Dedicated to our immigrant ancestors...

Rise from our chimney

with the smoke, O fervent stars,

Rise gently, brightly!

– Bob and Denise Gómez

Translated by Emi Sato

DONATIONS

Thank you to those who have generously donated since our last issue. It is through your constant support that we continue to be a vibrant part of our community.

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Look for our website:

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The Medical Thought and Onward sections will not be published in this month's newsletter in order to allow for other articles to be included.
Upcoming JACL Calendar

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.

Where do your Donations go?
- To JACL Programs, Activities and Education
- To Maintenance
- To Community Support

Some examples:
- Civil Rights
- Day of Remembrance
- Disaster Relief
- Education
- Greatest Need
- High School Grad Night events
- JACL Community Picnic
- JACL Installation
- JACL National Convention
- Japanese Cultural Fair
- Koden
- Maintenance of Kizuka Hall (copier, insurance, PG&E, phone, property tax and water)
- Maintenance of the Salinas Memorial Garden
- Newsletter (printing/postage)
- Nikki Veteran’s Memorial Services
- Senior Center
- Youth fund

In gratitude... By Cindy

Jeanette and I are concluding our first year as publishing “The Bridge”. We are immensely grateful to so many people who have made this possible. As the saying goes: It takes a Village! and it has. Thank You to all the Contributors, “worker bees” (who copy, fold and staple) 260 copies to our proof reader, photographers and website person. You make The Bridge possible!

We are still evolving and plan for our 2020 issues to be published in January, March, May, July, August, October and November.

Have wonderful, healthy and safe Holidays!

Thank you to:
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Annual Nisei Veteran’s Reunion Sponsored by Friends and Family of Nisei Veterans (FFNV)

By Jean Yamashita

This year my dad (Iwao Yamashita Korean War MIS Veteran), my sister (Shirley Inokuchi), Sam Sakamoto (442nd RCT Veteran), Franz Steidl (Vietnam War Veteran) and I attended this wonderful annual Nisei Veteran gathering in the California Hotel in Las Vegas on September 29th-October 3rd. Janet Ito (daughter of Lawson Sakai, 442nd RCT Veteran and President of FFNV) was the reunion coordinator who did an extraordinary job organizing and hosting this very memorable event. Veterans and families from all over the country came.

There were moving movies/presentations during the event as well as many touching and amazing stories shared.

There were two banquets held: The Welcome Banquet which included a presentation by Naomi Hirahara, author of the Mas Arai mystery series as well as non-fiction works on the Japanese American experience. The Farewell Banquet which included a performance by the hereandnow improvisational group as well as a video of the 75th Anniversary tour to France produced by Mike Izumi. There was a raffle and the highlight being a handmade quilt.

Many thanks to Janet Ito, Lawson Sakai and all their family members and volunteers who made this awesome event so memorable.

Article from The Pajaronian - November 2019

A FULL LIFE

By Todd Guild

“I didn’t realize I was that old,” quipped long time Watsonville resident Masako Miura.

Her advice for younger people hoping to have a similarly long life is, “don’t be an old crabapple.”

During her life, Miura successfully weathered two significant battles. The first was becoming a physician in a field dominated by men. In medical school, she was one of two women to become a doctor in a class of ’33. Then, because of her Japanese nationality she was imprisoned during World War II in two concentration camps.

Miura and her husband James Goto, also a physician, were sent to Manzanar and then transferred for their safety to Topaz camp in Utah after expressing support for the U.S. and receiving hostile threats from pro-Japan camp residents. There, their daughter Denise was born and later they had a son, Hans.

In camp, she made $19 per month. Her patients, most of whom couldn’t afford her services, paid instead with art pieces that they had made, which were cobbled together from items they found around the camps.

She has outlived five other siblings.

“She is a remarkable woman,” her son Hans Goto said. “She has had a full life and amazingly she is still enjoying life.”
Mayor’s Proclamation Congratulating Masako Miura, M.D., on her 105th Birthday & recognizing her many accomplishments throughout her Lifetime

By Pastor Dan Hoffman

Dr Miura is not just known in Watsonville for her contributions, but she is known nationally!” - Mas Hashimoto

Dr Masako Miura was honored by a Mayor’s proclamation on her 105th Birthday for her many lifetime accomplishments, which was received on her behalf by her son Hans Goto. Here is what her proclamation stated:

