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Democracy is...
government by the people for all the people.
WATSONVILLE - SANTA CRUZ JACL UPDATE

Upcoming JACL Calendar of Events and Deadlines

Watsonville-Santa Cruz Chapter Board Meetings: Monthly chapter board meetings are held on the fourth Thursday (except in November and December) at the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL Kizuka Hall, 150 Blackburn Street, Watsonville, CA 95076 starting at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

July 31-Aug 3 National JACL Convention, Salt Lake City, Utah

2019 Community Picnic - By Marcia Hashimoto

For more than a century, the tradition of our community picnic continues, thanks to the hardworking, dedicated Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL Board members who took on committee leadership assignments and positions of assistance: Joe Bowes, Jeanette Otsuji Hager (who flew in from Portland, OR), Mas Hashimoto, Carol Kaneko, Victor Kimura, Cindy Hirokawa Mine, Gary Mine, Mia Norton, Dr. Brooke Kondo Rains, and Norris Woodford.

We are grateful to Randy and Tracy Mano (they drove all the way from Sacramento) for taking care of the details of our delectable chicken BBQ and for generously donating the ingredients for the best tasting teriyaki marinade sauce. Our thanks to Randy’s chicken prep workforce – Gary and Cindy, Mas and Marcia, David Kadotani, and Jane Yoshida—and to Randy's terrific barbecuers–Jim Arao and Doug Nakashima.

Our financial team–Victor, Carol and Takeshi Kaneko--kept precise accounts of our lunch and raffle tickets for which we are grateful.

With Cindy's guidance and concise time schedule, our efficient kitchen helpers and servers Eileen Byers, Hannah Hamalainen, Reba Arao Condon, Yoshiko M. Arao, Chiye Tamaki, Mary Perez, Connie Dimas, Angie Guzman, Linda Wong, Charlotte Saito, Sharyn Nakashima, and Board members Carol, Jeanette and Mia prepared and served a terrific lunch. Our thanks to Jean Yamashita for her assistance and for donating and preparing delicious loaves of buttered French bread.

We appreciate the crates of beautiful, sweet, organic strawberries, 180 fancy cupcakes, donuts and gorgeous bouquets of flowers for our raffle—all generously donated by Kim and Paul Tao.

Bingo is always a favorite for our Seniors and friends, thanks to the care and help of Carol and Paul Kaneko, Kimiko Marr, and Norris who set up the PA system.

We also thank Debbe Chan and Victor Kimura for providing transportation for our Seniors.

Everyone was a winner as Bruce Arao; Debbe and Thomas Chan; Sheri Katsuyama; and Sean, Julie and Malory Sheehan organized race activities to the delight of our one-year-olds to adults participating.

Our community picnic program featured the dynamic Watsonville Taiko youth and adult performers. We are fortunate to have Watsonville Taiko welcome all to our annual picnic event. We appreciate the supportive cultural relationship Watsonville Taiko and the W-SC JACL share.

We were delighted to have our youth Mallory Sheehan: Luka, Kai, and Noa Kawamoto assist Joe Bowes with our exciting raffle. Our scholarship honorees Hannah Hamalainen and Isaac Veal pulled the winning tickets throughout the raffle.

We are extremely grateful for the thoughtfully generous donations from the following individuals, businesses and organizations to our picnic raffle: Alan Uyematsu, CPA; Gary and Cindy Mine; Mas and Marcia Hashimoto; Paul and Carol Kaneko; Kimi Kimura; Victor Kimura; Paul and Kim Tao; Willie Yahiro; W-SC JACL Senior Center; Watsonville Taiko; Miyuki Japanese Restaurant- Chris Ishikawa; Imura Restaurant- Jee and Kevin Kajihara; Yamashita Market- Goro Yamashita; Shiatsu Clinic- Ben and Chiyo Yamaguchi; Flowers by Toshi-Ryoko Kozuki; and the W-SC JACL.

We are most grateful to the following generous donors of the TV grand prize: Dr. Art Hayashi, Dr. Jamie Kuratomi, Dr. Reed Kuratomi, Dr. Brooke Kondo Rains, and Dr. Stuart Sakuma.
Thank you to all who helped set up and clean the Aptos Village Park. The Santa Cruz County Park Department remarked that we do the best job of any group using the park.

To anyone who helped or donated and whose name was unintentionally omitted, I apologize. Please contact me at (831) 722-6859 or email at hashi79@sbcglobal.net. Corrections will be made in the next newsletter.

A final remark. This has never been a fund-raiser. If we break even financially, we are happy. Most important, did everyone have a fun time?

Please join us next year on **Saturday, June 20, 2020**. Grandchildren and grandparents are most welcome.

[Editor’s note: We have included three pages of photos of our fun picnic in this newsletter. They feature our working crew and the many activities enjoyed by all in attendance.]
The race crew of Bruce Arao (chair) assisted by Sheri Katsuyama and Mallory Sheehan.

The two-person geta race (which team is winning?).

Ready to begin the sack race are Alice Hayashi, Jordan Mano, and Lily Rains.

Brooke Rains is teaching Lily how to jump in the sack race.

Riley Hayashi racing with orange cone.

Lily Kondo Rains enjoyed biting into a Takuwan koko (race).

Luka and Kai Kawamoto biting into the Takuwan biting race together.

Willowind Crowbear and Benjamin Potts enjoying the donut race.

Right: Water balloon toss winners were Carlin Schelstraete and Jennifer Etow Levy.
The racers and their families.

Watsonville Taiko performed for our participants.

Maki Kaneko, one of our youngest JACLer, at the ticket counter with parents Takeshi and Aya.

