THE WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL
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We thank those who pass along our newsletters for other family members and friends to read. To those who contribute articles and photos and who offer suggestions – we are most grateful.

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32ND ANNUAL JAPANESE CULTURAL FAIR, SANTA CRUZ, SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2018
Mission Statement by Paul Kaneko

The main purpose of the Japanese Cultural Fair (JCF) is to provide an opportunity for the community to increase its awareness and understanding of the Japanese culture, both traditional and contemporary.

The artist of this 2018 JCF poster is Akiko Takeshita.

This annual JCF is held at Mission Plaza Park, 103 Emmett Street in Santa Cruz, CA from 11 am to 6 pm.

Our W-SC JACL chapter is one of the major co-sponsors of this not-to-be missed event. This is a good opportunity for the entire community to get to know what the chapter does in regards to keeping the history of the incarceration alive and fighting for the civil rights of everyone, while also enjoying delicious obento (food provided by Pono Hawaiian Grill), ocha (tea), locally-grown strawberries, cucumbers, and other produce.

Admission is free. Attendees of all ages are welcome.

On the main stage, beginning with our local favorite Watsonville Taiko with its youth performers at 11 am, there will be presentations of Koto by Marimo Kai, Shamisen by Bachido, Bon Odori by Chieko, Shakuhachi by Karl Young, Awa Odori by Sakura Ren, Minyou by Matsutoyo Kai, Okinawan Dance by Ohtori-Keisenkai, and will conclude with a performance by the San Francisco Taiko.

At the nearby Zen Center of Santa Cruz, there will be demonstrations by Watsonville Ikenobo Ikebana, Sadou (Tea Ceremony) by Carl, Kimono workshop by Keiko, and Bonsai by Tim Shea.

And, Aikido of Santa Cruz will present a martial arts demonstration.

There will be many booths featuring food, clothing, art, games, and other items of great interest.

Please come, and be sure to visit our W-SC JACL booth.

For more information, go to: www.jcfsantacruz.org, or e-mail: jcf@baymoon.com, by phone at: 831-462-4589, by mail: JCF, P.O. Box 3458, Santa Cruz, CA 95063.

As off-street parking in the vicinity of the park will be limited, a free shuttle, provided by Toyota of Santa Cruz, will be available every 20 minutes between the park and the County Government Center, 701 Ocean Street between 10 am and 1 pm and between 2 pm to 6:30 pm. Due to budget cuts this year, a free bicycle parking valet will not be provided at the park.

For many the JCF is a time of meeting and catching up on the “latest news” with dear friends of the Monterey Bay region. Come enjoy the day.

WERE YOU OR A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY INCARCERATED IN POSTON?

The Poston Community Alliance is offering this one last opportunity for ordering personalized brick(s) to be installed with the others at the Poston Memorial Monument & Kiosk site. The deadline is postmarked SEPTEMBER 1, 2018. Late orders will not be accepted. For order forms contact Marlene Shigekawa, Project Director of the Poston Community Alliance: at email: marshige@comcast.net or postonpilgrimage@gmail.com and check out this website: https://postonupdates.blogspot.com/.

For our newsletter in full living color, log onto http://watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org. Newsletters, then the month.
Check this website by filmmaker Lane Nishikawa for what a historic and memorable brick means for your family: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Fwo1hX3IMTQdEuM08DYhSJ613rweba09/view.

Mas Hashimoto purchased several bricks for all the members of his family who were incarcerated in Poston II and another special brick that included his best friend in “camp”—his faithful dog, “Sunny.”

He asks all Postonites to purchase a brick(s) as a permanent reminder that honors the memory of all the members of the family who were incarcerated in Poston I, Poston II, and/or Poston III.

Matching funds deadline of $38,851 is coming up soon—September 1, 2018. Please, if you are able, make checks payable to: POSTON COMMUNITY ALLIANCE and mail to c/o Marlene Shigekawa, 956 Hawthorne Drive, Lafayette, CA, 94549, email: postonpilgrimage@gmail.com.

We mourn the sudden passing of Dianne E. Kiyomoto at age 63. She was our Poston archivist. A graveside service will be held at Clovis Cemetery on Sat., June 2, 2018, 9 am, followed by a Memorial Service at the United Japanese Christian Church 136 N Villa Ave, Clovis, CA 93612 at 11 am.

BANNING MUSLIMS? by Karen Korematsu

When the U.S. Supreme Court heard my father’s case in 1944, he wasn’t there.

I had the opportunity to represent him at the Supreme Court hearing in Trump v. Hawaii, a case with alarming parallels to Korematsu v. US. The president’s travel ban against several predominantly Muslim countries echoes Executive Order 9066. In 1942, we had racial profiling. Today, we have racial and religious profiling.

Fred Korematsu dedicated the rest of his life to advocating against the high court’s ruling, which upheld his conviction and the incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II. In 1983, his coram nobis legal team successfully reopened his case on the basis of governmental misconduct, and his federal conviction was overturned.

However, his Supreme Court case decision still stands today. [Editor’s note: our wartime incarceration remains legal — any US citizen or alien can be incarcerated without charges, attorney, fair trial of a jury of peers, due process of law, and imprisoned indefinitely. It is the supreme law of the land! It remains a tragic blot on civil and human rights, social justice, and is a constant reminder for those who love the basic concepts of this country to fight for those civil liberties and rights. One cannot depend on the Justices even today.]

This is why I joined Senator Mazie Hirono (D-HI) and others on the courthouse steps—to speak up for immigrants and minorities and remind us these are issues that affect all Americans.

Thank you for being a part of our community and for helping us stop repeating history.

With appreciation,
Karen Korematsu, Founder & Executive Director
Fred Korematsu Institute

IN REMEMBRANCE ...


Haruyo "Betty" Yagi died peacefully at home on April 23, 2018. She was born on March 13, 1924 in San Leandro, California. Betty graduated from Alameda High School in 1942. Because she was relocated during World War II, Betty attended Greeley State College. When she returned to Alameda after the war, she attended UC Berkeley where she earned a bachelor’s degree in dietetics.

After working at Santa Cruz County Hospital, she met and married Tami Yagi in 1952 and moved to Watsonville where she worked at Watsonville Community Hospital as a dietician and later as the food service director. She retired from Watsonville Community Hospital in 1980 but continued to work at Yagi’s Tackle Shop in Pajaro that she co-owned with her sister-in-law Chiyoko Yagi until its closure in 2004.

Betty was a member of Westview Presbyterian Church and the Watsonville-Santa Cruz Japanese American Citizens League (JACL). She attended the JACL Senior Center until 2011 where she enjoyed playing bingo.
She was a good cook and enjoyed being active in church, traveling, fishing and spending time with her grandkids.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband Tami and brother Hisato Yamasaki. She is survived by her brother Tadami Yamasaki, sons Douglas (Angi) Yagi and Alan Yagi, four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at Westview Presbyterian Church, 118 First Street, Watsonville, CA 95076. A private burial service was held.

**Jane Jofuku** passed away May 10, 2018 at the age of 88.

Jane was the second of three daughters born to a former Tokyo chef, Tsunekichi, and his wife, Hatsuko Amy. The family lived in Fresno, California, until their WWII incarceration first in Jerome, Arkansas, then in Tule Lake, California.

Upon the family’s return to Fresno, Jane trained to become a beautician and worked as a hairdresser until meeting and marrying her husband, Kaz Jofuku; they were married 54 years.

Throughout their long marriage, the couple lived and worked in Watsonville, he in the strawberry shipping industry and she as an instructional aide for the PVUSD. They worked hard, lived quietly, and raised their children.

Upon her retirement in 1997 and Kaz’s passing in 2008, Jane became a devoted gardener and an even more devoted grandmother.

Jane is survived by her daughters, Diane, Kerry, and Tracey; her six grandchildren, Courtney, Lynne, Lily, Alex, Kimberly, and Matthew; her two great-grandchildren, Michael and Sarah; and her older sister, Yaeko.

Funeral services were held Sunday, May 27 at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple.

**Gordon Leroy “Lee” Holley**

Gordon Leroy Holley, better known as Lee Holley passed away suddenly on Monday, March 26th, 2018 at the age of 85.

Lee Holley was born in Phoenix, Arizona, on April 20, 1932. Lee was a Class of 1950 graduate of Watsonville High School, and following high school, he joined the Navy in 1951. He served as an Aviation Ordnanceman on the USS Bairoko during the Korean War until 1955.

