RECEIVING AN APOLOGY AND $20,000 …

President Ronald Reagan intended to veto but instead signed the Civil Liberties Act on August 10, 1988. **Who or what changed his mind?**

We of the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL cordially invite you, your family, and friends to the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Civil Liberties Act of August 10 1988 on **Saturday, August 10, 2013** at the Tokushige Kizuka JACL Hall, 150 Blackburn Street, Watsonville, CA 95076, from 2 pm to 4:30 pm. Doors will open at 1:30 pm. We have planned an exciting and interesting program—one that shouldn’t be missed.

We may be the only JACL chapter in the nation celebrating the passage of the Civil Liberties Act on the actual 25th anniversary day.

Did you, or someone in your family, receive an official apology and reparations of $20,000 from the US Government for the unjust incarceration during WW II in one of America’s ten concentration camps?

If so, do you know how H.R. 442—the Civil Liberties Act of August 10, 1988—passed the Congress when the odds against it were more than a hundred to one? Do you know how hard and for how many years the National JACL and our JACL chapter worked for its passage?

Our National JACL faced these hurdles as studies show:

(1) Our Japanese American population was so tiny. To most in this nation, Japanese and Japanese American issues didn’t matter.

(2) Japanese Americans had little clout in the Congress. Of 535 in the Congress, we had only Senators Daniel Inouye and Sparks Matsunaga, and Congressmen Norm Mineta and Bob Matsui. S. I. Hayakawa, Canadian-born, was an anomaly.

(3) Most Americans were ignorant of our unjust wartime incarceration and could care less.

(4) Many Americans thought we were “Japs” and, therefore, deserved to be incarcerated.

(5) The election of conservative Republican Ronald Reagan. He was suspicious of discrimination claims.

(6) There was a huge federal deficit to reduce. Discretionary spending was to be curtailed.

(7) The growing trade imbalance with Japan, and Japan’s economic boom years led to hostilities in Congress and the nation. Then, in 1982, Vincent Chin of Detroit was murdered by autoworkers who thought he was Japanese, working for a rival Japanese auto manufacturer.

(8) Within the Nikkei community, there remained the old philosophy of “shikataganai”—it can’t be helped. So, why bother to bring it up?

(9) Adding reparations (money), many Nikkei believed, cheapened the proposal. They said it was adding “a price tag to freedom and liberty.”

(10) The deep discord within the leadership of the JACL on the strategy to be implemented split the organization.

WSC JACLers Grant Ujifusa and Ben and Yoko Umeda who helped to make redress and reparations possible will share the challenges and successful efforts that led to the passage of H. R. 442. This history lesson will be an enlightening experience for both the young and old.

It’s also our opportunity to say “arigato” (thank you) to those of our chapter who supported the redress campaign.

There is no admission charge, and light refreshments will be served. There is plenty of parking near the Watsonville High School tennis courts, which the Watsonville Police will patrol.

**ADDITIONAL DONORS TO THE REDRESS CAMPAIGN**

In addition to the 1980-83 redress campaign donors’ list published in last month’s newsletter, we discovered these donors of 1984:

Tom Aoki, Yoshio Aramaki, Arthur Danner, Rev. & Mrs. Michio Ito, Kimiyo Kadozaki, Mitsuru & Hiroko Mihara, Mary Okamoto, Sam Sakamoto, Mack & Hiroko Shikuma, Janice Tao, Tomio Tsuda, Tommy Yamashita, and Goro Yamashita.

Thank you!

For our full, living color newsletter, log onto [www.watsonvillesantacruzacl.org](http://www.watsonvillesantacruzacl.org). Newsletter, then the month.
POSTONITES! WE NEED YOUR HELP!
By Mas Hashimoto, Camp II

Were you or some members of your family incarcerated in Poston, Arizona? Were they in “Roasten,” “Toasten,” or “Dusten”? These were the nicknames for Camp I, Camp II, and Camp III.

The Poston Community Alliance needs your help. The mission of the Alliance is to create a foundation for educating the public about what took place at Poston during WW II. The Alliance is on a major fund-raising campaign to restore Poston’s remaining historic structures to create a museum. This museum will tell the stories of the Japanese Americans and the Native Americans of the Colorado River Indian Tribal Council who shared their land.

In 1942, the Native Americans didn’t want us! Why? They didn’t want to inflict the same kind of wounds they suffered at the hands of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the US Government! We have much history in common.

I ordered one brick in memory of my widowed mother, others for my brothers, and one for my dog “Sunny” and me. Between ages 6 and 10 in camp, my best and most loyal friend was “Sunny.” She made camp life “dogable,” which is better than “bearable. I brought “Sunny” back home with me to Watsonville after the war. She was my constant companion. I lost my dearest friend during my junior year in high school when she died of old age. I regretted not having a grave marker for her until now. My three lines on my brick will read as follows:

“Sunny,” my dog
Mas Hashimoto
Block 220-12-A

My older brother Mits, “Sunny” and me, 1944.
Please use the form on page 19 to order your brick(s). Checks should be payable to Poston Community Alliance and mailed to:
Poston Community Alliance/Brick Campaign
630 E. Quincy
Fresno CA 93720

Your contribution is tax deductible as the Alliance is a non-profit organization. Thank you.

VOTING RIGHTS OF 1965

[Editor’s note: The following letter, drafted by Paul Kaneko, was sent to our Congressional representatives: Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer and Congressman Sam Farr. For nearly 50 years, the Voting Rights Act has worked to strengthen our democracy. It has allowed millions of Americans who otherwise would have been denied the right to vote to go to the polls and participate in our government. A Supreme Court decision last month gutted key portions of the act, inviting partisan politicians to impose new restrictions on voters and on voting.]

Dear Representatives:

As a chapter of the National Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), the oldest and largest Asian American civil rights organization in the nation, we of the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL are extremely concerned, disappointed, and disheartened by the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision on June 25, 2013 in the case of Shelby County v. Holder that gutted the signature achievement of the Civil Rights Movement—the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

We believe the court’s decision places millions of people of color, women, and young people at the mercy of a dysfunctional Congress that has demonstrated time and time again that it is unable or unwilling to compromise to even make a decision. We do not believe that it has the where-with-all or the courage or commitment to respond to the Court’s action by reinstating certain provisions of the Act cut out by the Court. Even if it did, there’s the conservative Court that will stand in the way.

