Valley Forge and the Second Amendment

By Mas Hashimoto, Editor

Lt. General George Washington, commanding the Continental Army, complained that he had to send one-half of the army to go after the other half that had shied away. Deserters were executed. He, more than once, wrote disparagingly of the fitness and commitment of the states’ militia.

The Christmas in 1777 at Valley Forge (a valley known for its many iron mills--forges) was the low point of the War for American Independence. Washington’s troops were poorly clothed, fed, equipped, trained, and paid. Baron Friedrich von Steuben, a Prussian, came to train the Continental Army which, by spring, emerged as an organized, disciplined, and well-regulated fighting force.

Credit George Washington for his dedication and commitment that made us a free nation.

Historians estimated that a third of the Americans were Patriots (radicals), a third were Loyalists (conservatives, loyal to King George III), and the final third didn’t care. A minority of dedicated progressives pulled off the greatest modern revolution.

After the war (1776-1781) and after the failure of the central government under the weak and ineffective “Articles of Confederation” (1781-1789), a new Constitution with stronger authority and power for the central/federal government was established. A first order of business for the new government was the adoption of the Bill of Rights--protection for individuals and states.

Most important was the First Amendment with its three freedoms and two rights—Freedom of Religion (Separation of Church and State), Freedom of Speech, Freedom of the Press, right to assemble peaceably, and the right to petition the Government for grievances.

Our Nikkei nation used the principle of the right of petition against the US Government which responded with the Civil Liberties Act of August 10, 1988. It offered an apology and reparations for those incarcerated unjustly during World War II, and we are grateful. This year will be the 25th anniversary of the passage of the act, and our W-SC JACL plans to celebrate with an observance.

The controversial Second Amendment is presently debated.

The States were afraid a strong, central government with a “standing army” (professional), navy and marines could easily overtake State governments. They wanted some guarantees—some protection. The second amendment reads:

A well regulated Militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed.

The word “militia” means a body of citizens (no longer exclusively male) enrolled for military service where full time duty is required only in emergencies or to the eligible pool of citizens (ages 17-45) call able into military service. This right of the people in the militia to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.

A “well regulated Militia” is one that is trained, disciplined, organized and controlled—one that is well-prepared.

Through this amendment, the government must provide “security”—gun control legislation—for the well being and safety of the people.

A “free State” can also mean the federal government. When necessary, our federal government could call upon a state’s militia for the following purposes as stated in Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution:

To provide for calling forth the Militia to execute the Laws of the Union, suppress Insurrections and repel invasions;

President George Washington called upon the militia of the several states to put down the Whiskey Rebellion of western Pennsylvania of 1792 for the US Army was virtually non-existent. Today, a State’s National Guard serves as the militia and has been called into federal service many times by the Presidents of the United States.

In Colonial times, “arms” meant personal weapons which included knives, swords, rifles and pistols. They would be legal. Cannons, mortars, hand grenades (fuse bombs), and rockets (“rockets’ red glare, the bombs bursting in air”) were defined as “ordnance”—meaning, illegal. Modern weapons--nuclear weapons,
missiles, tanks, fighter planes, landmines, drones, submarines, chemical weapons (mustard gas), biological agents (germ warfare), armor piercing bullets, and others—are not “arms.” Assault rifles like the “Bushmasters” (used in the Sandy Hook massacre), other automatic and semi-automatic weapons with their 30-100 round magazines and anti-personnel or anti-tank weapons must not be classified as “arms.”

The Second Amendment meant to affect citizens (“the people”) only in connection with citizen service in a government-organized and regulated militia. Captain John Parker of the Lexington “Minutemen” was an early example of the need for citizen-soldiers.

Only persons of military capacity to bear arms in military organizations are within the spirit of this amendment. Children, mentally and physically impaired, dissolute in habits, and others may be prohibited from carrying weapons. All persons may be forbidden to carry concealed weapons.

Military arms may not be carried in all places even by persons competent to serve in the militia. They may be excluded from airports and airplanes, courts of justice, voter polling places, schools, churches, religious and political meetings, Congressional and legislative bodies, and the like.

During WW II, when we were evicted from our homes and into those concentration camps, we were forced to surrender our arms (guns and samurai swords) along with our cameras, radios, and flashlights. We had to turn them into the police station. Was this a violation of the Second Amendment?

In Japan, my brother “Tad” and his wife were skeet shooters and pheasant hunters (with shotguns). After a careful background check, they had to pass an 8-hour firearm safety class before obtaining licenses. To retain their licenses they had to pass the class each year. Japan is one of the safest countries in the world.

Driving a motor vehicle requires age certification and competency (pass written, eye, and driving skills tests for a license). It also requires registration, license, and adequate insurance coverage for the car.

What does gun ownership require? Too little.

Not so long ago, America prided itself as a peace-loving nation. Now, it is the highest gun possession country in the world. The Second Amendment’s relevance today must address the issues of responsibility and safety.

SANDY HOOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, CT

By Mas Hashimoto, Editor

A lone gunman murdered 20 children and six adults on Dec. 14th. One wonders what the nation’s reaction would have been had the gunman been an Asian, Arab or Muslim.

America’s finest, most dedicated, and most wonderful teachers are those in our elementary schools. Those of Sandy Hook Elementary went “above and beyond the call of duty.”

Sandy Hook Elementary School, according to its website (and not to be confused with Sandy Hook of Virginia), is the district’s largest elementary school with 626 students. It has been recognized as a Connecticut Vanguard School for sustaining high level of performance. The school takes a “responsive classroom” approach, which uses daily morning meetings and other tools to foster students’ sense of belonging.

The school’s motto is “Think you can, work hard, get smart, be kind.”

Sandy Hook Elementary School, Newtown, CT

In remembrance:

Charlotte Bacon, 2/22/06,
Daniel Barden, 9/25/05,
Olivia Engel, 7/18/06,
Josephine Gay, 12/11/05,
Ana M. Marquez-Greene, 04/04/06,
Dylan Hockley, 3/8/06,
Madeleine F. Hsu, 7/10/06,
Catherine V. Hubbard, 8/08/06,
Chase Kowalski, 10/31/05,
Jesse Lewis, 6/30/06,
James Mattioli, 3/22/06,
Grace McDonnell, 12/04/05,
Emilie Richman, 10/17/06,
Benjamin Wheeler, 9/12/06
(8 boys and 12 girls)
Rachel Davino, 7/17/83,
Dawn Hochsprung, 06/28/65,
Anne Marie Murphy, 07/25/60,
Lauren Rousseau, 6/1982,
Mary Sherlach, 2/11/56,
Victoria Soto, 11/04/85,

Grateful are we that Cate, 8, and Grace, 6, daughters of Junko Fischer and Rinel, 7, daughter of Yumiko Hawke of Sandy Hook Elementary School escaped safely.

The Newtown School Board wrote the following:

We are grateful for all the prayers, thoughts, and outpouring of support for our community during this difficult time.

If you wish to make a donation, in lieu of gifts, the Newtown School Board is requesting that all donations be directed to the Sandy Hook School Support Fund at Newtown.uwwesternct.org. Checks can be mailed to:

Sandy Hook School Support Fund
c/o Newtown Savings Bank
39 Main Street
Newtown, CT 06470

Our W-SC JACL has made a monetary donation to this fund which is administered through the United Way of Western Connecticut.
The leadership of the National Rifle Association (NRA) states that “the only way to stop a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun!” It proposed armed guards be stationed at every school in the country. The armed security guard at Columbine High didn’t faze the terrorists.

Some have proposed teachers be armed with guns in the classrooms. Guns in the classrooms? We must reduce the number of guns in the country, not increase them. Some members of the religious right have used this tragedy to fault public schools and its teachers for having “removed God” from the classrooms!

The NRA will have a diminished capacity with less influence as a lobbyist group with the members of the both political parties and both houses of the Congress.

The time has come for the NRA to change its leadership and mission.

Or, perhaps a new and more responsible organization of gun owners will be formed.