Lee aspired to be a cartoonist and displayed a love of cartooning at an early age. So, upon leaving the Navy, Lee studied at Chouinard Art Institute in Los Angeles.

In 1955 Lee began his professional career as a Warner Bros animator in the Friz Freleng unit and was there from 1955 – 1958. Lee worked on Bugs Bunny, Road Runner, Porky Pig, Speedy Gonzales, Sylvester, Tweety, and Daffy Duck characters.

In 1958 he started working for Hank Ketcham on Dennis the Menace. While working for Hank Ketchum, Lee submitted cartoon ideas to the newspaper syndicates, and in 1960 he finally succeeded in selling a teenage panel to King Features called Ponytail.

Ponytail debuted in 1960 was syndicated in over 300 newspapers worldwide until 1989.

In addition to his career, and love of drawing, Lee had a passion for flying. He loved to fly his own plane and enjoyed flying over the Monterey Bay. One of his favorite experiences was renting a plane in New Zealand and flying from the North Island to South Island.

Lee was also an avid runner. He ran over 50 marathons, including 10 Boston Marathons. In addition to running, Lee loved playing tennis, and would spend hours on the courts whether at Seascape or the Palm Springs Tennis Club. Lee also enjoyed travelling, and was ardent reader, especially anything pertaining to WWII history.

Lee truly enjoyed life and enjoyed making others happy. He took great pleasure in doing sketches for anyone who asked, whether it was for single person or for a class full of children.

He was preceded in death by his parents; Gordon and Vida Holley. Lee is survived by his wife, Patricia Holley and children; Karen Holley and Susan Carothers. He is also survived by his siblings Donna Roberts and Donald Holley and his grandchildren; Chance Carothers, Suzanne Cassady and his great grandchild, Marco Parra.

Services were held on April 20th, at Ave Maria Memorial Chapel at 10:30 with a Celebration of Life that followed at The Seacliff Inn, Apts. A Celebration of Life in Palm Springs to be announced at a later date.

[Editor's note: Lee, Class of 1950, was inducted in 1986 WHS Foundation’s very first class of the “Hall of Fame.”]
Lee was a senior in Mits’ (my brother) class at WHS when I was a freshman. Lee and Mits both enjoyed Mrs. Jane O’Farrell’s art class. Lee believed that Mits would make a career in art.

Both volunteered to join the US Navy at the start of the Korean War.

Mits thought of becoming a pharmacist like his close friends, but after the war, Mits went to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo on the GI Bill of Rights to become an industrial engineer. He used his art on the jobs. He worked for the pajama factory (remember it on Freedom Blvd where the gun shooting range is now?), Peterbilt, Lockheed, and his last assignment was the Federal Reserve Bank in San Francisco. No, he didn’t draw any counterfeit money.

Lee’s Ponytail’s style is similar to Hank Ketchum’s Dennis the Menace. Lee “ghost drew” the Sunday issue for Hank Ketchum.

Ponytail got teenagers to read the papers and was immensely popular. After Ponytail was established, Lee would often visit Watsonville High to get ideas. He’d come around lunchtime to watch and listen in the hallways. He quietly sat in the back of my classroom to take it all in.

These two cartoons are the originals that Lee submitted to King Features Syndicate, Inc. He kindly gave them to me after his induction into the Watsonville High School Foundation’s Hall of Fame in 1986.

This year’s golf tournament is dedicated in memory of science and driver’s education teacher, coach Norm Haney, Watsonville High School’s (WHS) most popular teacher, coach and friend, who passed away in January of 2016.
This year's tournament will be held on **Friday, June 15** at the Spring Hills Golf Course, 501 Spring Hills Drive, Watsonville with a 4-player scramble format. All the proceeds will benefit the school’s athletic department.

Program: registration begins at 11:30 am, and a bag lunch is provided. Shotgun start with carts at 1 pm, and dinner and awards to follow. There will be a no-host bar with beer and wine. This is a fun-filled, no pressure tournament.

The cost to play is only $125 per person. If you wish to play or sponsor a portion of the tournament—closest to the pin, hole sponsor, putting contest, etc.—please contact tournament director **Brad Hubbard** at brad_hubbard@pvusd.net right away.

Why not organize a foursome of your own? Corporate sponsors are most welcome. So are non-player donations in memory of Norm Haney.

Checks made payable to Watsonville High School Athletics may be mailed to Watsonville High, ATTN: Brad Hubbard, 250 East Beach Street, Watsonville, CA 95076. Please include your NCGA’s most current handicap if you have one. Time is short, so please respond right away.

What do you think? Did Norm Haney make this putt?

**Remember to Thank Local Farmworkers and Families** by Luis Alejo. Photo: provided by Stanford University Libraries, Bob Fitch Archives.

On March 31, our state celebrated the birthday of the revered, late farmworker leader **Cesar Chavez**, who first arrived in the Salinas Valley in 1970 to organize farmworkers and fight for better working conditions.

Today, Monterey County is home to approximately 45,000 agricultural workers who not only toil in our rich agricultural fields, but they also labor in our wineries, produce coolers, processing plants and packing sheds. And nearly 70 percent of them are undocumented. It was only proper that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors recently approved a first-ever resolution declaring March 31 as "Farmworkers Appreciation Day" in Monterey County to thank them for all their contributions and sacrifice.

But the Board of Supervisors has also done more than approve resolutions. We have also taken actions to support farmworkers by approving sanctuary policies, extending healthcare to the undocumented per Esperanza Care and supporting model farmworker housing projects in the Salinas Valley, to name a few. But there is certainly more to do.

We all know that our local agricultural lands are among the most productive in the world and the economic impacts of agricultural production are estimated at over $8.1 billion when allied businesses, employee paychecks and value-added processing are tallied. The work by our local farmworkers and farmers produces 61 percent of leaf lettuce, 57 percent of celery, 56 percent of head lettuce, 48 percent of broccoli, 38 percent of spinach, 30 percent of cauliflower, 28 percent of strawberries and 3.6 percent of wine grapes.

But it's the inexhaustible efforts of farmworkers that have been the success of Monterey County being known as the "Salad Bowl of the World." The work is not only hard under extreme weather and long hours, it is also very skilled that most Americans could never perform such similar work.

In the Salinas Valley, agriculture has been the gateway for many of our own diverse families. Today, most farmworkers are Latino, but at one time it was also waves of other immigrants, including Italian, Swiss, Croatian, Filipino, Japanese and Chinese workers. It was also Okies who came west during the Dustbowl to find a better life and settled in places like The Alisal.

With all of today's divisive rhetoric by the federal administration against immigrants, we only have to look to the stories of our own families to realize that our parents, grandparents or great-grandparents did the same backbreaking and arduous work out in the fields and they shared similar dreams and aspirations to give their families and children a better life.

My own family first came to the Salinas Valley in 1956 as migrant farmworkers and settled in Soledad. They would then move to work in the orchards in Gilroy, the grapes in Del Rey and strawberries in Watsonville.

**When my grandparents first settled in Watsonville in 1965, a Japanese American farmer Roy Takamune gave my grandfather Tomas Alejo not only a job, but also housing for the entire family. Three years later, he taught my grandfather how to be his own sharecropper, and they were both selling strawberries to Driscoll's. My grandfather once said that Roy was, "the best man I ever met in my life in the United States." This was a story of two immigrants from two different parts of the world helping each other realize their American dreams.**

My grandmother Margarita never had an opportunity to go to school in Mexico and started working at the age of 12 cleaning houses. However, she made sure all her children finished high school. Four of her five sons would serve our nation in the United States Army and her grandchildren have now graduated from prestigious universities such as Harvard, UC Berkeley and New York University. All possible because of her sacrifice.
Today, local farmworkers still dream and work hard each day to provide a better life to their children just like our own families did. But the reality of having to move from crop to crop, a lack of documented immigration status, the high price of housing and other barriers makes this dream hard to achieve.

As we sit around our tables with our families this Easter weekend, let’s remember to also thank, celebrate and support those workers that continue to put food on our tables and those of millions of other fellow Americans across our nation.

**Luis A. Alejo** is the chairman of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors and represents District 1 in the City of Salinas. [Editor's note: Luis’ mother was my student.]

**WHAT’S IN YOUR NAME?**

The Palo Alto school district board of trustees voted not to rename a middle school after Fred Yamamoto — a Palo Alto native, a graduate of Palo Alto High School Class of 1936, a war hero who was killed in action (KIA) fighting with the famed 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team in Europe.

