FROM NATIONAL JACL …
Orlando, FL: The Japanese American Citizens League mourns the loss of innocent lives in the horrific attack on a nightclub serving the LGBTQ community in Orlando, Florida. In a larger sense, this was not an attack solely on the LGBTQ community, but rather it was an attack on all Americans because the strength of our country rests in our embrace of the differences that makes our society unique.

As we mourn the victims and we express condolences to their families, we also express our thoughts for a full recovery for the wounded.

During this time of profound sadness, we extend our support to the LGBTQ community who may understandably feel a sense of isolation and vulnerability. Moreover, we extend our support to the Muslim American community by urging Americans not to react in hatred.

President Obama aptly stated that the Orlando nightclub "is a place of solidarity and empowerment." This message reinforces the unique values that describe America as inclusive, as tolerant and accepting, and as a sanctuary where we can be safe in being who we are.

FLASH NEWS:
National Executive Director Priscilla Ouchida has resigned, and Midwest Regional Director Bill Yoshino has been appointed by the JACL National Board (elected officers) to serve as the interim executive director.

The Midwest District's resolution called for the resignation of the Executive Director over the budget crisis.

Our W-SC JACL chapter introduced a resolution, written by our treasurer Victor Kimura, which has been adopted by the Northern California Western Nevada Pacific District, calling for an oversight committee to review the finances and expenditures by the JACL National Board.

The JACL National Council (two delegates from each chapter in good standing), the governing body of the JACL, will convene shortly in Las Vegas July 11-13 for its yearly meeting.

At this convention, our W-SC JACL chapter will be well represented by Kimiko Marr and Laurel Mayeda, our official delegates.

January 2016 JACL Kakehashi Program participants. Photo by Taylor Kim.

Apply now for the 2016-2017 JACL Kakehashi Program! Up to 200 participants will be selected to participate in this year's JACL Kakehashi Program, coordinated by the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) and the Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE), and supported by funding from the Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The goal of the JACL Kakehashi Program is to build relations between Japan and Japanese Americans/Asian Americans. The program provides participants with a better understanding of Japan through a variety of fields, including politics, economics, and culture. JACL Kakehashi Program alumni are encouraged to become effective advocates in enhancing U.S. - Japan relations.

Participants selected in a competitive process will travel to Japan for 9-days where they will visit a number of historical and educational sites, experience traditional and cultural activities, and participate in a home stay with a local family.

Program and Application Guidelines
Applicants must be (1) a student in good standing currently enrolled in accredited college or university OR a young professional who has completed a minimum of a bachelor degree from an accredited college or university; (2) between the ages of 18-25 years old, (3) Japanese American or Asian American heritage.

The online application is available at jacl.org. All applications and requested documentation must be received by the deadlines specified on the application.
You do not need to be a JACL member to be eligible.

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If you have questions or issues, please contact Merissa Nakamura at japanprogram@jacl.org, or call 202-223-1240 (Monday-Friday, 7:00 am-2:30 pm PST).

**W-SC JACL 2016 SCHOLARSHIPS RECIPIENTS**

By Dr. Brooke Rains, Scholarship Chair

The 2016 Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL scholarship committee reviewed applications from local high school seniors who are actively involved with the JACL, Westview Presbyterian Church, or Watsonville Buddhist Temple.

This year’s awardees are two dedicated students, active within their schools, as well as the community as a whole. The following scholarships were awarded at the Annual Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL Community Picnic held in Aptos Village Park on June 25, 2016.

*Kee Kitayama Memorial Scholarship:* the Watsonville JACL (now called the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL) established this scholarship in memory of Kee Kitayama, our chapter President in 1987. Mr. Kitayama worked tirelessly for the redress movement, and the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of August 10, 1988 which resulted in an apology and reparations from the US Government. In 1997, Mrs. Keiko Kitayama’s generous donation in memory of her late husband established a Trust Fund which provides needed financial support for our young scholars. The $1,000 Kee Kitayama Memorial Scholarship for 2016 will be awarded to Samantha Sakai, daughter of Perry Sakai and Andrea Sullivan. Samantha was the class of 2016 Valedictorian for Watsonville High. There she excelled in her academic endeavors as well as actively playing and leading her volleyball, basketball, and softball teams. She has been volunteering for Jacob’s Heart for three years, was an assistant coach for the YMCA basketball program, and is a member of the Watsonville- Santa Cruz JACL.

Mr. Daniel Johnston, Samantha’s AP biology teacher wrote a letter of recommendation explaining, “Samantha has a deep inner strength that keeps her focused, and the inspiration to pursue a greater cause. She has the admiration and respect of her peers who see her as an understanding and trustworthy friend and as a role model. She definitely has the capability and the ambition to accomplish whatever she puts her energy into.”

Samantha wrote an essay, “Remembering the Civil Liberties Act of August 10, 1988.” In which, she demonstrated her knowledge of Japanese American history and the importance of civil rights. She wrote, “The government realized its faults and apologized, along with vowing to do everything in their power to prevent an event like this from happening again. With 2016 presidential elections coming up it is important to remember the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 because it shows us what America really is.

“America is not a place where racism and prejudice should be allowed. This act was a step in the right direction; a piece of legislation that clearly shows that it is not okay to discriminate.” Samantha will be attending UCLA in the fall and hopes to pursue a career in medical research with an emphasis on cancer research.

*The Rekiso “Ray” and Hisako “Louise” Sako Scholarships* were generously established in honor of the Sako’s support of our local youths and their endeavors to achieve higher education. The late Mr. Sako was, and Mrs. Sako continues to be active in the JACL Senior Center and they are known leaders among the Japanese American community. The Sako multi-year scholarships are awarded to an Undergraduate student, for up to four years of study.

The $1,000 Ray and Louise Sako Undergraduate Scholarship award for 2016 will be awarded to Isaac Veal.

Isaac Veal is the son of Marlon and Evelyn Veal. He graduated from Pacific Coast Charter High School this June. He has attended the JACL community picnic for the past 4 years and has helped make Easter bags for the JACL Senior Center. Isaac has been actively involved with the Westview Presbyterian Church, as a junior Deacon, serving Salvation Army Meals, Relay for Life, as well as participating in Mission trips.

Through school he was involved with the Drama club and the Associated Student Body. His extracurricular involvement includes being a volunteer docent for the Monterey Bay Aquarium, as well as a program member of Digital Nest, which is a non-profit, high tech training and collaboration space for youth.

Rev. Dan Hoffman of Westview Presbyterian Church wrote a letter of recommendation for Isaac stating, “He assumes the best in others and is always willing to help others. I believe his weaknesses have developed strengths in him and have chiseled his character—strengths of compassion, kindness, understanding, service, tenacity.” When explaining Isaac's experience serving for a mission trip to the Tenderloin in San Francisco, Reverend Hoffman...
wrote, “Again he led the others in the group with enthusiasm, positive attitude and willingness to take the risks that were asked of him to care for a very need, often shunned group in our society. Isaac is involved in many activities that benefit the larger community and serve the least in our midst with compassion.”

Isaac wrote an essay, “The Significance of the Day of Remembrance Observance Today”, in which he explained issues surrounding Executive Order 9066, the Japanese American history in Watsonville, specifically the Watsonville Buddhist Temple and Westview Presbyterian Church. He wrote, “What is so significant about the Day of Remembrance is that it marks a day that we should not forget, because it was a dark time in American history. We also do not want to have history repeat itself by targeting another group of citizens in a similar way just because of the way someone looks and when they look similar to a perpetrator (or group of perpetrators) or a crime against a country.”

Isaac plans to attend Cabrillo College in the fall and then complete a Bachelors of Science in biology or bioengineering. His long-term goal would be to have a career in the field of green engineering or with the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute.

