THE WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL
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W-SC JACL CELEBRATES THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CIVIL LIBERTIES ACT OF AUGUST 10, 1988

By Marcia Hashimoto, President

Members and friends, thank you for your support in attending this 30th anniversary celebration.

I would like to extend appreciation to our W-SC JACL board members for their efforts in making this celebration possible—Dr. Gini Matute-Bianchi, Joe Bowes, Jeanette Hager, Mas Hashimoto, Carol Kaneko, Victor Kimura, Kimiko Marr, Cindy H. Mine, Gary Mine, Aimee Mizuno, Mia Norton, Dr. Brooke Kondo Rains, Norris Woodford, Jean Yamashita, and special thanks to Iwao Yamashita for his exceptionally beautiful bonsai on display. Our board members are volunteers dedicated to serving our community and presenting educational and cultural events and activities throughout the year.

Sandy Lydon, Historian Emeritus of Cabrillo College, and Mas Hashimoto, retired Watsonville High School history teacher, were a great team in presenting an outstanding program that highlighted the near life size camp guard tower of WW II painted by Cabrillo College’s art professor, Howard Ikemoto. Howard was unable to attend due to health reasons but we were pleased to welcome guest of honor, Jean Ikemoto.

With compassionate enthusiasm, Sandy spoke about the “Power of Art” through Howard’s artistry. With an “inside story” perspective outlined by Grant Ujifusa, National JACL’s Legislative Strategy Chairman (1982-1992), Mas summarized the successful passage of the Civil Liberties Act also known as H. R. 442 in honor of the heroic WW II 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

Presenters were Mas and Marcia Hashimoto; Mia Norton who read the Japanese American Creed by Mike Masaoka; Kimiko Marr who coordinated photos with Mas’ presentation and who read June Masuda Goto’s letter to President Ronald Reagan; and Sandy Lydon.

As everyone’s attention was directed to the painting, gratitude was expressed to our W-SC board member Joe Bowes for designing and constructing the perfect frame for Howard’s Guard Tower painting. Joe donated his time and the materials for this amazing project. Joe is a master craftsman and a vital member of our W-SC JACL. Gary Mine, Victor Kimura and Norris Woodford were recognized for assisting Joe with the

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challenging task of putting the painting on permanent display at our W-SC JACL Tokushige Kizuka Hall.

A local story about redress and reparations was presented in honor of Watsonville JACL leaders (1970s-1990s) Ben and Yoko Umeda. Their untiring and optimistic efforts were of tremendous help to our National JACL’s campaign.

Our thanks to Cindy H. Mine, Gini Matute Bianchi, Jean Yamashita, Carol Kaneko, Aimee and Kitty Mizuno, Mia Norton and Kazuko Kurasaki for providing a delicious array of refreshments. Our gratitude to Kenny Kusumoto for donating the sweet and ever so popular Driscoll strawberries.

Thank you all for your attendance, support, and positive comments.

We are particularly grateful to reporter Robin Estrin of the Sentinel and Erik Chalhoub of the Pajaronian for their publicity and reporting.

JACL Commemorates 30th Anniversary of the Civil Liberties Act of August 10, 1988
By Erik Chalhoub Editor, Watsonville Register-Pajaronian

Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL member Sandy Lydon speaks during the event. Photo by Erik Chalhoub.

“The climate at Tule was the most contentious, it was overcrowded, there were riots and there were tanks,” Lydon said. “That’s where Howard spent his childhood.

The painting depicts a guard tower at Tule Lake Camp, located in Siskiyou County, shrouded in a dust storm the internees frequently encountered.

The W-SC JACL purchased the painting last year. According to W-SC JACL President Marcia Hashimoto, the painting’s frame was designed by JACL board member Joe Bowes, who donated his time to craft it.

Lydon praised the work of the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL, which is the fourth largest JACL in the country.

“This civil rights organization works toward justice and equal opportunities for all people, particularly important now when the U.S. government is separating children from their families at the Mexico border and enacting a travel ban for those from Muslim countries,” he said of the JACL’s efforts.

“Mas and I can never stop; we cannot stop doing this.

There is a virus of racism that lies right along the spine of America,” Lydon said.

Also, during the event, the short film “Days of Waiting” by Steven Okazaki was screened, which documented the life of Estelle Peck Ishigo as she and her husband were incarcerated in the camps.

When Mas Hashimoto, who was uprooted from his Watsonville home and sent to an incarceration camp with his family during World War II, learned that the U.S. government was considering granting every Japanese American internee $20,000 as reparation in the 1980s, he was initially against it.

Hashimoto said he thought it would “cheapen” the government’s apology to the Japanese Americans. But after hearing about an elderly Issei, a first-generation Japanese immigrant, who was living in Los Angeles on a meager $5 a week for food, Hashimoto then realized that $20,000 wasn’t enough.

Hashimoto spoke on the history of redress and reparations struggle that led to the eventual signing of the Civil Liberties Act by President Ronald Reagan on Aug. 10, 1988. [His presentation is located in this newsletter.]

Over 82,000 people, including 7 in the audience, received the reparation checks.
“The apology enabled the beginning of the healing process,” said Marcia Hashimoto.

Born in 1939 in Sacramento, Ikemoto and his family were incarcerated at the Tule Lake Camp in 1942-1945.

[Editor's note: over 100 community members of various ethnic backgrounds attended the event. We are grateful for their interest and support of this era in United States history.]

With Joe Bowes (second from right) are George Ow, Jr, Mas and Marcia Hashimoto, and Sandy Lydon. Photo, courtesy of Colby Katz.

FRAMING HOWARD’S PAINTING

W-SC JACL board of director member Joe Bowes, a retired California Highway Patrolman, is our dedicated hall maintenance leader. With flawless perfection Joe (on top of the ladder) framed the huge painting. Gary Mine, Norris Woodford, and Victor Kimura, (see below photo) assisted Joe in placing it on the back wall, the only place with adequate space.

These photos are the courtesy of Gary and Cindy Mine.

Whatever needs repairing or replacing — electrical, water heater, furnaces, access to the attic, windows, stairs, et al—Joe will make sure it is done properly.