We believe the right to vote is a basic fundamental right we all have and cherish as American citizens. This right should never, ever be infringed upon by any means or for any reason or policy. We, therefore, were shocked and disturbed that the Court saw fit to partially dismantle the Voting Rights Act, which has stood for almost fifty years to ensure that the voting rights of everyone were protected.

We believe the Court’s ruling clears the way for states with conservative legislatures to pass whatever discriminatory voting laws they so desire in order to limit citizen access to the ballot box. It is interesting to note that even by the end of the day of the ruling, it was already starting to happen. States that had been held back by the Justice Department were going ahead and pursuing their intent to limit voting and alienating certain segments of the population. Some of these radical policies include: limiting polling hours and/or shortening extended voting periods,
limiting or eliminating weekend voting opportunities, imposing voter ID laws, imposing new voter registration requirements such as a proof of citizenship, English language proficiency, etc., gerrymandering voting district boundaries in order to isolate and unnecessarily burden certain communities, purging voter rolls of people with ethnic names, and even preventing groups like the League of Women Voters and Rock the Vote from organizing voter registration drives. We are concerned the Court’s action will take the country back to before 1965 when people of color were prevented from voting. The result of the Court’s action on Tuesday will result in an electoral system that will be further divided—separate and unequal. This is unacceptable and surely not what the fathers of our country intended. We believe the country should be making voting easier and more available to all, not the other way around.

As a well-respected and one of the oldest civil rights organizations, we call upon you as one of our leaders to lead the charge to amend the U.S. Constitution to guarantee that the voting right of every American is protected and to prevent each state from reversing decades of what the Voting Rights Act has protected since 1965—and renewed by the Congress four times since. Such an amendment to the Constitution is vitally needed and important in order to guarantee an equal and unqualifying right of all Americans to exercise their right to vote. As American citizens, we expect nothing less.

Sincerely,
Tosh Tanaka, President

**Tickets are now on sale!**

**El Teatro Campesino** (ETC) is excited to be preparing the first production of Luis Valdez’s new play “Valley of the Heart”–his first in 13 years! “Valley of the Heart” is a love story, the dramatic interaction of two share-cropping families – the Yamaguchis and the Montaños - during the trying days of World War II. This touching play will be performed in our playhouse at 705 Fourth Street, San Juan Bautista, 95045 from August 23rd to September 22nd, 2013.

Tickets are available now through Brown Paper Tickets at the following link [http://bpt.me/411873](http://bpt.me/411873), or by calling 1-800-838-3006, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

[Editor’s note: the tickets are reasonably priced. If ordered online there is a small fee charge of @ $1.50.]

- $10 Children 12 & under except Sun. 2 pm $15;
- $12 Seniors (60+) except Sun. 2 pm $15;
- $12 Students (w/ID) except Sun. 2 pm $20;
- $15 Adults except Sun. 2 pm $22.

The first weekend show dates are:

- Friday, Aug. 23, 8 pm;
- Saturday, Aug. 24, 8 pm;
- Sunday, Aug 25, 2 pm.

Thereafter, the dates are Thursday thru Sunday, and the times are at 8 pm, except for 2 pm showings on Sun., Sept 1; Sat. Sept. 7; Sun. Sept 8; Sat. Sept 14; Sun. Sept 15; Sat. Sept 21; and Sun. Sept 22.

The Gala Opening Night is Sat. Aug 31 at 8 pm when the tickets are $50. You don’t want to miss this event.

We also wanted to remind you that ETC has launched our very first Indiegogo campaign to raise funds to support this historic first production of “Valley of the Heart. As an organization who has always appealed directly to our audiences, we are very enthusiastic about this new way of gathering resources. Please take a minute to visit the campaign website at [http://igg.me/p/428743](http://igg.me/p/428743). There, you can view a video to get more detailed information about the show.

We could also use your help to get the word out by forwarding the link to our Indiegogo campaign to your family and friends through e-mail, Twitter, Facebook, other social media, and word of mouth.

Thank you! We can't wait to share this play with you! Stay in touch with us online:

Sincerely,
Luis Valdez, El Teatro Campesino
Like us on Facebook
[facebook.com/elteatrocampesino](http://facebook.com/elteatrocampesino)
[etcatatrocampesino.com](http://etcatatrocampesino.com)

**RECORD NUMBER OF MINAMI TAMAKI LLP ATTORNEYS HONORED AS SUPER LAWYERS**

Minami Tamaki LLP is proud to announce that all of our Partners, both of our Senior Counsel, and six Associates have been selected as Northern California Super Lawyers for 2013!

This is the 10th straight year that our Partners received this distinction and a record 13 attorneys from our firm to receive this recognition.


Our firm is one of the very few, and possibly the only one, in which every Partner and Senior Counsel received this distinction. Only five percent of the lawyers in California are named by Super Lawyers.
Partners Dale Minami (Personal Injury), Donald K. Tamaki (Business/Nonprofit), Brad Yamauchi (Consumer and Employment), Minette A. Kwok (Immigration), Jack W. Lee (Consumer and Employment); Senior Counsel B. Mark Fong (Personal Injury) and Derek G. Howard (Consumer and Employment); Senior Associate Seth I. Rosenberg (Personal Injury) and Associate Eunice W. Yang (Personal Injury) received Super Lawyer honors.

Dale is also on the 2013 Top 10 Northern California Super Lawyer list.

Senior Associates Kevin R. Allen (Consumer and Employment) and Suhi Koizumi (Immigration); and Associates Sean Tamura-Sato (Consumer and Employment), and Phillip M. Zackler (Business/Nonprofit) received Rising Star Super Lawyer honors.

Each attorney was selected based on voting conducted by ballots sent to more than 56,000 lawyers in the region, an extensive process involving peer nomination and a blue ribbon panel comprised of lawyers from appropriate practice areas who scrutinized the list of nominees.

The firm and its attorneys have been previously recognized on the Top 100 and Top 10 Northern California Super Lawyers lists, named one of “California’s Top Ranked Law Firms” by Martindale-Hubbell®, and was the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association’s inaugural Asian Pacific American Law Firm of the Year.

Northern California Super Lawyers is published annually in August in a special advertising section in San Francisco Magazine.

Congratulations to Minami/Tamaki LLP attorneys. Dale Minami is our W-SC JACL member.