Whereas, Dr Masako Miura was born in Los Angeles, CA on June 29, 1914 to parents Takejiro and Matsu, who ran a clothing store in downtown Los Angeles, in what is currently known as Little Tokyo; and upon graduating high school, Dr Miura and her oldest sister, Yae attended school in Japan for one year; and after that year, Dr Miura started college at the University of Southern California, where she graduated with a medical degree and was one of the first women to do so; and Dr Miura was finishing her residency at Los Angeles County General Hospital when the Pearl Harbor bombing occurred, after which she and her husband James were incarcerated in the Manzanar Internment Camp; and during her time at the camp she and her husband, along with eight other physicians, were responsible for the medical care of its 10,000 residents, and after the war, Dr Miura returned to Los Angeles to continue her medical practice and soon after moved to Northern California, where she worked for the Public Health Department in Oakland; and she then decided to work for the US government as a civil servant and was assigned to Fort Ord, where she worked for over 25 years until her retirement in the mid-seventies; and Dr Miura has always been active, traveling to medical conferences in various countries and participating in 4H programs as well as being involved in her local church, and has settled at the Valley Heights Senior Living Community in Watsonville, which has been her home since 2009; Now, therefore, Francisco Estrada, Mayor of the City of Watsonville, in the State of California, on behalf of the City Council hereby extend sincere congratulations to Masako Miura on her 105th birthday and recognize her many accomplishments throughout her lifetime.

A large group from Westview Church and the JACL came to the City Council meeting to honor Dr Miura.

It is a joy and an honor to be on this life journey of faith with the amazing, honorable members of Westview, and an honor to know Dr Miura and to be inspired by her and her life.

God bless you,
Pastor Dan

Photos above from left to right: Hans Goto (Dr. Miura’s son) with Police Chief Honda; Hans receiving Dr. Miura’s proclamation from Mayor Estrada and members of Westview and the JACL that came out to honor Dr. Miura (Diane, Gary, Jane, Pastor Dan, Cindy, Chief Honda, Hans Goto (son), Sean, Sandra(daughter-in-law), Marcia, Victor and Mas. Missing in the photograph is Carol and Paul Kaneko, and Robb Mayeda).
Thank you for this Proclamation honoring, a most highly respected Japanese American in our country, Dr. Masako Miura.

Dr. Masako Miura stands with our most notable Japanese Americans:

- Fred Korematsu, Gordon Hirabayashi, Minoru Yasui, Mitsue Endo (all Supreme Court cases)

She along with her then husband, Dr. James Goto, were incarcerated in the Manzanar California camp. Manzanar means “apple orchard” in Spanish. Los Angeles took the water and left Manzanar as a desert.

In late 1942, JACL leaders from each of the ten camps met in Salt Lake City. The JACL decided on a policy of loyalty and cooperation with the US Government.

When JACLer Fred Tayama returned to Manzanar, he was threatened by a hostile group, many of whom who were pro-Japan—who wanted Japan to win the war.

The Drs. Goto successfully hid Fred Tayama in the hospital, sandwiched between two mattresses.

The Gotos were now threatened with bodily harm. For their safety they were removed and sent to another camp in Utah—Topaz, Utah.

Dr. Masako Miura is a revered member of our Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL, which was established 85 years ago.

Her son, Hans, is a highly accomplished Aikido (martial arts) sensei. He’s a graduate of Watsonville High and was its 1968 ASB President.

We are grateful to the City Council.

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**SENIOR CORNER - August Senior Center News**

**By Carol Kaneko, Kimiko Marr, Jean Yamashita**

Photos by Carol Kaneko, Kimiko Marr, Jean Yamashita

A very special piece of art, symbolic of the heroic 442nd Infantry Regiment, was donated by Sam Sakamoto and beautifully hung at Kizuka Hall by Franz Steidl and Joe Bowes on August 7th.

Plaque below the artwork describes the design:
“This shoulder patch identifies the famous 442nd Regimental Combat Team. It was designed by Mitchie Miyamoto who lived in Watsonville, California”

Pictured: Mas Hashimoto, Marcia Hashimoto, Sam Sakamoto, Franz Steidl
Thank you to Tom Akiyama (Jean Akiyama’s brother-in-law) for donating some house plants for Seniors to adopt!
Pictured: Jean Akiyama, Fumi Tanimasa

The Seniors were delighted to take home the fragrant tuberoses donated by the Sakaue family. Domo arigato, Sakaue family!
Pictured: Kiyoko Sakaue, June Honda

Jee Kajihara and family generously treated the Seniors to delicious strawberry-chia muffins and green tea ice cream on August 8th! The children were so cute as they zealously served the Seniors their yummy treats! Thank you so much to the Kajihara family for always being so kind to our Seniors!

Note: The Kajihara’s own/run the Imura Japanese Restaurant.