The Japanese American Citizens League and the Organization of Chinese Americans supported renaming one of the two middle schools for Fred Yamamoto.

Objections over the name “Yamamoto” came from members of the local Chinese community who equated it with the Japanese military commander during World War II named “Yamamoto” (Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto).

Here are two comments submitted after the selection was made:

Although I am glad that both Frank Greene and Ellen Fletcher were chosen — two people who would have been viewed as inferior humans by Jordan and Terman — I wish I could celebrate this occasion without the disruption a few parents caused during the renaming process. It is sad that a small fraction of parents eliminated the chances of having Palo Alto’s first school named after an Asian-American. It is with deep hypocrisy to say that there is a need for more Asian representation whilst eliminating the one nominee who could have bolstered that need.

I hope that these parents realize and take full responsibility in their creation of an unnecessary fissure within the Asian community. By demonizing the Yamamoto name, they are sending a clear message that all Americans including children named Yamamoto are dismissed as a “deeply painful reminder of World War II”, despite what each individual has achieved. If a war hero like Fred Yamamoto who received a Purple Heart and a Silver Star for fighting Nazis and being killed as a result of that doesn’t “redeem” his name, then who else can? This is very shameful.

To all of those who spoke up against the name selection of Fred Yamamoto at last night’s board meeting, who paid lip service to the fact that he was indeed a hero and did indeed deserve to be recognized, but in a different way, I can’t wait to see how you follow up on your hollow words.

Hollow? I think bigoted would be a better description. Opposing the naming of a school after an American war hero, based solely on dislike for his ethnicity and surname, is shameful and disgusting. In my humble opinion, prejudice and hate have no place in Palo Alto. That applies equally to people hating on Chinese, which seems to happen frequently here, and to those discriminating against Fred Yamamoto because of his name. He gave his life fighting the same Axis alliance that devastated China, as well as Europe and other regions. Would the you folks prefer it if the Axis had won?

Since Palo Altans have failed so miserably when given the chance to honor a hometown hero, we need to atone for our sins. The city should commission a bronze statue of Fred Yamamoto to replace the egg in Lytton Plaza. To do anything less would be ungrateful, to say the very least.

[Editor’s note: We appreciate these comments and others made in support of Fred Yamamoto by members of the Palo Alto community.]

**On a local issue:** should the Watsonville City Plaza be renamed after Dolores Huerta, Joaquin Avila, or someone else? Or, should it remain the Watsonville City Plaza? The parcel of land was donated by Sebastian Rodriguez in 1860. What do you think?]

**“GO FOR BROKE,” a new movie**

This 92-minute film of the Hawaiian 100th battalion of the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team will be shown on Friday, June 22, 2018 at 7:30 pm and again at 1 pm on Saturday, June 23, 2018 at the Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple, 1155 Noche Buena Street, Seaside, CA.

For tickets, a $15 suggested donation is requested, call (650) 868-9883. This is not a remake of the original “Go For Broke” movie starring Van Johnson and the Nisei soldiers of the 100th/442nd RCT.}

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**A review by Julie Checkoway**

Stacey Hayashi’s “Go for Broke: an Origins Story” movie features a star-studded, all-Japanese American cast mostly from Hawaii, and a local crew telling the tale of the start of the famed 100th/442nd Infantry Regiment Combat Team of World War II—the most decorated unit in the history of the United States military for its size and time in combat.

The 100th/442nd was made up of more than 14,000 Japanese American men who served with valor in the
European theater and received 21 Congressional Medals of Honor, 8 Presidential Unit Citations, 9,500 Purple Hearts and 5,200 Bronze Star Medals. [Editor’s note: A Congressional Gold Medal, along with the famous Military Intelligence Service (MIS), was added.] Among their ranks was Medal of Honor recipient Daniel K. Inouye, who would go on to become a powerful and respected US Senator and President Pro Tempore -- the first Japanese American elected to Congress. The motto of this battalion was “Go for Broke.”

Hayashi’s film, which was 16 years in the making and shot entirely in Hawaii at the actual locations at which the real events occurred, chronicles the remarkable story from its earliest beginnings, from the eve of December 7, 1941, when over 4000 Japanese Americans are already in the military service and defending Hawaii from the Japanese under fire, to when 169 “AJAs” (Americans of Japanese Ancestry), as they called themselves, college boys petition the military governor to let them show their loyalty with menial labor to help with the war effort, despite having been kicked out of the Hawaii Territorial Guard for looking like the enemy, to the horrifying moment when the government classifies them as 4C, or “enemy aliens” forbidden to serve, and beyond, to their triumphant formation and deployment “aloha ceremony” at Iolani Palace before heading to basic training at Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

It stars Oscar-winner Chris Tashima, Peter Shinkoda (Netflix, “Daredevil”), Cole Horibe (“So You think You Can Dance”), Ban Daisuke (“Kikaida”), and features a soundtrack by ukulele virtuoso Jake Shimabukuro, who also makes his acting debut.

Many of the authentic details arise from the involvement of the real-life people Hayashi brought to the film, including the first Japanese American killed in action on December 7th, 1941, Torao Migita; members of his actual family portray themselves. Among countless other real veterans’ descendants, the real-life grandson of Hawaii’s future governor John A. Burns is in the film as a cameo, as well as real life HTG/VVV/442 veterans Ted Tsukiyama and Bishop Yoshiaki “Sharkey” Fujitani and 442/MIS veteran Herbert K. Yanamura, who saved the lives of 1500 people in the Battle of Okinawa, and former US Senator Daniel Akaka (himself a WWII veteran).

The film is also rich in historical detail: in a scene featuring future Olympic Coach Soichi Sakamoto, who founded the Three-Year Swim Club. Sakamoto is portrayed by his real life last protege, Reid Yamamoto. Even the film’s costuming reflects Hayashi’s commitment to history: Luka Masuda, the actor who portrays 442 veteran Eddie Yamasaki, wears Yamasaki’s original garrison cap.

This film produced by Stacey Hayashi, directed by Alex Bocchieri; cinematography by Jeremy Snell and Anthony Sanderson-Vallejo; is shot on an Arri Alexa operated by Abraham Williams.

**FRIENDS AND FAMILIES OF NISEI VETERANS**

FFNV held its 26th annual memorial service on May 19, “Armed Forces Day,” at Roberts Park, Oakland Hills at 12:00 noon. This service was first held in 1992 at the site of a redwood tree planted by veterans of E Company, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, in memory of 442nd veterans who gave their lives during WWII.

Over the years, this memorial service has grown and is now dedicated to all veterans of the 100th/442nd/MIS and all veterans of other wars and conflicts regardless of ethnic background.
100th/442nd RCT veteran and President of the FFNV Lawson Sakai delivered the keynote address which centered on the Nisei overcoming racial discrimination on many fronts to prove one’s loyalty to this country. In attendance were several veterans of other military units who served differing conflicts.

442nd RCT veteran Sam Sakamoto offered incense in memory of those comrades who have passed away.

Saluting in front of the 442nd RCT memorial redwood tree is Mas Kadota of E Company, 442nd RCT.

Among those enjoying the potluck luncheon are Franz Steidl and Sam Sakamoto (above) and Kaz Kurasaki and Joe Bowes (below).

The next FFNV event, a reunion of veterans, will take place in Las Vegas, October 14-15.

“SUSHI IS GOOD FOR YOU!”

Masazo Nonaka, of Ashoro, Hokkaido at age 112, was certified as the world’s oldest living man.

Nabi Tajima of Japan passed away at age 117 on April 21, 2018. She had been the world’s oldest person.

There are about 67,800 centenarians in Japan, the fastest aging country in the world. Japan has the highest average life expectancy--80.98 for men and 87.14 for women--according to the Ministry of Health, Labor, and Welfare.
Our W-SC JACL Senior Center has 32 members age 88 and over who are alert and fun-oriented! Read about them in our Senior Center News. We have an additional 32 W-SC JACL members who are 88 and over.

**THE WHEEL ON THE BACK GATE IS FIXED**

Thanks to W-SC JACL board member Joe Bowes for fixing the broken wheel (see the above photo) of the back-parking lot’s gate.