Joe Bowes chaired the raffle drawing. (Not pictured): Tracy and Randy Mano’s son, Jordan, was the winner of “guess the number of rice grains in a cup” with 5,300. Correct answer 7,337!

Bonnie Chihara, winner with “paper” in the jan keh po contest.
W-SC JACL 2019 Scholarship Awards - By Brooke Kondo Rains and Marcia Hashimoto

The W-SC JACL proudly honored their 2019 Scholarship recipients at the June 22nd Community Picnic held at the Aptos Village Park.

The Sako Undergraduate Scholarship and the Frank Mito Memorial Scholarship have been awarded to Hannah Hamalainen, daughter of Tommi and Amber Hamalainen and granddaughter of Marvin and Eileen Okamura Byers. Hannah is a graduate of St. Francis High School. In her senior year, she accelerated academically by attending Cabrillo College and maintained an exemplary GPA.

Sarah Legions, Extension Program Director at Moreland Notre Dame, wrote that Hannah is dedicated to her studies and continues to strive and succeed as one of the top students. Hannah is a mentor to younger students and helps to guide them to reach their full academic potential. Patricia Gutierrez, Director of College and Career Counseling at St. Francis High School described Hannah to be a mature young lady, determined, respectful, and smart with the 7th highest GPA of her graduating class. She praised Hannah for her resilience and commitment to her educational goals.

Hannah enjoys helping out at our Senior Center, folding our chapter newsletter, and baking cookies for special events. She writes, “In doing this, I have met many wonderful people, and I have grown to have a deeper appreciation for my Japanese heritage.”

Hannah graduated from the Japanese Cultural Program, Kokoro no Gakko, and represented Gakko in the Kawakami-Watsonville Sister City student exchange program.

Hannah’s essay reflected on the unjust incarceration of the Japanese, Japanese Americans during WWII. On a personal and positive note, she shared how her great grandfather, Harry Okamura, married to Sue Mine of Watsonville, learned to carve and paint birds from discarded wooden egg crates and fashioned many into brooches during his incarceration at Poston, Arizona. Pictures of birds from the Audubon book were his models. After the war, her great grandfather continued to carve his birds and sold them to interested buyers and collectors around the United States. With affection and admiration, Hannah writes, “His creations are still a work of beauty created in the midst of adversity that we still treasure to this day.”

Hannah’s personal statement is one of compassion as she expressed that a core value instilled in her is to “treat others kindly, even if they are not kind to you” and “to treat others with respect and to simply love one another.” She tries to “find the positive in things no matter how bad it may seem.”

Hannah is looking forward to attending Santa Clara University and pursuing her career as a clinical psychologist. She hopes to “help make a difference in people’s lives”. Hannah was awarded $1,000 along with the book, The National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism, Perseverance, Posterity.

Ian Hoffman, son of Pastor Dan and Leslie Hoffman, received the Ray and Louise Sako Undergraduate Scholarship in 2018. Ian was awarded the $1,000 scholarship for a second year as he continues to excel in his studies at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo with an interest in writing and computer science. Ian’s commitment to serving his community is exceptional. Ian expressed his gratitude and reflected on how the Sako Scholarship has provided him the opportunity to broaden his course of studies.
**Isaac Veal**, son of Marlon and Evelyn Veal, was awarded the Ray and Louise Sako Undergraduate Scholarship in 2016. He will continue to receive the $1,000 multi-year scholarship for his academic accomplishments and community service. Isaac expressed the following as to how the Sako Scholarship has helped his studies. “One of the results that acquiring this scholarship is that it has allowed me to pursue a double major in marine biology and political science. This can allow me to make a change in government as well as saving the environment. Overall, this scholarship has impacted my studies by allowing me to impact and expand my mind.”

**Amanda Akiyama**, daughter of Ben and Patty Akiyama, has been awarded the Ray and Louise Sako Graduate Scholarship in support and recognition of her studies with the prestigious US Navy Nursing Program. Amanda was not able to attend the picnic but she sent a message of appreciation: “This experience has been a whirlwind, and I have grown and learned so much in the last two semesters. At first, I questioned how it would be possible to become a nurse in only four semesters. Now, I am half way through and although it has been challenging, I am becoming more confident and competent in my skills. I have had amazing interactions with nurses and patients who have encouraged me to push on with my studies giving it my best effort. Many of my experiences have been extremely rewarding, and I have never had a day where I am dissatisfied with the career path I have chosen. I am doing exceptionally well in all my classes and learning to be a well-rounded healthcare provider. All of this is possible with the help of the Sako Scholarships, and I am forever grateful.”

Amanda’s mother, Patty, was present to receive the $1,000 award.

We proudly congratulate our student scholars and extend our encouraging support as they pursue their education and career goals.

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**The 2019 Japanese Cultural Fair - Reflections** - By Carol Kaneko

The 33rd annual Japanese Cultural Fair took place at Mission Plaza Park in Santa Cruz on Saturday, June 8. The JCF is a comprehensive presentation of traditional Japanese culture and those who attended were treated to various performances on the main stage, martial arts demonstrations at Aikido of Santa Cruz, and demonstrations of *Ikebana*, *Bonsai*, *kimono* dressing, and tea ceremony at the Zen Center. In addition to the performances, there were beautiful arts and crafts for sale as well as delicious food from many vendors, and opportunities for hands-on activities in the Kids Zone.
Our JACL chapter was again a major co-sponsor of the JCF, and our booth sold organic strawberries and cucumbers, green tea, two types of obento, Hawaiian Sun drinks, and colorful ribbon fish. The JACL picture boards of the Internment were arranged at the side of our booth and many people stopped by to chat with Mas Hashimoto. It was a fun day for those JACL board members and their families and friends who set up, decorated, and manned the booth, increased our chapter's visibility in the community, and raised awareness of our Nikkei history.

