Dear Members and Friends,

Happy “2014″ New Year! The Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL chapter has served our greater Nikkei (of Japanese ancestry) community since 1934. Our sustainability is due to the outstanding support of our membership and to dedicated efforts of those who have served and are currently serving as our officers and board members, for which we are grateful.

The W-SC JACL is vigilant in upholding the civil and human rights of all, educating the generations about the unjust Japanese and Japanese American incarceration during World War II, expressing gratitude to our Nikkei veterans and promoting cultural outreach and appreciation. If these are issues that interest you, please consider joining our organization.

JACL membership is open to everyone and is not limited to Japanese Americans. We encourage you, your family, and friends to join us or to renew your membership.

We look forward to serving you and to seeing you at our upcoming activities and events.

Sincerely,

Marcia Hashimoto, President

[Editor's note: For more information about our chapter, log onto www.watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org, our chapter's colorful website. Above photo courtesy of our webmaster Phil Shima.]
2014 TRI-CHAPTER INSTALLATION  by Marcia Hashimoto

On Sunday, Jan. 19th, the Tri-Chapter Installation, hosted by the W-SC JACL, was held at our very own JACL Kizuka Hall with about 70 in attendance. Special guests of the W-SC JACL were Keiro Kai (those over 75 years of age) who are also members of our National JACL. We are grateful for their dedicated advocacy.

Thank you, Board members Bobbi Jo Palmer and Tosh Tanaka for a job well-done as chairperson and master of ceremonies.

Appreciation is also extended to Nozomi Banks and our Board members: Joe Bowes, Jeanette Hager, Mas Hashimoto, David Kadotani, Carol and Paul Kaneko, Kimi Kimura, Victor Kimura, Brooke Kondo, Gary and Cindy Hirokawa Mine, Aimee Mizuno, Phil Shima and Iwao Yamashita for all their hardworking efforts before, during and after the event.

We gratefully acknowledge Iwao Yamashita for displaying his impressive bonsai and to the Akiyama Family—Isamu, Kiiko, Ben, and Patty Akiyama—for donating five dozen beautiful carnations for the decorations, corsages, and boutonnieres for our Keiro honorees and guests.

Our thanks to members Shirley Chin, Sharyn Nakashima, Kimi Kimura, Aimee Mizuno, Tosh Tanaka, and Mas Hashimoto who carefully made the lovely corsages and boutonnieres.

Miyuki Restaurant catered a fabulous buffet lunch, and our Board members, and members Jane Sugidono and Clyde Kimura provided delicious desserts.

Mas Hashimoto gave a detailed introduction of the reenactment film entitled, “Liberty Lost … Lessons in Loyalty.” The film featured the turmoil experienced by the families evicted and incarcerated during WW II.

We thank Carter and Nicole Kimura, our most active youth members, for assisting with the raffle.

The raffle and bingo activities were enjoyed by all with wonderful prizes donated by our Board members and W-SC JACL member Jane Sugidono. Additional donations were received from Kurt Kurasaki of the San Benito County and Lily Kawafuchi of the Gilroy JACL chapters.

Thank you, Watsonville–Santa Cruz, Gilroy, and San Benito County JACL members, for your support.

We are grateful to Judge Joseph Biafore, Jr. and his wife, Barbara. For over 30 years, Judge Biafore has graciously administered the oath to our officers.

We were honored by the attendance of Mayor Tony Bock of San Juan Bautista, Mayor Karina Cervantes of Watsonville, and Assemblyman Luis Alejo (picture).

Assemblyman Luis Alejo of Watsonville cordially presented certificates of recognition from the CA State Assembly to all the elected officers. He appreciatively recalled the encouragement he received from his WHS Math teacher, Carol Kaneko. He remarked that Mas Hashimoto was not his US History instructor but was his mother’s teacher.


San Benito County JACL Board: (not in order) Kurt Kurasaki, Jung-A Kim, Sayuri Yamanishi, Ann Tanaka, Phyllis Teshima, Ruby Yamaoka, Judge Biafore Jr., Tony Boch, Jeff Yoshioka, and Assemblyman Alejo.

Assemblyman Luis Alejo and Gilroy JACL Board: Mike Hoshida, Lily Kawafuchi, Lauren Mantani, Judge Joseph Biafore Jr., Allan Kawafuchi, Teri Hinmon, and June Otaguro.
Inako Johnson, Haru Ishibashi, Hide Nagamine, Carol Kaneko, Noboru Nakatani, Jane Sugidono, Fred Oda and Nancy Iwami were among those who enjoyed Miyuki’s delicious buffet.

Gilroy JACL President is Lauren Mantani (her second term) and the third generation of her family to hold the office. Grandmother Atsuko Obata was Gilroy’s first woman president, and Lauren’s mother, Teri Hinmon, also served as president. Lauren is a great K-6 teacher in the Gilroy Unified School District.

The 2014 San Benito County President is Kurt Kurasaki. He was not elected but, instead, has been the chosen one for the 11th consecutive year. He is contemplating whether he should be addressed as Shogun, King, or Emperor. He favors the latter.


Among the raffle and bingo prize winners were Betty Oda, Akira Nagamine, Fred Oda, Nancy Iwami, and Kitako Izumizaki. Our Seniors have so much fun!

W-SC JACL Senior Center representative Iwao Yamashita called the bingo numbers with efficiency.

Carol Kaneko is checking the bingo card of Sharyn Nakashima while Victor Kimura is hoping for one more number. Thanks to our generous donors of all three chapters, we had wonderful bingo and raffle prizes.

If you are depressed, 
you are living in the past.  
If you are anxious, 
you are living in the future.  
If you are at peace, 
you are living in the present.  
Lao Tzu
VOTING RIGHTS AMENDMENT ACT OF 2014

Our National JACL reports:


The VRA is being updated to protect against racial discrimination and to reinstate voter protections after the U.S. Supreme Court’s Shelby County v. Holder decision struck down Section 5 of the VRA in June of 2013.

