HONORING OUR 120,000 PERSONS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY  by Mas Hashimoto

The US Government apologized for the wartime incarceration of its citizens and legal residents of Japanese ancestry with the passage of the Civil Liberties Act on August 10, 1988, and we are grateful. The incarceration of innocent persons without due process of law must not be forgotten or repeated.

Our Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL is now asking the US Postal Service to issue ten (10) commemorative stamps in remembrance for each of the ten major camps and in honor of the loyalty of those 120,000 innocent persons of Japanese ancestry who were incarcerated unjustly during WW II.

If you and/or your organization(s) agree and would like to help, please write letters to the Citizens’ Stamp Advisory Committee (CSAC) expressing support. All the letters from those incarcerated, from family members who were affected, from students and scholars of our wartime experience would be most welcomed. We ask that letters be mailed as soon as possible for CSAC is meeting soon.

It takes three years from the approval by the CSAC to design and present commemorative stamps.

The guard tower at Manzanar.

The following letter was mailed by your W-SC JACL.

September 1, 2013

Citizens’ Stamp Advisory Committee
c/o Stamp Development
U. S. Postal Service
475 L’Enfant Plaza, SW, Room 3300
Washington, DC 20260-3501

Dear Members of the CSAC:

On Thursday, February 19, 1942, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt issued Executive Order 9066 and 120,000 innocent persons of Japanese ancestry living in the states of Washington, Oregon and California were forcibly evicted from their homes and imprisoned in one of ten major American “concentration” camps (a term used by the President) without charges, attorney, trial, or due process of law—clearly a violation of our fundamental laws. This was the darkest assault on the Constitution of the United States and its Bill of Rights during World War II.

Forty six years later, the US Government apologized to us by passing the Civil Liberties Act of August 10, 1988, and, for this, we are eternally grateful.

The Watsonville-Santa Cruz (CA) Chapter of the National Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) requests that ten (10) commemorative stamps—one specifically designed for each camp—Amache, CO; Gila River, AZ; Heart Mountain, WY; Jerome, AR; Manzanar, CA; Minidoka, ID; Poston, AZ; Rohwer, AR; Topaz, UT; and Tule Lake, CA—be issued.

The stamps would honor those Japanese and Japanese Americans who endured the racism, humiliation, and shame and then rose above adversity, with an undying faith, to serve this country they love.

The 3½ year incarceration period (March 1942- November 1945), accompanied by the heroics of our 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team and the Military Intelligence Service, was the defining moment for Americans of Japanese ancestry in this country.

We believe the National Park Service (NPS) of the Department of the Interior would wish to be included in any ceremony as the NPS is currently the guardian of several camps. The National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism monument, which stands at the Intersection of Louisiana Avenue and D Street, NW, Washington, D. C., is administered by the NPS to protect the National Mall and Memorial Park, District of Columbia.

A suggested date for the dedication is Sunday, February 19, 2017, on the 75th anniversary of Executive Order 9066 as a Day of Remembrance which would serve as a reminder that no American citizen ever again be imprisoned on account of race. Gordon Hirabayashi, recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, said it best, “Ancestry is not a crime!”

If approved, the dedication of the stamps could take place in a number of locations. For us, the dedication...
could take place on Sunday, February 19, 2017 at the Salinas (CA) Assembly Center (California Rodeo Grounds, now the Salinas Sports Complex), the first of our two camps. The other was Poston, AZ.

"Onward!"

Masaru "Mas" Hashimoto (s)
Chair of the Stamp Proposal Committee
Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL
Federal Prison number 12524 "D,"
Poston Camp II, Block 220-Barrack 12, Room A

**VANDALS AT WATSONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL**

by Mas Hashimoto, Editor

The beautiful, double-blossom flowering cherry tree that was planted on Earth Day, 2013 (April 22) at Watsonville High School by the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL as a token of friendship between the Nikkei community and Watsonville High School was snapped off on Sunday, September 8th, by persons unknown.

The cherry tree had replaced the old 83 year-old tree that died during the winter of 2012-2013. The first tree, a gift of the Japanese Association of Watsonville, was planted in the 1920’s as an outreach of friendship and appreciation. The new replacement tree was a donation from Mas and Marcia Hashimoto, both retired teachers of the Pajaro Valley Unified School District.

Mas shows where the tree was snapped off.

We are hoping that a security video tape will reveal the culprits. The school officials are conducting an investigation.

The tree had a name—Neko—“cat” for the mascot of the high school is Willie, the Wildcat. In Japan the neko is a symbol of good luck. School officials plan to protect the young tree building a fence around it.

Was this a hate crime or hate incident? Probably not. We will keep a closer surveillance of the tree in the future and report any progress.

**“VALLEY OF THE HEART,” A SMASH HIT!**

By the Editor

Luis Valdez is to be congratulated for his new play, “Valley of the Heart.” We cannot thank him enough. It played to sold-out, standing ovation performances with many of the play-goers returning with relatives and friends. It was an event that had to be shared with loved ones.

Luis expertly wove into his play the struggles of Mexican immigrants in California with those of the Issei and the Nisei in the pre-war era of anti-Asian sentiments and laws.

Luis’s inclusion of the Japanese and Japanese American experience during World War II was comprehensive in its historical content, and the actors gave exceptional performances, taking the story line to heart.
Cast members: Justin H. Min, Steven J. Young, Randall Nakano, Cara Mitsuko, Andres Ortiz, and Christina Chu with Marcia and Mas.

When Justin Min (above right) learned that 442nd RCT veteran Lawson Sakai was in the audience, he was thrilled and wished to have this photo taken with him and Luis Valdez. Justin played Yoshi “Joe” Yamaguchi who volunteered from the Heart Mountain, Wyoming camp for the 100th/442nd and was “killed” during the Rescue of the Texas Lost Battalion.

“Valley of the Heart has been one of the brightest highlights of my 50 years as a playwright. I consider it an honor to have had the opportunity to simply celebrate the everyday dreams, desires and struggles that make us all Americans, and ultimately, equally part of the human race,” Luis expressed.