Our W-SC JACL chapter has urged our NCWNP District and National JACL to support stricter gun control laws and the elimination of assault weapons for public sales.

WATSONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL’S MAIN BUILDING

By Mas Hashimoto

The Loma Prieta Earthquake of 1989 destroyed the main building built in 1917. The school board ordered a replacement building and hired an architectural firm from San Jose to design a new building that would house the administration, the Social Studies Department, and a new theater (now, the Henry J. Mello Center for the Performing Arts).

The first design had all the students, faculty, and administrative staff exiting only into the inner quad of the campus and not out onto the streets.

At the school board meeting, I strongly objected to the design because a terrorist, armed with assault weapons, could easily pick off students and staff as they tried to exit. I wanted as many exits as possible and where the students and staff could escape in as many different directions as possible.

The architects grumbled back at the office about that damn social studies teacher, but today’s main building is safer to exit in case of a disaster.

Earlier, in the 1960s we had a rash of bomb threats. The administration wanted the teachers to search the lockers and rooms for bombs, to which I strongly objected. I had a rudimentary training on disarming land mines, but this request was foolhardy. I refused and encouraged other teachers to do the same. We didn’t know what we were looking for. We might accidently set off the bomb. I asked the administration to call the bomb squad from nearby Fort Ord (Seaside-Monterey, CA), which it did.

“ALOHA” SENATOR DANIEL K. INOUYE

Photo on the right was taken on Nov. 2, 2011 during the presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal in Washington, DC to the men of the 100th/442nd/MIS.

United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye, World War II veteran, Medal of Honor recipient and Hawaii’s senior Senator, passed away from respiratory complications at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center on Monday, Dec. 17, 2012, with his wife and son at his bedside.

He is survived by his wife, Irene Hirano Inouye, formerly the president and founding chief executive officer of the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles, his son Daniel Ken Inouye Jr., Ken’s wife Jessica, and granddaughter Maggie and step-daughter Jennifer Hirano. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Maggie Awamura, who died of cancer in 2006.

Daniel Ken Inouye was born in Honolulu on Sept. 7, 1924, the oldest of four children of Japanese immigrants. His father was a jewelry clerk and his mother a homemaker. His goal was to become a doctor studying at the University of Hawaii. But, all that was to change on Dec. 7, 1941.

Senator Inouye began his career in public service at the age of 17 when he enlisted in the U.S. Army.

“I was angered to realize that my government felt that I was disloyal and part of the enemy,” he told filmmaker Ken Burns for his 2007 PBS documentary, "The War."

"And I wanted to be able to demonstrate not only to my government but to my neighbors that I was a good American."

He served with ‘E’ company of the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team, a unit consisting entirely of Americans of Japanese ancestry. As a sergeant, Inouye led an assault in Italy’s Po Valley against the Germans on April 21, 1945. He was shot in the stomach but kept creeping toward two machine gun nests, destroying both with grenades and rifle fire.

Then a German rifle grenade fired from 10 yards away shattered and severed his right arm. “I looked at it, stunned and disbeliefing. It dangled there by a few bloody shreds of tissue, my grenade still clenched in a fist that suddenly didn’t belong to me anymore,” Inouye and co-author Lawrence Elliott wrote in his 1967 autobiography, "Journey to Washington."

Inouye pried the live grenade out of his right hand and threw it at the German gunner, who was killed by the explosion. He continued firing his gun until he was shot in
the right leg and knocked down the hillside. Badly wounded, he ordered his men to keep attacking.

His actions earned him the Congressional Medal of Honor, the nation’s highest award for valor.

Blood transfusions on the battlefield saved his life. He was always grateful to the African American men of the 92nd Infantry “Buffalo” Division for the blood transfusions.

On May 27, 1947, Inouye was honorably discharged with the rank of captain and awarded the Distinguished Service Cross (DSC), to go with a Bronze Star, two Purple Hearts and 12 other citations.

One of his Purple Heart medal is prominently displayed at Disney's Epcot Center, Orlando, Florida. The American Adventure Pavilion featured this great American Patriot along with other American heroes.

In 2000, President Bill Clinton upgraded his and other DSC won by Japanese Americans to the Medal of Honor, the military’s highest award. He said of Inouye, “One of the most remarkable Americans I have ever known.” Yes, Dan Inouye was our representative of The Greatest Generation (Tom Brokaw).

Despite those tributes, the honor Inouye most often displayed was a pin denoting his receipt of the Good Conduct Medal as a juvenile private.

“You don't really earn a Purple Heart,” he recalled in 2010. "The enemy shoots you — you try to avoid it." The Medal of Honor, he continued, “was temporary insanity. I look at the citation and I say, ‘No, I couldn’t have done that.”

But "to behave yourself among men, older men, it takes special effort. And I did not want to dishonor my family." Never to bring shame was ingrained in all of us.

He was an excellent sharpshooter and the platoon’s sniper. He never divulged the number of the enemy he killed. That information was reserved between him and his God.

Following the war, he returned to Hawaii and married Margaret "Maggie" Awamura. He graduated from the University of Hawaii and the George Washington University School of Law.

After receiving his law degree, Inouye returned to Hawaii and worked as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for the City and County of the Territory of Honolulu. He recognized the social and racial inequities of post-war Hawaii, and in 1954 was part of a Democratic revolution that took control of the Territorial Legislature.

Following statehood in 1959, Inouye served as Hawaii's first Congressman. In 1962 he ran for the Senate where he was elected to nine consecutive terms. He was the first Japanese American to serve in both houses of the Congress!

Dan Inouye spent his career building an enduring federal presence in Hawaii to ensure that the state would receive its fair share of federal resources. He worked to expand the military's presence on all major islands, stabilizing Pearl Harbor, building up the Pacific Missile Range and constructing a headquarters for the United States Pacific Command.

A freshman Senator, Dan Inouye visited Watsonville in the 1960s. Among those greeting him at the Watsonville airport were Sandy and Henry Izumizaki (both students in high school then). They were waving little home-made “Aloha, Senator” signs which the Senator appreciated. He spoke to us and to reporters in the banquet room of the Resetar Hotel about his role as the first JA Senator.

Back in Hawaii, he worked to build critical roads, expanded bus services statewide, secured the federal funds for the Honolulu Rail Transit project, and the federal Interstate Highway system [Editor's note: I asked the Senator, “How can Hawaii be a part of the Interstate Highway system if it doesn’t connect with any mainland state?” He laughed to say that Alaska (his ‘sister state’) doesn’t connect with any mainland state either.] He championed the indigenous rights of Native Hawaiians and the return of Kahoolawe.

He fought for the rights and benefits for veterans. Senator Inouye has left an indelible mark at the University of Hawaii, including support for major facilities and research assets. He has long supported local agriculture and alternative energy initiatives.

Dan Inouye was always amongst the first to speak out against injustice whether interned Japanese Americans, Filipino World War II veterans, Native Americans and Native Hawaiians.

We of the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL are grateful for his suggestion to create, with the help of US Senator Sparks Matsunaga, the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians (CWRIC) in 1979. The testimonies and conclusions reached led to the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of August 10, 1988, some 25 years ago next summer. It offered an apology and reparation of $20,000 from the US Government to those still alive and unjustly incarcerated during WW II.

A prominent player on the national stage, Senator Inouye served as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, the Senate Commerce Committee and was the first Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.

He was a key member of the committee investigating the Watergate scandal which led to the resignation of President Richard Nixon.

After developing a reputation as a bipartisan workhorse, who always would put country above party, he was asked in the summer of 1987 by the Senate leadership to chair the special committee investigating the Iran-Contra Affair of the Ronald Reagan Administration. Inouye rebuked as a liar Marine Lt. Col. Oliver North, a key figure in the Iran-Contra scandal, which involved the sale of embargoed weapons to Iran in order to divert the resulting profits to anti-communist rebels in Nicaragua.

His congressional achievements included working with fellow Hawaii U.S. Sen. Daniel Akaka to win passage of a congressional resolution, signed by President Bill Clinton in 1993, formally apologizing for the U.S. government’s participation in the 1893 overthrow of the kingdom of Hawaii.