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Minami Tamaki LLP is a San Francisco-based law firm, dedicated to providing excellent, personalized and responsive representation at competitive rates. Our attorneys have extensive experience in the following areas of law:

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FOND FAREWELLS TO …

Col. Laura Shinozaki Ryan, DLI

In a beautiful Change of Command ceremony at the Presidio of Monterey on Wed., June 26, Col. Laura Ryan transferred the command of 517th USAF Training Group to Col. Ginger L. Wallace.
In her two year tour at the DLI, Col. Ryan, as Assistant Commandant of the Defense Language Institute, wrote “A Pictorial History of the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center,” which featured the men of the Military Intelligence Service. We are grateful to have received this important historic book.

We will miss Col. Ryan who has been transferred to her new assignment in San Antonio, TX. We will keep in touch with her as she nears her next promotion to a “star.”

Presently, there are many Japanese Americans with the rank of general or admiral leading our military forces.

FAREWELL PARTY FOR CONSUL GENERAL HIROSHI INOMATA & MRS. MIDORI INOMATA

At a farewell party, hosted by San Jose’s Japantown Community Congress (JCC) on Mon., July 15, we expressed our appreciation to the Consul General and Mrs. Midori Inomata. We will certainly miss them.

Roy Hirabayashi (past president of JCC) Midori Inomata, Jimi Yamaichi of JAMsj, and Consul General Hiroshi Inomata. The Consul General was presented with a special bell, wooden frame designed by Jimi, which he rang and was delighted by its most beautiful sound.

While the primary responsibility of the Consulate is to render assistance to Japanese nationals and companies, the Consul General Inomata took great interest in our Nikkei community. He visited us often in Watsonville.

The Consul General presented the residents of Watsonville with a beautiful flowering cherry tree which was planted in our City Plaza, attended our annual, traditional community picnic in Apts, visited our JACL hall with Mr. Itaru Nitao, and toured the agricultural fields of Richard Uyematsu to learn more about our history, contributions, and concerns. We wish him continued success on his next assignment, somewhere in Asia, and hope we can meet again soon.
EDUCATING FOR JOY, JUSTICE, AND JAPANESE CULTURE
By Aimee Mizuno

Another year of Kokoro no Gakko came and went in a blur, with two weeks of arts, crafts, cooking, research and friendship. Every year is a unique experience and this year was no exception. The 5th and 6th graders came to us eager to learn and interact with us and with each other.

With Nikkei immigration as our theme, we delved full force into the history of Japanese migration to the Americas and learned much along the way. On the first day as we filled out a chart with what we know, and wanted to know about the topic, the students found that they knew only cursory information about the immigrant history of their ancestors. With many students being yonsei and gosei JA’s, the issei experience came many generations before. But as students conducted family interviews, stories of migration were uncovered. Students found that their family members came over via Hawaii, Canada and Mexico, as laborers, students and picture brides. Many faced discrimination and economic hardship as they lay their claim to their place in America. The students wrote the stories of hardships.

5th graders of Aimee Mizuno’s class are working on their projects.

As the two weeks came to a close, students shared their final research projects and put the finishing touches on their sewing, puppets, maps and masks. We found that friendships were strengthened, real learning took place and generation gaps bridged. We did not want our time together to end. Educating in this kind of school is a joy and feeds any teacher’s creative vocation! It is a gift for everyone who participates.

Thank you to all the students, families, volunteers and teachers who make educating for joy, justice and Japanese Culture Gakko’s number one priority!

ASIAN AMERICA’S SHAMEFUL SECRET SISTER
By Aimee Mizuno

Although Asia America has come up by leaps and bounds toward embracing members of different backgrounds, there is still a portion of the community that is still hidden in the attack, literally, the crazy aunt that relatives hide in from visitors, away from public view. They are the Asian American brothers, sisters, parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents, and children living with mental health diagnoses. Little is it known besides whispers among family members, that mental illness affects Asian Americans, particularly, young women, at alarmingly high rates.

In fact, young Asian American women have the highest rates of suicide of any group in the United States. How can this be? How can we let this be? These men and women carry the stigma of mental illness hoisted on them doubly by mainstream American society and then the minority communities they are a part of. If Asian American families and communities help to create and perpetuate cultures of shame, guilt, over achievement and family dysfunction, it is time for the same groups and individuals to shed light on the suffering and end the stigma once and for all.

I first sought help for my depression as a college student at Wellesley. With depression in my family DNA and a personality tending toward perfection and overachievement, I was a prime candidate for “black dog” disease that descended upon me my junior year. With the help of counselors, medication, family and friends, I was able to pull out of the worst episode, which I would do again and again in my twenties and into my thirties. I have had more therapists than I care to remember, tried more medications than I’d like to admit, and still the depression is barely kept at bay. But what has been more taxing than the disease itself, is the self-imposed silence I have kept. Isolation and self-loathing are symptoms of the disease and factors that make the condition worse. Only close family and friends have known the extent to which I’ve been indebted to medical professionals and hospitals for supporting me in the worst times.

But I want to end my silence today. Silence does not aid anyone in this suffering and every time I have broken the silence, I have found camaraderie, understanding and fellow sufferers to lessen my burden. So, I will do so today. Depression, Bi-Polar, Schizophrenia, Borderline Personality Disorder, whatever the diagnosis may be, never be ashamed of the label you carry. Behind the disease stand many, many more like you, who have suffered and walked a similar path. Look for help and understanding. Often it will come outside of the “medicalized” mental health system. It will come from peers and community groups humble in nature and pure in their cause, to provide companionship in the journey of recovery and wellness. Here is one that I have tapped into:

Mental Health Client Action Network
Cayuga Street in Santa Cruz

They offered a peer to peer introduction to mental illness class provided by the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill and a writing group that brought me back my voice. Please, if you or anyone you know, love, care for, is suffering, give them the understanding they deserve and need. Encourage any small steps in the path toward recovery and never give up on them. They are part of you, too. Mental illness is not a death sentence or a life sentence. It is just part of the journey that we all must take through this life.

Sister with hope and recovery,
Aimee Mizuno
Books detail struggles of farmworkers

By Terri Morgan, Santa Cruz Sentinel reporter

Authors Bruce Neuburger and Dr. Ann Aurelia Lopez discuss the past and present struggles of farmworkers. Watsonville -- The past and present plights of California's farmworkers, and the impact their struggles have had on consumers and the environment, were discussed Saturday in Watsonville.