And, once a month this crew, along with Iwao Yamashita, will clean the Japanese Memorial Garden, site of the Salinas (CA) Assembly Center (1942).

“Taiko Joe,” as he is known, made the enormous drum (located in the corner of our hall), and dedicated it to Watsonville’s 442nd RCT veteran, Shig Kizuka.
New Stair for Kizuka Hall Stage  
by Jean Yamashita

To help Seniors get up and down the stage safely at Kizuka Hall, a request was made to have a stair with handrails installed. TJ Inokuchi generously donated a stair with handrails that he built with leftover wood he had at home, and Joe Bowes kindly installed the portable stair at Kizuka Hall. Many thanks to TJ and Joe! Photos by Jean Yamashita.

 SENIOR CENTER NEWS  by Susan AmRhein, Carol Kaneko, and Jean Yamashita. Photos by Carol Kaneko and Jean Yamashita.

It was great to see several of our Seniors dancing in the Salinas Buddhist Temple Obon, celebrated on July 29th.

Many of our Senior friends were also seen at the WBT rummage sale in early August. They worked hard during the rummage sale and also several days prior sorting the piles of donated items – the help was very much appreciated. Hidden treasures could be found at the rummage sale so many happy customers tramped away with bag(s) full of goodies. WBT thanks everyone for their support!

On July 19th, Kimiko Marr announced the passing of a very influential Japanese-American, Aiko Herzig Yoshinaga: a Japanese-American whose tenacious archival research persuaded Congress to approve reparations for her fellow inmates of World War II internment camps and an official apology to them, died on July 18 in Torrance, Calif. She was 93.

To read more about this amazing person: https://www.nytimes.com/2018/07/24/obituaries/aiko-herzig-yoshinaga-japanese-americans-internment-relocation-dies-at-93.html (Jean Yamashita apologizes for forgetting to mention Aiko Yoshinaga’s passing in the July newsletter.)

Jean Yamashita entertained the Seniors with a “JibJab” production. It was a short video featuring Kimiko Marr, Leigh Sakaquchi, Norris Woodford, Sharon Bobo, and Reba Condon having fun at the beach!

Our August birthday honorees were: Paul Kaneko, Reiko Yamamoto, Eileen Byers, June Honda, Yoshiko Nishihara 91, Kazuko Sakai (seated), and Gail Wurtenberg. Absent were: Akira Kodama 97, Shirley Nishimoto, George Stewart, Mark Takeuchi, Jo Ann Year, Kitty Mizuno, and Sumi Yamada. Manju was presented to Akira Kodama 97 and Yoshiko Nishihara 91. The birthday cake and ice cream were generously donated by Kazuko Sakai. Photos by Carol Kaneko.

Thank you to Teruko Hirahara and Reba Condon for providing the beautiful flowers on each table for our birthday party.

Our flu shot clinic this year will be held on Thursday, September 13th at Kizuka Hall from 1 to 2 pm. A pharmacist from CVS Pharmacy will be administering the shots. A signed consent form and insurance information will need to be provided. Please contact Carol Kaneko if you wish to get your flu shot that day.

On Saturday August 18th a small group of seniors went to the performance of The Producers at Cabrillo College. The musical proved to be a treat. The comedy was reminiscent of vaudeville and burlesque theater of the past. The musical was an adaptation by Mel Brooks and his zany humor was evident throughout. The acting and choreography were excellent, the sets and costumes were spectacular and the live orchestra was spot on. We are very fortunate to have access to such productions close to home. Many I spoke to put the performance at the level of bigger city productions. The close proximity, affordable tickets and quality facilities should prompt more people to attend the performances.

J-TOWN COMMUNITY TV  

by Duane Kubo

A video presentation of your wonderful program is posted on J-Town Community TV. One can view it on: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GOBRi86Ig_q

Please let those who could not make it know about this link, or they can go to youtube/c/jtowncommunitytv.

Thanks, and congratulations on a great program! Duane Kubo, Professor in the Ethnic Studies Department at De Anza College, Cupertino, CA

[Editor’s note: Thank you, Duane, for videotaping our event and for your continued support of our JACL mission.]
Many thanks to Susan AmRhein for coordinating the trip and providing this trip report!

August 20th finally arrived, and 39 excited Seniors and guests eagerly boarded the bus to Table Mountain. Passengers were delighted with all the delicious goodies generously donated by: Jean Akiyama, Kiko/Isamu Akiyama, Yae Kok Cross, Paul/Carol Kaneko, Rubie Kawamoto, Cindy Mine, Hide Nagamine, Eiko Nishihara, Yoshiko Nishihara, Mitsuyo/Paul/Kim Tao, Iwao Yamashita, Jackie Yamashita, Toshi Yamashita, and Jean Yamashita.

When we arrived at Table Mountain, passengers promptly received their $15 free bonus play money and $5 food vouchers then hopped off the bus into the over 100-degree dry heat – ugh. We scurried into the cool casino and proceeded to enjoy the afternoon searching for lucky slot machines/tables and/or relaxing/eating/chatting with friends. All too soon, it was time to return home. Many folks were tuckered out and soon fell asleep on the bus while others watched the movie “Ever After”.

Special thanks to trip helpers Rubie Kawamoto (trip signups/payments), Carol Kaneko and Toshi Yamashita (trip treasurers), Cindy Mine (trip nurse), Jean Yamashita (trip coordinator), and other helpful trip volunteers: Paul Kaneko, Gary Mine, Kim Tao. Finally, a big “Thank you” to all the Seniors and guests for joining us on this trip! (Thanks to Jean Yamashita for coordinating this trip and writing the report.)

A REMINDER: Please protect the Senior Center membership list and do not volunteer Senior information (name, address, phone number) to anyone you do not know.

Heartfelt get well wishes to Pat Marr as she recovers from her knee surgery. We hope she has a speedy recovery and will be back playing bingo with us soon!

Hatsuko Tsuji donated “Visas for Life” by Yukiko Sugihara to the JACL library. This is the story of Yukiko’s husband, Chihune Sugihara who saved the lives of 6,000 Jewish people by issuing visas and documents so they could escape Poland. Thank you, Hatsuko.

