The annual Watsonville Multicultural Celebration will be held on **Sunday, December 3rd** from 2 pm to 5 pm at the City Plaza, and **the admission is free**. Please come celebrate Watsonville’s many ethnic cultures. Children, parents and grandparents will enjoy the festivities.

Be sure to attend the 2 pm opening performance by the Watsonville Taiko youth performers. Then, visit our W-SC JACL booth to learn how to write your name in katakana and engage in origami paper folding.

**W-SC JACL 2017 BALLOTS**

Ballots for the election of five (5) board members were mailed on Nov. 13th to all our current National members and National Youth/Student members. Please return your ballots before Friday, Dec. 15th, 2017. They may be mailed to W-SC JACL, P. O. Box 163, Watsonville, CA 95077. Senior Center members may hand deliver them to **Jean Yamashita**.

If you are a W-SC JACL National member and did not receive a ballot, please contact **Marcia Hashimoto** at 831-722-6859 (please leave a message with your telephone number) or email her at hashi79@sbcglobal.net right away.

Thank you for participating in this exercise of democracy.

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**INSTALLATION OF 2018 OFFICERS …**

The installation of our W-SC JACL officers and board members, along with those of Gilroy, San Benito County, and Salinas Valley JACLs, will take place on **Sat., Jan. 27th, 2018**, 11:30 am registration, at the Black Horse Golf Course Clubhouse in Seaside.

We are grateful to the Salinas Valley JACL for hosting the installation and luncheon this year. They are planning an interesting program.

The cost of the buffet luncheon -- mixed green salad, tomatoes, basil, and fresh mozzarella; sautéed seasonal vegetables, green beans with almonds; garlic mashed potatoes; tri-tip beef with wild mushroom sauce; braised chicken; tea and coffee; cheese cake and chocolate cake -- and the program is $30 per person (tax and tip included).

Please sign up with **Marcia Hashimoto** by Friday, January 19, 2018. We will carpool for those needing transportation. Thank you.

**JACL 2018 MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASE**

While National’s dues in 2018 will increase (the first since 2007) by $5, W-SC JACL chapter’s dues will not increase. The 2018 dues will be: individual/adult $85; couple/family $155, and for youth/student (ages 14 – 25) $30.

National JACL will assess a surcharge of $17 for those who want a printed copy of the Pacific Citizen in 2018.

We are grateful to everyone who is a W-SC JACL member. If we can be of service, please call on us at (831) 722-6859 (please leave a message with your telephone number) or email at hashi79@sbcglobal.net.

**WATSONVILLE VETERAN’S DAY OBSERVANCE**

A proud group of veterans, men and women, gathered at St Patrick’s Church at 10 am on Sat., Nov. 11, 2017 to “route step” down Main Street to the Veterans Memorial Building on East Beach Street for this year’s observance. Those unable to march rode “classic” fire trucks which were thoughtfully provided by the Watsonville Fire Department. The above photo, courtesy of **Jack Tsuda**.

The end of the Great War (1914-1918) was billed as “the war to end all wars,” or cease fire -- “Armistice Day.”
With the fighting continuing—WW II, “police actions,” and many other conflicts—Armistice Day became Veterans Day.

On the 11th minute of the 11th hour of the 11th month, Harry Wiggins (Lt Col US Army Retired), struck the bell 11 times, signaling the end of the Great War (WW I).

Captain Harold Lauback of the Salvation Army presented both opening and closing prayers.

The Master of Ceremonies was attorney Todd McFarren, US Marine Sergeant, Vietnam War, and Santa Cruz County Supervisor Greg Caput ably substituted for “Mr. Watsonville” Bill Neighbors.

Diana McGuffey, Watsonville’s songbird, beautifully sang The Star-Spangled Banner and, later in the program, America, the Beautiful to everyone’s delight.

Awards and honors were presented to US Navy veteran Ralph Hernandez and US Army veteran Jim P. Carter.

Surprise presentations were made by the City of Watsonville. First, to the Watsonville Register-Pajaronian for its service to our community’s veterans. Accepting was R-P reporter Todd Guild (center) from City Councilmen Lowell Hurst and Felipe Hernandez.

Then, the city officials recognized Diana McGuffey with the Outstanding Service Award for her years of dedication.

Our famous Watsonville Band played military tunes, and the veterans stood when their service’s song was played.

The US Naval Sea Cadets Corps posted and retired the flags, and VFW Post 1716 presented the rifle salute.
[Editor's note: Over 400 were in attendance. He recalls on April 27, 1942, “all persons of Japanese ancestry both alien and non-alien” living in Santa Cruz County were evicted from their homes and sent to prison from this Veterans Memorial Building—a legacy of Executive Order 9066.]

