes,” the photographic essay and interviews with author Tom Graves. Tom will introduce his book and talk about the motivation to produce the book and the significance of preserving this memory. Copies of the large format book will be available for purchase.

The JACL chapters who share duties with Monterey in hosting this annual event are Gilroy, Salinas Valley, San Benito County and Watsonville-Santa Cruz.

**JAPANESE MEMORIAL GARDEN IN SALINAS**

Several times a year, Joe Bowes, Gary Mine and Iwao Yamashita, from our W-SC JACL, travel to Salinas to clean the garden--pull weeds, trim the bonsai, rake the grounds, remove the graffiti, etc. to make it beautiful especially for our Day of Remembrance event and Salinas’ Big Week (California Rodeo) in July.

Joe Bowes, Gary and Cindy Mine, Iwao Yamashita, Paul Kaneko, and the Watsonville Taiko also maintain our JACL Kizuka Hall so that our Seniors can enjoy the beautiful surroundings.

Thank you for all the work you do all year long.
Retired high school US History teacher, Mas Hashimoto, has been invited to speak to the following:
(1) UCSC “Memories of WW II” class (220 students) with Professors Alice Yang and Alan Christy;
(2) Aptos High School’s juniors (300) on Feb. 6;
(3) CSU Stanislaus, Turlock (35) on Feb. 11;
(4) Salinas High School’s juniors (550) on Feb. 12;
(5) Robert Louis Steven’s Japanese and other exchange students (50) on March 30;
(6) Watsonville High School juniors (300) on April 29.

The teachers recognize that wear and tear on an old body has been taking its toll. Now, they have graciously arranged to combine the classes for one presentation instead of the usual six presentations over two days. Thank you, teachers! At several of the high schools Mas has been invited to make his presentation for the past 15 years.

He enjoys, at the invitation of the teachers, speaking to the students who are studying the Constitution with its Bill of Rights, WW II, racism and racial profiling, US history, library science, cultural history, or current events.

Many of us were introduced to SPAM in “camp” and to this day, whenever I cook SPAM (with eggs and soy sauce), I am fondly reminded of those camp days. SPAM was a treat over mutton (decaying lamb) stew and/or salt pork dishes. Oh, I have other recipes of SPAM, too.**

There is a wonderful SPAM, THE COOKBOOK written by Marguerite Patten of the United Kingdom with many international dishes. It can be purchased at Nikkei Traditions in San Jose’s Japantown for $7.99.

Do you have memories of SPAM in and out of camp or as a soldier during WW II you would like to share with us? Write to us.

In 1891, George A. Hormel established Hormel Foods Corporation in Austin, Minnesota, and in 1926, Hormel developed the world’s first canned ham. The immediate advantage was obvious. Canned meats didn’t need refrigeration.

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In Santa Cruz County, SPAM may not be as popular with its many vegetarians and with those of religious faiths who refrain from eating pork or pork products.

"My recipe: Cube SPAM and a good sized eggplant. Cut a green pepper, an onion, and button mushrooms. Place all in a deep frying pan. Add a little water for steaming. Cover. Cook over medium heat. Flavor to taste with a little sato joyu (sugar and soy sauce). Cook until the eggplant is soft.

Serve with gohan (cooked rice), koko, nori, and ocha (green tea) to remain healthy!

Don’t forget to say, Itadakimasu.

[Editor’s note: As a young college student, I was shocked to observe a Hindu student eating a beef hamburger. I asked about that, to which he replied, “Not my cow.”]
Bonnie Chihara will be leading this workshop again. If you would like to attend, please email to reserve your space at kyoko55@hotmail.com or call 831-662-1895. Cost is $15 and includes all supplies to complete at least 3 cards.

Also, in February, we will have our kids' taiko workshop at the Grey Bears facility 2710 Chanticleer in Santa Cruz. This workshop will be held on four Sundays: February 3, 10, 17 and 24 from noon to 1 pm. Cost is $45 and is open to children 8-12 years old. To sign up for this workshop, email Naoko at naokoy@earthlink.net or Bonnie at kyoko55@hotmail.com.

Are you or a friend interested in learning taiko? Please contact our business manager Taeko at 831-435-4913 or email her at info@watsonvilletaiko.org.

Our upcoming schedule includes:

- Feb 25 & 26: SC Symphony Youth Concert, Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium
- Feb 27: Exploratory Program Linscott School, Watsonville
- Mar 3: Symphony Family Concert, Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium
- Mar 23 & 24: SC Ballet Theatre in Concert, Cabrillo Crocker Theater, Aptos
- April 7: Hana Matsuri, Watsonville Buddhist Temple
- April 15: Haru Matsuri/Taiko Expo Morgan Hill
- April 27: Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival
- April 28: Big Sur Marathon
- May 18: Rejuvenation Festival San Lorenzo Park, Downtown Santa Cruz
- June 8: Japanese Cultural Fair, Mission Plaza Park, Santa Cruz
- June 23: JACL Community Picnic, Aptos Village Park

**CHINESE FORTUNE COOKIE**

I've opened 'em all with the hope of seeing this: "You da Man! You da Man!"
encouraging our mayor to visit Kawakami to see the changes that have taken place in the past 20 years.

