“Happy New Year!”

This year, 2016, is the “Year of the Monkey (sa ru),” and according to Asian traditions, people born in the year of the monkey are erratic geniuses! Clever and skillful in grand-scale operations, they are adroit when making financial deals. They are surprisingly inventive and original and are able to solve the most difficult problems with astonishing ease.

There are a few fields in which they would not be successful. However, they have a disconcerting habit of agreeing with others. This sort of agreement is merely a policy tactic.

If a monkey-year person sets out to do something and is unable to start immediately, he/she may become discouraged and abandon the project too soon.

They, however, are prized for their skills, talents, and flexibility and are good at decision-making. They are fired with a deep desire for knowledge, and they read, see, and know a great deal. They certainly would enjoy reading this W-SC JACL January newsletter! They have good memories and can recall fine points and details with ease. While they are passionate and strong-natured, they often tend to cool off too quickly. If they are allowed to pursue their own course, they will become famous. Monkey-year people are needed for their skills.

The second phase of their life will be most difficult and trying, but the third will be enjoyable when they start “monkeying” around with their grandchildren.


MULTICULTURAL CELEBRATION WITH TREE LIGHTING

Thanks to our Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL board members, members, and friends, our participation in the 4th Annual Watsonville Multicultural Celebration event in the city plaza on Sunday, Dec. 6th, was fun and successful. The weather was delightfully sunny and warm. It was truly a wonderful afternoon with thousands, young and old, enjoying the event.

The Watsonville Taiko Youth and Adult group gave an exciting performance that welcomed the public to an afternoon of cultural awareness and appreciation. Their rhythmic drumming could be heard far beyond the park grounds and attracted the attention of the community.

A KSBW-TV crew filmed the taiko performance for their evening news broadcast. Marcia Hashimoto was interviewed and spoke of our community coming together.

Many families visited our booth and enjoyed writing their names in katakana onto book markers, thanks to the enthusiastic help of Debbie Chan; Keiko Hanayama; Aimee and her parents—Kitty and Takashi Mizuno; and Kimi Marr who assisted in decorating the book markers. Some visitors commented that last year they decorated their Christmas trees with the book markers and will again this year.
To their delight, children and adults folded origami creations under the patient guidance of Laurel Mayeda, Jean Yamashita (above), Dr. Brooke Kondo-Rains, and youth members Carter and Nicole Kimura. Carter dazzled the crowd with his complex origami creations. His dragon origami was awesome.

Iwao Yamashita's magnificent bonsai (left) was an impressive highlight of our special cultural display. We are so grateful for his masterful artistry and willingness to support our activities. Our display included New Year's osonae, Girls' Day dolls, and Boys' Day samurai (not shown).

We appreciate the help of Mas Hashimoto for being our greeter and photographer.

Our thanks to Monterey Bay Team Challenge youths for their manpower in setting up and cleaning up.

Thank you all for making it possible to proudly share our Japanese cultural traditions with the greater community of Watsonville.

The YWCA Children's Choir sang Christmas carols as did the City of Watsonville's Senior Center members later in the day's program.

The Portuguese Youth Folkloric Dance Group performed to traditional music.

At night fall, this grand holiday tree and the entire plaza area was lit with colorful lights. Adults and children of all ages were thrilled and happy. What a wonderful way to start the holiday season!

We are planning for next year's event which will be held on Sunday, December 4th, 2016. Please reserve the date. We are hoping that next year more ethnic groups will be joining in our celebration.
IS THE “PACIFIC CITIZEN” GOING COMPLETELY DIGITAL?

Not if our concerned members have anything to say.

In addition to the 30 Senior Center members who signed our petition, here are additional comments by our members:

“Bad decision by the National JACL. Request vote by membership.” 442nd RCT veteran

“We continue printing the Pacific Citizen; otherwise if digital, no membership!” Member since the 1950s.

“Often my computer is not working.” A noted author.

“Please continue printing the Pacific Citizen; otherwise if digital, no membership!” Quickly, one who has no computer.

“No computer—Senior; Easy reading—paper. Time to read—reading locations, eye vision.”

“I prefer hard copy. Thanks.” Owns a computer.

“The board should consider alternatives to keep the PC as is.”

“For those members who wish a hard copy, they should be able to receive it…”

The National JACL must consider the welfare and honor the wishes of its most precious and devoted members--our Seniors.

We’ve learned that it costs 47 cents to print and mail each member’s copy. Many consider this expense a valid expenditure of their membership dues. Those who wish the digital copy can always go “online.”

If National JACL has financial difficulties, it should study all budget items, not just the PC’s.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, JAN. 17, 2016

You are cordially invited to our annual installation of officers of Gilroy, Salinas Valley, San Benito County and Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL chapters on Sunday, Jan. 17, 2016 at the beautiful San Juan Oaks Golf Course, 3825 Union Road, Hollister, CA 95023 (831) 636-6113, hosted by San Benito County JACL.

The lunch, $25 per person, will include London broil and vegetable dishes.

President Emeritus Kurt Kurasaki of the SBC JACL is planning an outstanding program with the popular Sandy Lydon of Cabrillo College as the keynote speaker. Registration will take place at 11:30 am with the program to follow after lunch.

For reservations, call Marcia Hashimoto at (831) 722-6859 by January 10, 2016 (please, leave a message), or email at hashi79@sbcglobal.net. We hope you will join us and meet our new board members.

W-SC JACL BOARD MEMBERS’ 2016 ELECTION

We wish to thank our members who voted in this year’s election for five (5) board members. Congratulations to Jeanette Otsuji Hager, Carol Kaneko, Philip Shima, Kimiko Marr, and Laurel Mayeda, who have been elected to serve from January 2016 to January 2019. Kimiko and Laurel are new to our JACL, and we welcome their participation and support.

The five join Joe Bowes, Gini Matute-Bianchi, Marcia Hashimoto, Mas Hashimoto, David Kadotani, Victor Kimura, Cindy H. Mine, Gary Mine, Aimee Mizuno, Dr. Brooke Rains, and Iwao Yamashita.

We are grateful to Bobbi Jo Palmer and Kimiko Kimura who served faithfully for years on our board. They will continue to assist whenever possible.


SENIOR CENTER NEWS by Jo Ann Vear

It’s hard to believe that this will be the last of the news for 2015 – where has the year gone? So many donations throughout the year from all of the Seniors. A special thanks to all of you for your generosity and good will. All the toban ladies throughout the year and the December ladies and man were: Yaeko Cross, Donna Fujita, and Leigh Sakaguchi.