The VRA Amendment Act of 2014 addresses current discrimination in real time, with a modern approach to reviewing voting changes that incorporates areas in our country that have enacted discriminatory practices in the present or very recent past.

Wade Henderson, president and CEO of The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights said that the Voting Rights Amendment Act "is only the first step in the legislative process. As introduced, this bill does not go far enough in protecting language minorities or voters living in states with restrictive voter ID laws."

We encourage each JACL chapter to contact their Congressional representatives and US Senators asking them to support and strengthen the VRA.

The National JACL has been working closely with The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights and will continue to support efforts to restore the voting rights for all Americans.

ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS, 18-25

KAKEHASHI PROJECT

The Japanese American Young Adults Invitation Program is part of the "KAKEHASHI Project: The Bridge for Tomorrow", a youth exchange project promoted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Japan, designed to heighten potential interest in Japan and increase the number of overseas visitors, as well as enhance international understanding of the "Japan brand," and the nation's strengths and attractiveness, such as Japanese-style values and "Cool Japan."

The Japanese American Citizens League is now accepting applications for the "KAKEHASHI Project: Japanese American Young Adults Invitation Program."

Applications for Trips 2, 3, & 4 are due February 20th.

The dates of Trip 2 are July 14 to July 24, and the dates for Trip 3 & 4 (sometime in October 2014) are yet to the determined.

Funded by the Japan-U.S. Educational Commission ( Fulbright Japan) and co-organized by the Japan Foundation and the Laurasian Institution in the U.S., the KAKEHASHI Project is a short-term study tour for undergraduate and graduate students ages 18-25 years old.

The goals of Japanese American Young Adults Invitation Program are (1) to continue building cooperation between Japanese Americans and Japan, (2) to promote Japanese Americans a better understanding of Japan in a variety of fields including politics, economy and culture, and (3) to encourage Kakehashi alumni to be effective advocates in enhancing U.S.-Japan relations.

Application Procedure

Completed applications and all requested documentation must be received by the Japanese American Citizens League no later than the deadline application dates specified above.

The application may be submitted online, e-mail or hard-copy. Application and guidelines are available online at: http://jacl.org/news/Kakehashi.htm

For inquiries, please contact Amy Watanabe, Kakehashi Coordinator, at (202) 223-1240 or japanprogram@jacl.org.

LISTEN UP: GRANT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE

San Francisco, CA - The Co-Chairs for the 2014 Legacy Fund Grants program are pleased to announce that all chapters in good standing, District Councils and the National Youth/Student Council (NY/SC) will be invited to submit applications for a Legacy Fund Grant in January 2014. Grant applications and application guidelines will be distributed to all eligible entities within the organization and posted on the national JACL website. Grants will be awarded for projects and activities that support the 2013-2014 JACL Program for Action, with a maximum award for a single grant request of $3,000.

Completed applications will be due Tues., April 1, 2014. Grant recipients will be announced at the 44th JACL Convention in San Jose, California, to be held July 9th through 12th at the DoubleTree by Hilton, near the Mineta San Jose International Airport.

Ten grants were awarded in 2013. Projects and activities that received funding included: a Legacy Garden project being undertaken by the Boise Valley JACL chapter; a speakers' series organized by the Berkeley JACL chapter; and a Collegiate Asian Pacific Internship program sponsored by the Pacific Southwest District Council. JACL chapters representing six of the seven districts and the NY/SC received funding through the Legacy Fund Grants program in 2013.

The application form has been carefully developed to encourage innovative planning and to ensure follow-through. Crucial to this is the requirement of progress reports to the Legacy Fund Committee on an ongoing basis, for the purpose of monitoring and publicizing all of the projects funded by the grant.

The Legacy Fund Grants Review Committee may consider the following attributes in evaluating each application: the relationship to the Program for Action; potential impact of the project/activity; capacity of the applicant to implement the project/activity; clarity of the stated goals and objectives; the budget and timeline; and the presence of a unique or specialized program.

History of the Legacy Fund Grants Program - The Legacy Fund was established by the JACL National

[Editor’s note: many who were incarcerated donated all or a large portion of their redress and reparations to the National JACL’s LEC in gratitude. A legacy fund was established with the interest earned to be used to fund worthy projects/grants.]

These funds were investment earnings from the fund are used to: support general operations; provide a return to chapters and districts in direct proportion to their original contribution to the fund; provide funding for a grants program; and to reinvest in the fund for future growth. The goal of the grants program is to assist chapters, districts and the NY/SC in carrying out projects and activities that are in accordance with the National JACL Program for Action.

SENIOR CENTER NEWS by Kitako Izumizaki

Seniors were happy to get together from the 9th of January 2014 to welcome the Year of the Horse. However, the real celebration was held as a combo New Year’s Celebration and January birthday party. Manager Iwao Yamashita gave all a hearty welcome and wished all a very Happy New Year!

Year of the Horse decorations on all the tables by Helen Nakano. Seniors’ photos by Carol Kaneko.

Tables were decorated with paper made horses (above photo) on shiny black painted platforms. Each place setting held an origami stork with a box on its back filled with senbei and arare. Thanks to Helen Nakano and Susan AmRhein for the beautiful decorations. The head table held a bouquet of bird of paradise, camellias, and sprays of flowering quince. Yaeko Cross passed out liquor filled chocolates to all.

After a moment of silence, the group sang God Bless America followed by Shigin rendered by Chie Sakaue. After Iwao thanked the members for their great support all during the year, the following birthday celebrants were honored: Terry Hirahara, Hatsuko Tsuji, Toshi Yamashita, Carmel Kamigawachi, 93, and Evelyn Kamigawachi 90. Absent and missed were Frances Goon 95 and Mitsuko Ruble. A short video was shown by Carmel of an old Kayo Club Recital of 1988. It was good to see how young the performers then were.

Good to see Masako Miura back after a long absence. Iwao announced sad news about the passing of Ruby Kizuka in November. We send loving thoughts to her family in Las Vegas.

