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**A BRIEF HISTORY OF REKISO “RAY” AND HISAKO “LOUISE” SAKO**  By son, Paul Sako

A scholarship fund has been established in honor of Rekiso “Ray” and Hisako “Louise” Sako to carry on their belief that education is a cornerstone to the future success of each new generation.

Ray Sako was born and raised in Watsonville, CA to parents who had emigrated from Japan (i.e., Issei). Ray completed high school in Japan and returned to the United States in the 1930s.

Louise Sako was born and raised in the Seattle, WA area to parents who were also first generation immigrants. Ray and Louise met and were married when both were in the Minidoka incarceration camp during WW II. They lived in Montana, Minnesota and San Francisco after the war until they settled in Irvington, CA to grow strawberries in the late 1940s.

In 1953, Ray, Louise and their son, Paul, moved to Watsonville to grow strawberries. They continued in the strawberry business until 1964 when Ray went to work for the City of Watsonville. Ray retired from his position in 1980. Louise worked as a part-time domestic worker and full-time homemaker.

After retirement, Ray has traveled to Japan to visit his family and around the United States with numerous senior tours. In particular, he has been able to visit many historical sites which reflect his interest in US history. Ray also learned how to use both a PC and Mac personal computers. On many trips and events in which the JACL Senior Center has been involved, he has taken photographs, edited the photos and printed copies to be given to others. Louise has indulged her interests in bonsai and has written many articles about her life experiences for the JACL newsletters, friends and relatives. Louise wrote a book on the history and day-to-day life of her parents and her family (4 sisters and 2 brothers) which was self-published by her niece. In addition, they were the leaders of the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL Senior Center for 10 years. Since moving to Watsonville, they have been active members of the Westview Presbyterian Church.

Because of the economic difficulties of the Great Depression, many Nisei did not have the opportunity to get a college education. However, Ray and Louise were among the many in their generation who believed that education provided a path for their children to have a better life. Their generation worked hard and sacrificed to allow their children to have the opportunity to obtain the education that led to careers and full integration into American society.

The Sako scholarships are intended to help students from the Watsonville/Santa Cruz area and reflect Ray and Louise Sako’s belief that a college education is a lifetime investment and a path to future opportunities.

**ATTENTION: HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND COLLEGE GRADUATES**

**REKISO “RAY” AND HISAKO “LOUISE” SAKO SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2013!**

**KEE KITAYAMA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

**NATIONAL JACL SCHOLARSHIPS**

[Editor’s note: Seniors in high school are invited to apply for the Kee Kitayama Memorial Scholarship and the Ray and Louise Sako Scholarships. Those in graduate studies are invited to apply for the Ray and Louise Sako Scholarships. For details regarding these two wonderful scholarships, check pages 18 and 19 of this Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL March 2013 Newsletter. For the National JACL Scholarships, read our next article and check http://www.jacl.org/edu/scholar.htm.]

**NATIONAL JACL SCHOLARSHIPS**

San Francisco, CA -- The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) announces its National Scholarship and Awards Program for the 2013 academic year.

The JACL annually offers approximately 30 college scholarships for students who are incoming college freshmen, undergraduates and graduates, and those specializing in law or the creative/performing arts. There
is also a scholarship for those in need of financial aid in this time of rising tuition costs. Making its debut in 2013 is the newly-created Meiji Gakuin University - JACL Scholarship for a graduating high school senior who wishes to study in Japan. Meiji Gakuin University, founded in 1863, is located in Tokyo and is one of the oldest universities in Japan. This four-year scholarship will lead the recipient to a bachelor’s degree in International Studies. All classes are taught in English. The application process for the Meiji Gakuin University - JACL Scholarship involves two completely different applications, which can be requested directly from Meiji Gakuin University. The deadline for this U.S.-Japan Scholarship is Friday, March 1. Contact Northern California Western Nevada Pacific Regional Director Patty Wada at: jacl-ncwnpro@msn.com.

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

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

Detailed scholarship program information and applications can be found on the JACL website at www.jacl.org, and clicking "Education" on the menu bar.

The National JACL Scholarship Program requires that all applicants be a student or individual member of the JACL.

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

SEEKING APPLICANTS FOR 2013 NIKKEI YOUTH (COLLEGE) CULTURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM. Application Deadline: March 15, 2013

The Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California (JCCNC) is currently seeking applicants for its Nikkei Youth Cultural Heritage Program (NYCHP). In cooperation with the Kobe YMCA Language Program (Hyogo Prefecture, Japan), the NYCHP is designed for participants to gain a better understanding of their cultural heritage and discover Japan in a unique and exciting way. This program will allow participants to immerse themselves in Japanese culture through Japanese language and writing classes, attend introductory classes in traditional Japanese art forms, take late afternoon and Saturday excursions exploring different parts of the Kansai region, all while having the opportunity to use and practice their Japanese language skills on a daily basis with their home-stay family.

Program Background
The Nikkei Youth Heritage Cultural Program incorporates a mandatory four night pre-tour trip to Japan. The purpose of the tour is to introduce students to important historical and cultural assets in Japan so that they can increase and deepen their knowledge and interest while spending their month stay in Kobe. Highlights of the pre-tour will include a trip to Hiroshima’s Peace Park and Museum; a visit to Miyajima – considered one of Japan’s most beautiful sites and walking tour of Kyoto. The students will also be able to partake in local delicacies and regional/historical sites.

This program is open to students at any level of the Japanese language, even those with little or no experience. Applicants must be 18 years of age and older and have completed a minimum of one semester of college studies. The JCCNC has partnered with the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Washington, and the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii in Honolulu to offer this opportunity to those who may not be able to attend the interview and orientation workshops in San Francisco.

More Information
For more information, please check with the Cultural Center in your area. The 2013 program participants will be chosen based on their application, essay and interview. Participants selected to the 2013 program must be able to attend all pre-trip workshops in preparation for their one-month stay in Japan. Applications are due on Friday, March 15, 2013.

PROGRAM COST AND DETAILS
Included in the tuition:
• Pre-trip to Hiroshima’s Peace Park and Museum; a visit to Miyajima; walking tour of Kyoto (includes four night hotel accommodations)
• One week Japan Rail Pass during pre-trip
• Summer Intensive Language Class (three hours per day for four weeks) • Afternoon Writing Class (one hour class, two days a week)
• Preparatory Workshops at the JCCNC, JCCCW or the JCCH Prior to Japan trip
• Text and Class Materials
• Hotel Stay for Two Nights (one night before and one night after the program)
• Homestay Fee (includes breakfast and dinner daily)
• Volunteer Opportunity at Nagata Kodomo Home (orphanage)
• Welcome Meeting and Sayonara Party
• Afternoon excursions (two)
• Kyoto Guided Tour and Transportation (does not include lunch)
• Osaka or Nara Guided Tour and Transportation (does not include lunch)
• Traditional Cultural Art Classes • May include ikebana (flower arranging), karate and shodo (calligraphy)
• For an application or more information, email Ryan Kimura rkimura@jccnc.org or call (415) 567-5505.