What’s next for the play? To bring it to a theater for a “world premiere” in San Jose. We’ll keep you posted on future developments.

IN REMEMBRANCE …

Jack Shigeru Matsuoka
SAN JOSE — Jack Matsuoka, a Nisei cartoonist whose drawings of camp life have helped educate the public about the Japanese American internment experience, passed away on Monday morning at his residence in San Jose with his family present. He was 87.

He had been in poor health since suffering a stroke while attending the opening of the Congressional Gold Medal exhibit at the de Young Museum in San Francisco on June 29.


Lupe and Luis Valdez, Lawson Sakai, and Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston. As authors and filmmakers, Luis and Jeanne are dear friends.
In the introduction to the original, the late community activist Edison Uno wrote, “Behind the comic laurel of each cartoon is a genuine story of Americans living under adverse conditions, without guilt, attempting to survive by living each day as best they knew how. Between the laughter and the sadness of these cartoons … you will be exposed and educated to a whole new segment of history … a terrible mistake of a kind that must never recur.”

[Editor’s note: Jack’s mother was a midwife who delivered me at our home on Union Street in 1935. She was a beautiful woman with unusually high cheekbones … “just like Jack.”

After Dec. 7, 1941, the federal government took away our weapons (guns and samurai swords), our flashlights (as if we were going to signal enemy submarines off our coast), our radios (many had short-wave radios so that we could listen to programs originating in Japan), and our cameras (the federal government wanted no photos of the forced eviction from our homes and of the camp incarceration).

Without cameras to record, these sketches by Jack became valuable historical evidences of our wartime incarceration. In 1941-1942, he was a sophomore in high school who loved to sketch.

Years after the war, Jack’s mother found the sketches hidden in a trunk. She believed they should be published so that all could relive the camp experiences and remember the difficult times.

Jack’s cartoons, coupled with Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston and James D. Houston’s classic, “Farewell to Manzanar,” captured, in the early 1970s, the imagination and interest of not only the American public but of those incarcerated who wanted to remember 1942-1945.

We will be forever grateful to Jack and his contributions to our lives and to our history.

Born on Nov. 6, 1925, Jack Matsuoka grew up in Watsonville. Immediately after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, his father — like many Issei community leaders — was arrested by the FBI.

Matsuoka spent his late teen years behind barbed wire, first at the Salinas Assembly Center and then in Poston, AZ.

After graduation from Poston High, he relocated to Ohio, where he spent one semester at the Cleveland School of Fine Arts before being drafted into the Army. After serving as an interpreter for the Army’s Military Intelligence Service in occupied Japan, he attended Hartnell College in Salinas and then transferred to Keio University and later Sophia University, both in Tokyo.

Matsuoka struggled through these schools on the GI Bill and became one of the few who experienced postwar life in Japan both as a member of the occupation forces and as a student. During this period, he contributed many sports cartoons to The Japan Times and Japanese sports magazines. In addition, he did political cartoons for The Yomiuri News, drew humorous illustrations for books about Japan, and published his first cartoon book, “Rice-Paddy Daddy.”

Upon returning to the U.S. and working for Marubeni, an import-export business, he drew cartoons on the side for the Cal Bears and The Berkeley Gazette. In 1969, he took the big step of becoming a freelance cartoonist. “With cartooning as my whole source of income, it was difficult, but I managed to get by,” he recalled.

In addition to doing PR work for a bank and doing exhibitions and demonstrations at Obon festivals throughout the state, he was the editorial cartoonist for The Pacifica Tribune (1974-2000) and worked for the San Francisco Examiner, San Mateo Times and San Jose Mercury News, then became a regular cartoonist for The Hokubei Mainichi in San Francisco. Being bilingual, he did illustrations for both the English and Japanese sections of the newspaper.

Matsuoka also created a comic strip, “Sensei,” that ran in The Hokubei for years and was published in book form in 1978. He based the character on Rev. Koshin Ogui, who was resident minister at Buddhist Church of San Francisco at the time and later became Bishop of Buddhist Churches of America. The purpose of the strip, Matsuoka said, was to give Issei, Nisei and Sansei readers “something to chuckle about, something about the daily Japanese life.”

He was a familiar face at events like the Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival and later San Jose’s Nikkei Matsuri, where he drew caricatures.

A sports enthusiast, Matsuoka drew cartoons celebrating the accomplishments of local teams like the San Francisco Giants and SF 49ers as well as milestones in Japanese/Japanese American sports history, such as Kristi Yamaguchi’s Olympic gold medal and Ichiro Suzuki’s baseball records. He knew Wally Yonamine, who played for the 49ers before becoming a baseball player and manager in Japan, and Masanori Murakami, who became the first major-leaguer from Japan as a pitcher for the SF Giants in the 1960s.

Matsuoka’s cartoons also recorded important moments in Japanese American history, such as the signing of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988. He was recognized in “Asian Americans: The Movement and the Moment,” published by the UCLA Asian American Studies Center, for a political cartoon he drew in the ’70s to support the Committee Against Nihonmachi Evictions in San Francisco Japantown.

“Camp II, Block 211” was a collection of sketches Matsuoka had done in camp. He left them in a trunk for decades until his mother, Chizu, found them and suggested that they be shared with the public. This led to an exhibition sponsored by Bank of Tokyo at the Japanese Trade and Cultural Center in San Francisco.

He saw the need for public education when a Caucasian couple from Arizona saw the exhibit and claimed that there never was a place called Poston in their state.

The book was reissued nearly 30 years later by Asian American Curriculum Project thanks to a grant from the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program and the efforts of Matsuoka’s daughter Emi Young, a public school teacher. The new edition featured additional sketches, some paying tribute to the Nisei soldiers of World War II, photos of camp, and an afterword by Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii).

Some of the new drawings showed the latrines, which Matsuoka called “one of the most hated places in camp.”
Matsuoka visited Bay Area schools with his daughter and talked about his experiences. In addition, Megumi (Grace Fleming), a bilingual storyteller, worked with Young to create “Sketching Justice,” a lesson plan for eighth-grade teachers based on the book; Megumi did a performance piece based on Matsuoka’s cartoons; and the Japanese American Museum of San Jose presented a youth-oriented project titled “Just Like Jack,” in which children from the Boys and Girls Club of Silicon Valley drew pictures showing how they made the best of adversity.