Bingo donations for December were:

Jean/Iwao Yamashita Vegetables, kabucha, 7 bags vegetables, 3 bags fruit
Donna/Grace Fujita 3 pkgs. Christmas napkins
Donna Fujita Hand crocheted toilet paper covers in honor of her mother’s birthday
Grandchildren of Nobue Fujii 2 Christmas goody bags
Nobue Fujii 7 plates carrot cake, lemons, & Christmas gift
Haru Ishibashi 12 rolls Bounty paper towels
Hisako Uemura 10 bags persimmons, 6 pkgs.
June/Sunao Honda Japanese tea, 2 nori
Eiko Nishihara 8 pkgs. Spam sushi, lemons
Yoshiko Nishihara 6 persimmon pineapple bread, 2 Japanese bowls with Koshian-pan.
Miye Yamashita 12 jars strawberry jam
Mary Perez 15 bottles Dawn dish soap
Nobuko Akiyama 4 pkgs. snack packs,
Mary Perez 18 bags tangerines
Rubie Kawamoto 12 boxes Kleenex
Chie Sakaue 2 cans mixed nuts, 2 cans tuna, 1 can butter cookies

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Mitsuyo Tao 6 bottles hand soap
Akira/Hisako Kodama 12 rolls Bounty paper towels
Hide Nagamine 10 bags cucumbers
Susan AmRhein 8 bags cookies, 3 Irish Cream cake, 3 persimmon bread
Eiko Stewart 4 cranberry orange bread, 6 rolls toilet tissue
Judy Hane 12 Bounty paper towels
Yaeko Cross 24 Ramen noodle soup,
Jean Akiyama 4 pkgs. snacks, 3 bottles hand soap, 4 Honey Roasted Peanuts
Pat Marr 10 pkgs. nori, 2 shamoji,
Kimiko Marr 3 hand-made scarves
Eileen Byers 8 Bounty paper towels
Tea Hashimoto 100 tea bags
Yukio & Edna Nagata 12 rolls bathroom tissue
Watsonville Taiko Group Reed Diffuser
Jane Sugidono Surprise package
Kumiko Nakatani 12 boxes Kleenex
Kimiyu Fujii 12 boxes Kleenex,
Nancy Iwami 8 bags persimmons
Terry Hirahara 2 bags pretzel crisps, 2 bags Doritos, 2 boxes Ritz crackers, 4 boxes Kleenex
Mitzi Katsuyama 5 bags cookies
Kitty Mizuno 3 rolls paper towels
Helen Nakano Christmas decorations
  Corrections from the December 2015 newsletter:
  Terry Hirahara 2 bags Cheetos, 2 bags popcorn,
  Miye Yamashita 6 bags arare and senbei
  Thank you to all for your generosity.
Seniors were treated to a trip to Japantown in San Francisco on December 1. Other stops included the Marukai and Daiso stores in Cupertino. Goodies on the trip were provided by Carol Kaneko, Rubie Kawamoto, Nancy Kuratomi, Victor Patiño, Toshi Yamashita, Tom and Kay Sjulin, and Jean Yamashita. A fun and relaxing day was enjoyed by all.

The Senior Center’s Christmas Party was held Sunday, December 6 at Kizuka Hall. Rev. Dan Hoffman delivered a message of hope.

The Westview Presbyterian Church Choir led the entire group with some lovely singing of Christmas songs, and Rev. Shousei Hanayama enjoyed the sing-a-long and was very proficient with the tambourine. The choir advised us that the song “Silent Night” was in honor of Ray and Louise Sako for they always enjoyed it so much.

Cindy Mine delivered greetings from JACL in place of President Marcia Hashimoto. Christmas Greetings were also delivered by Rev. Hanayama.

Special guests included Nancy Kuratomi, Rev. Hoffman’s mother, Mary Lou Hoffman and Bishop Umezu who oversees 65 Buddhist Temples in the United States. He spoke of hope, light, and thank you. Lynn Nagata, Diane Mio and Ken Matsui were guests from Westview and from the Buddhist Women’s Association were Riiko Yoshida, Fumie Yonemoto, Itsuko Okamoto, and Kiiko Akiyama. The beautiful Christmas cake, donated by Westview Presbyterian Church, was cut by Seniors 90 or over: Nancy Iwami, 101, Haruko Yoshii, 98, Miye Yamashita, 97, Mitzi Katsuyama, 95, Tea Hashimoto, 95, Michiko Hamada, 94, Grace Fujita, 91, Chiyoko Shikuma, 90 and Satoko Yamamoto, 90.


The last person to receive a gift was Susan AmRhein, and she received a surprise gift of $10 donated by Rev. Hoffman. Also, there were three surprise gifts donated by Jean Yamashita, and they were received by Iwao Yamashita, June Honda and Itsuko Okamoto.

Paul Kaneko welcomed and thanked everyone. He told about the Senior activities throughout the year and advised everyone that the Senior Center survives through donations and is managed by all volunteers. Paul thanked all our honored guests who make monetary donations or give of their time and energy to see that our Senior Center runs smoothly throughout the year.

He thanked the major sponsors and Rev. Hoffman and Rev. Hanayama. He also thanked the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL for providing this wonderful facility. He also mentioned Peggy Triplitt and Antonette Wood of Swingtime Catering for providing meals for Seniors over 90 every week.

The Westview Choir. All photos by Carol Kaneko.
Iwao Yamashita thanked Paul and Carol Kaneko for all their time donated to the Seniors.

On December 17, Seniors celebrated December birthdays and Bonenkai. Iwao Yamashita thanked all who have helped him throughout the year. Donna Fujita presented hand crocheted toilet paper covers to everyone in honor of her mother, Grace Fujita’s 91st birthday.

Birthday celebrants were Kimiko Marr, Helen Nakano and Grace Fujita 91. Missing was Jim Kawamoto. Grace received a package of manju for being over 90. Happy birthday to all of you!

Appreciation gifts were presented by Susan AmRhein to Iwao Yamashita, Paul and Carol Kaneko and June and Sunao Honda for all the administrative work done by them and the many volunteer hours donated by them.

Paul Kaneko then proceeded to call up all our volunteers to thank them for appreciated hours of work and each was given a poinsettia. In addition, Helen Nakano and Susan AmRhein were given gift certificates to Sushi Gardens for all the many hours of decorations they provide year-round for all the holidays. They had beautifully decorated Kizuka Hall with lighted snow flake ornaments at each table and a small box of candy decorated with a Christmas tree at each place.