Thanks to the many friends and local businesses that generously donated to our booth: Paul and Kim Tao for organic strawberries; Janet, Hide, and Akira Nagamine for organic cucumbers; Timmy Hunt from Pono Hawaiian Grill for the delicious food for our obento; and the JCF for donating ice.

Many thanks to the following people who helped deliver supplies and set up or worked at the JACL booth: Jean and Iwao Yamashita, Victor Kimura, Marcia and Mas Hashimoto, Leigh Sakaguchi, Norris Woodford, Kenny Kusumoto, Gary and Cindy Mine, Watsonville Taiko Group, and the Kaneko family - Takeshi, Aya, little Maki-chan, Tadashi, Yutaka, Paul, and Carol. And a special thank you to Tadashi and Yutaka for helping to assemble and deliver the obento and manning our booth most of the day, and to Jean Yamashita for working all day at our booth and arranging for the ribbon fish sales. If we have forgotten to mention anyone, gomen-nasai.

Thanks to everyone who stopped at our booth to say hello and buy our goods. We enjoyed seeing several senior center members and friends who sat down in the shade of our booth to have lunch and chat. We are, as always, grateful for your continued support.

To everyone: Domo arigato gozaimasu! See you next year, June 13, 2020!

Memorial Service Sponsored by Friends and Family of Nisei Veterans (FFNV) - By Brian Shiroyama

It was delightful to see the sunshine pierce through majestic redwood trees at Roberts Park, Oakland Hills, on May 25, 2019 particularly since the rain a week earlier caused the memorial service to be postponed. Despite the absence of many of our regular attendees probably due to their already scheduled activities for the Memorial Day weekend, we still hosted enough interested and supportive “outsiders” to fill the service area. It was great to see several WW II and Korean War veterans in attendance.

Unfortunately, the uplifting sound of The Band of the West was absent this year due to their already committed performance elsewhere on this postponed day. However, the use electronic systems to compensate for the lack of live music saved the day as speakers hidden among the redwood branches surprised the audience with a selection of a medley of armed forces songs at the start and America the Beautiful for the final tribute to veterans who gave their lives to preserve America. We were fortunate to have
our dedicated members of Berkeley Boy Scout 24 to perform military honors with posting and retiring of the colors. And, instead of the National Anthem being played by the band, Karen Bowen, our FFNV member, sang it beautifully.

Martin Snapp memorialized the 442nd Regimental Combat Teams (442nd RCT) and Franz Steidl spoke of the 75th anniversary of the Rescue of the Lost Battalion and liberation of Bruyeres, France, by the 442nd RCT. As always, Lawson Sakai, a veteran of the 442nd RCT, delivered an inspiring speech based on his experiences 75 years ago.

The weather continued to remain perfect for the picnic that followed.

Sam Sakamoto, a 442 vet, being escorted to incense offering by a Boy Scout member. Photo by: June and Mariko Williams

Lawson Sakai, a 442 vet, saluting during the singing of the National Anthem.

Berkeley Boy Scout 24 posting the color while David Proud stands in salute in WW II uniform. To the right of the incense table is the redwood tree planted in 1992 by E Company, 442nd RCT in honor of fallen fellow 442 veterans.

Look who’s 105!
Celebrating Dr. Masako Miura’s Birthday on June 29!

Celebrating with her family, friends and residents of Valley Heights Senior Community with ice-cream and a special Birthday Cake.
Sixteen students visited Kawakami-mura and Tokyo from May 7-17, 2019. The students were selected by seven schools in the Pajaro Valley Unified School Districts and Kokoro no Gakko. This was the 25th annual trip to Kawakami-mura. Kawakami-mura is located in the Japanese Alps in Nagano Prefecture. The pairs of Watsonville students were amazed by the hospitality of the homestay families from Kawakami Junior High School. The Watsonville students ended their trip touring Tokyo for two days, quite a contrast from the village of 5,000 people. The Watsonville students look forward to hosting Kawakami students September 4-9.

**MEDICAL THOUGHT - Always check with your medical professional...**  
*By Cindy Mine, RN*

I try to be a label reader of medicinal products and food. I try and be aware of what goes into my body especially regarding salt, sugar, carbs, fat, coloring, cholesterol, where a product comes from, etc.

Recently I am becoming more aware of what goes “On” my body since the largest organ in the body is the skin.

Examples:

1. I was going to buy a lip protector and a friend (Pharmacist) reminded me, to look for one without PARABEN. I found it goes by a different name when it’s in plastic products or clothing-MICROBAN.
2. One of my friend’s daughter has eczema and I was checking ingredients and ran across TRICLOSAN.
3. One of my friends gave me a cleaning product that she likes, it contains OXALIC ACID.

I realized that I must become more aware of what’s in bar soaps, antibacterial soaps, toothpastes, shampoo, make-up, nail products, lip-care, sun blocks and especially cleaning products.

The negative impact of the above ingredients may cause breathing issues, allergies and skin issues plus more severe consequences. Due to lack of space and I am still a student researching these ingredients and more, please-if you are interested, look these up and come to your own conclusions.

**un Watsonville Brillante - By Kathleen Crocetti**

Watsonville resident Kathleen Crocetti has completed over 20 community invested public art projects in the past 9 years. She’s about to focus all her considerable energy on Watsonville. Kathleen will be opening a free Arts Center in August. The Arts Center will be open to teens (weekday afternoons) and to the community.
at large (weekends) to help create mosaics that will cover the downtown parking garage with 12,500 square feet of mosaics over a period of 5 years.

