A “PILGRIMAGE” NOT TO BE MISSED

Every JACL chapter (its officers and members) of the National JACL should participate in this pilgrimage to see Valley of the Heart in San Juan Bautista.

Back by popular demand Valley of the Heart, a new play by Luis Valdez, should be experienced by everyone who was incarcerated during WW II and by his/her family members and friends.

Social studies teachers of middle, high school and university students who include the contributions of the Japanese and Japanese Americans to our American history will find the story and presentation exceptionally meaningful and should plan a field trip to the performance. All WW II veterans and their families and bay area communities are encouraged to see this outstanding theatrical production.

Valley of the Heart is a love story, rooted in historical events set in the fertile Santa Clara Valley near San Jose, California, known as the “Valley of Heart’s Delight” in 1941 and in Heart Mountain, Wyoming concentration camp during WW II.

Opening in the days leading up to Pearl Harbor, it is the dramatic interaction of two families—the Yamaguchis and the Montaños. Coming out of the Great Depression, both immigrant families struggle to provide for the future of their American-born children. The families’ oldest children, Benjamin and Teruko, fall in love and emotional stakes are further heightened when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, Hawaii on December 7, 1941, throwing both families into uncertainty.

Ichiro Yamaguchi, Benjamin Montano, Teruko (“Thelma”) Yamaguchi.

Issues of loyalty and patriotism provoke both rebellion and heroism among the young, imprisoned Japanese Americans while both Benjamin and Teruko fight to maintain their dignity, identity, family, and love in the face of war, fear, and separation.

This sweeping epic played to sold-out houses during its run last summer and returns by popular demand.

If you live in or around Sacramento, San Francisco, San Jose, Fresno, Los Angeles, or San Diego, make a weekend visit to the Monterey Bay region to see this heartwarming story of love, honor, gaman, dedication, and kindness. It plays on Thursdays through Sundays from August 30 to October 12, 2014.

Check www.elteatrocampesino.com for dates and times. Call 1-800-838-3006 for tickets which are moderately priced (adults $27, for students and senior citizens $25, children 12 and under $20). El Teatro Campesino, located at 705 Fourth St., San Juan Bautista, CA 95045, is a small, intimate theater, and parking is free!

Luis and Lupe Valdez asked us for a butsdan, a Buddhist family altar (seen on Lupe’s left). Shown in the photos are “Ichiro Yamaguchi” and his son, “Joe,” who was killed as a member of the 100th/442nd RCT in the battle for the Lost Texas Battalion. This Heart Mountain camp room had homemade furniture and an army cot.

The simple 1941 family farm house kitchen in Cupertino, CA featured a wood burning stove. Missing in this photo is the ofuro (bathing hot tub).
This cast is amazing, and their performance will move you to tears.

**OH, WHAT A CELEBRATION IT WAS!**

Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL President Marcia Hashimoto (left) welcomed the hundred members and friends who gathered at the Tokushige Kizuka JACL Hall on Sat., Aug. 2 for the 80th anniversary celebration of the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL chapter (1934-2014)! The beautiful bonsai pine tree in front of the podium is masterfully cared for by our board member and bonsai sensei, Iwao Yamashita.

First, Mas Hashimoto, a retired US History teacher, spoke of our 80 year history. Photo, courtesy of Erik Chalhoub, R-P reporter.

It is difficult to explain 80 years of history in a few minutes. Our chapter today, thanks to its members and board of directors, is one of the largest in the entire JACL and one of the most proactive.

It was the Issei leaders of Watsonville’s Japan Society who encouraged the young Nisei, in their early twenties, to form the Watsonville Citizens League, and in 1934, it became a member of the National Japanese American Citizens League.

For the next seven years the organization was primarily a social club. I wouldn’t say it was the forerunner of eHarmony.com but young people did meet, fall in love and marry.

In 1937, Watsonville hosted the 2nd Biennial Convention of Northern California at the Resetar Hotel and Veterans Memorial Building to discuss topics ranging from the science of agriculture, value of education, immigration, voting, and civic participation. The delegates enjoyed swimming, baseball, a golf tournament, a fishing contest, card games, volleyball, horseshoe pitching and a beach outing at Seacliff Beach. They had fun! Its Sayonara Ball has been replaced today by a Sayonara Banquet where there’s no dancing at all! Just speeches!

The organization participated in patriotic events by entering colorful floral floats in Watsonville’s Fourth of July parade.

After December 7, 1941, 1,301 Nikkei members of Santa Cruz County were forcibly removed to the Salinas Assembly Center.” Then, it was onto Roastin’ Poston, AZ. During our wartime incarceration, the organization was inactive and relied heavily on the National JACL’s leadership. National’s dues were 25 cents.

After the end of the war, in the spring of 1947, a committee consisting of “Kow” Wada, James Izumizaki, Charlie Shikuma, Walter Hashimoto, Frank Uyeda, Harry Mayeda, Min Hamada, Hardy Tsuda, George Ura and Shig Hirano issued an invitation to Watsonville’s Nisei to form a “non-religious citizens organization” to “carry on community services.” The first major decision was symbolic—to carry on a tradition by entering a decorated car in the “Fourth of July” parade.

In 1948, the Japan Society’s Issei deeded their property on Union Street—Toyo Hall—a community center to the Watsonville JACL.

During this time, the JACL provided information about the Nikkei community to the general public, assisted Nikkei in filing evacuation claims for losses sustained during the war, provided Blue Cross health insurance for its members (many health insurance companies refused us coverage!), re-registered its members so they could vote in the 1948 elections, and supported legislation granting US citizenship to the Issei. This was accomplished in 1952.

During the 1950’s and 1960’s our JACL was occupied with health insurance plans, citizenship classes for the Issei, and the JACL Issei History Project. Keiro Kai dinners were sponsored to honor the Issei and older Nisei members for their contributions, a tradition we continue.

The small Hayashi boarding house at 27 First Street in Watsonville was opened as the first Senior Center in July of 1971 with Mr. Tokushige Kizuka as first chairman. He was assisted by Mr. Frank Wakayama. In 1971, the
JACL began to look for a more suitable place for Issei and older Nisei to meet and gather socially.

When the Assembly of God Church at 150 Blackburn Street was made available in 1977, we conducted a fund-raising campaign and sold Toyo Hall. The church’s purchase price was set at $55,000. The Nikkei community came through with over $71,000. This was remarkable for, only a few years before, the Nikkei community was struggling to recover from their wartime losses. This building’s official name is Tokushige Kizuka JACL Hall.

