IN MAY WE REMEMBER THOSE …

May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, established by the Congress in 1990. May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843 and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869 at Promontory Point, Utah. The majority of the workers who laid the railroad tracks from the West were Chinese immigrants.

And, while we pay tribute to all Asian Pacific Islanders for the contributions made to this country, none is more important than those by Nisei soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice during World War II. Among the 800+ Nisei KIA (killed in action) were Victor Katsu Hara, Paul Fumio Horiuchi, Charles S. Fujiki, Henry Sadao Izumizaki, and Harry Fumio Madokoro of the famed 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team; George I. Nakamura of the Military Intelligence Service (MIS) all of Watsonville and Santa Cruz County.

The men of the 100th/442nd/MIS earned the reputation which we, Japanese Americans, enjoy today. A grateful Congress awarded the Congressional Gold Medal to the men on November 2, 2011.

On this Memorial Day, May 26th, 2014, we will remember and salute our gratitude to our Nisei soldiers.

On May 9th, 1941, seven months before the attack by Japanese military forces on the US Naval base at Pearl Harbor, the Japanese American Creed by Mike Masaoka was written into the Congressional Record. We didn’t realize it then, but it clearly expressed our mission and hopes for the coming decade and beyond.

THE JAPANESE AMERICAN CREED
by Mike M. Masaoka

I am proud that I am an American citizen of Japanese ancestry, for my very background makes me appreciate more fully the wonderful advantages of this nation. I believe in her institutions, ideals, and traditions; I glory in her heritage; I boast of her history; I trust in her future. She has granted me liberties and opportunities such as no individual enjoys in this world today. She has given me an education befitting kings. She has entrusted me with the responsibilities of the franchise. She has permitted me to build a home, to earn a livelihood, to worship, think, speak, and act as I please—as a free man equal to every other man.

Although some individuals may discriminate against me, I shall never become bitter or lose faith, for I know that such persons are not representative of the majority of the American people. True, I shall do all in my power to discourage such practices, but I shall do it in the American way: aboveboard, in the open, through courts of law, by education, by proving myself to be worthy of equal treatment and consideration. I am firm in my belief that American sportsmanship and attitude of fair play will judge citizenship and patriotism on the basis of action and achievement, and not on the basis of physical characteristics.

Because I believe in America, and I trust she believes in me, and because I have received innumerable benefits from her, I pledge myself to do honor to her at all times and in all places: to support her Constitution; to obey her laws; to respect her flag; to defend her against all enemies, foreign or domestic; to actively assume my duties and obligations as a citizen, cheerfully and without reservations whatsoever, in the hope that I may become a better American in a greater America.

This Creed was, in reality, a pledge of loyalty to the United States and guided the members and leaders of the National Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) through the most difficult and turbulent wartime years. The Congress acknowledged the wrongs perpetrated on us when it passed H. R. 442, the Civil Liberties Act of 1988. On August 10th, President Ronald Reagan signed the Act which apologized and made restitution of $20,000 to those unjustly incarcerated. The National JACL successfully spearheaded the 18-year campaign (1970-1988) for “redress and reparations.”

It should come as no surprise that loyalty to the United States is our JACL central theme and goal for the third word in our organization’s name is “Citizens.”

For our full, living color newsletter, log onto http://watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org, Newsletter, then the month.
SHOULD THE JACL APOLOGIZE?

by Mas Hashimoto, Editor

The National JACL may be asked to adopt a resolution that formally apologizes for its wartime policies to the following groups incarcerated during WW II:

(1) “Pro-Japan”--who wanted Japan to win the war and was shocked when it lost!
(2) “No, Nos”--who voted accordingly on the 1943 loyalty questionnaire, and
(3) “Renunciants”--who renounced their American citizenship and were transported to Japan after the successful conclusion of the war. (Nearly all returned to the United States and regained their American citizenship, thanks to Wayne Collins of the American Civil Liberties Union.)

The draft discussion paper states, “The actions of the National JACL WW II leadership have damaged the present-day reputation of the JACL as a leading civil rights organization.”

Supporters of this new resolution are also seeking a second apology from the US Government for administering the “loyalty questionnaire” of 1943. Having received the US Government’s redress apology and having accepted the $20,000 reparations, they now wish another apology—this time for the US Government’s loyalty questionnaire. To date, they have not asked for monetary compensation.

These two new apologies—one from the JACL and the other from the US Government—will bring a “healing,” so they say, to the Nikkei community.

Presently, it is not known who in the Congress would sponsor and push forward an apology for those who voted “No, No” on the 1943 questionnaire.

The Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL board of directors, on March 27th, 2014, voted against such a resolution.

To the vast majority in “camp” who faithfully supported our country and our National JACL leaders—Mike Masaoka and Fred Tayama of Manzanar and Saburo Kido of Poston—we are grateful. If there is a call for “healing,” an apology to the JACL and their supporters is in order from the “No, Nos” who sought out our leaders and beat them.

To better understand what occurred here’s a very brief retracing of our wartime history after the attack of Dec. 7, 1941 by Japan’s militarist and fascist government:

1. **Executive Order 9066 of February 19, 1942 and Public Law 503 of March 1, 1942** issued which led to the wartime incarceration of those of Japanese ancestry, both alien and non-alien (US citizens) in the military zone. Our imprisonment -- while unjust, immoral, and based upon “race prejudice, war hysteria, and failure of political leadership” -- was ruled legal as a “military necessity,” according to the US Supreme Court.

2. **Gordon Hirabayashi**, **Minoru Yasui**, **Fred Korematsu** and **Mitsue Endo** protested early, citing Constitutional issues and are imprisoned.

3. 120,000 innocent persons of Japanese ancestry in Washington, Oregon, and California are imprisoned while 156,600 of those living in the Territory of Hawaii are not.

4. Demonstration protests occurred in Poston and Manzanar camps at the end of 1942, initially over food discrepancies but quickly escalates into riots.

5. National JACL leaders and supporters are beaten by rioters, many of whom are pro-Japan. Our own Dr. Masako Miura and her husband, also a medical doctor, are quickly transferred from Manzanar to the Topaz, Utah “camp” for assisting Fred Tayama. Other JACL leaders are also transferred for the safety of their lives.

6. In 1943, after the riots, a US Selective Service (draft board) loyalty questionnaire is administered to those 17 and older to determine eligibility for the US military, including the newly formed 442nd Regimental Combat Team. It also determined who can leave “camp” for college or for work outside of “camp.”

