WHO ARE WE, AND WHAT IS OUR MISSION?

Since 1934, the Watsonville-Santa Cruz (W-SC JACL) chapter of the National JACL has been championing the fight against racism and discrimination. National JACL has been at it longer, since 1929. We remain the only contemporary member-based organization which continues to address emerging civil rights issues.

Our mission is to secure and maintain civil and human rights, especially of those who are victimized by injustice, hatred, and bigotry.

Our W-SC JACL also strives to promote cultural diversity with an outreach program.

We are one of 104 chapters throughout the United States and Japan and the fifth largest (8/25/15):

1. Portland (398),
2. Chicago (352),
3. Sacramento (307),
4. San Francisco (290),
5. Watsonville-Santa Cruz (275),
6. Seattle (271),
7. San Jose (247),
8. Stockton (252),
9. Washington, DC (222),
10. Arizona (221),
11. San Diego (210),

Our strength? We have 66 couples as members. Only Chicago has more with 70 couples. With most chapters only one spouse is a member.

Our need? Youth/Student. But then, we have so few in our community from which to draw, and we are so grateful to those we have. Most are studying diligently in school/college. You read about some of them in last month’s newsletter. We are like proud parents.

Two members are over 100 years old! Some are in their 90s, and they want to know when to pay their dues so they won’t be – of all things -- delinquent! They are living on a very limited income, but our mission remains important to them. They suffered through the war years of WW II, and they survived. They continue to thank the JACL. Full JACL membership is important to them.

Watsonville remains a small agricultural, rural community whose Nikkei history dates back to 1895. Today, we are known for our strawberry, raspberry, apple, and lettuce production.

Santa Cruz County, the second smallest county in size after San Francisco City/County, is known for tourism and for the University of California at Santa Cruz. Politically, our county is considered the second most “liberal” county in the country, after San Francisco.

Included in this newsletter you will find our most current membership list, as of August 2015. We are grateful to our many loyal members. If you have joined or renewed since that date, thank you! We apologize for the omission.

If you are not a member of any JACL chapter, please consider joining our chapter. You do not have to live in Santa Cruz County to be our member. We have members who reside in New York, Virginia, Nevada, Oregon, Arizona, northern and southern California. They believe and support our mission. You do not have to be of Japanese American heritage. You do not have to be a citizen of the United States, but you must be an advocate for civil rights and social justice for all. We’d love to have you join us. Included is a membership form for 2015-2016.

An added bonus: our W-SC JACL sponsors a Senior Center at Tokushige Kizuka JACL Hall where the retired and elderly Shin Issei and Nisei (and now some Sansei) meet each Thursday at 1:30 pm to 4 pm for fun, food, health updates, and camaraderie. You are most welcome to join our W-SC JACL Senior Center. Membership in the Senior Center is automatically included with your $80 W-SC JACL National dues. Come check us out, and be sure to bring a friend.

Our W-SC JACL membership committee members are: Jeanette Otsuji Hager, Victor Kimura, Mas and Marcia Hashimoto.

“WE MUST NOT TOLERATE THE ANTI-IMMIGRANT RHETORIC,” Santa Cruz Sentinel 
“INTERETHNIC SOLIDARITY IS A POWERFUL TOOL,” Watsonville Register-Pajaronian by Aimee Mizuno

Dear Editor,

At the risk of giving undeserved attention to Donald Trump and the political spectacle created by his campaign, I feel compelled to respond to his racist and anti-immigrant rhetoric in the context of the history of scapegoating, disenfranchisement, and criminalization of immigrants in the United States. Trump’s recent comments characterizing Mexican immigrants as “criminals” and “rapists” that should be purged from the country fit a pattern of abuse that has been used not only against Mexicans and Mexican Americans, but against many groups of immigrants in the history of our country.

Since the founding of this country, various ethnic groups have been targeted with the same attitudes of xenophobia, intolerance and fear, often with amazingly similar depictions and rhetoric. From Irish and Eastern European newcomers to the East Coast in the 19th century to Chinese, Japanese and Filipino workers in the West...
Coast and more recently immigrants from Mexico and Central America throughout the country, waves of anti-immigrant sentiment and discourse leading to discriminatory laws have been pervasive. In the mid 1800’s, the Irish were seen as being violent alcoholics, illiterate, greedy and having large, unruly families. They were turned away from places of employment with the pronouncement that “No Irish Need Apply.”

The Chinese were also the target of intense and often violent acts of racism beginning in the 1800’s. A newspaper editorial cartoon in 1899 entitled “The Yellow Terror in All Its Glory” shows a menacing and crazed caricature of a Chinese man dressed in traditional garb, with his hair in a distinctive queue. He is brandishing a smoking gun with a knife clenched in his mouth while standing over a White young woman bloodied and lying lifelessly on the ground. The message is clear, the Chinese are dangerous “criminals” and “rapists” who are culturally alien and threaten the White race.

The anti-immigrant spotlight was then cast on the Japanese as they became settled and gained more economic strength, particularly in California. Existing racial animosity climaxed with the start of World War II when Japanese and Japanese Americans on the west coast were rounded up and incarcerated. This may be one of the most horrifying examples of the criminalization of an entire immigrant community.

We, as People of Color and their allies, have the responsibility to respond to both public and private acts of racism and hatred, even if these attacks are not made on our particular racial or ethnic group. It is only in doing so that we are able to support the groups that are unfairly targeted and to build coalitions among diverse communities to work toward equality and fair treatment for all people in this country, regardless of citizenship status, country of origin or race. Interethnic solidarity is a powerful tool to counter intolerance. Investing in interethnic community building especially at the grassroots level is more effective than particular groups working alone to advocate for themselves. As Martin Luther King, Jr. so aptly said, “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.” As Asian Americans we can look to civil rights activists such as Yuri Kochiyama, who dedicated her life to advocating not only for Japanese Americans, but for African-Americans and other communities of color.

In times when racism rears its ugly head, let us, as individuals, organizations, and community groups, stand with our neighbors and brothers and sisters to promote a humane and accurate depiction of the groups under attack. Then, we can say that immigrants are workers, parents, children, teachers, friends, neighbors, students and activists who will not tolerate being depicted as “criminals.”

For readers who are interested in learning more about the accurate history of immigrant communities in the United States, I point you to Ronald Takaki’s A Different Mirror: A History of Multicultural America and Howard Zinn’s A People’s History of the United States.