Everyone went to Hong Kong Gardens to enjoy an “end of the year” dinner.

We will not meet again until Thursday, January 7, 2016, which will be a regular meeting.

On January 14, we will be having a New Year Party and January Birthdays. Evy Kamigawachi plans to be here to celebrate with everyone. There will be a buffet provided by Miyuki Restaurant.

UPDATES: Evie Kamigawachi has changed apartments. Her new apartment number is 120. Chie Sakaue has a new phone number (831) 786-9286. Paul and Carol report that they visited Sam and Yae Sakamoto and are hoping they are able to return to the Senior Center early next year.

We welcomed back Hide Nagamine after a short absence from the senior center.

Monetary donations gratefully received this month: Eiko Nishihara, Yoshiko Nishihara, Diane Mio, Reed and Nancy Kuratomi, Itsuko Okamoto, Jim Kawamoto, Grace Fujita, Helen Nakano, Kimiko Marr, Paul and Carol Kaneko, June and Sunao Honda, and Yamashita Market.

A special “Thank You” to all our Seniors who have made their required donations this year and who have paid either their National JACL dues or our local Senior dues for 2016. Please see Carol if you have not done so.

On January 21st, at 12 noon before our regular bingo, we will have a planning meeting for next year’s events. Please come if you are interested and have suggestions to share. According to Paul and Carol, there are some important issues to discuss. Please come with your ideas to make the Senior Center operate more efficiently and with everyone’s comfort in mind.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Warmest Holiday Greetings from the National Veterans Network

We have much to be grateful for as the development of the Congressional Gold Medal digital exhibition is underway for its launch at the Smithsonian in May 2016.

We wish to express our warmest thanks to all of you who have supported the Congressional Gold Medal and its digital exhibition this year. Your support has enabled us to bring to life the personal stories of more than 12 Nisei Soldiers, which will be shared permanently online as a resource and lesson plan for students and teachers nationwide. With the Gold Medal presently on display at the Price of Freedom exhibit at the Smithsonian, millions of visitors will also have the opportunity to learn of their inspiring stories.

From Kazuo Masuda’s tale of courage to Kristi Yamaguchi’s grandfather’s life of perseverance to the women’s service in the Nisei WAC, we know these stories will inspire and resonate as students learn of their extraordinary service to America despite being looked upon with suspicion while many of their families and friends were incarcerated behind barbed wire. More than ever, these stories are relevant today.

The National Veterans Network, Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center and the Smithsonian’s National Museum of American History will launch the digital exhibition on May 12, 2016 in Washington DC.

In planning this launch, the National Veterans Network will develop a commemorative program booklet to celebrate this occasion. We invite you to sponsor a message in honor/memory of a veteran or to celebrate this occasion.
We look forward to keeping all of you posted as we near the launch in 2016. During this holiday season, we send our sincerest and warmest holiday wishes in remembrance of our Nisei Soldiers.

Sincerely,
Christine Sato-Yamazaki
Executive Director

“2016 Year of the WW II Nikkei Artifacts—Save Our Historical Treasures” by Nancy Ukai Russell

After the successful nationwide protest last year against the public auction of concentration camp artifacts collected by Allen H. Eaton, Japanese Americans began to look a little more closely in their attics, garages and boxes bound for sidewalk sales.

And look what we found: nameplates saved by a white worker commissioned to take down the barracks; a powerful wood carving of a tiger emerging from a bamboo grove; a pastel sketch of Castle Rock at Tule Lake; and a 1943 letter postmarked “Topaz, Utah.”

Building on this heightened interest in Nikkei artifacts and the urgent need to preserve them, the JACL and Nikkei organizations around the country are calling for 2016 the year Nikkei artifacts of WW II are to be saved!

In 2016, we propose that the Nikkei community draw on our creativity, organizational power and grass-roots networks to:

1. Search and discover: Urge community groups such as churches, JACL chapters, social welfare groups and other organizations to look for historic artifacts and preserve them.

2. Meet up and share: Create opportunities to share the objects and their stories, whether that be in church events, Day of Remembrance activities or other community meetings.

3. Learn and preserve: Learn how to take care of the artifacts and preserve them, whether in a family collection or in a local or national museum. We will be publishing in the future articles on what experts say is the best way to preserve our material heritage.

4. Donate and support: Some families will desire to keep artifacts in family collections. Others may wish to donate items to museums, such as the camp museums, local history museums, the Japanese American National Museum or the Smithsonian, which is holding an exhibition to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Executive Order 9066 Sunday, Feb. 19, 2017. Learn how to donate your object and support curatorial efforts to preserve JA history by following our series of articles. For example, Densho and other digital archives can scan documents permitting the family to retain the original.

5. Tell us about your event: If you decide to organize such an event, please let the PC know, and we will post a calendar to advertise your meeting. Already, the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL will hold an exhibition of artifacts for the 2016 Day of Remembrance on February 28, 2016, and so will the Philadelphia JACL at theirs.

Watch this space for future columns. In the meantime, don’t throw anything away that may be a camp or historical artifact! A form, SAVE OUR NIKKEI TREASURERS, to use for your camp artifact(s) is included at the end of this newsletter.

Dean Komure of the French Camp JACL chapter was volunteering at his church rummage sale when he was told about six barrack nameplates that had been given to the minister. The donor, a white woman in the neighborhood, “told the minister to do whatever he wanted with them,” says Komure, whose first thought was that they should be researched further. Komure learned that the donor’s father had been hired to decommission the camps in 1945 and that he had saved the nameplates before the barracks were moved. The back of the “Kuyama” plate has the dates of arrival in Santa Anita and Poston written on the back.

At a meeting of the W-SC JACL chapter, Victor Kimura compared a pastel drawing of Tule Lake to a similar work that was to be sold in Lot tk in the Rago auction. Castle Rock can be seen in both works, leading Tule Lake researcher Barbara Takei to speculate that art classes may have been held in the vicinity, explaining why many artistic renditions of Castle Mountain exist from similar vantage points.

Marcia Hashimoto of the W-SC JACL chapter shows an intricate wood carving of a tiger. An Issei, Mr. Kubota, carved the work of art and presented it to her family as a parting gift from Amache, Colorado camp.