When asked in recent days how he wanted to be remembered, Dan said, very simply, "I represented the people of Hawaii and this nation honestly and to the best of my ability. I think I did OK."

His last words were, "Aloha."

At the funeral service in Washington, DC’s National Cathedral, President Obama paid this tribute:
“Danny, you were more than okay. You were extraordinary.

“It’s been mentioned that Danny ended his convention speech in Chicago in 1968 with the word, aloha. He said, ‘To some of you who visited us, it may have meant hello, but to others, it may have meant goodbye. Those of us who’ve been privileged to live in Hawaii understand aloha means I love you.’

“And as someone who has been privileged to live in Hawaii, I know that he embodied the very best of that spirit, the very best of aloha. It’s fitting it was the last word that Danny spoke on this Earth. He may have been saying goodbye to us. Maybe he was saying hello to someone waiting on the other side. But it was a final expression most of all of his love for the family and friends that he cared so much about, for the men and women he was honored to serve with, for the country that held such a special place in his heart.

“And so we remember a man who inspired all of us with his courage, and moved us with his compassion, that inspired us with his integrity, and who taught so many of us — including a young kid growing up in Hawaii — that America has a place for everyone. ‘May God bless Daniel Inouye. And may God grant us more souls like his.’”

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Linda Wathen Espejo, a retired PVUSD teacher, wrote:

What a marvelous man he was! I have followed his career for many years, Mas, and his contributions are without peer. A voice of calm, insight and reason has left us and he will be truly missed. My deepest condolences go out to all in the Japanese-American community and all Americans who have lost a great statesman and a wonderful gentleman.

Jack Spurlock, retired PVUSD teacher wrote: May America honor the memory of this great American Patriot and follow his example.

Senator Inouye is the most beloved and revered Japanese American ever, and we mourn his passing. Our condolences to his family, relatives, and friends. Mas H.]

A PROCLAMATION by President Barak Obama

Photos of the American flag flown at half-mast at the Watsonville City Plaza. Photos by Mas Hashimoto.

As a mark of respect for the memory and longstanding service of Senator Daniel K. Inouye, President pro tempore of the Senate, I hereby order, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and consistent with President Nixon’s Proclamation 3948, that the flag of the United States shall be flown at half-staff at the White House and upon all public buildings and grounds, at all military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions until sunset on the day of his interment. I further direct that the flag shall be flown at half-staff for the same period at all United States embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eighteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-seventh.

Barack Obama
President, United States of America

REMEMBERING SEN. DANIEL INOUYE OF THE 442ND

By Joe Myers

Born Sept. 27, 1924, to Japanese parents in Honolulu, Daniel Inouye was 17 and dreaming of becoming a surgeon when Japanese planes flew over his home to bomb Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. This changed the course of his life.

Mr. Inouye died Monday (Dec. 17) of respiratory complications. He was 88.

In 1943, Mr. Inouye enlisted in the Army and was assigned to the Japanese American 442nd Regimental Combat Team, which adopted the term “Go for Broke.” The 442nd was one of the most-decorated units of World War II. He rose to the rank of captain, where he earned the
Mr. Inouye said that it was the ultimate in patriotism to be a member of the 442nd Combat Regimental Team. These men came from barbed-wire camps where the Japanese Americans were held and who volunteered to fight; and some ultimately gave their lives.

He said he didn’t feel he had any other choice but to go to war. Mr. Inouye once said he “felt there was a need for us to demonstrate that we were just as good as anyone else.” His dream of becoming a surgeon ended as the war came to a close.

On April 21, 1945, he was leading a charge on a German machine gun nest in Italy’s Po Valley when he was shot in the abdomen; he, however, continued his approach to the machine gun nest. He managed to heave two hand grenades and silenced it before his right arm was shattered by a German grenade; even then, he continued to direct his platoon. According to the story, his injured arm was amputated under combat conditions. By his gallant, aggressive tactics and by his indomitable leadership, Mr. Inouye enabled his platoon to advance through formidable resistance. This is evident by the text in his Medal of Honor presentation.

He spent the next 20 months in military hospitals. During his convalescent period, he met Bob Dole, the future majority leader of the senate and 1996 presidential candidate who was also recovering from severe combat wounds. The two served together in the Senate for decades. Despite his military service and honors, Mr. Inouye returned to an often-hostile America. He once entered a barber shop in San Francisco only to be told “we don’t cut Jap hair.”

He took pride in handling the smallest requests from his constituents. He once was awakened at 2 a.m. by a phone call from a Hawaiian family for assistance in getting a soldier home for a family emergency. He immediately called the Pentagon, and 30 minutes later the soldier had his orders to return home.

And lastly, he represented Hawaii when it became a state in 1959. He was handily elected to a ninth term in 2010 with 75 percent of the vote.

[Editor’s note: We thank Joe Myers, a W-SC JACLer and an Army veteran of World War II of the Pacific Theater who earned the Purple Heart. This tribute appeared in the Watsonville Register-Pajaronian.]

THE LATE PATSY MINK AND TITLE IX
By Mas Hashimoto, Editor

The year, 1972, was marked by turbulence—the Vietnam War, the Nixon-Watergate scandal, mandatory busing to integrate schools, and hotly debated issues like the death penalty.

This year is the 40th anniversary of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972:

No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

The late Patsy Mink, Congresswoman from Hawaii, was the champion for Title IX, and we are so grateful. Title IX is her legacy.

The most visible effects—and most vocal opponents—have been in school athletics.

However, there is more. It is working in the classroom, too, for the original goal was access to education for girls and women as broadly as possible. It requires safe and accessible learning environment for both sexes, guarantees pregnant and parenting students equal educational opportunities, and requires that course offerings and career counseling not be limited by gender.

Long before Title IX, Watsonville High School’s Math Department Chair Jean Pogue was an advocate for girls in math, science, woodshop, auto shop, agriculture, aviation, sports, executive positions, and others. She so wanted to break that “glass ceiling” for all women. She believed in equal pay for equal work and along with the California Teachers’ Association worked for an established pay schedule.

In 1972, one of the best golfers in school was Janet Coles, but she was barred from the Golf Team. Janet went on the LPGA Tour and won several tournaments. She has been inducted into the Watsonville High School Foundation’s Hall of Fame and the WHS’s Sports Hall of Fame.

What was interesting back then is that the Athletic Director, coaches, Principal, and Girls’ Physical Education Chair fought against girls’ participation in sports. They opposed expenditures of the athletic budget to include girls. I remember the girls’ volleyball team, basketball team and the softball team wore the same uniform. I mean they wore the same uniform! The uniforms were washed by the custodians for whichever girl’s team needed them for the next game.

The Girls PE Department believed that it was detrimental for the young girls to be so competitive. They wished to continue the Girls Athletic Association (GAA) program, an after-school sports program.
I had a bowling club called the “Alley Catz.” WHS’s mascots are the Wildcatz. I tried to form an interscholastic bowling league with the Monterey Bay high schools. Salinas High and San Lorenzo Valley High were supportive. Many high schools in various parts of the country have long established bowling leagues. Colleges are known to give bowling scholarships. When I told our Principal and Athletic Director that two of my five best bowlers were girls, they wouldn’t hear of it. They wouldn’t support the league.

More than half of this nation’s population are women. Yet, women are grossly under-represented in the legislatures, the Congress, and executive positions.

More than half of the Olympic medals won in London by the US team this year were by women. Women are demanding combat roles/duty in our military.

The National JACL is led by Priscilla Ouchida, the first woman to hold the position of Executive Director. Yes, we are making great strides, thanks to Title IX and Patsy Mink.

ASIAN AMERICAN STUDENTS ARE BULLIED

According to a 2009 report of the US Dept of Education, Asian Pacific Americans (APA) are more likely to face the highest rate of bullying in the classroom at nearly 20 percent more than any other ethnic minority. And, it doesn’t end there. They are more likely, by 10 percent, to be bullied outside of the school grounds!