“Jack’s cartoons invite everyone gently, with humor, to understand how and why Japanese American internment happened, and how the Nikkei, as a people, made the best of it,” Megumi said.

Matsuoka relocated from Pacifica in San Mateo County to San Jose Japantown, where he lived in the Fuji Towers senior housing complex and donated his talents to such institutions as the Japanese American Museum of San Jose and San Jose Buddhist Church Betsu'in. His drawings could be seen on banners for this year’s San Jose Obon, and an exhibit of his works is currently on display at JAMsj.

He did cartoons for The Hokubei Mainichi up until its final issue in October 2009, and then contributed to another Northern California paper, NikkeiWest.

Matsuoka was recognized by such organizations as the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California and San Jose JACL. At the latter event, he helped the organizers by doing portraits of all of the honorees to be engraved on the awards.

A member of the National Cartoonists Association and the Northern California Cartoonists Association, Matsuoka won awards from the California Newspaper Association and the San Mateo County Fair for his cartoons.

In his hometown of Watsonville, then Mayor Luis Alejo (above left) honored Jack with daughter Emi and granddaughter Jessica in 2010. After being elected to the Assembly, Alejo honored Matsuoka again at the State Capitol in 2012.

He was also among veterans of the MIS, 100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team honored at a Congressional Gold Medal ceremony in San Jose last year.

One of his last public appearances was at last year’s Day of Remembrance program sponsored by the Watsonville-Santa Cruz, Gilroy, Monterey Peninsula, San Benito County and Salinas Valley JACL chapters, held at the Salinas Rodeo Grounds, where he and his family were first interned in April of 1942.

At the Santa Cruz County Fair in 2011, Jack’s exhibit was on display where thousands, most of them school children, enjoyed his sketches. Rather than to talk, he, to the delight of the children, gave sketches of them as shown in the photo.

He is survived by his daughters, Yoko Matsuoka of Menlo Park and Emi Young of Hawaii, sons-in-law, Mike Butler and Russell Young; grandchildren, Peter, Jessica, Matthew and Jennifer; great-grandson, Wesley; sister, Ruth Inouye; brother-in-law, George Inouye; and nephews, Ron, Steve and Rick.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, Sept. 8 in San Jose.

JEAN FUMIKO YAGI KOBAYASHI
February 12, 1916-August 13, 2013

It is with great sorrow that we share the passing of Fumiko Jean Yagi-Kobayashi, a resident of Watsonville. She was the dedicated wife and widow of Eddie Masumi Kobayashi, and mother of son Ronald T Kobayashi, M.D. and daughter Sumiye Madeline Huffstutter.

Jean spent her childhood in the small Japanese community of Pajaro, attended grammar school at Pajaro Elementary and graduated from Watsonville High School.

Jean’s father Hatusaburo Yagi, established Yagi’s Barber Shop on Porter Drive. The shop was combined with a fishing tackle shop, eventually owned by her brothers Harry and Tami Yagi.

She married her husband Eddie, March 21, 1940, and remained in the area farming apples with him until the outbreak of World War II. For three years, Jean and her husband were interned separately, but later reunited at Poston, AZ internment camp. Their daughter Sumiye was born in 1944 in Tule Lake, CA. Their second child, Ronald, was born 1948 in Watsonville, CA.

Aside from being a devoted wife, mother, homemaker, and outstanding cook, she also embarked on a career as a hairdresser, acquiring her beautician’s license in the early 1960’s and enjoyed this craft from home for many years. Jean also assisted with bookkeeping for the family strawberry farming business.

Jean was an active member of the Watsonville Buddhist Temple and well known for her years of community volunteerism. She also became quite accomplished in her numerous hobbies, such as holding...
the rank of Master through the School of *Ikebana*, the ancient Japanese art of flower arrangement and held exhibits at churches, county fairs, festivals, and retail outlets. Jean also enjoyed playing the *koto* instrument, performing a number of recitals locally and was formally trained in the art of Tea Ceremony (*Otemae*). She enjoyed cactus and succulent gardening, and actively traveled around the world with her church groups.

In her later years, she loved spending time with her grandchildren, great grandchildren, and extended family that often referred to her as ‘Bachan’ (grandmother). Many, who knew her, have been touched by her kindness and love.


A private memorial was held for the family at Guam’s Buddhist Temple on August 24th, 2013.

**SHIGEO “SHIG” AKIYOSHI**

Shigeo "Shig" Akiyoshi passed away Aug. 28, 2013 at his home in Watsonville. He was 95 years old and was born in Watsonville to Jutaro and Fui Akiyoshi.

After his Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Army in 1944, Shig became a long time resident of Watsonville. He ran the *Akiyoshi Bros. Farm* with his brothers, Toshio and Masao. They grew strawberries and artichokes on Salinas Road.

Shig is survived by his loving wife, Asayo; also, his sister, Hisae "Grace" Aramaki; also his sisters-in-law Fusaye Nozawa & Susan Sanaye Kadoguchi. He was predeceased by his brothers, Toshio and Masao and his sister, Momoe Mori. Other survivors include many nephews and nieces.

He enjoyed all sports, especially the *SF Giants* and the *Forty Niners*.

The assistance of Hospice of Santa Cruz, 940 Disc Drive, Scotts Valley, CA 95066 was much appreciated.

Adelaida McCarthy provided loving care and great support. Donations may be made to the Watsonville Buddhist Temple, Hospice of Santa Cruz or a charitable organization of your choice. A private family service has been held.

We send our condolences to the Matsuoka, Kobayashi and Akiyoshi families and relatives.

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF NISEI VETS**

Left to right: US veterans Akira Kaku, Masao Kadota, Sam Sakamoto, Philip Kurokawa, and Frank Inami. Back row: Lawson Sakai, Dr. Howard Kline, Franz Steidl, Mas Hashimoto, Rolf Noll and Brian Shiroyama.