We are again grateful to Peggy Triplett and Antonette Wood from the Swingtime Café for generously providing hot meals to several of our Seniors every week.

Carol Kaneko passed out the treasurer's report for 2013.

Visiting and playing bingo with us were Grace Fujita and her daughter, Donna Fujita. Grace and Donna are our newest W-SC JACL National members, and we welcome them as our Senior Center members, too.

Many thanks for the terrific job done by toban Betty Oda, Terry Hirahara, Shirley Nishimoto, Sachi Snyder and Paul Kaneko. Thanks, as always, to Susan AmRhein, June and Sunao Honda, Judy Hane, and Eiko Stewart for their help.

Monetary donations gratefully received: Morris and Jane Kosakura, Paul and Carol Kaneko, Eiko Nishihara, Jean Akiyama, Kinji House, Evelyn and Carmel Kamigawachi, Frances Goon, Toshi Yamashita, Hatsuko Tsuji, Terry Hirahara, Iwao Yamashita, Helen Mito and Daniel & Karen Nitta.

Other donations gratefully received:

Geo/Eiko Stewart 6 rolls tissues, 2 lge Bounty
June/Sunao Honda 5 pkgs nori, 2 trays azuki Jell-O, 9 plates cream puffs
Shirley Nishimoto 4 doz eggs
Rubie Kawamoto 3 pkgs arare
Noebu Fujii 3 bags chips
Miye Yamashita 3 baggies rock candy, 6 baggies cookies, 3 cans almonds, 5 bags arare, 5 bottles Dawn
doiz tissues, 4 pkg instant oatmeal
Terry Hirahara 6 rolls Bounty, 2 pkg miso ramen
Eiko Ceremony 3 pkg udon, 1 pocket calendar
doiz double rolls tissues
Jean Akiyama Terry Hirahara 6 jumbo tissues, 2 pkg Clorox
Akira/Hide Nagamine wipes, bags of apples for all
Chie Sakaue pkg baked wheat cakes
Eiko Nishihara 24 double rolls tissues
Yaeko Cross 6 mega rolls paper towels
Jo Ann Vear  3 bags candy
Yoshino Matano  2 bags arare
Eileen Byers  6 jumbo rolls tissues
Toshi Yamashita  6 rolls paper towels
Betty/Fred Oda  1 1/2 lbs cinnamon jelly heart candy, 2 lbs animal crackers
Hatsuko Tsuji  large bag chips
Sam/Yae Sakamoto  3 sq Kleenex, 6 dish cloths
Haruko Yoshii  3 large Kleenex
Akira/Hisako Kodama  6 pkgs Jpn noodles
Paul/Carol Kaneko  2 pkgs nori maki arare
Kitako Izumizaki  doz double roll tissues
Kimi Fujii  6 rolls paper towels, doz dishcloths
Sam Sugidono/Grace Fujita  bag of chagashi
Helen Nakano/Susan AmRhein  table decorations

Thanks for starting out the New Year being so generous with all the donations. We can't continue without you. We are all looking forward to another wonderful year. Keep warm, keep well and keep coming. Zenzai feed next month! You don't want to miss this!
Don't forget the Chukchansi day trip on February 11.

WESTVIEW HIGHLIGHTS  by Leslie Nagata Garcia and Randy Mano
Dec. 22nd Christmas Worship Service photos:

Volunteers re-creating the Nativity scene.

Kadotani and Barte Families lighting the Advent candles on the table. L-R: Jeanni and David Kadotani, Frank, Michelle, Jason, and Elisa Barte.

Our Youth Leader Jordan Souza ("mouse" helper) helping Jason Barte to get dressed.

Shinbokukai
Immediately after the Congregational Meeting on February 9th, Westview will have its annual Shinbokukai luncheon. Don't forget to bring your favorite Japanese dish to share with others.
Westview Talent Show
We had a great time on January 17th celebrating all the talent here at our church!

Pastor Dan and Ian juggling the luna stix.
Rosie danced with her friend Brianna! Marlon juggled, and Eiko led us in line dancing! Thanks to those who came out to support our performers!
Youth/Family Events

Gym Nites are the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Westview. The schedule and theme nights through March are:

2/7 GAME NIGHT at the church & Salvation Army, 3:30-7:30 pm.
2/21 LASER TAG at Boardwalk 5:30-8 pm (meet at the church)
3/7 SCAVENGER HUNT at the church and Salvation Army
3/21 WORLD RECORD BREAKER at the church

Pastor Dan will be leading a Hospice Grief Group for VNA and Hospice at Westview the first Thursday of each month from 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. 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 on February 6th and March 6th.

Westview is continuing to prepare meals for the hungry/homeless. Contact Jane Yoshida at (831) 722-1265 if you need more information. The meals are prepared at Westview beginning at 2 p.m. and served at the Salvation Army at 5 p.m. Westview prepares these meals every first Friday of each month through March. For the month of February we will meet on February 7th.

We are continuing the study series on “What Matters Most.” This series usually meets at Westview on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. During the month of February we will meet February 12th and 26th. 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. 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.

WATSONVILLE TAIKO AND SHINSEI DAIKO

By Bonnie Chihara

On November 29th, 2013 sensei Ikuyo Conant’s husband Thomas Conant passed away from pancreatic cancer. The memorial service celebrating his life was held on January 5th at the Santa Cruz Veterans’ Memorial Building. Over a hundred people came to honor and remember Tom including members of Ikuyo’s family from Japan and Tom’s family from different parts of the US as well as daughters Myjah of Colorado and Ailin of London, England. Members of Watsonville Taiko, past and present as well as members of the community came to remember this quiet man who made a difference in so many people’s lives. We are grateful for his support and hard work in providing Watsonville Taiko with publicity photos and video productions of our anniversary performances. There are so many things that he did for our group- never wanting anything in return but a simple “thank you.” Thank you to everyone who came to the memorial or showed their support to the Conant family.

