W-SC JACL 2017 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS
By Dr. Brooke Rains, Scholarship Chair

Every year the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL scholarship committee reviews applications from local high school seniors who are actively involved with the JACL, Westview Presbyterian Church, or Watsonville Buddhist Temple. We would like to thank the Kitayama, Mito, and Sako families for establishing the scholarship funds and their commitment to assisting our young scholars pursue their dreams. This year we are proud to award scholarships to three outstanding JACL youth members: Bruce Arao, Sara Jay, and Carter Garcia-Kimura. The following scholarships were awarded at the Annual Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL Community Picnic held in Aptos Village Park on June 24, 2017.

*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 2017 was awarded to Bruce Arao, the son of Jimmy Arao and Yoshiko Matsushita-Arao. Bruce graduated from Monterey High School, where he maintained a strong academic record while on Varsity Tennis, Varsity Swim, and was captain of the robotics team. Bruce grew up attending, participating, and volunteering at the Monterey Buddhist Temple events and Dharma School. He attended Kokoro No Gakko Japanese cultural school and returned as a classroom volunteer since graduation. As a JACL youth member, he has been a dedicated and helpful volunteer at the Community picnic. This fall, Bruce will be attending the University of California at Santa Barbara with a major in Economics. Bruce’s Dharma school teacher, June Trachsel, wrote in her letter of recommendation, “Bruce has been so invaluable to our temple and Dharma School. He will be sorely missed when he leaves for college. I truly believe that any college, organization, or company would be extremely lucky to have him. No doubt he will accomplish great things in the future.”

*The Rekiso “Ray” and Hisako “Louise” Sako Scholarships* were generously established in 2012 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 a member of our 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 2017 Ray and Louise Sako Undergraduate $1,000 Scholarship was awarded to Carter Garcia-Kimura, son of Victor Kimura and Karen Garcia-Graham Kimura. Carter graduated from Aptos High School where he challenged himself with a rigorous class schedule and ran for the cross-country team. During junior high and high school, he volunteered at the Second Harvest Food Bank, packaging food for donation and filing donation logs. Carter attended Kokoro no Gakko as a student and returned as a volunteer after graduating. He has been a participant at almost every Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL event since participating as a child actor in our “Liberty Lost ... Lessons in Loyalty” reenactment in April 2002. He has helped with our community picnic, attended Day of Remembrance events, and has been our expert origami instructor at the W-SC JACL booth for the Holiday Traditions event at the Watsonville Plaza. Carter plans to attend Cabrillo College in the fall while deciding on his area of study. In his personal statement Carter wrote, “When all is said and done, what I really want to do is to devote my life toward the betterment of society however I can.” Nerissa Graydon, Carter’s British Literature teacher, wrote, “I wholeheartedly recommend Carter Garcia-Kimura. He is an intellectual, focused, and determined young man who stands out from his peers based on maturity, intellectual curiosity, and academic prowess.”

*The Frank Mito Memorial Scholarship:* This fund was established in honor of Frank Mito, an active supporter of the Japanese American community. It was formerly awarded through the Kokoro No Gakko, Japanese cultural summer program. In recent years, W-SC JACL Scholarship committee has been overseeing the Frank Mito Scholarship Fund.

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The $500 Frank Mito Scholarship recipient was Sara Jay, the daughter of Russell and Tina Jay. Sara graduated from Cactus Shadows High School in Cave Creek, AZ. Sara travelled from Arizona to attend Kokoro No Gakko as a student and as a volunteer after graduating from the program. Sara has been active members of the W-SC and Arizona JACL chapters, as well as the Arizona Buddhist Temple. She volunteered at her local hospital Emergency Department. Sara plans to pursue a medical career at the University of Oregon where she can help to improve both physical and mental health for her patients and community. Dr. Ron Mito, of Los Angeles reviewed Sara Jay’s application and sent along this message, “Sara seems outstanding. I fully support her selection. In terms of any sentiments, this scholarship is in memory of my father, Frank Mito, who always valued the importance of education, especially since he never went to college. He touched many young lives through his business and always tried to encourage his workers to advance their education. This scholarship is intended to perpetuate his support of our youth.”

Previous Undergraduate Sako Scholarship recipients; Melissa Tao 2014, Sarah Nagamine 2015, and Isaac Veal 2016, were recognized for maintaining a strong academic record while in college and each received an additional $1,000. The Sako Continuation Scholarships helps students continue to pursue their studies for four years—until graduation—and for two additional years as graduate students—a total of $6,000!

Carter Garcia-Kimura, Bruce Aro, Melissa Tao, Sarah Nagamine, Isaac Veal with Dr. Brooke Rains.

On behalf of the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL, we would like to congratulate our awardees and wish them all the best with their future pursuits.

KEE KITAYAMA SCHOLARSHIP ALUMNA UPDATE

Dr. Elizabeth Rose Mayeda (B.A., UC Berkeley; M.A., Columbia; PhD, UCSF), daughter of Robb and Dorothy Mayeda of Aptos, a Kee Kitayama Scholar in 2002, recently accepted a position as a tenure track assistant professor at UCLA. She spent nearly a month weighing offers from UCLA and Columbia, but finally opted to remain in California. She will continue her research at UCSF until December and will begin her position at UCLA on January 1 (or maybe right after osechi dinner). She will fill a newly created position in the Department of Epidemiology in the School of Public Health. She is a revered member of our W-SC JACL.

2017 W-SC JACL COMMUNITY PICNIC

By Marcia Hashimoto

On behalf of the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL, I would like to thank everyone who helped, donated, and attended our annual community picnic on Saturday, June 24th at the beautiful Aptos Village Park.

Over 150 participants, elderly to infants, enjoyed the fun-filled day which included a variety of races for children and adults, exciting free bingo for Seniors and friends, a terrific performance by our wonderful and talented Watsonville Taiko, presentation of our scholarships, a delicious BBQ chicken lunch, a raffle, and an ice cream social.
We extend our thanks to the following committee members and friends whose assistance made this year’s picnic successful in every way possible:

Randy & Tracy Mano; Gary & Cindy Mine; Joe Bowes; Phil Shima; Dr. Brooke Kondo Rains; Iwao Yamashita; Jean Yamashita; John Degerhardt; Shirley Inokuchi; Victor Kimura; Aimee Mizuno; Dr. Gini Matute-Bianchi; Norris Woodford; Jeanette Hager; Carol, Paul, Takeshi Kaneko & Aya Okuma; Dr Stuart Sakuma & Jaime Sakuma; Kimiko Marr; Reba Arao Condon; Sunao Honda; Debbe &Thomas Chan; Jim, Yoshiko & Bruce Arao; Doug & Sharyn Nakashima; Kim & Melissa Tao; Cori Riazonda; Sarah Nagamine; Jane Yoshida; Linda Wong; Charlotte Saito; Ikuyo Conant; Eiko Stewart; Julia Sheehan; and Mas Hashimoto.