Previous Undergraduate Sako Scholarship recipients; Amanda Akiyama 2013, Melissa Tao 2014, and Sarah Nagamine 2015, as well as Mike Mikawa our 2015 Graduate Sako Scholarship recipient, were recognized for maintaining a strong academic record while in college and each will receive $1,000 Sako Continuation Scholarships to help them continue to pursue their studies.

On behalf of the Watsonville- Santa Cruz JACL we would like to congratulate our awardees on their tremendous achievements thus far and wish them all the best with their future pursuits. We are also grateful to the Kitayama and Sako families for their commitment in assisting our young scholars pursue their careers.

KAJAKAMI SISTER CITY REPORT by Robb Mayeda

On May 10, sixteen Watsonville middle schoolers left Mineta International Airport (San Jose) with a stop-over in LAX; the group landed at Narita Airport sixteen hours later. They flew from San Jose to L.A. on Delta. LAX hosts eight airlines that fly to Japan, as opposed to one from San Jose or three from San Francisco. So with more competition among the eight airlines, the overall cost is still cheaper than taking a direct flight from northern California. This year we chose ANA and as you can see from one of the photos (on FaceBook), the economy seats are still well appointed. The main drawback is the fatigue for the students on their way back and the hold-over in LAX. The group was chaperoned by Lakeview Principal Dr. Rosa Hernandez and Watsonville-Aptos Adult School Assistant Principal Todd Livingstone. Rosa's daughter was one of the student representatives. Todd chaperoned seven years ago, so he knew what to expect. He was a late add, since the previously scheduled chaperone had some serious health issues ten days before the flight. (FYI, ANA totally refund that chaperone’s ticket cost, but Delta had a $300 charge for the cancellation!)

The students attended classes at Kawakami Junior High School and visited the two village elementary schools. Each of the three schools hosted a welcome assembly for our students.

On Saturday, they visited Matsumoto Castle which is two hours away in the same prefecture, Nagano-ken. On Sunday, the Watsonville students and their host families had a barbecue in a mountain retreat. The area around Kawakami-mura features many mountain parks, resorts, and hiking areas. It is a destination for many of those living in urban areas but want to get away from the city for the weekend. One of the popular trends in Japan now is a “forest shower.” This is basically a walk in the forest. Recent students have shown that after a walk in a forested area, people’s blood pressure and other vital signs are much better. At the end of the visit, the group stayed in Tokyo for three days and two nights. The group returned to the USA on September 18.

The Kawakami-mura students are scheduled to arrive in Watsonville on Tuesday, September 6 (the day after Labor Day) and will stay until early Monday morning, Sept. 12.

There are many photos annotated with information about the pictured events on a Facebook site at www.facebook.com/kawakami2016.
Students are saying goodbye until they meet again in September when Kawakami students will come for a visit.

GRATEFUL CRANE ENSEMBLE
By Soji Kashiwagi with Kurt Kuniyoshi

Good news: Thanks to nearly 300 donors from the San Francisco Bay Area, Southern California (and even some from as far away as New Jersey and Japan), we have the funds needed for our 2016 Goodwill Tour to Tohoku, Japan. We departed LA on June 16 for a ten-day tour.

Our performances for children/youth, adults and seniors will take us to Fukushima, Minamisanriku, Ishinomaki and Kesennuma. We’ll be performing at an orphanage and temporary housing facilities in Fukushima, a daycare center and senior home in Ishinomaki and a nursery school and Buddhist Temple in Kesennuma. In Kesennuma, we’ll also be participating in a tree-planting ceremony, and we’ll hear a talk by the local priest, who has made it his mission to plant thousands of trees to protect the town from future tsunami.

All this is possible due to the generous support of our community. We know that we are not alone on this journey, and as we sing together with the people, we’ll be sure to pass along a message of hope, encouragement and friendship from the Nikkei in America to the people of Japan.

GRAND OPENING OF THE NEW “GO FOR BROKE” NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL CENTER

On Sat. May 28, the dedication of the new learning center took place at its new home—the former Nishi Hongwanji Buddhist Temple (built in 1925) in Little Tokyo (LA)—with the theme, “Defining Courage.”

The Temple was the site from where local Japanese and Japanese Americans assembled to be incarcerated in “relocation centers” in 1942. It is estimated that over 30,000 lived in Little Tokyo at the time.

The day’s activities started with a ceremony at the nearby Go For Broke Monument, which honors more than 16,000 Japanese American soldiers who served in segregated units during WW II. Wreaths were presented for the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion, 232 Combat Engineer Company, the 1399th Engineer Construction Battalion, and the Military Intelligence Service.
An appreciative crowd of several hundred were on hand to honor the Nisei veterans.

David Ono of ABC7-TV ably served as Master of Ceremonies. Of this 1999 GFB Monument, Ono gave credit to the leadership of Col. Young Oak Kim, a Korean-American officer of the 100th/442nd RCT.


Members of the North Torrance Junior ROTC escorted each Nisei veteran to the GFBNEC building.

The day’s program included participation and praises by various religious leaders—Christian, Buddhist, and Muslim—and politicians. There was wonderful music, delicious food and drinks (from local restaurants) in the plaza, and outstanding documentary film presentations in the adjacent Tateuchi Democracy Center’s theater.

Don Nose, former Board Chair of the GFBNEC, was most responsible for the planning and execution of this celebration event, which was a huge success.

After the speeches and kagami-biraki (sake barrels are broken open), the ribbon cutting took place that included Linda Lopez of LA Mayor’s Office of Immigration Affairs; Rep. Mark Takano; GFBNEC Chair Bill Seki; Norman Mineta, former Secretary of Transportation; MIS veteran Ken Akune; Consul General Harry Horinouchi; Assemblyman David Hadley; West Covina Mayor James Toma; JANM President/CEO Greg Kimura; and Nisei Week Princess Camryn Sugita.
At scheduled intervals, guests were invited to view the exhibition. The GFBNEC explains:

The exhibition explores the concept of courage through the lives of the young Japanese Americans of World War II, and asks modern visitors to act with similar courage in their own lives.

The exhibition is a dynamic, hands-on, and experience-based approach, engaging all visitors through participatory learning experiences. These experiences teach the history of the Japanese American World War II story and its relevance to our lives today. This isn't your typical history museum!

You will discover the courage of World War II soldiers, civilians, men and women whose actions have meaning today. You will ponder over choices to be made, feel the triumph of challenges overcome, and the heartbeat of lives lost. You will get to know ordinary people who became extraordinary heroes along the way. And in the process, you will re-think what courage means to you.

This exhibition was made possible in part through the generous support of a grant from the Department of the Interior, National Park Service. Any opinions, findings, conclusions or recommendations expressed in this exhibition are those of the author(s) and do not necessary reflect the views of the Department of the Interior.

The exhibition received Federal financial assistance for the preservation and interpretation of US confinement sites where Japanese Americans were detained during World War II. Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, the US Department of the Interior prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability or age in its federally funded assisted projects. If you believe you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility as described above, or if you desire further information, write to: Office of Equal Opportunity, National Park Service, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240.

The address of the GFBNEC museum is 355 E. 1st Street, Suite 200 Los Angeles, CA 90012, telephone (310) 328-0907, and open daily from 9 am to 5 pm M-F; 10 am to 5 pm Sat. and Sun.

A CONTROVERSY ... A “MOUTHPIECE”?

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An open letter to CAIR-ING:

On May 1, 2016, our Watsonville-Santa Cruz chapter of the National Japanese American Citizens League (W-SC JACL) co-sponsored an important forum, “Toward A More Perfect Union: Overcoming Islamophobia,” at Cabrillo College in Aptos, CA.

It was the culmination of a collaborative effort involving the History Department of Cabrillo College, the Council of American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), and the Islamic Networks Group (ING) with our W-SC JACL. We were grateful for the opportunity to work with such outstanding people representing each group.