While unpacking holiday decorations, Berkeley JACL board member Nancy Ukai Russell discovered a box of correspondence, including a letter postmarked “Topaz, Utah,” which had been sent to her mother, Fumiko Ukai, in 1943. The letter, from Fumiko’s brother Tetsuo, now age 96 and a New England JACL member, asked Fumiko, who was working as a nursemaid in Salt Lake City, Utah, to bring whisky and cognac bottles back to Topaz so he could use them to create table lamps. “I don’t remember these,” Tetsuo said recently with a laugh — “the lamps or the letter.” The letter is shown with

Yonsei Saya Russell (above), the grandniece of Tets.
Yonekazu Satoda, 94, is at his home in San Francisco with his wedding photograph. Photo credit: Ramin Talaie for The New York Times.

Yonekazu “Yone” Satoda had kept a diary with entries of everyday life in Jerome, Arkansas camp:

“Today was supposed to be my graduation day at Cal,” May 13, 1942 entry, the second day of a confinement that lasted almost three years. He was 22. (He eventually received his UC Berkeley diploma, which had been redirected to the Fresno Assembly Center with 4 cents due in postage!)

“Got hell from Mom for fooling around with women,” he wrote six days later.

“Hot as hell today,” he reported the following evening.

“Ptomaine poisoning in mess hall,” he added. “3 or 4 hundred sick.”

Mr. Satoda was evicted, along with his family, from his San Francisco home and sent to an assembly center in Fresno, CA. The family was incarcerated in Jerome, Arkansas, near the Mississippi River.

“Out of the Desert: Resilience and Memory in Japanese American Internment,” a new exhibition, curated by Courtney Sato, a doctoral student in American studies, opened at the Sterling Memorial Library at Yale University (New Haven, Connecticut) runs through Friday, Feb. 26th. The exhibition includes materials from Yale’s Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library and features a substantial digital archive, including Mr. Satoda’s diary.

The Satoda family was invited as guests of honor to the dedication which was held in November, 2015.

This exhibition focuses on the resilience and creativity of those unjustly imprisoned—the 120,000 Japanese and Japanese Americans.

We who were incarcerated made the most out of the forced removal and the harsh conditions of the camps. We did more than just survive.

Mr. Satoda said that he wrote the diary, which he kept under his pillow, mostly to calm his mother, who spoke only Japanese and worried about her extroverted son’s getting into trouble. In roughly 1,000 entries, he chronicles late-night “bull sessions” with friends, making furniture, working as a teacher, the simple pleasures of a cold root beer and the monotony of confinement, in which he noted the passage of time by counting full moons.

“I was shocked beyond belief,” Mr. Satoda said of learning that the diary — which he had not seen or thought about since 1945, the year he was released from Jerome and went into the Army — was now at Yale.

The display at Yale follows an auction controversy this year involving the Allen H. Eaton collection of significant handmade camp artifacts, including family photographs, that was canceled after an outcry from Japanese-Americans. This collection is now at the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles.

Yale acquired Mr. Satoda’s diary in 2012 from an antiquarian book dealer. The diary had moved through the antiquarian trade, said George A. Miles, the curator of Western Americana at the Beinecke.

The last time he saw the diary was while living in Cleveland, where he briefly worked at a steel plant making parts for military vehicles. Before he was drafted, he sent it off to his parents. “I was a single guy, so I threw all my stuff in a box,” he said. He surmises that when the house was sold after his parents died, “instead of junking stuff, they took my box and gave it to some secondhand dealer.”

Mr. Satoda spent nearly two years with the Military Intelligence Service—Occupation in Japan and retired with the rank of major after 20 years of service in the US Army Reserves. He was the comptroller for a restaurant company before retiring in 1986.

Mr. Satoda with Daisy, his wife, who had been detained at Topaz, Utah camp during World War II. Photo credit Ramin Talaie for The New York Times.

He met Daisy at the Japanese American Citizens League headquarters in San Francisco, where she was an administrative assistant. Today, they live in an apartment in San Francisco’s Japantown.

Mrs. Satoda, who is 88 and was one of 10 siblings, spoke of her family’s incarceration. “I look back at the injustice, but when you’re young, you’re not saddled with those responsibilities,” she said. “It was my parents’ burden.” She credits our Issei immigrant pioneers.

When Mr. Satoda reflects on his experience at the Jerome camp, he said, he thinks about the strong bonds and shenanigans with other boys.

“You know how you go on vacation and have a flat tire?” he said. “Fifty years later, you don’t remember the flat tire.”

[Editor’s note: Now that statement is another great entry for his diary! Daisy Uyeda Satoda was born in Watsonville, CA. Her family had mostly all girls—all brilliant and beautiful. Please credit Patricia Leigh Brown for this wonderful article on Yonekazu “Yone” Satoda.]
The Smithsonian’s Museum of American History plans to design an exhibition on Japanese American experiences during World War II, following the passage of Executive Order 9066 of February 19, 1942 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, which led to the mass incarceration of some 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry in American concentration camps without due process of law.

Opening in February 2017 on the 75th anniversary of Executive Order 9066, the exhibit will feature the original order – on loan from the National Archives – and display images and objects from the museum’s own collection, and materials collected for the project. The exhibit “will interpret how Executive Order 9066 shaped the lives of Japanese Americans during World War II and continues to resonate throughout America and the community today.”

The museum is seeking donations of the following items for possible inclusion in the exhibition:

- 100th Infantry Battalion duty uniform.
- Photos of Japanese American WW II veterans (100th/442nd RCT/522FAB/MIS/WAC/etc.).
- Handmade toys and children’s items from camp.
- Cards and games used in camp by children and adults for leisure.
- Textbooks, report cards, projects and artwork from camp schools and adult education classes.
- Birth and death certificates from camp.
- Camp worker documentation and records, such as salary logs (for both Japanese Americans and non-Japanese).
- Sports-related artifacts, photos and documents from camp.
- Camp newsletters and newspapers.
- Resettlement documents.
- Redress documents.
- Hawai’i confinement documents.

For more information, contact Noriko Sanefuji at americanhistoryapacollection@si.edu. (202) 633-3340.

NATIONAL JACL’S STATEMENT ON ANTI-MUSLIM COMMENTS by Priscilla Ouchida, Executive Director

Washington, D.C. – Over sixty leaders from the Asian American community gathered at the National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism in Washington, D.C., to counter recent political rhetoric and express support for Muslim, Sikh, Arab, and South Asian American communities. The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) joined a number of Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) organizations from the National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA) to speak out against anti-Muslim hate crimes and discrimination.