Thanks to TJ Inokuchi (Jean Yamashita’s brother-in-law) for building a step with handrails and to Joe Bowes for attaching it to our stage. It will now be much safer and easier for our seniors to access the stage at Kizuka Hall.

Although she has been attending and helping out at the Senior Center for many, many months now, Jean Yamashita has finally and officially become a member! Welcome to our newest member!!

The Senior Center received the sad news that Edna Nagata had passed away on August 15. Edna was a long-time member of our Senior Center, and she and her husband, Yukio, enjoyed bingo at the center and were regular participants on many senior trips over the years. She will be missed by our seniors, and we send our heartfelt condolences to her family.

Haru Ishibashi has decided it is time for her to step down as the donations recorder. Toshiko Yamashita has graciously volunteered to take over, and Patty Vasquez will be added to the toban schedule in Toshi’s place. We thank Haru for all her many years of service to our center, recording all the many bingo prizes that were generously donated by our seniors. She can now relax and just play bingo!!

In memory of Miyeko Yamashita, Takeshi Yamashita donated 25 pieces of black cod and 25 pieces of salmon that he caught in Alaska. Thank you for the delicious fish!!

Thanks to the efforts of Norris Woodford, Helen Ruiz-Thomas from the Santa Cruz County Clerk’s office will be at Kizuka Hall on Thursday, September 6 from 1:45 to 2:30 pm to register those interested in registering to vote and to answer any questions about the election handbook. It’s important to get involved. Every vote counts!!

Thank you to our August toban: Connie Dimas, Teruko Hirahara, and Kimiko Marr. Paul Kaneko was in charge of opening up this month. Thanks to the many others who always step in to help out when we are shorthanded in the kitchen. The toban schedule is posted in the kitchen.

Monetary donations for the month of August gratefully received from: Mary Perez, Jo Ann Vear, Paul Kaneko, Shirley Nishimoto, Yoshiko Nishihara, Gail Wurtzenberg, Kazuko Sakai, Akira Kodama, Reiko Yamamoto, Eileen Byers, June Honda, Mark Takeuchi, and Kitty Mizuno. Thank you also for these special donations: Kimiyo Fuji in appreciation; Art and JoAnne Hayashi, Susan AmRhein and Helen Nakano, and Marsha and Gene Wada in memory of Nancy lwami; anonymous donation for December SF Japantown trip and other senior trips; Shirley Nishimoto for Senior Center Anniversary. Thanks to all our generous donors. We are very grateful for your support.

Thank you for all the fabulous bingo prizes:

Jean Yamashita 3 packs mini-anpan; 1 bag white Cheddar Corn Puffs, 4 apples dumplings, 3 bags pears & nectarines, 7 boxes brownies, 6 mini pies

Michael Idemoto 7 boxes Jell-O, 1 box Genmai-cha, 100 tea bags

Rubie Kawamoto 3 packages cookies, 3 Oreo, shortbread, chocolate cookies, 12 boxes Kleenex

Reba Condon 2 pkgs plates; 2 boxes cookies, 12 rolls bath tissue, 2 bags Cheese Puffs, 6 plates corn fritters, birthday flowers, 2 bunches flowers, 3 Nutella banana bread

Eileen Byers 10 bags almonds, 10 bottles Dawn dish soap

Toshi Yamashita 8 boxes chocolate cakes, 4 pkgs nori, 8 rolls Bounty paper towels, 2 bags Japanese crackers, 3 bags popcorn

Kumiko Nakatani 7 bags tomatoes, 12 pkgs Kleenex

Mary Perez 9 mega rolls bathroom tissue, 18 rolls bath tissue

Juanita Lopez 6 pkgs paper plates; 3 pkgs small paper plates; 2 pkgs plastic forks

Kitty Mizuno Peach apricot fig bars, 12 bottles apple juice, 9 raspberry/chocolate bars, 40 bottles apple cider

Chie Sakaue Lily flowers, 29 bunches flowers, 60 rolls bath tissues

Tea Hashimoto 6 bags string beans, 12 jars pickles

Hisako Kodama 3 rolls paper towels

Satoko Yamamoto
IN REMEMBRANCE …

**EDNA NAGATA**

Edna Nagata, a devoted wife, loving mother and caring friend, passed away peacefully at her home on August 16, 2018 at the age of 81. Edna was born in Los Animas, Colorado, moved to California at an early age and graduated from Watsonville High School.

She met her future husband, the late Yukio Nagata, at a Westview Presbyterian Church gathering; they were married in 1955 and moved to Watsonville shortly thereafter where they raised their two daughters.

Edna worked at Wells Fargo Bank and later at Salinas Valley Savings and Loan (which eventually became Great Western Savings) and worked with the banking institution for 35 years.

Edna also obtained her Real Estate License and helped prospective homeowners find residences in Santa Cruz County.

Edna was a faithful member of Westview Presbyterian Church, directing the church’s mission giving. Edna was also instrumental in obtaining contributions for the Second Harvest Food Bank and was an advocate for sponsoring children through Compassion International. She was also an active member of the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL and its Senior Center.

One of her passions was traveling to other countries but was especially fond of Hawaii.

Edna was also an avid San Francisco Giants fan and loved going to movies.

Edna did her best to overcome obstacles that came her way to live her life to the fullest, with a sense of joy, gratitude and purpose. She will be dearly missed by her beloved family and friends.

Edna is survived by daughters Lynne Nagata (Enrique Luevano) of Watsonville and Leslie Nagata-Garcia (Patrick) of Hollister; her sisters Dorothy Sakurada (Masami) and Floy Sakata; Edna was preceded in death by her husband Yukio Nagata; brothers William Yamada, Julius Yamada and George Yamada; sister Lily Sakata. A private family graveside service will be held.
GEORGE TANIMASA

George Tsutomu Tanimasa died peacefully of natural causes on Thursday, July 19, 2018. He was 87 years of age. Mr. Tanimasa was born in Castroville on January 20, 1931. He was the youngest of four children born to Jiro and Masako Tanimasa. After graduating from Watsonville High School, he proudly served his country during the Korean War as a U.S. Marine. He then went on to raise Driscoll’s strawberries for Porter Berry Farm for over 40 years. Mr. Tanimasa was an avid Bay Area sports fan. As a season ticket holder for many years, he could often be found at a 49ers game, rain or shine.