The purpose of the forum was to shed light on the disturbing political rhetoric aimed particularly at the Islamic community and to remind the CAIR and the ING of the friends they have in the JACL. Japanese-Americans were subject to the same racist hysteria during World War II. The foundations established in planning and executing the May 1st forum will move us forward in fostering a deeper, long-term relationship that will ultimately result in a world of peace and harmony.

The recent tragic event in Orlando reminded us that the hate endures against the LGBTQ community continues, and that once again, the Islamic community is blamed for the actions of a single, deranged individual.

Our W-SC JACL will continue to monitor the situation. In the meantime, we would like to hear from members of the Islamic community how we can help. We are interested in working together on future events to advance our relationships and, at the same time, inform our community-at-large about Islam. We believe that similarly to our experiences during World War II—the fear of the unknown and differences of cultures and/or religions—are eliciting the fear and hate. Together, we can teach others to look beyond physical and racial differences to arrive at harmony with others. To build trust we must have open dialogue. We stand in support of your efforts.

We look forward to hearing from you about any opportunities for us to work together.

Sincerely,

Marcia Hashimoto, President
Gini Matute-Bianchi and Paul Kaneko
Civil Rights Co-Chairs
Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL Chapter

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO …

“Love your neighbor as yourself”?
… from the Bible.

The following is making the round of hate groups in the country on the cyber circuit. Perhaps you received it, too. If not, here it is (authors unknown):

Muslims My A...

I want to shake the guy's hand that wrote this...

Have you ever seen a Muslim hospital?
Have you heard a Muslim orchestra?
Have you seen a Muslim band march in a parade?
Have you witnessed a Muslim charity?
Have you shaken hands with a Muslim Girl Scout?
Have you seen a Muslim Candy Stripper?
The answer is no, you have not. Just ask yourself WHY ???
The leader of the Democrat party, Barack Obama, during his Cairo speech, said: "I know, too, that Islam has always been a part of America's history."

AN AMERICAN CITIZEN'S RESPONSE

Dear Mr. Obama:
Were (sic) those Muslims that were in America when the Pilgrims first landed? Funny, I thought they were Native American Indians.
Were (sic) those Muslims that celebrated the first Thanksgiving day? Sorry again, those were Pilgrims and Native American Indians.
Can you show me one Muslim signature on the: United States Constitution?
Declaration of Independence?
Bill of Rights?
Didn't think so.

Did Muslims fight for this country's freedom from England? No.
Did Muslims fight during the Civil War to free the slaves in America? No, they did not.
In fact, Muslims to this day are still the largest traffickers in human slavery. Your own half-brother, a devout Muslim, still advocates slavery himself, even though Muslims of Arabic descent refer to black Muslims as "pug nosed slaves." Says a lot of what the Muslim world really thinks of your family's "rich Islamic heritage," doesn't it Mr. Obama?
Where were Muslims during the Civil Rights era of this country? Not present.
There are no pictures or media accounts of Muslims walking side by side with Martin Luther King, Jr. or helping to advance the cause of Civil Rights.

Where were Muslims during this country’s Woman's Suffrage era? Again, not present.
In fact, devout Muslims demand that women are subservient to men in the Islamic culture. So much so, that often they are beaten for not wearing the 'hajib' or for talking to a man who is not a direct family member or their husband. Yep, the Muslims are all for women's rights, aren't they?

Where were Muslims during World War II?
They were aligned with Adolf Hitler. The Muslim grand mufti himself met with Adolf Hitler, reviewed the troops and accepted support from the Nazi's in killing Jews.
Finally, democrat, Mr. Obama, where were Muslims on Sept. 11th, 2001?
If they weren’t flying planes into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon or a field in Pennsylvania killing nearly 3,000 people on our own soil, they were rejoicing in the Middle East. No one can dispute the pictures shown from all parts of the Muslim world celebrating on CNN, Fox News, MSNBC and other cable news network’s that day. Strangely, the very “moderate” Muslims who’s asses you bent over backwards to kiss in Cairo, Egypt on June 4th were stone cold silent post 9-11. To many Americans, their silence has meant approval for the acts of that day.

And THAT, Mr. Obama, is the "rich heritage" Muslims have here in America....

Oh, I'm sorry, I forgot to mention the Barbary Pirates. They were Muslims.

And now we can add November 5, 2009 - the slaughter of American soldiers at Fort Hood by a Muslim major who is a doctor and a psychiatrist who was supposed to be counseling soldiers returning from battle in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Also, don't forget the Boston Marathon bombing on April 15, 2013 was done by 2 Muslim Brothers. That, Mr. Obama is the “Muslim heritage” in America.

EVERY AMERICAN & CANADIAN MUST READ THIS!!
Be sure to SEND IT TO ALL.

Muslim Heritage, my ass.

And if you don't share this message, you are part of the problem!

[Editor’s note: The authors’ lack of historical knowledge, hate and cyber bullying are the problems!]

Of Islam, the five major tenets are:
1. Testimony of Faith, of one God—Allah—and of his messenger, the Prophet Muhammad;
2. Of Prayer at dawn, noon, mid-afternoon, sunset, and night;
3. Giving Charity …support those in need;
4. Fasting during Ramadan; and
5. Pilgrimage to Makkah in Mecca during one’s lifetime.

A Buddhist correlation with the five major tenets of Islam:
1. The Four Noble Truths and its messenger, Shakyamuni
2. Mediation (on the Eightfold Noble Path)
3. Dana (giving charity)
4. Middle Path (avoid the extremes), and
5. Sangha Fellowship.

“RAT”

My brother Mits was a US Navy corpsman during the Korean War, stationed at Yokusuka Naval Hospital.

A sailor, writing a letter home, asked for the spelling of "rat." Mits replied “r-a-t.” The sailor says, “No, not that ‘rat’—‘rat’ has in ‘rat now.”

SENIOR CENTER NEWS by Jo Ann Vear

June Toban ladies worked extra hard this month due to the wonderful Father’s Day treat which was held on June 16. Toban ladies were June Honda, Rubie Kawamoto, Eileen Byers and, of course, always Jean Yamashita and others.

The Father’s Day treat has become a tradition of barbecued steak with mushrooms and a potluck of all the side dishes. Thanks to Susan AmRhein for the steak and mushrooms which she cooked at home and lugged to Kizuka Hall. Also, thank you, Helen Nakano, who made wonderful crowns for all the fathers and candy favors for everyone. The men all wore their crowns until they got too hot! But at least they were King for a Day...

The fathers 88 and over were presented with a goblet filled with chocolate candy: Iwao Yamashita, 89; Paul Kaneko; Sunao Honda; Akira Kodama, 94; Fred Oda, 92; Leigh Sakaguchi; and Yukio Nagata. Also recognized were Fathers that weren’t with us but we wish them a Happy Father’s Day as well: Jim Kawamoto, 89; Akira Nagamine, 90; and Sam Sakamoto, 91.

Pat Marr (shown above with daughter Kimiko) told us of her father, Kazuto Masuda, who was one of nineteen children. When Pat was very young they were sent to Topaz, Utah and her father was block manager. Her mother was ill with TB so the grandparents were there to help raise Pat and her sister and brother. When they left camp, they went to the town of Madrone (which no longer exists but was near Morgan Hill). Her father was hired as a foreman for Ned Driscoll. They eventually settled in Fremont staying in the berry business. He even sent berries to England for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. Kimiko then presented us with a lovely slide show of her grandfather and family. It was a very interesting story and we all enjoyed it very much.

Eiko Stewart spoke a few words about the fathers and people who helped organize the day, and then after grace the Father’s Day dinner was enjoyed by everyone.

Fathers Fred Oda, Akira Kodama, and Leigh Sakaguchi enjoyed being first in the chow line, and boy! Did they chow down!
Seniors were very happy to see Nancy Iwami, 102, on May 26. With Nancy were Christine Izumizaki, Marsha Wada, and Nancy Jean and Marvin Mattson. Members all enjoyed an ice cream treat from Jee Kajihara from Imura Restaurant.