Aimee Mizuno, Board Member, Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL

HOW INJUSTICE LED TO JACL’s EARLY SUPPORT FOR SAME-SEX MARRIAGE By Emil Guillermo

June 26, 2015

When the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision on same-sex marriage was announced, it was a moment of vindication for many Asian Americans—especially members of the Japanese American Citizens League.

“It affirms a position we took all those years ago,” William Yoshino, the Midwest director for the JACL, told NBC News.

In 1994, the organization leadership engaged in a spirited debate well before same-sex marriage was more widely discussed.

Yoshino said it wasn’t a unanimous decision, but JACL - which dates back to 1929 - did become the first non-LGBT national civil rights organization after the ACLU to support marriage equality for same sex couples.

Yoshino said because of the incarceration of Japanese Americans during WWII, there was a sensitivity when others’ civil rights are abrogated:

“I think we see it as a special obligation to always support the rights of other groups and individuals. We have to draw lessons from our own experiences. If you look at the history of Asian Americans I think you can point to a history of being marginalized in many ways.”

Even before the WWII incarceration, historical examples of Asian American discrimination go back to the late 19th and early 20th centuries, including laws limiting immigration, citizenship, and anti-miscegenation laws that prevented Chinese, Japanese and Filipinos from intermarrying with whites.

Indeed, Justice Anthony Kennedy’s opinion made reference to the Loving case--the 1967 ruling that lifted all bans on inter-racial marriage--as a principal basis for his decision.

Wrote Kennedy:

“A first premise of the Court’s relevant precedents is that the right to personal choice regarding marriage is inherent in the concept of individual autonomy. This abiding connection between marriage and liberty is why Loving invalidated interracial marriage bans under the Due Process Clause.”

The decision resonated with other Asian American civil rights groups.

“No members of our community, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, and immigration status, should be denied equal protection of the laws,” said a group from the National Korean American Service and Education Consortium in a statement.

JACL has estimated that thousands of Asian Pacific Islanders are in same-sex marriages, many raising children. Asian Pacific Islander couples were also lead plaintiffs in equality litigation in California, Hawaii, and across the country.

COVERAGE OF BENEFITS ...DOJ report.

Same-sex married couples can start applying for Social Security and veterans benefits in all 50 states even though there are still issues to fix as the federal government works to implement the Supreme Court ruling allowing gay couples to marry nationwide.
Attorney General Loretta Lynch announced every same-sex couples will have marriage benefits made available to them amid the landmark ruling.

Most of the federal marriage benefits were already available to same-sex couples, following a 2013 Supreme Court ruling that struck down the federal ban on gay marriage. However, some Social Security and veterans benefits for spouses were still denied to those couples if they lived in states that didn’t recognize same-sex marriage (13 didn’t).

“I am proud to announce that the critical programs for veterans and elderly and disabled Americans, which previously could not give effect to the marriages of couples living in states that did not recognize those marriages, will now provide federal recognition for all marriages nationwide,” Lynch said in a statement. “The agencies are currently working towards providing guidance to implement this change in law.”

Before the Supreme Court’s 5-4 ruling on same-sex marriage, 13 states still didn’t recognize same-sex marriage (37 plus the District of Columbia did). Lynch said the government will strive to “fulfill our commitment to equal treatment for all Americans.”

The federal government still faces challenges on how to implement the ruling, Vickie Henry said. Henry is a senior staff attorney for Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders, a legal advocacy group.

For example, Social Security had been denying spousal benefits to same-sex married couples if — at the time they applied for benefits — they were living in a state that did not recognize their marriage. Also, they were denied survivor’s benefits if their same-sex spouse died while living in a state that did not recognize their marriage.

Same-sex spouses who were denied benefits may not be able to go back to Social Security and re-apply. [Editor’s note: oh, why not?]

Likewise, the Department of Veterans Affairs had been denying spousal benefits if — at the time they applied for benefits — couples were living in a state that did not recognize their marriage.

Spouses may be able to reapply if the VA denied their applications for pensions, home loans, education benefits, medical services and burial benefits.

However, both agencies have not come to a decision on how to handle the benefits issue. Both Social Security and Department of Veterans Affairs say stay tuned.

“With this terrific statement from the attorney general, the devil is in the details,” Henry said. “Marriage benefits are available to same-sex couples nationwide, and that’s as it should be. I think that is what the Supreme Court ruling requires. But what does that mean?”

In a statement, Social Security said same-sex couples should apply for benefits right away, if they believe they qualify.

“Applying now will preserve your filing date, which will protect you against the loss of any potential benefits,” the agency said.

The VA said in a statement that it will work quickly to issue new guidance. In the meantime, the agency says it will temporarily wait to rule on claims that were not covered before the Supreme Court ruling. [Editor’s note: why not work on them expeditiously?]

The Best of Times from La Cage aux Follies (“Bird Cage”). 1983, Jerry Herman

The best of times is now.
What’s left of Summer
But a faded rose?
The best of times is now.
As for tomorrow,
Well, who knows? Who knows? Who knows?
So hold this moment fast,
And live and love
As hard as you know how.
And make this moment last
Because the best of times is now,
Is now, is now.
Now, not some forgotten yesterday.
Now, tomorrow is too far away.
So hold this moment fast,
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As hard as you know how.
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JACL FEATURED IN NBCNews.com HAILING THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA’S DECISION TO END BAN ON OPENLY GAY LEADERS

Washington D.C. - JACL Executive Director Priscilla Ouchida was featured in a recent NBCNews.com article applauding the Boy Scouts of America’s (BSA) recent decision to end its decade-long ban against openly gay scout leaders.

"Since 2002, the Japanese American Citizens League has urged the Boy Scouts to reject discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression, and hopes the organization will now move forward to remove barriers for LGBTQ [lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning] youth,” said Ouchida.

JACL adopted a resolution in 2002 urging the BSA to reconsider the exclusive policy and also issued a letter and a public statement to the BSA expressing similar sentiments in 2013.
Scouting has been an important part of Japanese-American culture since the early 1930’s. During World War II, Boy Scout troops were active in all ten Japanese American incarceration camps.

[Editor’s note: Watsonville Buddhist Temple’s BSA Troop 58 began in 1927. Tami Yagi, while in Poston II, received his Eagle Scout Award under the auspices of the Yuma County (AZ) BSA Council.]

**WATSONVILLE PRIDE PARADE AND PROGRAM**

On Sun., Aug. 23rd, the W-SC JACL joined the “Watsonville Pride” parade and participated in its program. It was a GLBTQ program with a multi-cultural and multi-racial coordinated event that included many segments of our special Santa Cruz County heritage.

It was a grand event that brought the community together. Speakers told of their personal experiences dealing with a multitude of services to those in need.