The 2012 group had a wonderful time in Kawakami! When the Kawakami students and Mayor Fujiwara visit Watsonville in September, we would like to have them attend a city council meeting. We hope our former mayor, now Assemblyman Luis A. Alejo, will welcome the students, too.

In addition to the welcome potluck dinner, tour of our middle schools and agricultural valley, and the farewell dinner, we will have a catered dinner at Watsonville’s new city park in Corralitos.

For more information, please contact Robb Mayeda (robb.mayeda@gmail.com) or Phyllis Nagamine (pmn2742@sbcglobal.net). For more information about Kawakami village see their website: http://www.vill.kawakami.nagano.jp/yasai/index.html

FROM CONSUL GENERAL HIROSHI INOMATA
Happy New Year! In the spirit of new beginnings, I am pleased to announce the first issue of a bi-monthly Sister City newsletter. The Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco oversees 60 sister-city relationships between Japan and Northern and Central California. The bonds fostered by the sister cities have exposed its participants to new customs, experiences and exchanges, and I hope this newsletter will bring you in Northern and Central California closer together. I am proud to see so many people excited about the sister-city program and international friendships!

This newsletter shall provide the venue to share news among the Consulate and other sister-city organizations. Feel free to contact us with your important news and upcoming events, as well as concerns or advice on how best to foster international interaction with cities in Japan. I hope that this effort will create new ideas and possibilities, allowing the programs to further grow. I look forward to hearing about your progress as we continue on in this new year.

How the Consulate Can Help You
This newsletter is the first step in the Consulate’s goal to become more involved in the sister-city relationships of Northern and Central California and enhance reciprocal relationships within the Sister-City community.

Recognizing the importance of these people-to-people exchanges, we wish to offer our support in a more tangible way and facilitate further developments of the Sister City community within our jurisdiction.

Assistance from the Consulate includes the following:
(1) Hosting student delegations for an orientation at the Consulate to learn about the Japan-CA Relationship.
(2) Attendance of Consul General or Consuls (schedule permitting) at Sister City Celebrations, Anniversaries, and other events.

Advertising Sister City Events
Please also refer to the top of this newsletter for more updated information on Northern and Central California Sister City organizations and their activities.

Call for Submissions
In addition, please let us know about any upcoming events by submitting articles to this newsletter. Or, share important dates for events put on by your sister-city committee. Please limit these events to those taking place before May 2013. Submissions can be addressed to Katie Andresen at: katherine.andresen@sr.mofa.go.jp.

The submission deadline is February 15, 2013. Please note that we choose to include the piece and make edits or changes as we see fit.

Sister-City Relationship Anniversaries occurring in 2013 are:
San Mateo & Toyonaka City 50th
Vallejo & Akashi City 45th
Napa & Iwanuma City 40th
Lindsay & Ono City 40th
Cupertino & Toyokawa City 35th
Rohnert Park & Hashimoto City 30th
Sausalito & Sakaide City 25th
Gilroy & Takko Town 25th
*Watsonville & Kawakami Village 25th
Salinas & Wakuya Town 15th
Pittsburg & Shimonoseki City 15th

WHAT DOES A TEACHER MAKE?
At a recent conference, a CEO explained the shortcoming of today’s education. He argued, “What’s a kid going to learn from someone who decided his best option in life was to become a teacher?” To stress his point he said to one in the audience; “You’re a teacher. Be honest. What do you make?”

The teacher paused for a moment and then replied, “What do I make? Well, I make kids work harder than they ever thought they could. I make kids sit through 40 minutes of class time when their parents can’t make them sit still for five minutes without an iPod, game cube or a movie rental.

“You want to know what I make? I make kids wonder. I make them question. I make them apologize when they need to and make them mean it. I make them have respect for one another and to take responsibility for their actions. I teach them how to write correctly, and then I make them write. Keyboarding and twittering aren’t everything. I make them read and read. I make them express their thoughts on what they’ve read. I make them show all their work in math. I make them use their brain, not a man-made calculator. I make my students from other countries learn everything they need to know about our country’s history while preserving their unique cultural identity. I make my classroom a place where all my students...
students feel safe. Finally, I make them understand that if they use the gifts they were given, work hard, and follow their hearts, they can succeed in life.

“Then, when people try to judge me by how much money I make, I pay no attention because they don’t know what questions to ask. You know to want to know what I make?”

“I make a difference in all their lives—for without teachers where would all the compassionate doctors, dedicated scientists and engineers, caring lawyers, creative artists, contributing farmers and concerned CEOs come from?”

“What do you make Mr. CEO?”

[Editor’s note: We all too often mistakenly judge success on how much money one makes, or what kind of corporate jet one flies, or how many houses (separate from a home) one has. SUCCESS and happiness are two different measures.]

**SUPPORTING THE VICTIMS OF RAPE**

January 18, 2013

The Honorable Katcho Achadjian
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 4098
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 65 (Achadjian) Support

Dear Assembly Member Achadjian:

The Watsonville-Santa Cruz Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) is pleased to support Assembly Bill 65, which would protect victims of rape by clarifying that a perpetrator who induces a victim into sexual activity by impersonating a cohabitant, fiancé, fiancée, or someone with whom the victim has a dating relationship is guilty of felony rape.