Last year, NCAPA member organization South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT) published a report on growing xenophobic political rhetoric and hate violence, which includes data and recommendations concerning the hostility against South Asian, Muslim, Sikh, Hindu, Middle Eastern, and Arab communities. After senseless terrorist attacks last month in Paris, hateful rhetoric, bigotry, and violence against American Muslims has been on the rise.

In a 30-day period following attacks in Paris, over 45 acts of persecution occurred against American Muslims. “Fear-based persecution of American Muslims and those who are perceived to be Muslim cannot be tolerated,” said Priscilla Ouchida, Executive Director.

David Lin, National JACL President, kicked off the rally by emphasizing that policies that imprisoned 120,000 Japanese Americans following Pearl Harbor should not be repeated. Lin reiterated that JACL stands with the Muslim, Sikh, Arab, and South Asian American communities because Japanese Americans have stood on this dark side of history before.

“Never again” was the message delivered by JACL and leaders from NCAPA, Asian Americans Advancing Justice – AAJC, Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, National Queer Asian Pacific Islander Alliance, OCA Asian Pacific American Advocates, Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund, South Asian Americans Leading Together, and the Council on American-Islamic Relations.

As the largest and oldest Asian American civil rights organization in the United States, JACL will continue to oppose the anti-Muslim hate, xenophobia, and bigotry undermining our nation’s values and ideals, and call on fellow Americans to do the same.

TOM BROKAW, special NBC-TV correspondent, ON DONALD TRUMP, AND MORE …

Tom Brokaw stated Donald Trump’s proposed ban on Muslim entry to the U.S. is “dangerous” overriding history, the law and the foundation of America itself. He linked it to some of the darkest periods in Western history.

Trump represents a strain of intolerance and fear-mongering that has contributed to some of the Western world’s worst crimes in the twentieth century.

“In my lifetime alone, we have been witness to the consequences of paranoia overriding reason,” said Brokaw, who is 75 and a cancer survivor.

He went on to cite historical evidence of the human costs of allowing fear and prejudice to dictate policy, while images of the events he described appeared on screen.

He included the forced removal of Japanese-Americans into incarceration camps, the Nazi genocide of Jews during World War II and its consequences for Germany, the “anti-communist witch hunt” instigated by Sen. Joseph McCarthy (R-Wis.) in the early 1950s and the persistence of institutionalized discrimination against African Americans through the 1960s.

Brokaw warned that repeating those mistakes by demonizing all Muslims for the crimes of the self-described Islamic State would also have negative consequences.

“Yes, the jihadists are radical Muslims, but they are a minority in a world with a billion and a half Muslims,” Brokaw added. “Even so, defeating ISIS will be long, hard and expensive -- perhaps even more so now, because ISIS is likely to use Donald Trump’s statements as a recruiting tool.”

Brokaw concluded while visiting Karim Khan’s gravesite, a Muslim American who was killed at age 20 while serving in the U.S. Army in Iraq in 2007. “Mr. Trump cannot exclude him from America. He has a permanent home here in Section 60 at Arlington National Cemetery.”
SPEAKING ON OUR WARTIME INCARCERATION

On “racism, war hysteria, and the failure of political leadership,” Mas Hashimoto, a retired high school social studies teacher and a Poston II prisoner, is grateful for the invitation by Carol Ferris to speak at the Museum of Art and History, 705 Front Street, Santa Cruz, CA on Wednesday, January 20th. It is open to all.

On February 4th, at the invitation of teacher Joseph Smith, he’ll be addressing the Aptos High School juniors, a favorite for the past 16 years, who are studying US History and WW II.

Then, Patt Takeuchi of the Retired Employees Association of UCSC invited Mas to speak on Tuesday, March 1 at the United Peace Church, 900 High Street, Santa Cruz. Mas states that he was a “prisoner of war,” held by his own US Government without Constitutional rights.

WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE NEWS

The Sangha thanks Bishop Umezu for presenting certificates on Dec 6th to our centenarians:

Nancy Iwami (center) with Rev. Shousei Hanayama and Bishop Umezu.

Susumu Matano (center), accepting on behalf of his mother, Yoshino Matano, who was unable to attend.

Akio Idemoto (center), accepting on behalf of his mother, Fujiye Idemoto, who was unable to attend.

Left: Ikenobo Ikebana sensei Yoshino Matano and Fujiye Idemoto.

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For the New Year Potluck, Sangha members are asked to bring (1) main dish and a salad or a dessert for 10 servings and (2) a non-perishable donation for the Second Harvest Food Bank barrel. Prizes for our bingo game are most welcome.
Shotsuki Hoyo Service
10 am Sunday January 10, 2016

The families of the following deceased are invited to attend the January service and to Oshoko (offer incense).

January Memorial List

Akiyama, Asa  Dooka, Michiko
Fujii, Sadayuki  Fujita, Ichijiro
Fujita, Yeiko  Fukuba, Midori
Hamada, Suyeko  Hamai, Tsui
Hamai, Yoneichi  Hiraga, Sammy
Hirahara, Manabu  Hirano, Shig
Hirano, Yasube  Ikeda, Yutaka
Itamura, Sadao  Iwamuro, Asako
Izumizaki, Kitako  Izumizaki, Kintsuchi
Kajihara, Teruko Jeanne  Kajisa, Masashi
Kamimoto, Haruno  Kimura, Mary Yukiko
Kimura, Sayoko  Kinoshita, Yukiko
Koike, Rokuzo  Kokka, Satoru
Kowaki, Toraichi  Kunishige, Takaji
Kurimoto, Peggy Shizuko  Kuroiwa, Harumi Kay
Matsui, Tommy Toshiyuki  Maemura, Kozo
Manabe, Bob  Manabe, Haruo
Manabe, Suyeo  Marui, Harumi
Misumi, Shinichi  Morimoto, Umazo
Morimune, Helen  Morishima, Sei
Morita, Tsui  Nagamine, Otomatsu
Nakahara, Chiyuki  Nakase, Eiji
Nakatani, George M  Nishihara, Kohide
Nishihara, Yamato  Nishita, Sayoko
Nishihara, Gladyce  Nishita, Frank
Nokamutsu, Bob  Noda, Masaru “Buzz”
Sakae, Yoko  Sakai, Bunichi
Sakimoto, Takeichi  Sasaki, Shizuma
Shinta, Beulah  Sukekane, Hayato
Sukekane, Masanosuke  Sukekane, Masao
Sumida, Fukuichi  Takamune, Roy
Tamamura, Lillian Teruo  Tao, Tomoe
Tsuchiyama, Takashi “Butch”  Tsuda, Hardy
Tsutsui, Henry  Uchimaru, Toyoki S.
Ura, Sumi  Uyeda, Kaname
Uyematsu, Suyeko Ito  Wada, Shigeo
Wada, Tatsu  Wada, Barbara Sanae
Yagi, Harry  Yagi, Kirino
Yamada, Takami  Yamamoto, Jennie
Yamamoto, Kichigorō  Yamashita, Ichisaburo
Yamauchi, Leland Teruo  Yokoi, Hideo

Yoshida, Wataru

Mochi tsuki was a huge success, and we thank everyone—Sangha and non-members--who came to help. It rained for the first time in nearly a decade but preparations were made in advance with canopy coverings.