Picnic Donations:

We are extremely grateful for the generous donations from the following individuals, businesses and organizations to our picnic and raffle. Thank you, all:

- Alan Uyematsu, CPA
- Dr. Conrad Hamako
- Edna Nagata
- Yoko Umeda
- Randy Mano
- Amy Newell
- Gary & Cindy Mine
- George Dymesich
- Mas & Marcia Hashimoto
- Victor Kimura
- Paul & Carol Kaneko
- Paul & Kim Tao
- Gini Matute-Bianchi
- Norris Woodford
- JACL Senior Center
- Watsonville Taiko
- Hong Kong Garden II
- Miyuki Restaurant, Chris Ishikawa
- Imura Restaurant, Joe & Kevin Kajihara
- Yamashita Market, Goro Yamashita
- Shiatsu Clinic, Ben & Chiyoe Yamaguchi
- Flowers by Toshi, Ryoko Kozuki

We thank our youth Bruce Arao; Malory Sheehan; Luka, Kai, and Noa Kawamoto for assisting Joe Bowes with the raffle.

To anyone who helped or donated whose name was unintentionally omitted, I apologize. Please contact me at (831) 722-6859 or email at hashi79@sbcglobal.net and the correction will be made in our August issue.

Presbyterian Church, Randy Mano, our head BBQ chef, supervised Jane Yoshida, Marcia and Mas Hashimoto on preparation of the chicken thighs for marinating with Randy’s special teriyaki sauce.

At the picnic, the chicken thighs and hot dogs, were skillfully barbequed by chefs Randy Mano, Jim Arao, Stuart Sakuma, Doug Nakashima and John Degerhardt. Everyone raved about this year’s tasty chicken. Cindy Hirokawa Mine, Jean Yamashita and their kitchen crew prepared a fabulous lunch of salad, chili beans, rice, and sweet, organic strawberries donated by Paul and Kim Tao. Jean Yamashita sliced and buttered many loaves of delicious French bread.

The dynamic Watsonville Taiko youth and adult performers entertained us, which was followed by a splendid presentation by Dr. Brooke Kondo-Rains honoring our scholarship recipients.

After lunch, it was off to the races … or to play free bingo!

Sue Walters, winner of the “how many rocks are in the jar” contest, received a $35 Miyuki gift certificate. The answer was 612 rocks in the plastic jar.

This year’s grand TV prize winner was Linda Wong (left). Congratulations! Linda and her friend, Charlotte Saito, both of the SF Bay area, lend a helping hand annually at our picnic and donate to our Day of Remembrance Education Scholarship Fund.

Special thanks for the 55” flat screen “LG Smart TV,” which has so many capabilities, to the following donors of our raffle grand prize:

- Dr. Gerald Kondo
- Dr. Brooke Kondo Rains
- Dr. Reed Kuratomi
- Dr. Jamie Kuratomi
- Dr. Stuart Sakuma
- Dr. Arthur Hayashi
- David & Jeanni Kadotani
- Floy Sakata

We appreciate the help of all the volunteers. Special thanks to Jean Yamashita, Paul Kaneko and Jeanette Hager for their tremendous efforts in leading the clean up after the event.

The water balloon toss winners were Lola Todd and daughter Amberlyn. Winning team received a $35 Miyuki gift certificate.

Watsonville Taiko, both youth and adults, entertained us which we thoroughly enjoyed!

The Santa Cruz County Parks Department appreciates our group for it knows we will leave the Aptos Village Park cleaner than we found it.
Just in: Mrs. Ruby Kawamoto, who fell, is recovering nicely, according to her son. We wish her a speedy and full recovery.

The W-SC JACL is encouraged to continue this century-old tradition of the Watsonville Nikkei community because of our community support and participation. Next year’s picnic will be held on Saturday, June 23, 2018. Please reserve the date.

The 2017 Japanese Cultural Fair – Reflections
By Carol Kaneko

It was another beautiful day for the Japanese Cultural Fair at Mission Plaza Park in Santa Cruz on Saturday, June 10th. This was the 31st annual fair, and with koinobori waving in the breeze, those in attendance were treated throughout the day to 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 one of the most comprehensive presentations of traditional Japanese culture on the Central Coast, and was attended by many people, both locals and out-of-town visitors.

Our W-SC JACL chapter, shown here with Paul Kaneko, Kimiko Marr, Phil Shima, Yutaka Izutsu, Tadashi Kaneko, Amy Newell, Toshiko Yamashita, Carol Kaneko, Victor Kimura, Marcia Hashimoto, Jeanette Hager, and Jean Yamashita, is a major co-sponsor of the event, and our booth sold organic strawberries, organic cucumbers, green tea, obento boxes, and Hawaiian Sun drinks.

It was a fun day for our JACL board members and their families and friends who set up, decorated, and manned the booth which increased our chapter’s visibility in the community and raised awareness of our Nikkei history.

The JACL picture boards of our wartime incarceration were arranged at the side of our booth and were viewed by many people, including Tarmo Hannula of the Register-Pajaronian, who stopped by to chat with our chapter historian, Mas Hashimoto.

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; Janet, Hide, and Akira Nagamine for organic cucumbers; and Timmy Hunt from Pono Hawaiian Grill for the donation of the delicious food for our obento.

Many thanks to the following people who helped set up or worked at the JACL booth: Kimiko Marr, Jean and Iwao Yamashita, Victor Kimura (also arranged for donation from Berry Bowl), Jeanette Hager, Phil Shima, Marcia and Mas Hashimoto, Cindy and Gary Mine, Amy Newell, Tadashi Kaneko, Yutaka Izutsu, and Paul and Carol Kaneko. Thank you to Jean and Iwao Yamashita, Mas and Marcia Hashimoto, Victor Kimura, 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, Tadashi, and Yutaka for providing the transportation to and from Watsonville for all our equipment and supplies. And a special thank you to Kimiko, Tadashi, and Yutaka for providing the transportation to and from Watsonville for all our equipment and supplies.