By the time you read this newsletter the JACL Community Picnic will have been held on Saturday, June 25th at Aptos Village Park.

Paul Kaneko was the chairman of the Japanese Cultural Fair held on June 4th at Mission Plaza Park in Santa Cruz. Many members enjoyed Bonsai and Ikebana exhibits as well as a Tea Ceremony. This was the 30th anniversary of the fair. Be sure to plan to attend next year. Thank you, Paul, for all your hard work on this event.

Jean Yamashita is spearheading the casino trips with the next one being June 28th. Paul and Carol are extremely grateful for Jean stepping in and taking over the coordination of the casino trips. We all thank you, Jean.

Our June birthdays were celebrated with Judy Hane, Eiko Nishihara, 90, and Leigh Sakaguchi. Absent were Yoshino Matano 101, Masako Miura 102 and Phil Snyder. A great big HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

Birthday flowers were provided by Jean Akimoto and Hisako Kodama. Kimiko Marr filmed the events and Mother’s Day, and we were all treated to see her film. If anybody would like copies, she is very happy to provide them. Thank you, Kim. She also has been very busy working every week taking apart old VCR tapes so they can be recycled properly.

Monetary donations were gratefully received this month from Nancy Iwami, Marsha Wada, Mitzi Katsuyama, Gary and Cindy Mine, Eiko Nishihara, Judy Hane, Leigh Sakaguchi, and Alice Misumi.

One day during Bingo Mitsuko Ruble won many times. We were all happy and excited for her. Other big winners are June Honda, Rubie Kawamoto and Edna Nagata.

Thanks for all the generous bingo prizes:

| Toshi Yamashita | 4 boxes cupcakes, 15 Dawn dish soap, 6 pkgs. cookies, 4 pkgs. roasted seaweed |
| Jean/Iwao Yamashita | 4 blueberry mochi, 6 boxes chocolate banana brownies, 6 boxes chocolate mochi brownies, 8 bags veggies, 11 apricot-blueberry muffins |
| Terry Hirahara | 3 bags apple cake, gigantic bag tortilla chips, 4 boxes facial tissue, 160 napkins, 4 bottles dish soap, 3 cans nori |
| Jean Akiyama | 5 bags microwave popcorn, 4 pkgs. Mini instant noodles, 6 rolls paper towels |
| Eileen Byers | 8 rolls paper towels, 10 Dawn soap |
| Nobue Fujii | 5 anko cake |

Chie Sakaue 30 bunches mixed bouquet flowers, flowers for everyone 
Rubie Kawamoto 2 large box Cheez-Its, 18 boxes Kleenex 
Susan AmRhein 6 boxes ½ dozen brown and green eggs, 4 jars raspberry jam, 8 bags plums 
Sunao/June Honda 8 pkgs. mochi cupcakes, 6 plates Spam sushi, 4 coconut mochi, 4 sesame mochi balls, 6 zucchini pineapple bread 
Shizuko Tao 4 bags squash 
Eiko Nishihara 12 jars strawberry jam 
Hisako Kodama 10 bunches flowers, 12 jars tsukemono (pickles) 
Kimyo Fujii 4 boxes Kleenex, 5 Dawn dish soap 
Nobuko Akiyama 12 boxes Kleenex 
Yaeko Cross 3 bags banana chips, 1 box Cheez-It, 4 boxes Kleenex, 6 boxes hot cocoa mix 
Kumiko Nakatani 30 rolls bath tissue, 12 boxes Kleenex 
Haruko Yoshii 12 rolls bath tissue 
Kitty Mizuno 5 pkgs. noodles 
Debbe Chan 4 bags plums 
Shirley Inokuchi 22 bags apricots and plums 
Haru Ishibashi 8 Bounty paper towels, 1 pkg. mochi candy 
Hisako Uemura 16 rolls bath tissue 
Bonnie Chihara 8 pot holders 
Gail Wurtenberg 8 rolls paper towels 
Mitzi Katsuyama 8 rolls Bounty paper towels, 6 Dawn soap 
Judy Hane 12 rolls paper towels 
Gary/Cindy Mine 2 pkgs. peanut with ume rice snack 
Akira/Hideko Nagamine 20 bags cucumbers 
Jeanette Crosetti Herb cutter 
Mitsuyo Tao 1 pound can mixed nuts 
Eiko Stewart 5 cranberry walnut brownies 
Bobbi Jo Palmer/Inako Johnson Japanese books

After a very busy June, the month of July will be somewhat quiet at the Senior Center. Regular bingo on July 7, 14, and 28, and our July birthday party will be on July 21.

Be sure to check out our Senior Center website at http://kizukahallseniors.wordpress.com to see pictures of our seniors in living color.

Stay healthy and see you next month!

WATSONVILLE TAIKO AND SHINSEI DAIKO

By Bonnie Chihara

Watsonville Taiko drummers were the opening act at the Japanese Cultural Fair on June 4 in Santa Cruz.
This month we said goodbye to our long-time business manager and taiko drummer Taeko D’Andrea who moved to Boise, Idaho, where she and her husband Don will be building their new home. We will miss her enthusiastic and positive outlook on all the tasks she undertook. Luckily for us, she will return periodically to take classes and drum with us. Thank you, Taeko, for all your hard work for our group. Photo by Lisa Uttal.

Our new business manager is Kay Miyamoto who has been a member of Watsonville Taiko for several years. She is also a long time member of Outrigger Santa Cruz. You might catch a glimpse of her in the early morning hours.

WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE NEWS

July is Obon Festival month! Come join in the fun and festivities at each of our Monterey Bay area Temples.

Sun. July 10th Monterey Peninsula Obon Festival from 12 noon to 6 pm
Sun. July 17th Watsonville Temple Obon Festival from 12 noon to 6 pm
Sun. July 31st Buddhist Temple of Salinas Obon Festival from 1 pm to 8 pm

Obon odori (dance) practices are held in our Temple Hall Mondays and Wednesdays from 7 pm now to Wed., July 13th. Come practice the traditional dances and learn the new ones. Everyone—of all ages-- is most welcome.

Temple Calendar for July:

Fri. – Mon. July 1-4 Fireworks Booth from 11 am to 8 pm. If you can help man the booth, please contact Perry Yoshida at 239-7540 or email at perry761@aol.com or Jackie Yamashita at 831-724-7860 or email JMyama423@aol.com. Thank you!

Proceeds from the sale helps our youth programs and the Temple. Major credit cards are accepted. You may use the “safe and sane” fireworks within the city limits of Watsonville but not in the unincorporated area of Santa Cruz County. Please exercise caution. Thank you for your support.

Come by to buy and to say hello.
Sun., July 3rd 9:30 am Japanese Service with Reverend Fujikawa
10:00 am Shotsuki Hoyo & Sunday Service
*Sat., July 9th 6:30 pm Hatsubon/Obon Service with Reverend Fujikawa

Kokoro No Gakko classes for grades K-6 will begin from June 27th to July 8th from 9 am to noon at our Temple. Secretary will be off on Friday, July 8th.

Shotsuki Hoyo Service
10 am Sunday July 3, 2016
Let us gather to express our gratitude to our family members who have passed on. The families of the following deceased are invited to Oshoko (offer incense). We look forward to seeing you at the service.