7. It included three questions that required two answers. **Question #27:** Are you willing to serve in the armed forces of the United States on combat duty, wherever ordered? **Question #28:** Will you swear unqualified allegiance to the United States of America and faithfully defend the United States from any and all attack by foreign or domestic forces, and forswear any form of allegiance to the Japanese Emperor or any other foreign government, power, or organization?

8. The vast majority voted “Yes, Yes.” Those who voted “No, No” were transferred to Tule Lake camp, waiting for the outcome of the war.

We are grateful to those Nisei men and women who “answered the call” by volunteering to serve in the US armed forces. We are grateful, too, to the Issei parents who saw their sons and daughters go off to war.

**Henry Izumizaki** of Watsonville and Poston II had to sneak out at night to join the 442nd RCT because the pro-Japan group had threatened to beat him up. Henry was one of 184 killed in action during the “Battle for the Texas Lost Battalion.” Henry is buried in his beloved Pajaro Valley. His mother was our “Gold Star Mother.”

**Harry F. Madokoro** of Watsonville and Poston II didn’t have to fight in this war for he was the sole surviving son (his father and sister died before the war). It was just Harry and his Issei mother. He was exempted from the military (Remember the movie, “Saving Pvt Ryan”? He volunteered and encouraged others to join with him. **Rudy Tokiwa**, then underage, followed. Harry was killed in Italy. His mother received his Distinguished Service Cross at a funeral service in the Cottonwood Bowl Theater. She gave her one and only son for this country, and she couldn’t be a citizen of the United States. Having no one to care for her here, she left for Japan after the war and died there.
Seven years later in 1952, Mike Masaoka of the JACL pushed successfully for the naturalization of our Issei pioneers (The McCarran-Walter Act of 1952).

Andy Noguchi of the Florin JACL and Civil Rights Co-Chair of the NCWNP District asks, "Would you like to hold the U.S. government accountable for its World War II 'loyalty oath'?

He then lists a number of situations individuals and families had to ask themselves regarding the loyalty questionnaire.

"Whose side should we (JACL) be on in the government's WWII loyalty oath?" he asks. "We should be on the side of the people victimized, not the one doing the victimizing. The U.S. government has gotten away with this travesty for too long. For decades these egregious acts have been covered up by the government, by the shame they imposed on the victims, and by the cloud of secrecy in the community."

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OATH QUESTIONNAIRE

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by Gerald Yamada, President of Japanese American Veterans Association (JAVA)

March 25, 2014

In his draft discussion paper (2/10/2014), Andy Noguchi, Civil Rights Co-Chair of the Florin JACL Chapter, argues that those who answered "no" to Questions 27 and 28 (No-No Boys) of the loyalty oath questionnaire administered to Japanese Americans during World War II and those who renounced their US citizenship (Renunciants) were falsely labeled as "disloyal." He further argues that the loyalty oath is to be blamed for discrimination against the No-No Boys and Renunciants and that the loyalty oath was needed to justify the imprisonment of Japanese Americans. He also proposes that the US government apologize for having a loyalty oath.

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Japanese Americans have earned the respect of the nation, thanks to the efforts of the JACL for the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, and to the Nisei soldiers who so gallantly served. In 2011, a grateful Congress bestowed the Congressional Gold Medal upon the men of the 100th/442nd/MIS.

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reasonably interpreted as a lack of loyalty to the United States. Thus, anyone who answered “no” to question 28 or renounced his or her US citizenship was not falsely labeled as “disloyal.”

**The Loyalty Oath Is Not to be Blamed for Any Problems Suffered by the No-No Boys and Renunciants.** Executive Order 9066 put Japanese Americans in an untenable position. Difficult decisions had to be made with unforeseen consequences. No one was forced to answer “no” to question 28. But, the discussion paper plays the “blame-game” to make excuses for the decisions that were made by the No-No Boys and Renunciants. The No-No boys and Renunciants knowingly made their decisions as a matter of conscience. Some wanted Japan to win the war. Those who answered “no” should be recognized for their courage to stand by their convictions. But, they also needed to live with the consequences of their decisions. Similarly, the families of those who were killed in action had to live with the consequences of their sons answering “yes-yes” to questions 27 and 28 and volunteering to serve in the US Army. Any problems suffered by the No-No Boys and Renunciants should not be blamed superficially on their answers to a loyal oath questionnaire.

**The Loyalty Oath Was Not Needed to Justify the Imprisonment of Japanese Americans.** The Report of the Presidential Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians (Commission Report) documented that President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Lt. Gen. John DeWitt, and others were motivated by “prejudice, war hysteria, and lack of political leadership.” Even when the FBI argued that there was no justification for continuing to maintain the relocation camps, the Commission Report found that President Roosevelt refused to close the camps for fear of hurting his re-election chances. The government relied on the President’s authority to issue Executive Order 9066 to justify the imprisonment and did not need any further justification such as the “no-no” answers to questions 27 and 28.

**Attacking the JACL Leadership During World War II Is a Distraction.** The JACL leadership stepped forward to fill a leadership void. They were attempting to mitigate the harsh realities created by prejudice, war hysteria, economic motives, and political ambition. Those were uncertain times with unfair choices. Supreme Court Justice Antonio Scalia recently told a group of law students in Hawaii that he thought that the Korematsu case was wrongly decided but said that it could happen again. Attacking JACL leaders misses the issues of another President from issuing another version of Executive Order 9066 or protecting other minorities in the future from suffering what Japanese Americans had to endure during World War II. For those who believe that the JACL leaders during World War II should not have “collaborated” with the government and should have been confrontational, I challenge those advocates to show the courage that they claim that JACL leaders lacked. Why don’t they, for example, denounce President Roosevelt as a “racist” and Executive Order 9066 as racial profiling to promote discrimination and political ambition? The Commission Report findings appear to provide ample support for such a position.

There are still plenty of injustices related to the treatment of persons of Japanese ancestry during World War II that can be pursued. Those injustices were inflicted and caused by political leaders to further their prejudices and careers. They should be asked to apologize for those injustices. But, the draft discussion paper has not made a convincing case to argue for a government apology for administering the loyalty oath questionnaire. The draft discussion paper’s position needs to be rethought and revised to focus on the bigger picture.

**LOYALTY OATHS ADMINISTERED TODAY**

*by Mas Hashimoto, Editor*

**The Pledge of Allegiance,** recited by children and adults all over the country every day, is a loyalty oath. When was the last time you recited it?

When I was drafted into the US Army, I raised my right hand and swore a loyalty oath. When I was hired to teach at Watsonville High School, I took a loyalty oath. I took a loyalty oath when I married. And, I recite a loyalty oath each time I am elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL. Thank you, Judge Joseph Biafore, Jr. for administering the oath.