To those we spoke were surprised by our JACL’s long history of commitment to the GLBTQ community.

[Editor’s note: Years ago, in the late 1970s a student from Mexico confided that if it was known in Mexico that he was gay, he would have been killed. In the early 1990s, two lesbians wished to attend the Prom together. I was in charge of selling “bids.” I said, “Great, but you have to buy a bid.” Marcia and I would make sure they had a great time.]

**ABOARD THE USS HORNET …**

On Sat., Aug. 15, 2015, the USS Hornet Museum of Alameda, CA hosted “Living Ship Day,” honoring the 100/442nd Regimental Combat Team with a special program that included Lawson Sakai 442nd veteran; Al Tortolano 1st Battalion (Texas “Lost Battalion”) of the 141st Infantry; author Franz Steidl of Lost Battalions: Going for Broke in the Vosges, Autumn 1944; and moderator Tom Graves, author and photojournalist of Twice Heroes: America’s Nisei Veterans of WW II and Korea. Over 300 were in attendance.

Graves gave a thorough overview of the 100/442nd history and explained the military and cultural importance of those who volunteered to serve their country from the incarceration camps.

Steidl described in detail the military campaign that led to the successful “Rescue of the Lost Battalion” and its great cost in lives. Above, a photo display of the rescue.

Tortolano expressed his gratefulness to the men of the 442nd – of the 184 killed in action -- and to Lawson Sakai personally. He was one of the 211 rescued.
Sakai spoke not only of his personal military service and his role in the rescue which the audience listened with amazed interest but of those who served their country with the hope for a better future for those coming generations.

The story of the “Rescue of the Lost Battalion” remains one of the most remarkable episodes in military history of WW II. On Oct 24, 1944, in the Vosges Mountains of France, the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion was surrounded and trapped by German forces. Two battalions of the 36<sup>th</sup> Division failed in the rescue of their own, whereupon the 100<sup>th</sup>/442<sup>nd</sup> RCT was assigned.

Tired after the intense struggle for the liberation of Bruyères and Biffontaine (France) cities, the 100<sup>th</sup>/442<sup>nd</sup> RCT, which deserved a well-earned rest, was called upon by General John E. Dahlquist to rescue his 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion. Many considered this a suicide mission.

After days of bitter fighting in freezing weather, the 100<sup>th</sup>/442<sup>nd</sup> RCT rescued 211 “Texans” at a cost of over 800 casualties--184 of their own KIA (killed in action) and another 600+ badly wounded. Henry Izumizaki of Watsonville was one of those killed.

Gen. Dahlquist asked the 100<sup>th</sup>/442<sup>nd</sup> RCT be assembled for he wished to thank them. He was upset when so few mustered for formation. “That’s all that’s left of the 442<sup>nd</sup>,” he was told.

The “Three Flags” room: aboard the USS Hornet (“second floor” in the Fantail—stern—of the ship) is an outstanding exhibit of the 100<sup>th</sup>/442<sup>nd</sup>/MIS. We strongly encourage all to visit this USS Hornet Museum and to spend time with this special presentation by Vietnam veteran, Brian Shiroyama, Lt. Col. US Air Force (retired).

Caution: while touring the ship, children must be at least 4’ 6” tall, and everyone must wear comfortable walking shoes and be able to climb up and to come down the narrow steps. A light windbreaker is suggested.

The Museum requests the community’s support for badly needed repairs. Painting the ship is a top priority, and if you can help, please donate any amount payable to USS Hornet Museum, P. O. Box 460, Alameda, CA 94501. Thank you.

**ATTENTION KOREAN WAR VETERANS, 1950-1955.**

The Korean Consulate in San Francisco wishes to present Korean War Veterans with a medal and certificate of service. The Consulate would need proof of service (a copy of one’s 201 file or discharge papers would be helpful). The ceremony is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> in Monterey, CA.

Above: the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, D. C. featuring a patrol wearing “ponchos.”

Watsonville’s veterans include Donald Shirachi, Terry Waki, Mitsuru Hashimoto, and Iwao Yamashita. If you served during the Korean War or know of someone who did, please let us know at hashi79@sbcglobal.net.

For more direct information, contact: Lorena Vazquez at Lorena.Vazquez@santacruzcounty.us. Thank you.

Lawson Sakai was interviewed by a film crew from ABC-TV San Francisco on August 15, 2015 for the evening news. You may have seen Lawson on TV.
CONGRATULATIONS, NATIONAL JACL!

National JACL has been awarded a grant of $165,831 from the National Endowment for the Humanities to conduct two educational conferences for teachers on the Japanese American incarceration during the summer of 2016.

Titled “Civil Liberties in Times of Crisis: The Japanese American Incarceration,” the project will provide an opportunity for middle and high school teachers from throughout the United States to participate in intensive sessions about the incarceration.

Conference presenters will include Lane Hirabayashi and Valerie Matsumoto from the University of California, Los Angeles; June Aoki Berk; Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston; Sharon Ishii-Jordan; Greg Marutani; Dale Minami; John Tateishi; and Minoru Tonai.

The presenters will cover a range of topics about the incarceration, including its psychological impact, its constitutional significance, the Redress Movement, the military accomplishments of Japanese Americans and personal accounts including resistance.

Participants will visit the Japanese American National Museum, tour historic Little Tokyo, visit the section of Santa Anita Race Track that served as a detention facility, and visit Manzanar National Historic Site.

Co-directors for the project are Christine Munteanu, JACL assistant program director, and Bill Yoshino, JACL Midwest director.

In commenting on the significance of the grant, Yoshino noted, “The funds from NEH provide JACL an opportunity to deliver its message to educators that the tragic experience of Japanese Americans during World War II should be a required lesson for all students.”

Added Munteanu: “This immersive training will allow educators to recognize full impact of the incarceration experience while also exploring its nuances and ongoing significance. We’re grateful to NEH for this opportunity.”

The grant is provided from the National Endowment for the Humanities, Division of Education, Landmarks of American History and Culture: Workshops for School Teachers.

W-SC JACL’S “THE JAPANESE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: THE INCARCERATION” PROGRAM IS IN ITS SECOND DECADE

Parents are singing, “It’s the most wonderful time of the year,” and they are not referring to Christmas. It’s the start of another school year.

Pajaro Valley Unified School District students have been in school since August 13th. Students will complete the first semester before the Winter Break (the official name—it’s not called “Christmas vacation” anymore) in December, then have three weeks of vacation time.