July Memorial List

Akimoto, Keiko Arao, Alan
Arao, Ted Tetsuo Fujita, Asa
Hamai, Sosuke Hattori, Kin
Higaki, Thomas Tsuyoshi Hirano, Isao
Ikeda, Midori Inokuchi, Takeshi George
Iwami, Shige Izumi, George
Kamigawachi, Carmel Kawasaki, Fuji
Kawasaki, Sanosuke Konishi, Aki
Kurimoto, Fusayo Kusumoto, Amiko
Kusumoto, Satsuki Matano, Yoshio
Mine, Isekichi Misumi, Jim Naoto
Mito, Mary Nagata, Takeo
Nakahara, Robert Nakamoto, Motoichi
Nakashima, Mikie Nakashima, Mitsuteru
Niyama, Ayako Nishihara, Mits
Nishita, Ronald T. Nitta, Isano
Nitta, Tokujiro Oita, Suwa
Ota, Yaeko Sasano, Katsukazu
Sasano, Yoshiko Shimonishi, Torasuke
Shingai, Chiyoko Shingai, Fuku
Shingai, Isaac Shingai, Seki Inouye
Sugimoto, George K. Takeuchi, Sugako
Tamasu, Masao Tao, Kazu
Terasaki, Kichisaburo Tsuchiyama, Sunao
Uyeda, Sen Wada, Utako
Wada, H. George Wadayama, Hiroko
Yamaguchi, Tadayoshi Yamamoto, Fuku
Yamaoka, Akei Yamaoka, Kousaku Kay
Yokoi, Shizu Yoshizumi, Tsuru
We are grateful that Ken Tanimoto (above) and Richard Uyematsu accompanied the Hanayama family safely to Japan. A slide presentation was shown to us.

**TEMPLE’S FANTASTIC RUMMAGE SALE**

On Fri. Aug. 5th & Sat. Aug. 6th from 7:30 am to 3 pm the best rummage sale in town will take place at the Temple. Friends and neighbors will come early for the best selection. Mark your calendar for Aug. 5th and Aug. 6th!

Temple members: donations will be accepted from Sun., July 31st to Aug. 4th when we will be sorting and folding. Lunch will be served on Aug. 4th at 10 am.

**Items not wanted:** mattresses, TV, e-waste, computers, large appliances (such as washers, dryers, refrigerators), or anything broken, torn or dirty.

If you’re not sure if an item is appropriate, please keep it for we’re not a substitute for the landfill or dumpster.

**FREE VS. $50**

A family no longer needed the second refrigerator. The husband wheeled it out to the curb with a sign, “FREE.” When he returned from work, he was surprised it was still there.

Then, he placed a new sign, “For sale--$50.” It was stolen, and he was happy.

**BWA Notes**

BWA will help Kokoro no Gakko students with sushi making on June 29th.

The 2017 Japan trip to Kyoto and Hokkaido will cost $3,770. Contact Bill Wurtenberg or Richard Uyematsu immediately for more information.

Our “Fun Lunch” will be at Miyuki’s on Wed., Aug. 3rd. Carpool to meet at the Temple from 11:15 am.

Our Obon sushi preparation will begin on Fri., July 15th. We welcome all Temple Sangha for sushi help on Saturday and Sunday.

ARIGATO to BWA members for bringing delicious ochagashi to our June meeting.

BWA members will prepare dinner for the fireworks booth volunteers on July 1st.

YBA, at this year’s Obon Festival, will be selling teriyaki burgers, beef sticks, curry rice, Spam musubi, corn & drinks. Please support our booth.

ABA volunteers will help with sales and provide lunch & dinner for the fireworks volunteers on July 2nd.

ABA will sell udon at the Obon Festival. Sumiko Matsunami and Janice Tao are co-chair persons. Bowls of udon will sell for $6. Obon Festival will begin at noon Odori will be at 4 pm. Members please check your work schedule.

The next ABA meeting will be July 7th at 10 am at the California Grill.

**Temple Board Meeting Notes for June:**

Coast District Report: Perry Yoshida attended the June 2016 National Board meeting and returned with a picture of the new Monshu Senyo. Dennis Ikegami is holding the photo.

Fundraising/Cost Control: The Tai Chi class has been successful. The class will continue after Kokoro no Gakko session is over.

**Scouts:** There are a few young boys who would like to re-start a Cub Scout Pack. Perry Yoshida will be a sponsor between the board and the scouts. The board gave the Cub Scouts seed money to get started. The cubs will meet twice monthly on Wednesday.

**Old Business**

Thursday, July 14th from 5 pm, the Sangha will be asked to help clean and marinate the chicken halves for the Obon Festival.

On Saturday around noon July 16th about six men will be needed to set up the Yagura.

Temple kitchen remodeling: Barbara Shingai is working with a contractor and the city to begin work.

**New Business**

**Chicken Teriyaki Take-Out Dinner** will be Sat., September 24th from 10 am to 2 pm. Tickets will be $12, the first increase in years.

**Midori Kai:** September 10th in Mt. View. Our Temple will sell locally grown strawberries.

After Temple services on June 5th, Sangha members volunteered to clean the garden and grounds of the Temple apartments and the minister’s residence. They were Tadayoshi Haneta; Mas and Marcia Hashimoto; Dennis and Susan Ikegami; Shirley Inokuchi; JoAnn and Tad Kato; Dr. Gerry Kondo; Ryoko Kozuki; John. Yoshiko and Matthew Maemura; Phyllis Nagamine; Itaru Nitao; Phil Shima; Barbara Shingai; Ken Tanimoto; Richard and Susan Uyematsu; Bill Wurtenberg; Iwao Yamashita; Jean Yamashita; Kim and Perry Yoshida. Our apologies if we omitted anyone.
Above, the Maemura family—Yoshiko, son Matthew, John—with Jean Yamashita (wearing hat) and Marcia Hashimoto are taking care of Elren Hanayama's sato emo (sweet potato) garden.

IN REMEMBRANCE ...

Yoshinari Miyata

Yoshinari Miyata, the younger brother of the late Yoneko Mizokami of Watsonville, passed away on June 3, 2016, at the age of 89. He was a long time resident of Piedmont, CA, and was a kendo master. He held the rank of Hanshi Hachidan (8th degree), the highest rank achievable in kendo. In 2000, he received the title Shogo of Hanshi. This title is conferred only on a person who has demonstrated the absolute highest level of technical proficiency and achievement as a kendoist.

Practicing kendo for over 80 years, he was the head-instructor in all three dojos of the East Bay Kenyukai, Alameda, Berkeley, and Oakland. He helped form the Northern California Kendo Federation (NCKF) and served as the president of the organization for two terms. He served as a member on the Board of Directors of both NCKF and the Kendo Federation of the United States of America (KFUSA).

Private memorial service was held on June 16, 2016, at the Chapel of the Chimes in Piedmont. His wife, Mary, passed away in 2007. He is survived by niece Nancy Yamada and grandnephews Kyle and Casey Mizokami.

GEORGE T. AIHARA

George T. Aihara Nov. 1, 1918 - May 31, 2016 Santa Cruz

Mr. George T. Aihara, died peacefully at home with his family in attendance, at 12:10 am on the traditional date of Memorial Day, May 31, 2016. He was 97 years old.

George was born in Sunnyvale, California on November 1st, 1918. He was the first son of Teikichi Aihara who had emigrated from Gunma prefecture Japan to the United States of America in 1903. His mother was Torano Aihara, also from Gunma-ken.

George graduated from Fremont High School in Sunnyvale in 1938, and San Jose State in 1948. As a teenager George was fascinated with flying and even helped with the tethering of the giant airship dirigible the USS Macom at Moffett Field in the 1930s.

Right out of high school he entered San Jose State College and joined the newly formed college flying club. George was one of the first Japanese Americans to hold a commercial flying license and in 1940 holds the distinction of becoming the first American of Japanese ancestry to qualify and hold a flight instructor rating and become an active flight instructor.

In January of 1942 right after the United Stated entered World War II, George enlisted in and joined the US Army Air Corps, the predecessor to the Air Force. Because of the political climate of the times he was honorably discharged from the US Army Air Corps, grounded from flying, and sent to the Poston Relocation Center in the Arizona desert where he reluctantly joined the rest of the Aihara family who had been sent for internment due to Executive Order 9066.

