CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations are in order to the following:

1--CITY OF WATSONVILLE’S 150TH BIRTHDAY!

On March 30, 1868, the City of Watsonville was incorporated. A festive celebration was held at the City Plaza on Friday, March 30, 2018. The rain kindly held off.

Instead of the usual birthday cake, the City provided cupcakes which formed “150,” and we all got to partake in the celebration.

Watsonville’s own Watsonville Band played enjoyable tunes for us.

The famous Mariachi California de Javier Vargas entertained and reminded us of our great Mexican heritage.

Lowell Hurst, our mayor, welcomed the hundreds in attendance and spoke briefly of the history of Watsonville.

Watsonville’s YWCA had a booth of games and art drawings for the children. It was led by its Executive Director, Leticia Mendoza (right), a W-SC JACLer.
...The city is named after John Howard Watson (1814-1882).
...Little is known of his early years. He may have been born in Pennsylvania; dropped out of West Point Military Academy; lived in the South (Georgia?) in the 1840s; possibly had a slave; moved to Texas where he may have been involved in a murder; hightailed out of Texas and came to Watsonville in 1849 (before California became a state 1850 and the Civil War—1861-1865); and laid out the lower and southern portion of Watsonville (Nihonmachi and Chinatown will later be in this area). In a letter, someone referred to "Watson's town," thus, Watsonville.

He was tall and was considered as a "ladies' man." He tried to claim land belonged to him, that he arranged a real estate sale with the Sebastian Rodriguez family, but the court ruled otherwise. He was considered a scoundrel and a con-man.

Watson was late in getting to the gold and silver strike of Nevada, 1859. One story is that he tried to swindle a miner in a land claim. He died a pauper in Elko, Nevada where he is buried. His stay in Watsonville lasted only a decade.

What isn't mentioned in the history of Watsonville are the infamous whore houses located on Union Street in Nihonmachi. No, the "painted ladies" were not Asians. Watsonville was famous as a "sin city" and "off limits" to all military personnel during World War II. Even after WW II, Watsonville continued with its reputation. Bob Hope and Bing Crosby, who had their radio programs broadcast from Fort Ord during the Crosby Clambake (now, the AT&T golf tournament), joked about Watsonville's whore houses. It always got a rousing laughter from the soldiers.

This editor lived a block away from the whore houses. Soldiers and sailors who were "lost", would knock on our door on Union Street, thinking our house was a whorehouse. I, as a middle school student, would direct them to the correct houses.

The ladies would march in front of our home and walk to Dr. Sambuck's office each week for their medical checkups and walk back. The route included walking across the street from the Watsonville Police Station at 231 Union Street.

Once, I saw my high school science teacher, who had a summer job with a laundry, deliver sheets and pillow covers to the infamous houses.

Ah, those were fun days ....

Our intoxicating city was sitting mighty pretty, Buoyed by retailers and restaurants galore. We wined and dined and shopped 'till we dropped, In specialty shops and a department store.

There remains a theater with an ornate interior, Brilliantly gilded in red velvet and gold. "Over The Rainbow" from The Wizard of Oz, Still plays on the heartstrings, a thousand fold.

The Thursday night lights were a total delight For kids in their hot rods and used cars. Up and down Main, life in the fast lane Was the name of the game ~hardy har-har!

Today it's extinct, but we had a roller rink, And a colorful street that was somewhat suggestive. The bustling bowling alley was a hot melting pot That rallied Downtown, and kept it festive.

Sadly, due to a changing of the guard, Came the end of the line for the good old times, As store after store permanently closed its doors, So did the soda fountain in the Five and Dime.

The song and dance may have ended, But we will forever remember the sights and sounds Of the snazziest Main Street that never missed a beat, In a city that once had the happiest Downtown.

Janice Tao

[Editor's note: Janice Ikeda Tao, a Watsonville native, has been a witness to the changes taking place in Watsonville over the years. We are grateful for this remembrance.]
Over the years, the three of us—the Cougar, Marcia and I—had great fun. We built homecoming floats with the students, took kids to Cabrillo Lanes for our Alley Catz bowling league, and chaperoned many proms.

"Oh yeah, I remember giving "jump starts" to kids whose car batteries went dead after the proms," said the Cougar. "After the prom was over, we'd drive around the parking lot looking for kids who needed a ride or 'jump starts.' At the Hilton in Monterey, I remember jump starting three of 'em. Those cars were happy."

"Well, what about the couples? Weren't they happy, too?" I asked.

"You should know. You talked to them. I only talk to you and other cars."

"You talk to cars? How do you do that?"

"You think the car radio is only for radio stations. Naw, we cars talk all the time ... especially in the parking lots while you're out shopping."

"Do you talk to foreign made cars, too?"

"Of course! Japanese cars are polite. Some are made in our South. So, they have a southern accent."

"A southern accent?"

"Yeah, their Japanese has a southern accent."

"You're kidding."

"Yeah."

"Would you share your birthday wish with us?"

"My wish? OK. Always pay attention and do take life seriously—not just drivers but everyone. My V-8 286 cubic inch engine has over 210,000 miles. I'm past middle age now, but I'm wishing for 210,000 more miles."

"Marcia and I love you, Cougar."

"Yeah, I know. Thanks!"

Many former students want to know if I still have the Cougar. Yes, of course. He's family.

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**3--WATSONVILLE TAIKO AND SHINSEI DAIKO**

By Bonnie Chihara

On April 7th and 8th, Watsonville Taiko celebrated its 27th anniversary with a performance called Primordial Winds at Crocker Theater, Cabrillo College in Aptos. We had 58 participants including 33 children.

Members from Watsonville Taiko's community performing group, advanced group, Grey Bears Class, Studio Class, Shinsei Daiko and Watsonville Taiko's junior team all participated as well as members from Monterey's Shinsho Mugen Daiko, San Jose's Hinoki Taiko, Morgan Hill's Sandoshin Daiko and Niseishin Daiko all took part.

**Sensei Ikuyo Conant** is the artistic director for all of Watsonville Taiko and Shinsho Mugen Daiko classes. She is the resident teacher for Sandoshin Daiko, Niseishin Daiko and Hinoki Taiko. It is under her guidance and vision that we were able to put on this performance showcasing months of practice and years of study.