Teachers of social studies, university professors, and adult community organizations generally start to make their reservations with retired US History teacher, Mas Hashimoto, for W-SC JACL’s “The Japanese American Experience: The Incarceration” based upon its “Liberty Lost ... Lessons in Loyalty” event of 2002.

His presentation emphasizes the racism of the period that led to our wartime incarceration, the loss of civil liberties, life in camp, the heroics of our Nisei veterans of WW II, and appreciation for a small number of supporters.

JAPANESE AMERICAN MUSEUM OF SAN JOSE

On August 8th, JAMsj hosted a teacher-training workshop on our wartime incarceration for teachers in Santa Clara, Monterey, and Santa Cruz Counties. It was part of the California Legacy Voice Network program.

Karen Korematsu (photo, left) explained the importance of carrying on the legacy of her father, Fred Korematsu, and of all who were unjustly incarcerated during WW II. Karen gave each participant an important teaching kit which will be a helpful resource.
Participants included Mas Hashimoto of Poston, AZ; Joe Yasutake of Crystal City, TX; Karen Korematsu (daughter of the late Fred Korematsu) of the Fred Korematsu Institute; Judy Kaita-Tokubo of Gila River, AZ; Shirley Matsumura-Ota of Heart Mountain, WY; and Aggie Iademoto, President of JAMsj. Some Postonites might remember that Aggie Kadotani-Iademoto’s father, Katsukiyo “Kay” Kadotani was the manager of Block 18 in Camp I. Judy and Shirley, project managers, designed the teacher training program, and Aggie and Joe were project advisors.

Teachers received a tote bag filled with curriculum materials which are to be shared with their students and colleagues.

The next free workshop will be presented on Sat., Oct. 10, 2015 from 9 am to 12 noon at JAMsj. Pre-registration is required. For more information, contact Judy or Shirley at www.JAMsj.org.

If you are a social studies teacher and would like a kit, please contact Marcia Hashimoto at (831) 722-6859 or at hashi79@sbcglobal.net. Quantities are limited.

While touring the impressive JAMsj museum, docent Joe Yasutake, spoke of the different life in the Crystal City, TX camp which included Germans and Italians as well as prisoners of war (POW).

IN REMEMBRANCE ...

CARMEL KIYOTO KAMIGAWACHI

Carmel Kiyoto Kamigawachi was born January 14, 1921 to Tokuichi and Setsuyo Kamigochi in Carmel, CA, but went to live in Japan until he was 17 years old. He legally changed his surname to Kamigawachi.

He returned to the USA in 1938, only to be incarcerated in Amache Colorado camp during WW II.

He married Evelyn “Evvy” Matsui in 1950 and had one son, Harvey (Laurie). He also had two grandsons, Greg (Leslie) and Matt (Serena). He is also survived by his brother, Thomas Kamigawachi, of Fresno.

Carmel lived most of his adult life in Castroville and Watsonville where he grew strawberries for a living. He enjoyed traveling the world over, fishing and photography.

In 2008, Carmel and Evy moved to Woodland, CA to be closer to family. He continued working on his photography and video work, and he learned how to create computer generated slide shows.

In his final months, he enjoyed his stay at St. John’s Retirement Village.

Services were held at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple on Sat., August 22nd.

[Editor’s note: At the W-SC JACL Senior Center Carmel was, for many years, co-leader, seeing that all the Issei and Nisei elders enjoyed the camaraderie. At anniversary events, he delighted everyone with his special video presentations of past and present members. He will be missed especially by all the Senior Center and JACL members.]

JULIAN BOND ...

MORRIS DEES REMEMBERS

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of legendary civil rights activist Julian Bond, Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) first president. He was 75 years old and died August 15, in Fort Walton Beach, Florida.

From his days as the co-founder and communications director of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee in the 1960s to his chairmanship of the NAACP in the 21st century, Julian was a visionary and tireless champion for civil and human rights. He served as the SPLC’s president from our founding in 1971 to 1979, and later as a member of its board of directors.
With Julian's passing, the country has lost one of its most passionate and eloquent voices for the cause of justice. He advocated not just for African Americans, but for every group, indeed every person subject to oppression and discrimination, because he recognized the common humanity in us all.

Julian is survived by his wife, Pamela Horowitz, a former SPLC staff attorney, and his five children.

"Not only has the country lost a hero today, we've lost a great friend," said Morris Dees, SPLC.

W-SC JACL extends sincere condolences to the Kamigawachi and Bond family, relatives and friends.

JULIAN BOND …

As a student at Morehouse College (a black college) in Atlanta, Bond led non-violent protests against racially segregated facilities like restaurants, movie theaters, parks, department stores, and drinking fountains. This was five years before the famous 1965 March in Selma.

Bond co-founded the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and spent years registering African Americans in the segregated South to vote.

When elected to the Georgia state legislature, the legislature blocked him from being sworn in because of his opposition to the Vietnam War. It took a US Supreme Court decision to get him seated. He went on to serve 20 years in the Georgia General Assembly.

He spoke out early for marriage equality.

Recently, he got arrested in front of the White House while protesting the Keystone XL pipeline.

He supported the Black Lives Matter movement.

When this US Supreme Court gutted the Voting Rights Act of 1965, Bond spoke out loudly in protest.

An intellect, writer, poet, TV commentator, lecturer, college professor, a passionate supporter of human and civil rights for all, Bond was there from the beginning of the struggle for racial equality of the 1960s Civil Rights Movement.

At the dedication of the Civil Rights Memorial he said, "Let us rededicate ourselves to freedom's fight."

His ashes were scattered in the sea as friends and family gathered to remember him at the Memorial.

Julian Bond listened to us intently at a session in San Francisco in 2014. He knew and was interested in learning more of our wartime incarceration and of our ongoing JACL civil rights mission, which he appreciated.

[Editor’s note: In 1963, two years before the Selma, Alabama Bridge incident, I toured the South (AZ to VA) to witness first-hand and survived its segregated facilities (hotels and motels, too). While traveling through Texas I read John Howard Griffin’s non-fiction book, “Black Like Me,” first published in 1961. I was living Griffin’s book while experiencing the caste system of the Deep South. Yes, America employs a caste system.

For a few years, when I was politically active and working on campaigns, I was a deputy registrar of voters for Santa Cruz County. Once, a Mexican came in wishing to register. He had his “green card,” and I had to turn him away, explaining he wasn’t a citizen. I encouraged him to attend citizenship classes with adult education. I taught the class on Monday nights from 7 pm to 10 pm.

Yes, we lost a giant in Julian Bond. We are grateful and promise to continue his work for justice for all.]