NJAHIS Tribute to Nikkei Veterans Nov. 11, 2017

Report and photos by Jean Yamashita

Happy Veteran’s Day! The National Japanese American Historical Society Inc (NJAHIS) paid tribute to the Nikkei Veterans by organizing a wonderful ceremony commemorating the 75th Anniversary of E.O. 9066 on Saturday, November 11, 2017 at the MIS Historic Learning Center, Bldg. 640 at Crissy Field, Presidio of SF.

It was a beautiful day for the ceremony with blue skies and the iconic Golden Gate Bridge visible nearby. The program was held outdoors with Nikkei Veterans seated in places of honor in the front, surrounded by family and friends. It was a very memorable and informative event recognizing the bravery and sacrifices of the Nikkei Veterans.

[The Ceremony Program included the following. The Emcee was Mike Inouye, Traffic Anchor of NBC Bay Area; the Presentation of Colors by MSG Stan Kamiya, US Army (RET) NCOIC, US Army Color Guard; the National Anthem by Boy Scouts, Troop 12; the Pledge of Allegiance by Eagle Scouts, Troop 12; the Welcome; a Moment of Silence; and the Introduction of Veterans.

Welcoming remarks to the Golden Gate National Recreation Area National Park Service was presented by Michelle Gee, Chief of Interpretation and Education; Eric Blind, Director of Heritage Programs and Sites, Presidio Trust; and the Hon. Jun Yamada, Consul General of Japan.

Col. Wiley Barnes, USAF, Assistant Commandant, Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center (DLIFLC), Presidio of Monterey addressed the beginnings of the Military Intelligence Service. He then presented each veteran with a “Commandant’s Coin for Excellence” from the DLIFLC.]
This year's keynote address was delivered by Lawson Sakai, 442 RCT, representing the Nikkei Veterans.

The Color Guard, NCOIC, retired the colors. A performance, “GO FOR BROKE! Tribute to Nisei Veterans,” was presented by Anthony Brown, Asian American Orchestra, with Janice Mirikitani.

A delicious buffet luncheon, enjoyed by all including Iwao Yamashita and Kazuko Kurasaki, was served in the Military Intelligence Service Historic Learning Center, Building 640, following the ceremony.

Seated in front of a photo of MISers studying in Bldg 640 are: Sam Sakamoto 442nd, Lawson 442nd and Mineko Sakai; standing Franz Steidl Vietnam vet, Tom Graves photojournalist of Twice Heroes, America’s Nisei Veterans of WW II and Korea, and Kazuko Kurasaki.

HILL 555 PROJECT - REPORT TO DONORS

by Carl Williams

October 31, 2017

On 15 October 2017 at around 10:30 in the morning, the Mayor Yves Bonjean of Bruyères, France, stood before a large gathering on Hill 555. Among the tall evergreens, American and French flags flew above the crowd and the seven-man Color Guard from the 100th Battalion Veterans of Hawaii stood at rigid attention as a band played The Star-Spangled Banner.

The City had turned out for the 73rd Anniversary of the liberation of their City by the Nisei soldiers of the 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team.

The Mayor and other dignitaries placed flowers on the restored 1947 monument. Following a brief speech to the gathering, the Mayor and Carl Williams unveiled the new monument in honor of those brave Nisei who had sacrificed for the freedom we all now enjoy. At the moment the monument was unveiled, a collective gasp came from those assembled. Someone in the respectful audience said, “Wonderful!” The unveiling was met with vigorous applause by the viewers.

The torch of liberty, based on the regimental shoulder patch and originally created by 442nd RCT soldier Mitchie Miyamoto of Watsonville, bursts in bold relief from the pink granite - granite harvested in the Senones area just 30 miles from Bruyères. The beautiful monument stands nearly 9’ tall and weighs more than 3.5 tons. The architect, David Onodera was unable to attend however the sculptor, Daniel Petitgenet, stood proudly
beside the monument he had worked on so diligently. The sculptor had cut sharp points along the inside rim of the monument to symbolize the pain, death and suffering required to maintain freedom - a poignant reminder of what it took to free Bruyères and return it to its citizens.

Our daughter, Mariko, read the names of all those who our donors asked to be remembered - an appropriate and touching roll call of the honored. A copy of her comments can be found on Facebook.com/hill555project. We urge you to view the video clip created by the local Vosges Television station. While in French, https://www.vosgestelevision.tv/info/info/Singuliere-ssVf0nAttG.html, it is easily understood. A more complete video is being prepared and will be made available shortly.

We were again reminded of the sacrifice made by the Nisei when on the following day the Mayor, the Color Guard, and our family and friends gathered at the Epinal American Cemetery and formally honored the men of the 100th/442nd who still rest in French soil. In a solemn and formal ceremony, each grave was decorated with fresh flowers and leis.