We need to know who’s doing it and why so we can take appropriate, positive action to put a stop to it! If our local APA students are bullied, we need to know about it. Please contact Mas Hashimoto at (831) 722-6859.

We must create an atmosphere of safety and respect for all cultures, traditions, and ethnicities.

“There’s only one race and that’s the human race. We’re all out of Africa. We’re just different shades of black,” said Mas Hashimoto.

2012 HOLIDAY TRADITIONS IN THE PLAZA

By Marcia Hashimoto

Thanks to our W-SC JACL board, members, and friends our participation in the Holiday Traditions event was fun and successful. See photos on page 17.

The Watsonville Taiko Youth 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 plaza grounds and attracted the attention of the public to join in this cultural event.

Many families visited our booth and with awe enjoyed writing their names in katakana Japanese, thanks to the enthusiastic help of Debbi Chan, Kimi and Cathy Kimura, Nozomi Banks and yours truly.

To their delight, the children and adults also folded origami paper into a cute dog’s face, butterfly, boat, and crane thanks to the patient guidance of Dr. Brooke Kondo and Cindy Hirokawa Mine (photo, right). Our youth member, Carter Kimura (center, background), dazzled the crowd with his complex origami creations!

Iwao Yamashita’s magnificent bonsai and Mrs. Mitsuyo Tao’s breath-taking Ikenobo arrangement were impressive highlights of our special cultural display. We are so grateful for their masterful artistry and willingness to support our activities.

We appreciate the help of Mas Hashimoto for being our greeter and photographer and to Gary Mine, Phil Shima, Clyde Kimura, Debbi, Brooke, Cindy and Harry Wiggin’s Boy Scouts for their assistance in setting up and cleaning up.

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

WATSONVILLE TAIKO AND SHINSEI DAIKO

By Bonnie Chihara

On Dec 8th we played on the steps in front of the Watsonville branch of Cabrillo College for Holiday Traditions. Our children’s group practiced for three weeks for this performance. They played Right Hand Left Hand, Peach Tree, Kodomo Bayashi, Hiraita, and Jumping Tiger. Five members of our adult advanced performers joined Sensei Ikuyo Conant for this event.

Our Holiday Party was held on Dec. 14th. We were treated to a talent show which featured Inti Roque-piano, Medha Gelli and Sumana Pathi-Indian song, Dave Thayer-guitar and singing, Herlie Kataoka and Sensei Ikuyo Conant-Japanese song, and Tommy D’Andrea and friends improvisational music. We had a cake walk and guessing games.
Herlie Kataoka, Kay Miyamoto, Nicole Tsao, Ikuyo Conant and Xitlali Suarez with her friend Evie enjoy line dancing.

Everyone enjoyed the potluck dinner and abundant desserts.

Joining us from the JACL this year were Paul and Carol Kaneko, Cindy and Gary Mine, Jeanette Hager, Joe and Christine Bowes and Phil Shima. It was great to see old and new friends enjoying this yearly event. Thank you to everyone who attended. Hope to see you all again next year!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2013 OFFICERS:
Tosh Tanaka was re-elected President at our December meeting and will be officially installed on Jan. 20, 2013. All the other officers will also remain the same: Jeanette Hager as our First Vice President, Marcia Hashimoto as Second Vice President, Cindy Hirokawa Mine as Secretary, and Victor Kimura as Treasurer.

Re-elected to serve a three-year term on the board were Jeanette Otsuji Hager, Carol Kaneko, Kimiyo Kimura, Bobbi Jo Palmer and Philip Shima.

To the 65 members who took the time to cast their ballots this year--a big “thank you”--for we appreciate your support and confidence. Several wrote on the ballots, “Thank you, board, for your hard work!”


OUR W-SC JACL CHAPTER YEAR 2012 IN REVIEW—HIGHLIGHTS...

Your W-SC JACL board members are dedicated community servants. They are proud to be National JACL members and endeavor to carry out the civil rights, education and cultural objectives set forth by our organization.

Some of our board members are retired but most have full-time job obligations and family responsibilities. Every board member’s dedication in volunteering immeasurable hours to assure the success of our sponsored events, programs, and activities is admirable. It is with great appreciation that we recognize our chapter board:

President Tosh Tanaka,
First Vice President Jeanette Otsuji Hager,
Second Vice President Marcia Hashimoto,
Secretary Cindy Hirokawa Mine,
Treasurer Victor Kimura.

Other board members are Joe Bowes, Mas Hashimoto, David Kadotani, Carol Kaneko, Paul Kaneko, Kimiyo Kimura, Brooke Kondo, Gary Mine, Bobbi Jo Palmer, Philip Shima and Iwao Yamashita.

Equally important is our gratitude to our members and friends who support all that we do with your assistance, attendance, participation, and donations. Thank you for helping us accomplish the following in 2012:

(1) Worked for the removal of National Defense Authorization Act, a policy that authorizes the military to detain indefinitely American citizens and non-citizens suspected of terrorist activity—without formal charges or a trial. Having been subjected to the unjust incarceration of WW II with Executive Order 9066 (February 19, 1942) and Public Law 503 (March 21, 1942), we are all too familiar with this attack on our personal liberties and civil rights! The apology of the Civil Liberties Act of August 10, 1988 has been tarnished for nothing has been learned!

(2) Assisted Watsonka Addison of the Watsonville Public Library and its California Reads “Searching for Democracy” program, the focus of which was Farwell to Manzanar. Author Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston was the principal guest speaker. Mas Hashimoto presented programs to children (story time) and adults of our wartime incarceration.

(3) Presentations to many adult groups/organizations and students from 3rd grade to university of the racism that led to our unjust incarceration.

(4) We supported the Ninth US Circuit Court’s overturn of Proposition 8, the anti same-sex marriage act. We look forward to a favorable decision by the US Supreme Court this summer on this issue and also on the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA).

(5) Arranged the planting of a flowering cherry (sakura) tree in the City Plaza, a gift from the Japanese Government to the City of Watsonville. A plaque from W-SC JACL commemorated the event of May 20.

(6) We worked to re-instate the Chinese Language (Mandarin) classes at Cabrillo College.

(Right to left) Herlie Kataoka, Kay Miyamoto, Nicole Tsao, Ikuyo Conant and Xitlali Suarez with her friend Evie enjoy line dancing.

Seated on the couch, l-r: Karen, Nicole, and Carter Kimura; Jeanni Kadotani, Cindy Hirokawa Mine; seated Paul and Carol Kaneko, Christine Bowes, Brooke Kondo, Jeanette Otsuji Hager, Philip Shima,
(7) Observed the 10th anniversary of our re-enactment of our wartime incarceration, “Liberty Lost ... Lessons in Loyalty,” with a reunion party.

(8) Awarded the Kee Kitayama Memorial Scholarship.

(9) Sponsored the Japanese Cultural Fair in Santa Cruz. and the Pacific Rim Film Festival.

(10) Organized the annual community picnic, a hundred-year tradition.

(11) Honored our veterans with a Veterans Day event at the PV Memorial Park and JACL Kizuka Hall.

(12) Participated in the Holiday Traditions at the Plaza.

(13) Published a monthly W-SC JACL Newsletter.

Supported the following:
- W-SC JACL Senior Center.
- Maintenance of our JACL Kizuka Hall.
- Day of Remembrance observance
- Watsonville Taiko.
- Watsonville Bonsai.
- Kawakami Sister City program.
- Watsonville Buddhist Temple.
- Westview Presbyterian Church.
- Kokoro no Gakko, the Japanese Cultural School.
- Campaigned to re-instate the Chinese Language (Mandarin) classes at Cabrillo College.
- Poston Community Alliance barrack restoration.
- Roy Matsumoto, MIS story campaign.
- Sandy Hook Elementary School disaster relief.
- Monitor local civil and human rights issues.