Aboard the USS HORNET, members and friends of the Friends and Family of Nisei Vets met for their annual third quarterly meeting on August 31, 2013.

An outstanding program was presented by FFNV and W-SC JACL member, Tom Graves, who spoke on the recent celebration in Hawaii of the Congressional Gold Medal presentation, obtaining Nisei veterans’ signatures in his book, *Twice Heroes*, (as shown above) and the acceptance and appreciation by the Nisei veterans for his efforts in telling the heroic stories of the Nisei vets.

New additions to the 100th/442nd RCT/MIS exhibit aboard the USS HORNET were announced by Brian Shiroyama which included a new painting of the *Rescue of the Texas Lost Battalion* (on page 7).
SENIOR CENTER NEWS by Kitako Izumizaki

Seniors were advised to beware of telemarketing scams. If it sounds too good to be true, it most likely is a scam. Seniors are targeted a lot. Just be extra careful and don’t give out vital information over the phone to anyone you don’t know.

Seniors who attended the Santa Cruz Follies had a wonderful time and enjoyed themselves very much. On Saturday, September 21, a small bus load of seniors went to San Juan Bautista to see the play, Valley of the Heart, a Luis Valdez production at the El Teatro Campesino. The group attending the production of Valley of the Heart enjoyed a very emotional afternoon. Kudos to the cast! This scribe’s most memorable act was to just be hugged by the cast when she tried to congratulate them on their great performance. This scribe’s reaction to the review in the local paper was very disappointing as she felt that she did not go to an operetta. The weather cooperated staying mostly on the cooler side for this afternoon matinee. If the show goes on the road, it’s one that shouldn’t be missed.

Judy Hane had an accident and broke her leg. We miss her and wish her a speedy recovery. Manager Paul Kaneko read a card from the Sako Family to the Center. We are glad that Louise still has her niece for company.

September birthday celebrants were Susan AmRhein, Richard Ishibashi, Akira Nagamine 88, Fred Oda 90, Jane Sugidono and Mitsuyo Tao. Richard Ishibashi and Akira Nagamine were absent. Akira received an orchid plant, and Fred received a package of manju. Delicious cake and ice cream were enjoyed by all. Flowers were from Hisako Kodama and Jean Akiyama, with Nancy Kuratomi assisting. Individual tables held various colorful cut flowers. The head table held a bouquet of cocks comb, zinnias, Japanese anemone and New Zealand flex with tanna leaves. Very colorful and eye catching.

Many thanks to tobans Nobue Fujii, Kimiyo Fujii, Eiko Stewart and Paul Kaneko.

Monetary donations gratefully received: Norman Abe, Sam Sugidono, Toshi Yamashita, Chie Sakaue, Fred Oda, Jane Sugidono, Mitsuyo Tao and Louise Sako.

Other donations gratefully received:

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Helen Nakano, Susan and Yuan AmRhein--three generations at Susan's birthday celebration. Photo by Carol Kaneko.
Jane Sugidono | 3 pkgs sushi nori  
Kimi Fujii | 4 bottles Dawn,  
6 rolls paper towels  
Mitzi Katsuyama | 12 big rolls tissues  
Akira/Hisako Kodama | 6 bags ball onions  
Jo Ann Vear | 6 big rolls paper towels  
Imura Restaurant | ice cream and sushi for all  
Terry Hirahara | 2 bags pretzels, 4 boxes Kleenex,  
3 cans soup  
Eiko Ceremony | 3 roll paper towels  
Mitsuyo Tao | 10 containers strawberries  
Judy Kaita Tokubi | 19 VHS movie tapes  
Edna/Yukio Nagata | 2 boxes Kleenex,  
2 pkgs Oreo cookies.

Many thanks for all the goodies you continue to donate as bingo prizes. Keep up the good work, and keep in mind the upcoming events: the casino trip to Table Mountain on October 29. See you next month.

**WESTVIEW HIGHLIGHTS by Leslie Nagata-Garcia**  

**The Power of a Creed**

I want to share two more creeds written by our youth and read at their August 11 Confirmation ceremony. We are very proud of our youths--Kris Church, Ian Hoffman, Elijah Veal, and Isaac Veal.

As Presbyterians we are a confessional church. Second to the Bible, our creeds offer guidance on daily living. They were often written in times of turmoil and often theological controversy. They shed much light on our faith, on who God is, and on what is most important in life. I encourage you to write your own creed. It can be a very powerful faith experience. It can take only 5-10 minutes and I promise you will be surprised, as our youth were, with what comes out. There is a strength that comes forth from the center of our being when we state I BELIEVE...

**Kristopher Church’s Creed**

I believe in some form of afterlife and spirit.  
I don’t think the color of one’s skin should determine if they are important or not or should be discriminated.  
Homosexuals must be respected and treated the same as other people.  
I don’t think it matters if someone is from a different religion than mine or if they don’t believe in God.  
Try to understand everyone else’s opinions and learn from it.  
I believe in one God.  
Money isn’t everything  
Love everybody or have a good reason not to, but respect them still.  
Give people 2nd chances  
Don’t judge a book by its cover (personality and content beats appearance).

**Elijah Veal’s Creed—abbreviated**

I believe in equality, passion and God  
I think that life is all about accepting and living with and love and pain, with a nod  
I believe in fighting for what you believe for no matter if your voice is accepted or not  
I believe in fighting for the side with the disadvantage at all times unless it is wrong a lot  
I believe church is another word for family through religion and belief in God’s books  
I believe in that the swag or beauty not by looks  
I believe in befriending people who accept me for who I be  
And that I don’t have to impress them so they see I believe I the power music  
Nothin’ stupid cupid, just not too slick  
I believe in freedom of religion  
No matter what they think they’re just like everybody else and  
I believe in forgiving, relaxing to chill  
Stayin’ cool when under fire with a chill pill  
I believe in the power of people  
To fight or agree, each individual  
I believe in the power of God to change us for good no matter the time  
To bring us to heaven a kingdom to live in paradise

May you daily feel God’s embrace (for God is with us much more than we know!).  