In “camp,” George became the vice-principal of the Poston II high school, overseeing the continued education of students during the incarceration of Japanese Americans during WWII.

As was his duty as an US citizen he volunteered out of the camp to be drafted into United States military service. Because of certain provisions and qualifications George was assigned to an elite military unit known as the CIC, Counter Intelligence Corps, which post-war became known as the CIA.

From 1945 to 1947 Mr. Aihara served in Occupied Japan under General MacArthur as a Master Sergeant in the Counter Intelligence Corps.

Postwar, George returned to the Bay Area and completed college at San Jose State. From the late 1940s through the late 1960s he worked in aviation as an engineer, first with Hiller Helicopters in Palo Alto and then with Filper Helicopters in San Ramon. In the late 1960s he worked for Lockheed on the development of the AH-56
Cheyenne helicopter, the predecessor to the AH-64 Apache.

In 1969 George took a job at Sylvania Electronics in Santa Cruz and moved the family into a house in Santa Cruz Gardens in Soquel where he lived for the next 47 years. In 1974 George began working at the Physical Plant at UCSC, and eventually became the head supervisor of Grounds Maintenance for the University, a position he held until his retirement in 1987.

George was active with the Capitola Lion’s Club and its youth exchange program, and also the UCSC Retirees Association (Silver Slugs). He had a great passion for woodworking and created cupboards, dressers, desks, and cabinets, furnishing his own home with fine wood furniture. In his retirement he traveled the Americas with his wife and visited over 20 states.

George is survived by his wife of 61 years, Yoko and his two sons, Dean and Byron, and many nieces and nephews. At George’s request the family will honor his wishes that there be no memorial service. The Aihara family wants to extend a heartfelt thanks to the sincere supportive care of Hospice of Santa Cruz County and the kind and attentive care given by their nurse Jana Thomsen. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in George's memory to the Hospice of Santa Cruz County, 940 Disc Dr., Scotts Valley, CA 95066.

WESTVIEW “CHIMES” By Leslie Nagata-Garcia
He Was So Inspired He Went and Told Everyone He Knew!

The Gospel (Good News!) is spread primarily through relationships. –Rick Warren

Peter, in Acts 4 proclaims to the Sanhedrin (the powerful chief priests and scribes) who had rebuked him, “We cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard!” It was bursting forth from him!

In the New Testament Gospels, as soon as Andrew heard about Christ he went and told his brother, Simon Peter. Philip immediately contacted a friend, Nathaniel. Matthew, a tax collector and overjoyed with meeting Jesus, held an evangelistic dinner party for other tax collectors because he was bursting with excitement. The woman at the well, likewise deeply impacted by meeting Jesus, told everyone in her village about him. And the list goes on and on!

I pray that God will impact each of us with a renewed experience of God and a sense of God’s embrace.

I pray we will all realize once again the amazing gift we have in Jesus and be filled with joy and gratitude.

I pray we will all have our eyes opened to see those around us who might benefit and find new life in growing closer to Jesus.

I pray we will all begin to pray for them and pray for opportunities to invite them to church, or talk with them about their beliefs/experiences (people feel honored when we ask them about their beliefs) and about our beliefs/experience of our loving God.

Who are 2 people you can begin to lovingly pray for?
I delight in you as a church family! I am grateful for you. Please let me know whom you are praying for and if there is any way I can be of help. I want all people to come to know the love and life we have found in Christ and I want more people to experience the love of the Westview Family!

God bless you and be near you,
Pastor Dan

An American Cancer Society Relay for Life event is an overnight community gathering (July 16th from 9 am until July 17th 9 am) that gives everyone an opportunity to fight cancer and help save lives. In Watsonville, teams camp out at Watsonville High School and take turns walking or running around the school track. Each team (there are 40 this year!) also sponsors a booth that has items for sale during the 24 hour period as well as information on cancer awareness. The event is family friendly, has children’s activities, fruit stands, games, food and many other things for sale all for a good cause. This year, our team will be joining another called X Out Cancer (http://tinyurl.com/xoutcancer). Sign-ups for walking laps, helping selling lap beads or making donations are available at church or by contacting Evelyn Veal at 840-4307. Joining the team or making donations can also be done at the link above.

WHAT IS A LUMINARIA BAG AND WHY SHOULD I BUY ONE?

Luminaria bags are small white bags decorated with the name of loved ones who have/had cancer that are placed on the relay path. Each is also lighted up during a special ceremony 8:15 - 9:00 p.m. on July 16th at the Watsonville High School Track. Bags can either be decorated by the person purchasing them or decorated by someone from our team. Bags are $5.00 each and all proceeds will go the American Cancer Society. Please talk to Evelyn at 840-4307 for more information. Team members: You can also pick up bags to sell – there are plenty for everyone.

We Will Miss You, Hanna!!

On Sunday, June 12th, we celebrated Hanna’s graduation from UCSC and thanked her for being our Youth Leader with a delicious cake after Worship Service. Hanna decided to move from this area and this was her last day teaching Sunday School. Westview wishes Hanna the best in whatever she pursues in the future and she will always be a member of our Westview Family.

Sunday School During Worship Service in our Youth Room: Youth with Youth Leader Jordan Souza for the Summer!

The Tutoring Club will resume again in mid-August. We now have several children coming. Many have much need for help in math and reading and they are learning much! Our Tutors are awesome!— Mary Lou Hoffman, Diane Mio, Susan Manabe, Pastor Dan and sometimes Nancy Shott and Joanne Hayashi. If you want to join us Thursdays 3:30 - 5 pm in mid-August please let us know! It has been a delight to reach out with love and care for our neighbors.

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

Congratulations to Isaac and Emily for graduating from high school.

The Youth group had a great day at Manresa Beach and enjoyed their trip to the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

Gym Nites are usually the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month, from 5:30 – 8 p.m., at Westview. Please note that there are no Gym Nites scheduled for July as our Youth will be very busy this month. Activities/events for the month of July for the Youth/Family include the following dates:
- July 1 – July 4, 9 am-9 pm: Fireworks sale! (For more information please see below)
- July 16 – July 17, 9 am – 9 am: Relay for Life at Watsonville High. Have fun, help fight cancer, stay up late! (For more information on Relay for Life please see front page of the Chimes)
- July 18 – July 23: Youth Mission/Service Trip (see below for more information)

Youth Group Fundraiser: To help raise money for their Youth Group Mission Trip to Urban Hollywood and the San Diego Border, the Youth Group and friends/members of Westview will be selling Fireworks July 1st through July 4th, from 9 am to 9 pm. If you would like to volunteer and help sell fireworks at Westview there is a sign-up sheet at Westview or contact Pastor Dan or Marlon to sign up for a shift. If you are a resident of Watsonville and you and/or your friends are planning on buying fireworks please purchase your fireworks from our booth at Westview. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Open Your Eyes Through Education and Service

Youth Trip: Urban Hollywood and San Diego Border July 18th – 23rd, 2016. Contact Pastor Dan or Hanna to sign-up. Space is limited.

Car Wash Youth Group Fundraiser Was a Success!!
The Youth Group held a Car Wash on June 11th and was able to raise almost $500 for their upcoming Youth Mission Trip. Westview thanks to those that supported our Group Youth at this event.

LET’S STOP CALLING THEM “INTERNMENT” CAMPS

1-Amache (also known as Granada), Colorado; 2-Gila River, Arizona; 3-Heart Mountain, Wyoming; 4-Jerome, Arkansas; 5-Manzanar, California; 6-Minidoka, Idaho; 7-Poston, Arizona; 8-Rohwer, Arkansas; 9-Topaz, Utah, and 10-Tule Lake, California.
The US Government used euphemisms and propaganda to “soften” the drastic actions it was taking against us during the unjust wartime experience.