Under existing law, “rape by fraud” can only be prosecuted in cases where a victim consented to sexual activity “under the belief that the person committing the act is the victim’s spouse and this belief is induced by any artifice, pretense, or concealment practiced by the accused, with intent to induce the belief.”

There have been two recent cases in California where women have been attacked by perpetrators impersonating their boyfriends. In one case, the perpetrator could not be prosecuted for felony rape simply because the couple (victim and her boyfriend) who lived together was not married. In the other case, the conviction of the perpetrator was overturned on appeal citing this loophole as primary grounds for the appeal. This oversight in existing law has resulted in the denial of justice to women who were clearly the victims of rape.

Assembly Bill 65 would provide the same protections to victims of rape that are already provided for in existing statutes related to domestic violence, which defines and recognizes a cohabitant, fiancé, fiancée, or someone with whom the victim has a dating relationship so that individuals that suffer from domestic abuse, corporal injury, spousal abuse and spousal battery are protected under the law.

This is a common sense bill which would improve public safety by having these perpetrators prosecuted for felony rape and would protect and provide justice for all victims of rape.

The JACL is this nation’s oldest and largest civil rights and educational organization serving the Asian Pacific American community. The Watsonville-Santa Cruz Chapter of the JACL supports Assembly Bill 65. We applaud you and Assembly Speaker Perez for introducing this important legislation.

Sincerely,

**Mas Hashimoto**, Civil Rights Co-chair

**REMEMBERING PFC ROY S. KIMURA**

By Leon Kimura

[Editor’s note: We are grateful to learn of Roy S. Kimura, a WW II Nisei veteran, from his son, Leon Kimura, who is President of the San Jose JACL.]

**PFC Roy S. Kimura**, brother of **George Y. Kimura**, Rt. 3, Box 103, Watsonville, has returned to the United States after serving with the 90th Infantry Division. Kimura was a rifleman and scout and has two Bronze Stars, Combat Infantryman’s badge, Good Conduct ribbon, and the American Defense ribbon. (Watsonville Register-Pajaronian, December 12, 1945 p 6.)

After the war, Dad and my mother, Shizuko Kimura, farmed strawberries in Watsonville for a while with brother George and then moved to San Jose and farmed there. Later, he farmed strawberries in Sunol where Japanese American farmers formed the HNS Berry Farms. After saving enough money, he moved to Morgan Hill to purchase his own property where he farmed strawberries, cherry tomatoes and kiwi fruit. He passed away in 1994.

**TRI-CHAPTER INSTALLATION, JAN. 20TH 2013**

The Tri-Chapter Installation of officers, held at the beautiful San Juan Oaks Golf Course and organized by Kurt Kurasaki was a huge success.

We must congratulate **Kurt Kurasaki** of San Benito County JACL on his election to his second ten-year term as President. His supporting cast includes: Vice President **Jon Yamanishi**, Recording Secretary **Phyllis Teshima**, Corresponding Secretary **Jung-A Kim**, Treasurer **Craig Yamaoka**, Membership Chair **Tony Boch**, Official Delegate **Jeff Yoshioka**, and the Members-at-large **Ruby Yamaoka**, **Sayuri Yamanishi**, and **Ann Tanaka**.

Congratulations to Gilroy’s officers: President **Lauren Mantani**, Vice President of Public Relations **Teri Hinmon**, Vice President of Activities **Lisa Sheedy**, Vice President of Membership **June Muraoka**, Secretary **Michael Hoshida**, Treasurer **June Otaguro**, Past President **Michael Hoshida**, Official Delegate **Lily Kawafuchi**, and Board members-at-large **Nancy Kawamoto** and **Allan Kawafuchi**.

Retired Superior Court Judge Joseph Biafore, Jr swore in the officers for a record 37 years, and we look forward to his participation next year when it is our turn to host. He spoke of the devotion to this country by Americans from all walks of life. He eloquently expressed his faith in the future of this country. It was truly a most uplifting invocation.

After the installation, Luis Valdez--playwright, author, actor, screenwriter—(famed for Zoot Suit and La Bamba)—inspired everyone with his views of local Japanese American and Chicano contributions to this county and country. He confided in us about his working project, “Valley of the Heart,” the story of Japanese (and Japanese Americans) and Mexican (and Mexican American) contributions, more than just in agriculture, to this country.

Mr. Valdez spoke of the close relationship that exists between those of us who worked and struggled in the fields all around the Pajaro Valley, Salinas Valley and San Benito County.

It was an informative, heartwarming event that included honoring the late Gayle Glines of the Gilroy JACL. Her dedication of community service was applauded. San Juan Oaks Golf Course presented a most delicious buffet, and the SF 49ers won!


DAY OF REMEMBRANCE EDUCATION FUND DONATIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED FROM ....

