HAPPY NEW YEAR! Marcia Hashimoto

It is with pride and appreciation that I serve as your President with a board of outstanding individuals dedicated to serving our community in upholding the civil rights of all people, educating the greater public about the unjust incarceration of those of Japanese ancestry during WW II, and promoting cultural appreciation. Thank you, members and friends for your positive encouragement and support.

WHO ARE WE -- WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS?

Here are the members of W-SC JACL’s Board of Directors who serve without compensation. What are their backgrounds and special talents? In last month’s newsletter, we asked you to place the numbers that apply after their names.

Gini Matute-Bianchi 6, 14, 25, 27, 34
Joe Bowes 8, 9, 26, 34
Jeanette Otsuji Hager 3, 5, 16, 25, 34
Marcia Hashimoto 3, 12, 25, 32, 34
Mas Hashimoto 2, 12, 23, 31, 34
Carol Kaneko 3, 12, 15, 21, 31, 33, 34 (soon 27)
Victor Kimura 3, 19, 25, 27, 28, 34
Kimiko Marr 5, 15, 16, 30, 34
Cindy Hirokawa Mine 3, 10, 34
Gary Mine 3, 18, 34
Aimee Mizuno 5, 11, 32, 34
Brooke Kondo Rains 4, 13, 20, 34
Phil Shima 3, 15, 16, 27, 34
Norris Woodford 7, 24, 25, 27, 34
Iwao Yamashita 1, 17, 22, 27, 32, 33,34
Jean Yamashita 3, 16, 25, 29, 33, 34

They range in age from 34 to 90. Our board consists of:

[Editor’s note: We are a diverse and dedicated group with one common denominator – and that’s number (34).

We thank you, our National W-SC JACL members, for supporting our mission all these years (from 1934 on.)

For our newsletter in full living color, log onto http://watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org, Newsletters, then the month.
I’m not a counselor. Who would want the advice of one who hasn’t accomplished anything? “Do as I say; not as I do?”
I’m not a politician. I wouldn’t vote for me.
I’m not a public servant. Whom can I really help?
I’m not an athlete. I dribble … but never with a basketball. The golf gods laugh at my swing. I love snow skiing more because there’s no score at the end of the day. I hope to continue skiing until the age of 85, which is four more ski seasons.
I’m not a sports fan. I’ve saved hours—no, “centuries”—by not paying attention to overpaid players and their employers. Oh, there’ll be another championship game again next year and the year after that …
I’m not a farmer. My one tomato plant and three string bean plants didn’t qualify me for membership in the Santa Cruz Farm Bureau.
I have no imagination. I haven’t invented anything or thought of anything new.
I’m not inquisitive. I was beloved as a child for I never asked, “Why?”
I’m not an Eagle Scout, but am grateful to Scoutmaster Hardy Tsuda who instilled in us Tenderfoots to “leave the campsite better than you found it.” Now, to leave this country/world better than we found it.
I’m not an investigative reporter. I am grateful to those who discover not what’s right but what’s true.
I’m not religiously inclined. My mentors include Mel Brooks, “I didn’t believe in reincarnation the last time I was here,” or was it Mark Twain, “God created monkeys (chimpanzees?) because He was so disappointed in Man”?
Oh, I do possess a photographic memory. Unfortunately, my brain has no memory disks.
I’m hard-of-hearing even with hearing aids and thus am losing concentration and confidence.
I’m not a taiko drummer. I can’t keep beat.
I’m not a singer. As a courtesy to all, I sing karaoke style while alone in my car.
I’m not a gambler. My marriage to Marcia was never a gamble. With her, I am a winner each and every day of my life.
Who am I? I’m one who … to be continued.

2018 YEAR OF THE DOG

All the fine traits of human nature are in the possession of people born in the Year of the Dog. They have a deep sense of duty and loyalty, are extremely honest and always to their best in their relationships with people.
Dog-year people inspire other people's confidence and know how to keep private secrets absolutely private. Other people hold dog-year people in high regard and consider them fine persons.
They care little for wealth yet always seems to manage to obtain money when they need it.

It will be noted that throughout history it has always been a dog-year person who has been the champion of justice. He does not champion stupid causes. A dog-year person will not rest until the right has been established.

Dog-year people are not noted for small talk. They are known for their loud barks! They make good leaders in industry. They are able to handle people when it is necessary, and trading firms or big business firms would be wise to hire such people for their industriousness and honesty.


**NATIONAL JACL ANNOUNCES ITS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR 2018**

San Francisco, CA - The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) announces its National Scholarship and Awards Program for the 2018 academic year. The JACL annually offers approximately 30 college scholarships for students who are incoming college freshmen, undergraduates and graduates, and those specializing in law and the creative/performing arts. There are also student aid scholarships for those in need of financial assistance in this era of rising tuition costs.

**Attention: Class of 2018 high school seniors** -- College Freshman applications must be submitted directly by the applicant to Dr. Brooke Rains, W-SC JACL Scholarship Chair, P. O. Box 163, Watsonville, CA 95077 with a postmark no later than March 1, 2018.

Our Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL scholarship committee will have one month to evaluate all freshman applications, and we are to forward ONLY the most outstanding ones to the National JACL Freshman Scholarship Committee, c/o JACL NCWNP District, 3566 Barley Court, San Jose, CA 95127, postmarked no later than April 2, 2018.

Applications for the “other” scholarship categories (undergraduate, graduate, law, creative/performing arts, and student aid) are to be sent directly by the applicant to the National JACL Scholarship Committee, c/o Central California District Council, with a postmark no later than April 2, 2018. The mailing address for this committee can be found on the application itself.

All those applying to the National JACL Scholarship Program must be a youth/student member or individual member of the JACL.

For more information on the National JACL Scholarship Program, contact Regional Director Patty Wada at pwada@jacl.org or National JACL Vice President for Planning & Development Matthew Farrells at mfarrells@jacl.org.

**JACL 2018 MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASE**

National’s dues in 2018 have increased (the first since 2007) by $5. W-SC JACL 2018 dues for adult/individual will be $85; couple/family $155, and for youth/student (ages 14 – 25) $30.

Our chapter’s local dues, which is never assessed our youth/student members, are included in the new rates.

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

**$17 SURCHARGE FOR “HARD COPY” OF THE PC**

For a mail-delivered printed copy of the Pacific Citizen, you must pay the charge directly to National JACL, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115.

For a free digital copy, you must provide your email address to National JACL.

**W-SC JACL 2017 BALLOTS**

Thank you for returning the ballots and for your vote of confidence. Re-elected to the board for a three-year term (2018-2020) are Joe Bowes, Mas Hashimoto, Victor Kimura, Gini Matute-Bianchi, and Cindy Hirokawa Mine.