Two writers -- Bruce Neuburger, the author of Lettuce Wars and Ann Aurelia Lopez, the author of The Farmworkers' Journey -- spoke about their books at the Watsonville Public Library. About two dozen people were on hand for the talk and to take part in a discussion on the dynamics of farm labor.

"Bruce Neuburger and Dr. Ann Lopez are authors of two of the most important books you will find here in our library," said Adult Services Librarian Watonka Addison, introducing the pair. "Their work is enormously relevant to the people of our community, and I think we are all in their debt for telling us so eloquently, compassionately, and compellingly, a story from the perspective of the real people whose voices the larger public doesn't always get a chance to hear."

Neuburger, whose book is subtitled Ten Years of Work and Struggle in the Fields of California, labored in the fields as a farm hand during the 1970s, when farmworkers were struggling to obtain better wages and working conditions. As a participant in organizing protests, strikes and boycotts, Neuburger also saw the lengths growers went to in an effort to keep the farmworkers from uniting for political clout. More than just a battle for worker's rights, Neuburger said the movement was also about social change.

"I went there to get a job," Neuburger said of his days working in the lettuce fields around the Central Coast. "I stayed because it was a rebellion for a more just society."

Neuburger's political memoir recounts the struggles, and introduces readers to some of the people he worked with in the fields.

Lopez's book addresses the inordinate amount of pain and suffering farmworkers on both sides of the border have endured as a result of the North American Free Trade Agreement, better known as NAFTA. Approved in 1994, NAFTA led to the gradual reduction of tariffs on corn exported from the United States to Mexico. Small farmers in Mexico were not able to compete with imports produced by large-scale businesses shipping transgenic corn into their country. As they lost their livelihoods, millions of Mexican farmers and their families were faced with three choices, said Lopez, who is the executive director of the Center for Farmworker Families.

"They could stay (on their small farms) and starve, they could move to the shanty towns in larger cities, or they could leave the countryside and make an undocumented trip to the United States," Lopez said. "In the case of the latter "they leave the worst of the third world, and come to the United States and receive the worst of the first world."

The free talk was hosted by the Watsonville Public Library as part of its special events calendar. Upcoming programs include a free poetry writing workshop. The library also hosts a monthly Poetry Open Mic for poets to share their work with others.

Our resolution adopted by the JACL

Our delegate, Jeanne Otsuji Hager, emailed from Washington, D. C. the National Council unanimously adopted our chapter's resolution on immigration reform and pathway to citizenship.

Friends and family of Nisei Vets

The next meeting of the FFNV will take place aboard the USS HORNET (MUSEUM) on Saturday, August 31st from 11 am. Note the change of date. The address is 707 W. Hornet Avenue, Pier 3, Alameda, CA 94501, (510) 521-8448, www.uss-hornet.org.

If you and your family (youngsters in particular) have never been aboard an aircraft carrier, this is the golden opportunity to visit this great warship. The benefits and savings are many on this day.

For registration send $20 per person to our new address: FFNV, P. O. Box 626, Gilroy, CA 95021.

This includes a great bento lunch with fantastic desserts, the USS Hornet's admission charge of $14, and the program highlighting the 70th reunion of the 100th/442nd RCT in Hawaii.

Tom Graves' Twice Heroes book talks and signings


Saturday, August 3, San Jose, CA and Palo Alto, CA
1:00-2:00 Japanese American Museum of San Jose 535 Fifth St., San Jose, www.jamsj.org

Saturday, August 17, Sacramento, CA
1:00 California State Military Museum 1119 2nd St, Sacramento, CA www.militarymuseum.org
2:00 Nisei Veteran Capt. Kiyo Sato talks about her book, Kiyo's Story, and joins Tom in a Q & A session and book signing.

Tom Graves, 415-550-7241, www.tomgraves.com, tom@tomgraves.com
**WWII VETERANS’ HONOR FLIGHT NETWORK**

The Japanese American Veterans Association has adopted a new “Giving Back Program” to support veteran charities as a part of our out-reach efforts.

In recent years, the American public has expressed its appreciation in many ways for the World War II Nisei soldiers’ extraordinary performance to help win the war. We are truly grateful for the honors given to those veterans.

In appreciation, JAVA wants to give back to veterans organizations that help veterans in need. JAVA’s Executive Council has designated the Honor Flight Network to be the first recipient of our “Giving Back Program.”

We have selected the Honor Flight Network because they transport WW II veterans to visit the National WW II Memorial in the Nation’s capital at no cost to the veterans. Many veterans have admitted the opportunity to visit Washington, DC was beyond their reach. Many of you are Honor Flight volunteers so you are familiar with its mission.

Eventually, Honor Flight will transition to bring veterans of the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and subsequent wars to Washington, DC.

The first Honor Flight took place in May 2005. As of November 2010, it had transported over 63,000 veterans to Washington, DC.

Its website [http://www.honorflight.org](http://www.honorflight.org) describes the thrill of the veterans when they step foot in their Memorial. The non-profit organization is headquartered in Springfield, Ohio and has 114 chapters across the United States.

In November 2011, Honor Flight helped to bring over 150 World War II Nisei veterans to the Congressional Gold Medal Ceremonies held in Washington, DC. Our selection of Honor Flight, as the inaugural charity for JAVA’s new initiative, is a way of expressing our appreciation for Honor Flight’s help in making the Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony a memorable experience for the Nisei veterans.

One hundred percent (100%) of donations received will be donated to Honor Flight. We ask for your financial support for this worthy cause. Please make your checks payable to “JAVA” and put “Honor Flight” on the memo line. Send your check to Mark Nakagawa, JAVA Treasurer, 9455 Park Hunt Court, Springfield, VA 22153.

We will present a check to the Honor Flight Network at JAVA’s 13th Annual Veterans Day Program at the National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism in Washington, DC.

If you have questions, please contact Gerald Yamada, gyamada@goingforwardstrategies.com or call at 703-938-3074, or Terry Shima, tshima@comcast.net, or call at 301-987-6746.