SENIOR CENTER NEWS by Jo Ann Vear

On July 28, forty-one seniors and friends spent the day at Table Mountain Casino. Thanks to Alice Misumi, Carol Kaneko, Jackie Yamashita, Kiki Kimura, Rubie Kawamoto, Hide Nagamine, Yoshiko Nishihara, Yaeko Cross, Toshi Yamashita, Cindy Mine, Jean Yamashita, Eiko Nishihara, Kazuko Sakai, Mina Ehlers, and Vergi Cael for keeping us well fed and hydrated on the long bus ride. A big thanks was given to Carol and Paul Kaneko and Cindy Mine for all their help organizing for our field trips.

Susan AmRhein was also thanked for her coordinating the Cabrillo Theatre trip to see Mary Poppins. Their volunteerism really is appreciated.

Cindy Mine is updating all the medical data forms for all senior members. These are the "In Case of Emergency" information forms. She needs an update regarding your medications, doctor's names, etc. Please see Cindy if you have not updated your information recently.

Jean Akiyama was welcomed back after a long absence.

Thanks to the August Toban group: June and Sunao Honda, Rubie Kawamoto and Eileen Byers and all others who chipped in and helped.

A Memorial Service for Carmel Kamigawachi was held on August 22 at the Buddhist Temple. All Seniors in attendance sang “God Bless America” in honor of Carmel.
Lisa Nagamine enjoyed calling bingo numbers. Hope we have a big attendance on August 27 for Eiji Natsuki will be at the Senior Center to entertain everybody with his singing.

On September 18 a trip is being organized for Seniors to attend the Santa Cruz Follies. It is a 1:00 pm matinee and groups will car pool. $20.00 per ticket. Let Carol know if you are interested.

Many donations are always gratefully appreciated for the bingo players:

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<td>Yaeko Cross</td>
<td>32 bars soap, 17 apple fritters, 4 cantaloupes, 6 watermelons</td>
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<td>Eileen Byers</td>
<td>10 Dawn dish soap, 8 rolls Bounty paper towels</td>
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<td>Eiko/George Stewart</td>
<td>6 plates California roll, 5 zucchini carrot bread with pumpkin seeds</td>
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<td>Mutsuo Nagamine</td>
<td>3 daikon, 3 bags edamame, 4 bags green beans</td>
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<td>Haru Ishibashi</td>
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<td>3 pkgs. Microfiber cloth, 2 hand towels, 10 bags cucumbers</td>
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<td>Satoko Yamamoto</td>
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<td>Eiko Nishihara</td>
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<td>14 bottles Dawn dish soap, 88th birthday gift bags for all</td>
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<td>Terry Hirahara</td>
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<td>Jane Sugidono</td>
<td>6 plates lemon cake, hand cart</td>
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<td>Mitsue Tao Birthday</td>
<td>Box filled with cookies, candy, hand soap, &amp; candle; 2 tumblers</td>
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<td>Jean Akiyama, Hisako Kodama, Mitsuyo Tao, and Nancy Kuratomi</td>
<td>Flower centerpieces on all tables for the birthday celebration</td>
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The August birthday celebration was a big treat for all attending. Seniors were treated to a delicious Dream Cake and ice cream from Kazuko Sakai; bags of birthday party favors from Aimee Mizuno in honor of her mother, Kitty’s 70th birthday; and birthday gift bags filled with strawberry jam, homemade cookies, scrubbies, and a dish cloth, all from Yoshiko Nishihara in honor of her 88th birthday. Birthday honorees were: June Honda, Paul Kaneko, Akira Kodama 94, Kitty Mizuno, Yukio Nagata, Yoshiko Nishihara 88, Kazuko Sakai, George Stewart, Mitsue Tao 90, and Gail Wurtenberg. Absent were: Eileen Byers, Dolores LaMothe, Shirley Nishimoto, Mark Takeuchi, Jo Ann Vear, and Reiko Yamamoto.

Many thanks for all the monetary donations from: Shirley Nishimoto, Leigh Sakaguchi, Eileen Byers, Jo Ann Vear, Gail Wurtenberg, Mitsue Tao, Reiko Yamamoto, Yukio Nagata, Akira Kodama, Yoshiko Nishihara, Kazuko Sakai, Sunao Honda, and Paul Kaneko.

Swingtime Catering continues to generously donate dinners each week to several of our Seniors. Their kindly donation is very much appreciated.

Guests attending throughout the month were: Lily Yamashita and Fran Tanimura Schwamm (above) and Jean Yamashita, Takashi and Aimee Mizuno.
Welcome Hiroko Ogata Madia, a new volunteer! Photos by Carol Kaneko.

WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE NEWS

It's Chicken Teriyaki time at the Temple! It's our biggest and most important fundraiser event of the year. Perhaps the most heartening aspect of this event ... every Sangha member comes to help.

Sat., Sept. 26th from 9 am to 2 pm
Drive Through Chicken Teriyaki Dinner
$10 per ticket.
Contains teriyaki chicken, rice, peas, cabbage salad and a fortune cookie.

Tickets may be purchased from Jackie Yamashita, the Temple Secretary, at 423 Bridge St., from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm Monday through Friday.

You don’t have to get out of your car. Our young people will deliver the dinners to your car.

The colors of the United States of America flag: The red stands for the blood of brave Americans killed in war, right? Wrong. It stands for England ("Redcoats"). White stands for purity, right? Wrong. It stands for separation from England. Blue? A new constellation of 13 stars, representing each of the former colonies, appeared in the heavens (blue). In the family crest (coat of arms) of the Washington family, there are stars (3). Betsy Ross made the first flag, right? There is absolutely no creditable evidence, but the Ross family wishes you to believe it. France and the United Kingdom have red, white, and blue in their flags. We have no monopoly on it.

The flag that flew over Fort McHenry in the War of 1812 had 15 stripes and stars, one for each state. This flag inspired Francis Scott Key to write a poem, "Star Spangled Banner." It is one of the most difficult national anthems to sing ... that’s why many choose to sing “America, the Beautiful” or “God Bless America” instead.

The Buddhist flag, and there are several variations, is symbolic.

Blue means Compassion.
Yellow means the Middle Path.
Red means Blessing.
White means Purity.
Orange means Wisdom.
And all colors, which is not a blend, means the Light of Harmony!