"THE VIRTUES OF CORNED BEEF HASH" FILM
Hi, Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL.

My name is Kerwin Berk. Don't let my name fool you. I'm a Sansei who grew up in San Francisco's Nihomachi (Japantown).

I am also the director of "The Virtues of Corned Beef Hash" - a short film starring Hiroshi Kashiwagi and Tim Yamamura that we will be screening at the Watsonville Film Festival, March 2nd and March 3rd.

Our film will be playing right here at Watsonville's Cabrillo College Campus, 318 Union St., at 3 pm on Sunday, March 3rd. The entry fee is $5, and seating is very limited.

Here is the short synopsis of our film.

Eighty-eight year-old Nisei war veteran Joe Yokai (Hiroshi Kashiwagi) has spent the past 68 years trying to bury the past. He lives a solitary existence, insulated in a private world in Japantown that keeps him safe and secure but also alone.

Joe's guarded existence begins to crumble one day when a half-Japanese reporter named Kevin O'Hara (Tim Yamamura) inadvertently intrudes into his world while researching a story about WWII.

Shot almost entirely in San Francisco's Japantown, "The Virtues of Corned Beef Hash" explores the developing friendship of the mismatched pair as they bond over a series of breakfasts at May's Coffee Shop.

Through Joe, Kevin learns more about his Japanese-American roots. And through Kevin, Joe is able to finally face his past.

[Editor's note: Don't miss this very special film, and please help with "For the Sake of the Children" film!]

"FOR THE SAKE OF THE CHILDREN" FILM
As a Board Member of the Poston Community Alliance and the producer for a documentary film, For the Sake of the Children, I would like to share with news about our very exciting project that we are embarking on.

For the Sake of the Children is a 20-minute film looking at the impact that the Japanese-American internment had on how mothers raised their children during their incarceration and after. The film also looks at the impact that the internees' parenting had on their children and on the generations that followed -- in particular the challenges, struggles and circumstances that individuals from each subsequent generation have faced in shaping, integrating and accepting their identities as Japanese-Americans.

Here is a link to our work-in-progress: http://www.flywall.com/for-the-sake-of-the-children/.

We are looking to talk to the following individuals for this project:
1. Nisei women who gave birth to children while at camp or who raised children up to the age of 12
2. Sansei women and men who were born while at camp or who were children up to the age of 12 while at camp
3. Yonsei women and men whose grandmothers were internees
4. Gosei women and men whose great grandmothers were internees.

If you or members of your family would like to talk to us, we would love to talk to you. And if you know of someone who you think might be interested please forward this e-mail to them or have them get in touch with us at postonalliance1@gmail.com or write to Poston Community Alliance, c/o Marlene Shigekawa, 956 Hawthorne Dr., Lafayette, CA 94549. Thank you.

LETTER FROM POSTON TO A WHS TEACHER
25 March '45

Dear Miss Stroud,

How are you these days? Is your mother feeling all right now? I certainly hope so. What are you doing now with spring well under way? Is the weather warm by now? Here we have a series of rather complex weather. One day it's (sic) raining or blowing dust, and the next is a hot sunny day. Well, that's Poston for you. I should have been in New York by now but with things the way they are...
now I can't leave for a little while. The folks don't know where to relocate as reports from Watsonville doesn't sound too favorable towards us evacuees.

Well, how is the school these days? Is it still in session or are you on vacation for spring planting just now? I guess everyone is very busy doing things.

Are you planting a victory garden in your yard this year or have you already planted? Gosh, planting here is early—already most of the flowers are in bloom. In the mountains wild flowers carpet the floor of the canyons and on top of the plateau! Wish I took another year of biology. Then I could tell you more about them. There are really some beautiful spots. The mesquites have turned deep rich reddish brown with the mistletoe in the branches. Pretty soon it will turn green and everything will turn a raw green color.

Enough of the scenery, it must sound rather boring.

The folks are still here. Dad just can't seem to stay still—always active on something. Mother isn't feeling too good right now though nothing serious.

I am enclosing a few snapshots of the murel (sic) painted in the library here by Harry Yoshizumi and me. Also one of my former staff standing before the murel (sic).

Hoping to hear from you again ----
I remain just,
Gus Nakagawa
209-4a

Ps. Is Mert Carlyon still teaching band and orchestra there? I wonder if you can find me Mrs. Worthington's address. The mural done in tempura (sic) with oil glaze (size approx. 4 1/3 ft. x 19 ft.), covering the entire back panel of the library.

My art staff of last year: on extreme left is Harry Yoshizumi who did the major part of finishing the mural. The rather fat one on the right is yours truly.

These photos were donated in 2007 to the Pajaro Valley Historical Association by Nancy Roark Ruiz from the estate of her mother, Dorothy Stroud Roark, a beloved WHS English teacher. Ms Stroud maintained correspondence with several Japanese American students during their wartime incarceration in Poston.

[Editor's note: Please share your stories of Poston and "camp" with us and, most important, your children and grandchildren. They need to know directly from you. And the children should ask about "camp life."]

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**WORDS, WORDS, WORDS... Editor**

Juliet: "What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet." Romeo and Juliet (II, ii, 1-2) by William Shakespeare 1600.

According to some experts, Shakespeare was poking fun at his rival, the Rose Theatre, famous for the powerful "unrose" smell from its WC (water closet—toilet).

"America ... be true to what you say on paper," Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., 1968, referring to the US Constitution. He also knew what had happened to 120,000 of us during WW II, and why.

Linda R. Monk wrote, “The Words We Live By: Your Annotated Guide to the Constitution,” in 2004 . . . or, the words we should live by.

My mentor, the late Thomas A. “Bud” Rowland, the highly respected Social Studies Department Chair at Watsonville High School, told his students the importance of word definitions in history.

“If I can get you to agree to my definitions, I’ve already won the argument,” he said.

Definitions do matter. They set the parameters, scope and limitations of the meaning of words, and how they are to be used or not used.
The US Government’s polite terms used against us were “relocation” and “internees.” What really happened was an incarceration of prisoners of war. Yes, we were POWs—prisoners of war—incarcerated by our own government without due process of law.

Why did the US Government deliberately use those terms? Some suggested they summoned images of rescue while obscuring the violations of civil and human rights. “Relocation camp” sounded more humane than “concentration camp.”

The practice of euphemism continued when the George W. Bush administration reclassified torture techniques, such as water boarding, as “alternative interrogation procedures.” And, it was successful for no one in his administration was ever brought to trial for torturing.

To set the record straight, the JACL National Council has completed a 14-page “Power of Words” handbook entitled, “A Guide to Language about Japanese Americans in World War II: Understanding Euphemisms and Preferred Terminology.”

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FRANKLIN AND FRED  By John Q. Barrett

On Jan. 30th in 1919, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Franklin D. Roosevelt, celebrated his 37th birthday. He was, with his wife Eleanor, in London on a post-Great War inspection trip to Europe. They already had visited devastated battle locations, ruins and remnants in France, including at Belleau Wood, Ham, Cambrai, and Amiens, and soon Franklin would visit Belgium and inspect bases (where no women were permitted) in occupied Germany.