His unique combination of wisdom, generosity, and compassion won him the affection of his family and friends. Together with his wife, Fumi, he was proud to have three children: Lloyd (Nancy) Tanimasa, Nancy Kaneshiro and Linda (Cliff) Wu; seven grandchildren, and a great granddaughter. He is also survived by his sister, Betty Morimune, and many nieces and nephews.

Private services will be held at a later date with Mehl’s Colonial Chapel entrusted with the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Watsonville Buddhist Temple, Hospice, or the charity of your choice.

We send our deepest condolences to the Nagata and Tanimasa families, relatives and friends.

WESTVIEW CHIMES by Leslie Nagata-Garcia

Revitalization

“The act or an instance of bringing something back to life, public attention, or vigorous activity.” (Webster’s Dictionary) “The action of imbuing something with new life and vitality.”

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you? See, the home of God is among mortals...See, I am making all things new. –ISAIAH 43:19, 20 CORINTHIANS 3:16 REVELATION 21: 3, 5

In the Fall we will be participating in a church revitalization initiative from the Evangelism Department of PC(USA). I have already been meeting for several months with local Presbyterian pastors talking about our churches and praying for each other.

In the fall I invite you to join me in looking at Westview as we reflect together on the 7 marks of a Vital church. I pray we can listen to the Holy Spirit about God’s path for us and new steps to take so we can move with God’s Spirit in being the church God is calling us to be right here, right now.

I will be on this journey with you and will get the support and prayer of the San Jose Presbytery, St Andrew in Aptos, Trinity in Santa Cruz, First Presbyterian Monterey, Gonzales Presbyterian, and Bonny Doon Presbyterian.

The Presbyterian Church Evangelism office began this Revitalization Initiative with the following belief:

What we believe: • A necessary re-turn to God and re-forming of God’s people • A crucial time of awakening throughout our neighborhoods, nation, and world • The Holy Spirit’s power is changing, re-forming, revitalizing the church Necessary to rediscover faithful discipleship in 21st century contexts • God is calling church to transform and transcend cultures and contexts • Move from inward institutions to neighborhood relationships and mission

They state, “The hope is this is the beginning of intentional, authentic relationships between the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Mission Agency and mid council leaders and pastors to:

• Come together as the people of God/Pray: re-turn to faithfulness in God
• Inspire openness to the Holy Spirit’s transformation/change
• Honestly assess, discern and act
• Resource, equip and support leaders and pastors
• Practice missional evangelism and faithful discipleship
• Equip vital congregations and develop a praxis of sustainability and ongoing assessment • Capture congregational stories and develop new measurements of vitality

Just to get you thinking, reflecting and praying about them, here are the 7 Marks of Congregational Vitality. Which ones are part of our Westview church? How can we grow in the vital characteristics we are weak in?

1. LIFELONG Discipleship Formation vs. complacent “Christian” piety, simply teaching good morals, or offering the latest programs
2. Intentional, Authentic Evangelism vs. “Christian” hypocrisy: a committee
3. Outward Incarnational Focus vs. inward institutional survival; closed communities of assimilation/exclusion
4. Empower Servant Leadership vs. the Pastor’s job; monopolized leadership; hiring the young, energetic pastor
5. Spirit-Inspired Worship vs. self-gratifying worship, stale ritual divorced of meaning, or consumer entertainment worship
6. Caring Relationships vs. any other social club; façades,
hypocrisy, and judgment of “church” and “religion.”
7. Ecclesial Health vs. unhealthy dysfunction; toxic environments; obsolete and irrelevant buildings

Please be in prayer for our church and for your own renewal in your relationship to Christ. The more we are in love with Christ the more we will know joy and love in our lives and have it flow out to others!

I love and appreciate you as a wonderful, warm church community!

Pastor Dan

Wednesday Study Series: 
Resumes 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!

Please mark your calendars for the following dates in September: September 12th, September 26th

Help Your Youth/Children Grow a Strong Foundation in Christ!!
Youth/Family Upcoming Events:

Gym Nites are usually the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month, from 5:30 – 8:00 pm, at Westview. Mark your calendars for the following dates in September:
• September 7th, 5:30 – 8:00 pm, Westview
• September 21st, 5:30 – 8:00 pm, Westview

Sunday Message Series: In mid-September we will start a series on “The 7 Marks of Congregational Vitality—breathing life into our lives and our church!”

WATSONVILLE TAIKO AND SHINSEI DAIKO
By Bonnie Chihara

On August 21st our youth group performed at the Kawakami-Watsonville sister city event.

Performing were Michael and Aidan Gilbert, Ethan Ward, Luca Matheis, Amelia Katz, Sage Crowbear and Kea Crowbear. They were led by Sensei Ikuyo Conant and accompanied by Kay Miyamoto.

Above: Amelia Katz and Sensei Ikuyo Conant.

Ethan Ward (left) with Michael and Aidan Gilbert below who are performing a duet on taiko drums.
We have classes for all ages. Our beginning children’s class is scheduled at 4:30 pm on Fridays and are held at Kizuka Hall in Watsonville. Our beginning adult classes are scheduled for 7pm also at Kizuka Hall. For times and locations for our other classes please contact Kay at 831 475 1088 or email us at info@watsonvilletaiko.org.

Our upcoming schedule:
- Aug. 26th: Rancho Cielo Youth Campus Event, Salinas
- Sept. 1st: Pre Show for Oto No Wa, Watsonville Buddhist Temple
- Sept. 22nd: Walk to End Alzheimer’s, Seascape Beach
- Oct. 13th: World Arts Festival, Tannery Art Center
- Nov. 3rd: Tandy Beals Magic Carpet, Veterans Memorial Building Santa Cruz
- Nov. 4th: Watsonville Taiko’s Annual Holiday Boutique and Raffle

Kawakami Sister City Report by Robb Mayeda

Fifteen Kawakami Junior High School students arrived on August 18 accompanied by their Mayor Tadahiko Fujiwara; his assistant Hara-san, a board of education member Shouko Miyata, an English teacher Sensei Shou Handa; and Yumiko Takano, a guide from Nagano City.