Programs of the JACL included contributing to the Watsonville Community Hospital, restoration of the downtown plaza bandstand, conducting health clinic fairs, scholarship programs for high school seniors, and securing redress for the wartime incarceration. It has been honored as the “Organization of the Year” by the Watsonville Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture. This is remarkable because in 1945 only one in five in the Pajaro Valley wished for our return.

With Ben and Yoko Umeda as our leaders, our chapter contributed monetarily to the success of the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988. The US Government apologized for the grievous error committed on 120,000 innocent persons of Japanese ancestry during WW II. On August 10, 2013, we celebrated the 25th anniversary of the passage here with Grant Ujifusa of the JACL LEC as our keynote speaker.

At the suggestion of local historian, Jane Borg, we were the first in the nation in 1992 to have the Nisei graduates of the Class of 1942 receive their official Watsonville High School diplomas with a cap and gown ceremony. Thirteen Nisei participated. We thank the Watsonville High School staff and Class of 1992. It was held on June 12, 1992 at 2 pm, exactly 50 years later.

This hall has been used by Watsonville Taiko, Watsonville Bonsai Club, Kokoro no Gakko (a Japanese cultural summer school program), KAYO singing club, Kawakami Sister City Committee, a dance club, and, of course, the JACL Senior Center.

The chapter has recently changed its name to Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL for it more accurately reflects our membership roster.

The chapter’s varied programs include Senior Center membership, funeral koden, scholarships, Blue Cross Insurance, long-term health care, disaster relief, youth activities, Day of Remembrance programs, cultural activities, veterans’ issues, the century old tradition of the community picnic, and, most important, civil rights issues.

Our chapter members donated generously to the National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism in Washington DC, and our members attended its dedication in November of 2000.

“Liberty Lost...Lessons in Loyalty,” re-enacted the unjust evacuation of all persons of Japanese ancestry, “alien and non-alien,” from Santa Cruz County on April 27, 2002, on the 60th anniversary of Exclusion Order No. 16. This reenactment called attention to the hardships experienced by those incarcerated in the assembly centers and “relocation centers,” to the heroics of those who served in the 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team and the Military Intelligence Service, and to the wonderful loyalty of those Chinese and Caucasian Americans who supported the Japanese and Japanese Americans during the war years and the re-settlement periods. The event was made possible with the support and cooperation of the entire community of Watsonville, for which we are grateful.

Our chapter was the advocate for including the Military Intelligence Service to the proposed Congressional Gold Medal for the 100th/442nd RCT. The dedication took place in Washington, DC in 2011.

The chapter also worked closely and in concert with other civil rights and community organizations against racial bigotry and discrimination, hate crimes and social injustice.

In 2004, at the Honolulu National Convention, our chapter received the Chapter of the Biennium Award and our Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston, author of “Farewell to Manzanar,” received the Japanese American of the Biennium Award. Mas Hashimoto was recipient of the JACLer of the Biennium Award.

In 2010, at the Chicago National Convention, our chapter repeated with the Chapter of the Biennium Award.

This July, at the San Jose National Convention, our chapter nominated attorney Dale Minami for the Japanese American of the Biennium Award, 442nd veteran Lawson Sakai and Grant Ujifusa, our chief strategist for redress, for the JACLers of the Biennium. All, I’m happy to report, received their just recognition.

We recently renovated this JACL hall at a cost of nearly $50,000—termite eradication, new roof, new floor, painting inside and outside, plumbing, heating, new chairs, new doors, etc. with the safety of our Senior Center members foremost in mind.

We never forget that we are an educational civil rights organization dedicated to serving the nation. Thanks to the invitation of local teachers, we are able to reach 2,500 to 3,000 students of the Monterey Bay region annually speaking about the unjust incarceration of 120,000 innocent persons of Japanese ancestry during WW II.

Our work continues ... and we are truly grateful for our membership and their continuing support of our programs. Thank you.

Then, it was onto the birthday party! Four centenarians were honored—Nancy Iwami, Dr. Masako Miura, Hiroko Shikuma and Enji Shikuma.

This “dream cake” by Freedom Bakery was donated by Katherine C. Tobin of Alexandria, VA, our JACL member.
Nancy Jean Mattson (above) stated that her widowed mother, Kiyoko Nancy Iwami, is amazing for she lives independently in her own home, cooks and does gardening around the house, and she still drives! She loves the SF Giants and her favorite baseball player is Buster Posey. At a recent Giants’ game, she drew an audience for she made colorful comments on each batter. (She missed her calling as a sports announcer!) “My mother is thriving because so many people love her and care for her.”

Hans Goto marveled about his mother, Dr. Masako Miura, who broke her upper left arm on Friday but didn’t wish to miss this event on Saturday. “She’s full of spirit!” Dr. Miura, one of two women who graduated from the University of Southern California’s medical school before WW II, was famous at Manzanar and later at Topaz. She was to retire in 1982 from the US Army hospital at nearby Fort Ord.

Esther Shikuma Abe admired her mother, Hiroko Shikuma, for her strong will and her love for family. Sadly, her mother passed away at age 100 and 14 days—just 11 days before this birthday celebration.

Enji Shikuma celebrated his 100th birthday on Friday, Aug. 1st, with family and relatives. His son, Mark (above), spoke of his father as “very cantankerous, stubborn, and an honorable man,” to which those in the audience who knew him nodded in agreement. Enji was very knowledgeable about his love and passion for farming.

Dr. Masako Miura and Nancy Iwami did the honors of cutting the birthday cake. Note that Dr. Miura’s left arm is in a sling. Nancy is a charter member of our JACL of 1934! She married Charlie Iwami in 1936.

The program continued with the viewing of a very special documentary, Issei: The First Generation, filmed 30 years ago by Toshi Washizu and re-discovered recently by Prof. Lane Ryo Hirabayashi of UCLA. The elder Nisei were reminded of the struggles and hardships faced by their Issei parents before, during and after WW II.
What a wonderful celebration it was! Congratulations! I was honored to take part in it. It was a pleasure meeting you both, such a gracious elegant couple. I could see that you would make wonderful teachers. Kristy Ishii told me that you are her mentor, Mr. Hashimoto. Now, I understand why.