Roosevelt had, then and probably for all of his life, no knowledge of a coinciding birth. On that 1919 date, in Oakland, California, Katsui Korematsu, a 1905 immigrant to the United States from Japan, gave birth to a boy, Toyosaburo. He was her and her husband Kakusaburo’s third son. Toyosaburo Korematsu grew up in California and came to be known as “Fred.”

Franklin D. Roosevelt and Fred Korematsu are linked by much more than a shared birth date. In 1942, following Japan’s attack on Pearl Harbor that brought the U.S. into World War II, then-President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066. It authorized the Secretary of War and military commanders to prevent possible espionage and sabotage by declaring military areas, to exclude persons there from, and to take other steps that commanders deemed appropriate.

Pursuant to that authority, the U.S. Army soon declared the West Coast of the U.S. to be an area under military command. It then issued a series of security orders directed at persons there who were of Japanese descent (both immigrants and U.S. citizens)—curfews, then exclusions from coastal areas, then directives to report to internment camps in the interior of the country.

[Editor’s note: the author here uses “internment camps.” After we educate our own people about the euphemisms, we must inform the scholars, authors, reporters, and the general public.]

The U.S. Congress and Roosevelt then enacted criminal laws penalizing violations of those orders. When Fred Korematsu, age 23, received his exclusion order, he disobeyed. He was caught, prosecuted and convicted. Agreeing to test the constitutionality of the law enforcing race-based and ethnicity-based military orders, he appealed his conviction. In December 1944, in the Supreme Court of the United States, he lost—the Court, voting 6-3, upheld the exclusion of Japanese-Americans as within the president’s constitutional powers to protect national security.

Through years of studying and writing about Franklin D. Roosevelt, I have long known and marked January 30th as his birthday. I also have been very pleased to see, in recent years, the growing number of States and cities that now recognize January 30th as “Fred Korematsu Day.”

On this birthday, we remember—we should remember—each man in full. One, FDR, was the national and global leader who, although not flawless, did much—more perhaps than anyone else—to save and to make the modern world. FDR should be taught, studied and assessed intensely, always.

I never met FDR, of course. But I got to meet and to know Fred Korematsu, who died in 2005, a little bit. He was a quiet, private man. And, he was a giant. His story, his bravery and his citizenship are models—perhaps flawless models—to learn and to teach.

This weekend, I plan to visit the newly-completed monument to FDR, Four Freedoms, that graces the southern tip of Roosevelt Island in New York City’s East River. It will be a chance to think of President Roosevelt, and of the ideals—freedom of speech and expression; freedom of worship; freedom from want; freedom from fear—that he articulated in a January 1941 speech.

It also will be a chance to think of Fred T. Korematsu, who lived and stood for freedom.

Here are some links for further study:
(1) audio of FDR’s “Four Freedoms” speech (Jan. 6, 1941): www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu/ffaudiofull.mp3 and www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu/ffaudioclip.mp3
RESURRECTION

During a children's sermon, the pastor asked the children if they knew what the resurrection was.

A little boy raised his hand and said, "I know that if you have a resurrection that lasts for more than four hours you're supposed to call the doctor."

REAL MEN USE HAIR SPRAY by Editor

Marcia bought a new bottle of hair spray that had a pretty design. How nice. When I tried to use it, I couldn't get it to spray. How dumb, I thought, that the company didn't leave a hole at the top. Then, I realized that the cap was still in place.

Lately, I've noticed that I'm the most bald of all the men in the auditorium, theater, dinner, etc. even though I'm not the oldest.

There are eight hairs above my right ear that continue to defy gravity. They wish to stand out on their own for whatever reason.

Each morning, they have to be sprayed and patted down. Their names are Doc, Grumpy, Happy, Sleepy, Bashful, Sneezey, and Dopey. That's seven. The eighth is their leader--one that is not completely white but younger, a dull gray. He's called Prince Charming. Marcia loves to spray my hair ("you can't go out looking like that!") and knock down my Prince Charming.

With global warming, there is less need for beards and other hair. Evolution studies have noted that the future man will have less hair on his body. It is an honor for me to represent the future man.

MESSAGES, MESSAGES

The Santa Cruz Sentinel offered space for a message of love at $14.75 for a special Valentine Day's issue. One would receive 9 lines with 17 characters/spaces per line.

How would you express your love? Maybe with 3 haikus of 17 syllables each.

Then, there's the story of a frugal Scottish woman who goes to the local newspaper office wishing to place an obituary for her recently deceased husband.

The obit editor informs her that there is a charge of 50 cents per word.

She pauses, reflects, and then she says, "Well, then, let it read, 'Angus MacPherson died'."

Amused at the woman's thrift, the editor tells her that there is a seven word minimum for all obituaries.

She thinks it over and in a few seconds says, "In that case, let it read, 'Angus MacPherson died. Golf clubs for sale'."

VISITING FAMILY AT PV CEMETERY By Editor

Whenever we are off on a trip that will last more than a few days, we always visit our parents, thanking them for all that they have done for us. We say to them, itte mairi masu, "with your permission (and blessings), we are going."

Upon our return, we visit the gravesites again to announce, ta dai ma, "we're safely home"—with an arigato gozaimasu, "thank you, very much," for seeing us safely home.

Recently, as we have reported, at the PV Memorial Park, there has been a rash of thefts of the bronze vases for the metal content. If you and your family have been victimized, there is some good news. You can replace them with a less expense vase ($55), as shown below, made of a less expensive metal composite.

Replacement cost, tax included, is $54.13 which is much more reasonable than $250 plus tax for a bronze replacement vase. If you would like to order a vase please contact Patrick Carroll or a staff member at Pajaro Valley Memorial Park (831) 724-7524.
SENIOR CENTER NEWS By Kitako Izumizaki

A small group of hardy Seniors took a trip to Table Mountain with Toshi Yamashita, Yaeko Cross, Rubie Kawamoto, Jean Akiyama, Kumiko and Noboru Nakatani, Carol and Paul Kaneko, Jackie Yamashita, Satoko Yamamoto, Sam and Yae Sakamoto, Kimi Kimura, and Cindy and Gary Mine taking care of “goodie time.” All had a good time but no big winners as no one offered to pay for the driver’s tip.

Seniors stretch and exercise before playing bingo.

We had a wonderful zenzai feed, which really hit the spot, as it was a very chilly day. The hall was decorated with a Valentine motif with the head table holding a Valentine tree and individual tables having large paper flowers in a bright red Valentine shaped vase. A packet of Valentine candy was placed at each sitting, the work of Helen Nakano with Susan AmRhein carrying out the Valentine theme wearing a heart decorated apron and hearts in her hair.

Hisako Kodama donated six pounds of mochi gome and two pounds of azuki beans. Kimi Fujii donated two pounds of azuki beans for our zenzai feed. The azuki beans were cooked by Mitsuyo Tao and Kimi Fujii. Thanks to Hisako Kodama and Mitsuyo Tao for organizing this event, and to everyone who helped make the mochi and serve the zenzai.