Later that day, we returned to Hill 555 to place the more than 3,000 cranes that had been prepared, along with the leis, by women's groups in Hawaii. Enclosed with the cranes was a statement from the 100th Battalion Veterans which was read to those assembled. We are exceptionally grateful and deeply indebted to the 100th Battalion Veterans and, in particular, to Jayne Hirata who organized this effort.

Above, placing the leis and flowers. L-R C. Williams; June Williams; Mayor Bonjean; Mariko Williams, A. Amekouar (Assistant Superintendent).

Left, one of the 14 Nisei heroes who were honored and remembered.

Inscription in French and English honoring the 100th/442nd RCT.

Those who contributed can be very proud of the exceptionally beautiful monument to those who made the ultimate sacrifice on our behalf. It stands as a bold statement of the quiet determination that the Nisei brought to their duty as citizen-soldiers and speaks of their exceptional strength, loyalty and courage that went well beyond the sacrifice so many made.

We thank each contributor for helping us complete this effort. We remain just short of our goal by about $2,000 and ask those who have contributed to pass along this information to friends and family. The Mayor of Bruyères has indicated that he is content to wait for the payment for the work thus far completed, and he has committed to shortly finishing the remaining details at the site.
Those who would like to contribute can do so by mailing a check payable to the "Hill 555 Project" and mailed to Carl Williams, 827 Crestwater Lane, Sacramento, CA 95831, or donors may go online to hill555.org where electronic donations may be made.

The photos included a brief view of the monument you helped create and of our visit to the Epinal American Cemetery in France.

TELLING THE STORY OF OUR INCARCERATION

The story of our unjust incarceration (it was not illegal) needs to be told so that should the US Government attempt it again to any other group or person(s), the citizens will rise protesting for justice, led by the JACL.

Mas, a Life Scout, was invited by Laura Nakashima, daughter of Doug Nakashima, to speak to the Scouts on a November Sunday afternoon in San Jose. These Scouts may not know the Bill of Rights of the Constitution but they certainly know what's fair and what's unfair, what's right and what's wrong. Photos, courtesy of Sharyn Nakashima.

There is never a charge for this W-SC JACL service. Teachers of 3rd graders to the university level of northern California have called. If your school is interested in a presentation, please call Mas Hashimoto at (831) 722-6859 (please leave a message with your telephone number) or email hashi79@sbcglobal.net.

SENIOR CENTER NEWS

by Carol Kaneko and Jean Yamashita

Our fun-loving Seniors ended October with a Halloween celebration, complete with large paper pumpkins, a mini haunted house centerpiece, and Halloween goodies (courtesy of Susan AmRhein). Jean Yamashita donated Halloween favors for everyone.
It was “spooktacular” to see many Seniors dressed up in costume. The winners (below photo) of our costume contest were: 2nd Kim Tao (giant Panda); 4th Susan AmRhein (witch); 3rd Mitsuyo Tao (also a witch); and 1st prize went to groovy Reba Condon (Willie Nelson or a 60’s hippie).

We also played “pass the kabocha” which was won by Yaeko Cross (who, by the way, won the “pass the straw” contest back in July – she is really fast at passing whatever comes to her!) with Jean Akiyama in second place.

Halloween photos were taken by Carol Kaneko.

Seniors had a lovely October/November Birthday celebration on November 9th and enjoyed lots of delicious baked goodies.

October birthday honorees were: Toshi Yamashita and Nobuko Akiyama. November birthday honorees were: Edna Nagata, Yaeko Cross 91, and Tea Hashimoto 97 (seated). Satoko Yamamoto 92 was absent from photo.

It was a wonderful surprise to see Satoko Yamamoto walk into the Senior Center after her stay in the hospital due to a fall. We were all very happy for her speedy recovery! Her son Bruce and girlfriend Terry assisted Satoko to the gathering and also brought assorted cookies for the Seniors to enjoy in celebration of Satoko Yamamoto’s 92nd birthday.
We were also treated to beautiful cupcakes brought by Edna Nagata and Yaeko Cross in celebration of their birthdays.

The ice cream was donated by Gail Wurtenberg. The beautiful flower arrangements were done by Hisako Kodama, Jean Akiyama, and Nancy Kuratomi. [Thank you to Kimiko Marr for taking all the birthday photos!]

The Seniors were deeply saddened to hear of the sudden passing of Miyeko Yamashita. She was an amazing 99 years old, and her sweet presence at the Senior Center will be very much missed. Funeral will be on Saturday, December 2nd at 1 pm at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple followed by otoki.

We also send our deepest condolences to the Nishihara/Hirahara family on the passing of their youngest brother, Tommy Hirahara.

Paul and Carol Kaneko had a great visit with Eiko Ceremony in Las Vegas early in November. Eiko Ceremony lives in a nice retirement community and is keeping busy with activities there. Carol and Paul had lunch with her in their dining hall, and she gave them a tour of the facility. Eiko is very happy to be there, but she misses her time with the Seniors at Kizu Hall. She said to say hello to everyone for her. (Photo provided by Carol Kaneko.)