### EUPHEMISMS

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### AMERICANS UNITED FOR SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE (AU) REPORTS ...

1—GA Governor Vetoes Discriminatory LGBT Bill

Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal (R) in March vetoed H.B.757, a so-called “religious freedom” bill that opponents said could have allowed any individual or “faith-based” business, non-profit entity or taxpayer-funded organization to ignore any law that conflicts with their religious beliefs about marriage.

“All it does is it makes sure that the government is not going to punish people of faith,” State Sen. Josh McKoon (R-Columbus) told Fox 10, a local TV channel.

The bill’s critics disagree. AU’s Legislative Department urged lawmakers to oppose the bill because it was so broadly written it could have permitted discrimination against LGBT people and others.

Several major corporations, including Salesforce, Apple, and Disney, threatened to boycott or end business operations in the state; the National Football League announced that Atlanta’s future chances of hosting a Super Bowl would be in jeopardy if Deal signed the bill.

After a national outcry, Deal announced his veto on March 28, 2016.

2—Idaho Governor Vetoes Bible-in-School Bill

Idaho Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter (R) vetoed a bill that would have expressly permitted public school teachers to use the Bible during classroom instruction, calling it unconstitutional.

The bill’s sponsor, State Sen. Sheryl Nuxoll (R-Cottonwood), claimed that teachers were “scared” to use the bible, and several other lawmakers agreed. But critics pointed out that nothing in state law would prevent teachers from using the Bible or other religious books in an objective manner in class.

Otter said the bill would likely spur lawsuits: I have deep respect and appreciation for the Bible as religious doctrine as well as a piece of historic literature. However, allowing S1342 to become law is a direct contravention to the Idaho Constitution and it could result for the loss of funding and costly litigation for Idaho public schools.”

AU strongly opposed the bill. State Legislative Counsel Amrita Singh wrote to Gov. Otter urging him not to sign the bill if it reached his desk.

[Editor’s note: one Watsonville High School Social Studies teacher belittled the Koran (Quran) and the Muslim faith while preaching Christianity … reading scriptures from the Bible … in her class. She had a Muslim student in her history class. Before she could be written up by the department chairman for dismissal, she retired.]

3—Okla. Seeks to Alter Church-State Provisions

The Oklahoma House of Representatives has taken a step toward removing the state constitution’s clause prohibiting aid to churches, denominations and religious schools.

In March, legislators passed a resolution to place the so-called “no-aid” clause on the ballot, giving voters an opportunity to remove it.

The move was inspired by ongoing controversy over the fate of a Ten Commandments monument. That monument stood on the grounds of the state capitol until last June, when the State Supreme Court ordered it removed in response to a lawsuit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) on behalf of a coalition of taxpayers. Bruce Prescott, an Americans United chapter activist and Southern Baptist minister, was among the plaintiffs.

Mitch Randall, a Baptist minister based in Norman, Okla., wrote for the change: “If successful, they will be taking a big step backwards in returning our state to a time when religious persecution was acceptable under Colonialism and Native Americans were forced to worship as those in authority dictated.”

The resolution, H.J.R. 1062, passed 86-10. A vote is pending in the state Senate.

4—Md. Legislature Passes Private School Voucher Program

Maryland legislators voted in March to approve a budget that includes $5 million in grants for low-income students who wish to attend private schools.

Gov. Larry Hogan (R) has indicated he will sign the bill. The proposal is the culmination of a decade-long attempt by voucher advocates to funnel public money to private (some parochial) schools.

Teachers unions had opposed the measure. Sean Johnson, who represents the Maryland State Education Association, told The Washington Post the group will continue to lobby against it.
Voucher bills had died in previous years in Maryland, but this year two Democratic lawmakers from Baltimore lobbied hard for the measure and apparently persuaded some opponents, including Senate President Thomas V. “Mike” Miller (D-Calvert), to change their minds.

Students will be able to use the funds for tuition at religious schools, which critics like AU deem a violation of the separation of church and state.

5—CA City Residents Oppose Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast

A flap over a mayor’s prayer breakfast is stirring up controversy in the city of South Pasadena, CA.

The event drew attention because of involvement by local officials—although city leaders insist they didn’t organize the breakfast.

According to the South Pasadena Review, City Manager Sergio Gonzalez told residents at a public city council meeting that despite its name, the event was private in nature: “The city had nothing to do with this event. In fact, when my office became aware of it, I instructed all staff to let the public know, anyone who called, that we had no involvement.”

The South Pasadena Police Honor Guard opened the February event, which was held in the Oneonta Congregational Church and headlined by Los Angeles Deputy Police Chief Art Downing. South Pasadena Police Chief Art Miller also spoke at the event. Gonzalez attended, as did local school board member Joe Primith and City Councilman Robert Joe. Critics are questioning the city’s involvement in the breakfast.

“My first reaction to this event was to think, ‘Is our city government endorsing a sectarian religious event?’” local resident Dave Beadle told the Review. “The more I have looked into this, the more unanswered questions pose themselves … I don’t want to take away people’s right to pray and worship, but religious establishments seeking government approval, only serve to alienate others and divide us.”

6—Miss. Adopts Sweeping Discrimination Measure

Mississippi Gov. Phil Bryant (R) signed a broadly worded bill into law in April that allows government employees, corporations, individuals, healthcare providers and non-profit organizations to use religion as a justification to discriminate against same-sex couples, single mothers, divorcees and anyone who has had sex outside of marriage.

Bryant claimed that he signed bill H.R.1523, “to protect sincerely held religious beliefs and moral convictions … from discriminatory action by state government.”

AU disagrees. Executive Director Barry W. Lynn criticized the move: “Mississippi is trying to legalize unequal treatment. This goes against everything the United States stands for. It’s reminiscent of an earlier time in the state’s history and must not be allowed to stand.”

AU asserts that it is vulnerable to a legal challenge.

DONATIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED …

In memory of Philip Worthen from …
Jennifer Ura Gavin
Esther Ura

In memory of Mitsue Tao from …
Jennifer Ura Gavin

In memory of George T. Aihara from …
Mas and Marcia Hashimoto

In memory of George Kubota from …
Truman Carrillo of Santa Cruz
Esther Ura
Yoko Aihara and sons
Jennifer Ura Gavin
Arthur and Joanne Hayashi
Alice Hollis Hansen, Ron Heath,
Mark and Erik Hansen of Aptos

Cynthia Hirokawa and Gary Mine
Seiji and Rhoda Iwai of Montebello
Shiro and Aimee Iwai of Montebello
Kenneth Iwashina of Studio City
Lily Kato of Culver City
Rose Kitayama of Monterey Park
Mark and Ginger Kubo of San Jose
Oh Jae Kwon of Diamond Bar
Allen Morimoto of Anaheim Hills
Robert and Marty Martin of Aptos
Sam and Sumiko Motoike of Stockton
Robert and Gail Shiosaki of Santa Cruz
Harry Tokunaga and family of Santa Clara
Walt Weiss and Arlene Yang of Pasadena
Kensuki and Sharon Yoshihara of Cerritos
Mitch and Arlene Wakasa of Foster City
Dean Ichikawa of Aptos
Herbert Ichikawa of Aptos
Jill Ichikawa Ng of San Jose

“Day of Remembrance Education Fund” from …
Greatest Need
Nancy Iwami
Watsonville Taiko for use of hall.

Thank you, Cindy and Gary Mine, for taking care of the weeds in front of our W-SC JACL KIZUKA Hall.

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 2016-2017. We are a 501 (c) (3) non-profit, educational, civil rights organization, and our tax deductible federal ID is #94-2659895.

Annual membership dues are $80 for an individual, $150 for couples/family (children), & $25 for youths 14-25. 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.