Yaeko Cross enjoyed the azuki beans very much.

Paul Kaneko announced that there will be another card-making workshop for all interested.

We welcomed Gail Wurtenberg’s mother, Mitsue Tao, who played bingo with us for several weeks. We hope she will become a member. Sadly we lost another long time member, Yamato Nishihara, and a moment of silence was held in his memory.

A surprise birthday obento lunch from Imura was served to all by the family in honor of Hisako Kodama.

We thank Nancy and Bobby Tamaki for providing the delicious lunch.

Akira and Hisako Kodama are enjoying the obento, too.

Eiko Ceremony and Rubie Kawamoto are enjoying the birthday obento provided by the Kodama/Tamaki families. Photos by Carol Kaneko.

Marissa Kitazawa, a student at UCSC in the Social Documentary Program, dropped in to video some of the action at the Senior Center.

Paul announced that there will be a fundraiser for the Japanese Cultural Fair. Tickets are $20. Ask Paul for more details if interested. The Cultural Fair is in dire need of more money.
February birthday celebrants were Jean Akiyama, Eiko Ceremony 88, Haru Ishibashi, Rubie Kawamoto, Hisako Kodama, Sam Sakamoto 88, Carol Kaneko, and Eiko Stewart. Absent was Ken Nakamura. Eiko Ceremony and Sam Sakamoto received lovely orchid plants in honor of their 88th birthdays. To Sam, being a flower grower, it was more like carrying coals to Newcastle, but Sam, you will have to wait until you reach 90. You may receive manju then.

The head table held a bouquet of camellias and pussy willows. Individual tables held bright yellow spring flowers of daffodils, mums and pussy willows, the work of Mitsuyo Tao, Jean Akiyama, and Kimi Fujii.

Many thanks to tobans June and Sunao Honda, Mitsuyo Tao, Shirley Nishimoto, Sachi Snyder, Judy Hane, and Susan AmRhein for all your busy work.

Monetary donations gratefully received: Jo Ann Vear, Sam Sugidono, Susan AmRhein, Shirley Nishimoto, Sachi Snyder, Judy Hane, and Susan AmRhein.

March activities include:
March 7   A special treat from Jee Kajihara;
March 14 and 28  Regular bingo
March 21  March Birthday Party

Again, many thanks for your generous donations. Keep coming as you may miss out on something special next month.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF NISEI VETERANS
On Sat. Feb. 9, FFNV members heard a heartwarming presentation about the courageous Nisei veterans of WWII, both of the MIS and the 100th/442nd RCT, given by author Tom Graves.
FFNV President and 100th/442nd RCT veteran, Lawson Sakai, thanked Tom Graves for his wonderful presentation about our Nisei war heroes.

Marcia Hashimoto (right) purchased books with the cover of the late Senator Daniel K. Inouye for the W-SC JACL from Tom and Becky Graves.

FFNV’s Calendar of Upcoming Events.

(1) You and your family are invited to the MEMORIAL SERVICE in Roberts Park in the beautiful woods overlooking Oakland on Sat., May 18 at noon

(2) TRIP TO ITALY FROM May 20–June 2. Brian Yamamoto has organized a trip to Italy in the late spring which will visit some of the battle sites of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. The trip is filled but there is a waiting list in case of cancellations. For information, contact Brian at brianyamamotodds@gmail.com or (425) 877-0057. After Italy, Dr. Ellen Sawamura and Dr. Howard Kline are planning a separate trip to the D-Day celebration in Normandy, France.

(3) FFNV MEETING on Sat., August 24 at 11 am on the USS Hornet, which is docked in Alameda and is the location of a Museum dedicated to the 442nd RCT and MIS veterans.

(4) ANNUAL NISEI VETERANS REUNION from Oct., 20-24, 2013. The date of the reunion will be a little later this year so maybe it won’t be quite so hot. The location is the California Hotel in Las Vegas which offers a four day package including room and meal tickets. This is a fun event with plenty of time to visit, eat and try your luck in the casino. Registration forms and information will be mailed in June.

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CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TOUR by Christine Sato-Yamasaki

To my friends and family:

As some of you may know, I am presently working with the Smithsonian Institution in Washington DC on a seven city Congressional Gold Medal Tour. This tour will bring the original Congressional Gold Medal (displayed in a security wired case, with 24 hour security watch) awarded to the 100th, 442nd, MIS and an interactive exhibit application (cgm.si.edu) to some of the top museums across the nation. Presently it is being displayed at the National WWII Museum in New Orleans.

Over the past eight months, we have raised more than $250,000 from corporations, businesses and individuals but $100,000 is still needed to ensure that the Gold Medal and its educational materials reach the next six cities - Honolulu, Los Angeles, San Francisco (DeYoung Museum, June 29-August 4), Portland, Chicago and Houston. This tour is about education and awareness. It has the potential to reach close to 1 million people in 12 months, and more in the social media community via the “Congressional Gold Medal Experience” interactive website/app.

We just launched a 45 day special online fundraising campaign to raise $100,000 for the Congressional Gold Medal Tour. I am writing to ask you to make a donation. Currently, we have raised nearly $10,000 and have 31 days left to raise the remainder of the funds we need. Donations of any size truly help us get closer to hitting our goal. I have already donated and I am asking you to do the same. If it’s $20, that is great. If it’s $1,000, that’s great, too. The key is participation based on our ability. Only if all of us pitch in can we make this project a reality.

The men and women who make up the 100th, 442nd and MIS have demonstrated what it means to be an American through their courage, perseverance and steadfast belief in this country even while their friends and families were incarcerated behind barbed wire. I am personally dedicating this tour to my grandpa, Dave Kawagoye, who served in the 442nd. I can only hope he is looking down smiling at the efforts taking place to share the legacy of his service as well as all 19,000 of his comrades who served our country so bravely during World War II.

Click on http://wedid.it/campaigns/58-american-heroes-nisei-wwii-soldiers-and-the-congressional-gold-medal to learn more about the Congressional Gold Medal Tour and to make a donation. If you need assistance making a donation online, please click on this video link - WeDidIt Donation Process Video.

Or, you may write a check payable to “NJAMF/National Veteran Network” and send it to:

National Veterans Network
c/o National Japanese American Memorial Foundation
4200 Wisconsin Ave., NW #106-236
Washington, D.C. 20016

You may donate in memory or honor of a veteran. Donations $100 and above will be recognized on the NVN site and at each city on the seven-city tour of the Congressional Gold Medal. Please indicate the name and unit of the veteran you wish to recognize.

You can also help us by spreading the word; please feel free to email this campaign to your friends and family!

Thank you for reading this. I hope you will join me in supporting this important and historic tour.

Sincerely,
Christine Sato-Yamasaki
WASHINGTON – At a ceremony in the East Room of the White House on Feb. 15, 2013, President Barack Obama awarded World War II veteran Terry T. Shima the 2012 Presidential Citizens Medal, the nation’s second-highest civilian award. Shima was one of 18 recipients of the medal, hand-selected by the President from over 6,000 candidates for “strengthening the sacred trust between America and its veterans.”