Gobble! Gobble! The Seniors relished a wide assortment of savory dishes at the Thanksgiving Potluck on November 16th. Thank you to all the wonderful cooks who brought a treat to share – plates were piled high with yummy food, and everyone enjoyed the feast!

The main course (turkey with all the trimmings and pumpkin pies) was prepared by cook-extraordinaire Susan AmRhein. The festive decorations were also provided by Susan and the little favors were provided by Jean Yamashita. Thank you to the Toban ladies and all the other helpers with the setup and cleanup of the event, and many thanks to all the seniors who got drenched by the pouring rain but managed to join us for our Thanksgiving celebration!

Thanksgiving photos by Phil Shima and Jean Yamashita.

Thanks to our November Toban: Nobuko Akiyama, Nobue Fujii, and Eiko Stewart. Iwao Yamashita was in charge of opening up this month. Thanks to all the terrific members who have stepped up to help out while the Kaneko’s are on vacation – very much appreciated!

The Seniors have the following one-day bus trip planned: Our annual San Francisco Japantown and Marukai/Cupertino shopping trip on Tues., Dec. 5th. Cost is
$30 for Senior members; $40 for non-members. Please sign up with Jean Yamashita. Please come and join us for a jolly day!

We welcome new member Angie Guzman, friend of Patty Vasquez.

It was nice to see Sam and Yae Sakamoto with Franz Steidl back playing Bingo again.

Monetary donations for the month of November gratefully received from: Toshi Yamashita, Nobuko Akiyama, Yaeko Cross, Tea Hashimoto, Edna Nagata; in memory of Fred Oda from Art and Joanne Hayashi; in memory of Kiyo Arao from Richard and Renee Kezirian; in memory of Miye Yamashita from Chris Izumizaki; in memory of Fred Oda from Fred Oda family. A special Thank You again to all who generously donated to our 46th Anniversary Celebration. Thanks to all for your generosity.

Thank you for all the wonderful bingo prizes:

June/Sunao Honda 9 plates cupcakes with tootsie pop; 3 koshi an pan; 11 loaves persimmon pineapple bread
Chiyoko Nero (June Honda's mom) 6 bags kaki
Toshi Yamashita 5 plates chocolate cake; 4 boxes facial tissue; 4 containers chocolate cupcakes; 9 rolls toilet tissue; 10 pkgs organic roasted seaweed
Rubie Kawamoto Bag of Sandies cookies; bag of Golden Oreo’s; bag of Thin Oreo’s; 3 bags of KitKat candies; 1 big box of European Assorted cookies; 3 bags chagashi
Eiko/George Stewart 7 plates chirashi, inari sushi, and musubi; 6 rolls bath tissue; 5 plates kabocha dark chocolate swirl cake
Eileen Byers 10 bottles Dawn dish soap; 8 rolls Bounty paper towels
Hide Nagamine 6 cabbage; 4 boxes Kleenex; 100 tea bags; 3 pack Clorox Wipes
Yaeko Cross 3 bags cookies; 1 bag banana chips; 2 boxes vanilla wafers; 6 rolls bath tissue
Kim Tao 8 plates blueberry scones; 36 rolls toilet paper
Yoshiko Nishihara 18 bottles Dawn dish soap
Eiko Nishihara 1 dozen jars strawberry jam
Yae/Sam Sakamoto 2 bags candy; 1 bag shitake, 1 bottle Kikkoman aji mirin;
Kazuko Sakai 3 bags candy
Sharon Bobo 12 chocolate snowballs
Gail Wurtenberg 8 sugar cookies
Hisako Kodama 6 bags apples
Susan AmRhein 160 cups (plastic); box of figs
Angie Guzman 3 bottles hand soap; 3 pkg scrubbing pads; 3 pkg scrubber
Nobue Fujii 1 bag Ruffles chip; 6 apple walnut cake
Cindy/Gary Mine 2 chestnut bags
Chiye Sakaue 1 box Kleenex; 1 paper towel
Patt/Mark Takeuchi Candy for everyone
Chiyeoko Shikuma 4 cereal snacks; 6 packs of candy
Bette Garcia 2 pkg tea; 12 rolls of toilet tissue
Reba Condon 3 bags chagashi
Edna Nagata 16 rolls bath tissue
Jean Akiyama 12 rolls bath tissue
Mitzi Katsuyama 2 dozen eggs
Patty Vasquez 3 bottles Dawn dish soap; 2 scrub sponges; 4 pkg cookies
Pat/Kimiko Marr 7 Christmas ornaments; 3 holiday pins
Jo Ann Year 2 - 35 oz. jars of Trail Mix nuts
Kumiko Nakatani 7 bags of kaki and pomegranate
Aiko/Itaru Nitao 2 boxes figs; 10 bunches of kiku flowers
Itsuko Okamoto 10 bunches flowers
Jean/Iwao Yamashita 19 bags tomatoes, 18 bags kabocha chunks

Stay warm and healthy during these fall/winter months and try to stay active – remember to do your balance exercises three times a day! Thank you for coming to the Senior Center! It’s a wonderful opportunity to socialize with old friends and to make new friends and, of course, to play bingo and win a variety of prizes! We look forward to seeing everyone in December - should be a very merry month!