**CLEAN UP OF THE JAPANESE MEMORIAL GARDEN AT THE SITE OF THE SALINAS ASSEMBLY CENTER by Victor Kimura**

It had been three months since the maintenance crew of Joe Bowes and yours truly from the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL chapter cleaned up the memorial garden in Salinas, and the weeds were having a field day!

After a couple hours of hoeing and raking, however, and as evidenced by the before and after pictures, transformed the garden back to its original beautiful condition.

Our crew will clean the garden again before Salinas’ “Big Week” of the California Rodeo takes place in July.

We wish those who attend the rodeo will visit our memorial garden and remember that from April to July of 1942 this site was a prison that held more than 3,600 innocent persons of Japanese ancestry during WW II.

Joe is inspecting his proposed layout of steps and boulders between the two wooden fences that he constructed last year. Photos by Victor Kimura.

**WATSONVILLE TAIKO AND SHINSEI DAIKO**

By Bonnie Chihara

On May 19th we performed at Jacob Heart’s annual Camp Heart and Hands event in Felton. We enjoyed playing before a large crowd of families in a rustic outdoor setting. Photos by Kathy Ward.

On April 29, we enjoyed playing for those running in the famous Big Sur Marathon. Participants stated that they enjoyed and appreciated our playing. Photo on the next page is by Bonnie Chihara.
The coming months are going to be busy ones for us filled with performances, workshops/classes and fundraising.

We have a new class scheduled for Saturday, July 14th from 1-2 pm. This class is for children ages 4-6. It will be held at Cliffwood Estates Clubhouse, 3200 Cliffwood Dr. in Soquel. The cost is $10. Please contact Ikuyo Conant at kirintaiko@gmail.com to register your child for this fun class focusing on rhythm and movement with taiko.

We have classes for all ages.

Our beginning children's class is scheduled at 4:30 pm on Fridays and are held at 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@watsonvilletaiko.org.

Kokoro no Gakko – or “School with a Heart” in English – is a two-week summer program dedicated to the culture and arts of Japan and founded to pass on an understanding of Japanese American culture.

Children between kindergarten and 6th grade learn traditional Japanese customs and practices through hands-on activities, including bonsai, ikebana, origami, calligraphy, cooking, language arts, singing, and much more.

The program closes with an Open House showcasing the cultural skills acquired by the students, a raffle, and potluck dinner.

Gakko is a parent-cooperative venture, thriving on the support from all the children’s families and the generosity of the classroom and resource-specific senseis.

School Dates: June 25 through July 6, 2018. There is no school on Wednesday, July 4th.

Location: Watsonville Buddhist Temple, 423 Bridge Street, Watsonville, CA 95076.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Monday through Friday.

“New family” orientations will be held on Sunday, June 24, 2018, from 11:30–12:00 and 12:00–12:30.

For more information, please contact Irene Potter at kokoronogakkowatsonville@gmail.com.

MONTEREY BONSAI CLUB

The 55th Annual Bonsai show will be held on Sunday, June 3, 2018 from 11 am to 4 pm at the Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple, 1155 Noche Buena, Seaside, CA.

Sensei Kinoshita will present a demonstration/lecture at 1:30 pm. There will be a silent auction and door prizes. Admission is free. Come join us.

CHINESE FORTUNE COOKIE

Have you noticed that the Chinese fortune cookie doesn’t taste as good anymore?

First, the fortune cookie is not Chinese at all. It is “American.” It was credited to Makoto Hagiwara, the 19th century founder and caretaker of the Japanese Tea Garden in San Francisco’s Golden Gate Park. They were made of senbei, a Japanese rice wafer, and, originally, they contained a “thank you” message. Why a “thank you” note? He was grateful to get his job back after he had been fired by a racist SF mayor.

Today, those served in Chinese restaurants and at temple chicken teriyaki dinners are made of the less expensive wheat flour and some are sweetened by a dash of vanilla. The aji (taste) is not the same.
WHAT ABOUT CATSUP OR KETSUP?

Now, catsup is Chinese, but the recipe has changed so much from the original. You may wish to read about the evolution of it on the website.

THE RISE AND THE FALL …

Thomas “Bud” Rowland, the finest Social Studies teacher of Watsonville High School (WHS—1932 to 1972), taught both US History and Federal Government (Civics). Many WHS graduates remember him with fondness and appreciation, and the Social Studies Department is named in his honor.

As a junior in the fall of 1951, I carefully took notes in his class. These notes became the foundation for my teaching of US History (1960–1996). Back then, the textbook concluded with the 1945 victory of the Allies in World War II. The Korean War, which began in June of 1950, and the great civil rights movement of the 1960s would be added in updated editions. Today’s students have so much more to learn, remember, and comprehend.

Mr. Rowland’s US History class lecture began not with the Revolutionary War of 1776–1783 but with the great contributions of the ancient western civilizations — Egypt, Greece, Rome, and others. Then, with each civilization, he carefully outlined the causes of its demise. I would add to my presentation the many wonderful contributions of the great Chinese civilization.

Today, our United States civilization is only 242 years old. The pinnacle of United States history remains a very short period of time— from World War II to the civil rights movement of the Sixties and the divisiveness of the Vietnam War.

To Mr. Rowland’s thinking, no foreign power could ever destroy us. The fall, he warned, would come from within when political, economic, religious, and other leaders use their positions for their own selfish gains.

Which nation is most likely to overtake the United States as the number one economic power within 25 years? China? Can China, in world history, rise to the top for a second time? Is there another candidate for world domination? Can it be something other than a country? A multi-national corporation perhaps?

What do you think?

PROTECTIVE TARIFF AND WARS

Many believe that slavery was the cause of the American Civil War. That is not true. It was the protective tariffs.

The northern states imposed protective tariffs placed on manufactured goods mainly from England, and the southern states objected. The North, with its greater population and a majority of the states (16–15 with CA entering as a free state), controlled the Congress and, with the election of Abraham Lincoln, the Presidency. The northern states did not want cheaper imported goods to compete with their fledging manufactured products.

Agricultural South, where “Cotton is King,” sold their cotton to England and purchased its manufactured goods in return. England was the South’s best customer. Interestingly, the factory workers of England sided with the North for they experienced a form of “slavery” while working. England chose to stay out of our civil war. Instead, they will learn to grow cotton in parts of their empire.

South Carolina was the first state to “secede” from the Union with its Ordinance of Secession, Dec. 20, 1860.

Then, the question became, can a state secede on its own? Answer: Signing onto the Constitution is like signing a contract in that one side cannot break the contract and leave on its own. [Editor’s note: Can California secede on its own? Can it, as the 5th largest economy, survive as an independent country?]

Eli Whitney played a most decisive role in the war. His invention—the cotton gin—kept the South a prisoner of cotton. Even though he had the patent, he never made much money off of it. It was so easy to make, and nearly all the plantations made their own gins. However, his most valuable and most important invention (for the North) was the concept of interchangeable parts which led to mass production and the Industrial Revolution and which defeated the Confederacy.

The South continued to use muzzle loading muskets with its single shot every 15–20 seconds while the North mass produced repeating rifles and the Gatling Gun to end the war.

Are protective tariffs important today? Whom do they protect? What is their role in our society today?

SOCIETY BESTOWS HIGHEST PROFESSIONAL HONOR TO DR. JANET NAGAMINE

The Society of Hospital Medicine inducted four new Masters in Hospital Medicine (MHM), the Society’s highest honor, at its annual conference, April 2018 in Orlando, Florida.

The recipients are distinguished by the excellence and significance of their contributions to the field of hospital medicine and health care overall. They have been selected because of personal character, positions of honor, contributions toward furthering the society's goals: distinction in practice, education, medical research, and other achievements in science or in the art of hospital medicine.

MHM nominees must be highly accomplished individuals in the hospital medicine specialty.

Evidence of their achievements can come from many types of activities, such as excellence in clinical care, health care initiatives, education, research, writing and publication, volunteerism, and administrative positions.

Dr. Janet Nagamine, MD, BSN, MHM is a hospitalist in the department of hospital-based specialty and inpatient palliative care at Kaiser Permanente Hospital in Santa Clara, CA. Among her many roles within the Society were serving on its board of directors from 2009 to 2014 and chairing the Quality and Safety committee for five years.

She began her career as an ICU nurse and spent the last 30 years in various institutional and organizational roles trying to make hospitals a better place.

Dr. Nagamine had to juggle family responsibilities and deferred the fancy titles, but she always found ways to...
contribute meaningfully through her work with the Society for Hospital Medicine.