With the support of the community, we played to nearly sold out crowds on both days. We were pleased to hear many positive comments about our performance. We are lucky to be supported by so many volunteers who performed endless tasks such as ushering, product sales, costume ironing and organizing, equipment hauling, organization and repairs, stage spiking.

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Playing Fuso eno Koshin are: foreground--Aidan Gilbert, to the right Matthew Mathers. Photo by Steve Hill.

Our youth performers definitely stole the show with their enthusiasm and strong drumming skills. Our youngest member three-year-old Welo Crowbear played the part of the cherry blossom child gathering flowers and taking part in a ritual between the dance and drumming.
Backstage, parents Takako Gilbert, Chihiro Mathers and Connie Grimsich took charge of the young members helping them into their costumes and making sure they got to their places to make their entrances on time.

Playing Moonlight Party while wearing playful hats. L-R Becky Shingai, Sharon Caredio and Kristen Yamamoto. Photo by Steve Hill.

Email: steved_hill@yahoo.com. Phone: (831) 818-2431.

Performing Genji Chitose (above) and Kodomobayashi. These photos are by Phil Shima.

We would like to thank everyone who came to our performances and everyone who helped with putting on this wonderful show. Thank you so much!

We have classes for all ages. Our beginning children’s class is scheduled at 4:30 pm on Fridays and are held at the W-SC 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@watsonvilletaiiko.org.

Our upcoming schedule:

- April 28th: Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival, Memorial Park Cupertino
- April 29th: Big Sur International Marathon, Big Sur
- May 19th: Jacob’s Heart Camp Heart and Hands, Felton

June 3rd: Watsonville Open Street
June 9th: Japanese Cultural Fair, Mission Plaza Park, Santa Cruz
June 23rd: JACL Community Picnic, Aptos Village Park
July 1st: Private Party, Aptos

KOKORO NO GAKKO by Irene Fujii

It’s that time of the year again!! Please join us for the annual summer session of Kokoro no Gakko.

Registration is currently open to Kindergartners (who have completed kindergarten by June 2018) through 6th graders. The two-week session is between June 25 through July 6th, Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple. There is no school on the 4th of July.

The cost is $275.00 per child. Please visit our website for more information on how to register: http://www.kokoronogakko.org/.

We are grateful to the following teachers, Debbie Chan Hoshiyama, Marcia Hashimoto, Aimee Mizuno, Kathryn Mizuno, Michelle Momii, and Eiko Stewart.

Among our resource specialists are Robbi Dallimonti (ceramics); Carolyn Fitz (sumi-e); Ikuyo Conant (taiko); Mas Hashimoto (incarceration speaker); Iwao Yamashita and Michael Alciati (bonsai); Mitsuyo Tao (ikebana); and Bob and Denise Gomez (program/performance directors).

Westview and the BWA members help with sushi, mochi and other Japanese cultural activities.

If you have any questions regarding registration, please do not hesitate to contact Zooey Io or Irene Potter at kokoronogakkowatsonville@gmail.com. Thank you.

ATTENTION, JACL YOUTH MEMBERS!

Our Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL Local Scholarships:

- Applicants will apply for scholarships by submitting generic application information that could apply to and satisfy all of the four scholarships:
  - Rekiso “Ray” and Hisako “Louise” Sako Scholarships
  - Kee Kitayama Memorial Scholarship
  - Frank Mito Scholarship

For detailed information and instructions, check our website. Applications are available for downloading: www.watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org/scholarships/.
Note: our deadline is **Tuesday, May 15, 2018.**

Send your completed forms to Dr. Brooke Rains, our Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL Chapter Scholarship Chairperson, on or before Wednesday, May 15, 2018. They should be mailed to:

**Dr. Brooke Rains**, Chairperson  
JACL Scholarship Committee  
P. O. Box 163  
Watsonville, CA. 95077

The presentation of the scholarships will take place on **Saturday, June 23, 2018** during the JACL Annual Community Picnic at Aptos Village Park. Thank you.

**YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS APPRECIATED**

The Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL is the fourth largest chapter of 100 in the National JACL. Assessing our $20 local chapter dues and adding it to the National’s $65 accounts for the change at $85 for individuals, $155 for couples/families (children 13 and under), and $30 for Student/Youth members (14 to 25).

We are grateful that none of our chapter members dropped their membership because of the $5 dues increase by National! Our members realize that our National organization continues to fight for the civil rights and social justice for all Americans and all who reside here.

Unlike the vast majority of chapters, we have a hall to maintain and must insure the safety and comfort for those who use the hall. We work diligently to meet all safety codes. Thanks to thoughtful and generous donations from members and friends, we are trying to cover our expenses.

The Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL Tokushige Kizuka Hall is the cornerstone for:

1. the weekly Senior Center activities for our elders;
2. **Watsonville Taiko’s Dojo**;
3. Watsonville Bonsai’s workshop sessions;
4. storage and meeting site for **Kokoro no Gakko**;
5. showcase of our 100th/442nd/MIS and other Nisei veterans;
6. the photocopier for our monthly newsletter and more!

**THE W-SC JACL KIZUKA HALL UPKEEP**

Recently, we’ve had to address major repair and maintenance problems of the hall. We are grateful to our board members who go above and beyond the call of duty to provide a clean and safe hall for our Senior Center members.

The work crew includes Joe Bowes, Gary and Cindy Mine, Victor Kimura, Norris Woodford, Paul Kaneko, and Mas Hashimoto.

Termites have returned to the hall so the nontoxic exterminator was called. We must not subject our Seniors, *taiko* adults and children, *bonsai*, *Gakko*, and other JACL members who use the hall regularly to harmful and deadly pesticides. Many already have health problems; therefore, we need to exercise care and concern.

**Above, out with the old water heater (left) and in with the new.**

On the same day of the termite inspection, Joe had the old water heater replaced with a new heater that at the turn of the faucet will provide instant hot water! 