Please check out our Senior Center website to read the Senior Center News, see pictures of our Seniors in living color, and see our calendar of events: kizukahallseniors.wordpress.com.

IN REMEMBRANCE …

TOMMY HIRAHARA

Tommy Hirahara passed away October 11, 2017 in Watsonville. He was 68.

Mr. Hirahara is survived by his brothers, Satoshi and Ben Hirahara; sisters, Eiko and Yoshiko Nishihara, Wakako Tanikawa, Akiko Nagai, Masako Matano and Emiko Hirano; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Mitoshi and Teyo Hirahara; brothers, Fumio, Katusji and Noboru Hirahara; and a sister, Sumako Abey.

A private Celebration of Life will be held.

MIYEKO YAMASHITA

WATSONVILLE — Miye Yamashita died on Sunday, Oct. 29, 2017. She was 99.

She enjoyed crocheting blankets and giving them away. She also looked forward to going to the JACL Senior Center every Thursday to meet with her friends to chat and play bingo. She will always be remembered for her yasashii (kind, caring, and generous) demeanor and for always thinking of others before herself.

She is survived by four sons, Kunio, Takeshi, Hidekazu, and Goro; two daughters, Shizu and Sumi; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She was...
Fred was born in Watsonville, CA to parents Tokuzo and Toku Oda who immigrated from Hiroshima, Japan in early 1900. He graduated from Watsonville High School in 1941. At the beginning of WWII, he and his family were removed from the Pajaro Valley and taken to an internment camp in Poston, AZ. Eventually, Fred was released from the internment camp and relocated to Milwaukee, WI to work.

He returned to California after the war ended and decided to follow in his father’s footsteps as a barber. He attended Barber College, and in 1949 apprenticed under his father, Tokuzo, in the barber shop he opened in 1912. Oda’s Barbershop was considered a historical landmark in what was once Watsonville’s Nihonmachi (Japan town), and it was there that Fred worked until his retirement in 2007 after serving his patrons for 60 years.

Fred and his wife Betty were very active in the Watsonville Buddhist Temple for many decades. They belonged to the Adult Buddhist Association (ABA) Club, the Watsonville-Santa Cruz chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League and the JACL Senior Center. Even after Betty’s passing, Fred continued his participation and enjoyed volunteering in numerous Temple and club events. Fred enjoyed many outdoor activities. One of his favorites was surf fishing because he could cast his line into the ocean and then take a short nap! On Sundays he would take his family on outings to the beach or to the mountains which included picnics and nature walks. He loved to read and kept his mind active solving puzzles of all kinds. His mood for the day often depended on whether he was successful in solving the daily Sudoku in the newspaper! Fred and Betty loved ballroom dancing and could often be seen enjoying themselves on the dance floor at weddings and celebrations.

Fred’s gift for gab was legendary. His witty and playful conversations kept his customers, family and friends entertained! Fred described his greatest joy as watching his grandchildren grow up and succeed in their endeavors. He took great pride in all of their accomplishments.

In his 94 years, Fred lived humbly, enriching the lives of others with his selflessness and compassion. We miss him dearly and his memory will live in our hearts forever.

A private memorial will be held in his memory.

We send our condolences to the Hirahara, Yamashita, and Oda families, relatives, and friends.
(Chairperson), Rev. Jay Shinseki, Susan Uyematsu, Bill Wurtenberg, Kim Yoshida, and Perry Yoshida. We are thankful for the congregation's commitment and support in making this event such a success. Taking part at this celebration is another milestone in the Temple's 110 years of history.

Barbara K. Shingai, Temple President

Photos of this 110th celebration are on pages 14-15.