**W-SC JACL 2013’s CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Sun., Jan. 20 Tri-Chapter JACL Installation of Officers Luncheon at San Juan Oaks Golf Course, 3825 Union Road, Hollister, CA 95023, hosted by San Benito County JACL, guest speaker Luis Valdez, father of Chicano theater in the United States

Sun., Feb. 24 Day of Remembrance observance, site of the Salinas Assembly Center, 1034 N. Main Street, Salinas, CA 93906, hosted by Monterey Peninsula JACL

Sat., Jun. 8 Japanese Cultural Fair, Santa Cruz Mission Plaza Park, 103 Emmet St., Santa Cruz, CA 95060, 11 am to 6 pm

Sat., Jun. 22 Annual Community Picnic, Aptos Village Park, 100 Aptos Creek Road, Aptos, CA 95003, 11 am to 4:30 pm

Mon., Jul 1- Fri., Jul. 12 Kokoro no Gakko, Japanese cultural school, K-6th grade, Watsonville Buddhist Temple, 423 Bridge Street, Watsonville, CA 95076

Jul. 25-Jul. 27 National JACL Convention, Washington, DC

Sat. Aug 10 25th Anniversary of Civil Liberties Act, Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL, TBA

Mid-October 25th Pacific Rim Film Festival

**SENIOR CENTER NEWS by Kitako Izumizaki**

The last trip for Seniors in December was a pleasure trip to San Francisco to visit the Asian Art Museum, with an afternoon of shopping in Japantown. Weather held off so no one got wet. Helping to keep up our energy for all the walking were Alice and Jon Drier, Rubie Kawamoto, Shirley Nishimoto, Kay and Tom Sjulin. Toshi Yamashita and Yaeko Cross who passed out goodies while traveling up on the bus. A great time was had by all.

Our Senior Center Christmas celebration was held on Sun. Dec. 9th, with manager Iwao Yamashita leading off with a moment of silence for all departed members, followed by the singing of God Bless America.

Greetings from the W-SC JACL were given by Marcia Hashimoto who wished us all happy holidays and thanked us for the invitation. She was appreciative of all the support given by seniors to the JACL.

Rev. Shousei Hanayama from the Watsonville Buddhist Temple thanked all for the invitation and said he was very happy to wish happy birthday to Jesus.

Rev. Dan Hoffman from the Westview Presbyterian Church greeted us, read from Matthew on the first Christmas, and gave his personal Christmas reflections.

Westview Choir (see photo in the next column), composed of Rev. Dan Hoffman, Rosie Hoffman with her friend (not able to obtain her friend’s name), Joanne Hayashi, Randy Mano, Edna Nagata, Tracy Mano, Eiko Stewart, Joanne Yahiro, Emiko Stewart, George Stewart and Director Lynne Nagata, then led the group in singing everyone’s favorite Christmas carols.
Cake cutting was by Seniors over 90: Louise Sako 95, Ray Sako 96, Haruko Yoshii 95, Miye Yamashita 94, Nancy Iwami 98, Yoshino Matano 97, Chiyoko Yagi 92, Hide Nagamine 91, Michiko Hamada 91, and Kitako Izumizaki 91. Absent were Masako Miura 98, Frances Goon 93, Mitzi Matsuyama 92, Carmel Kamigawachi 91, Akira Kodama 91, Sam Sugidono 90, Yamato Nishihara 90, and Roland Johnson 90. The Christmas cake was donated by Westview Presbyterian Church.

December celebrants were Kinji House and Helen Nakano. Roland Johnson 90 and Jim Kawamoto were absent. Helen put a candy wreath and candy cane at each setting, and Westview Presbyterian donated a Christmas bag filled with goodies for each Senior.

We welcomed back Kinji and Motoko House, who had been under the weather for weeks. We were also happy to see Hattsu Tsuji back, and welcomed Tosh Tanaka, our W-SC JACL president.

The final meeting of the year was the December birthday party. The birthday cake, donated by Patt Takeuchi, was decorated with Santa and his sleigh with reindeer, and Christmas trees and snowmen in the snow. The head table was decorated by Jean Akiyama with a lovely poinsettia plant in a bed of enormous pine cones surrounded by ivy leaves with a brown and white bear standing in front with Santa hats. The stage was decorated with our decorated Christmas tree surrounded by 14 poinsettia plants. Individual tables held a silver tree hanging from a stand, the work of Helen Nakano. We appreciate Susan AmRhine getting into the spirit of each holiday by dressing for the occasion in appropriate costume.

At this final meeting of 2012, appreciation gifts were handed out to managers Iwao Yamashita, Paul and Carol Kaneko, and June and Sunao Honda.

Also this year, the many Seniors--Helen Nakano, Jean Akiyama, Mitsuyo Tao, Kinji House, Hisako Kodama, Kitako Izumizaki, Haruyo Ishibashi, Rubie Kawamoto, Judy Hane, Cindy Mine, Susan AmRhine, and Nobue Fuji--constantly give generously of their time were honored with a poinsettia plant as an appreciation gift. We thank everyone for all the gifts as we know that it takes all of us to do a good job, and it’s too bad everyone couldn’t receive a poinsettia.

After a couple hours of bingo, all went to Hong Kong Garden II at 4 pm for our “end of the year” meal together.

Monetary donations gratefully received: Shirley Nishimoto, Watsonville Taiko, Aileen Kawasaki, Yoshino Matano, Chie Sakaue, Toshi Yamashita, Paul and Carol Kaneko, Kinji House, Jim Kawamoto, Helen Nakano, Iwao Yamashita, Sunao and June Honda, and Sam and Yae Sakamoto.
Other donations gratefully received:

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LACK OF FUNDS THREATENS THE 2013 JAPANESE CULTURAL FAIR by Paul Kaneko

The Japanese Cultural Fair has been an annual event in Santa Cruz County for twenty-six years. The quality of performers is key to the success of the Fair. The goal has always been to present as much traditional Japanese culture for the benefit of the entire community—not only people of Japanese ancestry. The mission of the Japanese Cultural Fair is “to provide an opportunity for the community to increase its awareness and understanding of the Japanese culture. We believe that through an increased exposure to the culture of Japan, we can improve mutual understanding among neighbors on the Pacific Rim and enrich our community life here in Santa Cruz.” This event is one of the finest and most comprehensive opportunities to see, hear, and experience traditional Japanese art and culture on the West Coast!

Over the past several years, the Watsonville-Santa Cruz Chapter of the JACL has been a major co-sponsor of the Fair. Other co-sponsors have included the City of Santa Cruz and its Sister Cities Program (Shingu, Japan is one of Santa Cruz’s sister cities), the Watsonville Taiko Group, and the Aikido of Santa Cruz. The event has been financially supported by grants from such organizations as the Cultural Council of Santa Cruz County (CCSCC), the Alliance for California Traditional Arts (ACTA), and the Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County (CFSCC) (for the production of a 30-minute documentary), and donations from individuals or businesses in the community.

With the availability of less money from grants for 2013, the Japanese Cultural Fair is in danger of not happening at all in 2013. In these tough economic times, the Fair is in need of additional financial support. Our goal is to raise at least $5,000 in additional funds in order to ensure that the 2013 Japanese Cultural Fair will be economically feasible.

The Japanese Cultural Fair is a tax exempt (501(c)(3) “nonprofit” organization as defined by the Internal Revenue Service. There is no paid staff or rented office space. All donations are tax deductible. Thanks for anything that you can donate to help make the 2013 Japanese Cultural Fair a reality. Checks should be made payable to: “Japanese Cultural Fair” and sent to: P.O. Box 3458, Santa Cruz, CA 95063. Donations are also accepted via PayPal through our website: www.jcfsantacruz.org. Domo arigato!

NDAA LAW ON INDEFINITE DETENTION RISKS REPEATING JAPANESE AMERICAN INCARCERATION INJUSTICE


On Dec. 17, 2012, the families of Fred Korematsu, Minoru Yasui, and Gordon Hirabayashi filed an amicus brief in Hedges v. Obama, a lawsuit that challenges the
constitutionality of a provision of the National Defense Authorization Act For Fiscal Year 2012 (NDAA). The brief was filed in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

The amicus brief describes a terrifying parallel to the incarceration of Americans of Japanese ancestry during World War II. Under the pretense of national security, the NDAA essentially repeats the decisions in the discredited World War II cases of Korematsu, Hirabayashi, and Yasui, allowing the government to imprison people without any due process rights for an indefinite time.