As children we were taught by our parents about honor (meiyo) and shame (tumeiyo). We were never to bring shame to the family, to ourselves, and, equally important, to our Nikkei community.

The most important samurai story of Japan is of the loyalty of the 47 Ronin—Chushingura. Loyalty is not the exclusive trait of those of Japanese ancestry, but it is such an integral part of our cultural heritage.
FFNV will hold its third quarterly meeting aboard the USS Hornet Aircraft Carrier Museum in Alameda on Sat. August 2 at 11:00 AM. This is a wonderful opportunity for the entire family to visit one of America’s greatest warships. School age children are most welcome. In addition to the historic ship itself, the Hornet will feature the Nisei Veterans’ Exhibit, a very informative and popular exhibit dedicated in 2006. Reservation, $20 per person, includes the $16 ($14 seniors) admission to the ship, bento, event, and insurance, is required to attend this event. Checks payable to FFNV should be mailed to 14724 Excalibur Drive, Morgan Hill, CA. 95037. Deadline is July 15, 2014. Please contact Brian Shiroyama at bshiroyama@gmail.com or call at 408-896-1021.

FFNV will also host the annual reunion at California Hotel in Las Vegas, October 19 – 23. Registration is required to attend the reunion. If you desire more information, please visit FFNV’s website, www.FFNV.org or contact Brian Shiroyama.

“442ND REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM AND THE 100TH INFANTRY BATTALION” BY JOE MYERS

In a column published in the Watsonville Register-Pajaronian (R-P), April 24, 2014, Joe Myers, an Army veteran of WW II who served in the Pacific Theater, wrote of the rivalry between the Buddhaheads (Hawaii born Nisei) and Kotonks (mainland Nisei) while in training and of the heroism and honors won by the men of the 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team during their campaigns in Italy and France.

He also included the important contributions made by the men of the Military Intelligence Service.

We are grateful for his weekly column on World War II which appears in the R-P. Joe earned a Purple Heart while serving in the Pacific Theater of operations and is a valued member of the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL.

WESTVIEW PRESBYTERIAN HIGHLIGHTS by Leslie Nagata-Garcia

Good Friday Service was held at the Lutheran Community Church on April 18th by local Pastors: Rev. Dan Hoffman, Rev. Robin Matthews-Johnson, Rev. Tino Cordova, Rev. Robby Olsen, and Rev. Susan Berkelo.

Our Congregation celebrated Easter during worship service. More than 60 people attended our Easter Worship Service on April 20th.

An Easter Egg Hunt was held for the children.

Worship was followed by a potluck fellowship time.

Our youth helped serve the Salvation Army meal.
Youth/Family Upcoming Events

Westview is now taking sign-ups for the Summer Youth Service/Educational Trip to San Francisco/Oakland with Center for Student Missions. The trip will be from August 10 – 13, 2014. Please contact Pastor Dan for more details & to sign-up.

Gym Nites (1st and 3rd Fridays of each month) 5:30 – 8 PM

- Fri. May 2 - Gym Nite 5:30-8 PM, FUN WITH CRAFTS meet at Westview—then we will go over to the Science Center to Create!
- Fri. May 16 - THE GREAT CHALLENGE 5:30-8 PM at Westview
- Fri. June 6 – SPRING BEACH PARTY, 2 – 6 PM @ Manresa Beach
- Fri. June 20 – 21 Gym Nite, 30-HOUR FAMINE OVERNIGHTER from 5:30 PM – 10 AM at Westview

A fun-filled April Fool's Gym Nite was held on Friday, April 4th.

The Growing/Guiding Ministry will be having a Parents’ Appreciation Luncheon on June 1st. Mark your calendars!!

Computer Tutor Center for Youth and Seniors: 13 Computers were donated by Michael Fukutome's workplace - Skidmore, Owings and Merrill LLP! They are good, fast computers, but we need monitors, keyboards, mice, software, a wireless printer, some tables, and someone with expertise to help us set it up. Also, if anyone is interested in teaching a computer class to the youth or seniors, please call Pastor Dan.

Become a Tutor...change a life...and maybe change your life too! The Literacy Program of Santa Cruz can pair you up with someone who needs to learn English and learn to read English. You will be trained and then you meet on your own schedule. They have helped over 11,000 students since 1967! Call (831) 722-6708 or talk with Pastor Dan to learn more.

Pastor Dan will be leading a Hospice Grief Group for VNA and Hospice at Valley Heights the first Wednesday 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 dates: May 7th, June 4th.

Wednesday Study Series: We just finished our study series on “What Matters Most” studying the book “What's the Least I can Believe and Still be a Christian?” by Martin Thielien. We will start a new series in the fall.

The Salvation Army Meals will resume November 2014.

WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE NEWS

By Jackie Yamashita

We want to thank all of our temple members, organizations, and non-members who unconditionally volunteered countless hours and/or participated to help make this year's Hanamatsuri Flower Festival on April 6th such a success! We couldn't have done it without each and every one of you!

We also want to thank our wonderful community for its continuous support. We hope you enjoyed all the great food, wonderful entertainment, beautiful ikebana, bonsai, floral and doll displays, fun craft workshop, great vendors, and mostly the company you engaged with and surrounded you. Hope to see you all again next year.

Perry and Kim Yoshida, co-chairs
May calendar of events:

4 Sun. 10 am Sunday Service & Shotsuki Hoyo
    10 am – 4 pm Watsonville Bonsai Exhibit

6 Tues. 7:30 pm Temple Board

7 Wed. 1 pm BWA Meeting

8 Thur. 10 am ABA Meeting

9 Fri. 2 pm San Juan Howakai

11 Sun. 10 am Mother’s Day & Sunday Service

18 Sun. 10 am Sunday Service

21 Wed. 7:15 pm Coast District Meeting (Salinas)

27 Sun. 10 am Sunday Service, Gotan E &
    Late Bishop Memorial with Rev. Kuwahara of JSC and BWA Luncheon

Sun. May 25 Memorial Day Cemetery Services:

9 am at Pioneer Cemetery
10 am at Pajaro Valley Memorial Park
1 pm at Santa Cruz Cemetery
3 pm at San Juan Bautista Cemetery
4 pm at Hollister Cemetery

Shotsuki Hoyo Service
10 am Sunday May 4, 2014

Let us gather to remember and express our gratitude to our ancestors. The families of the following deceased of May are invited to attend the service and to Oshoko (offer incense). We look forward to seeing you at the service.