**Photo below:** all the pipes under the kitchen sink had to be replaced!

We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated and highly skilled maintenance crew. They check the fire extinguishers, doors (exits), ceiling fans, lighting indoors and outside, dispose the garbage and trash, care for the security alarms, and a host of other duties. Yes, we have a hall but more important a great crew.
POUSTH PILGRIMAGE: UPHOLDING OUR LEGACY, GENERATION BY GENERATION

by Roberta Baron, Central Cal District Governor

Old friendships were rekindled, and new friendships forged in the Arizona desert that once represented the worst constitutional violation of civil liberties in our country’s history. Hundreds gathered in Parker, Arizona on April 7 at the Poston Pilgrimage: Upholding Our Legacy, Generation by Generation for a day of reflection and remembrance. The pilgrimage was hosted and organized by the Poston Community Alliance and drew hundreds of pilgrims, including former detainees and their descendant family members as well as others interested in learning about the World War II incarceration.

The Poston Community Alliance is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to preserve the stories, artifacts and historic structures of the Poston confinement site which is one of only two sites occupying Native American land. Alliance board members (all volunteers) are former Poston detainees, descendants of detainees and friends of detainees. Some Poston reunions had been organized in previous years, but with fewer and fewer surviving detainees to attend reunions, the Alliance wanted to create a pilgrimage that could become the springboard for a broader purpose of carrying on the Poston legacy in perpetuity.

Pilgrims boarded buses bright and early from the Blue Water Resort and Casino to begin the day of activities with a ceremony at the Poston Memorial Monument. The ceremony formally dedicated special memorial bricks recently installed around the monument perimeter. Marlene Shigekawa, Poston Community Alliance Director who was born in camp, and Johnny Hill and Chairman Dennis Patch of the Colorado River Indian Tribe (CRIT) shared with the large crowd a bit of history demonstrating the partnership and support between the Japanese American detainee community and the CRIT.

After viewing the memorial bricks, it was time to explore the original Poston Elementary School Site I National Historic Landmark across the road. Pilgrims re-boarded their air-conditioned buses for the short ride. Several original classroom buildings remain on the site. Detainees were seen being interviewed by a local television station with the buildings as a stark backdrop to the injustice perpetrated by the U.S. government. Descendants of those imprisoned roamed the grounds taking photos of the place that represent a somber chapter in their family histories. An assessment and stabilization of the site was conducted in 2014-2015 with grants from the U.S. National Parks Service, Japanese American Confinement Sites (JACS) program and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Grants from those two entities also funded relocation of an original barrack from the nearby town of Parker in 2010. The barrack relocation was a major milestone towards the Alliance’s master plan which also seeks to renovate the former library building into a visitor center. Progress towards the library project began with a grant of $77,701 from the JACS program, but matching funds of $38,851 are currently required. Go to https://www.gofundme.com/restoration-of-poston-library to make a donation.

Photo: Pilgrims were also greeted by Miss Indian Arizona and tribal royalty beautifully represented in traditional Native American dress.

Photo left: Then it was time to cut the official ribbon. Jim Namba, one of the original monument construction crew volunteers, traveled from Sacramento to lead the ribbon cutting.

Photo below: As the ceremonial ribbon floated to the ground, excited pilgrims streamed around the monument eagerly searching for bricks in memory of their loved ones.
Nisei veterans were well-represented by James M. Tajiri (Block 322-9-B), the only WW II Nisei veteran in attendance, and his daughter, Kathleen, who also served in the U.S. military. James’ older brother, Shinkichi George Tajiri, earned a Purple Heart during WW II, and later became a well-known sculptor.

Pilgrims safely left Site I (no snake bites!) to head down the road for a screening of the new documentary film, For the Sake of the Children, at La Pera Elementary School, which formerly served as the site of Poston Camp II. Above photo: A La Pera student helped the elderly to the site.

In fact, the original gymnasium building still sits on the grounds behind wire fencing although it is not currently in use. After picking up box lunches, pilgrims were greeted by the school principal, Brian Wedemeyer, who made sure to give a “shout out” to Fresno pilgrims, especially Saburo and Marion Masada and Robert Shintaku from Fresno who the previous day had shared their incarceration experience with the La Pera students. Wedemeyer previously worked as reporter for The Fresno Bee. The film began while everyone enjoyed their lunches. The audience was drawn into the emotion and trauma evoked by the film and gave it rave reviews. The film explores the stories of mothers who raised their children while imprisoned, and the impacts of that experience on the detainees, their now-adult children, and subsequent generations. Grants from JACS, the National Endowment for the Arts, Terasaki Foundation and California Civil Liberties Education Program funded the film’s production in addition to matching funds through public donations.

The pilgrimage concluded in the evening with a Hawaiian-themed buffet banquet. Pilgrims enjoyed some visiting time prior to the banquet to mix and mingle (or try their luck at the slot machines!). Exhibitors and vendors lined the banquet room perimeter to share photos, books, artwork and artifacts. A highlight of the evening program was a multimedia presentation of Poston photos created by Marlene Shigekawa, producer of “For the Sake of the Children,” and narrated by former detainees and descendants, including some who starred in the film. Shigekawa and the film’s director, Joe Fox, fielded questions from the audience afterwards. The program also included a welcome by Ron Moore, former CRIT Planning Director, and a brief overview of completed and pending projects undertaken by the Poston Community Alliance.

It’s been a few weeks now since the pilgrimage, and feedback continues to pour in. Participants agree that the pilgrimage was a success, full of interesting activities and well-organized. There seems to be a lot of interest in another pilgrimage. The Alliance is grateful for all the time and hard work of its board and other volunteers who helped make the event so successful in such a short time. It is no small task to pull off an event of such magnitude when the organizers are spread across counties and cities. If you can help the Alliance continue its good work, please contact us. Many hands make light work!

The Alliance would especially like to thank the donors who supported our previous work, and those who have helped since the pilgrimage to meet our needs for additional matching funds.

Most of all, enormous gratitude is owed to the Colorado Indian River Tribe and La Pera Elementary School. They both stepped up with huge offers of assistance in the form of volunteers, logistics support, and other resources. These partners have stood by our side for decades after the incarceration. Their commitment to our work and our legacy is truly priceless.