The December 2017 calendar of events:

3 Sun 10 am Bodhi Day & Shotsuki Hoyo
5 Tues 7:30 pm Temple Board Meeting
7 Thu 10 am ABA Meeting
8 Fri Secretary out of Office
8 Fri 4-10 pm Gym Rented Out
10 Sun NO SUNDAY SERVICE
10 am to noon Mochi Tsuki Sale
17 Sun 10 am Omigaki Sunday Service
22 Fri Secretary out of Office
24 Sun NO SUNDAY SERVICE
25 Mon Secretary out of Office
31 Sun 4 pm Joya E (end of year service)

January 2018:
1 Mon 11 am Shusho E Service (New Year)
7 Sun 10 am Installation Service with New Year Potluck to follow

Shotsuki Hoyo Service
10 am Sunday, December 3, 2017

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

Aramaki, Yoshiro Roy
Arao, Betty Yaeko
Enomoto, Kiku
Eto, Wataru
Etow, Hajime
Etow, Shigeru
Fukuba, Norman
Hamada, Takino
Hamada, Tomiye
Hamamoto, Kimi
Hane, Machie
Hara, Yoneko
Hirahara, Teyo
Ito, Uta
Kadotani, Mitsuko
Kaita, Kanzeo
Kamimoto, Kay
Kawasaki, Jihe
Kimura, John Mitoshi
Kamemura, Yoshinobu
Matoba, Tatsue
Matsumoto, George
Matsumoto, Michie
Mine, Kikue
Misumi, Mary
Misumi, Shizue
Morimoto, Haya
Morimune, Soichi
Murakami, Kumajiro
Murakami, Shoichi
Nakamura, Meiji
Nishita, Shuichi
Nitta, Kumezo
Oda, Toku
Oda, Tokuzo
Saiki, Hajime
Saiki, Roy
Sakai, Kiyoto
Sakai, Chiyono
Sakata, Ichiji
Sakaue, Somo
Shinta, Kunito
Shirachi, William
Sudou, Sakaye
Tada, Ben
Takemoto, Toshiie
Tawamoto, Tsunesuke
Terasaki, Sam Yoshinobu
Teshima, Iwao
Teshima, Phyllis Masaye
Torigoe, Bunkichi
Toriumi, Jim Shigeru
Tsujii, Saizo
Ura, John Susumu
Uyeda, Jitsuto
Wada, Hatsu
Wada, Shozo
Yamamoto, Edward
Yamamoto, Tadashi
Yamamoto, Tetsuya
Yamashita, Akira
Yamashita, Haru
Yamashita, Masano
Yamashita, Tomiko

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

With the winter months upon us, the Watsonville Buddhist Temple is sponsoring a jacket drive. We are collecting all sizes of jackets for men, women and children. Help those in need with gently used jackets. Please bring your jacket(s) in clean condition to the temple office. Temple volunteers will take the jackets to a local organization in need. Deadline is Sunday, December 10th. Thank you for your assistance.

GOT MOCHI?

It's time to order your mochi! Cost: $6.00 a box. Call the Temple Office at 724-7860 to place your order. Deadline to place your order is December 1, 2017. Pick up orders: Sun., Dec. 10 between 10 am -12 Noon!

Shotsuki Hoyo, BWA (Fujinkai) Memorial, and Eitaikyo Services were held on Sunday, Nov. 19th with
Terry Hirahara serving as chairperson. She read all the names of Temple members who passed away in November.

Akio Idemoto, representing the Fujiye Idemoto family, did oshoko (incense offering). Mrs. Itsuko Okamoto did oshoko for the BWA ladies who passed away.

Rev. Jay Shinseki returned from a recent trip to Kyoto with a new okesa, featuring a dragon, which is revered in Japan.

Buddhist flags.

#2 – Minister’s Assistant Bill Wurtenberg, in preparation for the service, is lighting the special red candles in the onaijin.
#3 - Minister’s Assistant Bill Wurtenberg is doing Kansho (ringing of the bell), signaling the beginning of the service.
#4 – Chairperson Perry Yoshida is giving the opening remarks to begin the 110-year anniversary service.
#5 – The Congratulatory Message was delivered by Bishop Kodo Umeznu.
#6 – Words of Appreciation was given by Temple President, Barbara Shingai.
#7 – Temple members, family and friends are very attentive to the various speakers.
#8 – Resident Minister Rev. Jay Shinseki extended a short Dharma message.
#9 - Seated are our notable dignitaries: Kiyo Kawasaki, Barbara Shingai, Gail Wurtenberg, Bill Wurtenberg, Jane Shinseki, Rev. Jay Shinseki, Bishop Kodo Umeznu and Janet Umeznu.
#10 – Nancy Iwami, Eiko Sakaguchi, & Janice Tao are ready for the group picture while others are still getting lined up behind them.