Congratulations to Perry Yoshida who has been elected 2016 President of the Coast District.

Be sure to reserve Sat., February 27th (2 pm) for our fundraiser featuring the Chidori Band of San Jose in our Temple’s hall. All proceeds will go to fund the 110th anniversary celebration in Nov. 2017.

The Temple office email is info@WBTemple.org. Please visit www.wbtemple.org to check what’s going on.

Highlights of the 2016 calendar include:

Jan. 1  New Year Day Service
Jan. 10  Installation Service & New Year Potluck
Feb. 27  Chidori Band Concert
April 10  Hanamatsuri Service and Bazaar
May 29 Memorial Day Service at cemeteries
July 1-4  Fireworks Sale
July 17  Obon Festival
Aug. 5-6  Annual Rummage Sale
Sept. 24  54th Chicken Teriyaki Dinner
Dec. 11  Mochi tsuki
Dec. 31  Joya E Service

Captions to the Temple’s Dec. 13th Mochi Tsuki photos in the insert.

(1) Bill Wurtenberg (left) is the chief rice cooker; (2) Alex Tao takes his turn as a “poker”; (3) Shone from Las Vegas, Rev. Hanayama, and Brian Yamaoka as “pounders”; (4) We appreciated the muscles of Mike Furutani of KSBW-TV; (5) the rain came briefly toward the end; (6) Brian Yamashita and Dr. Ogawa, retired professor at UCSC; (7) shaping the mochi were Kilko Akiyama, unknown, Kim Yoshida, Barbara Shingai, JoAnn Kato, Fumie Yonemoto, Ryoko Kozuki, Aiko Nita; (8) Carol Steel, unknown, Fumie Yonemoto, Ryoko Kozuki; (9) Elen Hanayama and Jean Yamashita preparing the mochi trays; (10) cooling the mochi are Shoren Hanayama, Iwao Yamashita, and Sadao Matsunami; (11) Ren and Felix Io enjoy helping to shape the mochi; (12) the crew who prepared our lunch were Yoshie Maemura, Kim Tao, Kim Yamaoka, and Judy Nagamine; (13) weighing and placing the mochi into one pound boxes were Nancy Kuratomi, June Honda, Mitsue Tao, Toshiko Yamashita, Susan Uyematsu, Nobue Fujii, Sumiko Matsunami, Jean Akiyama, Phyllis Nagamine, and Janice Tao; and finally; (14) the clean-up crew of Dean Sakae, Richard Uyematsu, Rod Ogawa, and Perry Yoshida.

We thank everyone for their participation, and we hope everyone had fun pounding and shaping mochi. It is an important Japanese cultural tradition that must be continued.

WATSONVILLE TAIKO AND SHINSEI DAIKO
by Bonnie Chihara

Watsonville Taiko would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! Thank you for all the support and help given to us by members of the community. Your help made this a very successful fundraising year for us. We
-ended the year with our annual *Holiday Party* which was enjoyed by all who attended.

Our upcoming schedule:

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**Happy New Year to All! by Janet Nagamine**

Come join us—“Peace.”

We are busy planning for *Kokoro no Gakko* 2016 and look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new friends as well! *Gakko* 2016 dates will be June 27, 2016 to July 8, 2016. There will be no *Gakko* on Monday, the 4th of July. Classes will resume on Tuesday, July 5th. If you have questions regarding *Gakko* registration, please contact Akiko Minami at akitominami70@gmail.com or for general questions about the program contact Janet Nagamine at jmnagamine@gmail.com.

We would like to welcome new board member Irene Fujii-Potter, whose son Brandon has enjoyed his Kinder and 1st grade years of *Gakko*. Brandon’s sister, Mia now 4 years old, will be joining *Gakko* in 2017. The Potters live in Millbrae, and I am sure Grandma Nobue Fujii loves the two weeks that they are here for *Gakko!* Thank you, Irene!

If you are interested in getting involved with *Gakko*, there are many ways to participate! Whether you’re a grandparent who would like to share your story or your talent, a parent who is crafty or interested in a committee or project, a relative or friend who loves Japanese culture, please feel free to reach out and connect with us, and we will find the right project for you!

Cheers,

Janet Nagamine, Board Chair

**WESTVIEW CHIMES by Leslie Nagata-Garcia**

*Our Hearts Are Moved!*

For many of us our hearts have been moved to care for the children who live near the church especially in the low-income housing across the street. We met many of these children and their families when we passed out flyers for our Easter Egg hunt last year. We were struck by the sheer number of families living in the dense housing and we noticed that there appeared to be much need for academic help for these children. We then met many of these children again as we helped with a Child Evangelism Club at our church over the summer and grew to care for them. Recently we hosted a Christmas party with Child Evangelism Fellowship in which 50 children from our neighborhood attended—thank you Eiko and Diane for helping with this!!

As we have prayed about this new connection with our neighborhood we feel God leading us to start a Tutoring Club in order to care for these children and their families. We will begin The Westview Tutoring Club to local students after school at Westview on Thursdays from 3:15-4:45 starting January 14. We have a wonderful team of tutors committed, yet we could use more—people to tutor, provide snacks, and just help. If you are interested please contact Pastor Dan. Also, please, please, please be in prayer as we reach out to our neighbors with God’s love and provide very needed academic help. We hope families and children will discover more of God’s love for them as we get to know them and care for them.

I am delighted as we continue to be God’s love and light here in Watsonville!

You all are such faithful, caring church family! I look forward to seeing how God will continue to give you the privilege of being his hands and voice of love. It is a pleasure serving with you.