The 2012 NDAA authorizes the U.S. military to arrest and indefinitely detain anyone, including American citizens on U.S. soil, without a warrant or due process if the military simply suspects them of supporting terrorism. This is exactly what the U.S. government did in 1942 to 120,000 Japanese Americans, two-thirds of whom were American citizens, and who spent years in prisons without notice of charges, the right to an attorney, or the right to a trial.

Korematsu, Yasui, and Hirabayashi each refused to be incarcerated in wartime camps and challenged the government’s decisions, but each was found guilty and their convictions were upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in landmark decisions in 1943 and 1944. More than 40 years later, evidence was discovered proving that the government had committed a fraud on the Supreme Court by suppressing, altering, and destroying critical evidence that Japanese Americans were not a danger to national security.

This newly discovered evidence undermined the government’s justification for the incarceration and contradicted the government’s arguments made before the Supreme Court in the original cases. All three men were vindicated in the 1980s when courts overturned their tainted convictions.

The Korematsu, Yasui, and Hirabayashi families and lawyers who helped overturn the convictions have returned to fight the attacks on civil rights by filing an amicus brief in support of the legal challenge against NDAA.

The principal drafters of the brief were Eric Yamamoto (University of Hawai’i William S. Richardson School of Law), Lorraine K. Bannai (Korematsu Center for Law and Equality, Seattle University School of Law), Bob Rusky, and Cayce Greiner, with contributions by Dale Minami (Minami Tamaki LLP), Anjana Malhotra and Bob Chang (both with the Korematsu Center for Law and Equality, Seattle University School of Law), and other attorneys from the Korematsu, Yasui, and Hirabayashi legal teams.

These potential infringements on the constitutional rights of citizens and residents doom us to repeat history and subverts what should have been lessons learned from the wartime imprisonment.

Join us in spreading the word about this issue.

Thank you, Dale Minami and friends, for challenging the NDAA!

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**WATSONVILLE BUDHIST TEMPLE NEWS**

By Jackie Yamashita

January 2013 Calendar of Events

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**January 13 Shotsuki Ho Yo Memorial Service**

Asa Akiyama Michiko Dooka
Ichijiro Fujita Yeiko Fujita
Midori Fukuda Suyako Hamada
Tsui Hamai Yoneichi Hamai
Sammy Hira Nakanori Hirabara
Shig Hiranori Yasube Hirano
Yutaka Ikeda Sadao Itamura
Asako Iwamuro Kintsuki Izumizaki
Teruko Jeanne Kajihara Masashi Kajisa
Haruno Kamimoto Mary Yukiko Kimura
Sayako Kimura Yukiko Kinoshita
Rokuo Koike Satoru Kokka
Toraichi Kwaki Takajiro Kunishige
Peggy Shizuko Kurimoto Harumi Kay Kuroiwa
Tommy Toshiyuki Matsu Harumi Kay
Masa Morimoto Helen Morimune
Sei Morishima Tsui Morita
Mrs. Otomatsu Nagamine Chiyuki Nakahara
Eijiro Nakase George Nakatani
Kohide Nishihara Gladys Nishita
Frank Nishihara Sayoko Nishita
Tsune Nitao Masaru (Buzz) Noda
Yoko Sakae Bunichi Sakai
Takeichi Sakimoto Shizuma Sasaki
Ray Sukekane Masanosuke Sukekane
Masao Sukekane Fukuichi Sumida
Roy Takamune Lillian Teruo Tanimura
Tomoe Tao Takashi (Butch) Tsuchiyama
Hardy Tsuda Henry Tsutsui
Toyoki Shizan Uchimaru Sumi Ura
Kaname Uyeda Suyeko Ito Uyematsu
Shigeo Wada Tatsu Wada
Harry Yagi Kinio Yagi
Takimi Yamaichi Jennie Yamamoto
Kichigorou Yamamoto Ichisaburo Yamashita
Leland Toru Yamauchi Hideo Yokoi
Wataru Yoshida
Thank you, YBA “pounders” (counter clockwise from upper left): Christopher Inokuchi, Julian Nakanishi, Mathew Maemura and Kevin Yamaoka and “pokers” (counter clockwise from upper left): Kaitlin Sakae, Kelly Maemura, Sarah Nagamine, Hayley Sakae, and Melissa Tao. We sure had fun!

YBA News: On December 8th, five members and four parents attended the CD YBL Ministers Retreat at the San Jose Betsuin. The retreat focused on our upcoming conference in March, 2013.

Dharma School News: The Dharma School and YBA hosted a luncheon for everyone who worked so hard with the annual Mochi Tsuki. Thank you to everyone who helped with the lunch, especially Dennis and Kim Yamaoka, our “iron chefs,” for preparing delicious Loco Moco, hot dogs and all the fixings, Yum! Son Kevin with Dad, Dennis, is featured below.

ABA News: (below) ABA members Itaru Nitao, Akio Idemoto, Sadao Matsunami and Sam Sakamoto had enjoyed the art of “brush painting” each mochi.

Kiyo Kawasaki, Art Hayashi, Bruce Arao, Sean Sheehan, Jim Arao, Gary Mine, and Rev. Hanayama poked “fun” into the special sweet rice to make mochi.

The installation of ABA Cabinet will take place on January 13, 2013 with the Shotsuki Hoyo Service. The New Year Potluck & Bingo will follow. It’ll be a lot of fun. Come join us.

Cecelia Kuzbyt, San Fraser, and Peter Hester got their “licks” in, too.

Board News:

Sam Sakamoto will fix the parsonage’s awkward front step entrance. He will also replace the sticking sliding cabinet doors in the living room. ABA will pay for the materials. Thank you, Sam!
The financial concerns regarding the remodeling of the parsonage has been finalized! Thank you all for your generous donations!

Thank you to the newly elected 2013 Board Members: Aileen Kawasaki, Ken Tanimoto, Norman Uyeda, Kenny Kusumoto, Franz Steidl, and JoAnn Kato. Appointed to fill a vacancy will be Marcia Hashimoto. Thank you all for agreeing to serve the Sangha. Installation will take place on January 13, 2013.

Board Cabinet Positions are: President Kiyo Kawasaki; CFO Glenn Nagamine; and Corporate Secretary Kim Yoshida. Past President will be Perry Yoshida and the President-Elect will be elected at a later date.

IN REMEMBRANCE ...

Kiyomi “Kay” Kaita

Kiyomi “Kay” Kaita passed away unexpectedly on November 29, 2012 at his home in Watsonville, CA. Kay was born January 26, 1917 in Watsonville, CA. He is survived by his wife, Yoshiye, of 69 years; daughters: Judy (Shigeru) Tokubo, Maxine (George) Nakamura, Elaine (Gino) Abad, Louise (Lyman) Lum, Barbara (Bob) Shingai, and son: Bruce (Jeri) Kaita; 12 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren with 3 more on the way; brother Roy (Emi) Kaita, and sister Mitsue Tao and many nieces and nephews.

Tama (shown here with Kay) is actually Grant's (Bruce's son) dog. Bruce brought the dog to Dad's house to keep Dad company. Dad would take Tama for a walk every day. Tama really misses Dad.

Kay attended local schools and graduated from Watsonville High School in 1935. He attended mechanic trade school at Heald’s North in San Francisco, eventually returning to Watsonville to work on the family strawberry farm. During World War II he was relocated to Gila River Internment Camp, where he met and married Yoshiye Tara. After the war, they lived a short time in Pennsylvania, and later moved to Cleveland, Chicago and Fresno before settling back in Watsonville. He owned and operated his own business, Kay's Garage since 1953 until his retirement, which his son, Bruce, continues to operate today.

He was an avid bowler until age 93! He also enjoyed surf fishing, working on his computer, photography and spending time with his grandchildren & great grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Friday, December 7, 2012 at Watsonville Buddhist Temple; 423 Bridge Street; Watsonville, California. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Kay's name to the Watsonville Buddhist Temple.