**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. SV JACL is the host chapter.

The guest speaker is John Bailey, a member on the local ACLU board, and music will be provided by high school students. There will be a raffle to benefit the Salinas Assembly Memorial Garden, and donated items are appreciated.

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 Wednesday, January 17, 2018. We will carpool for those needing transportation. Thank you.

**2017 MULTI CULTURAL CELEBRATION**

Marcia Hashimoto

The Watsonville Community participation by the various ethnic, and cultural groups and the family attendance at our 2017 Multi-cultural celebration was the best ever.

The weather on Sunday, December 3rd was sunny and warm as the Watsonville Taiko youth and adult members welcomed all with a performance that was rhythmically precious and emotionally exciting.

Our JACL activity booth attracted crowds of people of all ages. They were fascinated to learn how to write their names in katakana on a bookmarker (which also can be placed onto a Christmas tree), thanks to our knowledgeable helpers Takashi and Kitty Mizuno, Jane Yamaguchi, and Hitomi Hashimoto (of Japan). Our thanks to Shirley Inokuchi, Dr. Janet Nagamine, Dr. Stuart Sakuma for assisting in the stamp decoration of the book markers.
It was wonderful to watch the expressions of joy on the children's faces as they folded origami creations ... thanks to the guidance and artistry of Jean Yamashita, Bob Gomez, and youth members Braelen Addison and Jaime Nagamine Sakuma.

We also appreciate Aimee Mizuno, Debbe Chan, and Mas Hashimoto for graciously sharing information about our holiday display which included Iwao Yamashita's magnificent bonsai, a major attraction.

Our thanks to Franklin, Miguel, Cory and Zach from Teen Challenge. They were most helpful in setting up and taking down our tables and canopies.

Thank you all for being an important part of a great team that made this year's Multi-Cultural Celebration a tremendous success.

This event is a wonderful opportunity to bring our culturally rich and diversified community together in a positive, respectful celebration.

These Multi-Cultural Celebration committee members, who had been meeting for nearly a year, were honored by the City Council of Watsonville on Tues., Dec. 12 for their contributions to the City.

Above photo: Richard Sanchez, Larry Abrams, Marcia Hashimoto, Devorah Harris, Harry and Clarice Wiggins, and Michael Baker. Members absent from the photo: Valerie Rivera, Kimberly Garcia, Brad Blachly, Assistant Director City of Watsonville Parks and Community Services Department, and Leticia Mendoza of the YWCA.

Photos of the event are included in this newsletter.

WATSONVILLE TAIKO AND SHINSEI DAIKO
by Bonnie Chihara

On Sun., Dec. 3rd, our children/youth group opened the festivities of the Multi-Cultural Observance on Watsonville’s Cabrillo College campus steps with a rousing performance.

For entertainment, we had a mini talent show. The Crowbear family (above) sang several Native American songs. Ethan Ward showed us magic tricks; Mr. Shingai treated us to a few trumpet solos; and Skye Horton modeled her fox costume that she designed and sewed.
Grey Bears group performed a taiko and bell piece. It was a festive and fun way to end the year.

We have classes for all ages. Our beginning children’s class is scheduled at 4:30 pm on Fridays and are held at the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL Kizuka Hall, 150 Blackburn Street in Watsonville. Our beginning adult classes are scheduled for 7 pm also at Kizuka Hall. 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:

April 2018    Watsonville Taiko’s Anniversary Show

WATSONVILLE-KAWAKAMI SISTER CITY UPDATE  
by Robb Mayeda

The Watsonville-Kawakami Sister City Association thanks those community members for their support at our flapjack breakfast fundraiser at Applebee’s on Dec. 17th.

Our fourteen students and their families sold 300 tickets! This helps the students fund their airfare.

Another 37 community members walked in and purchased tickets at the door. The walk-in proceeds help the WKSCA fund hosting activities for the students who visit from Kawakami and help offset the price of the chaperone airfare.

The parents served 190 breakfasts while our student travelers greeted our guests.

Thank you again for your support!

2018 PILGRIMAGE TO JEROME-ROHWER  
by Kimiko Marr

The Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL is sponsoring a pilgrimage, April 14-16, 2018, to Arkansas in conjunction with the 5th anniversary of the Jerome-Rohwer Interpretive Museum & Visitor Center in McGehee. We will be visiting the site of the former Jerome and Rohwer “war relocation centers” as well as the Butler Center in Little Rock to view their collection of art and artifacts from Jerome and Rohwer. There will also be a day of speakers, genealogy sessions and discussion groups.

Registration begins Jan 1, 2018. The cost per pilgrim is $150. Deadline to register is February 28th.

For more information and registration forms, please email kimiko.marr@gmail.com.

Report of the Nov. 4th, 2017 NCWNP District Council Meeting  
by Gini Matute-Bianchi, PhD  
Official Delegate W-SC JACL

At the meeting hosted by the Salinas Valley JACL Chapter, I was particularly interested in the discussions about the issues surrounding the lack of progress of Resolution 3, which was approved by JACL National Council in July. Resolution 3, by the Seattle JACL, addressed:

A RESOLUTION OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE RELATING TO THE MARGINALIZATION OF NATIVE AMERICAN PEOPLES REGARDING THE DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE ON STANDING ROCK SIOUX TRIBAL LAND.

After a long and controversial discussion, this resolution was adopted by the National Council with the amendment proposed by W-SC JACL delegate, Victor Kimura, that (1) that at all levels of the JACL will educate themselves on the issues surrounding the DAPL (Dakota Access Pipeline) and to pursue and build coalitions with Native American groups; and (2) that the JACL calls for its Investment Policy Statements (IPS) review and propose the direction of investing in socially responsible funds.

At this Nov. 4th meeting, I asked our NCWNP District Governor Carol Kawase for an update on any progress towards attending to the adopted amendments. Her response indicated that nothing has been done at the national level. Further, she suggested that I refer my inquiry...
The other issue I was keenly interested in at this meeting was a progress report from the Financial Oversight Committee, formed to review the JACL’s budgeting practices and propose solutions to current practices to prohibit the recent financial mismanagement that has led to huge deficits (National JACL is now listed as having a $55,000 deficit) in the JACL’s current financial situation.

The report from the Financial Oversight Committee chairman, Larry Oda, indicated that no progress has been made—that the committee hasn’t even met since the July Convention. Perhaps, the national leadership doesn’t really want a report.

Needless to say, I was very disturbed by the lack of progress on these two issues—particularly the lack of transparency and the apparent disregard for holding the JACL accountable for the lack of progress in attending to the resolutions and reports from July 2017 convention.

I, therefore, sent emails to JACL President Gary Mayeda asking him to report on any progress that has been made at the national level regarding these issues. He wrote a lengthy reply that was essentially an effort in buck passing. My sense is that nothing has happened.