Thanks to everyone who stopped at our booth to say hello or ask questions or talk with Mas about our chapter and our history, and bought our delicious obento, green tea, strawberries, and cucumbers. We enjoyed having those of you who sat down in the shade of our booth to have your lunch and chat. (We even had a few dogs stop by for a drink of water!)

We are, as always, grateful for your continued support.

Photos by Jean Yamashita.
To everyone: Domo arigato gozaimasu! See you next year - same time, same place!!
Watsonville Taiko had another wonderful day this year at the Japanese Cultural Fair at Mission Plaza in Santa Cruz. We are the event’s opening performers.

Besides playing taiko, we sold our usual menu of fried mochi, tai yaki, edamame, yaki tori combination plate, mugicha, chicken curry and ramune. We even sold out on our edamame and tai yaki!

Have you ever thought about learning taiko? We have classes for all ages. Our beginning children’s class is scheduled at 4:30 pm on Fridays and are held at W-SC JACL Kizuka Hall, 150 Blackburn St., in Watsonville.

Our beginning adult classes are scheduled for 7 pm also at Kizuka Hall. For times and locations for our other classes please contact Kay at 831 475 1088 or email us at info@watsonvilleteiko.org.

Our upcoming schedule:
July 1st  Land of Medicine Buddha Festival, Soquel
July 1st  Campfire Event, New Brighton Beach
July 15th  Relay For Life, Watsonville High School
July 16th  Watsonville Buddhist Temple Obon Festival
July 23rd  Wharf to Wharf, Capitola
Aug.6th  Cabrillo Music Festival, Santa Cruz
Sept. 16th  Asian Night, Senior Community Center, Scotts Valley
Nov. 19th  Watsonville Taiko's Annual Holiday Boutique and Raffle

HOWARD IKEMOTO’S LAST SHOW …

Mas and Paul admire Howard Ikemoto’s camp tower painting with the sandstorm blowing. This wonderful painting will be hanging in our W-SC JACL Kizuka Hall soon. Photo courtesy of Karen Garcia Graham Kimura.

Topaz, Manzanar and Amache Pilgrimages  
By Kimiko Marr

Over the last two months, I have been able to attend pilgrimages at three different former incarceration centers. In April, I went to Topaz and Manzanar, and in May I went to Amache. The pilgrimages could not have been more different. Photos, courtesy of Kiyoshi Ina.

The Topaz pilgrimage was with a relatively small number of people (about 32) and at least half of the pilgrims (or more)
were actual camp survivors. There is not much left at Topaz; just slabs of concrete where mess halls used to be and dry, cracked earth with fragments of barracks and remnants of its prisoners 70+ years later.

With that small of a group we were able to talk and listen and discuss with each other about the incarceration and its aftereffects. I was disappointed that there were not very many *yonsei* or any *gosei* there with their families.

Fortunately, I was able to get my mother to come along. She, along with her family, was incarcerated in Topaz. She doesn't remember much because she was only 2 when they went in, but it was still insightful to be there with her.

I took a picture of my grandfather’s indefinite leave card and my grandmother’s WRA identification card on the ground near where their barrack would have been. I surprised myself by tearing up—partly because I miss both of them so much, but also because it’s difficult to see this barren land and hear the howling winds and to think they lived here for 2 1/2 years.

**Manzanar,** on the other hand, had over 2,000 people of all ages and ethnicities in attendance. For many, it was an introduction to the history of the incarceration; for some, it was a show of solidarity by our Muslim brothers and sisters or those that would fight against this happening again; and for a few, it was a return to their past or their family’s past. Former incarcerees come back to remember and to educate, while their descendants come to learn and to honor their elders.

**The Manzanar After Dark** program at the local high school broke up participants into intergenerational groups of 6 or 7 and allowed for discussion on the incarceration and the parallels today with the Muslim community. It was encouraging to hear so many young people wanting to get involved in social justice. Many of the young Nikkei in attendance were part of the Nikkei Student Union but not the JACL. I encouraged them to bring their enthusiasm for activism to the JACL. The youth are our future.

I brought my 19-year-old cousin to the **Amache** pilgrimage in May. It turned out to be quite an adventure. I got our rental car stuck in the mud at the site for 3 hours and we missed the ENTIRE program. However, we did visit the museum and the site with a wonderful family consisting of grandma (who was incarcerated in Amache), her daughter and son-in-law and their two sons. I think an important part of the pilgrimage experience is learning first hand from survivors how the incarceration affected them and then, in turn, the younger generations are able to see how that trauma influenced their own lives.

Next month, I will be going to **Minidoka** and **Heart Mountain.** I have partnered with a young filmmaker that I met at last year’s Minidoka pilgrimage and we are working on creating a website that will be a central location with information on all the pilgrimages, video of the camp sites, interviews with survivors and travel information with maps of the surrounding areas. If you would like to donate to our effort or if you would like to see some of the video we have shot at the 2017 pilgrimages, please go to [https://www.gofundme.com/JAPilgrimages](https://www.gofundme.com/JAPilgrimages).
A guard tower at Amache, Colorado camp.

**SENIOR CENTER NEWS  By Jo Ann Vear**

It seems that every month there is something fun and entertaining going on. June was Father’s Day, with special entertainment.

Seniors were entertained by a wonderful storyteller, **Mr. Toshihiro Suzuki** from Shingu, Japan, which is the Sister City for Santa Cruz. He was here with his wife **Toki**.

Before June, however, we had a very special birthday celebration on May 25 in honor of the 100th birthdays of **Mrs. Louise Sako**, who turned 100 on March 9.

**Susan AmRhein** presented a portable writing lap desk and a pen and pencil set to **Paul Sako** for his mother so she can continue to write her stories.

**Mrs. Haruko Yoshii** turned 100 on May 5. Special guests were **Kiyoshi** and **Hisano Yoshii**, son and daughter of Mrs. Yoshii. Shown in the photo to the left is Haruko Yoshii celebrating with her daughter, Hisano.

Susan presented Mrs. Yoshii with a basket full of her favorite treats. Susan had a special decorated table for our guests of honor, and the Senior Center provided everyone with gifts of a chocolate dipped strawberry, cake in the shape of a popsicle, ice cream, and a package of **sushi** in honor of our two centenarians. A special thank you to **Susan** who organized this event from start to finish.