After touring through Los Angeles, they flew to SFO and took a chartered bus to Watsonville’s Civic Center, where they were greeted by Mr. Itaru Nitao, Mayor Lowell Hurst and me.

The Kawakami students toured the police and fire departments.

Tony Roman from the Parks and Community Service Department did a fine job preparing Community Rooms A and B for the Welcome Dinner, providing seating for 108 people and tables for the buffet and cake dessert.

The group was greeted by the Watsonville Taiko Youth performers who had just returned from their summer recess. They sounded great!

Following my welcome address, greetings were given by our elected officials and presents were exchanged. Kitty Mizuno assisted in translating from English to Japanese. Kawakami Mayor and Watsonville Mayor presented plaques that celebrated 30 years of sister city relationships and honored the 150th year anniversary of Watsonville city!

City council members Nancy Bilicich, Felipe Hernandez, Mayor Lowell Hurst, Antonio Rivas, Trina Coffman-Gomez, and Jimmy Dutra, along with Robb Mayeda (second from left), chair of the sister city association, were presented with certificates of appreciation from Mayor Fujiwara.

Phyllis Nagamine, Dorothy Mayeda, Patty Akiyama, Ben Akiyama, and Teresa Martinez prepared the food from D’la Colmena for serving. Exchange alumni from Watsonville High School and parent alum Edith Ruiz served drinks and dessert. The Kawakami students went home with their host families. Mas and Marcia Hashimoto hosted Sensei Shou Handa, while Dorothy and I hosted Shouko Miyata and guide Yumiko Takano.

The next three days included middle school attendance and field trips. This year, Cesar Chavez Middle School hosted the welcome assembly that included all 650 students, a slide show, a 30-member band, and gifts.
The field trips included Lakeside Organic Gardens, Driscoll's Berry (guided by Richard Uyematsu and Kenny Kusumoto), Monterey Bay Aquarium, our Ag History Project, and Cassidy's Pizza.

The GraniteRock Wilson Quarry trip was a special treat and was made possible by Bill and Niki Miller. Photo at the quarry is the courtesy of Tarmo Hannula of the Watsonville Register-Pajaronian.

Mrs. Akira Nagamine and Dr. Janet Nagamine offered a farm-to-table lunch and took Mayor Fujiwara on a tour of Monterey. Dorothy Mayeda took Miyata-san and Yumiko-san on a self-guided tour of Henry Cowell State Park. Their visitor’s center has a guide in Japanese that describes twenty points of interest along a one-mile loop. The last event was a beach party at Seacliff State Park.

Kawakami-mura is in the mountains in the center of Honshu and is the farthest place from the ocean. The region is famous for hiking and golf in the summer and skiing and speed skating in the winter, as this poster shows. It is also known for its vegetables—lettuce, cabbage and others—that we grow in Watsonville.

The Kawakami group and their hosts gathered for the last time at the Buddhist Temple at 6:30 A.M., Sunday to meet the charter bus to the San Francisco Airport.

**WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE NEWS**

Many Thanks regarding the 2018 Watsonville OBON

On behalf of the Obon Committee, we would like to extend our personal thanks for everyone’s participation in this year’s OBON FESTIVAL. We are fortunate to have so many individuals whose hard work and countless hours resulted in another successful Obon Festival!

Bob Shingai and I realize how many people it takes to coordinate such an event and are so thankful for the many temple members and non-temple volunteers who came out
to support Watsonville’s festival. Our hats off to the following individuals who coordinated the following major areas: Dean Sakae and Dennis Yamaoka, External set-up, parking, & Yagura; Alice Tanimoto, Udon; Shirley Inokuchi, Vendors; Lisa Sakae, Yoshie Maemura & Kim Yamaoka, Youth Group; Ryoko Kozuki & Kim Yoshida, Sushi; Ryoko Kozuki, Korokke; Judy & Glenn Nagamine & Dean Sakae, Farmer’s Market; Barbara Shingai & Susan Uyematsu, Finances; Perry Yoshida, technical support; Ken Tanimoto for being Master of Ceremonies; and Rev. Shinseki for his guidance.

The day was filled with delicious Japanese foods, various Asian vendors, children’s games, and various entertainment (consisted of delightful Koto players and Watsonville Taiko). The courtyard behind the temple was filled with many dancers in their festive attire.

All in all, it was a wonderful day, filled with great food and festive traditions. We couldn’t have done it without all the help and support of the congregation and community.

With deepest appreciation,

Dennis Ikegami & Bob Shingai, 2018 Obon Chairmen

On behalf of the Watsonville Buddhist Temple, I would like to extend my thanks to everyone who came to this year’s Obon festivities. We dedicate Obon to the Watsonville Temple members who have passed away since the last Obon. We share the grief of the families who are observing Hatsubon, the first Obon since the passing of their loved ones. We are grateful to these members for their contribution to our lives and to their families for having shared them with us, so that they were able to contribute to the community in countless ways. It is a time to honor and remember the spirits of our ancestors with deepest appreciation.

It never ceases to amaze me at the tremendous support provided by temple members and volunteers from near and far. I am so proud of everyone for their help in making our Obon such a success!

With Gassho,

Barbara K. Shingai, President

Watsonville Buddhist Temple Rummage Sale

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to the Watsonville Buddhist temple annual Rummage Sale. It was a very successful fundraising event for the temple.

A big kudos to the individuals who came with helping hands and brought goodies to share.

Special thanks to Sheryl Wobber for co-chairing this event with me; special thanks to Junko Haneta and Sheryl Wobber for donating lunch; and to Dennis Ikegami, Nancy Kuratomi, Susan Uyematsu, Jean Yamashita, and Barbara Shingai who went the extra mile.

Phyllis Nagamine, Rummage Sale Co-Chair

2018 Fireworks Fundraiser Thank You

Thank you to Aiko Nitao for bringing food to the volunteers at the Fireworks Booth. It was really appreciated.