We are all working hard on our anniversary performance Flowers of Sarasouju scheduled for February 15th and 16th at Cabrillo College Crocker Theater. February 15th is Tom and Ailin’s birthday and sensei had promised to give him the birthday gift of a big taiko performance. Ailin will be travelling from England to attend this special performance.

For tickets, please contact the box office at Cabrillo College by calling 831-479-6154 or online at www.cabrillovapa.com. Or, contact Watsonville Taiko by calling 831-435-4594 or email us at info@watsonvilletaiko.org for more information.

Joining us in this performance are Shinsho Mugen Daiko, Sandoshin Taiko and Hinoki Taiko. Please mark your calendars for this performance.

Our Upcoming Schedule:

Feb.15th & 16th Watsonville Taiko’s 22nd Anniversary Performance-Crocker Theater, Cabrillo College, Aptos, CA
April 6th Hana Matsuri Festival, Watsonville Buddhist Temple
April 12th & 13th -Santa Cruz Ballet Theater, Mello Center, Watsonville High School
June 7th -Japanese Cultural Festival-Santa Cruz
KAWAKAMI SISTER CITY FUNDRAISER

Please come to have breakfast on **Sunday morning, February 23 from 8:00-10:00 am** at Watsonville’s Applebee’s, 1105 South Green Valley Road, (take-out, too) to support our Kawakami-Watsonville Sister City Association. The tickets are $10 per person and includes flapjacks, juice, eggs, bacon, and coffee—a great bargain.

While advanced tickets are available from the 15 students scheduled to travel to Japan this year, you and your family are most welcome to just drop by. Our middle school students will welcome you while their parents will be your servers.

We know many who attended the flapjack breakfast last year are planning to attend again. The food was delicious and beautifully served. We thank those who supported us in the past and look forward to seeing you on the morning of Feb. 23rd. Remember, you’ll be helping our young, student ambassadors. **Robb Mayeda, Chair.**

When you are free from all attachments, when you are indifferent to success and failure, then, you experience inner serenity.

A- Bhagavad Gita  
B- Upanishad  
C- Shakespeare  
D-Koran  
E-Confucius

Answer: A.

WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE NEWS

While 2013 presented many challenges, we managed to overcome them together. The **Joya E (End-of-the-Year) Service**, held at 7:30 pm on Dec. 31, was well-attended and fun.

**Rev. Shousei Hanayama** was prepared for the cold by wearing his winter outfit of hat, scarf, and gloves, and this our warmest winter ever! **Franz Steidl** (below) offered incense at the service.

**Rev. and Keiko Hanayama with Shoren and Elren.**
Temple historian and photographer, Noboru Nakatani, rings in the New Year.

Marna Nitao and Braden enjoy eating soba noodles served after the Joya E Service. Eating soba on New Year’s Eve means one will have a long and fruitful life.

The Temple officers for 2014 include Kim Yoshida Secretary and Kiyo Kawasaki President. Advisor is Rev. Shousei Hanayama.

The 2014 ABA officers are Jean Akiyama, Judy Hane, Noboru Nakatani, Tee Yamamoto, Betty Oda, Janice Tao, Perry Yoshida, and Iwao Yamashita with Rev. Hanayama as advisor.

Our 2014 BWA Officers are Doris Yonemura, Hisako Kodama, Terry Hirahara, Aiko Nitao, Aileen Kawasaki, Kumiko Nakatani, Itsuko Okamoto, and Kilko Akiyama, with Keiko Hanayama as advisor.

Itaru Nitao, Kiyoshi Kawasaki, Iwao Yamashita, Yoko Umeda, Norman and Susan Uyeda, Susan Uyematsu, and Perry Yoshida were honored as the Temple Volunteers of the Year. Absent were Akio Idemoto, Jimmie Uemura, and the Haneta Family.
YBAers Danny Sousa and Alex Tao presented Temple Secretary Jackie Yamashita with a gift of appreciation.

All--YBA, ABA, and BWA members--enjoyed the great potluck luncheon before playing bingo.

Watsonville Buddhist Temple New Year Potluck
We had a wonderful turnout for the New Year's potluck luncheon. Temple President, Kiyo Kawasaki, gave a delightful welcome talk, and we had a presentation for the Haneta Family for the many years that they have grown and donated chrysanthemums for the Temple altar.

Miyuki Restaurant donated the sake we used for the New Year toast from Sensei Hanayama. Then, we enjoyed a delicious potluck luncheon.

Bingo prizes were donated by members & organizations.

Shotsuki Hoyo Service
10 am Sunday, February 2, 2014
Let us gather to remember and express our gratitude to those who have passed away. The families of the following deceased of February are invited to attend the service and to Oshoko (offer incense). We look forward to seeing you at the service.

February Memorial List

Toshio Akiyoshi          Louise Aro
Tom Arita               Caroline Brace Takashi Chihara
Tamae Eto               Mieko Fujimura
Tadao Fujita            Henry Fukubu
Minoru Hamada           Tsutomu Hane
Dick Hirano             Misue Ishimaru
Noboru Hirahara         Denta Iizushita
Makiyo Iwama             Kimiye Jyoji
Yoshito Tommy Kodotani  Lynn Harumi Kajihara
Mitsuo Michael Kamimoto Rosalie Kendall
Lily Masae Kimoto       Keiko Kodama
Toshi Koike             Katsuichi Kumada
Tsune Kumada            Dick (Masami) Manabe
Shozo Manabe            Frank Mito
Hatsue Miyanohara       Tei Morimune
Seitaro Morita          Tsuchi Muramoto
Kohei Nagata            George Joji Nakano
Emiko Niyama            Dale Nishihara
Sanjuro Nishihara       Toshimi Nitta
Jean Oda                Hirosaburo Oita
Fred Kunio Okamoto      Clifford Sakae
Kazuo Philip Sakakihara Tomizo Shingai
Jintaro Sumida          Kimiye Suruki
Tsuyo Tahara            Masaaki Tamasu
Yayono Taniguchi        Russ Hiroshi Tanouye
Benji Tsuchiyama        Toku Tsuda
Vickie Kimiko Usuki     Dean Wada
Lindy Wada              Toshiko Grace Wakayama
Hatsusaburo Yagi        Jim Yamamoto
Richard Yamamoto        Ayako Yamaoka
Helen Hiroko Yamaoka    Miyoko Yappert
Haruko Yoshida          Tomoichi Yoshida