“You were so hospitable and kind with your words for my film. I enjoyed meeting the warm welcoming local residents as well. Thank you so much for the kind reception, the nice lunch, the gifts of the beautiful books and origami birds. I will cherish them all.

“I wish you and your organization the best.

“Please take care and have a great summer.

“Thank you for your support.”

Prof. Lane Hirabayashi explained how important this documentary film was to historians of the Nikkei nation. He and Toshi Washizu were kind to answer questions about the film. After, he wrote to us at W-SC JACL:

“I just wanted to tell you again how much we enjoyed coming down to Watsonville. The drive, both ways, was very smooth, partly due to the directions you sent. But, above all, we enjoyed the program and the chance to meet all of the wonderful folks from town and from the communities throughout the Pajaro Valley.

“For me, it was a nice surprise to see Lucy Kubo and Sandy Goto there. They were both classmates of mine from Tamalpais High School in Mill Valley, across the bridge and north of San Francisco. We graduated from Tam” almost forty-five years ago. What a coincidence that we’d be in Watsonville in 2014!

“I had also meant to ask you about Grant Ujifusa. I had thought he was born and raised in Colorado, so when you brought up his name in your historical outline of the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL, Mas, I wondered what the exact linkage was. Was it mainly that he was one of your chapter’s honorees, along with Dale (Minami)?

“Cordially, Lane”

[Editor’s note: I replied that we are honored and encouraged to have Grant Ujifusa and Dale Minami as members of our inaka (rural) chapter.

Grant Ujifusa was the chief architect for our successful redress and reparations campaign. All Nikkei who received an apology and $20,000 from the US Government are grateful to Grant who resides in NY. Grant grew up in Montana where he was the quarterback of the team that whupped Dick Cheney’s team for the state championship.

Dale Minami was the lead attorney that had Fred Korematsu’s guilty conviction vacated in a federal court.]
DONATIONS gratefully received for our 80th anniversary celebration from:

Grant Ujifusa  
Hisako Uemura  
Kazuko Sakai  
Haruko Ishibashi  
Katherine C. Tobin  
Eiko Ceremony  
Paul and Carol Kaneko  
Mas and Marcia Hashimoto  
Jane Sugidono  
Sam and Yae Sakamoto  
June and Sunao Honda  
Nancy Iwami  
Nancy Jean Mattson  
Miye Yamashita  
Chie Sakaue  
Hans Goto & Dr. Masako Miura  
Bobbi Jo Palmer  
Haruko Yoshii  
Satoko Yamamoto  
Mitsuyo Tao  
Judy Hane  
Yaeko Cross  
Kitako Izumizaki  
Chiyeoko Shikuma  
Larry Shikuma  
Lea Shikuma  
Yoshino Matano  
Kenzo Yoshida  
Toshiko Yamashita  
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Kimi Kimura  
Robert Kitayama ... Gerbera Daisy flowers  
We also wish to thank the Watsonville Register-Pajaronian, Santa Cruz Sentinel, San Jose Mercury News, San Mateo County Times and JACL Digest for their fine reporting of our historic event.

FFNV Meets Aboard the USS Hornet  
by Brian Shiroyama, Lt. Col. USAF (ret.)

As usual, the Alameda pier where the USS Hornet WW II aircraft carrier is anchored was cloudy and even chilly on August 2. However, the upbeat sound of the San Francisco All City Jazz Band warmly greeted smaller but enthusiastic crowd at an annual gathering of Friends and Family of Nisei Veterans (FFNV) aboard the Hornet. Great camaraderie again bonded veterans, spouses, family members and friends.

Special guests were Randall Ramian, CEO of the Hornet Museum who welcomed the attendees, and Odette Le Pendu, recipient of the prestigious French Legion of Honor Medal for her distinguished service as French resistance fighter during World War II.

Entertainment was provided by the SF All City Jazz Band composed of talented students in middle and high schools and led by their music teacher, Ken Crowell. The band serenaded the audience with nostalgic selections of popular hits during the last several decades. At the conclusion of this event, the band played the US military branch medley honoring all veterans who served in all wars.

Lawson Sakai, President of FFNV and a 442nd Regimental Combat Team (442nd RCT) veteran, eloquently delivered the keynote address while reflecting his experiences during the rescue of the “Lost Battalion” in late October 1944. His inspirational presentation captivated the audience.

Brian Shiroyama, Sam Furukawa, Mas Kadota, Odette Le Pendu, and Lawson Sakai.

After the formal program, attendees enjoyed touring the Hornet and visiting the Nisei Veterans’ Exhibit featuring Japanese-American history and legendary accomplishments of the 442nd RCT and the Military Intelligence Service.

The Nisei Veterans’ Exhibit will continue to receive visitors. For more information, please contact Brian Shiroyama at bshiroyama@gmail.com or (408) 896-1021.

IN REMEMBRANCE ...

Joseph G. Myers  

Joseph G. Myers, a decorated veteran of World War II, died Thursday, July 24, 2014. He was 92. Mr. Myers was born Feb. 2, 1922 in Lawrence, MA. He joined the Army in 1940, served in the Pacific Theatre during WWII and earned a Purple Heart at the Battle of Guadalcanal. After being wounded, he then spent the remainder of the war in Watsonville as a cryptanalyst serving at Camp McQuaide, near Sunset Beach in Watsonville. He was honorably discharged in 1945 as a sergeant.
After the war he lived in Watsonville for the rest of his life and served 17 years with the Watsonville Police Department, worked 15 years for the Santa Cruz County Department of Agriculture and worked as a private detective for four years.

He married the love of his life, Helen Myers, in 1962. He had many interests. He studied military history and wrote about World War II battles for the Register-Pajaronian. He was a ham radio operator and aided emergency efforts after the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake; he was a member of the Pajaro Valley Rod and Gun Club; studied local history, especially local law enforcement. He was also a past member of the Watsonville VFW, the Elks Lodge, American Legion Post 121 and the Watsonville-Santa Cruz Chapter of the National Japanese American Citizens League.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his brother Arthur Myers and sister Norene Segebarth, and his mother-in-law Maria Stone. He is survived by his wife Helen, his son Steven Myers and wife Kristy of Moss Landing; his daughter Dianne Myers of Idaho; his daughter Caroline Howard and her husband Douglas of Minnesota; his sister-in-law Lucille Giorvas of Santa Clara, seven grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, and many other family members. He was also very close to his cousins, nephews and nieces.