We must insist that the national leadership develop a timeline of activities and deadlines to accomplish the goals of Resolution 3—the DAPL amendments that were approved at the July 2017 convention. In order to avoid delegating oversight and adherence to Resolution 3 proposal, the president must show greater leadership in overseeing the work of the people he has delegated to be actively engaged in resolving these amendments. He can’t just delegate with no expectation that they are serving as responsible stewards of their delegated tasks.

Further, we must take pro-active steps in holding the National JACL accountable for the egregious lack of leadership in providing a timeline and schedule of meetings to accomplish the overview of previous financial missteps in order to avoid the same mistakes, and failure to provide at a minimum a progress for the work of this committee.

The National Board continues to ask the chapters to raise more money (The National JACL is $55,000 in debt and has asked the chapters to participate in a fundraising campaign.) without telling us how the funds are to be spent. It is irresponsible of the national leadership to ask chapters for more money, increase membership dues and charge for hard copy subscription to the PC without any indication how they will budget their increase in revenue, and provide oversight for the disbursement of funds. How can the national leadership be fiscally responsible if they don’t know what led to the financial crisis we are now having to endure? The chapters are not indentured servants. The national leadership is accountable to us.

We must demand transparency and accountability for the National Board to uphold the values of the JACL charter. This is crucial if we are to recruit new young members.

[Editor’s note: we are grateful for this report by Dr. Gini Matute-Bianchi. While the expenditures may have remained the same or have increased (we don’t really know), the general membership in the National JACL has decreased dramatically these past two decades. Thus, revenue sources have decreased. The National JACL must serve and be relevant to its general membership as a model to its affiliated chapters.]

As all of you are fully aware, Northern California was put through quite an unprecedented ordeal this year. Wildfires ruthlessly devastated many wineries, other business, and indeed entire neighborhoods all over the region. I surmise that many in this room have also been affected by this catastrophe, and too many precious pieces of regional history have been lost.

On behalf of the government and people of Japan, I would like to take this opportunity to express our deepest sympathy and condolences once again. At the same time, we pray for the earliest possible recovery for everyone affected by this disaster.

Among those lost in the wildfire was Paradise Ridge Winery in Santa Rosa. Paradise Ridge’s land and vines were first used in a winery which originally opened in 1882 by a Japanese samurai-turned-businessman, Mr. Kanaye
Nagasawa. Known as the “Wine King” of California, he was the very first to introduce California wine to Europe, and Paradise Ridge built a wonderful museum dedicated to him which was unfortunately lost in the recent fires. To honor his pioneering role in fostering Japan-California relations and to express our solidarity with all the affected people in the area working toward recovery, we are serving Paradise Ridge wine today with Mr. Nagasawa’s portrait on the bottle, and we have also set up a special table showcasing his legacy.

Notwithstanding such challenges, the year 2017 has witnessed that Japan-U.S. relations, particularly here in Northern California, have been greatly advanced and further developed, whether it be in the business, academic or cultural fields.

With such continuous and robust economic performance in the Bay Area led by further development of the startup and IT sectors, the number of Japanese-affiliated companies simply keeps going upwards. Today we count approximately 770 Japanese companies in the region. Many more of them are looking to expand their operations in the areas of AI, robotics, regenerative medicine and other life-sciences.

To recall such examples, we immediately think of Rakuten’s sponsorship of the Golden State Warriors, Sapporo’s decision to carry on the flag of Anchor Steam Beer, Softbank’s $10 billion investment in Uber – the will to work together can be found everywhere!

The cultural front has been no less exciting. The Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival in Japantown turned 50 years old this year with resounding success, attracting more than 200,000 people from the Bay Area and beyond. Once again, congratulations to Japantown on their Golden Jubilee!

At the same time, another annual favorite of ours, the J-Pop Summit, will soon be celebrating its first decade. Each year, it continues to prove the genuinely universal appeal Japanese youth culture has on not only this region, but the rest of the world.

And if you turn your eyes to our State Capital, the “Sakuramento” Project made a grand kick-off in October. Eventually, more than two hundred cherry trees will be planted along the Sacramento River, rivaling the up to now unmatched display along the banks of the Potomac in Washington, D.C.

Last but not least, the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo is approaching just around the corner. Japan is now intensifying its effort to host an even more historic set of games than the last time in 1964, which in itself marked a profound turning point in the modern history of our country.

I hope that you will come to Japan on this occasion, whether it is your first visit or your 25th. Thanks to the addition of new sports like surfing and skateboarding, Californians will undoubtedly have a great advantage in gaining medals for the USA!

Also, with regards to traditional sports like judo, I sincerely hope that Mr. Yosh Uchida, the foremost judo master in this country who will be turning 100 in 2020, will be leading the US team once again, just as he did back in 1964!

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Before finishing, I feel compelled to say one thing concerning the current state of the sister-city relationship between Osaka and San Francisco. It was with tremendous sadness that we saw such indispensable and precious relations suspended due to the complication of a certain historical dispute. And this had to happen, of all years, on their 60th anniversary.

It may not be very appropriate to touch upon such a topic at a happy occasion like today, but please allow me to say this much:

I believe that there is only one direction forward through which the whole of humankind is able to grow and develop, and that is to attain ultimate harmony, compassion and reconciliation - someday, somehow on this finite planet.

If not, all of us will simply have to perish. The many tragic pages in the history of the previous century teach us that much. That is precisely why Japan continues to pursue genuine reconciliation with all our neighbors, however difficult or sluggish the process may be.

Indeed, we’d rather achieve reconciliation with all of them just like the one we have realized with the United States.

As you know, hate is the exact antipode of reconciliation. When combined with various forms of half-truths, it can strain relations between local communities, and even paralyze progress on resolving international issues.

I sincerely hope that this great city, a real gem of the West Coast, will continue to be “united against hate” in all its forms, and assist in achieving ultimate reconciliation all over the world.

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But my apologies, I digress. We have to move forward!

Ladies and gentlemen, once again please accept our deepest gratitude for your unwavering support and encouragement over the past year! Let us renew our hope for further maturing of the relationship between California and Japan, and indeed the overall relationship between the United States and Japan, which shall remain as the ultimate cornerstone of peace and prosperity in our rapidly changing world. We have yet to know what the new year will bring us, but let us remember that uncertainty often leads to an infinite number of new possibilities and opportunities ahead!

Thank you very much for your attention!

[Editor’s note: Prior to his greeting and presentation, the Consul General played (solo) both national anthems of the United States and Japan on his coronet to the surprise and delight of all.