Takashi Yukitake

February 2014 Events
1 Sat  4-7 pm  “All You Can Eat” Udon Feed
2 Sun  10 am  Shotsuki Hoyo & Family Service
4 Tue  7:30 pm  Temple Board
5 Wed  1 pm  Dana (giving) Day Service & BWA Meeting
6 Thu  10 am  ABA Meeting
9 Sun  10 am  Sunday Service & Nirvana
14 Fri  2 pm  San Juan Howakai
16 Sun  10 am  Family Service
23 Sun  10 am  Family Service
Temple Update

We are getting ready for the annual “All You Can Eat” Udon Feed, Sat. Feb 1 from 4 to 7 pm. Tickets are only $8 per person and can be purchased from Jackie, Temple Secretary, or can also be purchased at the door. Bring the whole family. Take outs are also available. Sold separately are chirashi, pastries, and soda.

YBA Update

Our CD YBL winter activity was held on January 25th at the San Jose Betsuin.

We will be selling pastries and drinks at the Udon Feed on February 1st.

The ski trip planned for February 14-17 is doubtful.

Our annual “All You Can Eat” Pancake Feed will be held on Sunday, March 23rd from 7:30 – 11 am.

Eight to ten members will be attending this year’s Bay District Jr. YBA Conference on March 29th. It will be held at SACBC in Union City, CA.

ABA Update

A well-attended memorial service for past ABA members was held on Sun., Jan. 26 with Rev. Mukojima as guest speaker. A delicious luncheon followed.

BWA Update

We are working on preparations for the udon feed including chirashi at 1 pm on Feb. 1.

The BWA Coast District meeting will be held on Jan. 29 and we are looking forward to it. The World Buddhist Women’s Conference will be held in 2015 and in Calgary, Canada!

DONATIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED FROM ...

In memory of

Daisy I. Nagamine from Osamu Nagamine
Ben Tada from Sam Sugidono
Tomio Tsuda from Sam Sugidono
Ben Tada, Tomio Tsuda, Shig Akiyoshi, Yaeko Akiyoshi from Chiyeo Shikuma

Day of Remembrance Education Fund

Newsletter

Lawson and Mineko Sakai of Morgan Hill
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Watsonville Taiko

DONATIONS FOR OUR INSTALLATION

San Benito County JACL, Kurt Kurasaki
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Haruyo Ishibashi
Jane Sugidono
Fred and Betty Oda
Ben and Yoko Umeda
Mas and Marcia Hashimoto
Louise Sako

“A Democratic Way of Life for All”

By Geoffrey Dunn

[Editor’s note: Local historian discovers cache of petitions related to Japanese American incarceration during World War II—and the return of the Japanese community to the Monterey Peninsula]

Here is the unedited, unabridged article written by our dear friend, Geoffrey Dunn. We are saddened by the sudden passing of Nancy Costello soon after this article was published in the Herald.]

In late August of this year, local historian Tim Thomas, who serves as the curator of the Japanese American Citizens League Heritage Center, was searching through a bank of file drawers in the second-floor conference room of the Monterey JACL Hall on Adams St. when he made a startling discovery.

In a slightly frayed and rolled-up legal-sized envelope, Thomas found a critical cache of West Coast history related to the mass incarceration of 120,000 Japanese—including those who were American citizens—during World War II.

It had not been seen in nearly 70 years.

What Thomas uncovered was a collection of petitions—dated May 9, 1945, on the envelope—calling for residents of Monterey to “insure the democratic way of life” to those of Japanese ancestry who would be returning to their homes on the Monterey Peninsula during the months ahead.

Among the signatories were some of the most prominent cultural figures in the region, including Nobel Prize-winning novelist John Steinbeck; his best friend, the celebrated marine biologist Ed Ricketts; photographer Edward Weston (friend of Ansel Adams) and his wife, the model-writer Charis Wilson Weston; artists Barbara and Ellwood Graham; and nationally renowned Big Sur poet Robinson Jeffers and his wife, Una.

The 440-plus names gathered during the petition drive were later listed in a massive, full-page advertisement in the Herald on May 11, 1945, under the banner headline: “The Democratic Way of Life for All.”

In addition to the local literati, those who signed the petitions reflected a remarkably broad spectrum of Monterey’s World War II community, including business and labor leaders, educators and journalists, attorneys and janitors, clergy and women who were holding down the home front while their husbands were off fighting the war.

One of the signatories, Nancy Costello, whose husband Jimmy Costello, a well-known journalist at the
**Herald** then fighting with the Army infantry in France, said she signed the petition not only because she wanted “to support our Japanese friends, but also “out of respect” for her husband. “He had been assigned to report on the gathering up of the Japanese before they were sent away [in 1942],” the 95-year-old Costello recalls. “It was the worst assignment of his life. These were good people, loyal citizens. Jimmy was mortified by it. He knew it was wrong.”

Thomas said that he immediately began to cry once he realized the historical significance of his discovery. “There’s really no other known act like this during the war in which non-Japanese Americans stood up as a community for their Japanese friends and neighbors,” Thomas remarked. “These petitions represent a really unique moment in American civil rights history during a period of wartime.”

Thomas, a longtime researcher of regional maritime history and the author of “The Japanese on the Monterey Peninsula,” described his find as something akin to discovering the Rosetta Stone or the Holy Grail. “It made me so proud of this community,” he noted.

Monterey Peninsula College professor emeritus Dr. David Yamada called Thomas’ discovery “one of those once-in-a-lifetime eureka” moments. “Discovery, however, is seldom a final step,” he noted. “It is but one step in the process of unfolding fact and knowledge to help us understand humanity.”