An admirer of the Nisei soldiers of WW II, he joined our W-SC JACL and participated in several events. Joe attended our Veterans’ Day program in November of 2012 at the PV Memorial Park when we honored all our local Nisei soldiers. He is shown here (above, right) with the late Martha Miyamoto, whose husband, Mitchie Miyamoto, designed the famed 442nd RCT patch.

A graveside memorial and military service was held at Pajaro Valley Catholic Cemetery, 2401 E. Lake Ave. in Watsonville on Friday, Aug. 1.


HIROKO SHIKUMA

On July 22, 2014, a long-time resident of Watsonville, Hiroko Shikuma peacefully passed away at the age of 100.

She was born in Alameda, CA, on July 9, 1914 to Toshio and Nao Nakata. Hiroko spent her early years in Hiroshima, Japan, and attended Mineta Elementary before returning to Alameda where she went to Porter Elementary School and Alameda HS. She attended Buena Vista Methodist
Church. Hiroko married Mack Shikuma in 1935. They lived in Corralitos, CA, until they bought land in Watsonville and lived there for a short time.

She and her family were sent to the Salinas Rodeo grounds assembly center and were incarcerated in Poston, AZ during WW II.

After the war ended, the Shikuma family lived in Colorado briefly, before returning to Watsonville. Mack and Hiroko and their children then moved to Brogan, OR, in 1945, where they farmed. They returned to Watsonville in 1956. She was a member of Westview Presbyterian Church.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Masasuke “Mack” Shikuma, and her siblings Yoshiko (Tim) Yamasaki, Haruko (Alfred) Akamatsu, Masao (Sayo) Nakata, Shizuko (Kyoei "Kay") Sasaki, Fusako (Harry) Abe, Takeo (Mimi) Nakata, and Akio (Joyce) Nakata.

Hiroko was survived by her children Esther Abe (Kokichi) and Lawrence Shikuma, and her grandchildren Isaac Shikuma; Leanore Shikuma (Graham Flanagan), great-grandchildren Kazuo and Zoe Flanagan. She is also lovingly remembered by her sister-in-law Chiye (Hiroshi "Heek") Shikuma and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, August 16, at Westview Presbyterian Church, 118 First Street, Watsonville, CA 95077.

She had requested that memorial contributions be given to Westview Presbyterian Church in lieu of flowers.

Grateful thanks to the caregivers at Wesley House, Janet, Lindsay, Sandy, Jessica, and Nancy, and many others involved in caring for Hiroko. Thank you to Heartland Hospice for their palliative assistance.

**TAMIKO MATSUI**

Tamiko Matsui passed away peacefully on August 18th 2014 at Montecito Manor in Watsonville. She leaves her dear husband, Isao “Sully” Matsui, after nearly 64 years of marriage. She also leaves her sons Doug (Carolyn) and their children Ross and Courtney and Paul (Lori) and their children Scott and Ryan. She was predeceased by her parents Saikichi and Hisa Yamamoto.

Tami had ten siblings; Mina (Minoru) Tanaka, Yoshiko (Ben) Hashimoto, Nobuko (Michio) Abe, Fumiko (Tets) Kobayashi, Bob (Toshiko “Tee”) Yamamoto, Shuichi (Agnes) Yamamoto, Tadashi Yamamoto, Kikue (Tom) Mine, Richard (Ruth) Yamamoto, and Kiyo (Tak) Arao. She was predeceased by all except her loving sister Kiyo and her sisters-in-law Tee, Agnes, and Ruth.

Tami was born in Watsonville on March 20, 1928, relocated to Poston, Arizona during the war, moved to Denver, Colorado for a couple of years, then came back to Watsonville, graduated from Watsonville High School, got married, and raised her family. Tami had a great sense of humor and loved life, enjoying it with her many family members and friends. She loved Sully, knitting slippers, going to casinos, water aerobics, her family and friends, and especially her grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Saturday August 30th at 2 p.m. at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Mehl’s Colonial Chapel.

**“CHAMP”**

Cindy & Gary Mine’s 16½ year-old dog, Champ, passed away recently. He guarded Gary’s truck when Gary tended to the Salinas Memorial Garden. He guarded their car when they were at Day of Remembrance, JACL picnic, Pacific Rim Film Festival and our monthly JACL board meetings. His last JACL venture was the recent BBQ in San Juan Bautista.

Cindy recently gave a Mother’s Day speech at Senior Center which Champ was a surprise guest and the subject of her talk. Many of the Senior Center know Champ for different reasons.

Champ was the only 4-legged pictured in our Watsonville Buddhist Temple 100th Anniversary Book. Many of you might remember Champ as Cindy & Gary’s ring-bearer in their wedding at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple.

He will be truly missed!

We send our deepest condolences to the Myers, Shikuma, Matsui, and Mine families, relatives and friends.

**JAPANESE MEMORIAL GARDEN AT THE SALINAS ASSEMBLY CENTER**

We are grateful that Joe Bowes and Gary Mine, together with Iwao Yamashita, clean and maintain our special memorial garden each month.

Tues., June 24th, they cleaned the garden. They noticed that 3 iron pickets in the fence were broken.

Tues., July 1st, with Karl Kari, they returned to replace the 3 broken pickets.

Wed., July 9th, they cleaned the garden, with Dave Mishima joining them, picking up trash and litter.

Tues., July 15th, cleaned the garden before Salinas’ “Big Week,” featuring the California Rodeo.
Paul Ichiuji, Treasurer of the five-chapter “Day of Remembrance Committee,” paid for the picket fence replacement.

They will clean the garden again before the Salinas (Airport) Airshow in September 27th and 28th 2014.

**WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE NEWS**

**Enjoy the best chicken teriyaki dinner on Saturday, September 27th.**

Tickets may be purchased from temple members or from Jackie Yamashita, Temple Secretary, Monday-Friday from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, 423 Bridge St., Watsonville, CA 95076.

The Temple is appreciative of its members who made this year’s Rummage Sale, Aug 8-9, such a success and to those who came to shop for great bargains.

There was something for all ages—clothing, toys, books, DVDs, CDs, appliances, dishes, framed photos, sporting equipment, etc. Antique dealers and experts were among the first shoppers at 8 am on Friday, Aug. 7th.

Barbara Shingai was asked a question by Ann Kosinski, one of our faithful shoppers.