In 2017, Kathleen and many members of the community designed and created the downtown sidewalk mosaics titled “Celebrating the Diversity of Labor”. The parking structure offers an opportunity to complete and broaden the concept of celebrating our diversity and common experiences in Watsonville. The idea is to represent multi-ethnic patterns of particular family units on the 185 horizontal portions of the garage and place each family’s representation next to another family’s representation in such a way that their common heritages overlap with a shared visual pattern. Combined, they will represent our community as a whole.

The four large vertical spaces will be single images. Renowned artist, Juan Fuentes, former Watsonville resident and alumni of Watsonville High School is honored to have us use his images for portions of this project.

There will be many ways for the community to get involved, right now Kathleen needs our input.
1. South County residents please complete the family heritage survey: https://communityartsempowerment.org/survey/
2. Everyone regardless of residency can vote on the Juan Fuentes images: https://communityartsempowerment.org/juan-fuentes-vote/
3. Would you like to get paid to have your image on the mural? Would you like to help build work benches or place tiles? Add your name to the e-new letter list: https://communityartsempowerment.org/volunteering/

More details about the project can be found here: https://communityartsempowerment.org/

ONWARD! By Mas Hashimoto

[There is a resolution before the National Council of the JACL to apologize to the “Tule Lake ‘Resisters.’” “Tule Lake ‘Resisters’” is not defined in the resolution. Who, specifically, are they?]

I am Mas Hashimoto of the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL. I was a POW, a prisoner of war, held by my own country. I was imprisoned without charges, attorney, trial, or due process of law. My prison number is 12524 D, Poston, Arizona.

How many of you in this room remember vividly what life was like in camp when the “No Nos” and the pro-Japan groups attacked our JACL leaders? Please stand if you are able. Thank you.

I was taught, when you hear good advice--take it. It could come from a sign--“Road closed, bridge out.” From a 5-year-old child. From the Scriptures and Dharma. Life is about making choices and living with them.
Ninety percent of the 120,000 camp incarcerees took the advice of the JACL and chose “Yes, Yes” on the loyalty questionnaire --90%!! They were to choose wisely.

Do you remember the beatings of JACL leaders in camp before the loyalty questionnaire was presented? During the Manzanar riots, Drs. Goto (husband and wife) hid JACL leader Fred Tayama between two mattresses in the hospital. For their safety, the doctors were relocated to another camp—Topaz. Dr. Masako Goto remarried. Today, she is Dr. Masako Miura and is our oldest W-SC JACLer at age 105. She’s been featured in PBS-TV and other programs.

In Poston, our National JACL President, Saburo Kido, was beaten twice by the pro-Japan groups, the last one in front of his wife and child. He was hospitalized for weeks. He had to be transferred out to Topaz.

In Poston, the pro-Japan group threatened our family for my Issei mother and Kibei brother wouldn’t join them. She called them, “A ho!” Fools. My Kibei brother is a draft dodger but of the Japanese Army. In 1937, he was to be drafted. He borrowed money and got back here. Another brother fought and died for the Japanese. Two others fought in the MIS against Japan. Noriyuki, age 14, was killed in our first prison—the Salinas Assembly Center. It was a baseball accident. Another served in the Korean War in the US Navy, and I served in Sixth Army’s top-secret Chemical Section during the Cold War of the 1950s.

But, in Topaz, the pro-Japan beat Professor Chiura Obata of UC Berkeley who wished simply to teach art to the young and old. He was hit in the face with a lead pipe. They believed he was cooperating with the War Relocation Authority.

In Heart Mountain, the Mineta family was threatened for Norm’s older sister, Etsu, was to marry Mike Masaoka. All the windows of their room were smashed as a warning. The Mineta family had to leave Heart Mountain, Wyoming.

Anyone who seemingly cooperated with the War Relocation Authority was suspect and threatened by the pro-Japan groups. We lived in fear! Not from the US Government but from the pro-Japan groups.

Henry Izumizaki, of Poston II, Block 220, my block, volunteered to join the 100/442nd. He had to sneak out at night from camp for the pro-Japan group was going to beat him up. He was killed in action, one of 184, during the Battle for the Lost Texas Battalion!

Harry Madokoro didn’t have to fight in the Army. His father and sister had died before the war. It was just Harry and his elderly mother. He was the sole surviving son, like “Saving Pvt Ryan,” exempt from the draft. Harry got others to volunteer, including a young Rudy Tokiwa. He promised Rudy’s mother that he would take care of him. Rudy survived the war. Harry was killed in Italy. We had his funeral in Poston II. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. I thought he should have received the Medal of Honor for saving his company during an ambush. Mrs. Madokoro, having no other relatives here, returned to Japan and died there. She gave her one and only son to this country, and she couldn’t be a citizen of the United States. That, thanks to the JACL, was changed in 1952.

When the pro-Japan and No Nos were sent to Tule Lake, we were happy. There was peace in the camps, and we got on with winning the war.

A pro-Japan Issei mother, strong willed, was glad to go to Tule Lake, and she was delighted that a Japanese language school was established for her children. Nihon wa makenai. Japan won’t lose, she boasted. She was shocked when Japan lost. She and her family didn’t have to go to Japan. She was grateful to the JACL and became our member. She happily sang, God Bless America, in katakana.

In Japan, those families didn’t receive warm welcomes. They were asked, “Where’s your loyalty? You should have been loyal to the United States.” Chushingura—47 Ronin. They were grateful to be able to return to the United States.

Over 800 Nisei soldiers were killed in action while serving us—you and me! Over 30,000, men and women, faithfully served our nation in the military during WW II. And, Today, many Sansei and others have faithfully served and are serving our nation--Gen. Shinseki, Adm. Harris.