Larry Oda, who has served as the JACL’s National President, said that the petitions “tell the story of [Monterey] during the war—where people stood in relation to their neighbors. It heartens me that so many prominent members of our community rose up for justice, when it was not really popular to do so.”

In February of 1942, during the early months of the Second World War, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, which sanctioned the relocation and eventual incarceration of more than 3,800 residents of Japanese descent in the Central Coast region. The order initiated what many consider to be one of the darkest chapters in American civil rights history.

By December of 1944, with the war grinding well into its third year, U.S. Major General Henry C. Pratt of the Western War Command announced that the incarceration centers would be closed down within the year and that those of Japanese descent would be returning to their home communities.

Almost immediately, widespread opposition to the announcement mobilized throughout the western states. In Seattle, for instance, a pair of organizations—the Remember Pearl Harbor League and the Japanese Exclusion League, both composed of business, agricultural and union interests—pushed for a constitutional amendment to prevent Japanese from becoming U.S. citizens.

In Steinbeck’s home town of Salinas, a survey conducted by the Salinas Chamber of Commerce in 1943 claiming to “definitely represent” approximately 10,000 residents, resulted in only a single respondent—attorney George D. Pollock—supporting the Japanese return.

Some Salinas respondents contributed additional commentary to the survey. “There never was and never will be a Jap that was or ever will be loyal to the United States,” wrote one. It was a common theme expressed throughout the survey. “The only loyal Jap is a dead one,” wrote another.

This virulent anti-Japanese sentiment soon developed into a cohesive movement throughout the region that, while centered in Salinas, reached as far north as Santa Cruz and as far south as King City.

By February of 1945, an organization calling itself the Monterey Bay Council on Japanese Relations, Inc. (MBCJR) filed articles of incorporation “to discourage the return to the Pacific Coast of any person of Japanese ancestry…”

The council was represented on the peninsula by Matthew Beaton and Corum B. Jackson of Carmel, while Santa Cruz was represented by Andy Balich, general manager of the Hotel Palomar in downtown Santa Cruz and a prominent real estate developer in the region. But the hot point of the movement was clearly Salinas, where Edward M. Seifert served as the MBCJR’s leader. Seifert, president of the Salinas Grower Shipper Vegetable Association, had been a longtime advocate for removing Japanese from the Salinas Valley and, early in the war, had written to then-California attorney general Earl Warren declaring that “we must eliminate as many of the undesirable aliens from the lands of California as possible.”

As the winter of 1945 turned into spring—and the first Japanese from the incarceration centers began to trickle back home—Seifert’s anti-Japanese activities escalated. On April 23 of that year, the MBCJR published large, foreboding advertisements in regional newspapers with bold headlines proclaiming: “Organization to Discourage Return of Japanese to the Pacific Coast.”

The MBCJR advertisement in the **Herald** was unsigned—none of council’s leadership attached their names to it—the only listed contact being the organization’s post office box in Salinas.

The anonymous advertisement spurred those supporting their Japanese neighbors on the Monterey Peninsula into action. A furious letters-to-the-editor campaign was initiated, protesting not only the anti-Japanese sentiments reflected in the ad, but also the **Herald**’s decision to publish the advertisement in the first place.

A lengthy letter appearing in the **Herald** on April 26 was signed by Edward O. Sisson, Rev. James Crowther, Vera Peck Mills, Rolf Bolin, Margot Morrow, Thor Krogh, Toni Jackson and Marian Todd. Shall Peninsula residents “give [their] support to the forces of bigotry, prejudice and selfishness or to those of tolerance, justice and the largest good,” the letter pondered rhetorically. “Shall we sow hatred or love?”

Missives aimed at the newspaper were equally impassioned. Charis Weston wrote that she was “shocked at [the **Herald**’s] irresponsible attitude in selling page space to a blatantly un-American, anonymous organization.” She signed her letter from Wildcat Hill in the Carmel Highlands “with sincere disgust.”

Ed Ricketts also wrote a pointed letter riddled with irony, equating the racist views expressed in the MBCJR advertisement with Hitler’s “theory of racial superiority.”
But the most powerful of the letters published by the Herald was that of Mariko ("Mollie") Sumida, whose family had been interned in Poston, Arizona, while her husband, Yukio Sumida, was fighting in Italy with the celebrated 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the most decorated regiment in the history of the U.S. Army.

Mollie Sumida noted that she had received a copy of the Herald in which the original MBCJR ad had appeared and that she had been "quite hurt to read the language in the ad." She noted that the announcement had been discussed "widely" at Poston, but the tenor of the advertisement did not dissuade her from her desire to return to the Peninsula.

"Some day when the war is over, we want to return to Monterey with our little son," she wrote. "I want to thank the people of Monterey who wrote to the Herald to defend us. I know as long as there are people like that left in this country all of the Nisei boys did not die in vain, and what they fought for will live on."

As the flurry of anti-MBCJR letters continued to be published—less than a handful supported the anti-Japanese position—supporters of the local Japanese community began gathering signatures for a full-page advertisement directly responding to the MBCJR’s. Fifteen petition packets with stiff blue cover paper were stapled together and circulated throughout the region.

"Among the [returning Japanese]," the petition asserted, "will be veterans of this war and relatives of Americans who are fighting for democracy on all our fronts. These families have made their homes here and have been part of the life of our community. Their sons are making the same sacrifices as our own boys."

While it’s uncertain who was the actual instigator of the pro-Japanese organizing effort—or even if there was a single leader—Nancy Costello, the only known surviving signatory, says that the petition she signed had been circulated by Evelyn Londahl, the wife of the Herald’s city editor Marvin T. “Londy” Londahl, who also signed the petition.