Calendar for September 2015

1 Tue 7:30 pm Board Meeting
2 Wed 1 pm BWA Meeting
3 Thu 10 am ABA Meeting
11 Fri 2 pm San Juan Howakai
13 Sun 9:30 am Japanese Service
10 am Sunday Service, Shotsuki Hoyo & YBA Installation
16 Wed 7:15 pm CD Meeting in Salinas
20 Sun 10 am Higan E Service
26 Sat 9 am - 2 pm Chicken Teriyaki Take-out
27 Sun 10 am Sunday Service & Dharma School
Shotsuki Hoyo Service  
10 am Sunday, September 13, 2015  
September Memorial List

Akiyama, Utaro  
Aramaki, Hisae
Arao, Takanori  
Arita, Goichi
Fujii, Yoshiteru  
Fujimoto, Sakaye
Fujita, Frank  
Hamada, Fumi
Hane, Kichiro  
Hatsushi, Rintaro
Higaki, Henry Akio  
Higaki, Kazuna
Hirano, Bill  
Idemoto, Kenji
Itamura, Chisako  
Ito, Toshiharu
Iwamuro, Kiyochi  
Izumizaki, James
Kadotani, Katsukiyo  
Kimoto, Yasu
Koda, Masao Joe  
Koda, Mitsuno
Kodama, Keichi  
Kondo, Alice Ayako
Kurosaki, Hiroshi  
Kusumoto, Kajizo
Kusumoto, Unotsuke  
Mametsuka, Larry
Mano, Kojo  
Mano, Miteru
Mine, Sayoko  
Mio, Haruko Margaret
Mitani, Don Kiyoshi  
Murakami, Fushi
Muronaka, Haruo  
Nagata, Asa
Nakamoto, Nakayo  
Nakamoto, Shoso
Nishimoto, Ito  
Nishio, Kinu
Nishita, Suteichi  
Okamoto, Tadao
Ota, Goichi  
Ota, Zeniichi
Saiki, Kihachi  
Sakai, Seigo
Shibata, Maxine  
Shiotani, Shig
Tanaka, Kojiro  
Tanimasa, Masako
Tao, Sentaro  
Torigoe, Yuki
Ura, Ernest  
Wada, Grace
Wada, Michiko  
Wada, Kinue
Wakamiya, Katsushi  
Yamamoto, George Yuwao

ABA August News  
The seminar in Mt. View is scheduled for Saturday, August 29th from 12:30 to 5:30 pm. It is free to Temple members and $10 for non members. Reverend Dr. Ken Tanaka, renowned Shin scholar and speaker, will present methods of accessing the Shin Dharma through humor, metaphors, daily action, and Nembutsu meditation.

There will not be a Halloween Party due to the YBA small membership and no Hatsumairi due to the absence of any request for this service.

CD Steak Bingo Dinner was held on August 22nd in Morgan Hill.

BWA News  
Congratulations to both Kelly Maemura and Danny Souza, the recipients of BWA Scholarships. Best wishes for their future endeavors.

The 54th Chicken Teriyaki Take Out Dinner will be Sat., Sept. 26th. On Fri., Sept. 25th at 1:30 pm, we’ll be making vinegar solution for cabbage salad. On Sat., we’ll put the rice in the cups and also cook the peas and put the peas in the cups.

YBA Update  
Our 2015-2016 YBA officers are:
Co-Presidents: Kaitlin Sakae & Matthew Maemura  
Vice President & Treasurer: Brian Yamaoka
Secretary: Kaitlin Sakae
Religious Chair: Matthew Maemura

Installation of officers will be held on Sept. 13, 2015.

Temple Board Notes  
Building & Maintenance: A baby change station will be ordered and installed for the handicap bathroom.

Kokoro no Gakko wishes to thank WBT and Sensei Hanayama for letting us use the Temple facility, from Sunday, June 21st to Thursday, July 2nd. We had about 60 students from 40 families attend the 2015 Gakko. It was another successful year. Also Gakko would like to thank the BWA for helping the students make mochi. There were also other Temple members who came out to help with the bonsai, tea ceremony and many other projects. On Friday, July 17th, some of the Gakko parents came to help set up for Obon. Gakko sold cabbage salad at the Obon Festival on Sunday, July 19th.

The Temple office email is info@WBTemple.org.

2016 TO BE “THE YEAR OF THE CAMP ARTIFACT COLLECTIONS”  
“They offered to give me things to the point of embarrassment, but not to sell them.” This quote is from the book, “Beauty Behind Barbed Wire,” written by Allen Eaton in 1952. Laura Iiyama and Nancy Ukai Russell came to the Senior Center on July 23 to tell about the recent attempt to auction off items collected at Heart Mountain and the importance of safe keeping camp artifacts. They gave a brief PowerPoint (slideshow) presentation showing the collection that was to be auctioned in New Jersey.

Laura Iiyama with a camp artifact, a wooden carving of a napping dog; and Kimiko Marr and Nancy Russell are holding a flower vase made from the hollowed trunk of a large cactus plant. Photo by Carol Kaneko.
They created a Facebook page to delay the auction entitled, “Japanese American History Not for Sale,” and stated that within one week they had 7,000 members protesting the auction. The auction was cancelled, and the large collection is now at the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles.

You are urged to keep camp artifacts but if you are looking to donate artifacts, Laura, Nancy and the W-SC JACL can help.

**INTRODUCING KAWAKAMI, SISTER CITY**

One can arrive going west via the Chuo Line from Tokyo. There is one transfer to this local line. The trip, on a semi-express line, takes over three hours.

Thank goodness, there is one general store with a pharmacy. Pajaro is an urban area in comparison.

This *inaka* village of nearly 5,000 is situated in a small valley where lettuce, cabbage, flowers, and other crops are grown and harvested in the cool climate of Kawakami, Nagano-ken.

The village is also famous for its lumber (*matsu* pine trees) industry. The inspiration for the architectural design of the new middle school came from the beautiful pine.

The large sculpture, “Planet Alien,” the artistry of [Risa Sato](#), 2005 Aichi Expo, greets everyone to the school. We thank [Bob and Denise Gomez](#), a frequent visitor to Kawakami, for this information.
The theme for the year was “The Road to the Future.” On this Saturday, the students, dressed in their school uniforms, were preparing for a rally held in the gym.

On this Saturday afternoon, the cafeteria was empty.

The music room has a pipe organ, *taiko* drums, grand piano, *et al*, and is acoustically perfect.

Interesting information about our relationship from *Robb Mayeda*.