In his remarks, President Obama recognized recipients “for the shining example that you set every single day and the inspiration that you give each of us as fellow citizens, including your President.”

Shima, 90, of Gaithersburg, Md., was born and raised in Laupahoehoe, Hawaii and served in the Army’s 442nd Regimental Combat Team, a segregated unit comprised of Japanese Americans, which became one of the most decorated units of its size in American history. Shima “ensured returning heroes received a welcome befitting their service and sacrifice.” Shima’s award citation recognized his work “as the Executive Director of the Japanese American Veterans Association, where he committed himself to preserving the stories of service members who fought and bled overseas, even while many of their families were relocated to internment camps at home.”

Shima’s family members, brother Hiroshi Shima of Hilo, Hawaii, son Michael Shima of Philadelphia, Pa., daughter Eileen Roulier and son-in-law Richard Roulier of Potomac, Md., traveled to the White House to view the ceremony.

When asked what his reactions were in receiving this award, Shima said, “In a word, awesome.” He said, “There are others far more deserving to receive this Medal than I, however, having been designated, I accept this award on behalf of my family who has given me their total support.”

“I am so proud of my father,” said Shima’s daughter, Eileen Roulier. “Our family sees how deeply he cares and how hard he works to tell the Japanese American story, but he certainly never expected this medal. It’s an incredible gift of recognition,” said Roulier. “I believe in his heart he shares this honor; completely and thoroughly, with my mother, who supported him throughout their 65 years of marriage. What an amazing team. I am profoundly grateful for the inspiration and guidance they’ve given me over the years.”

“I accept this medal on behalf of the volunteers at the Japanese American Veterans Association and for the men who fought in Europe and the Pacific, including my older brother, Hideichi Shimabukuro, to settle the question of loyalty once and for all and to help level the playing field for minorities,” said Shima. “I also accept this medal for the over 800 men we left on the battlefields of Europe and the Pacific, and for the post-World War II Japanese American men and women who competed with the best-of-the-best to build America’s greatness.”

Gerald Yamada, President of the Japanese American Veterans Association, praised Shima’s service. “This award recognizes Terry’s tireless efforts as a 442nd Regimental Combat Team veteran, as Executive Director, and now as the chairperson of our Education and Public Outreach Committee to preserve the legacy of the contributions of the World War II Nisei soldiers. Terry brings honor to all of us.”

“Given all the work, time, dedication and effort that Terry has expended over all these years on behalf of the veterans and the total community, there is no one who is more deserving of this recognition,” said former Secretary of Transportation and Secretary of Commerce Norman Mineta. “I know that the thousands of Japanese American veterans who served in World War II and those who ultimately made the supreme sacrifice on behalf of all of us are really smiling and saying ‘Well done, Terry, and thanks a million!’”

Westview Church Youth/Family Events

By Leslie Nagata-Garcia and Randy Mano

We began a Confirmation/Catechism class on February 24th that will meet every Sunday for 8 weeks after worship service. These classes will be approximately 45 minutes long. This is a chance for children and youth to explore their spirituality more in depth, the gift of Jesus, and participation in the family of God. Please let Pastor Dan know if you are interested. It is not too late to join!!

Youth Gym Nights are held on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month. Please mark your calendars if you would like to attend on the following dates: On March 1st and 15th meet at 5:30 – 8 pm, Westview. All are welcome to attend our youth events!

Above is a photo of the Youth from the last Salvation Army meal preparation taken on February 1st. Everyone is welcome always.
Salvation Army Meal: March 1st and April 5th, 4–8 pm. The next Salvation Army Meal will take place on March 1st. If you would like to help prepare and serve the meal, please meet at Westview at 2 pm. For more information and/or if you would like to help, please call Jane Yoshida at (831) 722-1265. The meal is served 5:30 pm at the Salvation Army in Watsonville.

Shinbokukai New Year’s Potluck celebration held on February 4, 2012, with (rt) Louise Sako, Ichiro Sugidono, Emily Takemoto, Ray Sako, Betty Yagi, Grace Fujita, and Nancy Yamamoto.

Jane Sugidono and Chiyeko Shikuma enjoyed the potluck dinner, too. Photos by Randy Mano.

“The Bible” - New Series on History Channel
A new 10-hour, 5 week mini-series called “The Bible”, starring Roma Downey from “Touched by an Angel” and produced by four-time Emmy award winner Mark Burnett, will air on the History Channel beginning March 3rd.

Sunday Message Series:
Pastor Dan will teach a Lent Series, “Finding your Heart in Quiet and Reflection”. After Easter we will continue to study the Gospel of Matthew in his series entitled “Come and See!” with the hope that we will grow to love Jesus more deeply.

Holy Week Schedule
March 28th – Maundy Thursday Potluck and Communion, 6:15 pm at Westview
March 29th – Good Friday Service, noon at United Presbyterian Church
March 31st – Easter Sunday Service, 10 am, Westview

Worship Team for March 3, 2013
Pulpit Rev. Dan Hoffman
Chair Lynne Nagata
Greeter Randy Mano
Usher Diane Mio, Ray Sako
Pianist Evelyn Veal
Refreshments Faye Hashitani, Candy McCarty
Counters Willie & Joanne Yahiro

Worship Team for March 10, 2013
Pulpit Rev. Dan Hoffman
Chair Susan Manabe
Greeter Louise Sako
Usher Nancy Yamamoto
Pianist Lynne Nagata
Refreshments Eiko Stewart, Gabriela Church
Counters David & Jeanni Kadotani

Worship Team for March 17, 2013
Pulpit Rev. Dan Hoffman
Chair Randy Mano
Greeter Dick Wong
Usher Shirley Wong
Pianist Evelyn Veal
Refreshments Diane Mio, Susan Manabe
Counters David & Jeanni Kadotani

Worship Team for March 24, 2013
Pulpit TBA
Chair Edna Nagata
Greeter Jane Yoshida
Usher Gabriela Church
Pianist Lynne Nagata
Refreshments Irene Yuhara, Jeanni Kadotani
Counters Edna Nagata, Lynne Nagata

Worship Team for March 31, 2013
Pulpit Rev. Dan Hoffman
Chair David Kadotani
Greeter Craig Yuhara
Usher Steve Kajihara
Pianist Lynne Nagata
Refreshments EVERYONE!!
Counters Edna Nagata, Lynne Nagata

KAWAKAMI-WATSONVILLE SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION UPDATE By Robb Mayeda
This year is the 25th Anniversary of the Watsonville’s Sister City relation with Kawakami-mura! Twelve students, grades 6-8, selected from PVUSD schools and Kokoro no Gakko will visit Japan this May 7-15. They will be chaperoned by Rick Ito, principal of Rolling Hills Middle School; Joann Borbolla, counselor at E.A. Hall M.S.; and Teresa Martinez, parent at Rolling Hills.