*Love in Christ,*

Pastor Dan

**Tutoring Club**

Westview will be starting a Tutoring Club to local students after school at Westview one day a week starting January 14th from 3:15 – 4:45 pm. Please be in prayer. Contact Pastor Dan if you are interested in helping in this loving outreach to our neighbors.

**December Festivities**

Christmas caroling at convalescent homes on Dec. 12th.

Pastor Fernando of Solid Rock Church at *Gift of Christmas*, Dec. 20th (during which gifts, clothes, and food were given to local needy families).
All the characters, including the sheep and shepherds, and (below) King Herod and the Three Wisemen, are from our Christmas play.

We enjoyed playing bingo after Worship Service.

**Wednesday Study Series:** What is the confusing *Book of Revelation* really about and how does it speak into our time? Wednesday Study Series are usually held on the 2\textsuperscript{nd} and 4\textsuperscript{th} Wednesdays of each month at 6:30 pm at Westview. Come explore the *Book of Revelation* as we discuss Max Lucado’s study of *Revelation*. Please mark your calendar for the following dates; January 13\textsuperscript{th}, January 27\textsuperscript{th}, February 10\textsuperscript{th}, and February 24\textsuperscript{th}.

**Help your youth/children grow a strong foundation in Christ! Youth/Family Upcoming Events**

**Gym Nites** for January will be held at Westview on the following Fridays (Note: There will be no Gym Nite January 1\textsuperscript{st}). Please mark your calendars for:

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The Youth Christmas Party was held on Dec. 18\textsuperscript{th}.

**Salvation Army Meals**
Westview will be preparing and serving a Salvation Army meal on **January 8th**. Salvation Army meals are usually prepared and served the first Friday of each month through April (January is an exception). Meet at Westview at 2 pm. For more information contact the Deacons or Pastor Dan. Below photo: The cooks.

The servers of the Salvation Army meal.
Elder/Deacon Leadership Retreat: An Elder/Deacon Leadership Retreat will be held on Saturday, January 23rd from 9 am – 1:30 pm at Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church in Aptos.

Congregational Meeting: There will be a Congregational meeting immediately following Worship Service on February 7th. The 2015 Annual Report will be distributed and the 2016 Nominating Committee members will be elected.

IN REMEMBRANCE …
Remembering with fondness, the W-SC JACL members and friends who passed away in 2015:

- Kitako Izumizaki
- Joanne Yahiro
- Roland Johnson
- Helen Yukiko Kobara
- Isamu Kawasaki
- Yukio Sumida, 442nd RCT
- Harry K. Fukuhara, Military Intelligence Service
- Ichiro “Sam” Sugidono, 442nd RCT
- Pete Hironaka, cartoon artist for the PC
- Saichi Kimoto
- Kenji House
- Jim Uyematsu
- Carmel K. Kamigawachi
- Julian Bond, Civil Rights advocate
- Roderick Y. Kobara
- Ben Kuroki, WW II hero, US Army Air Corps
- Lois Ota
- Mary Tsuyuki
- Bill Kajihara
- Roy Sakae
- Fred Hoshiyama of SF YMCA
- George T. Sakato, 442 Medal of Honor recipient

Bill Kenichi Kajihara
Bill Kajihara passed away at his home in the presence of his family on Sunday, November 29, 2015 in Watsonville at the age of 76. He was born on July 2, 1939 in Garden Grove, CA, the seventh of ten siblings to the late Ippei “Paul” and Shizuko Kajihara. During WWII, Bill along with his parents and siblings were interned at Poston, AZ. The Kajihara family eventually moved to Watsonville in 1953 where he later became a strawberry farmer from 1968 until this past October 2015.

Throughout his life he enjoyed fishing, bowling in the Nisei League, managing the strawberry farm with his brother Bob, participating on the board of directors for the Watsonville Berry Co-op and the Watsonville Berry Cooler, watching the Giants, ‘Niners and Warriors games on TV, playing poker with his friends, and spending time with his immediate and extended family.

He is preceded in death by his siblings Takeshi, Teruko, Eiji, Setsuko and by his beloved wife Lynn. He is survived by his daughter Kimberly Kajihara (Todd) of San Francisco, son Kevin and daughter-in-law Jae Eun and three grandchildren Kayla, Jocelyn and KJ of Watsonville. He is also survived by his siblings Yasuko Eddow (Shig) of Monterey Park, George Kajihara of Hawthorne, Don Kajihara (Robin) of Aptos, Sandra Yoshi (Don) of San Jose, Bob Kajihara (Suzu) of Aptos and numerous nieces and nephews.

The funeral services were held at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple on Saturday, December 12.

We send our deepest condolences to the Kajihara and Sakae family, relatives, and friends.

DONATIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED FROM …
In memory of Bill Kajihara from …
- The Kajihara Family
- Mas and Marcia Hashimoto
- Esther Ura
- Jennifer Gavin
In memory of Roy Sakae from …
- Mas and Marcia Hashimoto
In memory of Mary Tsuyuki from …
- Jeanette Crossetti
- Bill and Ida Akimoto
- Nancy Yamamoto

“Day of Remembrance Education Fund” Newsletter
- Henry Hayashida of Seaside
- Maria Gitin Torres and Samuel Torres, Jr.

Greatest Need
- Gary Kono of Scotts Valley
- Shirley Nishimoto
- Fuji Brothers Farm, Inc.

In appreciation for the use of JACL Kizuka Hall …
Watsonville Taiko

WE WELCOME THESE NEW W-SC JACL MEMBERS:
- Perry Sakai
- Steve Nakajo of SF
- Marshall and Kathryn Miller of Santa Cruz
- Kimi Marr

We are very grateful for each new member.

2016 COMMUNITY DIRECTORY OF BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
Our W-SC JACL, a non-profit educational civil rights organization, serves the greater community in the important areas of education, civil and human rights, and cultural appreciation.

We are truly grateful to the following professionals and businesses for supporting our mission.

Sincerely,
David Kadotani, Marcia Hashimoto, Victor Kimura, Phil Shima & Mas Hashimoto, committee members

Aldina Real Estate
Hargis Home Improvement
Reed Kuratomi, D.D.S.
Sequoia Wealth Advisors
Watsonville Taiko
Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL Senior Center
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Bay Federal
Imura Restaurant
Kadotani Auto Repair
McDonald's
McSherry and Hudson
PV Memorial Park
Sambrailo Packaging
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Green Valley Cinemas
Mas Hashimoto “Liberty Lost …”
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Steven Tanaka, D.C.
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West Lake Fresh
A Accurate Overhead Door
C & N Tractors
Julian Grantz, CPA
Edna Nagata, Realtor, and
Yamashita Market of Nihonmachi

PLANNING AHEAD IN 2016 …

This year, we welcome Salinas Valley JACL which will join Gilroy, San Benito County, and W-SC JACL in the Annual Installation of Officers’ Luncheon at San Juan Oaks Golf Course in Hollister on Sun., Jan. 17, 2016. Our keynote speaker will be Sandy Lydon, Historian Emeritus of Cabrillo College.