A small group of Senior members stayed after Bingo on May 25 to view a special film called “Obachan’s Garden”. It was a very moving story and was enjoyed by all. We hope to have more “movie days” for our seniors in the future.

On a sad note, there was a service for **Evy Kamigawachi** at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple on Tuesday, June 20 at 9 am and there was a Miyuki lunch after. Evy had been living in Woodland, California for the past few years. It was also announced by **Marcia Hashimoto** that **Mary Okamoto** passed away in Alexandria, VA. Both Evy and Mary were long-time Senior Center members, and we send our condolences to their families and friends.

**Sharon Bobo** was welcomed into JACL Seniors. It’s always nice to have new members join us. Welcome, Sharon.

The June birthday party was on June 8, and our honorees were: **Reba Condon**, Judy Hane, Eiko Nishihara 91, **Sharon Bobo** and Leigh Sakaguchi. Not able to attend were: Gini Matute-Bianchi, Masako Miura 103, and Phil Snyder. Happy Birthday to everyone. Beautiful flowers were arranged by **Hisako Kodama** and **Nancy Kuratomi**.

Louise Sako was unable to attend.
Fathers over 88 were honored on our Father's Day Celebration. Honorees were (front row) Iwao Yamashita 90, Akira Kodama 95, Fred Oda 93, Sam Sakamoto 92, and Leigh Sakaguchi. Back: Mas Hashimoto, Phil Shima, Paul Kaneko and Franz Steidl. Those not attending were Jim Kawamoto 90, and Akira Nagamine 91. Terri Hirahara presented each father with a chocolate bar and a box of Junior Mints. Helen Nakano made hand etched glasses saying #1 Dad. Along with the glasses they were given chocolate cigars and apple cider. As usual Helen's decorations were outstanding. Jean Yamashita presented a short video game called “My father is…” Everyone had fun trying to figure out the different fathers.

Susan AmRhein arrived with pans of barbecued steaks with mushrooms and the delicious Father’s Day potluck dinner included side dishes from the members. There was a fabulous assortment of salads, rice dishes, sushi, and a huge array of desserts.

Photos by Carol Kaneko.

Guests were: Roxie and Ron Goins with the Santa Cruz Sister City program and hosts to the Suzuki’s while they are here for the Japanese Cultural Fair.

Keiko Takane was also here for the Japanese Cultural Fair and does a kimono workshop. She stayed with George and Cheryl Dymesich while here for the fair. George is a ceramics teacher and helps at the JCF.

We welcomed Jean Akiyama and Jane Sugidono back this month after long absences. It’s good to have you back!

Jean Yamashita is planning a trip to Table Mountain on either July 24th or August 21st. We need at least 25 to go on the trip so please sign up with Jean as soon as possible. The price is $30 for members of the Senior Center and the WBT and $40 for others.

Jean Yamashita announced that she is looking into a trip to the SAP Center in San Jose on Sunday, September 3 to see Kristi Yamaguchi's Golden Moment ice skating show with some famous Olympic skaters. See Jean if you wish to sign up. Open to everyone!

Many thanks to the June toban ladies Nobue Fuji, Eiko Stewart, and Nobuko Akiyama as well as the many others who always pitch in to help.

Monetary donations gratefully received this month: Judy Hane, Sharon Bobo, Eiko Nishihara, Leigh Sakaguchi, Iwao Yamashita, Yae and Sam Sakamoto, Reba Condon and Fred Oda. Special donations were from: Kiyoshi Yoshii, Hisano Yoshii, and Nobue Fuji in honor of Haruko Yoshii’s 100th birthday; and Toshi Yamashita and Edna Nagata in memory of Evelyn Kamigawachi.

And thanks for all the wonderful Bingo donations:

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**Watsonville Buddhist Temple Calendar for July 2017:**

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**July Memorial List**

- Akimoto, Keiko
- Arao, Alan
- Arao, Ted Tetsuo
- Fujita, Asa
- Hamai, Nobuko
- Hamai, Sosuke
- Hanayama, Rev. Shousei
- Haneta, Sumiko
- 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 Hoato
- Mito, Mary
- Nagata, Takeo
- Nakahara, Robert
- Nakamoto, Motoichi
- Nakashima, Mikie
- Nakashima, Mitsuteru
- Niiyama, Ayako
- Nishihara, Mits
- Nishita, Ronald Toshiyuki
- Nitta, Isano
- Nitta, Tokuiro
- Oita, Suwa
- Ota, Yaeko
- Sasano, Katsukazu
- Sasano, Yoshiko
- Shimonishi, Torasuke
- Shingai, Chiyoko
- Shingai, Fuku
- Shingai, Isaac
- Shingai, Seki Inouye
- Sugimoto, George Kaizo
- Takeuchi, Sugako
- Tamasu, Masao
- Tao, Kazu
- Terasaki, Kichisaburo
- Tsuchiyama, Sunao
- Uyeda, Sen
- Wada, Utako
- Wada, Hiroshi George

Let us gather to remember and express our gratitude. The families of the following deceased are invited to attend the July service and to Oshoko (offer incense). We look forward to seeing you at the service.
On Sunday, May 28, 2017 memorial services were conducted by Rev. Shinseki first at Pioneer Cemetery on Freedom Blvd where many of our Issei pioneers are buried.

L-R, Masako Sawada (Jane’s mother), Kai Gavin, Esther Ura, Barbara Shingai, Sharon Shingai, Rev. Jay and Jane Shinseki.

Rev. Shinseki held a second memorial service at the Pajaro Valley Memorial Park on Hecker Pass Road.

Mia Fujii Potter offered incense (oshoko).

Guest minister, Rev. Matsubayashi, conducted the first Sunday service in Japanese and English in June.

Alex Tao, son of Paul and Kim Tao and a 2017 graduate of Aptos High School, was presented with a BCA graduation certificate by Rev. Shinseki.
A SPECIAL RINGING OF THE TEMPLE BELL …

The widow, Bev Wesley, of the bell tower’s architect, Herb Ichikawa, asked for permission to have Herb Ichikawa’s daughter, Jill, ring the bell on Memorial Day.

The family was grateful for the kindness extended by the Temple.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, R-P

[Editor’s note: There were letters to the Editor in our local newspaper, the Watsonville Register-Pajaronian, of interest to the Nikkei community starting on June 1st.]

(1)--To the Editor:

Seventy-five years have passed since the largest ever wholesale violation of civil rights took place. But those who try to rewrite history tend to focus on what sounds best, sometimes overlooking the truth. Anyone that was around in 1942 easily remembers how unpopular it was being Japanese.