**SENIOR CENTER NEWS** by Kitako Izumizaki

July was a busy month for all. Helen Nakano decorated the Center for the Spirit of the 4th of July with red foil vases filled with red, white, and blue stars and strips of colorful foil for each table. The main table was circled with a string of lighted flags with colorful pinwheels. Helen and Susan AmRhein served all a red, white and blue ice cream sundae, which contained blueberries, strawberries and raspberries--yum, delicious! What a great treat it was on that very hot day! We had another special treat from Jee Kajihara of Imura Restaurant of ice cream and cake. It being a very warm month, it all was very well received.

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Dr. Masako Miura, Hisako Kodama, and Kumiko Nakatani enjoying zucchini cake and ice cream provided by Jee Kajihara of Imura Restaurant.

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Miye Yamashita, Inako Johnson, and Satoko Yamamoto are enjoying their ice cream. Photos by Carol Kaneko.

Eiko Stewart announced that there would be various programs for people to take part in to support Relay for Life, the walk for cancer research.
On the 23rd, a busload spent a day at Chukchansi. Treats were supplied by Alice and Jon Drier, Toshi Yamashita, Yaeko Cross, Haru Ishibashi, Josie Martinez, Jean Akiyama, Fred and Betty Oda, Cindy and Gary Mine, Sunao and June Honda, Chie Sakaue, Yae and Sam Sakamoto, Rubie Kawamoto and Jackie Yamashita. Wow, it's a wonder seniors don't gain more weight. At least one never starves on these bus trips.

July birthday celebrants were Nobue Fujii, Michiko Hamada 92, Sunao Honda, Motoko House, Kumiko Nakatani, Phil Shima and Chiyoko Yagi 93. See their photo on page 18. Floy Sakata 88 and Ray Sak 97 were absent. A lovely orchid plant was delivered to Floy in honor of her 88th birthday and Michiko, Ray, and Chiyoko each received manju. The head table held dahlias and snowball and a mixture of other spring flowers. Individual tables held assorted colorful spring blooms.

Mas Hashimoto came by and asked us all why we sing God Bless America. He told us that it was Kate Smith's theme song, and she supported us during World War II when it was not the most popular thing to do. Mas also asked us to keep the date of August 10 open to attend the 25th anniversary of redress at Kizuka Hall, 2-4:30 pm.

We had several visitors--sons of Satoko Yamamoto, Jeff and Wayne, and Wayne's wife, Amy Baba.

Sadly, we lost a long-time member, Ray Sak. He and wife Louise were the backbone of the Senior Center for years. We send oceans of love and good thoughts to Louise and son, Paul, and his wife, Sandy, at this trying time. Services will be held on Sat., August 17th at 2 pm, Westview Presbyterian Church.

We welcome Sachi and Phil Snyder who joined the Senior Center this month. Lily Yamashita visited with Frances Schwamm. It was good to see them both looking great. Come again and play some bingo with us.

Thanks to hard working tobons June Honda, Mitsuyo Tao, Eileen Byers and helpers Sachi Snyder, Eiko Stewart, Judy Hane, Susan AmRhein and others for a job well done.

Monetary donations gratefully received: Tom Mine, Family, Sachi Snyder, Leigh Sakaguchi, Alice Misumi, Sandy Izumizaki Sams, Nobue Fujii, Michiko Hamada, Sunao Honda, Motoko House, Kumiko Nakatani, Ray Sak and Chiyoko Yagi.

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Many thanks for your continued generosity. Keep well and keep coming.

Join our day trip to Chukchansi August 20th and come to the August Birthday Party on the 15th. See you.

**JAPAN EXPO**

This event will take place at the Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Parkway, Santa Clara, CA 95054 (800-272-682) on August 23-25th. It will feature manga, modern culture, pop culture, and traditional culture. For more information, visit the website: [http://www.japan-expo.org/art-1125-en-accueil.html](http://www.japan-expo.org/art-1125-en-accueil.html).

Katie Andresen
Intergovernmental Affairs
Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco
God gave us a new Youth Leader

We are pleased to announce we hired a new Youth Leader! Jordan Souza is an 18 year-old Senior at Monte Vista High School. She grew up in our area and cares deeply for children and youth. She loves God, loves kids, and her hope is to one day be a teacher. She will be teaching Sunday School and leading our Friday Night Gym Nites.

Please keep her, our youth volunteers and especially our youth in your prayers. We want our children and youth to discover the joy of a life founded on the love of Christ!

In loving memory …

Rekiso (Ray) Sako, a cherished and beloved member of Westview and the community, passed away on July 16th. He was 97.

Ray was born in Watsonville, CA to parents who had emigrated from Japan. He was sent to Japan where he completed high school. He returned to the United States in the 1930’s.

Ray met and married Louise Sako when both were in the Minidoka internment camp during World War II.

After the war they lived in Montana, Minnesota and San Francisco until settling in Irvington, CA to grow strawberries in the late 1940’s.

In 1953, Ray, Louise, and their son, Paul, moved to Watsonville to grow strawberries, and in 1964, Ray went to work for the City of Watsonville. Ray retired in 1980, but was very active after retirement, traveling to Japan and around the United States to visit family and friends. He enjoyed visiting historical US sites. Ray was also a leader of the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL Senior Center.

This year Ray and Louise established the Sako Scholarships to help students from the Watsonville - Santa Cruz area and to reflect Ray and Louise Sako’s belief that a college education is a lifetime investment and a path to future opportunities.

A memorial service followed by a reception will be held on Saturday, August 17th, 2:00 p.m. at Westview.

On Sunday, July 14th, 2013 Westview unveiled their Blue Plaque Award on the church building after Sunday Worship Service. The Blue Plaque Awards are presented to Historic Landmarks in Santa Cruz County for their “pioneering spirit” and architectural or historic significance. Westview was the only South County building to receive one this year. Westview would like to thank Ann Jenkins for all her research into making it possible for Westview to receive such an honor.

Wednesday Study Services

“So many controversial issues out there, some don’t fit with me or with science or with whom I believe our loving God is! So what are the essentials of our faith, and what can I respectfully disregard?”

We will begin a study series in September on “What Matters Most.” We will meet at Westview on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays (September 11th and 25th) of each month at 6:30 p.m. We will study the book “What’s the Least I can Believe and Still be a Christian?” by Martin Thielen and use it as a conversation starter as we prayerfully grapple with Scripture. Order your book today through Amazon.com, or sign up at church and we will order one for you. Come explore your faith!