SEPTEMBER SHOTSUKI HOYO LIST
2 pm Sunday, September 23

Akiyama, Utaro
Arao, Takanori
Arita, Goichi
Fujimoto, Sakaye
Hamada, Fumi
Hatsushi, Rintaro
Higaki, Kazuna
Idemoto, Kenji
Ito, Toshishin
Izumizaki, James
Kimoto, Yasu
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September 2018 Schedule of Events:

***Sat., Sept. 1 Otonowa Tohoku Jazz Benefit at 3 pm;
Doors open at 2 pm.

*** Sat., Sept. 8 at
Monterey Peninsula
Buddhist Temple
1155 Noche Buena St.,
Seaside, CA 93955
Public Lecture, 2–4 pm;
Wine & Cheese Social:
4–7 pm

***Sun., Sept. 9 Tri-
Temple Ohigan Service &
Luncheon, 10 am-1:30 pm,
at with Guest Speaker Rev.
Sala Sekiya; Gardena
Buddhist Temple.

Sun., Sept. 16 Sunday
Service, 10 am

***Sat., Sept. 22 57th
Annual Teriyaki Event,
10 am to 2 pm

*Sun., Sept. 23 Sunday
Service/Shotsuki
Hoyo/Dharma Youth
Program, 2 pm (NOTE
TIME CHANGE)

*Sat., Sept. 29 Tri-
Temple Interfaith Panel
Presentation at
California State
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4 pm, room to be
announced.

Sun., Sept. 30 Sunday
Service, 10 am

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[Correction: On page 2 in the August 2018 issue, we incorrectly identified Patty Akiyama as Patty Akimoto. Gomen. Our apologies.]
Good afternoon. Thank you for coming to our event today. My name is D. I was a POW imprisoned by my own country without charges, attorney, trial, or due process of law. I was 6 years old.

How many of you received the apology and the $20,000 reparations? Show of hands (7). Thank you. You are the ones who suffered and struggled through our wartime incarceration. And, in that struggle for liberty and justice you laid the solid foundation for our future generations—the Sansei, Yonsei, Gosei and hapas—who today enjoy unprecedented freedom and acceptance in this country. I hope they appreciate your sacrifices. To me, the Issei pioneers and their young Nisei children are the real heroes of our Nikkei Nation, and we must never forget what they did for us.

Now, where were you 30 years ago yesterday? Do you remember?

Marcia and I were in Seattle, attending our very first National JACL convention. It was a wonderful convention. We will never forget it.

On August 9th, half of the JACL delegates took a “red-eye” flight to Washington, DC, cleaned up in the restrooms of the Capitol and offices of our Congressional representatives, attended the signing ceremony, and then exuberantly hopped back onto an airplane headed back for Seattle. When they returned to the convention, they were like zombies—but oh, happy zombies.

Now, what is the story behind the redress and reparations movement? You saw the beginnings in Steven Okazaki’s “Oscar” winning film, “Days of Waiting,” when Arthur and Estelle Ishigo put in their claim for losses in 1948. It was a tragic “10 cents on the dollar!”

We had first experienced that when we were evicted from our homes in 1942—when we had to sell our possessions at huge losses—at “10 cents on the dollar”.

Then, again in 1948? My family didn’t submit any claims. We had to have evidence—papers—to claim our losses. Those papers had been destroyed in 1942.

You know, unlike others, the Japanese and Japanese American community had to make it twice economically in this country—first through to the Great Depression and then again in the post WWII period.

Would you believe the government had plans in the 1930s, in anticipation of a coming war, to incarcerate us and to bring Japanese Latin Americans, along with Italian and German Latin Americans, to this country to serve as hostages for prisoner exchanges?

The decision of the Fred Korematsu case of 1942 was withheld by the US Supreme Court until December 18, 1944—only after President Franklin D. Roosevelt had been safely re-elected to his fourth term in November.

The Korematsu decision legalized our incarceration as a “military necessity.”

The Court also in December of 1944 granted Mitsuye Endo her liberty from the camps because the Justice Department and War Relocation Authority conceded that Endo was a "loyal and law-abiding citizen" and that no authority existed for detaining loyal citizens any longer.

The Mitsuye Endo case was a positive move duly noted by our JACL. In 1945 we were free to leave camp and given $25 and a train ticket.

But, where would we go? We were not welcomed back in many parts of Washington, Oregon and California. We saw those “No Japs” signs in stores. Returning Nisei veterans went into the stores to rip up those signs!

We cannot and must not forget the contributions and sacrifices made by our young adults—men and women— in the 100th Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Military Intelligence Service, and other military units. We are eternally grateful. There were over 200 who served from Watsonville.
Then, in 1952 the Walter-McCarran Act, supported by the JACL, granted citizenship to alien Japanese for the first time. Here at the Salinas Rodeo Grounds in the 1980s our Senior Center Issei members, now proud US citizens, sang their favorite song, “God Bless America,” with hands over heart. They were thankful. On a personal note: My Issei mother had a 6th grade education in Japan and disliked school. She hated taking tests, and her son became a school teacher who gave tests frequently. “Mama, do you want to become an American citizen?” I asked. “What do I have to do?” she asked. “Take a test,” was my reply. “No, thank you. Japan has learned its lesson. It won’t do anything foolish anymore.”

During the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s important events took place. Japanese Americans locked arms with African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, women, and others marching.

In 1970, Edison Uno proposed a redress resolution at the JACL national convention. What a novel move! It passed overwhelmingly. Sadly, he was to die six years later of a stroke at the tender age of 47. Today, we honor him as a civil rights visionary.

President Gerald Ford rescinded the Executive Order 9066 during the bicentennial celebration of 1976.

Then, at the JACL Salt Lake City convention in 1978, a resolution calling for a $25,000 reparation was passed by the delegates.

In 1979, Hawaii Senators Daniel K. Inouye and Spark Matsunaga introduced a bill creating the bi-partisan “Commission of Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians” Act. JACL Executive Director John Tateishi was against it for it meant a delay. Impatient with Congressional delays, Tateishi wished to ram through a redress bill now. Wise Dan Inouye is convinced that a
fact-finding Congressional commission report was absolutely essential before the Congress will act. He was right, of course.