May Memorial List

Hideo Akiyama
Fumiye Akiyoshi
Akiharu Arao
Akino Chihara
Sharon Flanagan
Sumito Fujii
Jim Yoshio Fujita
Noriyuki Hashimoto
Mariko Higaki
Takeshi Hirahara
Somekichi Ikeda
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Kichiemon Kuroiwa
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Betty Nishita
Michiko Sakamoto
Hideji Shibata
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Iowa Takei
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Yayeno Etow
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Yoichii Fujii
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Kichiichi Hayashida
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Frank Yoshimi Horibe
Yasutaro Iwami
Haru Kadotani
Tadaaki Kato
George Kimura
Toshikazu Maemura
Mitsuo Matsunami
Okon Morikawa
Yoshi Morimoto
Hiroshi Muronaka
Misako Kawasaki Ouchida
Yoshimi Sakae
George Shirachi
Rin Takamune
Hisa Tawamato
Yoshie Tsuji

Matsue Tsuda
George Uchimaru
Dorothy Ura
Masao Wada
Masao Yoshida
Gary Uchimaru
Shizue Uchimaru
Teiko Uyematsu
Emi Yamamoto
Senzo Yoshii

Watsonville BWA News

Gotan E Service on May 18, BWA is in charge of Luncheon along with Bishop Memorial Service. At the same time, a gift will be given to Dharma School students.

The Temple, hall, and parsonage encountered termite infestation.

Kiyoko “Nancy” Iwami

Kiyoko Nancy Iwami was born Kiyoko Tada on May 20, 1914 in Watsonville, CA to Kumakichi Tada and Hana Eguchi, both from Okayama, Japan. Nancy was the oldest of seven children: 5 girls and 2 boys. Her parents were share croppers when they first came to the U.S.

She remembers picking up the name “Nancy” when her classmates had trouble with her Japanese name. It stuck and remains as it is today. Nancy is a graduate of Watsonville High School’s Class of 1933.

In 1936, she married Charlie Iwami. He was the eldest in the Iwami family and had one brother and three sisters. Charlie was a barber who owned and ran his own shop; it was called: “Charlie’s Barber Shop.”

On December 7, 1941, Charlie and Nancy were busy fixing up their newly purchased home when they heard the news about the attack on Pearl Harbor. They immediately stopped what they were doing after realizing the possible implications of the event.

As a result of EO 9066, Nancy and her family were evacuated to the Salinas Assembly Center where they stayed from April to July of 1942. She endured the indignity of living in a horse stall for a time and the uncertainty of not knowing where they were going and what was going to happen to them. She remembers that it was a very scary time. The temperature there was in the 60’s. They were moved to the Poston Internment Camp in July, where it was 120 degrees when they arrived at their barrack.

While in Poston, Nancy worked first as a waitress, then as a dietician in the mess hall of her Block 213. Charlie worked in a camp warehouse.

After a year, Nancy and Charlie were allowed to leave Poston to go to Denver, CO as they were sponsored by Charlie’s brother. While in Denver, Charlie worked on a golf course and then in a drug company’s warehouse. Nancy worked for a bookbinding company.

After the war, Nancy and Charlie returned to Watsonville. They were able to move back into the house that they had purchased before the war. To support themselves, they found themselves working in the fields again picking strawberries, lettuce, and apples. Charlie became a gardener and Nancy became a domestic housekeeper for a husband and wife who were both doctors. They also worked for the Woolperts of Graniterock.

Nancy and Charlie had one daughter who was born in 1953. Nancy Jean (above, center) is married, a registered nurse, and lives in Reno with her husband, Marvin Mattson (right) and two children.


She’s a regular at both the Senior Center and at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple. At the Senior Center she helps by calling out the bingo numbers in both English and Japanese. At the Temple, she helped pack the chicken teriyaki into the boxes.

Oh, how she loves Buster Posey of the SF Giants! Go, Giants!

So, how is Nancy going to celebrate her 100th birthday on May 20th? Why with the Senior Center members at Chukchansi Casino in Coarsegold, of course! She is still trying to hit it big! She never gives up! And, there’s room on the bus if you wish to join her. Call Carol Kaneko at (831) 476-7040.

And, Nancy still drives!

WATSONVILLE SENIOR CENTER NEWS
by Kitako Izumizaki

Check out our March Senior Center News on our website kizukahallseniors.wordpress.com.

April turned out to be a month of surprises. Not only did managers Paul and Carol Kaneko go for several weeks to Japan, but we had several new members sign up. Tea Hashimoto, Chiyeko Shikuma and Yoshiko Nishihara, were welcomed, and we hope they win lots of bingos. (They did!)
Tee Hashimoto and Chiyeko Shikuma (above) and Yoshiko Nishiura (below) are checking the bingo numbers. Photos by Carol Kaneko.

We also welcomed guest Kiyo Arao, whom we hope will become a member. We were happy to see Hisako Uemura back after a long absence with health problems. Good to see her looking great now. Eiko Ceremony donated cake and ice cream in honor of her birthday, which was in February. She delayed honoring us with her generosity since the month of February had too many other celebrations going on at that time. Many thanks for a wonderful extra treat!

Hanamatsuri was celebrated on the 3rd with manager Iwao Yamashita opening the program.

Greetings from the Buddhist temple was given by Rev. Shousei Hanayama who told the group about all the many flowers connected with Buddha’s birth.

Greetings from the Buddhist Women’s Association (BWA) was given by Kitako Izumizaki who explained that since there was no president at this time, the toban of the month was chosen to represent the group.

A beautiful cake was donated by BWA, and Seniors over 90 took part in the cutting ceremony were Nancy Iwami 99, Louise Sako 97, Dr. Masako Miura 99, Mitsue Tao 90, Yoshino Matano 98, Chiyoko Yagi 93, Haruko Yoshii 96, Michiko Hamada 93, Miyoko Yamashita 96, Kitako Izumizaki 92, Mitzi Katsuyama 93, Hideko Nagamine 93, with Fred Oda 90 in the back. Absent were Carmel Kamigawachi 93, Akira Kodama 92, Sam Ichiro Sugidono 91, Roland Johnson 91, Frances Goon 95, Evelyn Kamigawachi 90, Betty Yagi 90, and Gladys Fukumoto 90.

Manager Iwao thanked sensei for explaining the meaning of celebrating April 8th and the BWA members for entertaining us by singing Happy Birthday Oshaka-sama.


This was followed by bingo and an obento from Sushi Gardens. Iwao’s lovely pine bonsai was at the head table while individual tables held various colorful spring flowers.