PAUL YASUSHI MIZOKAMI

Paul Yasushi Mizokami passed away on December 4th, 2012, at the age of 70. The son of Shigeo and Yoneko Mizokami, he was preceded by his first wife, Aileen Mizokami. He is survived by his younger sister, Nancy (Gerald) Yamada of Vienna, Virginia, and his sons, Kyle Mizokami of San Francisco and Casey Mizokami of Oakland.

Born in Santa Maria, California in 1942, he was interned at Topaz internment camp for the duration of World War II. Paul was a veteran of the United States Army, serving from 1964 to 1965, and graduated from San Francisco State University with a degree in Accounting. He married Aileen Oka in 1966, and they took up residence in San Francisco. An entrepreneur at heart, Paul started a microfilm processing company and a produce market. He retired from the San Francisco Unified School District in 2008. In 2002 he married Virginia De Guzman, which later ended in divorce.

A caring son and husband, he was a beloved inspiration to his own sons. A viewing took place on Sunday, December 9th, Ave Maria Memorial Chapel, 609 Main Street, Watsonville, California. A private family-only service was held on Monday, December 10th.

The W-SC JACL extends our condolences to the Kaita, Mizokami, and Inouye families and friends.

IN REMEMBRANCE FOR 2012 ...

Yoneko Miyata Mizokami
Gordon Hirabayashi
Michiko Inokuchi Dooka
Tomoe Tao
Yukiye Fuji
Walter Tanaka
Harry Hirai
Mariko “Mollie” Sumida
John Tsukiji
Johnny Hideki Yamashita
Yukio Joe Shingai
George Yoshito Kimura
Kenneth M. Teshima
Fred Korematsu Day “Heroes” Celebration

1:00 pm VIP reception with honorees,
2:30 - 4:30 pm Program.
Where: historic Herbst Theatre, 401 Van Ness Ave.,
San Francisco, CA 94102, birthplace of the United Nations in April of 1945
Tickets: $25 general, $100 for VIP reception.

The Fred T. Korematsu Institute for Civil Rights and Education is excited to celebrate Korematsu Day 2013 by honoring 16 American civil rights heroes who've been long overlooked.

W-SC JACL is a co-sponsor of this important event.
This will be a historic gathering of living civil rights heroes, many of whom are in their 90s, and the descendants of heroes who have passed on. Not only will we be recognizing them all at the event, we will be unveiling our Asian American and Pacific Islander Civil Rights Heroes poster, featuring all 16 heroes, so don't miss your chance to get a poster (and some autographs)!

Further details and ticketing information coming soon both on this event page and on our website, http://www.korematsuinstitute.org/, so please stay tuned!

So far we have revealed seven of our 16 honorees, including:

Mamie Tape: Chinese American child plaintiff in landmark case demanding equal access to education.
Yuri Kochiyama: Japanese American grassroots activist for pan-ethnic social justice movements.
Bhagat Singh Thind: Sikh American in US Supreme Court case examining race-based citizenship.
Fred Korematsu: Supreme Court plaintiff who challenged the WWII incarceration of Japanese Americans.

Larry Itliong: Filipino American organizer and coalition builder who was a leader in the farm labor movement.
Queen Lili’uokalani: Last reigning monarch of the Kingdom of Hawai‘i who advocated for the restoration of native sovereignty her whole life.
Mitsuye Endo: Japanese American Supreme Court plaintiff who won her case (Ex Parte Endo) that challenged her unlawful incarceration in WWII.

DONATIONS, GRATEFULLY RECEIVED …
Scholarship
Rekiso “Ray” and Hisako “Louise” Sako
JACL Hall floor maintenance
Watsonville Taiko
Cabrillo College Chinese Language Fund
Bethany Schulze of Santa Cruz
Ryan Boldman of Watsonville

Newsletter
Henry Hayashida of Seaside
Gordon Koo and Pam Yoshida
(Motorola Mobility Foundation Matching Gift)

Christmas Donations
L & W Land Company
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Veterans Day Tribute event of Nov. 10, 2012
Martha Miyamoto
In memory of John Tomaso, John Ivanovich, Kay Kaita, and Ron Gallino from Jennifer Ura Gavin
In memory of Kay Kaita from Esther Ura

DIRECTORY ADDITIONS, THANK YOU!
Westview Presbyterian Church
Watsonville Cadillac, Buick, GMC
Alan Uyematsu, CPA
Steven T. Tanaka, D. C.
Ichiro “Sam” Sugidono, 442nd RCT
Senior Network Services of Santa Cruz County
Monterey Bay Family Physicians/
Robert J. Weber MD
East Lake Village Hardware & Crafts,
Rodney Misumi
“Aiako Joe” Bowes
Ave Maria Memorial Chapel
Monterey Bay Professional Landscape Services, Inc.
Crow’s Nest
Shadowbrook
Family Optometry, Dr. Stuart Sakuma
Mehl’s Colonial Chapel
Watsonville Buddhist Temple
Leslie Nagata-Garcia
Thunderbird Real Estate, Steve Sugidono
Watsonville Berry Co-op
People born in the year of the snake are passionate and outwardly they are calm by nature but inwardly they are determined and hate to fail at anything. They are very determined and hate to fail at anything, and are handsome if they are men and beautiful if they are women. They will have marital problems for they have affections outside of the family. If they were to confine such affection to their immediate family members, their lives will be much smoother.


NATIONAL JACL SCHOLARSHIPS
San Francisco, CA -- The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) announces its National Scholarship and Awards Program for the 2013 academic year. The JACL annually offers approximately 30 college scholarships for students who are incoming college freshmen, undergraduates and graduates, and those specializing in law or the creative/performing arts. There is also a scholarship for those in need of financial aid in this time of rising tuition costs.

Making its debut in 2013 is the newly-created *Meiji Gakuin University - JACL Scholarship* for a graduating high school senior who wishes to study in Japan. Meiji Gakuin University, founded in 1863, is located in Tokyo and is one of the oldest universities in Japan. This four-year scholarship will lead the recipient to a bachelor's degree in International Studies. All classes are taught in English. The application process for the Meiji Gakuin University - JACL Scholarship involves two completely different applications, which can be requested directly from Meiji Gakuin University. The deadline for this U.S.-Japan Scholarship is Friday, March 1. Contact Northern California Western Nevada Pacific Regional Director Patty Wada at: jacl-nwnpro@msn.com.

Freshman applications must be submitted directly by the applicant to our W-SC JACL Scholarship Committee, P. O. Box 163, Watsonville, CA 95077 by Friday, March 1, 2013.

Applications for the "other" scholarship categories (undergraduate, graduate, law, creative/performing arts, and student aid) are to be sent directly by the applicant to the "National JACL Scholarship Committee" by Monday, April 1, 2013.

Detailed scholarship program information and applications can be found on the JACL website at [www.jacl.org](http://www.jacl.org), and clicking "Education" on the menu bar. The National JACL Scholarship Program requires that all applicants be a student or individual member of the JACL.

For more information on the National JACL Scholarship Program, contact Regional Director Patty Wada at: jacl-nwnpro@msn.com, or National JACL Vice President for Planning & Development Jason Chang at vpp-d@jacl.org.

W-SC JACL SCHOLARSHIPS
The Kee Kitayama Memorial Scholarship application deadline for a graduating high school senior is Wednesday, May 22, 2013. Check [www.watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org](http://www.watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org), our website for details.

We will soon announce the details of scholarships named in honor of Rekiso "Ray" and Hisako "Louise" Sako in our newsletter. Watch for these details.
“THE WASH”

A young couple had moved into the neighborhood. The next morning a young woman is seen hanging the wash outside.

“That laundry is not very clean,” an elderly neighbor said to her husband. “She doesn’t know how to wash. Perhaps she needs better laundry soap.”

Her husband remained silent.

Every time her young neighbor hung her wash to dry, the old woman made the same comments.