“I’m honored to be acknowledged in this formal and prestigious way, because my career path hasn’t always followed the traditional course of recipients who receive this award. It speaks volumes to the type of organization the Society of Hospital Medicine is, and it makes me proud,” she commented.

Congratulations, Dr. Nagamine!
Dr. Nagamine is married to Dr. Stuart Sakuma, O. D., and they have one daughter, Jamie, who will be a freshman in high school next year. Dr. Nagamine’s parents are Akira and Hideko Nagamine of Watsonville.

The other recipients were Dr. Bob Harrington, Dr. Andrew Auerback, and Dr. Daniel J. Brotman.

WATSONVILLE-KAWAKAMI SISTER CITY UPDATE
by Robb Mayeda

Our thirteen students, including Tristan Nakatani, Jackson Miller, Colin Hirahara and chaperone Alison Niizawa (former principal of Kokoro no Gakko and PVHS, is now a PVUSD administrator) just returned from Japan. They had a great time in our sister city and in Tokyo.

Our students visited the beautiful Kawakami Middle School (above) and an elementary school (below).

The students took an excursion to a mountain park which they enjoyed.

You can view dozens of photos and videos on the Facebook site, Kawakami-Watsonville-Sister City 2018. (If you don’t see dozens of photos when you visit this site, then ask a more experienced Facebook user about navigating through it.)

We would like to thank the community for their support. Now, we will begin to prepare for the Kawakami Junior High students who will visit Watsonville, August 21-26.

WESTVIEW CHIMES by Leslie Nagata-Garcia

The Transforming Power of a Few Deep, Prayerful Breaths!

I don’t want my anger to control me, I want to be in control of my anger!

Can you relate?

Do you sometimes feel anger well up and then you say or do things you wish you had not?

I sometimes get angry or frustrated--no problem we all do. But, I don’t like how I sometimes handle my anger. Yelling, even if it is at my computer, affects those in my house—the negative effects can be hard on others. Now that we have a dog, I even see how it affects my sweet Chelsea. She cowers thinking she has done something wrong.

We are studying the 7 Deadly Sins on Sundays, and I am wanting to use this opportunity to reflect on my own life and realize how these sins creep in and steal my joy. I don’t want anger to steal my joy or the joy of anyone in my household. I want my life and home to be a place of peace.

In Ephesians 4:26 (quoting Psalm 4:4) Paul wrote, “Be angry, and yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger.” Then, a few verses later (Eph. 4:31), he told his readers to put aside all anger.
“These and other Scriptures show that anger can be either righteous or sinful. What’s the difference? Righteous anger is the godly reaction to sin or injustice.

So, the first step in dealing with your anger is to stop and honestly analyze it: Is it righteous anger, sinful anger, or a mixture of both? Think about why you’re angry.

The embarrassing truth is that when I analyze my anger, almost always it is rooted in selfishness: I didn’t get my way and I want my way!” states Rev. Steven Cole (https://bible.org/seriespage/lesson-18-dealing-your-anger-colossians-38).

Here are 2 quotes from Thich Nhat Hahn worth meditating on:

“When we get angry, we suffer. If you really understand that, you also will be able to understand that when the other person is angry, it means that she is suffering. When someone insults you or behaves violently towards you, you have to be intelligent enough to see that the person suffers from his own violence and anger. But we tend to forget. We think that we are the only one that suffers, and the other person is our oppressor. This is enough to make anger arise, and to strengthen our desire to punish. We want to punish the other person because we suffer. Then, we have anger in us: we have violence in us, just as they do. When we see that our suffering and anger are no different from their suffering and anger, we will behave more compassionately. So, understanding the other is understanding yourself, and understanding yourself is understanding the other person. Everything must begin with you.”

“Deep listening, compassionate listening is not listening with the purpose of analyzing or even uncovering what has happened in the past. You listen first of all in order to give the other person relief, a chance to speak out, to feel that someone finally understands him or her. Deep listening is the kind of listening that helps us to keep compassion alive while the other speaks, which may be for half an hour or forty-five minutes. During this time you have in mind only one idea, one desire: to listen in order to give the other person the chance to speak out and suffer less. This is your only purpose. Other things like analyzing, understanding the past, can be a by-product of this work. But first of all, listen with compassion. Compassion”

Leslie (my wife) and I do this (on good days). We take turns listening and understanding each other. It is wonderful to feel heard, without the other person interrupting or defending herself. We have solved many a conflict with deep listening.

When feeling stress our bodies are equipped to jump in and send chemicals throughout our body (Adrenaline increases your heart rate, elevates your blood pressure and boosts energy supplies. Cortisol, increases sugars in the bloodstream) so we can respond with fight or flight. However, most of the stress we feel in modern times are not fight or flight situations (I encounter drivers that cut me off, but I don’t usually encounter lions or bears in Watsonville). We need to learn to pause, take deep breaths and let our rational, Holy Spirit mind be in control rather than the hypothalamus, which is commonly called “lizard brain,” and does not think too well!

I am coming to see one CAN control his/her anger. You can feel anger then choose to take deep breaths, even pray! And then choose how you want to respond out of a centered place not from the place of your anger. We need to stop and pray with all anger, even righteous anger. I am hoping I can have my first impulse to pray and ask God to help me understand what is making me angry and to gain wisdom on how to best deal with it or to just trust in God in the difficulties. “When I feel anger well up, take a deep breath and pray!” is going to be my new mantra.

If you do mess up and express your anger in a hurtful way, ask for forgiveness from God and from those you have hurt. We have a God of grace who will forgive. We have a God who promises, “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.” (Ezekiel 36:26)

I appreciate you, and may you each lean into the arms of a God who wants to transform you fully into the beautiful you, you are meant to be!  

Pastor Dan

**Wednesday Study Series:** We will take a summer break and resume in **September** on Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday 6:45pm at Paloma Del Mar, 2030 Pajaro Lane in Freedom. We will continue 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!

**Sunday Message Series:** - “The 7 Deadlies: warning signs to keep us on the road to abundant life!”
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.

Help Your Youth/Children Grow a Strong Foundation in Christ!!

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

Photo: Youth Archery Night in the Forest)
Mark your calendars for the following date: (only one scheduled in June because of Youth Mission Trip):

June 29th: Gym Nite, 5:30 pm.

Puerto Rico mission trip for hurricane disaster relief.

Salvation Army Dinners: Westview will resume preparing and serving the Salvation Meals in December. (Photo: A well-deserved Salvation Army cook’s and server’s luncheon after serving the meals from December through April).

Jean Yamashita announced that Terry Hiranaka and Paul and Carol Kaneko are new grandparents. She displayed photos and names of the new grandchildren so that everyone could see the cute babies.

We celebrated Mother’s Day on May 10th with delightful decorations made by Helen Nakano and Susan AmRhein. There were little white houses with red roofs hanging at each table, and a red box filled with Almond Roca candy at each place. After observing a Moment of Silence for those mothers who were no longer with us and singing God Bless America, we presented beautiful flowered plants to all the mothers who were 88 years of age or older.

Mothers 88 and over who were present were: front: Sumi Yamada 88, Chie Sakaue 88, Kazuko Sakai 88, Michiko Hamada 96, Tea Hashimoto 97, Hisako Uemura 90. Back: Chiyeko Shikuma 93, Haru Ishibashi 92, Mitzi Katsuyama 98, Yaeko Cross 91, Rubie Kawamoto 91, Hide Nagamine 97, Eiko Nishihara 91, Yoshiko Nishihara 90, and Ruby Nakamura 93.

Absent were: Eiko Ceremony 93, Kimiyo Fujii 92, Grace Fujita 93, Nancy Iwami 103, Masako Miura 103, Mitsuko Ruble 89, Yae Sakamoto 92, Floy Sakata 92, Louise Sako 101, Chiyoko Yagi 97, Satoko Yamamoto 92, and Haruko Yoshii 101. Congratulations to all our 88 and over mothers! You are all amazing!

This group picture was taken of all the women at our Senior Center. Following, a Mother’s Day raffle was held, and as their ticket number was called for the “ladies only” raffle, each of our ladies came up to claim a gift from the table decorated with a “Happy Mother’s Day” balloon and laden with many donated gifts. Thanks to all who donated the lovely gifts and to Jean Yamashita who organized the gifts and made up little bags and packages of gifts.