Helen Nakano decorated the hall for Easter with cute bunny ears folded from dinner napkins and holding one chocolate egg between the ears. A cup held decorated boiled eggs with tiny packages of salt and pepper. Many thanks for all the hard clever work, Helen.

Cindy Mine came by to take our blood pressure. Many thanks to tobans for April: Haru Ishibashi, Yaeko Cross, Gail Wurtenberg, Shirley Chin, Sachi Snyder, Paul Kaneko and Shirley Nishimoto.
Upcoming events:

- May 1, 22, & 29: Regular bingo
- May 8: Mother’s Day at Hong Kong Gardens
- May 15: April/May Birthday Party
- May 20: Chukchansi day trip

We are saddened to learn of the passing of member Richard Ishibashi, husband of Haru Ishibashi. We send our heartfelt condolences to Haru and family.

Monetary donations gratefully received: Itsuko Kawasaki, BWA, Mitzi Katsuyama, Haruko Yoshii, Masako Miura, Helen Kobara, Mark and Patt Takeuchi, and Kazuko Sakai.

Other donations gratefully received:

- Dylan, Aubria, Alex Matsuo: 5 barbecued pork buns
- June/Sunao Honda: 2 boxes tea, 2 baggies rice, 6 plates manju and cream puffs, 7 plates mochi, 7 plates coconut mochi cake
- Miye Yamashita: 6 pkgs arare, 6 rolls tissue, 6 bottles Dawn, 6 double roll tissues
- Hide/Akira Nagamine: 6 bottles dish soap, 6 lge Kleenex, 10 daikon
- Chie Sakaue: 4 bunch flowers, 1 bag chagashi, 1 pkg cookies, 8 bunch lilies, 2 bags arare, 9 bunches Easter lilies
- Yaeko Cross: 5 lge Kleenex, 10 pkgs Ritz crackers
- Shirley Nishimoto: 35 bottles water, 15 bars Nature Valley
- Rubie Kawamoto: 3 lge bags Doritos chips, 12 sq Kleenex, 3 bags chagashi
- Chiiyoko Yagi: 6 pack noodles, 2 pkgs cookies
- Toshi Yamashita: 4 lge Kleenex
- Sam/Yae Sakamoto: doz large Bounty towels, 2 Momotaro tomato plants
- Nobue Fujii: Koya dofu, 5 bags lemons, 2 pkg popcorn
- Nobuko Akiyama: 6 bags chagashi
- Eiko Nishihara: doz jars jam
- Yoshiko Nishihara: 10 bottles dish soap
- Haruko Yoshii: 2 bags arare, doz sq Kleenex
- Kazuko Sakai: 3 sq Kleenex, 4 packs hand sanitizer
- Kimi Fuji: 18 jumbo tissues, 4 bottles Dawn
- Eileen Byers: 6 bottles Dawn, 300 paper plates
- Jo Ann Yee: 500 grocery bags, 5 tote bags
- Akira/Hisako Kodama: doz Bounty towels, 5 bags leaf lettuce, 5 bunches flowers
- George/Eiko Stewart: 6 rolls tissues
- Jean Akiyama: 3 bottles dish soap, 4 sq Puffs
- Terry Hirahara: doz tissues, 4 sq Kleenex, 3 microfiber scrubbers
- Iwao Yamashita: lge bag cheese puffs
- Eiko Ceremony: 3 cans chocolate hazelnut wafers, cake and ice cream
- Susan AmRhein: 50 paper bags
- Yukio/Edna Nagata: 4 lge Kleenex
- Alan/Betty Yagi: 11 bags salmon
- Yoshino Matano: 5 pkgs of individual Kleenex
- Carol/Paul Kaneko: 10 lge Kleenex
- Aiko Nitao: doz jars daikon tsukemono
- Kyio Aarao: 3 boxes candy
- Judy Hane: 12 big rolls Bounty paper towels
- Westview Presbyterian Church: Easter baskets for all

Many, many thanks to all for all the donations. We couldn't do without all of you. Remember to bring your ID for Chukchansi trip.

Our deepest condolences to the Richard Ishibashi family, relatives and friends…

Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL

KAWAKAMI-WATSONVILLE SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION by Robb Mayeda

In cooperation with the City of Watsonville's Park and Recreation Department, Kawakami-mura bound students and their families held a car wash fundraiser on Saturday, March 29 at Ramsey Park. The students sold “early bird” discount tickets for $5. The students kept the money to off-set the cost of the trip. People who drove up without the discount tickets paid $8, which went to the sister city association's general fund. It will be used for hosting visitors from Kawakami this fall.

The car wash was held from 8:30 am to 1 pm. Then, it began to rain at 1:30 pm! We were fortunate indeed.

We thank all those who came to have their cars, SUVs, and trucks washed.

The fifteen students are attending five Japanese language sessions after school during the month of April in preparation for their visit to Japan in May.

Students and their families also attend monthly meetings. Next on tap will be a Japanese practice meal prepared by the Kawakami Watsonville Sister City Association board members. Students are introduced to foods, told about the ingredients, and shown how to eat each item. Japanese phrases related to dinner conversations are reviewed, too.

HAPPY BOY’S DAY!

May 5th is Boy’s Day (now officially “Children’s Day” in Japan). Let’s fly those koi (carp) banners high into the wind. “Happy Boy’s Day” to all the guys.
WATSONVILLE TAIKO AND SHINSEI DAIKO
by Bonnie Chihara

This is our busiest time of year with performances scheduled for two out of four weekends!

On April 6th Watsonville Taiko participated in the Hanamatsuri Festival at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple. We were happy to have members of our children’s group perform with us. They had been practicing their music every Friday and were happy to show what they had learned from Sensei Ikuyo Conant. They were a smash hit with the audience. They brought smiles to the faces of everyone there!

Shoren Hanayama
Elren Hanayama


We had a very busy weekend—on Friday, April 25th we performed at Harbor High School’s International Days celebration; on Saturday, the 26th we performed at the Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival; and then on the 27th headed down to drum for the marathon runners and walkers at the Big Sur International Marathon!

We will have a few weeks to recover from all this and then we will be walking in the Santa Cruz Human Race raising funds for our group as well as for the Volunteer Center of Santa Cruz County. If you would like to help us by making a donation to this fundraising effort please go to www.humanracesc.org then click on the team participants, type in Watsonville taiko in the “select team” space. Click on Watsonville Taiko which will take you to our web page and then click on “donate now” to make a donation. Or, if you would like to walk with us, please contact our business manager Taeko D’Andrea at 831-435-4594 or email us at info@watsonvilletaiko.org.