Several of the petition packages have a name written at the top indicating who was in charge of the individual petition. Among them were Monterey High School history and economics teacher Wayne Edwards; attorney (and later mayor of Carmel) Eben Whittlesey; popular dean of girls at Monterey High, Gertrude Rendtorff; office equipment store proprietor and arts patron Fritz Wurzmann (who was the target of anti-German sentiment during the war); and Charis Weston.

The petition signed by Steinbeck was circulated by Toni Jackson and included her then-boyfriend Ricketts (prototype for the character of “Doc” in Steinbeck’s “Cannery Row,” which had been published five months earlier); well-known artist and art supply dealer Myron Angelo Oliver; textile designer Virginia Barclay Varda (then married to artist Jean Varda, who did not sign); and several figures associated with Stanford’s Hopkins Marine Station, including Rolf Bolin and Mortimer Starr.

According to Nancy Costello, there were several subtexts to the petition drive. While many of those who signed certainly did so out of a commitment to civil rights and empathy with the Japanese community, Costello contends that longstanding tensions between Salinas and Monterey also fueled some of the indignation. "Those damn Salinas people!" she recalled. "They thought they had a god-given right to all that good land."

In addition to the nationally known literati, there also was a significant group of local journalists associated with the Herald who signed the petition—including popular features writer Ritchie Lovejoy and then-sports editor Ted Durein.

Steinbeck’s signature on the petition has been largely ignored by his biographers. Although his liberal tendencies have been well-documented and define his most important works, most notably his Pulitzer-prize winning “The Grapes of Wrath,” the absence of Japanese American characters in his writings (particularly given the role of the Japanese in Salinas Valley agriculture and the Monterey fishing industry) reflects a significant omission in his collected body of work.

That said, in the fall of 1941, as historian Susan Shillinglaw has noted in “A Journey Into Steinbeck’s California,” the author met with U.S. intelligence officer “Wild Bill” Donovan and shared his belief that the majority of the Japanese on the West Coast were “inherently loyal citizens.”

Steinbeck had returned to Monterey in October of 1944 with his second wife, Gwyn Conger, hoping to build an idyllic life with his newborn son, Thom, in the Carmel Valley. Instead, he had encountered “jealousy and hatred and the knife in the back…just pure poison.” He claimed that he wasn’t able to rent an office for writing.

By the time the advertisement ran in the Herald on May 11, Steinbeck had left Monterey for Mexico, only to return to the peninsula for short stints during the remainder of his life. "This isn’t my country anymore," he wrote prophetically to his editor Pat Covici that spring. "And it won’t be until I am dead."

For the Japanese of the Monterey Peninsula, the end of the war marked a time of profound upheaval and new beginnings. Not all returned to the region—continued hostilities in Salinas prevented many from returning there—but many did.

“The dreams of Japanese Americans were shattered by WWII and their forced removal and incarceration,” David Yamada noted. “The wounds of war are not easily healed. Yet the post-war return of Japanese Americans to the Monterey Peninsula eventually resurrected their shattered dreams.”


JACL curator Thomas says that he hopes to display the petitions at the JACL Heritage Center in the near future and to later mount a traveling exhibit as well. “Although this is a Monterey story,” he declared, “I believe it has universal implications. It’s a significant civil rights story.”

[Editor’s note: After the 1906 SF earthquake and fire, many artists left SF to resettle in Monterey, Carmel and the Big Sur area, now recognized as an artists’ colony. The Monterey Peninsula hosted many of the intelligentsia. Santa Cruz County, however, was a backward society (I’m being polite) until the establishment of Cabrillo College in 1958 and UC Santa Cruz in 1965. Scholars from all over the world came to share their knowledge and...]
experiences with us. Today, Santa Cruz County is the second most liberal county in the country, after the City and County of San Francisco. While Santa Cruz County is a nice place to live, not all, especially those in the Pajaro Valley, share in the newfound knowledge and wealth. There is still much work ahead.]

**DAY OF REMEMBRANCE 2014**

San Benito County JACL is the host of this year’s observance, which will be held on Sunday, Feb. 23, at the site of the Salinas Assembly Center, Santa Lucia Room, from 1:30 pm to 4 pm. The address is 940 North Main Street, Salinas, CA 93901 (site of the former “Salinas Rodeo Grounds”). The program is free, and the public is invited. Light refreshments will be served.

A brief program will be held first, weather permitting, at the Japanese Memorial Garden and California State Salinas Assembly Center historical marker.

This year’s speaker will be Sandy Lydon, historian emeritus of Cabrillo College, who will speak of the Japanese language schools in the area—past and present.

The JACL chapters who share duties in hosting this event on a rotating basis are the five Monterey Bay area chapters—Monterey Peninsula, Salinas Valley, Gilroy, San Benito County and Watsonville-Santa Cruz.

Sandy Lydon spoke at the dedication of Castroville’s Community Center in 2009 with Rev. Hanayama and local leaders in attendance. Watsonville Taiko performed during the ceremony.

**JAPANESE MEMORIAL GARDEN IN SALINAS**

We thank Joe Bowes, Gary Mine and Iwao Yamashita of the W-SC JACL who regularly and additionally before big events clean and maintain the garden. We are indeed very fortunate to have such dedicated members.

**SADAYUKI “SID” FUJII**

We are saddened by the passing of Mr. Sadayuki “Sid” Fujii. At press time, we have learned that the funeral service will be held on Saturday, Feb. 8 at 3 pm, Watsonville Buddhist Temple, 423 Bridge Street, Watsonville, CA 95076.

**NISEI VETS PLAQUE AT PV MEMORIAL PARK**

We thank those who have thoughtfully placed flowers on the site (at the base of the American flag) and who have pulled the weeds surrounding the site.

We also thank PV Memorial Park owners, Patrick and Debbie Carroll, for maintaining the beautiful tribute to the Nisei veterans of WW II. Truly, they are friends of our W-SC JACL and Nisei veterans.
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POLL: MORE AMERICANS VIEW CHINA AS MORE IMPORTANT PARTNER THAN JAPAN!

Kyodo: Why do more Americans believe China is the more important partner in Asia than Japan?