After some games of bingo, we were treated to a delicious buffet from Happy Garden Chinese Restaurant. Thank you to Leigh Sakaguchi who said grace before we ate, June Honda who ordered the yummy assortment of

MAY SENIOR CENTER NEWS

by Carol Kaneko and Jean Yamashita

We have had a busy month at the Senior Center. On April 26, a film crew from NHK (Japan’s public broadcasting organization) was in attendance to record Kimiko Marr as she went about her activities at the Senior Center. They are making a documentary film about Kimiko and her work with pilgrimages to the incarceration camps. The documentary will air on NHK on June 7 at 7 pm.
Our May birthday party was held on May 17 with birthday honorees: Iwao Yamashita 91, Kim Tao, Mitzi Katsuyama 98, Nancy Iwami 104, and Bette Garcia. Absent were: Inako Johnson, Sachi Snyder, and Haruko Yoshii 101. Nancy, Mitzi, and Iwao were presented a package of manju for being over 90.

Nancy Iwami came from Reno with daughter and son-in-law, Nancy Jean and Marvin Mattson, to celebrate her 104th birthday with all her friends at the Senior Center.

Nancy’s family treated everyone to a box of delicious sushi from Miyuki Restaurant, and Marvin donated 19 handmade wooden tea canisters with tea inside for bingo prizes.

We had some lucky winners at bingo today! The lovely table flowers were the work of Teruko Hirahara and Gail Wurtenberg. Thank you!

Baisho and Yoshiko Matsumoto came to Kizuka Hall on Friday, May 18. Mr. Matsumoto, a musician from Japan who plays both the shamisen and shakuhachi has entertained us in the past. His wife, Yoshiko, is a Minyo singer and also plays the shamisen. They were very entertaining as they performed Japanese songs familiar to many in the audience, some of whom were heard singing or humming along, and encouraged audience participation. This year we had an interpreter, Kaori, who was able to translate the Nihongo into English for us.

Arigato to Mr. and Mrs. Matsumoto for entertaining us, to Matsunami-san, their agent, for arranging their visit to Watsonville, and to Kaori for translating. Thanks also to Kazuko Sakai who brought delicious strawberries to share with everyone, and to Jean Yamashita who provided snacks and made tea. Thanks to everyone who came and we hope to see you (and many more) next year when Matsumoto-san plans to be back.

The Santa Cruz County Youth Symphony offered free admission to our Seniors for their Spring Concert on May 13. We thank them for their generosity.

Here is some news about the new Medicare cards being sent out. Beware of scams related to the new Medicare card. You are probably aware that the Centers for Medicare Services (CMS) is sending out new Medicare cards to all Medicare recipients. This will happen between April 2018 and April 2019.

It may not surprise you to know that there are already people using this situation to run scams on Medicare recipients. Medicare beneficiaries should keep the following in mind:

• No action is needed. New Medicare cards will be automatically mailed to the address that CMS has on file. Medicare beneficiaries should not provide any information to anyone claiming it is needed for the new card.
• A temporary card is not needed. Medicare beneficiaries can continue to use their existing card until they receive a new one.
• CMS does not charge for Medicare cards.
• Medicare will not call. Be suspicious of anyone calling about the new Medicare card.
• In general, it is never a good idea to give personal information like Social Security number, Medicare number or credit card number over the phone if you are not 100% certain who you’re talking to and how it will be used.

Learn more about the new Medicare card by visiting the CMS website, or beginsat50.com.

Paul reminded everyone to attend the Japanese Cultural Fair on Saturday, June 9 at Mission Plaza Park from 11 am to 6 pm and the JACL Community Picnic at Aptos Village Park on Saturday, June 23 from 11 am to 4:30 pm.
Just to confirm that it’s not possible to lose weight at the Senior Center, Jean Yamashita treated everyone to cups of delicious ice cream on May 24. Yum!

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).

We currently have no plans for any casino trips in the near future due to the busy schedules of our trip planners. If you would like to volunteer to arrange a casino trip, please contact Jean Yamashita.

Seniors were happy to see Frances Schwamm back to visit her many friends at the Senior Center.

Thanks to our May toban: Judy Hane, Jo Ann Vear, Leigh Sakaguchi, and Mary Perez. Jo Ann has been under the weather so others stepped in to help out. It was nice to see Angie Guzman learning the duties of our toban crew, and she expressed her willingness to help out at any time, so we added her to our toban list. Sunao Honda was in charge of opening up this month. Thanks to Eiko Stewart and June Honda and all of our members who thoughtfully help out whenever needed. Leigh Sakaguchi has agreed to share in the opening and closing up of the Senior Center, taking the place of Sunao Honda, who needed a break.

Monetary donations for the month of May gratefully received from: Hisako Uemura, Patty Vasquez, Angie Guzman, Bette Garcia, Iwao Yamashita, Nancy Iwami, Kim Tao, and Judy Hane. Special Mother’s Day donations were received from Yae Sakamoto, Iwao Yamashita, and Christine Izumizaki. Mitsuyo Tao made an appreciation donation for the Baisho Matsumoto performance.

Above: Sharon Bobo presents Nancy her bingo prizes.

Thank you for all the wonderful bingo prizes:

Jean Yamashita
4 bags avocados, 2 bags Cheddar Puffs, 5 bags of avocados and tomatoes, ice cream for all

Toshi Yamashita
8 pkgs brownies, arare, 4 pkg nori, 8 plates chocolate cake, 5 Rice Krispy treats, 5 oriental noodles

Gail Wurtenberg
6 bags Snickerdoodle cookies, 5 lemon cookies

Kimiyo Fujii
24 boxes Kleenex

Bette Garcia
3 bags senbei, 2 jars furikake

Chiyeko Shikuma
4 bags Chex Mix, 7 bags Cornnuts, 1 can peanuts

Connie Dimas
3 instant oatmeal, 1 box Fruited Yogurt snack, 6 mega bath tissue, 4 cereal cups

Edna Nagata
6 rolls paper towels, 6 boxes Kleenex, 8 rolls paper towels

Satoko Yamamoto
2 boxes body soap, 1 box Kleenex, 3 cans tuna, 4 pkg popcorn, 1 box macaroni, 1 pkg whole grain lasagna

Kim Tao
(all homemade) 5 plates blueberry muffins, 10 plates carrot cake cupcakes, 7 bags oatmeal cookies, 10 plates lemon cupcakes

Sharon Bobo
8 bags assorted cookies

June/Sunao Honda
4 barbeque pork buns, lots of lemons, 4 Spam sushi, 2 jalapeño Spam sushi

June Honda/Kazuko Sakai
9 plates inari sushi

Eiko Nishihara
12 jars strawberry jam

Yoshiko Nishihara
18 bottles Dawn dish soap

Rubie Kawamoto
16 boxes Kleenex

Susan Aramaki Merchant
2 pkg popcorn, nougat candy, snacks

Jeanette Crosettii
2 pkgs chagashi

Jean Akiyama
4 boxes Kleenex

Sumi Yamada
1 can macadamia nuts, 1 pkg wasabi peas

Pat Marr
body lotion and hand soap, body cream, 8 pkgs chocolate chip cookies

Hisako Kodama
16 bunches flowers

Yaeko Cross
6 rolls bath tissue, 2 boxes Ritz crackers, 12 cans mandarin oranges

Haru Ishibashi
2 bags chagashi

Reba Condon
7 cheese cake, 6 Matcha Azuki cake

Nobuko Akiyama
2 bunches flowers

Eiko Stewart
5 an manju

Hideko Nagamine
13 bags cucumbers, 96 paper plates

Norris Woodford
8 cans Spam, 30 rolls bath tissue

Eileen Byers
10 Dawn dish soap

Mitzi Katsuyama
cutting board and knife set, rice paddle

Chie Sakaue
3 bunches flowers

Marvin Mattson
19 handmade wooden tea canisters with tea inside

Mitsuyo Tao
14 baskets P&K Farms organic strawberries

Tea Hashimoto
30 rolls bath tissue

Thanks 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!