Relay for Life

On July 20th - July 21st (10 a.m. Saturday until 10 a.m. Sunday) Team Westview participated in the Relay for Life event held at the Watsonville High School. The morning started with a Survivor Breakfast attended by Joanne Yahiro and Diane Mio, both whom also walked the Survivor Lap to start our Relay.

Joanne Yahiro and Diane Mio were ready to start walking in the opening ceremony of Survivors Walk.

Monique Soares and Kathy Fujita are excited about walking their turn. But, first, they visited our booth.
Joanne Hayashi, Shirley Wong, and Dr. Art Hayashi walked around the track in the Relay for Life.

Joanne Yahiro, Dick Wong, Diane Mio, Art Hayashi, Shirley Wong, Gary Mine, and Susanne Eguchi are preparing bento of salad, rice, chicken, and brownie.

Randy Mano prepared the delicious, juicy teriyaki chicken for the bento. Randy took all the other pictures except this one. Who took this photo, Randy?

During the day, our booth sold bento box lunches of barbecued chicken, coleslaw, rice, brownies and soda/water. In addition, we also had a mini-rummage sale table, a ping pong ball activity for children that they could win stuffed animals at, and a table for dyed rice art drawings (thank you to Eiko Stewart for the idea and supplies).

In total we had 28 walkers with many who did double shifts during the day. Our walkers included: Evelyn & Marlon Veal, Randy & Tracy Mano, Eiko & George Stewart, Enrique Luevano, Lynne Nagata, Shirley Nishimoto, Dr. Art & Joanne Hayashi, Shirley & Dick Wong, Willie & Joanne Yahiro, Candy McCarty, Diane Mio, Suzanne Mio Eguchi, Carol Ortiz, Dan & Rosie Hoffman, Kathy Fujita, Monique Soares, Gabriela & Kristopher Church, Erica Martinez, and Elijah & Isaac Veal.

In the end, Westview finished with a total donation of more than $3,500, more than twice of what we anticipated!

A special thank-you to our co-captains Evelyn Veal and Randy & Tracy Mano for organizing Team Westview’s participation (car wash, rummage sale, arranging our tent, providing Westview’s Team t-shirts, bento box preparation, etc.) to help raise money for the American Cancer Society. Westview would also like to thank all those who volunteered and gave their time/effort to help make this a very successful event. An event of this nature brings out the true meaning of fellowship!

Sunao and June Honda enjoyed walking with George and Eiko Stewart.

WATSONVILLE TAIKO AND SHINSEI DAIKO
By Bonnie Chihara

On July 6th, Watsonville Taiko participated in the Campfire Days program at New Brighton Beach. This event brings various artists and music groups to the campers visiting this area.

On Saturday July 20th, we drummed at Watsonville High School for the Relay For Life.

Then, on Sunday July 21st, we participated in the Obon Festival at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple. Joining us at this event for the first time were our newest students
Skye Horton, Shoren Hanayama, Elen Hanayama and Genji Nagel. They were so excited to play taiko for everyone and had practiced with Sensei Ikuyo Conant for several months. Joining them were Becka Linquist, Hiroshi Musselman, Herlie Kataoka, Kathie Brown, Sandy Allen, Rebecca Tavish and Bonnie Chihara.

Some of us danced. We all enjoyed the food and tried to win the raffle! It was a great day.

Our upcoming schedule:

- **July 27th**: Watsonville High School Multi Year Reunion-Coconut Grove Ballroom
- **July 28th**: Wharf to Wharf-Capitola
- **Aug 4th**: Peace Day-La Selva Beach Clubhouse
- **Aug 4th**: Cabrillo Music Festival, Santa Cruz
- **Aug 6th**: Night Out, Sheriffs Service Station
- **Aug 25th**: Aromas Day, Aromas
- **Aug 25th**: Private Party, Henry Cowell Park
- **Oct 5th**: Alzheimer’s Memory Walk
- **Oct 5th**: Japanese Cultural Fair and Benefit Concert

For more information about Watsonville Taiko and our classes, please call us at 831-435-4594 or go to our website [www.watsonvilletaiko.org](http://www.watsonvilletaiko.org). Thank you.

**Watsonville Buddhist Temple News**

By Jackie Yamashita

Thank you for patronizing our fireworks booth for the “Spirit of Watsonville’s Fourth of July” celebration.

Ken and Alice Tanimoto, Aileen Kawasaki and Phyllis Nagamine as “cheer leaders” were drumming up business. Many people stopped to buy because of the patriotic enthusiasm displayed by our members.

This year’s obon was dedicated to Howard Tao who passed away in March of this year. He faithfully served the Sangha as the “stage manager” and PA system expert for all the Temple’s events for 57 years. We miss him dearly. The following photo was taken at Watsonville Temple’s 2010 obon festival.

The best and biggest “Rummage Sale” in town will take place on Friday, August 9 from 8 am to 3 pm and on Saturday, August 10 from 8 am to 1 pm.

Donated items can be dropped off starting from 9:30 am to 3 pm Monday thru Friday and on Sunday, Aug. 4, 2013 from 9:30 am to 1 pm at 423 Bridge St., Watsonville, CA 95076. Other arrangements can be made by leaving a message at the Temple with Jackie, (831) 724-7860.

**Items not welcome (don’t even think about ‘em):**
TV, Mattresses, computers, e-waste, large appliances (washers, dryers, refrigerators), and anything broken, torn or dirty. We are not a substitute for the landfill or the dumpster.

**Temple Calendar for August 2013**

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**Shotsuki Hoyo Service**

10 am Sunday, August 4, 2013

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

**August Memorial List**

- Chou Akiyama
- Matajiro Akiyama
- Ken Arimura
- Mieko Aoki
- Sadako Arita
- Sumie Nadamoto Champagne
- Kenzo Etow
- Zenkichi Fujimoto
- Ikuta Hashimoto
- Teruo Hamada
- Kisae Hatsushi
- Mary Hirano
- Kazushige Jofuku
- Masaru Jyofji
- Eiji Kajihara
- Kawano Kimura
- Evelyn Misao Koda
- Wakataro Koda
- Hama Kowaki
- Masumi Kusumoto
- Yoshiharu Kusumoto
- Matsu Maemura
- Isaku Matsumoto
- Iwao Matsunami
BWA News

Thank you, Carol Steele, our toban who, on July 6, served as the Obon/Hatsubon/Shotsuki Service chairperson. Well-done!