Above photo: What remains of the adobe school at Camp I. [Editor’s note: I remember helping to make the adobe bricks for our school in Camp II. I wasn’t very good or patient. An adobe school inside is cool in the summer and warm in the winter. We used it for only one school year – 1944-1945. And, I remember my wonderful 4th grade teacher, Miss Cooper, a Quaker from Pennsylvania.]
The Poston Community Alliance received a $77,701 grant from the National Park Service, Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant Program to restore the former Poston Library for future use as an exhibit space.

As a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserve the historic structures at the Poston site, the Poston Community Alliance is required by the NPS to match their grant with funding of $38,850. Please help us reach our goal of $38,850 and preserving Poston's history. Thank you.

**POSTON COMMUNITY ALLIANCE**

**OUR HISTORY**

**2003**: Strategic Visioning Session held over three days in Parker, Arizona with members of the Japanese American and Native American communities resulting in mission and vision of the Poston Community Alliance. Funding was received from the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Colorado River Indian Tribe Education Department and private donations.

**2004**: The Colorado River Indian Tribal Council passed resolution dedicating 40 acres for the historic preservation of the Poston confinement site. (Poston camp I site)

**2007**: Received nonprofit status for the Poston Community Alliance from the Internal Revenue Service and became a 501 (c) (3) organization.

**2010**: Advisory Board of the National Park System voted to recommend National Historic Landmark designation for the Poston Elementary School Site, Unit 1

**2010-2012**: Interviewed former Poston internees and digitized 62 oral histories. Received grant funding of $25,100 from the U.S. National Park Service, Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant Program. Met required matching funds of $18,000 through donation.

**2011-2012**: Relocated and rehabilitated a historic barrack located in Parker, Arizona. Received grant funding of $31,000 from the U.S. National Park Service, Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant Program and $10,000 from National Trust for Historic Preservation. Met matching funds of $25,000 through donations. A special blessing ceremony took place in Parker with Christian ministers from the Japanese American and Native American communities. Mohave singers also contributed to the multicultural ceremony.

**2012**: Began production of documentary film on Poston's mothers, children and their descendants entitled: For the Sake of the Children. Grant of $62,000 received from the U.S. National Park Service, Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant Program.

**2012**: Received final approval for designation of Poston Elementary School, Unit I, as a NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK.

**2014**: Awarded grant funding of $20,000 from the National Endowment for the Arts for documentary film: For the Sake of the Children. Matching funds of $20,000 required.

**2014**: Awarded grant of $163,750 for a Historic Structures Assessment and Stabilization of Poston Elementary School Site from the National Park Service, Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant Program. Matching fund of $81,875 required.

**2015**: Through crowd sourcing – Kickstarter Campaign – received $10,000 in donations for production of documentary film: For the Sake of the Children.

**2015**: Awarded grant of $10,000 from National Trust for Historic Preservation for Historic Structures Assessment and Stabilization of the Poston Elementary School Site.

Awarded grant of $15,000 from Terasaki Foundation for production of documentary film: For the Sake of the Children.

**2017**: Awarded grant of $10,000 from the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program for screenings of For the Sake of the Children and panel discussion on civil liberties. Matching funds of $10,000 required.

**2018 Jerome/Rohwer Pilgrimage** by Kimiko Marr

From April 14th thru April 16th, ninety-five pilgrims and a three-person Japanese crew from NHK World attended the 2018 Jerome/Rohwer pilgrimage in Little Rock, Arkansas. Amongst those attending were Paul and Carol Kaneko (Carol was born in Rohwer) of our Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL chapter; David Inoue, Executive Director of the National JACL; Carole Hayashino, president and executive director of the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai‘i; as well as four representatives of the National Park Service (NPS).

Survivors of Jerome

Our big celebrities, however, were the Shimasaki siblings. Four of them who were incarcerated in both Jerome and Rohwer were able to attend with their families: Atsuko (95), Fred (93), Rinko (90) and Joe (85).

Day one didn’t officially start until 5 pm, so many pilgrims used the free time to go sight-seeing in Little Rock. Two popular sights are the Clinton Library and Little Rock High School.

The evening program began with a short introduction and then a screening of “Citizen Tanouye”, a documentary by Robert Horsting that follows eight high school students search for information on Medal of Honor recipient, Technical Sgt. Ted Tanouye. After a pizza buffet, we served manju from Kogatsu-Do of Fresno.
Robert Okamoto is enjoying his manju.

Day two began with a presentation by Lily Hvey on her book, Gasa Gasa Girl Goes to Camp. Though Lily was incarcerated at Amache rather than Jerome or Rohwer, she described feelings and memories that everyone could relate to.

Next up was Berkeley JACL co-president and project manager for 50 Objects, Nancy Ukai. Nancy did a short presentation on several artifacts from the Jerome and Rohwer camps. Chief of Interpretation at Minidoka Historical Site, Hanako Wakatsuki, talked about the state of other sites of incarceration that are NPS run. Brian Liesinger of the Japanese American Confinement Sites Consortium then discussed the goals of the group.

After a screening of Vivienne Schiffer’s “Relocation, Arkansas”, the pilgrims headed to the Butler Center for Arkansas Studies to view the exhibit, Education in Exile: Student Experience at Rohwer Relocation Center. Kim Sanders, the curator of the exhibit, explained that the exhibit was partially curated by students throughout Arkansas who choose artwork from the Rosalie Santine Gould-Mabel Jamison Vogel collection which was displayed with descriptions from the students on why they chose that particular work.

Everyone enjoyed lunch on their own until we regrouped at the hotel for the afternoon sessions. Pat Fitzpatrick discussed the scrapbook that she found several years ago. It was made by a Caucasian teacher named Emily Light who taught at Jerome as well as Topaz and Tule Lake. Then Tom Izu and Susan Hayase gave a wonderful presentation on the redress movement in honor of the 30th anniversary.

After dinner, the pilgrims were presented with pilgrimage books (above) designed by Nancy Ukai, made from yukata fabric and using tags donated by the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL. The purpose is to visit all ten confinement sites and get a stamp in the book.

Finally, Day three was our visit to the Rohwer cemetery and Jerome monument. The weather was perfect for our visit. George Takei surprised us by being at the cemetery when the buses pulled up. Below: Pilgrims at the Rohwer Memorial Cemetery with George Takei speaking to them.