2. It started with *Mayor Ann Soldo* and *Rev.* and *Mrs. Koga* of the Westview Presbyterian Church.
3. Kawakami-mura (village) is middle of Japan, west of Tokyo (3 hour train/bus ride).
4. Kawakami is near the city of Nagano where the 1998 Winter Olympics was held.
5. Kawakami’s population is about 5,000. Watsonville’s is about 50,000.
6. At 3,600 feet in elevation, Kawakami is the highest town in Japan.
7. Kawakami and Watsonville are both in river valleys (Divine River and Pajaro River).
8. Both have agriculture economies.
9. Kawakami is the lettuce capital of Japan.
10. Kawakami has migrant farm workers (Korea, China, Philippines).
11. *Mayor Fujihara* has visited Watsonville 5 times.
12. Seven Watsonville mayors have visited to Kawakami.
15. Fourteen to 16 Watsonville students go each May.
16. **265 Watsonville students and 42 adults have gone to Kawakami.**
17. Watsonville has one of the largest student exchange programs in California (and the best).
18. Students stay in pairs in host homes.
19. Week long exchange, 5 days in Kawakami and 2 days in Tokyo.
20. **Kawakami kids (16) will come on Tues., Sept. 8th.**
22. It is located in Nagano Prefecture, state, and Minamisaku District, county.
23. If you find Kofu, a city of 200,000, Kawakamimura is about 25 miles north.
24. To find Watsonville, it is on CA Highway 1, between Santa Cruz to the north and Monterey to the south.
25. If you can also find Saku, aka Saku City, aka Sakuho, which is the largest town in the same county as Kawakami, then the village is about halfway between Saku and Kofu.
26. Kawakami-mura (village) is in the center on Japan.
27. It is the village farthest from the ocean.
28. There are at least three places in Japan called Kawakami, but only one is called Obama.
29. Japan is slightly smaller than the state of California.
30. Kawakami has two golf courses and a luxury hotel.
31. Kawakami has a ski resort.
32. Kawakami has many outstanding hiking trails.
33. Kawakami has an elementary and middle school but no high school.
34. **Bob and Denise Gomez** can sing the hymn of Kawakami Middle School in Japanese!

Sixteen students with their chaperones are arriving in Watsonville on Tuesday, September 8. The welcome dinner will feature a traditional American Thanksgiving dinner, catered by the **Turkey Boat Restaurant** in Pajaro. Due to this year’s schedule, there will not be a farewell dinner. We will use the beach party for that purpose.

Here is their tentative schedule:

**Sept. 8:** Tour of Watsonville city office, police, fire department and a Welcome dinner at the Buddhist Temple. Home stays begin.

**Sept. 9:** Welcome assembly at Pajaro Middle School; trip to Monterey Bay Aquarium

**Sept. 10:** Attend classes in middle schools.

**Sept. 11:** Attend classes. Field trip to museum.

**Sept. 12:** Beach party at Seaciff Beach State Park; Santa Cruz Boardwalk amusement park.

**Sept. 13:** Meet at temple and leave for airport.

**SO, WHO’S AFRAID OF AN IQ TEST?**

It was in the 8th grade at E. A. Hall, in preparation for our career placement in high school, that our teacher, Miss Flores, administered the IQ test.

She carefully and thoughtfully explained that this test is given nation-wide which meant we were compared with 8th graders all over the country! If you scored 100, you were average. Nothing wrong with that. More than 100 you were above average. Less than 100, you were … well, below the national norm.

After the test results were returned, she handed our personal score in a sealed envelope with our name on it.

With great hesitation, I opened it to peek at my score. It was 104! Wow! I was so surprised. I was very proud of myself. I looked at the students who were opening their envelopes. They had different expressions on their faces so I couldn’t tell immediately how they fared.

I remained silent about my score because I didn’t wish to hurt anyone’s feeling, should someone scored less than 100. After listening to all my fellow classmates, I discovered my score was the lowest of the class!

In that same year, all four (4) of my “wisdom” (molars) teeth were removed. I was now down to 100!

Some years later, I heard someone say I was an “over-achiever.” Remember that phrase? How did he know? I hadn’t achieved anything meaningful or worthwhile. I’ll just have to work hard for I don’t wish him not to be a prophet.

**ZIP CODES …**

Why doesn’t Watsonville’s Royal Oaks in northern Monterey County have a zip code of its own?

There’s already a Royal Oaks zip code of 95618, and it is located between UC Davis and Sacramento.

Corralitos and La Selva Beach will continue to be served by the Watsonville Post Office with a 95076 zip.

Aromas (95004) and Freedom (95019) are also served largely by the Watsonville Post Office.

So now, you know.

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**A “MULTI-CULTURAL CELEBRATION!” by Marcia Hashimoto**

Watsonville is rich in its cultural diversity. For three years, the W-SC JACL and Watsonville Taiko have represented the Japanese American community in a cultural event previously called “Holiday Traditions in the Plaza.” This year the Multi-Cultural Celebration will be in conjunction with the Watsonville Plaza Tree Lighting on Dec. 6, 2015. Participants sharing their cultural heritage with arts and crafts activities, music, dance, song, and food are the Mexican, Portuguese, Filipino, Jewish, Native American, and other community groups.

We hope you will support this beautiful event by attending the fund raisers, **Pizza Night at Cassidy's Pizza** on September 29th and Applebee's pancake breakfast on October 24th. Funds are needed for insurance liability coverage, city permits, flyers, portable restroom facilities, security and PA rental.

For more information, please contact Marcia Hashimoto, (831) 722-6859 or at hashi79@sbcglobal.net.

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**MIDORI KAI'S “ART AND CRAFT BOUTIQUE” by Aggie Idemoto**

Midori Kai, Inc., a professional women’s organization will host its annual Asian American arts and crafts boutique on **Saturday, September 12, 2015**, at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple gymnasium, 575 North Shoreline Boulevard in Mountain View, CA.

This annual fundraiser, a signature event of **Midori Kai, Inc.**, benefits other non-profit organizations on a 2-year rotating cycle. This year’s recipients include: Asian Americans for Community Involvement, Asian Women's Shelter, Asian Law Alliance Domestic Violence Project, and the Fred Korematsu Institute.
In addition to shopping for quality arts and crafts, jewelry, clothing, and pottery, visitors can enjoy Asian cuisine, door prize drawings, and entertainment by the Lotus PreSchool Singers and Matt Toshima, Guitarist.

Midori Kai President Cynthia Sasaki notes: “Customers feel that the Midori Kai Arts & Crafts Boutique offers a wonderful shopping experience and supports a worthwhile cause, helping to benefit many non-profits over the years.” Questions?

Please do not call the Mt. View Buddhist Temple. Contact Phyllis Osaki (925.596-1770) or visit www.midorikai.com. Like us on Facebook!