*Pastor Dan*

![Confirmation cake](https://example.com/confirmation-cake.jpg)

Elijah Veal, Ian Hoffman, Kristopher Church and Isaac Veal were presented with a Confirmation cake.  
Photo by Randy Mano.

**Youth/Family Events**

**Gym Nites** are the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month from 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm at Westview. The schedule and theme nights through November are:
October 4th  Bowling!! (meet at the church)
October 18th  Barf Olympics
November 1st  Miniature Golf at the Boardwalk
(meet at the Church)
November 15th - Flashlight Nite (BYOF - Bring Your
Own Flashlight)

The Youth will also be participating in the CROP
Hunger Walk on October 19th.

On Saturday, October 19th (rain or shine), Westview will be participating once again in the Pajaro Valley CROP Hunger Walk. CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by CWS (Church World Service) and organized by local volunteers to raise funds to end hunger. Twenty-five percent of the money raised through the walk will be serving the hunger needs of the local community. Last year, the U.S. raised $15.3 million for CROP Hunger Walk. The purpose of the walk is:

1) to raise awareness about people around the world who must walk to find food, water, firewood, freedom and other necessities of life, and
2) to raise funds to help stop hunger wherever it exists.

The walk will begin at the Second Harvest Food Bank at 800 Ohlone Parkway, Watsonville, CA. Registration is at 9:00 a.m. and the walk begins at 9:30 a.m. The walk is 5.6k (3.6 miles) long.

If you cannot be present at the walk, you can sponsor other people who will be walking. Checks should be made payable to CWS/CROP.

If you are interested in walking at this event and/or making a donation please contact Evelyn Veal at (831) 840-4307 or go to www.crophungerwalks.org/pajarovalley.

Peacemaking Offering

The Peacemaking Offering supports the peacemaking efforts of the church at every governing body level and provides an opportunity to witness God’s gift of peace in the world. Gifts given to the Peacemaking Offering through a congregation are divided in the following manner - 25 percent retained by congregations for support of their own peacemaking ministry; 25 percent used to support presbytery and synod peacemaking efforts; and 50 percent forwarded to the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program of the Presbyterian Mission Agency so that it can continue to provide assistance and resources for congregations and other bodies of the PC (USA). Online gifts to the Peacemaking Offering are used on the General Assembly level.

Become a Tutor…change a life!

…and maybe change your life too!

The Literacy Program of Santa Cruz can pair you up with someone who needs to learn English and learn to read English. You will be trained and then you meet on your own schedule. They have helped over 11,000 students since 1967! Call 722-6708 or talk with Pastor Dan to learn more.

Harvest Dinner

Mark your calendars for November 2nd at 5 pm as Westview will be hosting its annual Harvest Dinner. All are welcome to attend and please invite your friends. It will be a good opportunity to break bread with friends, enjoy a great dinner, and give thanks to God for all the blessings throughout the year. So mark your calendars, and please join us! Members are asked to bring a salad to share. For more information please call Randy Mano at (831) 890-7938.

Wednesday Study Sessions

We are continuing the study series on “What Matters Most.” This series meets at Westview on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays (October 9th and 23rd) of each month at 6:30 pm. We are studying the book “What’s the Least I Can Believe and Still be a Christian?” by Martin Thielen and are using it as a conversation starter as we prayerfully grapple with Scripture. Everyone is always welcome and it is never too late to join us. Order your book through Amazon.com or sign up at church and we will order one for you. Come explore your faith!

For a complete list of dates and curriculum please visit our website at www.westviewpc.org.

Sunday Message Series

We will continue to study the Gospel of Matthew in Pastor Dan’s series entitled “Come and See!” with the hope that we will grow to love Jesus more deeply.

Salvation Army Meals

Our scheduled time to help out with the Salvation Army Meals is just around the corner. Contact Jane Yoshida or Pastor Dan if you would like to help out before then.

Hospice Grief Group

Pastor Dan will be leading a Hospice Grief Group for VNA and Hospice at Westview the first Thursday of each month from 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm. Come receive healing support of others. Come learn that you are not alone in the fog of grief as you recover from the loss of a loved one.

Grief Groups will be held on the following dates:
October 3rd, November 7th, and December 5th.
WATSONVILLE TAIKO AND SHINSEI DAIKO
By Bonnie Chihara

Please mark your calendars for Watsonville Taiko's second annual Holiday Boutique and Raffle on Sunday, November 3rd from 12 noon to 5 pm at W-SC JACL Kizuka Hall, 150 Blackburn Street, Watsonville, CA 95076.

This is our main fundraiser for the year. We will have over 100 unique gifts and gift certificates from local businesses, artists and individuals. We will also have local vendors and a shiatsu massage therapist to ease your aches and pains. Our unique hand-made Japanese themed quilt will be the grand prize for our raffle.

Please join us for your holiday shopping. Tickets are limited and are for sale now. Cost is $10 per ticket. For more information about this event or for raffle ticket purchases please email us at info@watsonvilletaiko.org or call 831 435 4594.

Our upcoming schedule:

Oct 5th  Alzheimer’s Memory Walk, La Selva Beach
Oct 5th-  Japanese Cultural Fair and Benefit Concert, Union Church Cupertino
Oct 13th-  Open Street, West Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz
Oct 26th-  UN Day, Abbott Square Santa Cruz
Nov 17th-  Big Sur Half Marathon, Asilomar
Feb 15th-16th Watsonville Taiko's Anniversary Concert, Crocker Theater Cabrillo College

2013 PACIFIC RIM FILM FESTIVAL

We're excited to be celebrating our 25th year and look forward to sharing with you the pick of the contenders for the 2013 season. For six days, from October 17-23, we bring you work from filmmakers spanning the Pacific Rim.

True to our theme of 'When Strangers Meet,' we offer films with a mission to foster cross-cultural understanding and strive to share our films with the broadest audience possible. To this end we offer our films free of charge to our patrons for the entire festival with the exception of the finale benefit event.

We are funded completely by the support of our community and are especially indebted to Ow Family Properties, whose gracious beneficence has allowed us to carry on our mission each year. We welcome and appreciate your support in any way that you feel inspired and able.

For these Pacific Rim Film Festival 2013 films, please check www.pacrimfilmfestival.org and your local newspapers for the times and theater.