A very special ikebana display by Sogetsu Ikebana sensei, Yusui Joan T. Suzuki of Richmond, CA, decorated the Consul General’s residence. We are a favorite with the consulate for our work with the Watsonville-Kawakami Sister City middle school student exchange program, led by Robb and Dorothy Mayeda, and the Santa Cruz-Shingu Sister City’s Japanese Cultural Fair in June, led by Paul and Carol Kaneko.]

The view at sunset of the Golden Gate Bridge from the Consul General’s residence.

CAN YOU IDENTIFY THIS BUILDING?

Can you identify this building, and where it is located? Answer is somewhere in this newsletter.

WESTVIEW CHIMES” by Leslie Nagata-Garcia

The Incarnation Reveals Deep Relationship with God infused in every moment. And invites us to have the same!!

Jesus seems to be continually checking in with God and receiving guidance from God. Several times in Scripture it speaks of Jesus going off to “lonely place” to pray. In addition, Jesus walked in the continual presence of the Holy Spirit.

We are invited to live this way too!

This continual relationship that we can now have, ushered in by Jesus, is best described in John 15:5, 9-11.

First, let me tell you the Greek word used repeatedly here: Meno often translated “remain/abide.” Jesus instructs us to abide/remain in God. Hear the depths of this definition Meno:

V 5 Meno (Greek) meaning--to dwell, lodge, sojourn, Jn. 1:39; Acts 9:43; to remain, Jn. 9:41; to rest, settle, Jn. 1:32.
33; 3:36; to last, endure. Mt. 11:23; Jn. 6:27; 1 Cor. 3:14; to survive, 1 Cor. 15:6; to be existent, 1 Cor. 13:13; to continue unchanged, Rom. 9:11; to be permanent, Jn. 15:16; 2 Cor. 3:11; Heb. 10:34; 13:14; 1 Pet. 1:23; to persevere, be constant, be steadfast, 1 Tim. 2:15; 2 Tim. 3:14; to abide, to be in close and settled union, Jn. 6:56; 14:10; 15:4; to indwell, Jn. 5:38; 1 Jn. 2:14.

This is what Jesus calls us to in John 15!

“...and in me you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain/abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commands, you will remain/abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. 11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

Jesus was intimately connected to God the Father and God the Spirit of the Trinity. Made—to lodge, dwell, sojourn, remain, survive, be existent, continue unchanged, to be in close and settled union in God!!

He modeled DEEP connection, listening to the spirit, going off to a lonely place to pray, and a ministry empowered by connection to the Trinity. — The DEEP bond of a child to their parent!

And call us to the Same!

We also take for granted our relationship With God: We are often too “busy” to spend time nurturing our relationship with God, and our lives don’t reflect the resulting peace, love and wisdom that comes with deep relationship with God—who is the source of all that is good and loving.

What’s the best way to nurture a relationship with God?

Daily prayer, Scripture reading, Church and Bible studies, praying with others, journaling, retreats, practicing God’s presence in each and every moment, worship, singing, Christian meditation

Let’s DO IT! Our lives will be transformed! God promises!!

I appreciate you! You are a wonderful church family.

God bless you in this New Year as you draw closer to God.

Pastor Dan

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 – 8:00 pm, at Westview. Mark your calendars for the following dates:

- January 5th: Youth Gym Nite and serving at the Salvation Army, 4:00 – 7:30 pm, Westview
- January 19th: Youth Gym Nite, 5:30 – 8:00 pm, Westview

We began serving Salvation Army meals again on the first Friday of the month starting in December and going through April. Come enjoy cooking and fellowship on Friday afternoons! Our next Salvation Army meal will take place on January 5, 2018.

Call Marlon or Pastor Dan for details.

Photos above from left to right: Our faithful Salvation Army cooks, Worship Team during Advent, our Christmas carolers with Emily, and our Christmas carolers with Louise. Left photo: Paloma Del Mar bible study Christmas celebration.

Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, 6:45pm at Paloma Del Mar, 2030 Pajaro Lane in Freedom. We are studying Bryan Loritts’ 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!

Please mark your calendar for the following dates in January:

- January 10th
- January 25th

Sunday Message Series: 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!
**Tutoring Club Update:** We continue to serve several students on a one-on-one basis at different times during the week. It is a delight to reach out with love and care for our neighbors. If you would like to participate in any way please contact Mary Lou, Susan Manabe, or Pastor Dan.

**IN REMEMBRANCE …**

**Frances Goon**

Watsonville resident **Frances Goon** passed away at the age of 98 in her home on the morning of December 1, 2017. Born in San Francisco in January of 1919 to William and Young Shee Jang, she was the eldest of eight children. She spent her childhood in San Francisco’s Chinatown, attending Commodore Stockton School, until her family moved to Watsonville and then to Salinas, where she graduated from Salinas High School and attended Hartnell College.

Helping in her father’s store at that time, she learned about the retail business, which would serve her well for the next 50 years.

Frances returned to Watsonville when she married **Harry Chin Goon** in 1941. Together they worked in the retail and apple drying businesses and raised a family. After the death of her husband in 1964, she went to work full time as part owner of G.B. Family Wear and Salinas Department Store.

She retired in the early 1980s, allowing her to devote more time to her interests of cooking Chinese delicacies, gardening, and quilting, often sharing the results of those activities with others. She participated in the quilting group at the United Methodist Church, was active in the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL Senior Center, Salinas Senior Center, and the Watsonville Chinese Community Association until she became visually impaired.

Frances enjoyed spending time with family and friends, whether at parties, get-togethers she hosted, or over a cup of tea. She loved watching her grandson grow up and seeing his accomplishments. She was respected for the wisdom she shared from her life experiences and her practical knowledge. Her children learned from the examples of her integrity and perseverance. Though dealing with the inevitable pains of aging, she maintained her generosity, resiliency, and mental acuity until her passing.

She is survived by her children **Doris Goon, Alan Goon, and Janet Hohl** (David); grandson **Chris Hohl**; sisters **Ruby, Virginia and Helen**; and many nieces and nephews and their families. A private service has been held.

**We send our condolences to the Frances Goon family, relatives and friends.**

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**SENIOR CENTER DECEMBER NEWS**

by Carol Kaneko and Jean Yamashita

The Seniors have been very fortunate to have the talented **Mitsuyo Tao, Jean Akiyama, Helen Nakano, Hisako Kodama** and **Susan AmRhein** as our Table Decoration chairpersons for many years. They have spent lots of time and effort in gathering flowers and arranging the flowers in vases and masterfully creating the beautiful ikebana on the front table for all the Senior birthday celebrations and special occasions. Sadly, they will be stepping down as our Table Decoration chairpersons - the December birthdays were their last decorating event. So now we are looking for people interested in being our Table Decoration chairpersons. Anyone?