The Pearl Harbor attack enraged Americans and they wanted an element of revenge. The vitriolic hatred directed at the Japanese was totally irrational, so much so that many were afraid to go outdoors.

Nasty poems and songs about the Japanese could be heard on the radio any time.

Though some Issei Japanese were naturally dedicated to their homeland, there was never any evidence of espionage or sabotage. However, rumors flew like seagulls before a storm.

As ridiculous as it may sound in 2017, an assault on the Pacific Coast was a possibility (so the military thought) as evidenced by the artillery batteries on the beaches and the enforced nightly blackouts.

Nick Faitos
Santa Cruz

“Hard to forget fear during WW II”

(2)--To the Editor:

I must respond to the letter from Nick Faitos (Register-Pajaronian, June 1), titled “Seventy-five years since largest-ever civil rights violation.” This newspaper, plus the letter writer have it all wrong, wrong, wrong. It was slavery that was the worst in our history. Now prejudice still lives. Shame on us!

During WW II, we were invaded by the Japanese. We were not looking for war. I was in the fourth grade in Castroville (CA) school. I was at the Sunday morning services at the Pentecostal (sp) church. The Pastor sent us all home as we were now “at war.” What a frightening thing for a child. Dad was an “air raid” warden for our neighborhood. When the sirens blew he would go around and make sure the lights were all off. On Saturday he would do airplane spotting and call in to Fort Ord of any planes and what kind. We would go with him to help. You can’t imagine how scared we were at night to hear a plane. We would sit by the window in the dark and wait to be bombed. No child should be so scared by things beyond his control, by adults’ behavior!

On hind-sight, our government should not have interned the Japanese. We did not know what to do at the time. We all learn by our mistakes! It truly was a day of “infamy” on Dec. 7, 1941. I shall never forget it.

If there were no Pearl Harbor, there would be no internment, no Hiroshima, no Nagasaki. Let’s put this all behind and move forward and learn a hard lesson from those years.

It doesn’t sound like this writer, Mr. Faitos, was around during this awful time. I know the truth. I was there. Also, I remember “Tokyo Rose” and “Axis Sally” broadcasting discouraging messages to our “service men.” It’s hard to forget those times.

I do forgive the Japanese for what they did, but not forget.

Mary Miller Jones
Grants Pass, Ore.

June 18, 2017

(3) To the Editor:

Just as Mary Miller Jones of Grants Pass, Oregon lived through the trauma of World War II, I too, as a child, lived in fear through the war years as a Prisoner of War, held by my own country—the United States of America—without charges, attorney, trial, or due process of law. That happened 75 years ago President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued his Executive Order 9066, a “you can’t stay here” ban.

One fearful rumor circulated stated that the government was going to take us to the desert
exterminate us. Upon our arrival in suffocating heat of Poston, Arizona, some were sure of it.

In less than three weeks, we will be celebrating the 4th of July with its Declaration “that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness ...” In 1942, our lives, liberty, and property (Natural Rights Philosophy) were taken away.

My family and I, along with 120,000 others of Japanese ancestry, both alien and non-alien, who were living on the west coast of Washington, Oregon and California were incarcerated. As a six-year-old in 1942, I was given this federal prison number—12524 D. That number is etched in my mind. We will never forget the injustices.

Of historical interest, there were 158,000 of Japanese ancestry living in the actual war zone of the Territory of Hawaii who were not incarcerated. They constituted a plurality of the Hawaiian population.

What, then, was the difference between the mainland USA and Hawaii in the treatment of those of Japanese ancestry? Answer: hateful racism.

Two of my older brothers, both graduates of Watsonville Union High School, volunteered to fight against Japan, serving in the US Army’s Military Intelligence Service (MIS). They could read and write the Japanese language. Today, the MIS has grown to become the Defense Language Institute and is located nearby at the Presidio of Monterey.

Of the 30,000 Nisei (second generation Americans) who served gallantly in the Armed Forces of the United States during World War II, 202 were men and women of the Pajaro Valley. The Congress honored the men of the 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team and the MIS with the Congressional Gold Medal in November of 2011.

We appreciated the welcome we received upon our return to our beloved Pajaro Valley and are grateful for the Civil Liberties Act of August 10, 1988, which provided an apology and a token reparation.

Thank you, friends and Nick Faitos of the Monterey Bay, for supporting us when it was not the popular stand and for understanding that we are loyal Americans.

The unjust incarceration of any innocent person must never be repeated. We will remain on guard.

Onward!

Mas Hashimoto
Watsonville, CA

(4) To the Editor,

I read and appreciated Nick Faitos’ letter to the editor in which he reminded us of what happened to the Japanese-American population following Japan’s attack on Pearl Harbor in terms of civil rights violations, the hatred towards anyone who looked Japanese (i.e., the Japanese who immigrated to the United States and their offspring who were citizens born in this Country), and the absence of sabotage exhibited by this large incarcerated population during the years following Pearl Harbor. Their sons volunteered from prison to fight in the European front as part of the famed 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Unit, and those who could speak fluent Japanese volunteered to translate for the United States military in the Pacific Front as part of the Military Intelligence Service (MIS)—at great risk to themselves as they were immediately executed upon capture by the Japanese military.

Mary Miller Jones’ letter to the editor attempts to contradict Nick Faitos’ letter by comparing a civil rights violation against the Japanese-Americans by their own Country to slavery—a detestable human rights violation. Ms. Jones does not mention similar violations of human rights such as the killing and forced removal of the Native American population, and other atrocities committed by majority rule under the guise of "making mistakes."

Ms. Jones’ inability to distinguish between World War II, caused by the governments of Germany, Italy, and Japan, and the existing Japanese-American residents and citizens residing in the United States at the time, is exactly what created the civil rights violations of that easily discernible population. An entire ethnicity of people was imprisoned in "internment camps" for over three years. And this fear of people who look different is what the Watsonville-Santa Cruz Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) is worried about as this Country’s administration continues to fuel the flame of discrimination against people of color from different parts of the world.

My family was incarcerated in Poston, Arizona, which meant that I was not born in my home town of Watsonville, California. Were it not for the kindness of a neighbor, my family would have lost their home in Freedom, California. My grandmother was badly burned and almost died during the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima. So, I can appreciate and actually agree with Ms. Jones in her recommendation to "put this all (this) behind (us) and move forward and learn a hard lesson from those years." The problem I have is that Ms. Jones, although she and her family experienced fear as a child, they were not the direct recipients of mass discrimination, incarceration, and the atomic bomb.