Jiro Dreams of Sushi, 81 minutes, W-SC JACL sponsored film, 5:30 pm, Thursday, October 17th, Green Valley Cinemas, 1127 S. Green Valley Road, Watsonville, CA 95076

The Cheer Ambassadors
Dosa Hunt
Harana
Harvest of Empire
Rescue in the Philippines: Rescue From the Holocaust
Mt. Tsurugidake
Starry Starry Night
The Flute Player
Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow?
Comrade Kim Goes Flying
Himalayan Gold Rush
Silk Road of Pop
Summer Pasture
The Orator
UPAJ: Improvise
11 Flowers
Zoot Suit
Goldfish Go Home
Linsanity

Join us for the Grand Finale Evening featuring the film, UPAJ: Improvise, October 23rd, 7 pm, Rio Theatre, 1205 Soquel Ave. Santa Cruz, CA 95062.

The film will be followed with performances by Pandit Chitresh Das and Jason Samuels Smith and a Q & A session with producer Antara Bhardwaj.

Tickets are available during the week at the theaters.

WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE NEWS
by Jackie Yamashita

Temple Board President Kiyotaka Kawasaki thanked all who made our Annual Chicken Teriyaki Dinner such a success. What was most rewarding? Seeing so many members of the Sangha volunteering and participating during the whole week and everyone enjoying each other’s company.

The Young Buddhist Association is hosting the annual “All You Can Eat” Spaghetti Feed on the first Saturday and a Halloween Party on the last Sunday in October! Please join us.

A reminder: the Hatsumai Service is not just for the new-born. Please contact Jackie Yamashita at (831) 724-7860, Temple office or Sadao Matsunami for more information.
October 2013 Calendar of Events:

1 Tue 7:30 pm Temple Board Meeting
2 Wed 1 pm BWA Meeting
3 Thu 10 am ABA Meeting
5 Sat 4-7 pm YBA Spaghetti Feed
6 Sun 10 am Sunday Service Shotsuki Hoyo
11 Fri 2 pm San Juan Howakai
13 Sun 7:30 am Bus Leaves for NFC in Mt. View
15 Sun 10 am Sunday Service & Higan E
20 Sun 10 am DS Class & Eshinni ko
27 Sun 10 am Hatsumairi Service Halloween Party & Luncheon

Shotsuki Hoyo Service, Oct 6th 10 am
Shotsuki refers to a gathering to give thanks to express gratitude for being able to find the meaning of life through Nembutsu. Let us gather to remember and express our gratitude. The families of the following deceased of October are invited to attend the service and to Oshoko (offer incense). We look forward to seeing you at the service.

October Memorial List
Masao Akiyoshi Sharon Harumi Aoki
Phyllis Arao Mitsuye Chihara
Suyeno Fujimoto Atae Haneta

Miyoko Hayashida Yaye Hayashida
Bengo Higaki Jioji Hiwatashi
Tsuroko Iizushita Kazuo Ikeda
Masataka Kadotani Hisato Kikuchi
Yoshiko Kimura Kathy Kobara
Yoshihiro Kohara Glenn Kowaki
Tom Mametsuka Masako Manabe
Tsugiye Dorothy Manabe Kazue Mayeda
Elizabeth Libby Mine Tadashi Mino
Reichi Nagata Yoshiyo Nakahara
Betty Nakamura Kazume Nakamura
Tadao Nakamura Dennis Nishita
Waye Nishita Kuniyoshi Nitao
Fred Nitta Susan Tsukino Itaya Phillips
Fuyu Sasano Matsue Shibata
Masajiro Shirachi Mamoru Sumida
Fumiko Suzuki Hana Tada
Kazue Tada Richard Tada
Sadakichi Taniguchi Minoru Tao
Shigeco Tao Tom Tamotsu Tao
Chiyoko Teshima Takeshi Teshima
Masato Tsudama Frank Tsuji
Tokizo Yamashita Tsunesaburo Yorita
Goro Yoshida Jukichi Yoshi

Congratulations to the YBA officers for 2013-2014:
Front row from left to right: Kelsey Kusuba-Kusumoto (co-religious), Melissa Tao (co-secretary), Hayley Sakae (vice president), Sarah Nagamine (co-activity), Kelly Maemura (co-religious & historian), Yosie Maemura (advisor), Kim Yamaoka (advisor); back row: Chris Inokuchi (treasurer), Kevin Yamaoka (co-activity); Rev. LaVerne Sasaki & Rev. Shousei Hanayama. Absent: Danny Souza (president), Julian & Jordan Nakanishi-Rodriguez (co-secretaries), Phyllis Nakano (advisor), Kenny Kusumoto (advisor).
WHAT’S HAPPENING REGARDING THE FIRST IN THE FIRST AMENDMENT?

A brief review:

1962: The US Supreme Court struck down school-sponsored use of the so-called New York “Regent’s Prayer”—a daily invocation that children were compelled to recite. (Engel v. Vitale.)

1963: Mandatory Bible reading and daily recitation of the Lord’s Prayer in public schools were declared unconstitutional by the high court in a pair of cases from Pennsylvania and Maryland. (School District of Abington Township v. Schempp and Murray v. Curlett.)

1980: The US Supreme Court declared unconstitutional a Kentucky law that required public schools to post the Ten Commandments in the classrooms. (Stone v. Graham.)

1987: A Louisiana law that mandated a “balanced treatment” between evolution and “creationism” was struck down by the US Supreme Court. (Edwards v. Aguillard.)

1992: Extending the school prayer rulings from the 1960s, the Supreme Court ruled clergy-led prayers at public school graduations unconstitutional. (Lee v. Weisman)

2000: Student-led prayers before public school football games were struck down by the Supreme Court. (Santa Fe Independent School District v. Doe.)

California City’s Sectarian War Memorial Struck Down, Americans United for Separation of Church and State reports:

A plan by municipal leaders in Lake Elsinore, CA to honor local veterans with a special monument in front of a baseball stadium ran into a snag when a federal court declared the display a violation of church-state separation. The original design was for a black granite marker depicting a soldier kneeling in front of a cross. After complaints, the city modified the monument to add a much smaller Star of David and several more crosses.