Love to write? If so, we also need a volunteer to compose the monthly Senior Center News. If interested, please contact **Carol Kaneko** or **Jean Yamashita**.

The Seniors had a nice time holiday shopping thru the various **Taiko Boutique** items for sale on the back tables at Kizuka Hall on 11/30. Many thanks to the **Taiko** group for the generous donation of 3 lovely gift baskets and assorted potted plants from the Boutique! The Seniors will truly enjoy the unique and beautiful items!

**Jean Yamashita** announced that the WBT **Mochi Tsuki** event was on Sunday, December 10th. A mochi signup sheet was circulated at the Senior Center on 11/30 and emailed to the WBT prior to the 12/1 order deadline.

**Reba Condon** announced that the Monterey Bay Aquarium was offering free admission to the residents of Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz counties on December 2-10 to show appreciation to the local community.

Brrrr … a crisp morning greeted 27 merry guests on a holiday jaunt to San Francisco Japantown and Marukai in Cupertino on Tuesday, December 5. With whoops of joy we were thrilled to see **Don Cox**, our favorite bus driver and long-time friend of the Senior Center (Don has driven many miles with the Senior Center and has loads of tales to tell of past Senior trips). Upon arrival in SF Japantown, we were treated to unusually warm December sunshine and brilliant skies. After a quick photo op, the group dispersed to roam Japantown to find their hidden treasures: Delicious meals, unique Christmas gifts, the NJAHS (National Japanese American Historical Society) Peace Gallery, and/or other holiday wonders. Time flew by, and we were soon back on the bus on our way to Marukai in Cupertino. At Marukai, loads of Japanese edibles were carted back to the bus including some irresistible Beard Papa’s cream puffs. After watching “A Christmas Carol” and a short episode of “Bewitched”, we arrived safely home (thanks to Don!). I think
folks were tired but hopefully happy from our little jolly adventure!

Many thanks for the delicious goodies donated by: Reba Condon, Alice and Jon Drier, Nancy Kuratomi, Hideko Nagamine, Mitsuyo and Kim Tao, Toshi Yamashita, Jean Yamashita, and W-SC JACL.

Also, special thanks to trip helpers Rubie Kawamoto (trip signups/payments), Carol Kaneko (trip treasurer), Toshi Yamashita (goodie assistance), Carol/Paul Kaneko (overall trip support), and Jean Yamashita (trip coordinator). Finally, a big “Thank you!” to all the Seniors and guests for joining us on this holiday trip!

On 12/7/17, the Seniors welcomed back Carol and Paul Kaneko from their vacation in Hawaii. Jean Yamashita thanked all the members who helped out while the Kaneko’s were on vacation.

Phil Shima posted the WBT 110th Anniversary group photo for the Seniors to view – lovely photo!

Paul announced that Rubie Kawamoto had fallen and fractured 3 ribs and punctured a lung. A get-well card was passed around for her. We wish her a speedy recovery!

Seniors received the sad news that long-time member Frances Goon had passed away. Frances had been a Senior member for many years and has been missed since she stopped coming to play bingo with us. We send our condolences to her family.

December birthdays were celebrated on the 14th with birthday honorees Grace Fujita 93 and Kimiko Marr. Absent were Jim Kawamoto 91 and Helen Nakano. Grace and her daughter Donna Fujita treated everyone to mini-cherry cheesecakes in honor of Grace’s 93rd birthday, and Kimiko Marr handed out candy bars in honor of her birthday. Grace and Jim Kawamoto received a package of manju for being over 90. The beautifully arranged flowers at the head table and on the individual tables were created by Jean Akiyama, Hisako Kodama, and Nancy Kuratomi.

On Friday, December 15, our dedicated “packing crew” gathered at Kizuka Hall to pack our Christmas gift bags and to decorate the Christmas tree for our Christmas party. After our hard work, we sat down together and enjoyed hot tea, cookies and pumpkin cake from Toshi Yamashita, and our traditional Christmas cake baked by Carol Kaneko from a recipe handed down many years ago from Louise Sako. Thanks to our packing/tree decorating crew: Jean Akiyama, Nobue Fujii, June and Sunao Honda, Eileen Byers, Toshi Yamashita, Judy Hane, Mitsuyo Tao, Iwao and Jean Yamashita, and Paul and Carol Kaneko. Thank you also to Goro Yamashita for delivering all the goodies from Yamashita Fish Market.

The Senior Center Christmas Party, in which we thank all the community members who generously support us throughout the year, was held on Sunday, December 17. Rev. Dan Hoffman delivered a Christmas message from Westview Presbyterian Church and the Westview Choir, led by Lynn Nagata and joined by all the Seniors, enthusiastically sang Christmas carols for our enjoyment. Marcia Hashimoto gave greetings from the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL Chapter, and Bill Wurtenberg delivered greetings from the Watsonville Buddhist Temple on behalf of Rev. Shinseki, who was unable to attend. Our 90 and over Seniors were called up to cut the beautifully decorated Christmas cake which was donated by Westview Presbyterian Church. We have 28 seniors who are 90 and over and those in attendance were: Tea Hashimoto 97, Hideko Nagamine 96, Chiyeko Shikuma 92, Haruyo Ishibashi 91, Kimiyo Fujii 91, Eiko Nishihara 91, Yaeko Cross 91, Iwao Yamashita 90, and Yoshiko Nishihara 90.

Our Christmas raffle was conducted by Paul Kaneko and his crew: “Santa” Dan Hoffman and Santa’s helpers, Sunao Honda, Leigh Sakaguchi, and Iwao Yamashita. Each member and guest won a Christmas bag filled with various goodies. The last person selected was Judy Hane who was presented with an additional prize for being the “unlucky” last ticket chosen.

Jean Yamashita encouraged everyone to attend the Christmas party on Sunday, December 17, from 2 to 4 pm and enjoy some holiday cheer together! She announced a “Christmas Creation” contest or “Snowman decorating” contest and passed out a page with three circles to be decorated for Christmas. Guests at the Senior Christmas Party will vote for their favorite Christmas Creation. Winners will be announced at the Christmas Party.

Ten enthusiastic Seniors participated in the 2017 “Christmas Creation Contest”. The wonderful entries were so creative, unique, and beautifully done! All our guests enjoyed admiring the works of art and found it difficult voting for their favorite entry.

When voting was completed and votes counted, winners were announced: 1st Place: Carol Kaneko, 2nd Place: Mitsuyo Tao, and 3rd Place: Marcia Hashimoto.

The winners received lovely gift baskets generously donated by Watsonville Taiko.

Many thanks to all our talented senior artists who participated in this year’s contest: Marcia Hashimoto, Teruko Hirahara, Carol Kaneko, Mary Perez, Leigh Sakaguchi, Nancy Shikuma, Kim Tao, Mitsuyo Tao, Toshi Yamashita, Jean Yamashita.