I too forgive my government for what it did to my family that had resided in the United States since the late 1800s, can forgive the local families that discriminated against the Japanese-Americans, and can
appreciate those few local families that courageously supported their Japanese-American neighbors. But, as Ms. Jones writes, I also forgive but do not forget.

Victor Kimura
Watsonville, CA 95076

IN REMEMBRANCE ...

Evelyn ("Evy") Yukie Kamigawachi, 93, passed away peacefully at St. John's Retirement Village in Woodland, CA on May 14, 2017. She was born January 20, 1924 in Watsonville, CA to Nihei and Midori Matsui. She was sister to the late Peggy (John) Kurimoto; Isao (late Tamiko) Matsui; Alice (late Jim) Misumi; and the late Tommy (Violet) Matsui. Evy was married to Carmel Kamigawachi for almost 65 years until his passing in 2015. They lived and farmed in the Watsonville area until 2008 when they moved to Woodland. They had one child, Harvey (Laurie); two grandsons, Greg (Leslie) and Matt (Serena); and one great-grandson, Brady. She is also survived by several loving nieces and nephews.

Evie and Carmel were active members of the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL, its Senior Center, and the Watsonville Buddhist Temple.

A memorial service was held at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple on Tuesday, June 20.

George Toru Higashi ...

George Toru Higashi, 91, of Salinas, passed away May 17, 2017. He was born June 17, 1925 in Inglewood, to Iso and Gozaemon Higashi.

Son of Japanese immigrants, George began a long career in the agricultural business in Inglewood. Under Executive Order 9066, the family moved to Brighton, CO where they continued farming during World War II. In 1949, the family set roots in the Salinas Valley where they began farming 38 acres on Carr Lake, George's final residence. George spent more than 70 years in the agricultural business, farming in Inglewood CA, Brighton CO, the San Joaquin Valley, and throughout the Salinas Valley. In 2001, he was recognized by the United States Department of Agriculture for his contributions to American Agriculture.

George enjoyed travelling all over the world--often visiting places more than once, growing his own summer garden, and spending time with his grandchildren. George was a board member of the Salinas Valley Japanese American Citizens League and Yamato Cemetery. He was a supporter of many organizations including the Japanese American National Museum, National Japanese American Memorial Foundation, Lincoln Avenue Presbyterian Church, Chartwell School and the Salinas Buddhist Temple. He was a founding member of the UC Davis Chancellor's Club.

George was preceded in death by his daughter, Carolyn Higashi; parents, Iso and Gozaemon Higashi; his sister, Kazuko Fushimi; and his brothers, Noburo Higashi and Shiro Higashi.

He leaves behind his wife of 63 years, Janice Higashi; sons, Gary Higashi and Kenneth Higashi (Lyn); daughter, Shari Higashi; and grandchildren, Megan Higashi, Gregory Higashi, and Douglas Higashi, as well as numerous family members.

Memorials may be made to Salinas Valley Japanese American Citizens League and/or Yamato Cemetery.

A Memorial Service was held June 24, 2017, at the Buddhist Temple of Salinas, 14 California St., Salinas, CA 93901.

“Goodbye to Mary Okamoto” By Jane Borg

Sometimes it is very hard to say goodbye. For all of the volunteers at the Bockius House, Mary Okamoto’s retirement and departure from Watsonville last month was one of those times. Mary was associated with the house for 51 years—over 40 of those years when Frank and Zoe Ann Orr lived in the house and since 1994 when the property was donated to the Pajaro Valley Historical Association by Mrs. Orr. Mary was the longtime housekeeper and assisted with entertaining thousands of visitors, both for the Orr’s and for the association. We thank Mary for her many years of care for our lovely historic home and for her understanding of its special needs.

In honor of Mary Okamoto’s retirement, Diane Cooley has established a fund to be used for house “normal maintenance,” such as annual window washing, rug cleaning. Additional donations to the fund, in honor of Mary Okamoto, would be welcomed.
Best wishes to Mary who will be living in Virginia near her daughter Arlene and her family.

[Editor’s note: We learned of Mary’s recent passing from friends but were unable to find an obituary notice in the Virginia newspapers. We are grateful to Jane Borg for this remembrance and the above article.

Mary was born two houses “down” on Bridge Street (now Riverside Drive) from the Watsonville Buddhist Temple. She was married to Fred Okamoto, a Japanese language instructor for the US military during and after World War II.

Mary Shown here with Zoe Ann Orr, Mary was a devoted supporter of our Pajaro Valley Historical Association, W-SC JACL and its Senior Center.

Their daughter, Arlene, is married to Dr. Wayne Minami of 1215 Villamay Blvd., Alexandria, VA 22307, and they are stalwart volunteers of the Cherry Blossom festivities and other important Nikkei projects in the Washington, DC area.

Our deepest condolences to the Kamigawachi, Higashi, and Okamoto family, relatives, and friends.

2017 KOKORO NO GAKKO GROUP PHOTO

Kokoro no Gakko, for grades kindergarten to 6th grade started on Monday, June 26th and will continue to July 7th at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple. Photo by Carter Kimura.

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE EDUCATION FUND

We are grateful for every donation for it permits us to carry out our mission. Thank you, members and friends.

Newsletter

Bob Tamaki … donation to be applied to the newsletter … use it to purchase paper (11” x 17”).

Greatest Need

Stuart and Pilar Yamamoto

Scholarship/Education

Linda Wong of Albany, CA
Charlotte Saito of Concord, CA

In appreciation of Moxin Nancy Yu’s essay from …
Mas and Marcia Hashimoto

DONATIONS, GRATEFULLY RECEIVED FROM…

In memory of Mary Okamoto from …
Nobue Fujii
Mas and Marcia Hashimoto
Chiyoko Yagi

In memory of Evelyn Kamigawachi from …
Harvey Kamigawachi and family
Mas and Marcia Hashimoto
Esther Ura

WE WELCOME NEW W-SC JACL MEMBERS

Gail and Bill Wurtenberg
Dr. Dennis Eguchi
Evan Wallach of Alexandria, VA

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 2017-2018. 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 individual, $150 for couples, and $25 for youth between the ages of 14 and 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.