W-SC JACL is hosting the Day of Remembrance Observance on Sun., Feb. 28, 2016 from 1:30 pm to 4 pm at the site of the Salinas Assembly Center (California Rodeo Grounds).

Watsonville Taiko’s Anniversary Show, April 16-17 at Crocker Theater, Cabrillo College Campus, Aptos.

Watsonville Bonsai’s Annual Show, Sunday, April 24th at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple.


The W-SC JACL Annual Community Picnic will be held on Saturday, June 25, 2016 at the beautiful Aptos Village Park.

Kokoro no Gakko’s 2016 session will be a week later, from June 27 to July 8. Registration for K to 6th graders will be available soon.

JOIN US--WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL

If you are not now a member of the National JACL, we’d love to have you join our W-SC JACL chapter.

Please encourage family members, relatives and friends to join us for 2015-2016. We are a 501 (c) (3) non-profit, educational, civil rights organization, and our tax deductible federal ID is #94-2659895.

A membership form is included on the back cover.

Yes, you don’t have to be a Japanese American to be a member. You don’t even have to be a US citizen. You must be an advocate for justice and for civil rights for all.

Current members, please look at the date after your name on the address label. E. Txxxx 10/15 means your membership expired in October of 2015. Please renew before your membership’ expiration month. Thank you.

If you have moved or are planning to move, please let us know your new address.

Please do not mail to our Kizuka Hall address on Blackburn Street. Our mailing address is:

W-SC JACL, P. O. Box 163, Watsonville, CA 95077.

Thank you for reading this January 2016 newsletter. Comments are always welcome.

Onward!
Mas Hashimoto, Editor

Please Come Support the Japanese Cultural Fair Santa Cruz with this “coupon”

Cut out and bring this “coupon” to the IHOP Capitola (1549 41st Ave) on the next-to-last Monday of every month through June 2016, and IHOP will donate 20% of all purchases to the JCF Santa Cruz: In 2016: Jan. 25; Feb 22; March 21; April 18; and May 23. Thank you.

JAPANESE CULTURAL FAIR OF SANTA CRUZ

Please come support the Japanese Cultural Fair Santa Cruz. Bring the coupon to the IHOP Capitola (41st Avenue) on the next to last Monday of every month through June 2016, and the International House of Pancakes will donate 20% of all purchases to the JCF.
WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE MOCHI TSUKI, DECEMBER 13, 2015
I was only five in 1940 but I remember doing the tanko bushi, a favorite obon odori (dance), in the old Toyo Hall. We guys were dressed in happi coats, hachimachi (head band), shorts, and zori’s (slippers). It was so cold for Toyo Hall didn’t have a heating system. We had many community events there. My father, Ikuta Hashimoto, who loved the theater (but he was never a singer, actor or performer), wanted to have a part of the production. So, he created this famous curtain with the advertising of a “Directory of Businesses and Professional Services” on it.

The five Japanese kanji characters at the very top reads from left to right: Toyo Hall—“Orient” or “Far East”:
Opening the very right side (written vertically) is Toyo Hall by Business Association in Watsonville (“The Japanese Chamber in Watsonville”) and on the very left side (vertically) Fujimoto Store.

### The top row, right to left (Japanese style):
1. San Francisco Japanese Hotel
2. Aramaki Store
3. Aki Hotel
4. Matsuoka & Ide Tokyo Washing place (Laundry)
5. Boyer Fertilizer Service “Du Gro” Brand
6. Yamashita Store
7. Matsuda Insurance & Drug Store
8. CLARK BROS.
9. S.F. Aoki Taisei Do (Aoki Store)
10. Hiura Brothers Dry Store (Drier?)
11. Charles Ford (Welcome to Japanese)

### 2nd row:
1. SF Peets Store
2. Togoshi Store
3. Kusano Hotel
4. Kotobuki Picture (Photo Shop)
5. (pictures of a castle and kabuto)
6. Takata Brothers Store
7. (N) Kashu Hotel (California Hotel)
8. (KOKUSUI) (ZUIKO) Rice?
9. Bendell Ford Garage Japanese section Yasuyuki Waki
10. Lester Hotel

### 3rd row:
1. All Insurance Hidetoshi Nitta
2. Enomoto Shoe Shop
3. Hata Fruit Store
4. Morimune Tofu Store
5. Iwami Barber Shop
6. Haruyuki Ito (Dr. Frank Ito, DDS)
7. San Juan Yagi Barber Shop
8. Mehl’s Funeral Home
9. White Funeral Home
10. Sale Sanyo Shoe Shop
11. Ueda Fish Market
12. Roy Sugidono Garage
13. Eitaro Kure San Juan
14. Watsonville laundry
15. Hamada Garage
16. Star Restaurant
17. Back, Heart?

### Very bottom row:
1. Onsen An (Hot Spring Hotel)
2. Riko Market (Welcome to Japanese) Food, Vegetable, Fruit, and Meat
3. Pajaro Valley Chicken Store (picture, head of a rooster)
4. Yoshifuji Flower Shop
5. Supporters (Torigoe, Yagi, Matsuoka, Ichimura. Ito), Head Chair person Yoshifuji, Writing by Ikuta Hashimoto
Watsonville-Santa Cruz Chapter
National Japanese American Citizens League (JACL)

No Increase in the 2015 – 2016 Membership Dues

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

Please join us today. We are the most proactive, oldest, and respected Asian American civil rights organization, and our programs include cultural appreciation and educational outreach.

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

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

The 2014 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 Otsuji Hager.

Name: ____________________________________________
   (Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Name)

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

Address: ____________________________________________

Home phone: (_____)_____________ E-mail: ________________________________

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

Name: ____________________________________________ Age: _______________

Name: ____________________________________________ Age: _______________

Name: ____________________________________________ Age: _______________

Please send your check payable to Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL and mail ASAP to:
Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL
c/o Jeanette Otsuji Hager, Membership Chair, P. O. Box 163, Watsonville, CA 95077
Thank you so much for your support.