Greatest Need
Sid and Nobue Fujii
Roland and Inaka Johnson
Henry Hayashida of Seaside
Sam and Yaeko Sakamoto
In memory of grandson Kyle Otsuji
from Helen Mito
In memory of nephew Kyle Ostuji
from Dan and Karen Nitta
In memory of George and Frances Hoshiyama
from Thomas and Debbe Chan,
In memory of Wataru Eto
from Mas and Marcia Hashimoto
from Esther Ura
In memory of Barbara Eto Wada
from Mas and Marcia Hashimoto
In memory of mother Asa Sugidono
from Ichiro Sam Sugidono
In memory of Johnny Yamashita
from Helen Yamashita
In memory of Tadashi/Ayako/Iwao Mono
from Philip and Sachi Snyder

Education and Scholarships
Paul and Sumi Ichiuji of Salinas

Newsletter
Faye Hashitani
In memory of George and Frances Hoshiyama
from Mas and Marcia Hashimoto

Use of the JACL Hall
Watsonville Bonsai
Watsonville Taiko

SENIOR CENTER NEWS By Kitako Izumizaki
Seniors were welcomed at the first meeting of 2013 with wishes to all for a very happy and healthy New Year. The second session was a busy time for all as it was a combo of New Year's celebration and January birthday party. Manager Iwao Yamashita opened the meeting with a moment of silence, followed by the singing of God Bless America. Chie Sakaue rendered the shigin to celebrate
the occasion. **Iwao Yamashita** gave New Year’s greetings and wished good health and happiness to all.

Birthday honorees were Evelyn Kamigawachi, Carmel Kamigawachi 92, Mitsuko Ruble, Hatsuko Tsuji, and Teruko Hirahara. Absent was Frances Goon 94. Carmel received manju, and Frances’ manju was delivered to her. After the birthday song and the blowing out of candles, a short video by Carmel Kamigawachi was shown. The year was 2001 when most of us were very young looking. We saw many of our departed members and got a surprise to see how much those of us still here had changed in looks. Thanks, Carmel, for bringing back a lot of memories.

**Iwao Yamashita** displayed his bonsai pine tree. Individual tables were decorated with symbolic New Year’s decorations from Helen Nakano, small flowers in a glass vase, and candy placed in a hollow paper crane at each place setting. *Ikenobo* furnished the small flowers. Thanks to *Miyuki Restaurant* for donating a pan of *nishime* for our celebration.

For this celebration, the head table held flower arrangement of mums, camellias, pine branch, and lilies—the creation of Hisako Kodama, Mitsuyo Tao, Sensei Yoshino Matano, and Chie Sakaue. Not pictured is Jean Akiyama. All the Senior Center photos are the courtesy of Carol Kaneko.

We were happy to see Carmel and Evy Kamigawachi, Kazuko Sakai, and Alan and Betty Yagi attend this special celebration. Hope to see more of you this year. Also thanks to Harvey Kamigawachi for bringing his parents so we could all get a good visit.

Sadly, we lost a long time member, Jiro Sugidono, this month. We send our condolences to his family and friends.

After bingo, the group enjoyed a *Miyuki* buffet dinner.

The 2013 Directory was passed out and the front cover was a photo of our oldest couple and past managers, Ray and Louise Sako. The photo was taken by Phil Shima, and we thank him for the wonderful job done with all his projects at this center.

The 2012 treasurer’s report was passed out by Carol Kaneko. It listed all the members’ monetary donations and the status of our treasury. It looks like we are still in very good shape financially, but it can be improved if more members take part in the various trips provided for our entertainment.

Thanks to January *tobans*, Haru Ishibashi, Yaeko Cross, Mitsuko Ruble, and Gail Wurtenberg for a job well done.

Monetary donations gratefully received: *Yamashita Fish Market*, Hatsuko Tsuji, Terry Hirahara, Carmel and Evy Kamigawachi, Diane Mio, Iwao Yamashita, Carol and Paul Kaneko, Dan and Karen Nitta, and Helen Mito. We also thank Laurie McCahon from McCahon Floral for a very generous discount on the poinsettia plants we purchased in December.

Other donations gratefully received were:

**Shirley Nishimoto** 4 doz eggs

**Miye Yamashita** 6 rolls *Bounty* paper towels, 1 pkg cookies,

**Rubie Kawamoto** 80 green tea bags, 6 boxes sq *Kleenex*

**Chiyoko Yagi** 8 cans soup

**Nobue Fujii** 3 large *Kleenex*, 2 *omusubi* maker

**Chie Sakaue** 8 bags lemons, more lemons

**Terry Hirahara** 3 bags Pita chips, *hijiki*, salad

**Yaeko Cross** 6 sq *Kleenex*, 8 small clipboards

**Paul/Carol Kaneko** 2 bottles *Mirin*, 1 pkgs nori, 1 can sardines, doz sq *Kleenex*, 5 cans *Comet*

**Kitako Izumizaki** 9 rolls tissues

**Mitsuko Ruble** 4 cartons chocolate drink,

**Kimi Fujii** 2 bags *Hershey’s* candy

We were happy to see Carmel and Evy Kamigawachi, Kazuko Sakai, and Alan and Betty Yagi attend this special celebration. Hope to see more of you
Many thanks for all the donations to start the New Year.