About one month later, the woman was surprised to see a nice clean wash on the line and said to her husband, “Look, she has learned how to wash correctly. I wonder who taught her this.”

The husband said, “I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows.”

And so it is with life. What we see depends on the purity of the window through which we look.

WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL

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

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.

Check out our full color newsletter at www.watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org. Click, Newsletter, then—January 2013. Check out our previous newsletters, too. Enjoy!

Onward!

Mas Hashimoto, Editor.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

We regret not receiving the column/article from our friends at Westview Presbyterian Church for this January newsletter.

We look forward to coverage of their events of both December and January in our February 2013 newsletter. And, don’t forget the photographs!

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ONE AND ALL!
Our mission of 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, however, 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 must speak and act. It is the duty of all JACLers to fight for the rights of every American and legal resident.

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, respected, and appreciated.

Our *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 *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.

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**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:)

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___________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________

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

Thank you!

W-SC JACL is a non-profit educational civil rights organization.

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THE PAIN OF SHAME (Part Two)
(Incarceration, 1942-1945)

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

As we internees pulled into camp, an irate guide hopped onto our bus,
Defiantly warning us to be subservient, and not to make a fuss.
Instantly, harsh words were exchanged and angry voices began to vent,
Fueled by a sense of betrayal, humiliation and resentment.

Trapped by barbed wire fences, machine guns and Army searchlights,
The swirling desert winds just blew away our Constitutional rights,
As we tearfully said goodbye, to young boys leaving for the service,
Who ironically were willing to die, for the country that did them disservice.

For over three years we routinely lined up for breakfast, lunch and dinner.
But without a family life whatsoever, no one came out a winner.
Although I was slightly under-aged, I diligently worked in the mess hall,
Before and after- school because the extra dollar was a windfall.

I had an addiction for reading books--- mysteries, western and fiction,
So walking to the library under the scorching sun was worth the affliction.
We watched "B" movies under the stars, along with the smell of mesquite.
Wrapped in blankets with a bucket of hot charcoal to warm our chilly feet.

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

In 1945, due to school closure, a classmate and I made a daring decision
To leave for Los Angeles in a delivery truck with little or no air-condition.
But we safely made the perilous trip through miles of sagebrush and sand,
And when we saw the bright city lights, we knew we were in Disney land.

While in the care of a loving Jewish family, I donned my cap and gown.
Within hours I boarded the Southern Pacific, back to my hometown.
In the meantime, my family was forced to return to a non-existent home.
With nothing in their hands or pocket, they were literally, "on their own."

Campfires are out and the ghosts are gone, but I still have a lingering memory.
Of one of the most shameful and deplorable acts in United States history.

Janice Tao
(3) Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus delighted all by visiting every booth. (1)-(6) Our W-SC JACL booth was most popular with its display of tanabata, Iwao Yamashita’s beautiful bonsai, New Year’s mochi and “battle boards,” Girl’s Day doll display (not shown in this photo, Boy’s Day samurai warrior, and New Year’s Ikenobo flower arrangement by Mitsuyo Tao). The children and adults, too, enjoyed origami folding with Debbe Hoshiyama Chan, Marcia Hashimoto, and Dr. Brooke Kondo (seated). Debbe explained New Year’s and Girl’s Day to a family of 4 girls. We—Cathy and Kimyo Kimura, Cindy Mine and yours truly—watched Nozomi Banks write “Hispanic” names in katakana with great speed and accuracy! Marcia Hashimoto helped 3 children stamp designs onto their name cards which could be placed on the Christmas tree as an ornament. (7) Watsonville Taiko’s youth group opened the celebration with Jumping Tiger. (8-9) White Hawk dancers performed Native American dances. (10-12) The YWCA Children’s Preschool Choir stole the show with Christmas songs, including Feliz Navidad! There were many other groups performing which made for a great day. And, the weather was perfect on Sat., Dec. 8, 2012. Our thanks to the Watsonville Register-Pajaronian newspaper and the City of Watsonville for their sponsorship of this event. We look forward to next year’s event.
mochi shapers are Nancy Kuratomi, Hisako Kodama, Elren Hanayama, Kitako Izumizaki, Keiko Hanayama, Aileen Kawasaki, Carol Steele, Terry Hirahara, Shirley Nishimoto, JoAnn Kato, Cindy Mine, Aiko Nitao, Ryoko Kozuki, Kim Yoshida, Kiiko Akiyama, Ryoko Suruki, and Chris Ogawa.  

mochi inspectors are Toshi Yamashita, Nobue Fujii, Fumi Tanimasa, Jean Akiyama, Susan Uyematsu, Betty Oda, Janice Tao, and Yaye Sakamoto.  

Elren Hanayama cleans the mochi trays.  

Richard Uyematsu and Franz Steidl measure the rice.  

Christopher Inokuchi, Laurel Nakanishi, and Kim Tao are pounders.  

Bruce Arao pounds and Grant Sakae flips the rice into mochi.  

Perry Yoshida (rt) receives the last batch from Rev. Hanayama and Kiyo Kawasaki.  

Richard Uyematsu steam cleans the stone bowls.  

4 broken mallets are this year’s casualties.
Seniors’ Corner
January 2013

WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL SENIOR CENTER TOURS

One-Day Senior Trip
Table Mountain Casino, Friant
January 29, 2013 [Tuesday] 8:00 AM to 7:30 PM
$5 e-cash
Cost: Active Senior Members $30 and others $35
Reservations: Carol Kaneko (831) 476-7040 or Rubie Kawamoto (831) 464-6721
Non-Senior Center members are welcome to join us! Seats still available!

If you have suggestions where our Seniors would enjoy a one-day or multiple-day trip, or can help in the planning of such trips, please call Carol Kaneko. Thank you.

(1) Thank you, managers of the W-SC JACL Senior Center: Iwao Yamashita, Paul and Carol Kaneko, June and Sunao Honda for your dedicated work all year long! (2) We are grateful to the many helpers of the Senior Center who work so hard each and every Thursday! Top: Judy Hane, Cindy Mine, Susan AmRhein, Nobue Fujii; Bottom: Helen Nakano, Jean Akiyama, Mitsuyo Tao, Kinji House, Hisako Kodama, Kitako Izumizaki, Haru Ishibashi, and Rubie Kawamoto.

Upcoming Activities at the Senior Center:
Thurs, Jan 3  Senior Center closed for Holidays
Thurs, Jan 10, 31  Regular Bingo
Thurs, Jan 17  New Year’s Celebration, Miyuki Buffet, 4 pm
Thurs, Jan 24*  January Birthday Party (*tentative; birthday may be combined with New Year’s party)
Tues, Jan 29  Table Mountain one-day trip 8 am – 7:30 pm

*Please join our Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL Senior Center! If you enjoy playing bingo, celebrating special birthdays and holiday occasions, and going on trips, and would like to regularly receive health information and have your blood pressure monitored, join us for our Thursday get-togethers. We’d love to have you and your spouse and/or friends join us. “Active Senior Center Members,” who have paid their membership dues and who make annual birthday and Senior Center anniversary donations, are eligible for reduced fares on our trips. Please contact Carol Kaneko (831) 476-7040 for registration information. Since our Senior Center operates under the auspices of both our local JACL chapter and the National JACL, we encourage all members of the Senior Center to be members of the National JACL through our Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL chapter.

NIKKEI CORNER

Upcoming 2013 events:
Sun. Jan 20  JACL Tri-chapter Installation of Officers, San Juan Oaks Golf Course, 3825 Union Road, Hollister
Sun. Jan 27  Fred Korematsu Institute’s “Heroes” Day Celebration, Herbst Theatre, San Francisco
Sat. Feb. 2  “All You Can Eat Udon Feed” Watsonville Buddhist Temple
Sun. Feb 24  “Day of Remembrance” Observance by Gilroy, Monterey Peninsula, Salinas Valley, San Benito County, and Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL chapters, “Salinas Assembly Center” site, 1:30 pm – 4: pm
Watsonville-Santa Cruz Chapter
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: watsontillesantacruzjacl.org or jacl.org.