Our June Schedule:
Thurs June 7 Regular Bingo
Sat June 9 Japanese Cultural Fair – Mission Plaza Park, Santa Cruz, 11 am – 6 pm
Thurs June 14 Father’s Day Celebration – Potluck
Thurs June 21 June Birthday Party
Sat June 23 JACL Community Picnic - Aptos Village Park, 11 am – 4:30 pm
Thurs June 28 4th of July treat and Bingo
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
by Barbara Shingai

Temple Calendar of Events for June and July:
*Wednesdays  Buddhist Study Classes  at 7 pm
  May 30, June 6 & 13
*Tuesdays  Meditation Sessions  at 7 pm
  June 12, 19 & 26
*Mondays & Wednesdays  Obon dance practices  at 7 pm
  June 18, 20, 25, 27; July 2, 9, 11, 16 & 18
  (no practice on Wednesday, 4th of July)
*Monterey Buddhist Temple  “Go For Broke” movie
  Fri. June 22, 7:30 pm & Sat. June 23, 1 pm

Sat, June 2  2 pm- 4 pm - Special Public Lecture with  Prof. Enrique Galvan-Alvarez

Special notice: The Temple is sponsoring this public lecture with outreach to the Hispanic community (lecture will be in English/Spanish) with guest speaker Enrique Galvan-Alvarez. He is a professor studying at IBS in Berkeley, researching how the concept of practice is differently imagined across Buddhist communities in North and South America.

Sun, June 3  10 am  Sunday Service. Shotsuki Hoyo, & Graduation service

Sundays, June 10 & 17  10 am  Sunday Services

Sat, June 23 -11 am to 4:30 pm  W-SC JACL community picnic, Aptos Village Park

Mon. June 25 to July 6  Kokoro No Gakko

July 1-4  11 am to 8 pm  Temple Fireworks Sale

It is now one of the Temple’s biggest fund raising, and we need everyone’s help to support our youth and other Temple programs.

Sat, July 7  3 pm  Hatsubon/Shotuski Hoyo Service with Guest Speaker  Rev. Matt Hamasaki of Sacramento

Sun., July 22, noon to 5:30 pm- Watsonville Obon Festival

Congratulations to the following young graduates:
Matthew Maemura, Salutatorian of North Salinas High, who will enroll this fall at UCLA.
Kaitlin Sakae of Aptos High who will be attending Cal State, San Luis Obispo (“Cal Poly”).
Hayley Sakae upon her graduation from Cal State, San Luis Obispo.

JUNE SHOTUSKI HOYO, FAMILY MEMORIAL
June 3 at 10 am

Akimoto, Jim Yoshio  Akiyoshi, Yaeko
Dooka, Akira  Fujii, Tokio
Hasebe, George  Hashimoto, Mits
Higaki, Osami  Hirahara, Mitoshi
Hashiyama, Frances  Idemoto, Kazuko
Iyama, Tsunehichi  Izumizaki, George Yutaka
Kamimoto, Tsutai  Kanda, Momoyo
Kimoto, James  Kimoto, Isamu
Kimoto, Tomo  Kobara, Chisako
Kobara, Kaichi  Kobayashi, Isamu
Kokka, Shizue  Maemura, Jason Tadashi
Matsui, Midori  Matsumoto, Kenneth
Matsunami, Misao  Matsunami, Tsugumi
Mine, Bill Matao  Mine, Sachi
Mine, Tom  Misumi, Gijiro
Miura, Takaji  Murakami, Shozo
Muronaka, Tsuyuko Helen  Nagamine, Tousuke
Nakase, Pauline  Nishijima, Norma Taeko
Nishita, Hayakichi  Oda, Fumiko
Oka, Kanako  Okamoto, Mary
Sadamura, Manzo  Shirachi, Tsuya
Sukekane, Chiyeko  Takei, Kisaku
Taninura, Noboru  Tao, Takeyo
Terasaki, Rosie  Toriumi, Jane Misako
Tsudama, Toshiko  Yamamoto, Barbara Sanae
Yamamoto, Hisa  Yamamoto, Ben Tsutomu
Yamamoto, Masatatsu Bob  Yamane, Sakuichi
Yamanishi, Akiji  Yamanishi, Jitaro
Yamanishi, Tadao  Yamashita, Minoru
Yorita, Misayo  Yorita, Toshiteru
Yoshimaru, Masato  Uyematsu, Rempei
Uyematsu, Rempei

The guest speaker for the Gotan-e and Shotsuki Hoyo service on May 12 was Rev. Ryuta Furumoto of Senshin Buddhist Temple (LA).

WELCOME, OUR NEWEST W-SC JACL MEMBERS
Robert Katz and Leola Lapides of Watsonville
DONATIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED FROM …
In memory of Betty Yagi from …
  Tom and Harumi Murakami
  Mas and Marcia Hashimoto
  Esther Ura

In memory of Jane Jofuku from …
  The family of Jane Jofuku
  Mas and Marcia Hashimoto

In memory of Margaret Hori from …
  Bill and Ida Akimoto

In memory of Lee Holley from …
  Mas and Marcia Hashimoto

In memory of Susumu Tamashiro from …
  Mas and Marcia Hashimoto

For the upcoming Community Picnic donations from …
  Edna Nagata
  Floy Sakata
  Dr. Arthur Hayashi
  Dr. Reed Kuratomi
  Dr. Jamie Kuratomi
  Paul and Carol Kaneko
  Kevin and Jee Kajihara, Imura Restaurant

JIMI YAMAICHI PASSED AWAY
On May 12, 2018, Jimi Yamaichi of San Jose passed away at the age of 95. Considered the “Soul and Conscience of the Tule Lake Pilgrimage,” he, later, became a co-founder of the Japanese American Museum of San Jose (JAMsJ), for which we are grateful. Memorial funeral services will be held at 4 pm, Sunday, June 10 at the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin Annex, 640 North 5th Street. Come dressed “casual” and wear your favorite hat.

SUSUMU “CHOKEY” TAMASHIRO
Susumu “Chokey” Tamashiro passed from this world on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 in Santa Cruz, CA. He was 87 years old and still worked 3 days a week as a gardener for customers who were like family to him. He worked for many of them for over 40 years.

Chokey, as he was known as on the mainland, was born in Lahaina, Maui on October 3, 1930. He moved with his family to Kapaa, Kauai where he and his family worked on the sugar cane plantation. He eventually came to California to work as a machinist in San Francisco but he did not enjoy the city life. He settled in Watsonville where he met the love of his life, Joyce, and they were married in 1957. Joyce preceded him in death in 2016 after 59 years of marriage. They had 3 children, Vicky and Jill Tamashiro and Kris Tamashiro-Leon. Susumu had a son-in-law, Dennis Leon and 2 grandchildren, Kieli and Ty Leon, whom he adored.

Susumu was preceded in death by his parents, Chotaro and Kame Tamashiro, as well as his four brothers, Chokichi, Chosei, Choye, and Masanobu. His three surviving sisters, Yoshiko, Kimie, and Toyoko all live in Hawaii. He also leaves behind several sisters and brothers-in-law and many nieces and nephews.

During his life Susumu loved fishing and was a regular bowler for many years on Wednesday nights in the Nisei League. He also enjoyed watching the San Francisco Giants and 49ers games, playing cards, and taking trips to Las Vegas.

A service will be held at a later date.

We send our deepest condolences to the families, relatives, and friends of the Yagi, Jofuku, Holley, Kiyomoto, Yamaichi, and Tamashiro families.

RESERVE SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 2018
Our W-SC JACL chapter will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the passing of the Civil Liberties Act of August 10, 1988 with a special unveiling of Howard Ikemoto’s famous painting of the guard tower of “camp” and more! Please keep this date open.

WHY NOT JOIN OUR W-SC JACL?
Our W-SC JACL is blessed with dedicated board members and members who work on a daily basis without compensation or praise. No one associated with our non-profit organization/chapter is a paid employee. Instead, they augment the expenses of our chapter out of their own pockets. That’s how dedicated they are to the JACL mission!

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 all of our local community.

If you are a JACL member, 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 social justice and for civil rights for all.

Current members, please look at the date after your name on the address label. E. Txxxx 4/18 means your membership expired in April 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 June 2018 newsletter. Comments are always welcome at hashi79@sbcglobal.net. For our full, living color newsletter, log onto http://watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org, click onto “Newsletters,” then the month.

Onward!
Mas Hashimoto, Editor
Dear Members and Friends:

For over 100 years the Japanese American families of Watsonville have enjoyed a traditional event known as the “community picnic.” This was established by our immigrant Issei pioneers who struggled and worked tediously and who could afford only one day out of the year to relax and celebrate with gratitude the survival of another year.