Our upcoming events are:

Jan. 29 - Table Mountain one-day trip
Thurs Feb 7 & 28 Regular Bingo
**Thurs Feb 14** Zenzai Treat
**Thurs Feb 21** February Birthday Party
**Sun Feb 24** Day of Remembrance, Salinas Community Center, 1:30 – 4 pm

Keep warm, keep healthy, and keep coming. See you all next month.

WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE NEWS

By Jackie Yamashita

The Sangha enjoyed a wonderful installation service and a “Welcome New Year” event that included a delicious potluck luncheon and a bingo game on January 13th. Congratulations to the 2013 Temple’s officers who were officially installed on Sunday, January 13.

Treasurer Norman Uyeda, President Kiyo Kawasaki, Secretary Kim Yoshida, and Advisor Rev. Hanayama.

2013 ABA officers are Sadao Matsunami, Tee Yamamoto, Judy Hane, Jean Akiyama, Perry Yoshida, Kenny Kusumoto, Betty Oda, Noboru Nakatani, Iwao Yamashita, and Rev. Hanayama.

2013 BWA officers are: Keiko Hanayama, advisor; Kiiko Akiyama - VP July-Dec; Hisako Kodama - Treasurer - Sept-Dec; Aiko Nitao - VP Jan-June; Aileen Kawasaki - English Secretary - July-Dec; Terry Hirahara - English Secretary - Jan - June; Ryoko Suruki - Treasurer - May-Aug; Fumie Yonemoto - Auditor July-Dec. In the back is Rev. Hanayama, advisor.

Our BWA will be preparing chirashi—eggs, shiitake, kamaboko and gobo—for the udon feed. On Saturday, Feb. 2 we will begin at 7 am with rice cooking. We will have a Dana Day Service on Feb., 6th at 1 pm. On April 17th & 18th, 2013 a casino trip is planned. The overnight trip will cost $50. Those who are interested are asked to call Terry Hirahara at 724-9274.

ABA Memorial Service: the luncheon was prepared by January tobans-Nobue Fujii, Ida Akimoto & Sheryl Wobber. For the udon feed, ABA will prepare tsukemono, cook eggs, prepare shiitake, chashu, green onions at 2 pm.

YBA Update: All of us had a great time at the New Year’s Potluck Luncheon. We all enjoyed the delicious food and company. We even had a couple of lucky winners!! Thank you for the prizes which will go to the college fund.

Seven members and Kim Tao will be attending the CD YBL activity day at Dave & Busters, which will be followed by a sleepover at SJ Betsuin on Saturday.

Our YBA will be selling desserts at the udon feed.
We are busy planning to attend the upcoming CD conference in March at the San Jose Betsuin.

The All You Can Eat Pancake Feed, which has a tradition that dates back to the early 1950s to raise funds for the conference, is scheduled for Sunday, March 24th from 7:30 -11:00 a.m. The tickets can be purchased from any YBA members, Jackie at the office, or at the door.

Old Folks are Worth a Fortune

We are worth a fortune. We have silver in our hair, gold in our teeth, stones in our kidneys, lead in our feet, and gas in our stomachs.

PS  The preacher came to call the other day. He said that at my age I should be thinking of the hereafter. I told him, “Oh, I do that all the time. No matter where I am—in the kitchen, the parlor, upstairs, or downstairs in the basement—I ask myself, ‘Now, what am I here after?’”

IN REMEMBRANCE ...

Wataru Eto

Wataru “Walt” Eto died December 29, 2012, at Watsonville Community Hospital. He was 93. A native of Watsonville and lifelong resident of Watsonville, he graduated from Watsonville High School. Mr. Eto served in the U.S. Army with the famous 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team in Italy and France during World War II.

Following the war, he returned to Watsonville and continued farming strawberries until he retired.

Mr. Eto leaves three sisters, Ruth Yamamoto of Santa Cruz, Barbara (Ted) Wada of Watsonville, and Hatsuko Imoto of Lindsay, and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his brothers, Tom, Mitsugu, and Harry Eto, and his parents, Niichi and Tamae Eto.

Private family services were held at Mehl’s Colonial Chapel. Inurnment will take place at Pajaro Valley Memorial Park.

Barbara Eto Wada

Barbara Kikuko Eto Wada peacefully passed away at home at the age of 78. A native and resident of Watsonville, Barbara is survived by her devoted and loving husband of almost 59 years, Ted.

Survivors also include her children: Mitchell of Mt. View, Norman (Traci) of San Francisco, Lori (Derek) Etow of Aptos, and grandson Sean Etow. Barbara’s surviving siblings are Ruth Yamamoto of Santa Cruz and Hatsuko Imoto of Lindsay, CA.

Barbara was a very private person with a warm compassionate heart who took great pride in her work and her family, living each day without regret. Her kind soul and enduring spirit will long be remembered and live on in all who knew Barbara.
A private family service was conducted at her request. [Editor’s note: We are saddened by the passing of Walt Eto and his sister, Barbara Wada. Both were valued members of our W-SC JACL.