Our upcoming schedule:
May 10 Human Race, 2300 Delaware Ave, Santa Cruz
May 17 Santa Cruz Rejuvenation Festival, San Lorenzo Park
June 7 Japanese Cultural Fair, Mission Plaza Santa Cruz
June 28 JACL Picnic, Aptos Village Park

To learn more about Watsonville Taiko or to join one of our classes, please check us out on Facebook or visit our website: www.watsonvilletaiko.org.

Greetings from Kokoro no Gakko!

Registration is now open for the 2014 summer session. Kokoro no Gakko is a two-week summer camp that teaches children all about Japanese culture. Don’t have your child/children miss out on this amazing experience. It is available for children who have completed kindergarten through the 6th grade (by June 2014). We still have open spots so register today!


Location: Watsonville Buddhist Temple, 423 Bridge Street, Watsonville.
Time: 9 am to noon, Monday through Friday.
To Register: visit www.kokoronogakko.org, our website, or contact Lynsey Niizawa at lynseyn@gmail.com for information on how to enroll your child/children.

Dr. Stuart Sakuma with daughter Jaime sold Gakko’s delicious cabbage salad at the Temple’s Hanamatsuri Festival with Irene Fujii Potter and Tanya Miller helping.
OUR 2014 COMMUNITY PICNIC ON SAT. JUNE 28
Dear JACLers and Friends:
For over 100 years the Japanese American families of Watsonville have enjoyed a traditional event known as the “community picnic.” It was established by our immigrant Issei pioneers who struggled and worked tediously and who could afford only one day out of the year to relax and celebrate with gratitude the survival of another year.

The picnic as it was held at Palm Beach (now Pajaro Dunes) in April 17, 1938. Can you identify this family/clan? Previously, each family group brought their own lunch. Notice the bbq stove in front, right. Fun races were held for youth and adults—a tradition we continue. Free bingo games are a more recent activity, and we—the W-SC JACLers do all the cooking for a nominal fee.

Adults and children took a break from the races for a group photo in 2012.
Since the end of World War II, the Watsonville-Santa Cruz Japanese American Citizens League (W-SC JACL) has sponsored this important cultural tradition. As a community picnic everyone is welcome. Highlights of the picnic include a delicious barbecue lunch (for a nominal fee), the presentation of scholarships, fun races for all ages, free bingo for our Senior citizens and friends, entertainment by Watsonville Taiko, and an exciting raffle.

We would sincerely appreciate your support of this wonderful family event with a tax-deductible donation or any contribution(s) to our raffle you are able to make. If you have questions or would like us to pick up your donation, please call me at (831) 722-6859, or email at hashi79@sbcglobal.net. A check payable to the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL may be mailed to P. O. Box 163, Watsonville, CA 95077-0163 with a “memo” to the picnic.

We cordially invite you and your family to join us at this year’s picnic, which will take place at the beautiful Aptos Village Park, 100 Aptos Creek Road, Aptos, CA 95003 on Sat., June 28th, 2014 from 11 am to 4:30 pm.
Yours truly, Marcia Hashimoto, Picnic Chair

OUR BEAUTIFUL 2014 CHERRY BLOSSOMS
At Watsonville High School, fenced in (left) is “Neko (cat)” the double blossom cherry tree, planted a year ago; center is the green utility box which will be painted as a mural by Paul DeWorken and his students. Behind it is a beautiful single Yoshino flowering cherry tree.

“Neko,” which was badly vandalized and almost destroyed by person(s) unknown, is making a comeback, and we may see pink and white double blossoms in a few years. The vandals have been captured on video but no arrests have been made by the Watsonville Police Dept.

Thanks to our friend, Greg Caput, 4th District County Supervisor, who has planted many trees (at this own personal expense) in our city, public schools, and those here at the County Office on Freedom Blvd in appreciation for the contributions of the Japanese and Japanese American community to the city and county.
The Watsonville Bonsai Club will host its 41st Bonsai Exhibit on Sun., May 4, 2014, at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple 423 Bridge Street, Watsonville, CA 95076 from 10 am to 4 pm. Approximately 50 bonsai trees from ages young, to old, to ancient, and from sizes small to large, will be on display.

Also, at 1:30 pm there will be a demonstration by long-time club member Don White.

A raffle of beautiful bonsai items, including the demonstration tree, will be held at the conclusion of the demonstration. There also will be a plant vendor who should have a sufficient amount of plant material to sate your plant cravings. Admission is free, but a $3 (more??) donation is appreciated. Tea and cookies will be served. Call Don White at (831) 724-9283 or email him at whiteslib@aol.com for more information.

The 2014 National Convention will be held in San Jose, California from Wednesday, July 9, through Saturday, July 12 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, 2050 Gateway Place, San Jose, CA 95110. For reservations call (408) 453-4000, code JACL. A registration form is included in this newsletter for your convenience. Take advantage of the great savings for early registration!

This venue, in the heart of Silicon Valley, is very close to the Norman Y. Mineta International airport and a short trip to Japantown, one of the nation’s three remaining “J-towns.” The convention will precede the local Obon Festival and will showcase bon odori (Japanese folk dancing). Conventioners and boosters will be able to enjoy the cultural extravaganza and even join with 2,000 dancers in the largest such gathering in the country!

The convention theme, WE ARE AMERICA, is a reflection of the diversity within the Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) community and the important role we play in our nation’s socio-economic future. For far too long, AAPI’s and other people of color have struggled to gain acceptance as Americans. The 2014 JACL National Convention will focus on raising awareness about diversity and inclusion of communities of color as an integral part of the fabric of American society.

The JACL organization is steeped in legacy reflected at the National Conventions where honors and awards are bestowed on deserving recipients who have played critical roles in advancing the cause of justice in America. Living legends Norman Y. Mineta and Mike Honda will participate in select functions and activities of the San Jose convention to help uphold this level of prominence.

A crucial component and priority of the JACL is our investment and support of our youth. Young adults are an integral part of the convention planning committee. And the JACL, through the National Youth/Student Council, will actively encourage and provide financial support for youth from across the nation to attend the convention as America’s future leaders.

Come join us.

SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER NEWS
Perhaps the most effective organization in America today that fights successfully against racism and injustice in this country today is the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) of Montgomery, Alabama. We are grateful to be associated with it.