Please come to support our Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser, scheduled for Sunday morning, March 17 at the Watsonville High School Cafeteria (on Lincoln St.). Pre-sale tickets, available from the students, help defray the cost of their airfare. Walk-in sales benefit the association’s general activities. A car wash will be held later in April. We love it when your car, SUV, or truck is really dirty!
This year, we are trying a new vehicle for fund raising via the worldwide web. Please visit our website: www.indiegogo.com/watsonville-kawakami for information about our association, the people going this year, and donations. Any donation is welcome, but looking at the right-hand margin you can contribute a specific amount and receive a “perk” such as a post card from Japan, a photo, a souvenir, or an invitation to various sister city social events.

This webpage was created by WHS junior, Jenny Wong, whose brother is part of this spring’s trip. There was an article by reporter Todd Guild and photo (below) by Tarmo Hannula (both of whom had visited Kawakami) about the website in the February 21 issue of the Register-Pajaronian.

Kawakami Mayor Fujiwara, who along with then Mayor Ann Soldo forged this sister city relationship, feels this year marks a significant milestone. He would like to make this year’s events special. Mayor Lowell Hurst (who also visited Kawakami) is planning special events and tours for the Kawakami arrival this fall. Unfortunately, this year’s trip to Kawakami comes close to Watsonville’s special election on June 2, so participation from the city council may be limited.

However, if any past chaperones or people involved with the sister city association are interested in joining this year’s trip, please contact Phyllis Nagamine or Robb Mayeda at 831-662-0736 or robb.mayeda@gmail.com.

“Kokoro no Gakko” (“a school with heart”) is a fun and exciting two week summer school program for children in Kindergarten through 6th grade. The goal of Gakko is to cultivate an awareness of Japanese-American heritage and to establish a positive self-image in children. The staff emphasizes a hands-on approach to teaching through crafts, stories and projects.

Mochi tsuki activity from the 2008 Gakko class.

Alex Tao is working on his bonsai project.

This program is held every summer as a parent-cooperative venture requiring 100% support from all of the children’s family. Join this energetic, fun and hard working group. Kokoro no Gakko will be held July 1st – 12th, 2013. If you have children or know of anyone who does and are interested in enrolling them in the fantastic program, please contact Lynsey Niizawa: lynsey@lynsey.com.
The Temple “All You Can Eat” Udon Feed fundraiser held on February 3rd was a huge success. It was a whole week event starting from planning, purchasing, preparation, serving & cleaning up. The rewards were the compliments, especially on the delicious taste of the dashi and udon, thanks to “Chef” Reed Kuratomi and his crew. Most had more than one serving!

We would like to thank all those who participated to make it so--Sangha members, Boy Scouts & their families, friends & non-members—and to our many patrons, including Debbe and Thomas Chan (above).

The Temple Board is grateful, too, to the organizations which donated 100% of their proceeds to the Temple’s General Fund.

Thanks again from the Temple Board.
These photos and for the Udon Youtube slideshow, click onto: http://youtu.be/8u4RrOpkV0E, courtesy of Phil Shima.

Temple Calendar March 2013

1-2 Sat/Sun BCA National Council Meeting

Shotsuki Hoyo Service
Sunday, March 3 at 10 am
Let us gather to remember and express our gratitude to those Sangha members who have passed on.
The families and friends of the following deceased of March are invited to attend the service and to oshoko (offer incense). We look forward to seeing you.

March Memorial Service


Morisaburo Yoshida
5 Tue  7:30 pm Temple Board Meeting
6 Wed  1 pm  BWA Meeting
7 Thu  10 am  ABA Meeting
8 Fri  2 pm  San Juan Howakai
10 Sun  10 am  Sunday & Dharma School Service
17 Sun  10 am  Sunday & Higan E Service
23 Sat  7:30 am  Chukchansi Bus Trip
24 Sun  7:30 am YBA “All You Can Eat” Pancakes
10 am  Sunday Service

Boy Scouts. In January the Scouts camped out on Angel Island. In February, 7 Scouts went to Midway to learn some skills and earn badges. One of the older scouts is on his way to an Eagle Scout badge, his last task was building a wood shed at Camp Loma. Some of the boys and their parents helped out at the Temple’s Udon Feed. They will help out at the Watsonville Airshow Steak & Lobster Dinner by serving. In March, they will go to Pinnacles National Park to camp out for 3 days, and in July they will camp at High Sierra.

YBA Report: by Y. Maemura.

We want to thank Kim Tao for driving and chaperoning seven members attending the CD YBL activity day at Dave & Busters. It was followed by a sleepover at SJ Betsuin on Saturday, January 26th. They had a fun time.

Along with Dharma School, we had a successful bake/soda sale at the Udon Feed. We donated 100% of the sale to the Temple. We appreciate your support.

On Sat., March 16th, 13 members and 7 chaperones will be attending the CD YBL Conference in San Jose. The members have been busy planning their workshop.

The “Pancake Feed” is scheduled for March 24th from 7:30 -11:00 a.m. The tickets can be purchased from the YBA members, Jackie at the office, or at the door.

ABA Report: by S. Matsunami

The ABA Memorial was a big success on January 27, 2013. Everyone enjoyed Reverend Henry Adams as he is a wonderful speaker.

BWA Report: by A. Kawasaki

BWA had a successful chirashi sale at the Udon Feed.

Dana Day Service was February 6th after which we held our regular monthly meeting.

Thank you ABA for having Rev. Henry Adams for a free lecture on Saturday evening and Sunday for your Memorial Service. Rev. Adam’s service was wonderful! Thank you also for the delicious Mexican food for lunch.

Dharma School: by L. Sakae

Dharma School and the YBA sold baked goods and drinks at the Udon Feed on Saturday, February 2nd.

The Dharma School kids will be helping the YBA with their annual Pancake Feed on Sunday, March 24.

Religious:

Ken Tanimoto has lined up three guest speakers this year: Reverend Kujo on June 9th, Reverend Nishimura on September 22nd & Bishop Umezu on December 1st.

Kokoro no Gakko: by P. Nagamine

Enrollment is now open. Gakko will look into new kin for mochi tsuki.

Hanamatsuri: Kim & Perry Yoshida are chairing this important event which will be held on Sun., April 7th.

“PACIFIC GARDENS” BENEFIT AT THE NATIONAL STEINBECK CENTER, SAT., MARCH 9

You are invited to Salinas Valley JACL, the Chinese Association of Salinas, the Filipino Community of Salinas Valley, Inc., and the National Steinbeck Center’s fund-raiser — an evening filled with delicious Asian foods, local wine, and entertainment — at the Center on March 9 from 6 pm to 9 pm. The entertainment will feature the Shinsho-Mugen Daiko; Rene Nichols, who sing Japanese songs; Filipino dancers; and musicians playing classical Chinese music.
All proceeds will benefit the new Pacific Gardens to be located in the lobby of the Center. It will feature oral histories and photographs of the Salinas Asian communities.

The cost for the event is $75 per person, and your donation is tax deductible. Call the National Steinbeck Center at (831) 775-4721 to reserve your seat as seating is limited. Credit cards and checks are accepted.

The National Steinbeck Center is located at One Main Street, Salinas, CA 93901; www.steinbeck.org.