We ended the day at the Little Rock Club where we enjoyed spectacular views of Little Rock while having dinner. Hanako and Rachel from NPS at the Little Rock Club.

Rinko Enosaki is delighted with the Go For Broke t-shirt.
We left Rohwer and headed to McGehee where the WWII Japanese American Internment Museum was having their 5th anniversary celebration. Then, we headed to Jerome to see the monument.

The Jerome monument.

OF OUR WARTIME INCARCERATION

Upon the invitation of instructor Sera Hirasuna, Mas spoke to the Gavilan College students in Hollister on April 13th, thus ending a successful 2017-2018 speaking season.

He is grateful for each opportunity to speak about “racial prejudice, war hysteria, and the failure of political leadership.”

Watsonville Register-Pajaronian’s “75 years ago on April 17, 1943,” researched by Steve Bankhead

Meanwhile, locals have been notified that American soldiers of Japanese ancestry will be permitted now to enter and travel within the Pacific coast evacuated military area when on leave, during which they’ll likely visit their families in relocation centers.

FRIENDS AND FAMILIES OF NISEI VETERANS

FFNV will hold its annual memorial service for veterans of all wars on May 19 (Saturday) at Roberts Park, Oakland Hills at 12:00 noon. The service will be held at the site of a redwood tree planted by veterans of E Company, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, in 1992 in memory of 442 vets who gave their lives. A potluck picnic will follow. All invited. Questions? Please contact Brian Shiroyama at bshiroyama@gmail.com or 408-896-1021.

WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE NEWS

We did it!!! A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who participated in this year’s Hanamatsuri Festival that included: the beautiful ikebana, bonsai, and Kimekomi dolls, educational & informational displays from Mr. Matsunami, Kokoro No Gakko, Boy Scout Troop 558, the awesome performances from Jake Shimada & Tina Urata Ukulele Duo, Salinas YBA, Kyle Abbott (Shamisen Performance), Sandoshin Taiko from Morgan Hill, and merchant Nikkei Traditions. Photo: sushi sold out fast- Barbara Shingai.
Kokoro no Gakko’s cultural display.

BSA Troop 558’s display caught the attention of many.

Most of all, we want to thank all of our temple members, organizations, non-members and businesses that unconditionally donated goods, brought tasty food, snacks or volunteered countless hours to bring to life a beautiful Hanamatsuri Festival on Sunday, April 8th. It took hours of labor but was so nice to hear laughter, see smiles, enjoying each other’s company, united together and hopefully learning our precious traditions.

Thank you also to all those that came from out of town and hope you made it home safely. You all are so very much appreciated and made our day as we need each and every one of you in order to continue to keep our traditional celebratory events and fundraisers in order to keep us united and help run and maintain our beautiful temple.

In Gassho,
Kim Yoshida, Hanamatsuri Chairwoman
and the Hanamatsuri Committee

Office Telephone (831) 724-7860
Temple Office Hours are 9:30 am to 12:00 noon Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
NEW TEMPLE EMAIL: buddhist@wbtemple.org.

May 2018 Schedule of Events:

Sat., May 12, 10:00 am
Gotan-e/Shotsuki Hoyo
Service, Guest Speaker: Rev. Ryuta Furumoto
from Senshin Buddhist Temple.


Tues., May 8, 15, 22, 29
Meditation Sessions, 7:00 pm
Every Tuesday except the 1st Tuesday of the month.

Watsonville Buddhist Study Class
SHINRAN – HIS LIFE & HIS TEACHING
7 Wednesdays, May 2 – June 13, 2018
7:00 pm — 8:30 pm
423 Bridge Street, Watsonville
Call (831) 724.7860
Registration forms and more information can be found by emailing buddhist@wbtemple.org or visiting our website at www.wbtemple.org.

TEMPLE MOVIE NIGHT
Twilight Samurai Film, “Tosogare Seibei”
Friday, May 18th at 2 pm and 7 pm
2003 Japan’s Best Picture, Best Director, Best Actor and many other awards internationally acclaimed film by renowned director **Yoji Yamada**, in Japanese with English subtitles. Donations kindly accepted.

**TRI-TEMPLE HANAMATSURI SERVICE IN SALINAS**
A very successful and exciting service with a luncheon that followed was held at the Salinas Buddhist Temple on Sun., April 22 with a thoughtful Dharma talk by Rev. Henry Toryo Adams of the San Mateo Buddhist Temple. His message appealed to both young and the elderly, some of whom were Japanese speaking Shin Issei.

Captions to the photos on page 18, “WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE’S 2018 HANAMATSURI SERVICE AND FESTIVAL”: 1—It was a beautiful day; 2—Hanamido; 3—Rev. Jay Shinseki; 4—the lecture tour of the Hondo by Rev. Shinseki after the service; 5—a close-up of the statue of the historic Buddha; 6—Katerina, daughter of Lisa Nagamine, pours sweet tea over the statue; 7—Japanese language Sensei Shinobu Nagashima of Robert Louis Stevenson High School (Pebble Beach) brought her Asian studies to the Temple; 8—the patrons are enjoying the food and entertainment; 9—Sensei Masanori (Isuko) Wasano of El Dorado Hills who teaches the Kimekomi doll making class; 10—Salinas YBA members gave a special performance; and 11—Mrs. Mitsuyo Tao with her ikebana display.

**APRIL SENIOR CENTER NEWS**
by Carol Kaneko and Jean Yamashita

The Senior Center was hoppin’ on March 29th as the Seniors celebrated Easter! We had our first Easter cookie buffet, and the cookie turnout was incredible!

The tables were overflowing with mouth-watering, fantastic assortment of cookies contributed by our Seniors – most of the cookies were handmade (the best!) by our talented Senior bakers: Jean Akiyama, Susan AmRhein, Sharon Bobo, Eileen Byers, Reba Condon, Yaeko Cross, Connie Dimas, Nobue Fujii, Bette Garcia, Judy Hane, Carol Kaneko, Mitzi Katsuyama, Rubie Kawamoto, Tea Hashimoto, June Honda, Haru Ishibashi, Eiko Nishihara, Yoshiko Nishihara, Kazuko Sakai, Chiyoeko Shikuma, Ekiko Stewart, Jane Sugidono, Kim Tao, Gail Wurtenberg, Jean Yamashita, and Toshiko Yamashita.
In order to “win” cookies, the Seniors played a modified cakewalk game and also hunted for hidden candy-filled Easter eggs. A Golden Egg was also hidden containing a special prize. As the game was underway, the Seniors excitedly searched for eggs and happily “shopped” for cookies when their winning number was called. When the game ended, all the Seniors were thrilled to take home a bag full of yummy cookies and Easter egg treats! And who found the Golden Egg? Judy Hane, with her keen eye, quickly spied the Golden Egg hidden amongst the bingo balls, and she won a $10 Target gift card (who-hoo!).