**Once, Someone’s Treasure**

The temple gym, was filled to the brim,
With things once belonging to her or him.
Clothes, stored for years, in cardboard boxes.
Pants, shoes and tops, and children's soxes.

Polyester dresses, we haven't seen in a while.
Worn perhaps once, were thrown in the pile.
But as we sorted them with loving care,
We knew that each item had a story to share.

In a sequined red dress, with see-through camisole,
And gilded, spiked heels, she sure had it all.
For guys and gals, the more they are faded,
Tattered Levi jeans, will never look out-dated.

Fancy China and crystal, champagne and wine.
Lacquer bowls and sake sets, all of another time.
None so rare, as a pre-war Guardian ware.
Perhaps, now replaced, with non-stick Farberware.

Costume jewelry, cameras, copy machines and purses.
VCR tapes, biographies, poetry books and verses.
Very good deals for tennis shoes and high heels,
Golf clubs, skis, and luggage without wheels.

I spotted an old, rusty horse shoe, along with a spike,
Which took me way back, when I was a little tyke.
For my older brother and I, once upon a time,
Pitching horse shoes, was our favorite pastime.
The most interesting item was a, "child, at-heart." Whose beloved mother, is such a sweetheart. She pinned a sign on his shirt; "fifty cents ... as is." It was only a joke, folks, really ... gee whiz!

What was once, someone's treasure, Is now, someone else's pleasure. As the river receives the melting snow, This is just another example, of, "letting go."

janice tao

The Temple Calendar for September

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Sat Oct 4 YBA “All You Can Eat Spaghetti Feed,” 4-7 pm

Shotsuki Hoyo Service, Sept. 7, 10 am

The families of the following deceased of September are invited to attend the service and to Oshoko (offer incense). We look forward to seeing you at the service.

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SAN BENITO COUNTY JACL CELEBRATES

Each year in August, when the city of San Juan Bautista holds its Antique "Flea" Market Festival, our neighbor JACL Chapter, San Benito County, invites friends and neighbors for a delicious BBQ at their hall.

Tony Boch, former President of the San Benito County JACL and past Mayor of San Juan Bautista, welcomed all. Special guests this year included the cast and crew of “Valley of the Heart,” by Luis Valdez.

Luis Valdez with three members of his cast--Alex Intae Kim, Melanie Arii Mah, and Christy Sandoval—in the chow line.
Above, we all applauded the cast and crew members of *Valley of the Heart*. We are looking forward to the presentation of the play at **El Teatro Campesino**, 705 4th St., San Juan Bautista, CA 95045.

And, August 10th was San Benito County JACL President **Kurt Kurasaki’s** 45th birthday! And, may you have many, many more.

**LET’S WELCOME KAWAKAMI STUDENTS**

On Friday, September 5, sixteen junior high school students and their chaperones will arrive in Watsonville from our sister city, Kawakami-mura. After a brief tour of City Hall, the Watsonville Police Department and the Watsonville Fire Department, the students will walk back to the Watsonville Buddhist Temple, 423 Bridge St., for a “Welcome Dinner.” Please join us for dinner at 6:30 p.m.

A beach party will be held at Seacliff State Beach on Sunday afternoon where they may be fortunate to see humpback whales swimming in the Monterey Bay. The students will attend a field trip to the world famous Monterey Bay Aquarium on Monday afternoon. Then, on Tuesday, they will attend their host’s middle school. You are also welcome to attend the “Sayonara Dinner” at Casserly Hall, 560 Casserly Road, Watsonville, on Tuesday evening, September 9th, at 6:30 pm.

**JAVA LOOKING FOR WW II NISEI MEMORABILIA**

Please help us on a project that is designed to help the Japanese American cause. **JAVA, Japanese American Veterans Association**, on behalf of the Japanese American community, has an opportunity to contribute to a display in the **US Army Museum**, which is being built in the Fort Belvoir, Virginia area.

This Museum, as part of the Washington, DC museums, will be visited by a large number of people who visit the WDC area. We are pleased to have this opportunity to present the Japanese American story to the people of America and the world.

We are looking for WW II Nisei memorabilia, especially:

1). a *sennin bari*, that was worn by a Nisei.
2). a helmet, or helmet liner, with the Red Cross insignia painted on the helmet? Or, a helmet or helmet liner that a Nisei used. If, on the side of the helmet, there is a 34th Red Bull Division patch or 442 Torch patch painted on, that would be great. The donor will be recognized in the display.

Anything you can do to help the cause would be greatly appreciated.  **Terry Shima** *(301-987-6746)*

**KOKORO NO GAKKO HAD ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM IN 2014**

All photos are the courtesy of **David Shinn**.

The students gathered at the morning assembly, and then they quickly went to the classrooms to work on their important Japanese cultural heritage projects.
The students thoroughly enjoyed the two-week session. Bowing, they said “Arigato” and “Sayonara.”

WATSONVILLE TAIKO AND SHINSEI DAIKO
By Bonnie Chihara

On Friday August 15th, Watsonville Taiko participated in the Santa Cruz Museum of Art and History’s Third Friday event, Games and Folklore.

Working with the museum’s staff and interns, Sensei Ikuyo Conant, business manager Taeko D’Andrea and community performer Joyce Smith put together an evening of storytelling, taiko and prop making. Children and adults coming to the museum were encouraged to participate in bringing the story, The Big Dipper, to life. They played music, made the props and created the sound effects for this story. This was a new experience for us, and all members of Watsonville Taiko worked hard to make this a success. Even the audience participated in the storytelling!

Our upcoming schedule:
Aug. 24th- Kisitigharba Festival, Land of Medicine Buddha Soquel
Sept. 13th- Santa Cruz Derby Girls, Kaiser Permanente Arena Santa Cruz
Sept. 27th- Alzheimer’s Memory Walk, La Selva Beach

If you are interested in taking a taiko class with us, please visit our Facebook page for the latest listing of upcoming classes or [www.watsonvilletaiko.org](http://www.watsonvilletaiko.org).
First of all, sorry about missing the deadline for the July news. Old age, family get-togethers with all my kids in one place for a change, plus other commitments just got my time all messed up.

Seniors did get to go to Chukchansi at the end of July with Toshi Yamashita, Rubie Kawamoto, Jean Akiyama, Yaeko Cross, Carol and Paul Kaneko, Jackie Yamashita, Musashi Yamashita, the Senior Center, Yoshiko Nishihara, Emi Hirano and Eiko Nishihara taking care of the “goodies” department. For a change we sure did feel the cold air inside the casino. Outside was a blazing 80 plus while inside was really chilly. All managed to have a good time, however, with the Nakatanis taking care of the tip to the bus driver. A day trip to Table Mountain is scheduled for August 26.