We welcome our newest W-SC JACL members—Stanley and Carli Stevens of UCSC who enjoyed bingo at the JACL community picnic. Stanley was the Map Librarian, Special Collections, at UC Santa Cruz’s

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“My first reaction to this event was to think, ‘Is our city government endorsing a sectarian religious event?’” local resident Dave Beadle told the Review. “The more I have looked into this, the more unanswered questions pose themselves … I don’t want to take away people’s right to pray and worship, but religious establishments seeking government approval, only serve to alienate others and divide us.’

6—Miss. Adopts Sweeping Discrimination Measure

Mississippi Gov. Phil Bryant (R) signed a broadly worded bill into law in April that allows government employees, corporations, individuals, healthcare providers and non-profit organizations to use religion as a justification to discriminate against same-sex couples, single mothers, divorcees and anyone who has had sex outside of marriage.

Bryant claimed that he signed bill H.R.1523, “to protect sincerely held religious beliefs and moral convictions … from discriminatory action by state government.”

AU disagrees. Executive Director Barry W. Lynn criticized the move: “Mississippi is trying to legalize unequal treatment. This goes against everything the United States stands for. It’s reminiscent of an earlier time in the state’s history and must not be allowed to stand.”

AU asserts that it is vulnerable to a legal challenge.

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Watsonville Taiko for use of hall.

Thank you, Cindy and Gary Mine, for taking care of the weeds in front of our W-SC JACL KIZUKA Hall.

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 2016-2017. We are a 501 (c) (3) non-profit, educational, civil rights organization, and our tax deductible federal ID is #94-2659895.

Annual membership dues are $80 for an individual, $150 for couples/family (children), & $25 for youths 14-25. 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.

We welcome our newest W-SC JACL members—Stanley and Carli Stevens of UCSC who enjoyed bingo at the JACL community picnic. Stanley was the Map Librarian, Special Collections, at UC Santa Cruz’s

McHenry Library for 32 years before he retired.
Current members, please look at the date after your name on the address label. E. Txxxx 5/16 means your membership expired back in May of 2016. Please renew before your membership’s expiration month. Marcia Hashimoto, who sends renewal reminders, will be very grateful.

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 July 2016 newsletter. Comments are always welcome.

For our full, living color newsletter, log onto http://watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org. Newsletter, then the month.

Onward!
Mas Hashimoto, Editor

The 2016 Japanese Cultural Fair – Reflections by Carol Kaneko

It was a beautiful day for the 30th annual Santa Cruz Japanese Cultural Fair at Mission Plaza Park on Saturday, June 4.

Throughout the day, there were performances on the main stage, martial arts demonstrations at Aikido of Santa Cruz, and demonstrations of Ikebana, kimono dressing, and tea ceremony at the Zen Center. The fair is the most comprehensive presentation of traditional Japanese culture on the Central Coast and was attended by many people, both locals and out-of-town visitors.

Again, our W-SC JACL chapter was a major co-sponsor of the event, and our booth sold strawberries, organic cucumbers, green tea, three types of bento boxes (food generously donated by Timmy Hunt of Pono Hawaiian Grill), Hawaiian Sun drinks, and ceramic items donated by Wendy King of Double Happiness Pottery and Carol Kaneko. The JACL picture boards of our WW II incarceration were arranged at the side of our booth and were viewed by many people who stopped by to chat with our chapter historian, Mas Hashimoto.

Financially, the event was very successful for our chapter, but more important, it was a fun day for our JACL board members and their families and friends who set up, decorated, and manned the booth, increased our chapter’s visibility in the community, and raised awareness of our Nikkei history.

Thanks to the many friends and local businesses that generously donated to our booth: Paul and Kim Tao for organic strawberries; Tom Simmons of Berry Bowl for strawberries; Nagamine Farms for organic cucumbers; Wendy King for the ceramic items; Jeanette Hager for the water for tea; and Timmy Hunt for the donation of food for our obento.

Many thanks to the following people who helped set up or worked at the JACL booth: Amy Newell, Nicole Tsao, Kimiko Marr, Jean and Iwao Yamashita, Victor Kimura (who also arranged for donation from Berry Bowl), Jeanette Hager, Phil Shima, Marcia and Mas Hashimoto, Cindy and Gary Mine, Tadashi Kaneko, Takeshi Kaneko and Aya Okuma. Thank you to Jean and Iwao Yamashita, Mas and Marcia Hashimoto, and Watsonville Taiko Group for providing the transportation to and from Watsonville for all our equipment and supplies. And, a special thank you to Kimiko Marr; Takeshi Kaneko and Aya Okuma; and Tadashi Kaneko for assembling and delivering the 150 obentos before the start of the cultural fair.

To everyone: Domo arigato gozaimasu! See you next year (Sat., June 3, 2017) - same time, same place!!

Captions of Photos of the 30th Anniversary Japanese Cultural Fair, June 4, 2016, Page 18. Photo credits to Jean Yamashita and Mas Hashimoto.

1-Santa Cruz City Mayor Cynthia Mathews welcomed all. Artist George Dymesich presented gifts to the Mayor and to Consul General of Japan, Jun Yamada.

2-Our W-SC JACL booth set up.

3-Consultant staff member, Consul General Yamada with JCF Chairman, Paul Kaneko.

4-Aya Okuma and Takeshi Kaneko joined in “Tanko bushi” dance.

5-Watsonville Taiko was the opening performers.

6-The Mission Plaza is in front of the Santa Cruz Mission.

7-Colorful Okinawan dancers performed, a favorite of all.

8-W-SC JACLers Amy Newell, Carol and son Tadashi Kaneko sold ice tea and bentos.

9-Donated ceramic art by Wendy King and Carol Kaneko enhanced our booth.

10-Mas Hashimoto explained to CG Yamada the unjust incarceration of the Nikkei community during WW II.

11-The large appreciative crowd loved the SF Taiko.

12-The founder and Grand Master of SF Taiko is Seiichi Tanaka (center).

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1-Our booth, graced with Iwao Yamashita’s beautiful bonsai, sold organic strawberries donated by Paul and Kim Tao, strawberries donated by Berry Bowl.

2-Tadashi Kaneko sold pork, chicken and tofu bentos—prepared by Carol Kaneko and food donated by Timmy Hunt of Pono Hawaiian Grill in Santa Cruz.

3-Takeshi, Aya, and Tadashi prepared the ice green tea.

4-Carol Kaneko with her donated ceramic pottery, and Phil Shima assisted in our booth.

5-Gary Mine took his turn selling organic cucumbers, donated by A. Nagamine, and our favorite—strawberries.

6-Victor Kimura and Kimiko Marr manned our booth, too.

7-CG Yamada was impressed with Iwao Yamashita’s beautiful bonsai.

8-Terry Hirahara, Jean Akiyama, Aiko Nitao, and Fumi Hane enjoying the W-SC JACL lunch and resting after the ikebana demonstration.

9-Jeanette Hager, Jean Yamashita, and Gary Mine enjoyed manning the booth.

10-A visiting ninja warrior posed with Iwao’s bonsai.

11-Carol Kaneko couldn’t resist the green tea ice cream.

12-Cindy Mine enjoyed the healthy natto bean dish.

13-JCF Chairman, Paul Kaneko, was relaxed and grateful that all went well with this year’s cultural fair.

W-SC JACL 2016 COMMUNITY PICNIC

We wish to thank all who brought family members to the picnic on June 25th and a special thank you to all who donated in support of this important Nikkei tradition. We hope you enjoyed the day as much as we had in planning and preparing for it. Traditions are good so long as they are wanted, enjoyed and remain meaningful.

A full report of the picnic with photos will be included in our August 2016 newsletter. Please watch for it.
No Increase in the 2016 – 2017 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.

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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 Otsuji Hager, Membership Chair, P. O. Box 163, Watsonville, CA 95077

Thank you so much for your support.

Check out our websites: [http://watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org](http://watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org) and jacl.org.