Paul Kaneko then spoke of our appreciation to those in our community who support our Senior Center through their many contributions. He also reflected on the goals and
mission of the Senior Center and the role our W-SC JACL plays. The Christmas cake was then served and enjoyed by all. Thanks to all who attended our Christmas party and enjoyed a little holiday cheer together!

Our last meeting of 2017 on December 21 was a special event honoring all senior center members who volunteer their time to do all the jobs that need to be done to make our Senior Center operate smoothly. Mitsuyo Tao acknowledged our leaders, lwao and Jean Yamashita, Sunao and June Honda, and Paul and Carol Kaneko, for their commitment of time and energy to plan and carry out all the activities that we enjoy. They were presented with monetary gifts from the Senior Center. Paul then gave his year-end message of appreciation to all our volunteers and each came to the front and was presented with a poinsettia plant. He also thanked all the generous donors of Bingo prizes throughout the year. Jean Yamashita made a special thank-you presentation to Jean Akiyama, Hisako Kodama, and Helen Nakano who have decorated Kizuka Hall for many, many years with creative decorations and lovely flower arrangements for the front table and on the individual tables. A slide show of each with examples of their beautiful creations was shown, and Jean presented each with a personalized bag with pictures of their work printed on each bag along with some candy and a gift card. We hope we have shown these three talented ladies how much we have enjoyed their wonderful work over the years. Thank you!

Jean Yamashita and Susan AmRhein passed out special Christmas treats to everyone. Susan gave delicious homemade cookies and Jean had elf boxes filled with candy. For table decorations, Helen Nakano created beautiful holiday lanterns that were setup by Susan AmRhein. Jo Ann Vear was the lucky winner of a snowman bag donated by Patricia Marr.

Carol Kaneko passed out the new January/February schedule of activities. Please see Carol if you did not receive your copy.

After a few rousing games of Bingo, our obento from Imura Restaurant arrived, grace was said by Susan AmRhein, and our obento dinner was enjoyed by all. “Happy New Year” greetings could be heard as our Seniors left for home after a great “last day of 2017 at the Senior Center”.

Thanks to our December tobans: Judy Hane, Jo Ann Vear, Leigh Sakaguchi, and Mary Perez. Sunao Honda was in charge of opening up this month. Thanks to all our members who thoughtfully help out whenever needed.

Financial donations for the month of December gratefully received from: Namiko Johnson, Sumi Yamada, Donna Fujita, Grace Fujita, Kimiko Marr, Tea Hashimoto, Riiko Yoshida, Itsuko Okamato, Jim Kawamoto, Terry Hirahara, Yamashita Fish Market, Sunao and June Honda, and Paul and Carol Kaneko. Donations were also gratefully received from: Eiko Nishihara and Yoshiko Nishihara in memory of their brother Thomas Hirahara; Toshi Yamashita, Chiyoko Yagi, and Frances Goon Family in memory of Frances Goon; Mitzi Katsuyama in memory of Fred Oda and Miye Yamashita; Nancy Iwami in memory of Fred Oda and Miye Yamashita; and Diane Mio, Chiyoko Yagi, and Miye Yamashita Family in memory of Miye Yamashita. 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:

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Stay warm these 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 the New Year 2018! Thursday January 4th is the first day back.

January 2018 Schedule:
Thursday, Jan 4  First day back for Senior Center!
          Regular Bingo
Thurs Jan 11  New Year’s Celebration,
          Miyuki Buffet at 4 pm
Thurs Jan 18  January Birthday Party
Thurs Jan 25  Regular Bingo
Sat Jan 27    JACL Quad-Chapter Installation
          Luncheon, Seaside, 11:30 to 3:30

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.

WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE NEWS

To retiring office secretary Jackie Yamashita for her 29 years of dedicated service to the Temple, we extend our heartfelt gratitude and best wishes.

Message from Barbara Shingai, Temple President

It is hard to believe that the 2017 calendar year is almost over and that New 2018 Year is just around the corner. I want to extend my personal thanks to the entire congregation for your support to me as Temple President. I am pleased we have a new resident minister, Rev. Shinseki, who brings energy, enthusiasm and excitement to guide our Sangha. I have agreed to continue my term as President for an additional year. 2018 will be a year of change . . . the Temple office will be going through changes, as we continue to look for a new administrative assistant. In January, it is anticipated that the office coverage will likely be 3 days, instead of 5 days (Tues, Wed, and Thurs) and hours approx. 9:30 am to 12:00 Noon. The ICHIMI newsletter will have a new look next year. Rev. Shinseki will be moving his office to the front of the temple to be more accessible. Your patience and understanding will be appreciated as we work through these changes. Happy New Year!

This year 2018 (or 2,581 from the time of the birth of the Buddha) is the year of the dog, people born in 1934, 1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006 and 2018 are considered dog people. Some characteristics of the dog are: Sincere, reliable, considerate, understanding, patient, intelligent, hardworking, brave and responsible.

It was believed that as the Buddha lay dying; all the animals were summoned before him. Of all the animals twelve in number showed up to say their farewells to the Buddha. In honor of the twelve the Buddha designated a year after each. It was therefore thought that the person born in that year is strongly influenced by that animal.

The 12 animals that showed up in front of Lord Buddha included the rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, sheep, monkey, rooster, dog, and pig successively. The story is that the cat spoke with his friend the rat. They agreed that whichever one of them awoke in the morning first would be responsible for waking the other so they could go to Lord Buddha together. Unfortunately, the rat did not wake his friend the cat. And for this reason, the cat is missing from the twelve who visited the Buddha.

Many of us enjoy hearing and talking about the different characteristics of the 12 animals. However, the positive characteristics attributed to each animal can be achieved by each of us and the negative characteristics can be avoided. We can be the very best we can in 2018 no matter what our sign is. We each have the hearts and minds to be understanding, patient, intelligent and responsible even if our sign is not the year of the dog.

Together let us all make every effort to practice patience, compassion understanding and spread kindness and peace wherever we are.

Also, in the month of January we also celebrate on of our most important observances as Jodoshinshu Buddhists. Goshoki Hoonko literally means a gathering to express our indebtedness at a memorial to Shinran Shonin the founder of Jodoshinshu Buddhism. According to the western calendar Shinran was born on May 21st 1173 and died on January 1, 1262. What makes Shinran remarkable as a Buddhist is his achievement in setting forth, with a thoroughness and coherence, that is quite remarkable, a path to enlightenment accessible to all people. A teaching still relevant and applicable to our everyday lives.