If you cannot attend but wish to make a donation for this Pacific Gardens project, contact Shari Higashi at (831) 753-5982.

Please support this worthy project.

JAPANESE CULTURAL FAIR SANTA CRUZ

Dear Friend of the Japanese Cultural Fair:

As you may have heard by now, the Japanese Cultural Fair might not happen this year due to budget constraints. We were unsuccessful garnering a major grant for this year that we have gratefully received over the past several years. As you know, the Cultural Fair is a totally volunteer, non-profit organization that is supported by in-kind contributions from the City of Santa Cruz through its Sister Cities Program, grants from various arts organizations, and donations from businesses and individuals; it is run on a "shoestring."

To hopefully close the budget gap, we have scheduled a special fundraiser event on Saturday, March 9th at the Pacific Cultural Center at 1307 Seabright Avenue. The evening will feature some outstanding musicians playing koto, shakuhachi, and shamisen. We are very fortunate and honored to announce that one of the artists is a Shamisen Master from Japan: Mr. Masahiro Nitta. Also performing will be: Ms. Shirley Muramoto and her son Brian Wong on koto, Mr. Karl Young on the shakuhachi, and Mr. Kyle Abbott on the shamisen.

We hope that you will plan to attend this special evening of traditional Japanese music. The $20 tickets may be purchased through the following link: http://benefitconcertjapaneseculturalfair.bpt.me/.

They will be sold at the door if any are still available.

Please spread the word by telling all your friends and contacts about this important event. If you cannot attend, we hope that you will at least consider making a donation to our non-profit organization at: www.jcfsantacruz.org. If we are able to pull it off, the Cultural Fair will happen on June 8, 2013.

Sincerely,

Paul Kaneko, President
JCF Board of Directors

WATSONVILLE TAIKO AND SHINSEI DAIKO

By Bonnie Chihara

In February, we had our first children's taiko workshop for 2013 at the Grey Bears Facility on Chanticleer Ave in Santa Cruz. We were very pleased to have a full class of 13 enthusiastic students! We will be holding classes in April and May at the same time (Sundays from noon to 1 pm) and same location, 2710 Chanticleer Ave., Santa Cruz. Children 8-12 years of age will be taught the basics of taiko drumming as well as basic dojo etiquette. To sign-up for this class, please contact Bonnie Chihara at kyoko55@hotmail.com or Naoko Yamamoto at naokoy@earthlink.net. The cost is $45 per session.

March 23rd is the date for Santa Cruz Ballet Theatre's In Concert performance. This performance will feature Moonstones: A Tale Of Three Suns with music and story written by Sensei Ikuyo Conant. We have been practicing seven pieces of original music composed by Sensei just for this performance! Santa Cruz Ballet Theatre's Director Robert Kelly has choreographed the dances to bring this story to life. Save the date for this unique experience.

The tickets may be purchased at the Cabrillo Box Office by calling (831) 479 6154 or online at http://www.cabrillovapa.com. The cost is $24 for adults and $15 for Seniors and youth 15 and under for premier seating. The cost for classic seating is $20 for adults and $12 for seniors and youth.
Our upcoming schedule includes:
Mar 3rd  SC Symphony Family Concert,  
             Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium
Mar 23rd  Santa Cruz Ballet Theatre In Concert,  
             Cabrillo College Crocker Theater
April 7th  Hana Matsuri Watsonville Buddhist  
             Temple
April 15th Haru Matsuri Morgan Hill
April 27th Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival
April 28th Big Sur Marathon
May 11th  Human Race, Natural Bridges Santa Cruz
June 8th  Japanese Cultural Festival,  
             Mission Plaza, Santa Cruz
June 23rd  JACL Community Picnic,  
             Aptos Village Park
July 28th  Wharf to Wharf, Capitola
Oct TBA  Watsonville Taiko's 22nd Anniversary Performance
Nov 17th  Big Sur Half-Marathon, Asilomar

To contact Watsonville Taiko, please call our business manager Taeko D’Andrea at (831) 435 4594 or email info@watsonvilletaiko.org or visit our website: www.watsonvilletaiko.org.

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OBSERVANCE, FEB. 24, 2013 AT THE ‘SALINAS ASSEMBLY CENTER’

On a sunny, beautiful day, 75 from Gilroy, Monterey Peninsula, Salinas Valley, San Benito County, and Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACLers and friends gathered to observe this year’s Day of Remembrance observance.

Master of Ceremonies Jeff Uchida, President of the Monterey Peninsula JACL, introduced Rev. Craig Roberts (below) who gave a thought provoking invocation. He spoke of the fear that leads normally rational men to do un-rational and harmful things.

Former National JACL President Larry Oda of the Monterey Peninsula JACL chronologically outlined the plight of the Japanese and Japanese Americans on the West Coast after Japan’s attack on Pearl Harbor. In observance of the 25th Anniversary of the successful passage of the Civil Liberties Act of August 10, 1988, Larry reflected on the challenges, strategies, and efforts by JACLers, the legal team, Congressman Barney Franks and JA members of the Congress, and community supporters that led to its passage. He gratefully acknowledged the five-chapter consortium of the Monterey Bay Region for their courageous advocacy.

Photographer/journalist/historian, Tom Graves, was our eloquent principal speaker. Tom is well-known for his photographic essays of the Nisei veterans of WW II. In introducing his new book, he stated that “Twice Heroes: America’s Heroes of WW II and Korea,” is a vehicle to educate the American public, young and old, of a time when racism was the “norm and accepted.”

“Twice Heroes” refers to President Harry Truman’s address to the 100th/442nd RCT: “You fought not only the enemy, but you fought prejudice, and you have won.”

Tom expressed, “‘Twice Heroes’ is a personal work, one that grew from a simple photography project into more than a decade of learning about men at war and the hardships of their families at home. Photos alone would not tell the story, so I decided on a combination of portraits and interviews. I have tried to put a face to the men called Nisei veterans.” Tom has accomplished much more.

Tom was presented with a State of California Legislature’s Resolution honoring the first Day of Remembrance observance of February 1983, exactly that of 30 years ago!!
We were inspired by the courage and legacy of our Nisei heroes as Tom read the personal stories of our Nisei veterans, many of them men and women of the Monterey Bay region, during the struggles of World War II.

Paul Ichiuji of the Salinas Valley JACL chapter and chairman of the five-chapter organizing committee recognized and thanked Joe Bowes, Gary Mine, and Iwao Yamashita of the W-SC JACL for maintaining the beautiful Japanese Memorial Garden site on a regular basis.

DONATIONS, GRATEFULLY RECEIVED FROM …

In memory of Jiro Sugidono
from Esther Ura
from Mas and Marcia Hashimoto

In memory of Barbara Wada
from Mas and Marcia Hashimoto

In appreciation
Bonnie Chihara

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE EDUCATION FUND DONATIONS, GRATEFULLY RECEIVED FROM …

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Chiyoko Yagi in memory of husband, Harry Yagi
Paul and Carol Kaneko
Fred and Betty Oda
Nancy Iwami
Yukio and Edna Nagata in memory of Shinichi Misumi
Yukio and Edna Nagata in memory of Barbara Wada
Toshiko Yamashita

IN REMEMBRANCE, …

BEULAH YUKIKO SHINTA

On January 12, 2013, Beulah Yukiko Shinta peacefully passed away with her family around her. She was 84. Bea was a devoted wife and business partner to her late husband, Kunito Shinta.