Page 2:
#1 – The American & Buddhist flags prove the day was a beautiful, calm, and sunny.
#2 – Ken Tanimoto giving his opening remarks as Luncheon Chairperson; Ken is also the current BCA President.
#3— Congratulatory Shigin on the anniversary by Watsonville Kinyukai: Chie Sakaue, Shizuko Tao, Itaru Nitao, Sadao Matsunami & Noboru Nakatani.
#4 – Sadao Matsunami gave a congratulatory toast on this festive occasion; Kampai!
#5 – Ladies are getting luncheon ready to serve: JoAnn Kato, Phyllis Nagamine, Nancy Kuratomi, Kim Yoshida, & Ryoko Kozuki.
#6 – Special guest Nancy Iwami is getting a roll to accompany her lunch from Ryoko Kozuki (Nancy is 103 years old).
#7 – Kai Gavin is anxiously filling his lunch plate, following Terry Hirahara.
#8 – Guest Speaker Mike Inouye gave an enthusiastic message about the event’s theme -- Yukari: Remembering Our Loved Ones; Connection with Others.
# 9 – Guests listening intensively to Mike Inouye’s talk. Front row: Kim Yoshida, Ryoko Kozuki, Yoshie Maemura, Lily Hasebe-Hester; Second row from left: Janice Tao, Jean Akiyama, Nobue Fujii; Sumiko Matsunami.
#10 – Mike Inouye demonstrating a “Martian” character.
#11 – Guests are demonstrating character that Mike Inouye described. Front row: Lowell Hurst, Ken Tanimoto, Rev. Shinseki, Dennis Hamada, Bill Wurtenberg, Iwao Yamashita, Noboru Nakatani.
#12 – Guests enjoying the interaction during exercise: Ken Tanimoto, Lisa Nagamine & daughter, Katerina, Franz Steidl, Sam Sakamoto.

#13 – Bill Wurtenberg, past Temple President, presented Kiyo & Aileen Kawasaki with a plaque for their hard work and Dana (charity) contributions to spread the teachings of the Nembutsu.

#14 – Celebratory and delicious cake “Congratulations Watsonville Buddhist Temple 110 Years.”

#15 – A special birthday cake presentation with Johnny Walker to Rev. Shinseki on his birthday, Nov. 4, 2017—the same day as the 110-year celebration.

**KAWAKAMI WATSONVILLE SISTER CITY FLAPJACK BREAKFAST** by Robb Mayeda

We have selected our middle school exchange students for the 2018 trip to Kawakami-mura, Nagano-ken. The KWSC Association will host a fundraiser at **Applebee’s** in Watsonville on Sunday morning, **December 17, from 8:00 – 9:45 A.M.** Advanced tickets are available from the students scheduled to travel to Japan. Walk-in sales will benefit the association’s general fund that is used to assist the chaperones and to host the visitors from Kawakami.

The breakfast tickets are $10, and the breakfast includes flapjacks, juice, eggs, bacon, and coffee.

We had over 80 gift baskets and more than 60 plants/garden creations as well as individual items. It was crowded with happy people shopping for unique gifts, handmade crafts from our vendors and baked goods.

The winners for the raffle were:
- First prize quilt by **Bonnie Chihara** to Cat Steele.
- Second prize quilt made by **Helen Klee** to Jenny Wishnack; Third prize “Jelly Fish Lamp” from the **Craft Gallery** to **Irene Yoshida**.
- Fourth prize Dinner for 6 by **Lorraine Sandoval-Vigil** to Kristen Yamamoto and Fifth prize one-night stay at **Chaminade** for two to **Cat Steele**.

Thank you for your support in the past, and we hope to see you on the 17th.

**WATSONVILLE TAIKO AND SHINSEI DAIKO** by Bonnie Chihara

Our big fundraiser was held on Sunday, Nov. 19th at the W-SC JACL Kizuka Hall. We had a great turnout, and thank you to all who attended and supported our boutique.
For times and locations for our other classes please contact Kay at (831) 475 1088 or email us at info@watsonvilletaiko.org.

Our upcoming schedule:
Dec. 3rd Multicultural event, Watsonville Plaza
April 2018 Watsonville Taiko’s Anniversary Show

WESTVIEW PRESBYTERIAN “CHIMES”
by Leslie Nagata-Garcia

Be an Advent gift of Encouragement!
Article by Jon Bloom Modal, Staff writer, desiringGod.org

For most of us, Advent is not a season of peace. It’s an extraordinarily busy, often stressful season. That is not necessarily a bad thing.

The first Advent was certainly anything but peaceful. It began with a contemplation of divorce, was accompanied by numerous confusing, unplanned detours, and was consummated in a stable of desperation. The Prince of peace brought a lot of turmoil with him when he came. And I think this implies that, in God’s judgment, what we may need at Christmas is not less turmoil, but more trust.

The Beautiful Busy-ness of Love

It really is a beautiful thing that the season of Advent is a season of giving. And as Jesus demonstrated by his life and his death, true giving, the kind of giving born of love, is costly. It makes life more complicated and messy and busy. But that’s okay, for there is a profound blessing in the busy-ness of love: “it is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35). And God loves a cheerful giver and promises to make all grace abound to us when we cheerfully give grace to others (2 Corinthians 9:7-8).

What to Give This Christmas

That’s what we want especially to give to others this Christmas: grace. And one particular grace to focus on in our Christmas giving this year is encouragement. What if we seek not to merely ask what our loved one or neighbor would like, but what would most encourage him or her?