A federal court ruled that the monument was still problematic. U.S. District Judge Stephen V. Wilson observed, “The Latin crosses and Star of David are immediately noticeable to even the most casual passer-by; they appear on the front of Monument 2, and, in contrast to the concededly non-sectarian images that appear on the front of Monument 2 – the text, the American flag, and the bald eagle – the sectarian symbols are illuminated in white.”

The American Humanist Association (AHA) brought the legal challenge on behalf of local residents. The AHA is urging city officials to design an inclusive monument, but Kevin Snider of the Pacific Justice Institute, a California-based Religious Right legal group that represented the city, has indicated that officials might appeal the American Humanist Association v. City of Lake Elsinore ruling.

Americans United is representing Steven Hewett, a decorated veteran of the war in Afghanistan, in a similar case, now pending before a federal court in North Carolina. Hewett is challenging a veterans’ memorial in the city of King. That display also depicts a soldier kneeling before a cross.

Senate Committee Votes Against School Voucher Plan Reports Americans United For Separation of Church and State July/August 2013 Bulletin

In an important victory for church-state separation, a U.S. Senate committee has handily voted down a voucher proposal that could have diverted billions to religious and other private schools.

At a June 12 markup, the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee voted 14-8 against an amendment to S. 1094, the “Strengthening America’s Schools Act,” that would let states use federal funds for vouchers. All committee Democrats and two Republicans, Sens. Mark Kirk (Ill.) and Lisa Murkowski (Alaska), voted against it.

The amendment, offered by Sens. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) and Tim Scott (R-S.C.), would have allowed for “portability” of Title I funds so that low-income students could enroll at private schools. The cost of the scheme is uncertain, but the appropriation for the Title I program was $14.5 billion in 2012.

In advance of the vote, the National Coalition for Public Education (NCPE), which Americans United co-chairs, urged leaders of the education committee to reject any voucher proposals.

Noting that vouchers primarily fund religious schools, NCPE said, “Instead of providing equal access to high quality education or setting high standards and accountability, voucher programs have proven ineffective, lack accountability to taxpayers, and deprive students of rights provided to public school students.”

This latest scheme is part of the GOP push to expand vouchers nationwide. Republican leaders hope “school choice” – a euphemism for vouchers – will help with recruitment of minorities. It also pleases both Religious Right and libertarian factions in the party base.

Taxpayer Aid Considered for Storm-Damaged Churches

Four U.S. senators are pushing legislation that would require the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to give taxpayer funds to houses of worship that are damaged by hurricanes and other natural disasters.

The measure, being promoted by Sens. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.), Roy Blunt (R-Mo.), Jeff Chiesa (D-N.J.) and Claire McCaskill (D-Mo.), mandates the inclusion of churches, synagogues, mosques, temples and other houses of worship in the list of institutions eligible for federally funded repair, restoration and replacement.

Americans United for Separation of Church and State opposes the measure (S. 1274), noting that a long line of federal court rulings confirms that the government cannot fund the construction or maintenance of houses of worship.

The FEMA funding matter surfaced in the House of Representatives earlier this year. In a Feb. 12 letter to House members, AU Legislative Director Maggie Garrett noted that houses of worship, like most non-profit organizations and businesses, are still eligible for government loans to rebuild.
Garrett said churches, synagogues and mosques are not being singled out for unfair treatment as some claim. FEMA, she said, only funds nonprofits that are used for emergency services and other essential, government-like activities. Eligible facilities, such as community centers, must also be open to the general public.

House members passed the measure (HR 592) by a 354-72 margin; its fate in the Senate is uncertain.

Several religious groups have backed the bill. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America and the American Jewish Committee are all asking for the government subsidy of religion.

However, the American Civil Liberties Union, the Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism, the Interfaith Alliance, the Secular Coalition for America and the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty have expressed concerns about the funding scheme.

**Equal treatment for Same Sex Marriages**

Two months after the Supreme Court struck down the Defense of Marriage Act; the Treasury Department ruled that legally married same-sex couples will be treated as married for federal tax purposes.

The decision has a host of implications, even for same-sex married couples who now live in states that don't recognize same-sex marriage.

It affects how they will be treated in terms of federal income taxes, federal estate and gift taxes, the tax breaks they get for employer-sponsored health insurance and other benefits.

The ruling applies to any same-sex couple legally married in any state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. territory or foreign country. It does not apply to registered domestic partnerships, civil unions or other formal relationships recognized under state laws.

Currently 13 states and D.C. have legalized same-sex marriage as have 15 other countries, including the Netherlands, Belgium, Spain, Canada, Sweden, South Africa and Brazil.

"Today's ruling provides certainty and clear, coherent tax filing guidance for all legally married same-sex couples nationwide," Treasury Secretary Jack Lew said in a statement. "It provides access to benefits, responsibilities and protections under federal tax law that all Americans deserve."

Practically speaking, in terms of filing their 2013 federal taxes, legally married same-sex couples must choose to file either as "married filing jointly" or "married filing separately."

They may also choose to file an amended return as a married couple and a refund claim for tax years 2010, 2011 and 2012.

In terms of health insurance, money used to buy same-sex spousal coverage in an employer-sponsored plan was subject to income tax. Now, as a result of Treasury's ruling, the employer and employee contribution will be treated as tax free for federal income tax purposes.

The federal estate tax will also offer more favorable treatment. Same-sex surviving spouses will now be entitled to inherit the estate of their late husband or wife tax-free.

But it may not be all good news and savings.

Some legally married same-sex couples, like their opposite-sex counterparts, will find themselves subject to the notorious marriage penalty. That refers to situations where a married couple ends up with a higher tax bill as a result of filing jointly than when they filed as single people making the same income.

**Court upholds 1st ban on gay-tostraight therapy by Paul Elias, AP**

A federal appeals court upheld the nation's first-of-its-kind law in California prohibiting health practitioners from offering psychotherapy aimed at making gay youth straight.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco ruled that the state's ban on so-called conversion therapy for minors doesn't violate the free speech rights of licensed counselors and patients seeking treatment.