Co-founder Morris Dees and SPLC’s President, Richard Cohen, are returning to San Francisco on Thursday, May 1, 2014 at 7:30 pm for a very special
The SPLC is dedicated to fighting hate and bigotry and to seeking justice for the most vulnerable members of our society. Using litigation, education, and other forms of advocacy, the SPLC works toward the day when the ideals of equal justice and equal opportunity will be a reality.

Founded by civil rights lawyers Morris Dees (whose father was a member of the KKK!) and Joseph Levin Jr. in 1971, the SPLC is internationally known for tracking and exposing the activities of hate groups. It monitors those of Santa Cruz County and of California as well as those areas outside of the Deep South.

Its innovative Teaching Tolerance program produces and distributes – free of charge – documentary films, books, lesson plans and other materials that promote tolerance and respect in our nation's schools.

Based in Montgomery, Ala., the birthplace of the modern civil rights movement, the SPLC has offices in Atlanta, New Orleans, Miami, Fla., and Jackson, Miss.

The SPLC was founded to ensure that the promises of the 1960s civil rights movement became a reality for all. Since its founding in 1971, they’ve won numerous landmark legal victories on behalf of the exploited, the powerless and the forgotten. [Editor’s note: we have reported about some of them in earlier newsletters.]

Their lawsuits have toppled institutional racism in the South and in Idaho and other states, bankrupted some of the nation’s most violent white supremacist groups (KKK and others) and won justice for exploited workers (many who were immigrants), abused prison inmates, disabled and at-risk children and other victims of hate & discrimination, including LGBT citizens.

Their “Teaching Tolerance” program and magazine is a model for all interested in advocating justice and humanity.

We of the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL are grateful to the SPLC and proud to be associated with it.

1951 SOFTBALL TEAM

Ted Wada (WHS Class of ’51) wrote a nice, commentary letter to the Register-Pajaronian about the late Leonard Ogden (WHS ’53) who, as a pitcher, helped us to win a Watsonville City summer league championship. Leonard joined this team (below) in 1952, and, unfortunately, we have no photos of that team with Leonard.

Back: Kiyoshi Takemoto, Benny Wakayama, Eddie Maruyama, Willie Maruyama, Tom Arita (pitcher), Mits Mori (catcher), Coach Ed Weaver; front: Mas Hashimoto, Ted Wada, Henry Kokka, Clarence Hiura, Eddie Nakagawa and Bryon Yoshida. Absent was Dick Tsuda.

The games were played at night under the dim lights of the WHS baseball field. All of us worked in the fields for ten hours during the day and then played softball at night. How young and full of energy we were then! We bunted a lot and ran speedily to first base. Our bunt signal was spoken in Japanese “oh toh se” (drop it). Leonard didn’t have to bunt. He was also our power hitter.

Thank you, Leonard and Ted!

On the Old Fisherman’s Wharf in Monterey on Sat. May 3rd and Sun. May 4th, the Monterey Peninsula JACL and the Old Fisherman’s Wharf Association will celebrate Japanese American Heritage Days from 11 am to 5 pm.

It’s a fun-filled two day event for the whole family with an array of interactive and educational activities:

- Abalone cooking demonstration.
- An abalone song competition
- An abalone helmet diving demonstration
- Abalone races!!
- Origami demonstration and Gyotaku (fish printing)
- Ikebana and bonsai demonstration
- A Japanese tea ceremony (ochanoyu)
- Taiko drums and other live musical performances
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Morris Dees with Mas and Marcia Hashimoto.
• A “Pop” Ernest look-alike contest
• Historic Walking Tours
• Wharf restaurants will be serving small bites of a variety of delicious Japanese dishes, and there will be sake and beer tasting, and sweet treats
• A presentation ceremony of a beautiful hand-crafted and painted traditional-style Japanese Maiwai Jacket, and
• At 4 pm on Sat. May 3rd, a special and colorful procession with dignitaries, lion dancers, and musicians will begin at the Wharf and continue to the historic JACL Hall, 424 Adams Street in Monterey, followed by a special reception.

You don’t want to miss this important event!

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS, COLLEGE STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS!

W-SC JAACL SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

Application forms are now available. High school seniors and graduate students who are members and their parents are members of our W-SC JAACL and/or the Watsonville Buddhist Temple or Westview Presbyterian Church can download our scholarship application forms at http://watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org. Or, pick up a form at the Temple or at Westview Church.

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

The 2014 scholarships are:

1. **Kee Kitayama Memorial Scholarship:**
   The Watsonville JAACL established this scholarship in memory of our 1987 President, Kee Kitayama, a respected leader who worked tirelessly for Redress and Reparations. In 1997, Mrs. Keiko Kitayama’s generous donation in memory of her late husband, established the memorial scholarship as a Trust Fund which provides needed financial support for our young scholars. Mr. Kee Kitayama’s legacy of encouraging our youth in their pursuit of higher education lives on in this $1,000 scholarship.

2. **Rekiso “Ray” and Hisako “Louise” Sako Scholarships:**
   The Sako scholarships were established in 2012 in honor of Ray and Louise Sako to carry on their belief that education is the cornerstone to the future success of each new generation. These scholarships help local students who are actively involved with the JAACL, Watsonville Buddhist Temple and/or Westview Presbyterian Church.
   A four-year undergraduate scholarship may be awarded at $1,000 per year. This scholarship shall not be limited to first-year undergraduates. For example, an undergraduate who has completed the first year of study may be eligible for a $1,000 per year scholarship for up to three years.
   A two-year graduate scholarship will be awarded at $1,000 per year. This scholarship is not limited to a first-year graduate. For example, a graduate who has completed the first year of study may be eligible for a $1,000 for a year.

3. **Frank Mito Memorial Scholarship:**
   This scholarship was established in 1994 in memory of Frank Mito by his son, Dr. Ron Mito, and assisted by family friends—Mark and Patt Takeuchi, one of the founders of Kokoro no Gakko. This scholarship mirrors Frank Mito’s commitment to hard work, promoting education, and supporting youth who show exemplary community service. The W-SC JAACL is honored to administer this scholarship. This scholarship carries the same criteria of other JAACL scholarships, with Kokoro no Gakko participation preferred. In the first year, the scholarship will total $500 and may be additive to other scholarships awarded by the JAACL.

4. **Dr. Francis B. Choy Memorial Scholarship:**
   This scholarship was established by Dr. Conrad Hamako with the help of Dr. Choy’s wife, Sharon. Francis Choy was the son of Dr. Bong Choy, who taught in the Berkeley Unified School District after emigrating from Korea. Francis Choy graduated from UC Berkeley and UCLA Medical School where he befriended Conrad Hamako and met and married Sharon, then a nursing student.
   Dr. Choy was a well-respected dermatologist whose partner was Dr. David South. This may be the final year this $1,000 scholarship is awarded.