Fourth of July was in evidence when Seniors attended the first meeting of this month. Helen Nakano decorated individual tables with colorful paper flowers in dark green bottles to bring out the colors of red, white and blue. We wish a speedy recovery to member Betty Oda from her surgery. Many guests this month included John Kawamoto, son of Rubie; Lily Yamashita along with friend Frances Schwamm; and Sandy Sams, daughter of Kitako Izumizaki. We happily welcomed back Kinji House after a long absence.

July birthday celebrants were Nobue Fujii, Michiko Hamada 93, Sunao Honda, and Kumiko Nakatani. Absent were Floy Sakata, Phil Shima and Chiyoko Yagi 94. Michiko and Chiyoko both received manju. Individual tables had various spring flowers while the head table held a large bouquet of status, yarrow, fern and other colorful spring flowers all donated by Hisako Kodama, Jean Akiyama and Mitsuyo Tao.

Many thanks to our July tobans: Nobue Fujii, Eiko Stewart, Nobuko Akiyama, Sachi Snyder and Shirley Nishimoto. As usual, Judy Hane, June Honda, and Susan AmRhein helped out.

Upcoming events to look forward to are a Table Mountain Casino trip on Tuesday, August 26 and the Santa Cruz Follies matinee on Friday, September 12.

Monetary donations gratefully received: Eileen Byers, Sandy Sams, Nobue Fujii, Michiko Hamada, Sunao Honda, Kumiko Nakatani, Floy Sakata, Chiyoko Yagi, Jane Borg, Leigh Sakaguchi, Hans Goto, Phil and Sachi Snyder, and Nancy Iwami.

Other donations gratefully received:

**Donna/Grace Fujita**
10 bags seasoned nori

**Rubie Kawamoto**
4 bags cookies, 6 sq Kleenex, 1 lge pkg Cheez-it crackers, 3 boxes Oreos,

**Geo/Tami Garcia**
dz bags plums

**June/Sunao Honda**
7 plates sushi, 8 plates mochi,
4 jars jam, 6 jars peach jam

**Miye Yamashita**
12 rolls tissues, 6 bottles Dawn, 5 bags green beans,
3 pkgs senbei

**Hide/Akira Nagamine**
8 Big rolls Bounty, cucumbers for all

**Susan AmRhein**
6 bags donut peaches, yellow plums, 6 bags plums

**Kiyo Arao**
8 rolls paper towels, 5 bags tangerines
doz rolls tissues

**Nobuko Akiyama**
24 pack of noodles

**Satoko Yamamoto**
8 pkgs shortbread cookies
doz rolls tissues, 4 sq Puffs, 4 bottles Dawn

**Shirley Nishimoto**
6 rolls paper towels

**Jean Akiyama**
6 bunches status flowers
doz rolls tissues,
6 plates inari sushi

**Yoshino Matano**
47 bunches flowers

**Chie Sakaue**
3 bags Kettlecorn and rice crackers

**Edna/Yukio Nagata**
6 bags apricots

**Victor/Grace Patiño**
6 rolls Viva paper towels

**Eiko Ceremony**
6 boxes Kleenex
doz jars jam

**Kitty Mizuno**
6 boxes Dawn

**Eiko Nishihara**
doz Dawn soap with scrubbers
(materials donated by Emi Hirano)

**Yoshiko Nishihara**
6 bags donut peaches, yellow plums, 6 bags plums

**Nancy Iwami**
8 rolls paper towels

**Yaeko Cross**
dozen rolls tissues,
6 bags donut peaches

**Kimi Fujii**
8 rolls paper towels

**Nobue Fujii**
dozen rolls tissues,
6 bags donut peaches

**Kazuko Sakai**
24 pack of noodles

**Chiyoko Shikuma**
8 pkgs shortbread cookies
doz rolls tissues, 4 sq Puffs, 4 bottles Dawn

**Shirley Nishimoto**
doz rolls tissues, 6 plates inari sushi

**Jean Akiyama**
6 sets status flowers

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Our August report: the birthday honorees were Eileen Byers, June Honda, Paul Kaneko, Akira Kodama 93, Yukio Nagata, Yoshiko Nishihara, Kazuko Sakai, George Stewart, Mitsue Tao 91, Jo Ann Vear and Gail Wurtenberg. Shirley Nishimoto, Betty Oda, Mary Okamoto, and Mark Takeuchi were absent. Akira Kodama and Mitsue Tao both received manju. The birthday cake was donated by honoree Kazuko Sakai and the ice cream by Mark Takeuchi. Flowers for the tables were from Chie Sakaue, with Mitsuyo Tao, Jean Akiyama, Hisako Kodama along with Nancy Kuratomi doing the decorating.

We all wish a speedy recovery to Haru Ishibashi, who has undergone an appendectomy. Also good to see Jean Akiyama back looking great after a short hospital stay. Cindy came by to take B.P. several times this month – she is always looking after our health. Manager Paul Kaneko again warned us about all the scams going on.

Reminder: Santa Cruz Follies on September 12. Also, due to increased cost for our bus transportation, there will be a small increase to non-members on bus trips. From September the cost will be raised from $35 to $40. Cost to remain the same for members, $30.

Many thanks to our hard working toban crew for August: Judy Hane, Rubie Kawamoto, Jo Ann Vear, Phil Shima, Sachi Snyder and other helpers.

Monetary donations gratefully received: Eileen Byers, June Honda, Paul Kaneko, Akira Kodama, Yukio Nagata, Shirley Nishimoto, Yoshiko Nishihara, Kazuko Sakai, Yae Sakamoto, and George Stewart.