I am giving you good advice. Vote “No” on this resolution.
We were invited to participate at 7 pm in Watsonville’s “Light for Liberty” on Friday, July 12th, which was a program coordinated with hundreds of cities in the USA. Perhaps your city had an event, and you too participated. I hope so. It dealt with the immigration/detention problem on our southern borders—of separating the children from their parents and imprisoning them in inadequate facilities (I’m being polite).

We were given the opportunity to thank the organizing committee and supporters (several hundred including many children), I addressed the crowd with thanking them for their support. I asked how many were 6 to 10 years of age for those were the years I spent as a prisoner of war during World War II, held without charges, attorney, trial, due process of law. Two-thirds of us were who imprisoned were American citizens. I did mention our Nisei men and women who served gallantly and honorably in the US military both in Europe and Asia.

I did mention that the National JACL and Japanese Americans are supportive of protesting the government’s immigration policies and procedures, which are horrific.

I spoke briefly about the racism written into the US Constitution and the history of discrimination against native Americans, blacks, Hispanics, Jews, Catholics, Mormons, Muslims, southern and eastern Europeans, Chinese, Filipinos, Japanese and other minorities. We are a nation of laws, but if the laws are unfair and unjust? Want to change laws? Vote!

We’ll never pass up the opportunity to help our friends and neighbors—our fellow Americans.

Watsonville is a unique, compassionate and enlightened community, and we stand together in support of protecting the civil and human rights of all.

*Onward!*
The American Bar Association announced that it will honor Minami Tamaki LLP Senior Counsel Dale Minami, a lifelong champion of the civil rights of Asian Pacific Americans and other people of color, with the ABA Medal — the association’s highest honor — during the ABA Annual Meeting at the Marriott Marquis in San Francisco on August 10th, the 31st anniversary of the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of August 10, 1988!

Minami is best known for leading the legal team that overturned the conviction of Fred Korematsu, an American of Japanese descent who was arrested for refusing to enter an incarceration center in 1942. Korematsu’s case led to the historic challenge of the incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II in the case Korematsu v. United States.

The ABA Medal recognizes exceptionally distinguished service by a lawyer or lawyers to the cause of American jurisprudence. Previous recipients of the ABA Medal include: Justice Thurgood Marshall (1992), Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg (2010), and Bryan A. Stevenson (2018.

Minami is the first Asian American to receive the award in its 90-year history!

“Dale Minami has devoted a lifetime to breaking down stereotypes and advocating for Asian Pacific Americans,” ABA President Bob Carlson said. “His work in overturning Korematsu is legal legend, but it is just one of many instances in his career where he has fought for the protection of the rights of people who have been discriminated against. His determination and commitment to the rule of law has resulted in countless people receiving justice.”

Minami was key to obtaining judicial recognition that the evacuation and incarceration of more than 120,000 Japanese Americans during World War II was unjust and illegal. Although the Supreme Court in 1944 upheld the constitutionality of the incarceration in Korematsu v. United States, Minami and his team successfully challenged that ruling 40 years later.

With documents discovered in 1981 from the National Archives that demonstrated that government officials knowingly used false evidence to justify its exclusion order, Minami assembled the legal team that petitioned the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California to vacate the conviction of Korematsu and was the Coordinating Attorney initially for two other challenges to the military orders filed by Minoru Yasui in Portland and Gordon Hirabayashi in Seattle. Serving as lead counsel for Korematsu in 1983, Minami and his team prevailed in voicing the conviction while the legal teams for Hirabayashi and Yasui overturned their convictions in separate cases.

In 2017, Minami and other attorneys from the Korematsu, Hirabayashi, and Yasui legal teams joined the legal team led by the Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality and Akin Gump LLP, representing the adult children of Korematsu, Hirabayashi, and Yasui in filing an amicus brief in the U.S. Supreme Court review of the government’s travel ban, which resulted in the Supreme Court’s explicit repudiation of the 1944 Korematsu decision via its review of Trump v. Hawaii.

“As an attorney in a small minority-owned law firm, I was a bit surprised when Bob Carlson, the president of the ABA, even called me, then astonished when he informed me that I was chosen as the ABA Medal recipient,” Minami said. “Given the list of illustrious past awardees, I now just think it is surreal, yet still a testament to the ABA’s recognition of Asian Pacific American attorneys as integral members of the ABA and legal profession. I am grateful.”

[Minami’s work led directly to the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of August 10, 1988, and we are truly grateful. Grateful, too, are we to Dale and family (Ai, Ellie, Lina, and mother-in-law) for they are Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL members, shown here enjoying ice cream with Watsonville strawberries. Congratulations, Dale.]
HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY

Mother’s Day was celebrated on May 9th with mothers 88 and over receiving a colorful Kalanchoe plant from “Flowers by Toshi.” Present to receive their plant were: Yaeko Cross 92, Haru Ishibashi 93, Mitzi Katsuyama 98, Rubie Kawamoto 92, Hide Nagamine 98, Eiko Nishihara 92, Yoshiko Nishihara 91, Ruby Nakamura 94, Kazuko Sakai 89, Hisako Uemura 91, and Sumi Yamada 89.

Absent were: Eiko Ceremony 94, Kimiyo Fujii 93, Grace Fujita 94, Michi Hamada 97, Tea Hashimoto 98, Masako Miura 104, Mitsuko Ruble 90, Yae Sakamoto 93, Chie Sakaue 89, Louise Sako 102, Chiyeko Shikuma 94, Hatsuko Tsuji 88, Chiyoko Yagi 98, Satoko Yamamoto 93, and Haruko Yoshii 102.