Thank you Aiko Nitao, Kitako Izumizaki, Hisako Kodama, Satoko Yamamoto and non-members Cindy Mine, Lillian Etow and Fumi Arao for helping with the Kokoro no Gakko students make mochi. The students had fun.

Steven Tao received the 2013 BWA Scholarship from Terry Hirahara at obon time. Congratulations, Steven!

ABA News

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Board Meeting Notes

The Hatsubon & Shotsuki Hoyo Service was on July 6th with Reverend Shinseki of Monterey as guest speaker was well attended.

Thank you, Jim Uemura, for replacing the broken sprinkler heads.

Thank you, historian Noboru Nakatani, for taking many photos during the fireworks sale, the Obon Cemetery, and Obon Festival.

Bell Tower Grounds: Perry Yoshida passed around a sample brick, which can honor or remember members with their names on them, to be inserted into the ground around the bell tower. Itaru Nitao, Kiyō Kawasaki, Perry Yoshida and Ryoko Kozuki will chair this fundraiser which will also beautify the grounds.

AVAILABLE:

Anyone who needs medical supplies (for free)—walkers, canes, shower chairs, commodes, chux, incontinence pads, etc.—please call me anytime @ 831-818-1511. Cindy Mine.

IN REMEMBRANCE …

HARRY HONDA, EDITOR EMERITUS OF THE PACIFIC CITIZEN PASSES AWAY

Harry Honda at the PSW Award Dinner 2012,
taken by Douglas Urata

Los Angeles, CA - Harry K. Honda, longtime Japanese American Citizens League member, former executive editor, and Editor Emeritus of the Pacific Citizen, passed away on July 4, 2013. He was 93.

Harry Honda was born in Los Angeles in 1919. He attended Belmont High, where he worked as managing editor of the school newspaper. He spent two years at Los Angeles Junior College in Publications. Beginning in 1936, Honda worked weekends for Rafu Shimpo’s Sunday sports section and became English editor for Sangyo Nippo. He then spent ten months as assistant editor at San Francisco’s Nichibei Shim bun.

Harry Honda served in the Army during World War II. He graduated with a degree in political science from Loyola University in 1950. When the JACL Pacific Citizen’s office relocated from Salt Lake City, UT to Los Angeles in 1952, JACL National President Saburo Kido appointed Honda to the position of Executive Editor.

“I am deeply saddened upon hearing Harry's passing”, said David Lin, National President of the Japanese American Citizens Citizens League, “my thoughts and prayers are with Misako and the entire Honda family”. Lin added “We will always be grateful for Harry's contributions to the JACL. I've always enjoyed visiting with Harry at the National Conventions, and he will be dearly missed at our Washington National Convention later this month.”

During his time as executive editor of the PC, Honda enjoyed visiting Japan on JACL's first group tour in 1967, witnessing President Ronald Reagan sign the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, and attending each JACL National Convention with his wife, Misako. He formally retired from the position in 2002. [Editor's note: He was my mentor as an editor on what needs to be included in a local JACL newsletter. I will miss his timely advice, his warm smile, and, most of all, his concern for us all.]

Yaeko Akiyoshi passed away at home, June 19, 2013 at the age of 96.

She was a native of Watsonville born November 24, 1916 and returned to Japan as a child to be educated. She returned to Watsonville when she married Toshio Akiyoshi. She was a homemaker and worked on the Akiyoshi Brothers family farm on Salinas Road with her husband Toshio Akiyoshi.

She loved to tend to her vegetable and flower garden. Yaeko was the loving 'Grandma' (to her many grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren) that celebrated all their birthdays and there were birthdays practically every month or it seems.

She is survived by her sons David Akiyoshi of Watsonville, Thomas and daughter-in-law Reiko Akiyoshi of Santa Cruz, daughters June and son in-law Earl Smith of San Jose, Nancy Mieko Kimura of Santa Cruz, Alice Koda of North Fork; and eleven grandchildren, 13 great grand children, and 4 great great-grandchildren. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews from the Akiyoshi, Aramaki, Mori, and Torigoe families from the Bay Area to Southern California.

The family wishes to thank Hospice of Santa Cruz, Dr. Robert Weber, and to Dr. Steven Smith for his many years as her physician. She was a member for the Watsonville Buddhist Temple. A private family service will be held.

[Editor's note: Upon our return from “camp,” the Akiyoshi Brothers Farm led by Toshio, Mas, and Shig
Akiyoshi leased a 200-acre farm and A & K Farm (Akiyoshi and Kizuka) with Tokushige Kizuka a 30-acre spread off CA Highway #1, Bluff-Jensen Roads. There they grew strawberries, blackberries, and other row crops and gave employment to hundreds, including many elderly Issei, young Nisei, and Mexicans and Mexican Americans.

They (1) encouraged and assisted young Nisei adults to farm strawberries on their own; (2) gave jobs to many elderly Issei women who were really too old to do stoop labor (my mother was one of them); (3) did not discriminate against farm workers; and (4) gave “scholarships” by hiring young Nisei and Sansei for the summer. The work was hard and back-breaking. We teenagers were grateful, and my family will be forever grateful to the Akiyoshis.

Yaeko Akiyoshi was the matriarch of the Akiyoshi family. Her legacy influenced and contributed to the success of our lives, for which we are grateful.

KAZU OSHIMA, July 12, 1924 - July 1, 2013,

Kazu Oshima, aged 88, of San Mateo died at home on Monday, July 1st.

He was born on July 12, 1924 in Watsonville, California, to Katsutaro and Kame Oshima. He graduated from Watsonville High School, Class of 1942, National Radio Institute in Washington D.C. and San Mateo Junior College before attending Stanford University. At Stanford University, Kazu received his Bachelor of Science and Master’s Degrees in Engineering.

During World War II, he and his family were incarcerated first in the Salinas Assembly Center.

[Editor’s note: A brief graduation ceremony was held while incarcerated in the Salinas Assembly Center 1942 where Watsonville High School Principal T. S. MacQuiddy delivered diplomas to those incarcerated. In the group photo, Kaz Oshima is in the front row, third from the right. In the program, the Nisei seniors sang the Star Spangled Banner and God Bless America. He gave his salutatorian speech. Exactly 50 years later on June 12, 1992, Kaz repeated his speech (he kept the original) when the Nisei graduates were given their long overdue graduation with a cap and gown ceremony at Watsonville High School. He was joined by Hatsuko Eto, Bill Hirano, Shig Kizuka, Kazue Kamitani, Evelyn Matsui, Frank Matsumoto, Shizuko Sigiyama, Grace Sugidono, Ichiro Sugidono, Bob Yamamoto, F. Yoshizumi and Kikuye Yamamoto. They were the first Nikkei internees in the nation to receive this graduation recognition.]