WESTVIEW’S “CHIMES” by Leslie Nagata-Garcia

Thank You, Laura

We would like to give our blessings to Laura, our youth leader, who served our youth for the last 7 months. She needed to work more hours at Applebee’s to pay for life and for college so her last Sunday was in August. Thank you, Laura, for how you have blessed our church.

Wednesday Study Series

People come to our doors of varying faiths and tell us the end is near!! Global Climate Change, mass animal extinction, the threat of drought, starvation, nuclear holocaust, horrific diseases! What is the confusing Book of Revelation really about and how does it speak into our time?

We will start a new study on September 9th (2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at Westview - come explore the Book of Revelation. Please mark your calendar for the following dates: September 9th, September 23rd, October 14th, October 28th.

Youth Mission Trip to Navajo Nation

On July 25 - 31 our Youth Group went on a mission trip to Navajo Nation. Our youth led VBS for children and helped build a house for the pastor who has been living in a trailer. We were very proud of our youth members Elijah, Isaac, Ian, Kris, Izabel, Liam and Hazel. They served hard and with much love on long days without running water. We had some fun too at Slidrock State Park in Sedona and at the Grand Canyon. Thank you, especially to our leaders: Marlon Veal, Jordan Souza, and Pastor Dan. Thank you to all of you at Westview and beyond who supported this trip with donations and prayer.

Help your youth/children grow a strong foundation in Christ!
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: Sept. 4th, Sept. 18th, Oct. 2nd, & Oct. 16th.
Westview will be starting a tutoring club to local students after school at Westview one day a week beginning in September. Please be in prayer. Contact Pastor Dan if you are interested in helping in this loving outreach to our neighbors.

Sunday Message Series: Beginning in September we will start a new series on “Care for your soul - taking care of the only part of you that will last for eternity!”

Sunday School During the Worship Service in our Youth Room
   Youth with Youth Leader Jordan Souza
   Children with Kathy Crudge

Salvation Army: Westview will resume serving Salvation Army meals again in December. Contact Jane Yoshida or Pastor Dan to help.

WATSONVILLE TAIKO AND SHINSEI DAIKO
By Bonnie Chihara

This summer has been a very busy time for us.
We are gearing up for our annual Holiday Boutique and Raffle which will take place at Kizuka Hall on November 15th from 12 noon to 5 pm. We will have our usual Japanese themed quilt as the grand prize as well as some other great prizes this year. We will have various vendor booths along with our gift baskets for purchase. It’s become a tradition for people to come and do their holiday shopping at our boutique. We will have unique gifts at great prices. We hope to see everyone there. More info will be posted on our website www.watsonvilletaiko.org.

Is anyone or any businesses interested in donating to our boutique? Please contact our business manager Taeko D’Andrea at info@watsonvilletaiko.org or call her at (831) 435 4594. Thank you.

Our upcoming schedule:
   Aug. 30th Aromas Day, Aromas
   Sept. 5th Ksitigarba Day, Land of Medicine Buddha, Soquel
   Sept. 26th Discovery Learning Center Summer Concert Series

Oct. 11th Santa Cruz Open Streets, West Cliff Drive
Nov. 8th Big Sur Half Marathon, Asilomar
Nov. 15th Watsonville Taiko’s Annual Boutique and Raffle
Dec. 6th Watsonville Multi Cultural Celebration, Watsonville Plaza

DONATIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED FROM ...
Day of Remembrance Education Fund Newsletter
   Anonymous
   Rebecca Horibe
   Marvin and Miyo Uratsu of Richmond ...
   In honor of Mas and Marcia Hashimoto

   In memory of Jim Uyematsu from ...
   Mary, Carolyn and David Tada
   Aiko Yamamoto
   Diane Porter Cooley
   Sharon Selden
   Chieko Shikuma
   Esther Ura

   In memory of Fumiko Okamoto (Noriko Okamoto’s mother) from … Diane Borman of Summit, NJ

   In memory of Carmel K. Kamigawachi from …
   Mas and Marcia Hashimoto
   Chieko Shikuma
   Esther Ura

   In memory of Martha Wakayama of Salinas
   Esther Ura

Watsonville Taiko for the use of hall

JOIN US--WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL
If you are not now a member of the National JACL, we’d love to have you join our W-SC JACL chapter.
Please encourage family members, relatives and friends to join us for 2015-2016. We are a 501 (c) (3) non-profit, educational, civil rights organization, and our tax deductible federal ID is #94-2659895.

A membership form is included in this newsletter.
Yes, you don’t have to be a Japanese American to be a member. You don’t even have to be a US citizen. You must be an advocate for justice and for civil rights for all.
Current members, please look at the date after your name on the address label. E. Txxxx 8/15 means your membership expired in August of 2015. Please renew before your membership’ expiration month. Marcia Hashimoto who sends renewal reminders will be very grateful.

If you have moved or are planning to move, please let us know your new address.
Please do not mail to our Kizuka Hall address on Blackburn Street.
Our mailing address is: W-SC JACL, P. O. Box 163, Watsonville, CA 95077.

Thank you for reading this September 2015 newsletter. Comments are always welcome.

Onward!
Mas Hashimoto, Editor
WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL SENIOR CENTER TRIPS

**Seniors’ Corner**  September 2015

**WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL SENIOR CENTER TRIPS**

_**Friday, September 18, 2015, 1 pm matinee Santa Cruz Follies**_

_“THOSE WERE THE DAYS” - ‘Diamond Anniversary – 60 years of song and dance’_

Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium, 307 Church St., Santa Cruz, CA

Cost: $20 for Senior ticket. We are arranging car pools and need drivers!

After the show, we will go out for an early dinner at the **Mayflower**.

_**Reservations: Carol Kaneko 476-7040 or Rubie Kawamoto 854-2028**_

Non-Senior Center members are welcome to join us!

August birthdays:  front: Mitsue Tao 92; Yoshiko Nishihara 88; Kazuko Sakai, and June Honda;  back: Kitty Mizuno, Yukio Nagata, Akira Kodama 94; Gail Wurtenberg; George Stewart; and Paul Kaneko.

**Upcoming Activities at the Senior Center:**

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<td>Tues., Sept 22</td>
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Please check out our Senior Center website: [http://kizukahallseniors.wordpress.com](http://kizukahallseniors.wordpress.com) to keep up with our activities, see photos, and check our calendar.

*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 become 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 - or you can help our bingo team check bingo cards! 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.
### Couple/Family (children under 14 years):
- Addison, Watonka & David & Skyler
- Aihara, George & Yoko
- Akimoto, Bill & Ida
- Akiyama, Benjamin & Patricia
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