Other donations gratefully received:

- Hide/Akira Nagamine 5 bags cucumbers
- Tea Hashimoto 30 jumbo rolls Charmin tissues
- Chieko Shikuma 30 jumbo rolls Charmin tissues
- Eileen Byers 6 bottles Dawn
- Mitsue Tao birthday basket, 6 big rolls Bounty paper towels
doz rolls tissues
- Yukio/Edna Nagata 9 plates zucchini/carrot bread, 13 plates banana nut bread
- Eiko/Geo Stewart 4 bags green beans, 3 pkgs beef soup, 2 pkgs udon, 5 bottles Dawn, 12 rolls tissues, 6 pkgs chagashi
- Miye Yamashita Hisako Uemura doz boxes Ige Kleenex
doz rolls tissues
- Eiko Ceremony 1 bag cashew snacks, 1 bag gum drops
- Rubie Kawamoto 6 bags arare, 12 sq Kleenex, 3 bags senbei
- Shirley Chin 20 fruit cups
- Haruko Yoshii lge bag arare
- Yaeko Cross 4 giant boxes Kleenex, 32 giant rolls tissues, 3 qts lemonade
- Louise Sako 1 blanket
- Donna Fujita 1 lge bag arare
- Mitsuyo Tao 10 containers strawberries
- Haru Ishibashi 3 shopping bags from Hawaii
- Akira/Hisako Kodama 16 double rolls Charmin tissues, 5 bags cucumbers, 11 bags corn, 2 doz jars pickles
- June/Sunao Honda 8 cream puffs, 3 jars peach jam, 2 bags tomatoes, 3 birthday gift packages
- Kitty Mizuno 4 sq Kleenex
- Chie Sakaue 3 canisters sani-wipes
- Sam/Yae Sakamoto 22 bunches flowers, 9 pkgs kitsune udon, 3 bags peaches, 10 bunches flowers, 3 bags nectarines, and 10 more bundles flowers
- Chiyoko Yagi 10 pkgs ajitsuke nori
- Dylan & Matsuos Twins 1 box scones, 1 pkg shortbread cookies
- Kitako Izumizaki 5 bottles Dawn
- Eiko Nishihara doz assorted jam
- Yoshiko Nishihara doz bottles Dawn soap with scrubbies
- Kiyo Arai 6 double roll paper towels, 4 pkgs Chex Mix
- Judy Hane 6 rolls paper towels, 2 lge bags Chex Mix
- Susan AmRhein doz mega rolls paper towels
- Nobuko Akiyama 100 plastic forks, 2 pkgs birthday candles, 56 Hefty trash bags, 65 trash bags
- Kazuko Sakai 6 boxes Kleenex, 250 paper bags
- Terry Hirahara 16 rolls tissues, 200 napkins, 3 bags chips
- Kumiko Nakatani 5 lge boxes Kleenex
- Gail Wurtenberg gift basket for Mitsue Tao’s birthday
- Ichiro Sugidono/Donna/Grace Fujita lots of peaches
- Ivy/Hide Nagamine 5 bunches flowers, 7 lge bags Kleenex, 14 biz cards, 6 Kleenex, 24 birthday gift bags (1000 total)
- Xian/Karen Smith 5 bags corn, 2 dz jars pickles
- Judy Hane 12 rolls tissues, 600 napkins, 1000 Kleenex
- Eiko Nishihara 1000 Kleenex
- Jean Akiyama 1 bag cashew snacks, 1 bag gum drops
- George Stewart 30 jumbo rolls Charmin tissues, 5 bags cucumbers, 11 bags corn, 2 doz jars pickles
- Donato/Chie Sakaue 8 boxes Kleenex, 250 paper bags
- Paul Kaneko 100 plastic forks, 2 pkgs birthday candles, 56 Hefty trash bags, 65 trash bags
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exclusion zone. By taking the questionable expedient of removing all Japanese-Americans from the west coast, loyal and disloyal, the government was not simply being racist. What caused the panic that led to the Japanese-American roundup was Japan’s status as the dominant naval power in the Pacific. In the Philippines, many resident Japanese collaborated with the invading Japanese army. This incident, as well as the military emergency (Japanese submarines were surfacing to shell the California, Oregon and Vancouver Island coastlines) caused the government to take extreme measures. Over the years, a popular myth has developed in which an entirely innocent Japanese-American population was tossed into “concentration camps in a fit of racist paranoia.” The truth is a bit more complex. The war was a time of national emergency when our government did things that we, with the benefit of 20-20 hindsight from 70 years distance, wish they had not done. Perhaps it could have been handled differently. It wasn’t. Get over it.

James W. Massick, ’54

[Editor’s note: Get over it? “Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.” George Santayana (1863-1952). Next time, it may happen to Mr. Massick. What then? Will he get over it?]

FROM THE INTERNET...

For those who don’t know, the JACL stands for the Japanese American Citizens League. Today this organization is nationwide and includes services such as a credit union to its membership.

My dad’s side of the family was interned during WWII and in going through my social activism in college, I felt I needed to join an API (Asian/Pacific Islander) group in order to be up to date and advocate for API issues. As a student at UC Santa Cruz I was in the Japanese American student org and through this I met the W-SC JACL. I did not really have any interaction with them other than their support for our annual Day of Remembrance program (remembering those who were interned during WWII).

When I was becoming a teacher they sponsored my workshop fees for a JACL curriculum workshop for a US History class. I then came to find that I was student teaching in the same class that Mas Hashimoto taught in many years ago....he has come for the past two years to the high school I currently work at to talk about his experiences in camp and paralleled it to other communities of color who have been denied liberty and their rights as US citizens....from there I became a member.

This is an incredibly active chapter. A strong voice for justice and equity and equally the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL’s monthly newsletter reminds us that there is much work to be done in our local community, nation and world to make it a better place. This chapter works with other organizations to fight bigotry and discrimination in all forms.

On a personal note—the chapter was very supportive of my family both when experiencing racial profiling and my mother’s death. I thank them for being a strong API voice in our local community.

Vickie T.

WISDOM OF MAHATMA GANDHI

When Gandhi was studying law at the University College of London, a white professor, whose last name was Peters, disliked him intensely and always displayed prejudice and animosity towards him. Also, because Gandhi never lowered his head when addressing him, as he expected . . . there were always “arguments” and confrontations.

One day, Mr. Peters was having lunch at the dining room of the University, and Gandhi came along with his tray and sat next to the professor. The professor said, “Mr Gandhi, you do not understand. A pig and a bird do not sit together to eat.” Gandhi looked at him as a parent would a rude child and calmly replied, “You do not worry professor. I’ll fly away,” and he went and sat at another table.

Mr. Peters, reddened with rage, decided to take revenge on the next test paper, but Gandhi responded brilliantly to all questions. Mr. Peters, unhappy and frustrated, asked him the following question. “Mr Gandhi, if you were walking down the street and found a package, and within was a bag of wisdom and another bag with a lot of money, which one would you take?”