After photos, we had our “Ladies only” raffle with many beautiful gifts donated by our generous Seniors. The Grand Prize raffle prize was won by new member, Fumi Tanimasa. We played bingo until dinner was served - a delicious buffet from Happy Gardens Restaurant.

On May 9th, Hideko Nagamine brought fresh daikon for everyone. Thank you, Mrs. Nagamine!

Our May birthday party was held on May 16th with birthday honorees Cindy Mine, Mitzi Katsuyama 99, Ken and Alice Tanimoto, Kim Tao, and Iwao Yamashita 92. Absent were Haruko Yoshii 102, Inako Johnson, Sachi Snyder, and Bette Garcia. The 90 and overs were given a package of manju. Thanks to Kim Tao for donating the beautiful birthday cake and to Hisako Kodama and Terry Hirahara for the beautiful flower arrangements at the head table and individual tables.

Alan Yagi generously donated 16 packages of salmon fillets on May 2nd.

HAPPY 99th BIRTHDAY, MITZI KATSUYAMA

Kizuka Hall was filled with Seniors dressed in purple, Mitzi Katsuyama’s favorite color, in celebration of her 99th birthday on May 30th. Mitzi and the Seniors were surprised by the Katsuyama family as they brought in a beautiful birthday cake, a lovely corsage for the birthday lady, several packages of goodies for bingo prizes, and arranged for the delivery of a delicious obento from Chris Ichikawa (Mitzi’s grandson) of Miyuki Restaurant later in the afternoon. After the singing of “Happy Birthday”, Mitzi blew out the “99” candle, and family photos were taken. The Katsuyama family who came to celebrate were: Tina and Sheri Katsuyama, Joyce and Kelly Katsuyama, and Kathy and Harry Ichikawa and their son Chris. Emi Kaita was also a special guest who came to celebrate Mitzi’s birthday. Thanks for the family’s help in cutting and serving the cake and passing out the obento. A special thank you to Sheri for helping out with lots of enthusiasm, especially with the checking of bingo cards (we hope our guests had fun playing bingo with the Seniors).
We thank the Katsuyama family for a beautiful celebration and for allowing the Seniors to be part of Mitzi’s special day.

MAY SENIOR WORKSHOPS
Mother’s Day favors and table decorations (tissue paper flowers), supplied by Susan AmRhein.
May 16: Collection of new crochet projects brought by Susan AmRhein.
May 30: Created Ribbonfish

BEWARE OF PHONE SCAMS!
On May 2nd, Angie Guzman forewarned the Seniors of the Social Security Phone Scam.
Call 1-800-269-0271 to report suspicious calls (note that Social Security will never call you and demand money). On May 9th, Norris Woodford forewarned the Seniors regarding the “One Ring” Phone Scam in which the phone rings once and disconnects. DO NOT RETURN THE CALL - returning the call may result in very expensive international charges added to your phone bill.
To protect yourself:
• Do not answer or return calls from numbers you do not recognize
• Do not divulge personal information or give/send money to people you do not know

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Monetary donations gratefully received in May from: Bette Garcia, Cindy Hirokawa Mine, Sharon Bobo, Angie Guzman, Kim Tao, Iwao Yamashita, Ken and Alice Tanimoto, and Mitzi Katsuyama. A special Mother’s Day donation was received from Christine Izumizaki.

June Senior Center News
By Carol Kaneko, Kimiko Marr, and Jean Yamashita
Photos by Mas Kashimoto, Carol Kaneko, Gary Mine and Jean Yamashita

HAPPY FATHER’S DAY
On June 13th, the Seniors honored our wonderful male Senior members in celebration of Father’s Day! The Father’s Day program began with the 88 and over Fathers receiving their Father’s Day gifts and getting their picture taken.
Present were: Sam Sakamoto (94) and Iwao Yamashita (92). Absent were Jim Kawamoto (92), Akira Kodama (97), and Akira Nagamine (93). A group Father’s Day photo was then taken of all the male Senior Center members present, “smoking” their See’s candy cigars: Sunao Honda, Paul Kaneko, Gary Mine, Phil Shima, Leigh Sakaguchi, Sam Sakamoto, Franz Steidl, and Iwao Yamashita. We then jumped into a Father’s Day game to learn a little about our male Senior members. First, the audience tried to match the “fathers” with
their birthplaces - a surprise: only one fellow was a homegrown Watsonville boy ;)  The next task required matching the “fathers” with an activity they enjoyed doing in their spare time - this was a little tricky, but folks were good natured in their participation.  (Thank you to Reba Condon and Eiko Stewart for helping with the games!) Cheese and cracker appetizers were served while several rounds of exciting bingo were played until it was time to eat. So many enticing dishes were prepared by our Senior chefs for the Father’s Day potluck. After Leigh Sakaguchi said grace, the “fathers” were invited to dig in first. Trying to taste everything resulted in a mountain of food on a plate. It was a fantastic feast!

Many thanks to all our Senior cooks for bringing delicious dishes for our Father’s Day Potluck, and for everyone who helped with the cleanup! “Domo arigato” to our Senior crafters for making the fish favors and table decorations (supplies donated by Jean Yamashita).

Our June birthday party was held on June 20th with birthday honorees Sharon Bobo, Reba Condon, Judy Hane, Eiko Nishihara 93, and Leigh Sakaguchi. Absent were Gini Matute-Bianchi, Masako Miura 105, Phil Snyder, and Norris Woodford. The 90 and overs were given a chocolate bundt cake. Thanks to Terry Hirahara for the beautiful flower arrangements at the head table and individual tables.