Since WW II’s end, the Watsonville-Santa Cruz Japanese American Citizens League has sponsored this important cultural tradition. At this community picnic, everyone is welcome. Highlights of the picnic include a delicious chicken barbecue lunch (only $8 for adults and teens; $5 for Seniors 70 and older and for children 6-12, and free for 5 years and younger), the presentation of scholarships to our outstanding youths, fun races for all ages, free bingo with wonderful prizes for our Senior citizens and friends, entertainment by Watsonville Taiko, an ice cream social, a *jan ken pon* contest, and an exciting raffle.

We cordially invite you and your family to join us at this year’s picnic, which will take place at the beautiful Aptos Village Park, 100 Aptos Creek Road, Aptos, CA 95003 on **Saturday, June 23rd, 2018** from 11 am to 4:30 pm. Please **carpool** as parking is limited.

Yours truly,
Marcia Hashimoto, Picnic Chair

Above photo: Everyone is beckoning for you and your family to join us for a traditional day of fun with sack races, free bingo, great food, and other delights.
“Never been to Japan . . . but always wanted to go?” “Been to Japan and want to go back?”

With a combination of planned tours/group excursions, and public transportation,
we are planning a unique experience of Japan travel. This trip is for the able-bodied so be prepared for walking,
exploring and maybe meeting up with some of our Japan chapter members!

**TENTATIVE ITINERARY: (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

11/6 (Tues) San Francisco to Tokyo (Haneda)
11/7 (Wed) Tokyo Arrival, Transfer to Hotel. Dinner On Your Own
11/8 (Thur) Tokyo Full-day sight seeing Tour (Asakusa, Sensoji, etc.)
11/9 (Fri) Tokyo On Your Own: Evening Meet-Up with Japan JACL chapter (if available)
11/10 (Sat) Tokyo On Your Own: Day activity with Japan JACL Chapter (if available)
11/11 (Sun) Yokohama: Luggage Transfer (Japanese Overseas Migration Museum/Kamakura Tour Day)
11/12 (Mon) Hakone: Full-day sight seeing Tour.
11/13 (Tues) Kyoto: Full-Day: On Your Own. Suggested:
   Group 1: First timer tour (Nijo Castle/Kinkakuji/Kiyomizu, etc.)
   Group 2: Arashiyama
11/15 (Thur) Hiroshima: (Luggage Transfer) Full Day Sight Seeing Tour:
   Peace Memorial Park (possible 1,000 crane presentation)
11/16 (Fri) Hiroshima: On Your Own. Suggested: Miyajima Island (Activities are on your own at Miyajima Island)
   & Hiroshima Castle
11/17 (Sat) Transfer by bus to Hiroshima-Tokyo Haneda / Connect to San Francisco

**TRIP FIRST PAYMENT:** $1,000 to secure your spot NOW. Trip registration is extended to July 25, 2018.
This is a JACL trip: Non members please include an additional: $65 for JACL membership-non refundable.

**TRIP COST:** The Tour cost is approximately $4,350 based on double occupancy and is based on 20 participants. The trip cost **will increase by $325** (to $4,675) if the group falls below 16 participants (10 persons minimum are required for this trip). 
*Price does not include fuel surcharge. (Current fuel surcharge is $275).* The cost includes: round trip air fare (SF-Tokyo) on Japan Airlines, ground transportation for planned tours, daily breakfasts and, some lunches, some dinners, luggage transfers (1 bag) and taxes, and handling fees.

Cost does **NOT** include: drinks/alcohol at included meals, optional lunches and dinners, personal spending, taxi fare, expenses for ‘on your own excursions’, and other expenses not listed above.

1. Name: __________________________________________ Email address: ______________________ (to receive trip updates/tour application)
2. I am a JACL Member: JACL Chapter: ___________ Cell Phone: ______________________
3. I have been to Japan: No / Yes ____ # of times
4. I am interested in helping fold 1,000 cranes for a presentation in Hiroshima No / Yes
5. Accomodations: ☐ DOUBLE ☐ SINGLE (additional cost: add approx $1,275.00)
6. Please find enclosed: ☐ $1,000.00 Enclosed is my first trip payment (Check Payable to: Kintetsu International)
   ☐ $65.00 Enclosed is my JACL Membership (Check Payable to: National JACL)
7. Mail payment(s) and this form to:
   ***Pam Yoshida, 219 Jackson Street, San Jose, CA 95112***

A Program of the NCWNP District JACL US-Japan Relations Committee: Arrangements by Kintetsu International

Questions? Contact Pam Yoshida (pam@yo-koo.net) or Meg Mizutani (megmizutani@gmail.com)
ITINERARY  (Subject to Change:  As of 5/25/18)

Day 1  Tues  11/6
Travel Day from Bay Area (SFO VIA JAL)

Day 2  Wed  11/7  TOKYO
(Shinagawa Prince Hotel)
Arrive at Haneda, Clear Customs and Immigration
Meet our English Speaking Guide and transfer to Hotel
Dinner:  On your Own

Day 3  Thurs 11/8  TOKYO
Morning Breakfast Meet-up
Meet Our English Speaking Guide and Tour:
Asakusa / Sensoji / Nakamise
Lunch: Tempura (Aoi Marushin)
KappaBashi (Plastic food sample craft) & stroll
kitchen district
Edo Museum
Dinner:  Chanko Nabe?

Day 4  Fri  11/9  TOKYO
Morning Breakfast Meet-up
Open Day, or join in on:
Senkakuji (Shrine of the 47 Ronin)
Meiji Jinju Shrine
Omotesando (Shops including Oriental Bazaar)
Harajuku
Dinner On Your Own (TBD)
Optional: Evening with Japan JACLChapter-
Conversational English?

Day 5  Sat  11/10  TOKYO
Morning Breakfast Meet-up
Open Day, or join in on:
Optionalday activities with Japan JACL chapter
(TBD)
Lunch is on your own
Sm Group Dinner (on your own) with Japan JACL
chapter members ?

Day 6  Sun  11/11
Tokyo-Yokohama-Kamakura-Hakone
Morning Breakfast Meet-up
Meet Our English Speaking Guide, and Tour:
Yokohama: Japanese Overseas Migration Museum
Kamakura: Komachi-Dori
Lunch is on your own
Kotokuin (Outdoor Buddha Shrine)
On the way to Hakone: (stop for a light snack . . . Dinner
will be around 8pm ish)
Onsen & Kaiseki Dinner at Ryokan(Tokinoy Setsugetsuka)

Day 7  Mon  11/12  HAKONE
Morning Breakfast Meet-up
Meet Our English Speaking Guide and Tour:
(Luggage shipping to Kyoto; pack a overnight bag)
Lake Ashi Boat Tour ?
Kamaboko class
Soba Lunch
Yosegizaiku Craft ?
Shinkansen to Kyoto: met by Guide
Quick Kyoto Station Tour by Guide
Dinner On your own (Kyoto Station?)

Day 8  Tue  11/13  KYOTO
Breakfast Meet-up:
Open Day: But, how about:
1.  Kinkakuji/Kiyomizu/Nijo Castle/Nishiki Mkt
2.  Arashiyama area
Lunch is on Your Own
Dinner Meet up in the Lobby (optional)
Dinner On your own (Kyoto Station ?)

Day 9  Wed  11/14  KYOTO
Morning Breakfast Meet-up
Open Day: But, how about:
1.  Kinkakuji/Kiyomizu/Nijo Castle/Nishiki Mkt
2.  Arashiyama area
Lunch is on Your own
Dinner Meet Up in the Lobby (optional)
Dinner On your own (Kyoto Station ?)

Day 10  Thurs 11/14  KYOTO
Morning Breakfast Meet-up
(Luggage shipping to Hiroshima; pack a overnight bag)
(Shinkansen)
Stop to tour Himeji Castle? (TBD)
Lunch on your own (‘eki ben’?)
Peace Memorial Museum (crane presentation?)
Dinner Meet up in the Lobby (optional)
Dinner On your own

Day 11  Fri  11/15  HIROSHIMA
Morning Breakfast Meet-up (New Hiroden Hotel or sim.)
Open Day, but will suggest: -
Miyajima Island
Hiroshima Castle
Walk to Dinner at Suishin

Day 12  Sat  11/16  HIROSHIMA
Morning Breakfast Meet-up
Meet Our English Speaking Guide
Check in to flight from Hiroshima to Haneda, Tokyo
Tokyo to SFO
Watsonville-Santa Cruz Chapter
National Japanese American Citizens League (JACL)

$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: __________
Name: ____________________________  Age: __________

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.