A huge “Thank you!” to our generous Easter cookie buffet contributors who made the event a scrumptious delight.

Also, many thanks to Helen Nakano for the cute chickie table decorations; Susan AmRhein for the candy-filled Easter eggs, origami box, and Golden Egg with $10 Target gift card; Reba Condon/Jeann Yamashita for the bunny clips with Haribo Easter gummies; and Reba Condon, Connie Dimas, and Eiko Stewart for handling the cookie distribution. “Domo arigato!” to the Seniors for participating in our Easter event and to everyone who helped out!

Seniors celebrated Hanamatsuri on April 5. We were informed a few days before that PG&E would be replacing a power pole that day, and Kizuka Hall would have no electricity from 8 am to 4 pm. Thankfully, Susan and Tom AmRhein brought over a portable generator that powered the most needed microphone, tape recorder, speaker system, and the crucial bingo equipment. Victor Kimura also dropped off two lanterns that could “light the way” if the hall became too dark. Luckily, there was enough sunlight to carry on the festivities, and PG&E restored our power at 2 pm.

Reverend Shinseki provided a lovely greeting from the Watsonville Buddhist Temple (WBT) and shared the meaning of Hanamatsuri with the members of the Senior Center. He also invited everyone to attend the WBT Hanamatsuri Festival on Sunday, April 8th. The Senior Center then honored all the amazing Seniors 90 and above by having them pose together for a momentous photo op and to cut the beautiful Hanamatsuri cake that was generously donated by the BWA (Buddhist Women's Association).

Our 90+ Seniors are truly inspiring! Iwao Yamashita (90), Mitzi Katsuyama (97), Chiyoko Shikuma (93), Haru Ishibashi (92), Ruby Nakamura (93), Eiko Nishihara (91), Yaeko Cross (91), Rubie Kawamoto (91), Yoshiko Nishihara (90), and seated Tea Hashimoto (97), Kimiyasu Fuji (92), and Satoko Yamamoto (92).

Absent: Nancy Iwami (103), Masako Miura (103), Louise Sako (101), Haruko Yoshii (100), Hideko Nagamine (97), Chiyoko Yagi (97), Michiko Hamada (96), Akira Kodama (96), Betty Yagi (94), Grace Fujita (93), Eiko Ceremony (93), Sam Sakamoto (93), Yae Sakamoto (92), Floy Sakata (92), Akira Nagamine (92), Jim Kawamoto (91), and Hisako Uemura (90).

For Hanamatsuri entertainment this year, the Seniors were privileged to have members of the WBT Shigin Club perform: Mrs. Chie Sakaue, Mr. Sadao Matsunami, and Mr. Itaru Nitao (sensei). Shigin is a traditional Japanese chanted poetry, which seems to be a lost art, so it was a great pleasure and honor to hear the beautiful rich tones of our talented shigin performers. Thank you so much Mr. Itaru Nitao, Mr. Sadao Matsunami, and Mrs. Chie Sakaue! Note: The WBT Shigin Club holds a workshop/class every Monday at 1 pm at the WBT. For more information, please contact Mr. Itaru Nitao.

Seniors and guests then played several games of lively bingo. At around 3 pm, Miyuki Restaurant (Chris Ishikawa and team) delivered loads of yummy Japanese food to the Senior Center, and it smelled delicious! When it was time to eat, Reverend Shinseki led us in Gassho. Then the Seniors and guests filled their plates with many delicious Japanese favorites. It was a scrumptious meal!
Thank you to our many guests for coming to the Hanamatsuri festivities: Reverend Shinseki, Barbara Shingai (WBT President), Mr. and Mrs. Nitaо, Mr. and Mrs. Matsunami, Mrs. Kiiko Akiyama, Mrs. Itsuko Okamoto, Mrs. Riiko Yoshida, and Mr. Donald Yamaguchi.

Thank you to Hisako Kodama and Teruko Hirahara for providing the beautiful flower table arrangements and ikebana for the front table for our Hanamatsuri celebration. Also, many thanks to June Honda for ordering the food and the tobان crew and everyone else who helped out with the special event that day!

On April 12th, the Seniors were treated to a surprise birthday cake from the family of Mrs. Hisako Uemura in honor of her 90th birthday. Celebrating her birthday was her son, Yoshi Uemura and his daughter, Katie; Mrs. Uemura’s daughter, Kim Shiraishi and her two grandchildren, Steven and Santiago Gordo. Everyone enjoyed the delicious cake, and Mrs. Uemura’s family stayed to play some fun games of bingo with the seniors. Another surprise donation on that day was FRESH broccoli for everyone from Kimiyo and Nobue Fujii. Very healthy and delicious!

The April birthday party was held on April 19, with our birthday honorees Hisako Uemura 90 and Angie Guzman. Mrs. Uemura was presented with a box of manju in honor of her 90th birthday. Jee Kajihara stopped by with green tea ice cream which was served with the birthday cake and enjoyed by all. Thank you to Jee for remembering our Seniors with her many delicious donations!

Hidden in the Woodside hills is Filoli (Flight, Love, Life) – one of the finest remaining country estates of the early 20th century. Eleven adventurous Seniors and guests traveled to Filoli on April 10. Luckily, the weather turned out quite pleasant even though there was a threat of rain. Upon arrival at Filoli, we watched the informative Filoli history video and then headed outside to meet our morning guide. We were surprised to be greeted by Percy the Peacock, who boldly strutted his dazzling plumage on the Visitor Center patio for all to admire. Marilyn, our Filoli Garden Tour guide, then led us through a garden maze of beautiful trees, flowers, fruits/vegetables, and other assorted plants. The garden was vast, beautifully architectured, and ablaze in color with all the many flowers in bloom. After lunch, Jennifer, our Filoli House Tour guide, led us on a tour of the impressive mansion. The mansion was lovely and revealed a lot of history about the family and how they lived. [Some trivia: The mansion was the location of the movie “Heaven Can Wait” and was in the opening credits of the TV show “Dynasty”). Filoli is ever changing and offers lots to see and study – maybe we can revisit again next year. A stop at Marukai on the way home ended our eventful day.