Welcome new member, Emiko Kaita, to the Senior Center on June 20th!

**HAPPY 4th OF JULY!**

How wonderful to see our spirited Seniors cheerfully enter Kizuka Hall on June 27th wearing their patriotic red-white-blue outfits. The Seniors loved the intricately created favors filled with candy made by the talented Eileen Byers.

We made quite a dazzling crew as we posed for our traditional 4th of July photo. (Thank you to Phil Shima for taking the photo!) For 4th of July activity, the Seniors were challenged to a mystery bag game. The Seniors were quite intense in their bag squeezing trying to determine the bag contents.

After all eight mystery bags were examined, the contents were revealed, most of which appeared to have been easily identified, except for the tricky hair curler. After the lively game, all the Seniors were treated to delicious BBQ chicken pizza from Corralitos Pizza, generously donated by Willie Yahiro, and Klondike “Cookies-and-Cream” Ice Cream Bars, donated by the Senior Center.
JUNE SENIOR WORKSHOPS

June 6th, noon to 1 pm workshop: With the Japanese Cultural Fair in two days, the Seniors had one last chance to make as many ribbon fish souvenirs as possible. The crafters were very patient while weaving their colorful fish.

June 27th, noon to 1 pm workshop: We held another crochet workshop. Kim Tao kindly provided instruction to folks who needed help. (Thank you, Kim!)

SENIOR TRIPS

Senior Trips: The Seniors have booked a one-day bus trip to Table Mountain Casino for Wednesday, August 21, 2019.

Monetary donations gratefully received in June from: Reba Condon, Judy Hane, Eiko Nishihara, Leigh Sakaguchi, and Norris Woodford. Special donations received from Sam and Yae Sakamoto in memory of Juzo Sakamoto and Juntaro Hattori, and from Dan and Karen Nitta in memory of aunt, Lily Yamashita.

July Schedule:
Thurs July 25 Regular 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 TAIKO AND SHINSEI DAIKO - By Bonnie Chihara

Watsonville Taiko is participating in the Aromas Day city wide yard sale on August 25th! One of our members has graciously offered the use of her home for this event. The address is 41 Seely Ave. Aromas. Please stop by and visit us. If anyone has any items to donate to the yard sale please contact our business manager Kay Miyamoto (see contact information on the following page).

We now have classes at Pathways Dojo located at 2724 Soquel Ave. Ste. D/E. On Tuesday mornings from 9:15-10:15 we have our Taiko for Health classes. From 10:15-11:15 we have a beginners class for seniors. On Wednesday nights from 7:30-9pm we have a class for adult fast learners.

We have classes for all ages at our dojo at Kizuka Hall in Watsonville.

CHILDRENS CLASSES
Fridays
4:30-5:10pm - Beginners Children 1
5:10-6:00pm - Beginners Children 2
6:00-7:00pm - Intermediate Youth

ADULT CLASSES
Fridays
7:00-8:00pm - Beginners Adults
8:00-10:00pm - Intro to Performance

Please contact Kay at 831 475 1088 or email us at info@watsonvilletaiko.org if you are interested in taking any of our classes.

Our upcoming schedule-
July 21st-Watsonville Obon Festival, Watsonville Buddhist Temple
July 28th-Wharf to Wharf, Opal Cliff Park
Aug. 4th-Church Street Fair, Santa Cruz
Sept. 21st-Walk to End Alzheimer’s
Nov. 3rd-Watsonville Taiko’s Annual Holiday Boutique and Raffle
The Watsonville Buddhist Temple received the Blue Plaque Award on May 10th at the Museum of Art & History in Santa Cruz. It is an honorary award for buildings and sites with architectural or historical significance. Reverend Shinseki and Perry Yoshida with temple members are pictured.

Congratulations to the members of our Watsonville Buddhist Temple High School and College Graduates and their families!

Graduates:

Kelly Maemura, University of Hokkaido, Japan
Laura Nagamine, Chapman University, Orange, CA
Sarah Nagamine, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Scott Nagamine, San Francisco State University
Danny Souza, Case Western Reserve Academy, Ohio
Melissa Tao, University of California, Los Angeles
Steven Tao, Oregon State University, Oregon
Alison Uyeda, University of California, Davis; School of Medicine, Davis
Brian Yamaoka, Christopher High School, Gilroy
Kevin Yamaoka, Arizona State University, Arizona

MEMORIAL DAY AT PAJARO VALLEY MEMORIAL PARK - Photographs by Mas Kashimoto
July 2019

The Watsonville Buddhist Temple 4th of July fireworks booth. It was one of our best years for selling fireworks! Thanks goes out to our temple members that participated in this event.

**Watsonville Buddhist Temple:**

Friday/Saturday, Aug. 2 & 3  Rummage Sale (8 a.m.-2 p.m.)
Sunday, Aug 11   Sunday Service/Shotsuki Hoyo (10 a.m.)
Tuesday, Aug. 20  ABA Bingo & Bento (10a.m.) cost: $5. RSVP to Alice Tanimoto by Aug. 5.
Sunday, Aug. 25   Tri-Temple Golf Tournament at Crazy Horse Golf Club, Salinas.
                   Check-in at noon. Shotgun starts at 1 p.m.
                   $125 includes green fees, cart, tee prizes, range balls, prizes and dinner
                   Registration form due by Aug. 1, 2019.
                   Call (831) 724-7860 for more information.

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Temple Office Hours: Wednesday mornings, 9 a.m.-noon
Other times by appointment only
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**WESTVIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHIMES**

Our Destiny Is Wrapped Up In Our Mutual Spiritual Health!

“A pile of rocks ceases to be a rock pile when somebody contemplates it with the idea of a cathedral in mind!”