In 1980, President Jimmy Carter signs the bill to create that Commission. Only one Japanese American is appointed to the commission—the wise and learned Judge William Marutani of Pennsylvania. When Tateishi goes to speak to Judge Marutani he is stopped. John is not to communicate with him in any manner. The independence and integrity of the commission are sacred.

Starting in 1981 the Commission will visit nine cities to hear heart-breaking testimonies. Watsonville JACL will participate by providing written testimonies. On a personal note, I was against reparations. I thought it cheapened what we were trying to do. Then, I read about an elderly Issei man in LA now living on $5 a week for food. I had tears in my eyes. Then, $25,000 (original sum) wasn’t enough!

By law, the JACL cannot actively lobby members of the Congress. Therefore, the Legislative Educational Committee (JACL/LEC) was established with Grant Ujifusa as the chief strategist and Grayce Uyehara and others to lobby the members of the Congress. Grayce would sit quietly in a Congressman’s office for hours/days until the Congressman gave in. You can imagine how uncomfortable the secretaries were. Most of them became our advocates.

Meanwhile, in 1983, Aiko Yoshinaga-Herzig, a researcher hired by the Commission, found in the National Archives, the “Final Report on Japanese Evacuation from the West Coast”. It was to have been destroyed in 1942!! In it, intelligence sources agreed Japanese Americans posed no threat. The Government prosecutors had lied, withheld information and distorted the truth before the Justices. It debunked the wartime administration's claims of "military necessity." Post note: She died this July at age 92 years in Torrance, CA. Her discovery changed everything! And we are grateful.

The Commission’s final report, “Personal Justice Denied,” concluded that “military necessity” was not justified and that our incarceration was based upon “race prejudice, war hysteria, and failure of political leadership.”

Thus, in 1984, the Gordon Hirabayashi, Minoru Yasui and Fred Korematsu verdicts were vacated (not overturned), but the decision in Korematsu’s case that legalized our incarceration remained as a “military necessity.” That meant the government could do it again legally. The government can imprison anyone without charges … without the Bill of Rights.

However, most recently, with the Trump v. Hawaii Muslim Travel Ban case the Court disavowed, not overturned, our wartime incarceration. The Court merely substituted one injustice with another! “Military necessity” was replaced with “national security.”
On “Constitution Day” Sept 17, 1987, “A More Perfect Union” exhibit opened at the Smithsonian. It taught millions of visitors of our unjust incarceration. Watsonville was well represented in the exhibit! The theme came from Pete Hironaka (of Salinas, of Poston II, of the Pacific Citizen).

And, on that same Constitution Day, Congressman Thomas Foley of Washington State placed House Resolution 442 (H. R. 442) before the members of the House of Representatives. He later became Speaker of the House and later Ambassador to Japan.

When the bill was introduced, the Clerk of the House slipped it in as H.R. 442 in honor of the 442nd RCT.

In 1988, H.R. 442 passed the House. How did that happen? The Democrats had re-gained control of the House, and House chairmanships changed.

Congressman Barney Frank of Massachusetts was made Chair of the important House Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations in the 100th Congress. In this position, he was one of the staunchest supporters of redress and reparations, and he got it to the House floor. We are deeply indebted to him.

Lobbying the members of the Congress face-to-face fell on the LEC committee: Grayce Uyehara, Cherry Kinoshita, Peggy Liggett, Mae Takahashi, Judy Niizawa, Rudy Tokiwa and Grant Ujifusa. They lobbied the Democratic and Republican members of both Houses, and there are 535 of them.

Meanwhile, the fundraising campaign continued for the LEC. The 240 members of the Watsonville JACL contributed their fair share and then some … thanks to the dedicated efforts of Ben and Yoko Umeda.

The JACL, the oldest and largest national Japanese American organization with thousands of members, pushed for action. The support of the Jewish community and black Americans proved pivotal. NCRR submitted letters and sent petitions for which we were grateful.

On “Constitution Day”, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the bill by a vote of 243 to 141, with 38 members not voting. The majority of Democrats in the House voted for the bill (180 in favor vs. 43 opposed). Robert Matsui who was born in “camp,” voted for the bill. So what? In so doing, he knowingly gave up the apology and the $20,000 reparations. Norm Mineta said, “present.” Leon Panetta and Nancy Pelosi voted against the bill.

More than a third of the House Republicans favored it (63 in favor vs. 98 opposed). How remarkable was that?

On April 20, 1988, the U.S. Senate overwhelmingly passed the bill by a vote of 69 to 27, with 4 members not voting. A large majority of Democrats voted for the bill (44 in favor vs. 7 opposed), while a narrow majority of Senate Republicans voted for the bill (25 in favor vs. 20 opposed). How remarkable is that??? Hawaiian Senator Spark Matsunaga had called in all his “chips.” He was a most likeable person who had the respect of all in the US Senate. That’s why a majority of the Republican Senators voted for. He was to die of cancer 21 months later. He truly was a key player.

Our CA Senator S. I. Hayakawa was dead set against the bill. He believed we deserved neither an apology nor reparations! He was by birth a Canadian, then a naturalized US citizen, (I had a class from him on “semantics.”) and became “infamous” as San Francisco State College president during the “Asian American Studies” campus demonstrations of the 1960s. Marcia attended SFSC when the campus smelled of tear gas.

Senator Dan Inouye insisted the funding be an entitlement program so that the incarcerees would be guaranteed the...
reparations. The funding for education was curtailed. However, today, there is funding with grants provided by the National Park Service.

The entitlement was short by $400 million for there were not 60,000 of us 120,000 still alive but over 82,000 incarcerees! See, sushi is good for you. The Justice Department created the Office of Redress Administration which had to discover all those who would be eligible and to pay reparations. Even those who renounced the USA and who regained their US citizenship were entitled to the apology and reparations.

Short by $400 million, Bob Matsui and the Secretary of the Treasury had a plan. The Secretary will place all the income of the government from whatever sources on hold for 72 hours for the bank interest. The interest in three days totaled $400 million. We youngsters are the beneficiaries of Bob Matsui’s action with the Secretary of the Treasury.