Courage is our resolve to face a fearful threat. And courage comes from hope — a hope in something stronger than what we fear. Discouragement sets in when our hope is leaking out. It’s a surrender to our fears. When discouragement happens, and it happens often, what we need is an infusion of hope. That’s what encouragement is — a hope-infusion that helps us keep fighting the fight of faith (1 Timothy 6:12). To give another the gift of encouragement is extending to them a kindness that seeks to point them to the God of hope (Romans 15:13). Let’s be on the hunt for those who need hope-infusions. And let’s ask the Father for Spirit-empowered discernment and the ability to recall encouraging Scripture so that we leave whomever we interact with this season more encouraged than we found them.

You are a wonderful, encouraging Westview Family! Thank you for your gift of encouragement to me and to each other! God bless you and be near you this Advent Season.

Pastor Dan

Photos from Harvest Dinner with Rev. Dan and Tracy Mano, and the chicken teriyaki cooking crew.

We will begin serving again on the first Fridays of the month from December through April, starting December 1. Come enjoy cooking and fellowship on Friday afternoons! Call Marlon or Pastor Dan for details.

Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month 6:45pm at Paloma Del Mar, 2030 Pajaro Lane in Freedom.

We are studying Bryan Lortitts’ book, Saving the Saved: How Jesus saves us from try-harder Christianity into performance-free love. Join us! It has been a delight to make new friends and “be church” at Paloma Del Mar! Due to the holidays we will only be meeting on December 13th and will resume twice a month in January.

Salvation Army Dinners

Wednesday Study Series
Help your youth/children grow a strong foundation in Christ!

Youth/Family Upcoming Event

Gym Nites are usually the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month, from 5:30 – 8:00 pm., at Westview.

Activities/events for the Youth/Family for the month of December include the following dates:

December 1st: Youth Gym Nite and serving at the Salvation Army 4pm-7:30pm, Westview

December 15th: Youth Gym Nite 5:30-8:00 pm, Westview. Photo: Youth Night Hike at Nisene Marks.

Sunday Message Series: - We will have a special Advent series in December - God's radical qualities screaming through the Incarnation! Qualities, Yes, we too can have!

In January we will resume the series "None Like God!" based on a book by Jen Wilkin. God is self-existent, self-sufficient, eternal, immutable, omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent, sovereign, infinite, and incomprehensible. We are NOT, and that is a good thing! We will learn about the qualities God has that we do not, and learn to celebrate the freedom that comes when we rest in letting God be God!

2018 COMMUNITY DIRECTORY BOOKLET

We are grateful to our many faithful supporters who generously donate an ad to our Directory each year.

The Directory is a helpful resource which highlights businesses and professional services that encourages and supports our W-SC JACL’s community outreach in civil rights, education, and cultural appreciation. Their donations also enable our W-SC JACL chapter to maintain a safe and comfortable meeting hall for our Senior Center members, Watsonville Taiko, Watsonville Bonsai, and Kokoro no Gakko organizations.

We are grateful to these early supporters:
Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL Senior Center
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The deadline for ad donations is Sat., Dec. 23, 2017. We welcome new participants. For information about placing an ad, please call Marcia Hashimoto at (831) 722-6859 (please leave a message with your telephone number) or email hashi79@sbcglobal.net.

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PLEASE JOIN US—THE W-SC JACL

If you are not now a member of the National JACL, we’d love to have you join our W-SC JACL chapter. We do our best to serve our local community. Please note the $5 increase in National dues explained on the first page of this newsletter. Please encourage family members, relatives and friends to join us for 2018. We are a 501 (c) (3) non-profit, educational, civil rights organization, and our tax deductible federal ID is #94-2659895.

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 9/17 means your membership expired in September of 2017! Please renew before your membership’s 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 December 2017 newsletter. Comments are always welcome at hashi79@sbcglobal.net.

For our full, living color newsletter, log onto http://watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org, click onto Newsletters, then the month.

Onward!
Marcia Hashimoto, Editor
WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE’S 110TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, NOVEMBER 4, 2017
$5 Increase in the 2018 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 2018 National and local dues for our tax-deductible organization (ID #94-2659895) are as follows:

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This includes National dues, local chapter dues, and our monthly JACL newsletter. For each of ages 14 to 24, National and local youth/student membership, and our monthly JACL newsletter are included. Youth membership is required for scholarship consideration.

*Please note:* Free email subscription to the *Pacific Citizen*, the official paper of the National JACL, is provided via your email address. Subscription to a printed, hard copy requires an additional $17 annually payable to the National JACL, 1765 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94115, (415) 921-5225.

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

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c/o *Jeanette Otsuji Hager*, Membership Chair, P. O. Box 163, Watsonville, CA 95077

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