This year we will observe the Hoonko service together with Monterey and Salinas at our temple on January 28, 2018. The observance will begin on Saturday, January 27th with a special lecture by our guest speaker Rev. Nariaki Hayashi of the Ekoji Buddhist Temple in Fairfax, Virginia. The special lecture/presentation will begin at 2:00 pm. The Hoonko observance will continue on Sunday, January 28th at 10:00 am with a special service and luncheon to follow. I encourage everyone to join us for this very special gathering.

Namoamidabutsu,
Rev. Jay Shinseki

Rev. Shinseki will have a Buddhist Study Class “Buddhism Around the World” – an investigation into the different schools of Buddhism and their practices -- at 7 pm from Mon., Jan. 8th for six weeks. Cost is $50, and there will be a discount for Temple Sangha members. Email: watsonvillebukkyokai@gmail.com for a registration form.

Thank you to all who cleaned the altar – Omigaki – on Sun., Dec. 17th, a tradition for the coming New Year.

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Calendar for January 2018:

1 Mon 11 am  Shusho E Service (New Year)
7 Sun 10 am  Installation Service & Potluck
8 Mon 7 pm  Buddhist Study Class
9 Tues 7:30 pm  Temple Board Meeting
11 Thurs 10 am  ABA Meeting
14 Sun 10 am  Sunday Service
15 Mon 7 pm  Buddhist Study Class
17 Wed 7 pm  CD Council Meeting in Watsonville
21 Sun 10 am  Shotsuki Hoyo & ABA Memorial Service with Luncheon
22 Mon 7 pm  Buddhist Study Class
27 Sat 2-4 pm  Tri-Temple Lecture with Rev. Hayashi in Watsonville
28 Sun 10 am  Tri-Temple Ho On Ko Service with Rev. Hayashi in Watsonville
29 Mon 7 pm  Buddhist Study Class

Saturday, February 3, 4-7 pm  Temple's Udon Feed

Shotsuki Hoyo Service
10 am Sunday, January 21, 2018

The families of the following deceased are invited to attend the Jan. 21st service and to Oshoko (offer incense). We look forward to seeing you at the service.

January Memorial List

Akiyama, Asa  Dooka, Michiko
Fujii, Sadayuki  Fujita, Ichijiro
Fujita, Yeiko  Fukuba, Midori
Hamada, Suyeko  Hamai, Tsui
Hamai, Yoneichi  Hiraga, Sammy
Hirahara, Manabu  Hirano, Shig
Hirano, Yasube  Idemoto, Fujiye
Ikeda, Yutaka  Itamura, Sadao
Iwamuro, Asako  Izumizaki, Kitako
Izumizaki, Kintsuchi  Kajihara, Teruko Jeanne
Kajisa, Masashi  Kamimoto, Haruno
Kimura, Mary Yukiko  Kimura, Sayoko
Kinoshiita, Yukiko  Koike, Rokuizo
Kokka, Satoru  Kowaki, Toraichi
Kunishige, Takajiro  Kurimoto, Peggy Shizuko
Kuroiwa, Harumi Kay  Matsui, Tommy Toshiyuki
Maemura, Kozo  Manabe, Bob
Manabe, Haruo  Manabe, Shuyo
Marui, Harumi  Misumi, Shinichi
Morimoto, Umazo  Morimune, Helen
Morishima, Sei  Morita, Tsui
Nagamine, Daisy Iku  Nagamine, Mrs. Otomatsu
Nakahara, Chiyuki  Nakase, Eijiro
Nakatani, George M  Nishihara, Kohide
Nishihara, Yamato  Nishita, Gladys
Nishita, Frank  Nishita, Sayoko
Nitao, Tsune  Noda, Masaru (Bzz)
Sakae, Yoko  Sakai, Bunichi
Sakimoto, Takeichi  Sasaki, Shizuma

Shinta, Beulah  Sukekane, Hayato
Sukekane, Masanosuke  Sukekane, Masao
Sumida, Fukuichi  Takamune, Roy
Tanimura, Lillian Teruo  Tao, Tomoe
Tsuchiyama, Takashi (Butch)  Tsuda, Hardy
Tsutsui, Henry  Uchimaru, Toyoki Shizan
Ura, Sumi  Uyeda, Kaname
Uyematsu, Suyeko Ito  Wada, Shigeo
Wada, Tatsu  Wada, Barbara Sanoe
Yagi, Harry  Yagi, Kirino
Yamada, Takimi  Yamamoto, Jennie
Yamamoto, Kichigor  Yamashita, Ichisaburo
Yamauchi, Leland Teru  Yokoi, Hideo

Yoshida, Wataru
Rev. Shinseki would like to encourage interest in a new Dharma Youth Program. One dedicated service per month will be held, focusing on this Youth program, starting on Sun., Jan. 7th.

Nancy Kuratomi and Alice Tanimoto will be chairing the Temple Udon Feed on Sat., Feb. 3.

The proposed 2018 Budget: Ken Tanimoto recommended that monies be set aside for Buddhist Education in order to develop our educational programs, like the Dharma Youth Program. $5,000 would be a good start for “Outreach” purposes in the 2018 budget. The Temple van could be sold and the auto insurance would be deleted from the insurance policy.

Apartment Update:  #6, #8 & #9 are now vacant.

ABA will replace the hondo front doors. Richard Uyematsu made temporary repairs to the doors.

Movie Nite: “Like Father, Like Son” will be in Watsonville on Fri., Mar. 2nd. There will be two showings: a matinee at 3 pm and evening showing at 7 pm.

Community Service Project: Donated used jackets and coats were donated to a local shelter. All donations were greatly appreciated.

The minister’s office will move the front office and the administrative assistant office will be moved to the current room referred to as the library. The contents of the library will be moved and the Treasurer office will move to the (now) minister’s office beside the hondo.

2018 Board members: While 7 members have termed out, 4 have agreed to come back on the board for the 3-year term- Tracey Haneta, Phyllis Nagamine, Itaru Nitao & Perry Yoshida. We will have two new board members, Dennis Hamada and Dr. Stuart Sakuma.

The 2018 cabinet will be: Barbara Shingai will remain as President with Perry Yoshida as President-Elect. Susan

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Ikegami will be the Corporate Secretary, and Norman Uyeda will continue as Treasurer.

The New Year’s Potluck will be Sun., January 7, 2018. The Installation Service will be at 10 am before the potluck. There will be Second Harvest food barrels to donate food so please bring a can(s) of food.


The Boy Scouts charter fee is due for 2018 (cost approx. $500-$600). The Temple will give the Scouts $500 towards their 2018 charter fee.

Kokoro No Gakko - Colin Hirahara and Jackson Miller will be going on the Kamakawi Sister City Japan trip in May. Photos #9 and #10 of Temple’s mochi tsuki, courtesy of Jean Yamashita.