—Antoine de Saint Exupery

We are not a pile of rocks, but together, in the words of 1 Peter, we are living stones that make a great cathedral!!

1 Peter 2:4-5, 9-10  proclaims, “You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood… You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”

When you and I became Christians and gave our lives to Jesus as our Savior and chose to sit at his feet as the Master that we might follow, it probably felt like a very personal decision.--A decision that was about “ME”. And it was about you, but something also happened, when you became a Christian, God grafted you into the Body of Christ. You became a part of God’s family.

You became another very important living stone of the building, the living temple God was making which is the Church, --the body of Christ on Earth!

“Church is not something you go to. It’s something you are! You can’t dissociate from church as a Christian anymore than you can disassociate from humanity as a person. You don’t go to church. You are the church.”

https://careynieuwhof.com/a-response-to-christians-who-are-done-with-church/

So don’t GO to church, but, yes let us gather together AS the church and worship God on Sundays, and gather AS the church and worship God on Fridays when we serve the Salvation Army meal, or as we lead Bible Study at Paloma del Mar Senior Apartments, or as we visit our seniors, or throw a wonderful Harvest Dinner celebration, or...

In all this we are BEING the CHURCH! This building is NOT the church! YOU are the church! Together, as a community built up, WE ARE THE CHURCH, called to be a sanctuary of love, provision, light, hope, healing, and connection to God, for those around us!!

1 Corinthians 12:27 states, “Now YOU are the body of Christ, and each one of YOU is a part of it.” No Christian can be an island. As Christians we are called into community to BE the body of Christ. You are part of the church and it is part of you!! Your health is wrapped up in the health of the church.

**The 7th Characteristic of a Vital Church is church health.**

**A Healthy Church Has:**

- A communal life centered on prayer and discernment of God’s will
- Clarity in Vision, Mission, Core Values; budget reflects these core principles
• Continual attentiveness, awareness and assessment to mission and practices of being church
• Stewardship of our gifts and personal resources results in giving from gratitude
• Transparent in spending; continual discernment of budget sustainability
• All are stakeholders, committed to fiscal responsibilities, active participation, and necessary voices in envisioning, dreaming, and decision-making Congregations practice a living faith, ever-changing, where prayer is central to existence
• Authentic joy, desire, commitment in being the church
• There is a culture of accountability and risk taking, openness to new things
• Sustainable budget, tithing responsibility, stewardship center on generosity to being church
• Pastor(s) and leaders are cared for, evaluated, and supported

Nurturing and supporting the health of pastor(s), staff, and all called to lead; fighting against burnout

We are pretty healthy in how we interact, and in the midst of this loving caring health that we have, I have 3 encouragements:

1. No Christian can be an island. As Christians we are called into community to be the body of Christ. You are part of the church and it is part of you!! Your health is wrapped up in the health of the church, so be intentional about being connected. Let us come be together as much as we can.

2. Let us be more serious about being a people of prayer—for each other, for those who need Jesus, for our direction in how to minister and reach out in love. There is power, wisdom, guidance, and creativity in prayer. Prayer is our lifeline to God! Let us offer to pray for each other whenever we can.

3. Let us be clear about our mission: who we are and what we are about.

**Westview Presbyterian Church purpose:**

- **Guide** people to Jesus & membership in God’s family,
- **Grow** in Jesus’ likeness,
- **Give** our gifts in ministry,
- **Go** forth in mission,
- **All to Glorify** and enjoy God forever.

Our theme verse is: **Christ’s all-embracing love is our Foundation.**—based on Galatians 3:28

Let us take seriously our job/privilege of being together Christ’s ambassadors in this world, letting everyone know through word or deed that the One we represent is the One who “knows us down to the very last atom and who loves us more deeply and fiercely than any parent has loved their child!” (Dr. Eben Alexander)

It is a joy and an honor to be a cathedral with you!

God bless you,
Pastor Dan

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**Gilroy Yamato Hot Springs**

In 1938, H. K. Sakata purchased the Hot Springs, which date back to 1865, and added the word “Yamato,” meaning “Japanese.” Gilroy Yamato Hot Springs became the only Japanese-owned mineral spring resort in California. Under Sakata, GYHS reminded many of similar places in Japan and thereby became a place of physical as well as moral, emotional, and spiritual healing. It provided respite from the toils of many hard-working Japanese immigrants.

**Westview hopes to have a visit this summer to the Hot Springs!**

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**Sunday Message Series:** “The Tough Questions we’re often too afraid to ask.” Pastor Dan won’t claim to have all the answers, but he hopes to at least refer to other wise people and begin to shed some light. Shoot him a question you might want addressed and he will try.

**SonRise Kitchen**

“When we feed the hungry we are serving and encountering Christ! (Matthew 25)

**We need $5,800 to finish the kitchen so we can start preparing food for the homeless.** We have applied for $14,500 in grants but we still need $5,800. If you are able please give to this worthy cause. Checks can be written to Westview Presbyterian Church and write “SonRise Kitchen” in the memo.

Stay tuned for a Paint the Kitchen Shelves Day! We need to paint all bare wood to be up to county code standards!! We have begun installation of a new stove hood and fire suppression unit, then we will need to install new sinks to be up to code. Then, Margo Loehr will lead us in a ministry that provides breakfast to those in need Monday through Friday. We cook at the church and serve at River Park, (just a few blocks from the church). If you would like to help regularly, or even just one morning a week, or on an occasional basis, or would like to donate to this worthy cause, please contact Pastor Dan or Margo.

A list of needed donations can be found on Westview’s website: [www.westviewpc.org](http://www.westviewpc.org).