Current members, please look at the date after your name on the address label. E. Txxxx 12/16 means your membership expired back in December 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.

If you wish to receive only the electronic copy (http://watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org) with its full, living color photos, in place of this B&W paper copy, please let us know.

Thank you for reading this July 2017 newsletter. Comments are always welcome at hashi79@sbcglobal.net.

Onward!
Mas Hashimoto, Editor
A Balance of Hardships: Comparing the Supreme Court Cases of WWII Japanese Incarceration to the Rulings Against the Travel Ban

By Moxin “Nancy” Yu

Submitted for the 2017 Ninth Circuit Civics Contest (SF federal court), April 24, 2017

[Editor’s note: I encouraged Moxin “Nancy” Yu, a junior at Robert Louis Stevenson High School in Pebble Beach to enter this contest. She is from Shanghai, China. This essay was written before the most recent Supreme Court decision.]

Although the first amendment of the Constitution has guaranteed the protection of individual liberty, conflicts arise at extraordinary moments when individual rights and national security are both at stake. Today, as the country encounters increasing threats from terrorist activities associated with Islamic extremism, the tension between the interest of the State and the constitutional rights of individuals takes on new urgency.

On January 27, 2017, President Donald Trump issued Executive Order 13769, which temporarily banned the entry of individuals with perceived terrorist ties from seven Islamic countries. Despite the alleged intention of ensuring the national security of the United States, the Executive Order immediately faced numerous lawsuits and was eventually blocked by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

The current dilemma, however, is not new to the country. In 1942, when the United States was fighting a war in the Pacific against the Japanese Empire, a similar controversy emerged as President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, ordering the removal of Japanese aliens and Japanese Americans on the West Coast. The result was a massive relocation of all persons of Japanese ancestry living in the designated military zone in areas of California, Oregon, Washington, and Arizona. More than one hundred thousand Japanese were rounded up into concentration camps, an act that sacrificed their constitutional rights to a seemingly more urgent course of “military necessity.”

During the incarceration of the Japanese, four ardent Japanese challenged the governmental order and appealed to the Supreme Court. In all four cases -- Hirabayashi v. United States, Korematsu v. United States, Yasui v. United States, and ex parte Endo -- the appellants were American citizens of Japanese ancestry, whose constitutional rights were protected by the 14th amendment. Yet, as lawful citizens of the United States, they were detained without due process of law, intruded on by unwarranted government agents, and persecuted on the basis of their race. The removal order of the government, they claimed, had denied them their rights as American citizens and therefore should be deemed a violation of the Constitution.

Despite this appeal to basic individual rights, the Supreme Court ruled the Executive Order and the associated measurements to be constitutional. Since the threat of a Japanese attack was viewed as real and imminent, the Court authorized the government to act based on the greater interest of national security. Furthermore, as the evidence available to the court had pointed toward the potential fifth column activities among the Japanese community, the removal of all those of Japanese ancestry from the coastal area was deemed essential for national security. In all four rulings, the Justices recognized the sacrifices that had been made, but justified the hardship by prioritizing national defense over personal interest. Justice Lloyd Black, in his written statement of the Korematsu case, stated “citizenship has its responsibilities as well as its privileges, and in a time of war the burden is always heavier.” The Supreme Court rulings had granted the continuation of Japanese relocation centers for two years until the decision in ex parte Endo. Nevertheless, although the Endo case resulted in the closing of relocation centers, it did not overrule the previous Supreme Court decisions. By permitting the leave request of Mitsuye Endo, a detainee of Tule Lake Relocation Center, the Court upheld the government’s authority to detain suspected citizens but denied its power to subject citizens who had proven their loyalty.

In hindsight, the wartime incarceration of those of Japanese ancestry had upset the balance between personal rights and national interest in the favor of the latter. In the 1980s, the reopening of the cases using the coram nobis procedure had confirmed that there were no acts of sabotage among the Japanese community in America during WWII and the government had intentionally suppressed evidence from the Supreme Court. The newly found evidence invalidated the two major claims made by the government: first, the relocation of Japanese and Japanese Americans was based not on military necessity but on underlying racism and public hysteria; and second, the detention of Japanese Americans was unjustified because of their proven innocence. As Federal Judge Patel, a strong civil rights advocate, stated in her opinion,

As a historical precedent, it [Korematsu v. United States] stands as a constant caution that in times of war or declared military necessity our institution must be vigilant in protecting constitutional guarantees. It stands as a caution that in a time of distress the shield of military necessity and national security must not be used to protect government actions from close scrutiny and accountability.

The four cases of Japanese relocation should stand as an admonishment to the later generations. A carefully balanced between the hardships of national interest and personal liberty is essential to the country’s judicial system. Therefore, even in moments of international hostility and antagonisms, the government must always weigh the cost of its decisions and protect the constitutional rights of its citizens.

Today, in the context of President Trump’s travel ban, the courts are again confronted with the question of balancing individual rights and national security. Similar to what happened 75 years earlier, the Executive Order has delivered an immense impact on the lives of both permanent

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3 Ibid.
6 Ex Parte Mitsuye Endo, 70 U.S. 283 (Dec. 18, 1944).
residents and American citizens. Yet, unlike the situation during the Japanese incarceration, current judges were ready to protect individuals from public hysteria and prejudices. In *Washington v. Trump*, the three-judge panel of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals unanimously blocked the Trump administration from carrying out its executive order on immigration. The judges examined the violation of individual rights and concluded that the Executive Order had infringed on due process rights and had unlawfully discriminated against a certain religion. The judges moreover questioned Trump’s assertion that such order is necessary for national security. The court stated, “[defendants have] offered no explanation for how these provisions would function in practice: how would the ‘national interest’ be determined, who would make that determination, and when?” Despite the public paranoia against terrorism, the Court remained as a neutral examiner of the balance. By weighing the interest of both sides, the justices have learnt from the past mistake and ruled in favor of personal liberties.

Whereas it once curtailed personal liberties in the benefit of national security, the judicial system now blocks an executive order in the interest of individual freedoms: it has undergone tremendous progress in the past century. Misguided by inaccurate information and stimulated by racism, the Japanese incarceration during World War II remains a dark chapter in the country. The past mistake, however, serves as an admonishment to the present policymakers and justices. The skewed balance between individual’s constitutional rights and the nation’s interest in a turbulent time need not be repeated. As the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals revealed in its decision against the travel ban, it is possible that a balance may be maintained with minimal civil sacrifice so that a greater degree of freedom may be achieved in the future.