2018 Community Directory Pamphlet

The 2018 Community Directory deadline for businesses and professional services is extended to Dec. 30, 2017. The Community Directory is to be published and widely distributed in February 2018. We are grateful to the many faithful who each year donate and participate in our fundraising project.

Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL Senior Center
Watsonville Taiko—Ikuyo Conant
Kadotani Auto Repair—David Kadotani
Watsonville Buddhist Temple—Barbara Shingai, Pres.
Aspen Ten (shoji panels)—Henry Nakata
Baker Bros (appliances)
Coastal Eye Associates—Dr. Conrad Hamako
Espresso Metro (coffee shop)—Nikolas Chan
“Liberty Lost … Lessons in Loyalty”—Mas H.
Green Valley Cinemas—Henry Garcia
Dr. Arthur Hayashi, DDS
Mehl’s Colonial Chapel—Claudia Mehl
Family Optometry—Dr. Stuart Sakuma
Scurich Insurance Services—Tony and Mark Scurich
Dr. David South, MD
Toriumi Auto Repair—David and Kathy Toriumi
West Lake Fresh—Louis Ivanovich
Watsonville Berry Co-op—Tom Simmons
Polaris Tours—Lance Imamura
Julian Grantz, CPA
Drs. Reed Kuratomi and Jaime Kuratomi, DDS
Drs. Gerald Kondo and Brooke Kondo Rains, DDS
Sambrailo Packing—Mark Sambrailo
Alan Uyematsu, CPA
Minami Tamaki LLP—Dale Minami, Don Tamaki
Wesley House—Janet & Jimmy Leon
Westview Presbyterian Church—Rev. Dan Hoffman
A Accurate Overhead Door—Frank Negro III
Ida Akimoto, Beauty Unlimited
The Crow’s Nest—Chuck Maier
Shadowbrook—Ted Burke
Yamashita Market—Goro Yamashita
Central Electric Co.—Tony Kulich
KBK Insurance Agency—John Kane III
Monterey Bay Properties/Thunderbird Real Estate—Steve Sugidono
Kaito Restaurant/Sushi Market Sprouts
Koji and Junko Goto

We are grateful to the many faithful who each year

Welcoming new members...

We are grateful to our newest members:

Jim and Yoshiko Matsushita Arao of Seaside
Lilyann Mito (Y) of Los Angeles
Laura Nakashima & Steve Broccoli of San Jose
Evan and Benjamin Broccoli (family)
Augustus Bracher (Y) of Santa Cruz

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 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 1/18 means your membership expired in January of 2018! 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 January 2018 newsletter. Comments are always welcome at hashi79@sbcglobal.net.

[Answer to the photo on page 8: Trump International Hotel in Washington, D. C. It was the Old Post Office.]

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

Onward!
Mas Hashimoto, Editor

To enjoy the benefits of the coming new year, one must repay all the debts and obligations of the past year. Happy New Year!
The new city banner; Watsonville Taiko’s youth group opened the festivities; Mexican folkloric children’s dance group; Aimee Mizuno explains the New Year’s, Girl’s Day, and Boy’s Day displays; Iwao Yamashita’s bonsai and Boy’s Day samurai doll with Debbe Chan and Dr. Janet Nagamine; Bob Gomez, Dr. Janet Nagamine with daughter Jaime and Jean Yamashita taught children how to fold origami characters; Watsonville has many immigrants from El Salvador; Page 2: Children learned to write their names in katakana and decorated their name bookmarks with the help of Shirley Inokuchi; Native American White Hawk dancers; United Presbyterian booth; Slavic American booth; Larry Abrams shares his Jewish heritage; City of Watsonville’s Senior Center dancers; Santa Claus posed with children; and the Holiday Tree was illuminated after sunset to the delight of all.
W-SC JACL SENIOR CENTER’S DECEMBER 2017 PHOTOS

(1) The San Francisco Japantown trip; (2) Dec birthday Kimiko Marr and Grace Fujita 93; (3) Grace and daughter Donna with cherry cheesecakes; (4) Seniors over 90—Iwao Yamashita 90, Kimiyo Fujii 91, Chiyeko Shikuma 92, Hide Nagamine 96, Haruyo Ishibashi 91, Eiko Nishihara 91, Yaeko Cross 91, Tea Hashimoto 97, Yoshiko Nishihara 90; (5) Packing crew: Toshi Yamashita, Jean Yamashita, Paul Kaneko, Sunao and June Honda, Iwao Yamashita, Eileen Byers, Nobue Fujii, Mitsuyo Tao and Jean Akiyama; (6) Westview Praise Team; (7) Santas: Rev. Dan, Paul Kaneko, Sunao Honda, Leigh Sakaguchi, Iwao Yamashita; (8) Toban volunteers; and (9) Special thanks to Helen Nakano, Jean Akiyama, and Hisako Kodama. Photos and captions by Carol Kaneko.
We had a good turnout of helpers this year to pound the sweet rice into mochi; a friend, Walter Mayeda, Norman Uyeda, Colin Hirahara, and Miles Anderson are “poking” the cooked rice; Miles Anderson, Richard Uyematsu, Dennis Hamada, and Brian Yamaoka are the team’s “pounders”; No, Richard Uyematsu is not about to get his head pounded; Kirk Muldoon shaves the mallet to prevent chipping; Shirley Inokuchi, JoAnn Kato, and Barbara Shingai and xxx, Tad Kato, Ryoko Kozuki, Judy Nagamine, Aiko Nitao, and Jean Yamashita are shaping the mochi; Itaru Nitao, Iwao Yamashita, and Sadao Matsunami are cooling the mochi; Yoko Umeda, Nobuko Akiyama, Sumiko Matsunami, June Honda, Irene (Fujii) Potter, Janice Tao, Nobue Fujii, Susan Uyematsu, Jean Akiyama, Toshi Yamashita, and Tee Yamamoto weighed and boxed the mochi (photos 8 and 9 by Jean Yamashita); Barbara Shingai, Ida Akimoto, and Toshi Yamashita of the “sales department.”
$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:

- **Individual Member** $85 This includes National dues, local chapter dues, and our monthly JACL newsletter.
- **Family/Couples** $155 This includes two National dues, local dues, and our monthly JACL newsletter, and all children under age 14 to be included.
- **Youth/Student** $30 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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Name: ________________________________
(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Name)

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

Address: ____________________________________

Home phone: (_____) __________ E-mail: ________________________________

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

Name: ________________________________ Age: ______________

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Please send your check payable to Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL and mail ASAP to:

Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL
c/o Jeanette Otsuji Hager, Membership Chair, P. O. Box 163, Watsonville, CA 95077

Thank you so much for your support.

Check out our websites: [http://watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org](http://watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org) and [jacl.org](http://jacl.org).