Barbara and Ted were high school sweethearts and youth enthusiasts of the Temple’s YBA. Recently, the Watsonville City Beautification Committee selected their beautifully landscaped home as the House and Garden of the Month.]

SHINICHI MISUMI
Shinichi Misumi, a retired farmer, died on Wednesday, January 16, 2013. He was 94.

Mr. Misumi, a native of Watsonville, served in the US Army during WW II. He was a member of the Watsonville Buddhist Temple.

He is survived by his brothers, Sam and Saburo Misumi; sisters Rosie Takamune and Alice Iwamoto; his nieces and a nephew.

A private family service was held.

JIRO SUGIDONO
Jiro Sugidono died peacefully at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Livermore, CA on January 19, 2013. He was 89.

Jiro was born in Watsonville on October 25, 1923 to Saichiro and Asa Sugidono. He graduated from Watsonville High School, Class of 1942 (he, along with 12 other Nisei classmates, received his cap and gown ceremony and diploma on June 12, 1992, exactly 50 years later).

He and his family were incarcerated first at the Salinas Assembly Center (site of the California Rodeo) and then to Poston, Arizona. The family was assigned to Poston Camp II, Block 220, Barrack 12, Room A.

From Poston II, he and his older brother, Ichiro Sam, volunteered to serve in the US Army and was then assigned to the L Company (“Love” Company) of the famed “Go For Broke” 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team, the most highly decorated military unit for its size and length of service.

Upon returning home after the war, he helped grow strawberries with Henry J. Tsutsui, who was to become his father-in-law when he married daughter Jane on Feb. 12, 1956. Later, he started his own successful gardening business.

He loved to bowl with the guys of the Nisei Bowling League at Cabrillo Lanes, and he enjoyed coaching the youth basketball team at the Westview Presbyterian Church. He was a W-SC JACLer and enjoyed the weekly gathering at the Senior Center. He particularly enjoyed playing bingo.

Jiro is survived by his wife of 56 years, Jane; sons Doug (Candace), Steve and Ron; daughter Lori (Peter) Zaloumis; brother Ichiro Sam; sisters Grace Fujita and Alice Okine; and five grandchildren.

Jiro proudly received the Congressional Gold Medal in San Jose and was congratulated by Congressman Mike Honda.

A memorial service was held on Sat. Jan. 26 at the Westview Presbyterian Church.

We send our sincere condolences to the Eto, Wada, Misumi and Sugidono families, relatives, and friends.

WESTVIEW PRESBYTERIAN’S JANUARY AND FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS
[Editor’s note: We apologize for not being able to print the January 2012 Westview Chimes report last month. It is printed here in an abbreviated and updated form before the February Westview Highlights.]

January 2013 Chimes

Sunday Message Series: Pastor Dan Hoffman’s hope is that we will fall deeper in love with Jesus as we continue to study the Gospel of Matthew in his series entitled, “Come and See!”

Westview Church Youth/Family Events:

Youth Gym Nites: 6 – 8 p.m. with an optional Life/Bible Study at 5:30 p.m. are held on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month.

Gym Nites for January will be held on:
* January 4th from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. Families/Youth are invited to help prepare and serve the Salvation Army Meal
* January 18th from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Everyone is always welcome to attend!!
A great **Youth Gym Nite** was held on December 7, 2012.

**Annual JACL Senior Center Xmas Party**

A total of twelve church members and friends joined the **Praise Team** and sang carols to their heart’s content at the JACL Senior Center on December 9th. Participants were given gift bags, and Westview donated a cake for this joyous occasion.

Bringing Christmas cheer throughout the Pajaro Valley, members, friends and Girl Scouts sang Christmas carols at Country Villa West, Valley Haven, Wesley House (Watsonville and La Selva Beach) & Valley Convalescent.

After caroling the group was graciously invited to George and Eiko Stewart’s home for a delicious dinner.

**Xmas Appreciation Luncheon:** Members and friends of Westview enjoyed a delicious turkey meal and exchanged gifts at our annual **Christmas Appreciation Luncheon** held on December 16th.

**Advent Candles and Audience Participation:** On December 23rd the **Barte and Kadotani Families** lit the Advent candles and those who attended Worship Service participated in a play about the **Birth of Jesus Christ**.

**Salvation Army Meals:** The next Salvation Army Meal that Westview members and its Youth Group will participate in will be on January 4th. We will cook and serve meals every first Friday of the month through April.

**Study of World Religions:** We finish our World Religions Series on January 9th at 6:30 p.m. at Westview.

**Bishop Brohan** of the Aptos Ward of the Latter Day Saints will be sharing about Mormonism faith and practice.

We will begin a new series in February, most likely it will on “Conceptions of the afterlife and how this affects how we live in the present”. We will likely study the book **Life After Death: The Evidence** by Dinesh D’Souza, which comes highly recommended by Rick Warren.

From the **Deacons:** Through the generous donations of our congregation and coordination by **Rev. Karla Norton** (Chaplin of Santa Cruz County Jail), the Deacons, and the Sunday School teacher and students, we were able to create 75 Christmas Cheer bags for the inmates of Santa Cruz County Jail.