She will always be remembered for her warm smile, intelligence, and apricot pies! She made them with Santa Clara Valley’s blenheims.

She is survived by her children Diane (Tom) Durst, Ted Shinta, Maryann Shinta, Gwen (Rod) Koda, and five grandchildren.

A private funeral service was held at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple.

YAMATO NISHIHARA

Yamato Nishihara passed away at a local convalescent hospital in Watsonville on Tuesday, January 29, 2012. He was 90.

Mr. Nishihara was born in Watsonville to Sanjiro and Kohide Nishihara. He was a local strawberry grower in this area for 45 years. He attended the Watsonville Buddhist Temple and was a member of the J.A.C.L. Senior Center. Mr. Nishihara loved to stay busy and enjoyed raising his cows, going to the casinos; and in his younger years, go hunting and fishing. He was also proud of his service to his country in the Air Force.

Mr. Nishihara is survived by his wife of 62 years, Eiko Nishihara of Watsonville; son Mark Jun (Shirley) Nishihara of San Jose; brother, Mike (Ruth) Nishihara of San Mateo; grandson, Brandon Nishihara and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother, Mits Nishihara and two sisters, Nancy Hirahara and Chisato Mochimaru.

Funeral services were held at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple on Saturday, February 16, 2013. Graveside services will be held privately at Pajaro Valley Memorial Park. Mehl’s Colonial Chapel was entrusted with funeral arrangements.

We send our condolences to the Shinta and Nishihara families, relatives and friends.

WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL

Thank you for your National JACL membership and for your continuing support of our important programs.

To those who recently sent their renewals, thank you!!

We strongly believe that every person of Japanese ancestry should belong to the National Japanese American Citizens League. We welcome all as full members who are devoted to the principles of justice, fair play, and equality under the US Constitution.

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

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

Onward!
Mas Hashimoto, Editor.
ATTENTION: ALL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND THEIR PARENTS

KEE KITAYAMA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2013!

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The Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL Chapter is delighted to announce that the 2013 Kee Kitayama Memorial Scholarship(s) will total $1,000 or more for graduating high school seniors.

An applicant must be a 2013 National JACL Youth member ($25) with at least one parent who is also a 2013 member of the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL Chapter and the National JACL. For JACL membership forms, please contact our membership chairperson Jeanette Hager at jeanette.otsuij.hager@gmail.com, or (831) 768-8689.

There are no application forms for our Kee Kitayama Memorial Scholarship. However, interested high school seniors must submit the following information:

1. Official high school transcript with grade point average and class standing;
2. A résumé of school, community, and civic activities and awards, including your involvement with JACL;
3. A statement regarding your future goals and objectives;
4. One letter of recommendation from a non-relative adult;
5. One wallet-size photo (yearbook or graduation style with a light background if possible);
6. An essay of 500 to 750 words on either topic: “The Significance of the ‘Day of Remembrance’ Observance Today,” or “Remembering the Civil Liberties Act of August 10, 1988 (Redress and Reparations Act).”

Research materials on either topic are available by contacting Mas Hashimoto, hashi79@sbcglobal.net, the public libraries, and/or checking the Internet. Parents, grandparents and other relatives who were unjustly incarcerated in America’s concentration camps and who received the apology and reparations are excellent sources of primary research information.

Send your completed forms to Dr. Brooke Kondo, our Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL Chapter Scholarship Chairperson, on or before Tuesday, May 21st, 2013. They should be mailed to:

Dr. Brooke Kondo, Chairperson
JACL Scholarship Committee
P. O. Box 163
Watsonville, CA. 95077

The presentation of the scholarship will take place on Saturday, June 22, 2013 during the JACL Annual Community Picnic, Aptos Village Park in Aptos. Thank you.
ATTENTION: HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS
AND COLLEGE GRADUATES

REKISO “RAY” AND HISAKO “LOUISE” SAKO SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2013!

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The Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL Chapter is excited to announce two new scholarships established in honor of Rekiso “Ray” and Hisako “Louise” Sako.

(1) A four-year undergraduate scholarship may be awarded at $1,000 per year. This scholarship shall not be limited to first-year undergraduates. For example, an undergraduate who has completed the first year of study may be eligible for a $1,000 per year scholarship for up to three years.

(2) A two-year graduate scholarship will be awarded at $1,000 per year. This scholarship is not limited to a first-year graduate. For example, a graduate who has completed the first year of study may be eligible for a $1,000 scholarship for a year.

An applicant must be either a Youth/Student member of the National JACL ($25), a member of the Westview Presbyterian Church, or a member of the Watsonville Buddhist Temple.

For a JACL membership application form, please contact our membership chairperson, Jeanette Otsuji Hager at jeannette.otsuji.hager@gmail.com, call (831) 768-8689, or check our website: www.watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org.

For the undergraduate Sako Scholarship, the requirements include the following:

1. Official transcript from an accredited high school with grade point average of 3.0 or higher;
2. A résumé of school, community, and civic activities and awards, including your involvement with JACL and/or with the church/temple;
3. A statement regarding your future goals and objectives;
4. One letter of recommendation from a non-relative adult;
5. One photo (a wallet-size yearbook or graduation style with a light background, if possible);
6. Acceptance by an accredited academic college or university.

For the graduate Sako Scholarship, a letter from the candidate on the goals of his/her graduate studies program with an accompanying letter of recommendation from the supervising professor that the candidate has been accepted to the graduate program are required. The letters should be mailed to Dr. Brooke Kondo, our Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL Chapter Scholarship Chairperson.

All Sako Scholarship recipients must verify they are maintaining a 3.0 or better GPA each academic year in order for their scholarship to continue.

If you have questions, please contact Dr. Brooke Kondo at Brooke.kondo@gmail.com.

Mail or deliver your completed forms and letters on or before Tuesday, May 21st, 2013 to:

Dr. Brooke Kondo, Chairperson
W-SC JACL Scholarship Committee
P. O. Box 163
Watsonville, CA. 95077-0163

The presentation of the scholarships will take place on Saturday, June 22, 2013 during the JACL Annual Community Picnic, Aptos Village Park in Aptos. Thank you.
Watsonville-Santa Cruz Chapter  
National Japanese American Citizens League (JACL)

2013 Membership Form for the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL

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

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

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

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

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

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Family/Couples: 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: This includes National dues with subscription to the Pacific Citizen, the official paper of the National JACL, and local chapter dues and our monthly JACL newsletter.

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

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

Name: ________________________________  (Last Name)  ________________________________  (First Name)  ________________________________  (Middle Name)

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

Address: ________________________________________________________________

Home phone: _____________________________  E-mail: _____________________________

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

Name: ________________________________  Age:  ________________________________

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

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

Thank you so much for your support.

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