In a recent poll of 1,000 people aged 18 or above, the annual survey found that 39% viewed China as the most important partner in Asia for the US, compared with 35% for Japan. In 2012, 50% said Japan and 39% cited China. Why the change?

In 2013, the Harris Interactive poll (which has a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percent) surveyed 201 US opinion leaders in government, business, academia, and the media. This survey, commissioned by the Japanese Foreign Ministry, showed 43% viewed China as the most important partner for the US and 39% viewing Japan as the most important partner.

China has overtaken Japan as the most important trading partner in Asia, with more than 80% of the respondents citing trade and economic ties as the reason.

Among those who chose Japan as the most important US partner, 48% cited political and general ties while 39% citing trade and economic ties with the US.

This year’s survey also found 93% of the leaders see Japan as a dependable partner for the US.

Is it all about money for both China and the USA?

Here is an actual sign posted at a golf club in Scotland, United Kingdom

1. Back straight, knees bent, feet shoulder width apart.
2. Form a loose grip.
3. Keep your head down.
4. Stay out of the water.
5. Try not to hit anyone.
6. If you are taking too long, let others go ahead of you.
7. Don’t stand directly in front of others.
8. Quiet please while others are preparing.
9. Don’t take extra strokes.
10. Well, done. Now, flush the urinal, go outside, and tee off.

Editor’s note: Ye gads! They don’t wash their hands?

“Let it snow!”

For Californians, summer continues through the winter. California is experiencing a serious drought condition that will negatively affect the state’s and the nation’s economy.

California desperately needs rain and snow in the Sierras. There is some measure of hope for rain during the week of February 2-9, when the AT&T National Pro-Am golf tournament, formerly known as the “Crosby Clambake,” will be held.

Most concerned is this avid 78 year-old snow skier. His skis are from France; boots from Germany; poles and goggles from the US; gloves from Japan, shorts from Bermuda; ski cap from Coronet Peak, New Zealand; yellow scarf from Diane Matsuda of SF; red T-shirt from Aspen, CO; and the pot belly courtesy of maki sushi and sake. Photo by Marcia Hashimoto.

WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL

Thank you for reading our February 2014 newsletter. And, thank you, too, for your membership and for your continuing support of our programs and projects. We cannot succeed without your support. Please encourage family members, relatives and friends to join us for 2014. Our membership dues have not increased for the past 5 years.

Grace Sugidono Fujita and her daughter, Donna, of Freedom, CA have joined our W-SC JACL and are participating with our Senior Center members. They are having great fun, too.

To check your current membership status, look at the date after your name, example: J. Jonathan Sxxxx 11/13 This means the membership expired after November of 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. We can inform our National JACL Headquarters and the staff at Pacific Citizen.

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
One-Day Senior Trip  
Chukchansi Casino, Coarsegold  
**February 11, 2014** [Tuesday]  8:00 AM to 7:30 PM  
$10 e-cash  $5 lunch coupon  
Cost: Active Senior Members $30 and others $35  
**Reservations:** Carol Kaneko 476-7040 or Rubie Kawamoto 854-2028  
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 476-7040. We are open to your suggestions. Thank you.

Birthday celebrants for January were Evy Kamigawachi 90; Terry Hirahara; Carmel Kamigawachi 93; and Hatsuko Tsuji. Enjoying the New Year celebration buffet dinner are Kitako Izumizaki, Jean Akiyama, Kimiyco Fujii, Evy and Carmel Kamigawachi. Photos are the courtesy of Carol Kaneko.

Thanks to all who have paid their 2014 National JACL membership dues or Senior Center dues for 2014. Please see Carol Kaneko if you still need to pay.

You are most welcome to join our upcoming fun activities at the Senior Center, W-SC JACL Kizuka Hall, 150 Blackburn Street, Watsonville, CA 95076, for February:

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Please check out our Senior Center website: [http://kizukahallseniors.wordpress.com](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.
If you donated in January 2014, thank you so much. You know the importance of our mission—protecting and promoting the civil and human rights of all Americans—is far from over. One would think, after all these years, that America has learned the lesson of our unjust wartime incarceration. Our nation is threatened again, this time by a provision of the National Defense Authorization Act that allows the indefinite detention of “aliens and non-aliens” (those terms used against us in 1942—“aliens” were the Issei and “non-aliens” were US citizens) without charges, attorney, or trial. We who were unjustly incarcerated in America’s wartime concentration camps have acted and spoken. It is the duty of all JACLers to fight for the rights of every American and legal resident. Please help.

We are fortunate to work in association with wonderful organizations that are also dedicated to the cause of “equal justice and liberty for all.” But, of all the Asian American organizations in the nation, the record and history of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) is best known, most highly respected, and appreciated, even by non-Nikkei (of Japanese ancestry).

Our 2014 Day of Remembrance Education Fund (DOREF) also supports the Kee Kitayama Memorial Scholarship(s) which encourages our youths to pursue their chosen careers. We are fortunate to have so many talented young scholars—a tribute to their parents and grandparents.

Our Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL is truly grateful to its members and friends who have donated to our chapter’s 2014 Day of Remembrance Education Fund (DOREF). We can’t thank you enough for your generous contributions. We can succeed only with your continued financial support and encouragement. Please help with what you can. Each and every donation is appreciated.

2014 DAY OF REMEMBRANCE EDUCATION FUND (DOREF)

___Yes, I/we wish to help. Enclosed is a tax-deductible contribution for:

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Please make checks payable to Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL, memo: DOREF, and mail to Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL, P. O. Box 163, Watsonville, CA 95077.

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National Japanese American Citizens League (JACL)

No Increase in the 2014 Membership Dues

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

Please join us today. We are the most proactive, oldest, and respected Asian American civil rights organization, and our programs include cultural appreciation and educational outreach.

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

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

The 2014 National and local dues for our tax-deductible organization (ID #94-2659895) are as follows:

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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: ________________________________________________________________
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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:
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Thank you so much for your support.
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