For this coming year, the Deacons would like to continue to provide more community outreach projects, as well as internal ones, and this can only be accomplished through your generous support.

Wishing you many blessings and a Happy New Year!

The Deacons

**Elder/Deacon Leadership Retreat:** January 19, 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church in the Aptos redwoods. We have expanded our customary joint meeting to a mini-retreat to plan and play together. The retreat will end with a celebration lunch at a local restaurant.

**FEBRUARY 2013 WESTVIEW HIGHLIGHTS**

**By Leslie Nagata-Garcia and photos by Randy Mano**

**Sunday Message Series:** **Pastor Dan**’s hope is that we will fall deeper in love with Jesus as we continue to study the **Gospel of Matthew** in his series entitled, “Come and See!”

**Westview Church Youth/Family Events**

Everyone is always welcome to attend our events!!

**Youth Gym Nites** are held on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month. For the month of February **Youth Gym Nites** will be on the following nights:

- **February 1st:** from 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. Families are invited to help prepare and serve the Salvation Army meal. Meet at Westview to help prepare the meal; the meal is served 5:30 p.m. at the Salvation Army in Watsonville. The photo above is our Youth serving the meal on January 4th.
- **February 15th:** 5:30 – 8:00 p.m., Westview

The annual **Shinbokukai** luncheon has been rescheduled to **February 3rd** (after worship service).

Please bring your favorite Japanese dish to share with others.

**A Confirmation/Catechism class** will be held after Worship service on **February 24th**. This is a chance for children and youth to explore their spirituality more in depth, the gift of Jesus, and participation in the family of God. Please let Pastor Dan know if you are interested.

Several youth have already shown an interest. Classes will be held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays for 3 – 4 months, and classes will be approximately 45 minutes long.
On Wednesday, February 27th, we will begin a new series on “Conceptions of the afterlife and how this affects how we live in the present.” We will study Dinesh D’Souza’s book *Life After Death: The Evidence*, which comes highly recommended by Rick Warren. Also, you are encouraged to read *Heaven is For Real*, which is a quick, delightful encouraging read. Wednesday Study Series are held the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month 6:30 p.m. at Westview.

Our three Deacons—Eiko Stewart, Gabriela Church, and Tracy Mano—were installed by Rev. Dan Hoffman on Sunday, Jan. 20, 2013. Photo by Randy Mano.

**Congregational Meeting**

A congregational meeting will take place immediately after church service on February 17th. The 2012 Annual Report will be reviewed and two members will be elected for the Nominating Committee.

The next Salvation Army Meal will take place on February 1st. If you would like to help prepare and serve the meal please meet at Westview at 2 p.m. This is a wonderful way for us to be the hands of God to the needy of the community, and conversely it is a way to meet Jesus, who said when we care for the least we care for him! For more information and/or if you would like to help call Jane Yoshida at (831) 722-1265.

**Nob Hill – Something Extra**

Church members and friends who have been using your Quality of Life card to donate a portion of their purchases to Westview at Nob Hill, Raley’s, and Bel Air will need to enroll in the Extra Credit program (the Quality of Life card is no longer valid). Here’s how it works:

First you will need to be a member of their Something Extra rewards program. You can quickly enroll at: [www.raleys.com/somethingextra](http://www.raleys.com/somethingextra).

Next, sign into your Something Extra account on the right side of the screen.

Click the green “Get Started” button.

Select your organization(s) and designate a scrip percentage for each.

In order to select Westview Presbyterian Church, you must enter the zip code 95077 to locate it.

That’s it! Just use your Something Extra account every time you shop at Raley’s, Bel Air, and Nob Hill Foods.

**Ash Wednesday Service:** To be held on February 13th, 6:15 p.m. at Westview

**Sunday Message Series:** Pastor Dan’s hope is that we will fall deeper in love with Jesus as we continue to study the Gospel of Matthew in his series entitled, “Come and See!”

Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God’s love with people experiencing need. Your generous gifts assist those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and assist in helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

Your donations support the following ministries: The Presbyterian Hunger Program receives 36 percent of undesignated One Great Hour of Sharing gifts, while the Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance each receive 32 percent.

The memorial service for Jiro Sugidono, a beloved member of Westview and 100th/42nd RCT Veteran, was held with hundreds of friends paying their respect.

**JIRO SUGIDONO, A 100TH/42ND RCT VETERAN**

W-SC JACL presented this book, *Journey of Heroes*, a comic book of the 100th/422nd RCT, by Stacy Hayashi and illustrated by Damon Wong to Jiro Sugidono to thank him for his contributions to this nation.
Senator Daniel K. Inouye loved to tell this story—how the katonks (mainland Nisei) and buddhaheads (Hawaii born) became a fighting unit. This wonderful book is ...

A CROATIAN PRESIDENT?
In 1923, when the Watsonville community heard that Calvin Coolidge became President upon the death of Warren G. Harding, one excited Croatian ran around spreading the news, “Kulich is President! Kulich is President!” Courtesy of Steve Bankhead

OUR NEWSLETTER GETS AROUND BUT …
Last month, someone carefully took the address label off our newsletter and wrote friends’ names, “Dennis & Bella S …” and their address, without paying the postage (using our bulk rate “imprint”) and without writing their return address in the upper left hand corner. It is a federal violation to use the bulk rate “stamp” in this manner. The US Post Office returned the undeliverable newsletter to us and charged us 61 cents!!