Thanks to Reba Condon for the Filoli trip suggestion and Jean Yamashita for arranging the trip! Many thanks to our drivers: Reba Condon, Paul Kaneko, Jean Yamashita, and thanks to the delicious goodie contributors: Nobuko Akiyama, Reba Condon, Yaeko Cross, Chiye Tamaki, Jean Yamashita, and Toshi Yamashita. Finally, a big “Thank you!” to the Seniors and guests who braved the journey! It was a strenuous Senior trip, but everyone did very well. Hope to plan more excursions like this in the future – stayed tuned!

Future Senior Trips:
Cabrillo Musicals:
RENT: Saturday, July 14th @ 2 pm
THE PRODUCERS: Saturday, August 18th @ 2 pm
Cost for a Senior Premier seat is $45. Tickets for those who have signed up have already been purchased. If you are interested in going but have not yet signed up, you must purchase your own ticket.

If interested or have any questions regarding the above Senior Trips, please contact Jean Yamashita (email: jeanyamashita@yahoo.com, cell: 408-813-6539).

Paul Kaneko reminded everyone that Baisho Matsumoto will be performing at Kizuka Hall on Friday, May 18, 2018 from 1 to 3 pm. Mr. Matsumoto is a musician from Japan who plays shamisen and shakuhachi and has entertained us in the past. This year he will be performing with his wife, Yoko Matsumoto, who is a Minyo singer and also plays the Shamisen. Please plan to join us and be thoroughly entertained. Admission is free.
Paul also commented on the Rohwer/Jerome Pilgrimage which he and Carol attended on April 14-16 in Little Rock and McGehee, Arkansas, and which included visits to the Rohwer and Jerome incarceration sites. Kimiko Marr was the organizer and did a wonderful job of planning the events of the pilgrimage and leading the 94 pilgrims who attended. Paul encouraged everyone to attend a pilgrimage to the camp they or their family were sent to or to any of the camps. It is a powerful and emotional experience to visit the camps and meet and talk with others whose families shared your family’s experience during that time.

Leigh Sakaguchi announced that the Watsonville Police Department will have a “drug take back” program, and to please bring any expired or old drugs/medications to him and he will take them to the WPD.

We welcomed new member Susan Aramaki Merchant this month, and hope she enjoys her time with us and has many bingo wins!

Seniors were happy to see Kimiyo Fujii, Reiko Yamamoto, Edna Nagata, Hisako Uemura, and Michiko Hamada back at the Senior Center playing bingo again.

Our May Schedule:
- Thurs May 3: Regular Bingo
- Thurs May 10: Mother’s Day Celebration; Happy Gardens Buffet 3:30 pm
- Thurs May 17: May Birthday Party
- Friday May 18: Baisho Matsumoto performance, Kizuka Hall 1 – 3 pm; free
- Thurs May 24, 31: Regular Bingo

Thank you for all the wonderful bingo prizes:
- June/Sunao Honda: Bunny basket with coconut mochi and candy, 4 bags oranges, 4 Chinese sponge cake, 4 pkg. cookies, 6 chocolate bundt cakes
- Rubie Kawamoto: 4 bags chagashi, 6 boxes Kleenex, 3 bags Dorito chips, 2 bags arare
- Toshi Yamashita: 12 dishes of candy, 3 bags Cheetos, 8 cupcake and candy plates, 8 giant rolls paper towels
- Jane Sugidono: 24 rolls bath tissue
- Kumiko Nakatani: 660 napkins
- Yae/Sam Sakamoto: 2 cans Spam
- Tom/Susan AmRhein: 8 baskets strawberries, 4 pkg large strawberries
- Jean/Iwao Yamashita: 12 green tea muffins, 5 bags pears, 3 bags grape tomatoes, cucumber
- Nobue Fujii: 5 bags of lemons, 5 cans mandarin oranges, 2 boxes Genmaicha tea
- Jean Akiyama: 4 boxes Kleenex, 1 jar sour cherry jam, 1 pkg buckwheat noodles
- Jeanette Crosetti: 1 box Cheerios
- Reba Condon: 12 rolls bath tissue, 8 plates Kahlua and azuki cake
- Chie Sakaue: 5 bunches flowers
- Aimee Mizuno: 2 pots orchid, 2 boxes chocolates, 2 pkg. applesauce, 12 V8 vegetable juice
- Sumi Yamada: 3 cans peanuts
- Mitsuyo Tao: 10 plates spice cake
- Kim Tao: 10 plates banana cake, 7 plates strawberry cupcakes, 10 bags homemade almond meringue cookies
- Yoshiko Nishihara: 18 bottles Dawn dish soap
- Eiko Nishihara: 12 jars strawberry jam
- Nobuko Akiyama: 4 boxes incense
- Eileen Byers: 6 boxes Kleenex
- Susan Aramaki Merchant: 1 box chocolate French truffles, 1 bag popcorn, 3 bags elbow macaroni, 1 pkg popcorn
- Kazuko Sakai: 2 boxes aluminum foil, 100 lunch bags
- Mitzi Katsuyama: 1 afghan
- Connie Dimas: 3 dish soap, 2 hand soap
- Tea Hashimoto: 30 rolls bath tissue
- Bette Garcia: 12 rolls bath tissue
- Uemura Family: Whole sheet birthday cake and ice cream in celebration of Hisako Uemura’s 90th birthday
- Yaeko Cross: 12 rolls bath tissue
- Edna Nagata: 4 boxes Kleenex, 2 bags wafer cookies
- Satoko Yamamoto: 4 snack pack juicy gels
- Cindy Mine: 5 pkg cookies
Norris Woodford    8 cans Spam, 30 rolls of tissues
Hisako Kodama     12 rolls paper towels
Pat Marr           12 boxes facial tissues

Kimiyo & Nobue Fujii
Broccoli for everyone!