Without hesitating, Gandhi responded, “The one with the money, of course.”

Mr. Peters, smiling sarcastically said, “I, in your place, would have taken the wisdom, don’t you think?”

Gandhi shrugged indifferently and responded, “Each one takes what he doesn’t have.”

Mr. Peters, by this time was fit to be tied. So great was his anger that he wrote on Gandhi’s exam sheet the word “idiot” and gave it to Gandhi. Gandhi took the exam sheet and sat down at his desk trying very hard to remain calm while he contemplated his next move.

A few minutes later, Gandhi got up, went to the professor and said to him in a dignified but sarcastically polite tone, “Mr. Peters, you signed the sheet, but you did not give me the grade.”
Westview Highlights
by Leslie Nagata-Garcia

Mission Trip to SF/Oakland

Kris Church, Larissa & Jesse Hernandez, Ian & Dan Hoffman and Marlon, Elijah & Isaac Veal went on a mission trip with Center for Student Missions. They learned much about the needs of the urban poor and were the hands of Christ through service as they served in local non-profits in Oakland and the Tenderloin in SF. Many came back with a sense of gratitude for our lives and a desire to serve (especially the needy) in our daily lives.

For the third straight year, Westview participated in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life event held at the Watsonville High School on July 19th and July 20th. In addition to the actual event, team Westview Warriors also sold chicken teriyaki box lunches at the event and held a rummage sale on July 12th to raise more money for the American Cancer Society.

Westview's initial goal was to raise $1000 but because of everyone's hard work and dedication Westview was able to raise more than $3,000. A grand total of more than $69,000 was raised at the Watsonville Relay for Life event and 32 teams participated.

A big thank-you goes out to our Team Captain Evelyn Veal for organizing this year's event. Westview would also like to thank all the volunteers who helped out with the rummage sale, box lunches, manning our booth at the event and those who participated in walking the Watsonville High School track for a continuous 24 hours. And finally, thank-you to those who made donations to the American Cancer Society to make the event a very successful one.
Youth/Family Upcoming Events

Gym Nites are usually the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month, from 5:30 – 8 p.m., at Westview. Mark your calendars for the following dates:

- September 5 – “Fall” Olympics!!
- September 19 – Beach Party @Manresa Beach!!, 4 – 7 pm
- October 3 – Mini Golf at the Boardwalk! Meet at Westview
- October 17 – Halloween Party – come in costume!!

Special Fellowship/Japanese Bingo

After worship service on August 3rd, the Veal Family was honored for all their contributions to the Church and church members & friends had a great time playing Japanese Bingo. It was truly a great time for fellowship!!
Wednesday Study Series: Beginning September 10th (6:30 pm at Westview) we will start a new series in which we will read and discuss *The Hope Quotient* by Rev Dr. Ray Johnston. It is a fantastic book about nurturing hope in your life!

You can order a book online for $17 at Amazon or at Unleashinghope.com you can get the book and kit for only $20! or ask Pastor Dan who can order one for you.

Grief Group: 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 the 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: September 3rd, October 1st.

Sunday Message Series: In the fall we will begin a new series, "How to play the game." It is based on John Ortberg’s book, *When the Game is Over, It All Goes Back in the Box*. We will learn vital lessons about how to play the MOST IMPORTANT GAME EVER...the game of life, and we will learn it from Ortberg’s grandmother as she played him the beloved childhood game of...Monopoly!

**DONATIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED FROM ...**

In memory of Curtis Gavin from …
  John and Caroline Eiskamp
  Betty and Sheryl Morimune
  Alan and Gayle Uyematsu

In memory of mother, Edith Ichiuji, from …
  Mary Ichiuji

In memory of John Yamashita’s mother from …
  Jennifer Ura Gavin

**WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL**

We welcome two Youth/Student members—Sara Jay of Arizona and Meghan Hashimoto.

And, thank you members for your continuing support of our mission. We cannot succeed without your membership. Please encourage family members, relatives and friends to join us for 2014-2015. Our membership dues have not increased for years.

To check your current membership status, look at the date after your name, example: E. Txxxx 8/14 This means the membership expired after August of 2014.

**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 September 2014 newsletter.

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.

Among those who expressed appreciation for our monthly newsletter recently was Norman Y. Mineta, former Secretary of Transportation.

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

Onward!
Mas Hashimoto, Editor

**GOOD NEWS DEPT: NATIONAL JACL SCHOLARS TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON**

Among the many JACL scholarship recipients are two young scholars from our Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL. We are not at liberty to disclose their names or the scholarship they are to receive at this time. Watch for their names in an upcoming *Pacific Citizen* issue.
Seniors’ Corner  September 2014 ck
WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL SENIOR CENTER TOURS

Friday, September 12, 2014  1 pm matinee
Santa Cruz Follies
“MOMENTS IN TIME” - “All the milestones of our lives are accompanied by music”
Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium  307 Church St. Santa Cruz
Cost: $20 for senior ticket. We are arranging car pools and need drivers!

Reservations: Carol Kaneko (831) 476-7040 or Rubie Kawamoto (831) 854-2028
Non-Senior Center members are welcome to join us!

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.

August birthday celebrants were Akira Kodama 93, Yoshiko Nishihara, Kazuko Sakai, Gail Wurtenberg, Yukio Nagata, and Jo Ann Year in the front; Mitsue Tao 91 seated; George Stewart, Eileen Byers, June Honda, Paul Kaneko. Absent were: Shirley Nishimoto, Betty Oda, Mary Okamoto, and Mark Takeuchi.

Upcoming Activities at the Senior Center:
Thurs Sept 4, 11, 25  Regular Bingo
Friday Sept. 12  Santa Cruz Follies 1 pm
Thurs Sept 18  September birthday party

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

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

HELP WANTED! The Senior Center is always looking for able-bodied, caring, fun-loving volunteers (any and all ages welcome) to help out weekly (or once a month or so) with toban duties. We need your help on Thursdays from 12:30 to 3:15 pm to help our toban teams prepare tea, set out the tea and snacks, and clean up. You are invited to play bingo with us while you wait for clean up time – who knows what goodies you might take home! Let us know if you can help out on one or more Thursdays each month. Call Susan AmRhein at (831) 724-9454 to volunteer and have some fun.
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

Thank you so much for your support.
Check out our websites: watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org and jacl.org.