If you wish complimentary newsletters, write to us at W-SC JACL, P. O. Box 163, Watsonville, CA 95077. We’ll gladly add your name to our mailing list.

Even in this e-world, many people still enjoy reading the hard print at their leisure. We’ve learned, too, that more than one person in the family is likely to read the hard copy.

Our newsletter is also online, and members and friends can log onto www.watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org, click onto Newsletter, then the month. Our monthly newsletters remain online for a year.

WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL
Thank you for your National JACL membership and for your continuing support of our important programs. We truly appreciate it.

To those who are wondering when their membership renewal is due, please check the numbers after your name on the address label. If it reads “John Suzuki 3/13” then John’s membership is due in March of 2013.

If you have moved or are planning to move, please let us know your new address. Undelivered or undeliverable (address change) mail and newsletters are returned to us with first class postage payment due.

This newsletter is the monthly publication of the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL, P.O. Box 163, Watsonville, CA 95077, and comments are always welcome. Please email us at hashi79@sbcglobal.net.

Onward!
Mas Hashimoto, Editor.
If you donated in January 2013, thank you so much. You know the importance of our mission—protecting and promoting the civil and human rights of all Americans—is far from over. One would think, after all these years, that America has learned the lesson of our unjust wartime incarceration. Our nation is threatened again, this time by a provision of the National Defense Authorization Act that allows the indefinite detention of “aliens and non-aliens” (those terms used against us in 1942—“aliens” were the Issei and “non-aliens” were US citizens) without charges, attorney, or trial. We who were unjustly incarcerated in America’s wartime concentration camps have acted and spoken. It is the duty of all JACLers to fight for the rights of every American and legal resident. Please help.

We are fortunate to work in association with wonderful organizations that are also dedicated to the cause of “equal justice and liberty for all.” But, of all the Asian American organizations in the nation, the record and history of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) is best known, most highly respected, and appreciated, even by non-Nikkei.

Our 2013 Day of Remembrance Education Fund (DOREF) also supports the Kee Kitayama Memorial Scholarship(s) which encourages our youths to pursue their chosen careers. We are fortunate to have so many talented young scholars—a tribute to their parents and grandparents.

Our Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL is truly grateful to its members and friends who have donated to our chapter’s 2013 Day of Remembrance Education Fund (DOREF). We can’t thank you enough for your generous contributions. We can succeed only with your continued financial support and encouragement. Please help with what you can. Each and every donation is appreciated.

2013 Day of Remembrance Education Fund (DOREF)

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

___Greatest Need  ___Education/Scholarship  ___Newsletter

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

Your name(s):
__________________________________________________________________________________

Address:_____________________________________________________________________________

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

Name(s):____________________________________________________________________________

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

Person(s) to be notified:________________________________________________________________________________

Address:_____________________________________________________________________________

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

Thank you!
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National Japanese American Citizens League (JACL)

2013 Membership Form for the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL

Working toward our national goal of Better Americans in a Greater America is a worthy one. One does not have to be of Japanese ancestry or a US citizen to be a JACL member, but one must believe that safeguarding the rights of all Americans and legal residents is of utmost importance in this country.

Please join us today. We are the most proactive and respected Asian American civil rights organization in the nation today.

Your membership is never taken lightly or for granted. We have worked diligently to earn your confidence and trust. Your active participation and membership can make a significant difference in what happens today in our community and in our nation.

Please help us fight racial prejudice, discrimination, racial profiling, bigotry, intolerance and indifference.

The 2013 National and local dues for our tax-deductible organization (ID #94-2659895) are as follows:

**Family/Couples**

$150 This includes two National dues with one subscription to the Pacific Citizen, local dues and our monthly JACL newsletter, and all children under age 14 to be included.

**Individual Member**

$80 This includes National dues with subscription to the Pacific Citizen, the official paper of the National JACL, and local chapter dues and our monthly JACL newsletter.

**Youth/Student**

$25 for each of ages 14 to 24, which includes a subscription to the Pacific Citizen, local youth/student membership, and our monthly JACL newsletter. Youth membership is required for scholarship consideration.

For Thousand Club, Century Club, and Millennium Club and Life membership categories, please contact our membership chair Jeanette Hager at the address listed below.

Name: ____________________________ (Last Name) ____________________________ (First Name) ____________________________ (Middle Name)

Spouse's Name: ____________________________ (Last Name) ____________________________ (First Name) ____________________________ (Middle Name)

Address: __________________________________________________________

Home phone: ____________________________ E-mail: ____________________________

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

Name: ____________________________ Age: __________________

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Please send your check payable to Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL and mail ASAP to:

c/o Jeanette Hager, Membership Chair, P. O. Box 163, Watsonville, CA 95077

Thank you so much for your support.

Check out our websites: watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org or jacl.org.