9 Ibid.

**Bibliography**

*Ex Parte Mitsuye Endo*, 70 U.S. 283 (Dec. 18, 1944).

We, of the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL, are delighted when students and adults wish to learn more about our incarceration experience for their projects. In June, we met with UCSC students Abigail Ellerman and Yoshimi Suda from Japan at the Santa Cruz Public Library to help with their “camp” project.

**INTELLECTUALIZED RACISM**

Writing for *US News & World Report*, Nicole Hemmer, an assistant professor at the University of Virginia’s Miller Center, ties together a string of recent high-profile incidents involving proponents of long-debunked theories of race science. Her analysis is well worth reading:

Intellectualized racism cuts against the common assumption that racism is rooted in ignorance and provincialism, that it can only be crude and passé. Thus, when Richard Spencer, the face of the alt-right, shows up in a natty suit, he is treated as an unusual curiosity. When Charles Murray shows up brandishing a Ph.D. and some regression tables, he is treated as a sober-minded scholar. Murray is just one figure responsible for intellectual racism’s “renaissance of late,” as Hemmer points out:

Intellectual racism is receiving more attention than at any time since the debut of “The Bell Curve,” the 1994 book by Richard Herrnstein and Charles Murray about race and IQ. Murray himself is back in the news, triggering protests as he tours college campuses.

Andrew Sullivan, who published excerpts of Murray’s work as editor of *The New Republic*, recently went out of his way to make a case against the persistence of racism and for black pathology at the end of a much-read piece about Hillary Clinton. Within the last year, white nationalist sites like VDARE, American Renaissance and Radix have become part of the political landscape.

In an earlier article for *Vox*, Hemmer describes the long history of scientific racism on the political right and its recent resurgence in policymaking circles:

Trump’s casual rhetoric of genetic superiority, his stable of advisers touting the supremacy of white Western culture, his hesitance to denounce the alt-right — all this has reenergized advocates of scientific racism. These ideas have transitioned from outsiders to insiders thanks to Trump.

Hemmer writes that “racism is about power, not ignorance. It is infinitely adaptable. It comes in fitted suits as well as flowing sheets, in well-appointed faculty lounges as well as smoke-filled dive bars.”

Racist myths are stubbornly persistent. The search for scientific support for racist ideologies is no less so.

As always, thank you for reading.
WESTVIEW “CHIMES” by Leslie Nagata Garcia
Signposts from God in the Hebrew Scriptures:
Road signs to guide us on the path of life!
(Based on a series by Rev Earl Palmer at University Presbyterian Church, Seattle.)

Conclusion: "God, like any good parent, wants to help his children find the way--wants to help us stay on a path that is abundant, joyful, meaningful, and full of love. I pray these 17 signposts will help you on your journey. I am glad we are on this journey together! We need each other! May you walk through each day aware of God's love and presence." Pastor Dan

Help your youth/children grow a strong foundation in Christ!

Youth/Family Upcoming Event

Gym Nites are usually the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month, from 5:30 – 7:30 pm., at Westview.
Activities/events for the Youth/Family for the month of July include the following dates:

July 1st - July 4th: Fireworks Fundraiser at Westview
July 13th – July 21st: Cuba Mission Trip (see below for more details about this trip)

Youth enjoying the summer at a beach bonfire.

Cuba Mission Trip

Please pray for our Youth Mission Trip to Cuba July 13th – July 21st for safety, learning and the sharing of God’s love. We have a wonderful team of Kris, Hazel, Ian, Izabel, Jordan and Rev. Dan Hoffman. We will be with the Experience Mission Agency working alongside local churches near Veradero, Cuba.

Wednesday Study Series: We are taking a break in June and July and will resume with Chapter 7 on August 9, 6:30 pm every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at Paloma Del Mar 2030 Pajaro Lane in Freedom. We are studying John Ortberg’s book, The Life You’ve Always Wanted. We are studying how to grow the spiritual practices in our lives in this modern world that will be the center and fount from which we live and thrive! It has been a delight to make new friends and be a church with them at Paloma Del Mar!

We will resume tutoring again in August. Many of our students have much need for help in math and reading! Our Tutors are awesome!— Mary Lou Hoffman, Diane Mio, Susan Manabe, Pastor Dan, and Joanne Hayashi and Eiko Stewart! If you want to join us Thursdays 3:45 – 5:00 pm let us know! It has been a delight to reach out with love and care for our neighbors.

Sunday Message Series: In July we will finish “Ancient Wisdom for Life – discovering the signposts set by God in the Hebrew Scriptures” so they can guide us as we walk this journey of life.

In August, we will begin a series “None Like God” based on a book by Jen Wilken. God is self-existent, self-sufficient, eternal, immutable, omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent, sovereign, infinite, and incomprehensible. We are NOT, and that is a good thing. We will learn about the qualities God has that we do not and learn to celebrate the freedom that comes when we rest in letting God be God!

[Editor: Our apology for not including the 17 signposts.]
Page 1: 1-The racers; 2-Two-person geta race; 3-Children jumping in the sack race; 4-A new way to hold chopsticks in the race; 5-Adult “bean bag on the head” race; 6-Adult powdered donut eating race; 7-Children getting ready for the “bean bag” race; 8-The two-person balloon toss, a favorite of all; 9 Free bingo games called by Carol Kaneko; 10-Aimee Mizuno, Brooke Rains, and Bruce Arao manned the race prize table which had wonderful prizes; 11-Iwao Yamashita with the great bingo (no toilet paper!) prizes; 12-Aya Okuma and Takeshi Kaneko at the lunch/raffle ticket table.

Page 2 (above): 1-W-SC JACL President Marcia Hashimoto, with her 2017 officers and board members, welcomed everyone; 2-Incarceration board, 55” Grand Prize TV, and our W-SC JACL sign; 3-Watsonville Taiko’s youth drummers; 4-Hiroshi led the adult group; 5-Lunch of BBQ chicken, hot dogs, salad, bread, chili beans is served; 6-And not to forget a big scoop of Paul and Kim Tao’s organic strawberries! 7-Joe Bowes called the raffle numbers, aided by the triplets—Noa, Luka and Kai Kawamoto; 8-“Oh, please call my raffle number.” 9-Children are enjoying the ice cream social; 10-The table with the most raffle winners!
Watsonville-Santa Cruz Chapter
National Japanese American Citizens League (JACL)

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

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