NEW! “GO FOR BROKE” NATIONAL EDUCATION CENTER PRESENTS THE 2014 STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST

High school and college students are encouraged to submit essays:

1. This contest is open to high school (9th through 12th grades) and college (any level) students.
2. Please select from one of the three given topics:
   a. Describe a Nisei soldier experience or story, and explain why it is meaningful to you.
   b. Explain how the Nisei soldier experience is relevant to today’s generation.
   c. Discuss your ideas about how to preserve the legacy of the Nisei soldier.
3. Word limitation: between 250 to 500 words.
4. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top nine student qualified entries as follows:
   a. The top two essay winners will each receive $1,000.
   b. The third and fourth place essay winners will each receive $500.
   c. The fifth through ninth place essay winners will each receive $200.
5. The top 20 essay contestants will each receive two complimentary tickets to attend our 25th Anniversary Evening of Aloha Gala Dinner on Saturday, September 27, 2014 at The Westin Bonaventure Hotel & Suites in downtown Los Angeles.
6. Please email essays by Monday, June 30, 2014 to community@goforbroke.org.
7. Essays must be submitted as a Microsoft Word or a PDF document.
8. Please identify your school/university and grade/level. Also please include your phone number.
A panel of student educators will be judging the essays.

Winners will be notified by Thursday, July 31, 2014.

The essays will be presented in a booklet at our Evening of Aloha Gala Dinner and will be available on Go For Broke National Education Center’s website: [www.goforbroke.org](http://www.goforbroke.org).

For information about the Japanese American WWII veterans, please refer to our website. Interviews of more than 700 veterans are available online.

DONATIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED …

In Memory of Shoichi Kobara from …
Helen Kobara
Mark and Patt Takeuchi
Diane Porter Cooley
Mary Tsuyuki and Family
Nancy Yamamoto
Dr. Art and Joanne Hayashi
Greg and Suke Pavlovich Family

Day of Remembrance Education Fund from …
Janet Nagamine

For the Newsletter from …
Asayo Akiyoshi

Kokoro no Gakko—for the use of the JACL Hall

In Honor of Mas Hashimoto for his Foreign Ministry Award from the Japanese Government from …
Diane Mio

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80TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

Please reserve [Saturday, August 2, 2014](http://www.goforbroke.org) when we celebrate at our Tokushige Kizuka JACL Hall, 150 Blackburn Street, Watsonville, CA 95076:

1. The 80th anniversary of the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL (1934-2014), and
2. The 100th birthdays of Kyoko Nancy Iwami, Dr. Masako Miura, Hiroko Shikuma and Enji Shikuma

We will present a special program from 11 am to 2 pm honoring our Issei pioneers and Nisei leaders. A bento lunch is to be served.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Sat. May 3**: Japanese American Heritage Days in Monterey
- **Sun. May 4**: Watsonville **Bonsai** Exhibit
- **Mon. May 26**: Memorial Day
- **Sat. June 7**: Japanese Cultural Fair, SC
- **June 23 to July 3**: Kokoro no Gakko, Temple
- **Sat. June 28**: JACL Community Picnic, Aptos

WE WELCOME NEW W-SC JACL MEMBERS

- Darryl and Vivianne Hoshiyama of Rowland Heights
- Janice Tao
- Ted Wada

Thank you for joining our campaign for civil and human rights, for cultural outreach, and for educating the nation of our Nikkei (of Japanese) heritage and contributions. We welcome all to join us.

WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL

Our mailing address is:

Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL
P.O. Box 163
Watsonville, CA 95077-0163

Please do not mail to our Kizuka Hall address on Blackburn Street.

Thank you for reading this May 2014 newsletter.

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

To check your current membership status, look at the date after your name, example:

M. Mxxxx 3/14 This means your membership expired after March of 2014.

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](mailto:hashi79@sbcglobal.net).

Read our full color newsletter online at our website: [http://watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org](http://watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org).

Onward!

Mas Hashimoto, Editor
(1) YBA members sold delicious desserts. (2) BWA sold their famous sushi. (3) A happy and grateful Sangha ate the desserts and sushi. (4) The members of ikebana ikebana demonstrated several styles. (5) Aikido of Santa Cruz demonstrated the beauty of their martial arts to an appreciative audience. (6) Ukulele of Santa Cruz sang songs of fun and joy. (7) Wonderful Watsonville Taiko’s performance was captured on video! (8) Pam Yoshida displayed her handmade Kimekomi dolls. (9) Debbé Chan and Marcia Hashimoto (sisters) purchased shirts for their young nephews from Shirley Yamashita Inokuchi of HugaSumo. (10) Gordon Koo of Nikkei Traditions of San Jose is a loyal supporter of our Temple’s events.
2014 Registration Form

A separate form must be completed for each individual/youth package registration. To register online or obtain additional mail-in forms, please visit www.jacl.org/2014. Convention Package includes: Welcome Mixer (reception/buffet and ‘Valley of the Heart’ reading), Awards Luncheon, Youth Luncheon, Sayonara Banquet, Hiroshima Concert, workshops, and breakfasts. Youth/Students are individuals age 25 or younger or full-time students. À la carte events may be purchased at multiple quantities for family and friends.

**REGISTRATION**

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**À LA CARTE EVENTS**

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**TOTAL $ ______

Mail payment & form to:

2014 JACL Nat’l Convention
Attn: Registration
c/o San Jose JACL
565 N. Fifth Street
San Jose, CA 95112

Questions? (408) 295-1250 or 2014registration@jacl.org

CANCELLATION POLICY

Return 100% by June 1, 2014
Return 50% by July 1, 2014
No return after July 1, 2014

2. REGISTRANT

Last Name, First Name

Address

City

State Zip

Home Phone Cell Phone

Email address

JACL Chapter

3. PAYMENT METHOD

**Enclosed is a check for $ __________ payable to JACL 2014 Convention**

**OR** Please bill $ __________ to my credit card:

- □ VISA
- □ Mastercard
- □ American Express

Card Number

Cardholder Name

Exp. Date (MM/YY) Security Code

Credit Card Billing Address

City State Zip

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Watsonville-Santa Cruz Chapter
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:

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

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

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

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

Name: ___________________________ (Last Name) ___________________________ (First Name) ___________________________ (Middle Name)

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

Address: ________________________________________________

Home phone: (_____ ) ____________ E-mail: ___________________________

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

Name: ___________________________ Age: ___________________________

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

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