For 2 years, President Ronald Reagan promised that he would veto the bill if it came to his desk. Rep. Dan Lungren of CA, who was also a Commissioner, opposed the reparations. He’s seen in the photo when Reagan signed. What changed the President’s mind?

Grant Ujifusa, editor of the powerful “The Almanac of American Politics,” (every politician and staff member, including the White House staff, wanted to look good in his book). The book was known as “The Bible of American Politics.” If he called a member of the Congress, an appointment was quickly scheduled. Everyone in Washington knew Grant Ujifusa. Grant had a friend who previously served with Grant as a writer before becoming Governor of New Jersey, Tom Keane.

Governor Keane and President Reagan were to campaign by car for local New Jersey Republicans in the upcoming mid-term elections. If there was a letter that President Reagan could read while in the car, he might change his mind. We had to get a letter to Reagan, but a letter from whom? A Masuda.

Why Masuda? Who is Masuda?

Kazuo Masuda was drafted via the first peacetime draft into the US Army. When WW II began in 1941, Kazuo was in limbo until the 442nd RCT was formed. He wrote home that if killed he would like to be buried in his hometown, Fountain Valley, LA. He was KIA in August of 1944 in Italy. The Masuda family left Gila River camp in early 1945 for Fountain Valley. The city fathers refused burial in its cemetery, “No Japs” allowed.

General Stilwell was to pin the DSC medal on the mother, but the mother refused, saying that you took away our farm, you took away our home, you put us in prison, you took away my son, he comes home in a box. You want to give me a medal? No thank you! She refused. The medal was pinned on the daughter, Mary.

June Masuda Goto didn’t want to write that letter to President Reagan. Rudy Tokiwa, a 442 RCT veteran, was driven to LA by Judy Niizawa. Rudy convinced June to write, and the letter was presented to Reagan. What was in that letter?

Kimiko Marr will read the letter June Masuda Goto wrote to the President.

November 19, 1987
Dear President Reagan:

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.
Perhaps you recall a very special day for our family, December 9, 1945, in Santa Ana, California, when General “Vinegar Joe” Stilwell awarded a posthumous Distinguished Service Cross medal to my brother, Kazuo Masuda. He was killed in action on the banks of the Arno River in Italy on August 27, 1944, while serving with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.
You were then Captain Ronald Reagan, and joined General Stilwell after his 3000-mile flight from Washington. All of you came, I feel, not only to honor Kaz, but to help calm great hostility in Orange County to Japanese Americans. People at the time did not accept us as Americans, even after my brother’s death. The local cemetery, for example, refused to accept my brother’s body for burial. The presence of you and General Stilwell greatly affected the community, and led to a better life for our family.

After General Stilwell pinned the medal on my sister in front of our farmhouse (I have enclosed a photograph), there was a ceremony at the Santa Ana Bowl. General Stilwell said: “The amount of money, the color of one’s skin do not make a measure of Americanism. A square deal all around; free speech; equality before the law; a fair field with no favor; obedience to the majority. An American not only believes in such things, but is willing to fight for them. Who, after all, is the real American? The real American is the man who calls it a fair exchange to lay down his life in order that American ideals may go on living. And judging by such a test, Sgt. Masuda was a better American than any of us here today.”

You then rose, and said the following words: “The blood that has soaked into the sand is all one color. America stands unique in the world, the only country not founded on race, but on a way—an ideal. Not in spite of, but because of our polyglot background, we have had all the strength in the world. That is the American way. Mr. and Mrs. Masuda, just as one member of the family of Americans, speaking to another member, I want to say for what your son Kazuo did—Thanks.”

Many times, I have been asked to speak at the Kazuo Masuda middle school. I speak to all the history classes, and quote your words to the students.

I bring this up to you because our family feels that what you and General Stilwell said in 1945 are as true and important as ever: the ideals for which all good Americans should be willing to fight and die. My brother did both, even though his parents and family were stripped of all their American rights, and placed in an Arizona internment camp.

The words also express why so many of us in the Japanese American community so deeply support redress legislation now pending in Congress. If the legislation comes to you, I hope you will look upon it favorably. All of us in our family—I believe Kaz as well—would be greatly honored if you would. I also believe that America, through you, would honor itself.

Yours truly,
June Masuda Goto

The President remembered his role of helping a hero son get buried in his home town. Let’s look on the signing. A video of the signing by Reagan was shown (9 minutes).

After the signing, President Reagan asked, “Are you Mary?” “No, I’m June. Mary is dead.”

Today, at the Smithsonian, there is a new exhibit, “Righting a Wrong,” in which, once again, the W-SC JACL played a significant part.

The Office of Redress Administration paid more than $1.6 billion to more than 82,250 persons of Japanese ancestry who were incarcerated, including 189 Japanese Latin Americans who were eligible for full payment and 145 who were paid much less—only $5000, the Office of Redress Admission closed its doors in 1999. There are Japanese Latin Americans seeking full redress with its Campaign for Justice.
"This was a tragic chapter in the history of our nation," said Attorney General Janet Reno. "It was a time when we took away the liberty of an entire community of Americans."

Today, educational grants are provided from the National Park Service budget to study the various aspects of our incarceration.

The signatures on the Act are of Norman Mineta for the House of Representatives, Spark Matsunaga for the Senate, and President Ronald Reagan.

I wish someone or group would investigate how much was spent —wasted—on our wartime incarceration by the US Government. He/she/they could concentrate on the ten major camps first.

I would now like to introduce our newest W-SC JACL Board Member, Mia Norton. As a teenager she participated in our reenactment, “Liberty Lost ... Lessons in Loyalty,” in 2002.

The “Japanese American Creed” by Mike Masaoka was written into the Congressional Record in May of 1941—seven months before the attack on Pearl Harbor!

Thank you, Mia.

“A Better American in a Greater America.” These words remain true today as it did in 1941. Our mission remains. Please support our fight for civil rights and social justice for all in this country.

Thank you, Sandy Lydon, Joe Bowes, Kimiko Marr, Mia Norton, and Marcia Hashimoto, and dear members and friends for your attendance and support. We are truly grateful.

Mas Hashimoto, W-SC 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:

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