After “Salinas,” the family moved to Poston, Arizona Block 214-7-B. In Camp II, he worked as a radio serviceman and electrician for the War Relocation Authority.

Mr. Oshima began his career at Stanford Research Institute and continued working as an engineer at Ampex Corporation, Levinthal Electronics and Philco Corporation. He retired in 1993 after 33 years from Lockheed Martin Corporation.

Kazu will be forever missed by his brother George and sister-in-law, Alice as well as by his nephew, Ronald, his wife, Jeannie and their sons, and his nephew Gerry Oshima. He will also be missed by his niece Kathleen Fazekas, her husband, Tom and their children, and his niece Suzanne Oshima.

The memorial service took place at the San Mateo Buddhist Church on Thurs., July 25th. Intermemt following the service will be private at Olivet Memorial Park.

REKISO “RAY” SAKO

Rekiso “Ray” Sako, past leader of the Senior Center, passed away on July 16th. He was 97.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 17th, 2:00 p.m. at Westview Presbyterian Church.

We send our deepest condolences to the Honda, Akiyoshi, Kaneko, Oshima, and Sako families, relatives and friends.

DONATIONS, GRATEFULLY RECEIVED FROM …

Martha Miyamoto
In memory of Yaeko Akiyoshi
Akiyoshi Family
Victor Kimura
Esther Ura
Mas and Marcia Hashimoto
In memory of Rekiso “Ray” Sako
Mas and Marcia Hashimoto
Watsonville Taiko for rental of the hall

JAPANESE MEMORIAL GARDEN IN SALINAS

Joe Bowes and Gary Mine regularly clean the garden. They go before a big event such as our Day of Remembrance observance in February. They went to clean the garden before “Big Week” when tens of thousands of visitors from all over the country and world come to see or participate in the Salinas/California Rodeo.

Joe and Gary also look after the maintenance of our JACL hall for which we are grateful. Thank you, guys!

WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL

We welcome Ron and Millicent Mito as our newest members, and Carter Garcia Kimura as our newest Youth member.

We are so grateful for your membership and for your continuing support of our important programs.

If you have moved or are planning to move, please let us know your new address.

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 email us at hashi79@sbcglobal.net or write.

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

Onward!
Mas Hashimoto, Editor
Rev. Shousei Hanayama conducted obon service at PV Memorial Park on Sunday, July 7th, with the faithful in attendance.

Rev. Hanayama leads the dancers—Sensei Akemi Ito, Lisa Honda, Christine Bowes (taiko drummer), and the children.

Rev. Hanayama, with MC Ken Tanimoto and Kelsey Kusumoto, opened the obon festivities with gassho.

Our youth and ABA members participated in all the dances.

Shoren Hanayama did extremely well on the taiko drums.

Elren Hanayama, the youngest at 6 years of age, didn’t miss a beat but was exhausted after an intense performance.

We ate udon, sushi, teriyaki burgers, curry rice, cabbage salad, corn-on-the-cob, kettle popcorn, strawberry shortcakes, bought raffle tickets and cookbooks. The members of all the Temple organizations—board of directors, BWA, ABA, YBA, Dharma School, Boy Scouts, and Kokoro no Gakko all worked together at this remembrance celebration. Photos by Mas Hashimoto.

To complete the festive celebration, a group photo of the happy and historic occasion was taken. Photos by Mas Hashimoto.
Seniors’ Corner
August 2013 ck
WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL SENIOR CENTER TOURS

One-Day Senior Trip
Chukchansi Gold Casino, Coarsegold
$10 e-cash and $5 food coupon
August 20, 2013 [Tuesday] 8:00 AM to 7:30 PM

Cost: Active Senior Members $30 and others $35
Reservations: Carol Kaneko 476-7040 or Rubie Kawamoto 464-6721
Non Senior Center members are welcome to join us! Help us fill the bus!

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 476-7040. We are open to your suggestions.

July Birthday celebrants were Michi Hamada 92, Sunao Honda, Chiyoko Yagi 93, Phil Shima, Motoko House, Nobue Fujii, and Kumiko Nakatani. Absent was Floy Sakata 88. Photo by Carol Kaneko.

Upcoming Activities at the Senior Center:
Thursdays, August 1, 8, 22, 29 Regular Bingo
*Saturday, August 10 25th Anniversary of Civil Liberties Act of 1988, Kizuka Hall 2 pm to 4:30 pm
Thursday, August 15 Birthday Party
Tuesday, August 20 Chukchansi Casino Trip, 8 am to 7:30 pm

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

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.
During World War II, of the 110,000 interned Japanese Americans, almost 18,000 were incarcerated in the Poston Concentration Camp on the Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) Reservation in Arizona. The Poston Memorial Monument (below) was built in 1992 through the efforts of a determined and passionate group of detainees with support from the CRIT.

The mission of the Poston Community Alliance is to create a foundation for educating the public about what took place at Poston, Arizona during World War II. The Alliance is on a major fundraising campaign to restore Poston’s remaining historic structures to create a museum. This museum will tell the stories of Japanese Americans and Native Americans who shared the surrounding land.

For $100 donation or more, you can purchase a 4” x 8” brick with a personalized inscription (name of former Poston internee, donor’s name, or wording of your choice)

Make check payable to: Poston Community Alliance

Mail to:
Poston Community Alliance/Brick Campaign
630 E. Quincy
Fresno, CA 93720

Sponsor’s Name:_________________________________________
Address:_________________________________________________
City/State/Zip:_____________________________________________
e-mail:___________________________________________________
Phone:___________________________________________________

The brick has space for three lines with a maximum of 14 letters (including spaces) on each line.

The Alliance is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Website: http://postonupdates.blogspot.com E-mail: postonalliance1@gmail.com
Watsonville-Santa Cruz Chapter
National Japanese American Citizens League (JACL)

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:

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<td>Family/Couples</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>Individual Member</td>
<td>$80</td>
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<td>Youth/Student</td>
<td>$25</td>
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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:

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

Thank you so much for your support.

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