The activities of pastors and lay counselors who are unlicensed but provide such therapy through church programs would not be covered under the law.

The case before the appeals court was brought by professionals who practice sexual-orientation change therapy, two families who say their teenage sons benefited from it, and a national association of Christian mental health counselors. They argued the ban infringes on their free speech and freedom of association and religious rights. The counselors also argue it jeopardizes their livelihoods.

However, in a 3-0 ruling, the court panel held that California has the power to prohibit licensed mental health providers from administering therapies deemed harmful, and the fact that speech may be used to carry out those therapies does not turn such bans into prohibitions of speech.

The law says therapists and counselors who treat minors with methods designed to eliminate or reduce their same-sex attractions would be engaging in unprofessional conduct and subject to discipline by state licensing boards.

Supporters, including Gov. Jerry Brown and Attorney General Kamala Harris, say the ban is necessary to protect children from a coercive practice that can put them at increased risk of suicide. They also say the therapy's efficacy has been questioned or rejected by every major mental health professional association.

The law was supposed to take effect at the beginning of the year but was put on hold pending the 9th Circuit's ruling. Thursday's ruling reverses the injunction.

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie signed a similar law that would also outlaw conversion therapy in his state.
In remembrance of Jack Matsuoka from Mas and Marcia Hashimoto
In remembrance of Shig Akiyoshi from Mas and Marcia Hashimoto
In remembrance of mother, Kiyoko Kaneko from Paul and Carol Kaneko
For the USPS commemorative stamp campaign from Grant Ujifusa of NY
For the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 program from Irene and Raymond Potter
In honor of Ben and Yoko Umeda from Ben and Mary Tada

KAWAKAMI STUDENTS VISIT WATSONVILLE
Fifteen middle school students and their chaperones from Kawakami, Nagano-ken, Japan were welcomed by Watsonville City and PVUSD school officials and host families on September 6th at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple where a “Welcome Party” was held.

One student discovered, while at the Tokyo airport, he forgot his passport. He and a chaperone joined the group the next day, participating and enjoying all the other activities.

The students enjoyed visiting our middle schools, the Monterey Bay Aquarium, a day at the beach, and farewell dinner before flying onto Disneyland and home.

Mayor Lowell Hurst presented Kawakami’s Middle School’s English teacher with a Proclamation from the City of Watsonville.

Bob Gomez led the singing of the school’s official song in both Japanese and English.

Each Kawakami student received a proclamation from State Assemblyman Luis Alejo.

Joining in the photo are our Pajaro Valley students who visited Kawakami in the spring of 2013.

WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL
Our 2013 November newsletter will feature several interesting and exciting articles. Be sure to look for our newsletter in the mail.

And, thank you for your membership and for your continuing support of our programs and projects. We truly appreciate it.

To check your current membership, look at the date after your name, example:
Joe Hxxxx 8/13 This means the membership expired after August 2013.

If you have moved or are planning to move, please let us know your new address. The newsletters are returned with first class postage due.

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

Read our full color newsletter online at our website: www.watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org.

Onward!
Mas Hashimoto, Editor
Seniors’ Corner

October 2013 ck

WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL SENIOR CENTER TOURS

One-Day Senior Trip
Table Mountain Casino, Friant
October 29, 2013 [Tuesday] 8:00 AM to 7:30 PM
$5 e-cash

Cost: Active Senior Members $30 and others $35

Reservations: Carol Kaneko (831) 476-7040 or Rubie Kawamoto (831) 464-6721
Non-Senior Center members are welcome to join us! Seats still available

If you have suggestions for places where our Seniors would enjoy a one-day or multiple-day trip or you can help in the planning of such trips, please call Carol Kaneko at (831) 476-7040. We are open to your suggestions. Thank you.

September birthday celebrants were Mitsuyo Tao, Fred Oda 90, Susan AmRhein, and Jane Sugidono. Among those who enjoyed “Valley of the Heart” on Sat. Sept. 21 were Jean Akiyama, Toshi Yamashita, Paul Kaneko, and bus driver Mark at “Valley of the Heart.” Photos by Carol Kaneko.

Upcoming Activities at the Senior Center:
Thurs. Oct 3 42nd Anniversary Celebration; Miyuki Buffet 4 pm
Thurs. Oct 10, 24 Regular Bingo
Thurs. Oct 17 October Birthday Party
Tues. Oct 29 Table Mountain Casino; 8 am to 7:30 pm
Thurs. Oct 31 Halloween and Bingo

Please check out our Senior Center website: http://kizukahallseniors.wordpress.com to keep up with our activities.

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

HELP WANTED! The Senior Center is always looking for able-bodied, caring, fun-loving volunteers (any and all ages welcome) to help out weekly (or once a month or so) with toban duties. We need your help on Thursdays from 12:30 to 3:15 pm to help our toban teams prepare tea, set out the tea and snacks, and clean up. You are invited to play bingo with us while you wait for clean up time – who knows what goodies you might take home! Let us know if you can help out on one or more Thursdays each month. Call Susan AmRhein at (831) 724-9454 to volunteer and have some fun.
No Increase in the 2013 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 2013 National and local dues for our tax-deductible organization (ID #94-2659895) are as follows:

Family/Couples $150 This includes two National dues with one subscription to the Pacific Citizen, local dues and our monthly JACL newsletter, and all children under age 14 to be included.

Individual Member $80 This includes National dues with subscription to the Pacific Citizen, the official paper of the National JACL, and local chapter dues and our monthly JACL newsletter.

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

For Thousand Club, Century Club, and Millennium Club and Life membership categories, please contact our membership chair Jeanette Otsuji Hager.

Name: __________________________________________________________
(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Name)

Spouse’s Name: ______________________________________________________
(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Name)

Address: ____________________________________________

Home phone: (_____) E-mail: ____________________________

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

Name: __________________________ Age: __________

Name: __________________________ Age: __________

Name: __________________________ Age: __________

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

Thank you so much for your support.

Check out our websites: watsontimesantacruzjacl.org and jacl.org.