Thank you for coming to the Senior Center! It’s important to stay active, visit with your friends, and have fun. Be sure to do your balance exercises three times a day. See you next month! Photos by Carol Kaneko and Jean Yamashita.

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.

WESTVIEW CHIMES by Leslie Nagata-Garcia

Wisdom:

The quality of having experience, knowledge, and good judgment: the quality of being wise or shrewd.

“Do you know when you are being manipulated?” a therapist asked me once. I admitted that I naively usually did not. I have sought to be more aware— awareness, not paranoid, not judgmental, not overly skeptical of others, but just aware of people and situations.

In May we begin a series on the Seven Deadly sins on Sunday mornings. My hope is for us to be aware of these subtle but harmful sins so we won’t get tripped up by them or truly messed up by them. Historically, especially in European art, they are depicted as very alluring and indeed they can be wrapped up as shiny gifts by our modern culture. I don’t want us to be manipulated by the current trends or advertising into something that truly does not lead to life or could even lead to spiritual death. I pray in the end we will see where true, joyful life does and does not come from and reflect on how our modern culture often dresses these sins up to sell us something or to get us to buy entertainment. I hope this study will lead to some enlightening and interesting discussion as well as lives that can more easily stay on a path that is flowering with abundant life!

In March I listed the 7 Deadlies as: Lust, Gluttony, Greed, Sloth, Wrath, Envy, Pride.

I want to give you another list of 7 deadlies, that are also worth pondering for our own lives and modern society. Gandhi wrote in 1925 the Seven Deadly Social Sins, which can be a very helpful guide in these modern times.

- Politics without principles.
- Wealth without work.
- Pleasure without conscience.
- Knowledge without character.
- Commerce without morality.
- Science without humanity.
- Worship without sacrifice.

Jesus said, “Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.” (Matthew 10:16)

I pray this series will give us wisdom to navigate these modern, complicated times.

I appreciate you, and may God be with you and hold you,

Pastor Dan

Good Friday and Easter Sunday Service

Our Good Friday Service was held at United Presbyterian Church at 12 noon on March 30th.

Our Easter Sunday Service was followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for the children and a potluck Easter fellowship.

Photos (from left to right): Good Friday Service, our Easter egg hunt, and Julie showing off her celebratory Easter bunny ears.
Joanne Hayashi's Mission Trip to Honduras

During worship service on April 15th Joanne Hayashi (photo at left) shared her experiences serving as part of a team on a medical mission to Honduras in March. She gave an excellent presentation accompanied by a slideshow and gave our congregation a glimpse of what it was like to provide medical aid to a third world country in Jesus’ name.

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:
  - May 4th: Youth Evening Adventure Hike
  - May 18th: Youth Beach Trip

Puerto Rico mission trip for hurricane disaster relief June 11th – June 18th

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 February: May 9th, May 23rd.

Sunday Message Series: - In May we begin a series “The 7 Deadlies: warning signs to keep us on the road to abundant life!”

Watsonville-Kawakami Sister City Update by Robb Mayeda

We would like to thank all who attended or ordered “take-outs” during “Kawakami Night” from Imura’s Restaurant on Tues., April 10th.

- We thank Jee and Kevin for donating a portion of that night’s receipts to our sister city organization.
- The trip to Kawakami is May 8-16. There are 14 students that include Tristan Nakatani, Jackson Miller, and Colin Hirahara. One of the chaperones is Alison Niizawa, the principal of PVHS and former principal of Kokoro no Gakko.

Japanese Cultural Fair in Santa Cruz

The date is Sat. June 9, 2018 from 11 am to 6 pm at the Mission Plaza Park.

New Youth Member

We welcome Jamie Sakuma, our newest 14-year-old Youth/Student member!

Donations Gratefully Received From...

Day of Remembrance Education Fund
- Greatest Need
  - Bill and Ida Akimoto
  - Gary Kono

In memory of:
- Akio Idemoto from ...
  - Edna Nagata
- Mary Anne Gurovich from ...
  - Bill and Ida Akimoto
- Ernie Ura from ... Jennifer Ura Gavin

Our W-SC JACL

If you have questions, please email us at hashi79@sbcglobal.net or call (831) 722-6859 (please leave a message with a telephone number).

- Our mailing address is: W-SC JACL, P. O. Box 163, Watsonville, CA 95077.

Thank you for reading this May 2018 newsletter. Comments are always welcome at hashi79@sbcglobal.net.

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Onward!
Mas Hashimoto, Editor
WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE’S 2018 HANAMATSURI SERVICE AND FESTIVAL
2018 COMMUNITY PICNIC

You and your family/clan are invited to our 2018 community picnic, a tradition of Watsonville’s Nihonmachi for over 100 years.
Sponsored by the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL.

When:  Saturday, June 23, 2018 from 11 am to 4:30 pm. You don’t have to be a JACLer to attend. Kokoro no Gakko students and families are cordially invited. All are welcome. Admission is free.

Where:  Aptos Village Park, 100 Aptos Creek Road, Aptos, CA 95003. Parking is limited so please carpool.

Lunch:  BBQ teriyaki chicken, hot dogs, chili beans, rice, French bread, salad, coffee, tea, water, soft drinks, and strawberries. An ice cream social is included.

Cost:  Only $8 for adults and teens to 69 years; $5 for Senior citizens 70 and older and children 6 to 12 years; free for 5 years and under.

Schedule:

11 am to noon  Races and free bingo
Noon  Welcome and Watsonville Taiko
12:20 pm  Youth Scholarship presentations
12:40 pm  Lunch!
1:40 pm-3:00 pm  More races and bingo
3:00 pm  Ice cream social
3:10 pm – 4:30 pm  Raffle with many great prizes!

Photos:  top—all the racers, senior bingo players, two-person geta race; scholarship recipients; and lunch. There’s a guest performance by Watsonville Taiko, a water balloon toss, jan ken po contest, raffle for a huge TV set, and much more fun!
$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.

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: ____________

Name: ____________________________  Age: ____________

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

Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL

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

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