On August 15th, we celebrated August birthdays honoring Eileen Byers, June Honda, Paul Kaneko, Kitty Mizuno, Yoshiko Nishihara (92), Kazuko Sakai (90), and George Stewart. Absent were Akira Kodama (98), Shirley Nishimoto, Jo Ann Vear, Gail Wurtenberg, Sumi Yamada (90), and Reiko Yamamoto (88). The 90 and overs were given a box of manju, and a lovely orchid plant was delivered to Reiko Yamamoto who turned 88. Kazuko Sakai generously provided the huge dream cake and ice cream cups that were delicious! Thank you so much, Mrs. Sakai!
On August 22nd, Kazuko Sakai surprised the Seniors with a huge Miyuki bento box and sushi in celebration of her 90th birthday! Thank you so much, Mrs. Sakai, for your generosity! We hope you had a fabulous 90th birthday!

August 29th turned out to be a memorable gathering as the Seniors were honored to be visited by members of the Consul General Uyama’s staff from San Francisco:
- Consul Taisuke Suzuki - Advisor for Community Affairs
- Consul Ayumu Kashiwagi - Agriculture
- Jeff Fleishman - Economic Affairs
Prior to arriving at the Senior Center, the special guests toured the farm of Akira, Hideko, and Janet Nagamine and enjoyed lunch there. The guests then arrived at Kizuka Hall where Mas and Marcia Hashimoto gave them a tour of Kizuka Hall and provided some JACL/Senior Center history. During the Senior Center program, Marcia Hashimoto introduced our honored guests who each then said a few words to the Senior audience.

Taisuke Suzuki, Ayumu Kashiwagi, and Jeff Fleishman spent the rest of the afternoon enjoying the Senior activities – participating in the brief exercises and playing rousing games of bingo.

Taisuke Suzuki and Ayumu Kashiwagi were pleased with their bingo winnings 😊

It was wonderful meeting our distinguished guests from San Francisco! Thank you to Janet Nagamine for organizing the event!

On August 29th, Paul Kaneko sadly announced that Rubie Kawamoto fell and fractured her hip. A get well card was signed by the Seniors. We wish Rubie Kawamoto a speedy recovery!

With Rubie Kawamoto’s serious injury, the timing seemed apropos to address the danger of falling, especially for Seniors. Paul Kaneko highlighted important points from an article Eiko Stewart submitted from “The Epoch Times” called “More Seniors Are Dying in Falls”. The article begins with the statement:

“Rates of fatal falls have doubled since 2000 and doctors can do more to stop that. What’s needed to check this alarming trend, experts suggest, is a more personalized approach to preventing falls, more involvement by medical practitioners, and better ways to motivate older adults to take action”.

The article suggests getting a fall risk assessment, getting a personalized plan, and being careful during transitions (e.g., coming home from the hospital or starting new medications). The full article can be found online: https://www.theepochtimes.com/more-seniors-are-dying-in-falls_2988938.html

Cindy Mine also informed the Seniors of additional important reminders for fall prevention. Thank you to Eiko Stewart/Paul Kaneko and Cindy Mine for sharing this essential information with the Seniors!

SENIOR WORKSHOPS
Susan AmRhein (instructor), Connie Dimas, Judy Hane, Cindy Mine, and Jean Yamashita kindly crocheted little hats for preemies to be donated to hospitals. It felt good to contribute to such a worthwhile cause. Many thanks to our crocheters! Special thanks to Susan for spearheading this effort and for her patient instruction!
Thank you note from Jo Ann Vears:

“Dear Friends –
Thank you so much for the baby hats. They are going to Dominican Hospital to the Neo-natal Intensive Care Unit. Many of these babies are less than three pounds and seriously ill. Your generous act of kindness is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Jo Ann”

On August 15th, the crochet workshop continued with a new project: Crocheting an afghan blanket with granny squares to be donated to the Christmas raffle. Many thanks to Susan AmRhein for providing instruction, crocheting many of the granny squares, and stitching the granny squares together and to Connie Dimas, Judy Hane, Eiko Stewart, and Kim Tao for also contributing colorful bundles of granny squares to our holiday Senior project!

Another awesome raffle prize this Christmas will be a beautiful afghan blanket that Susan AmRhein is crocheting! Thank you, Susan!

We will have another Crochet workshop on September 5th from noon to 1 pm to learn how to make towel holders. Please feel free to join the gathering (with or without a project) to relax and enjoy the friendly conversation.

We have many talented Seniors so the hope is to have a variety of workshops in the future to share and learn new skills. If you have a craft suggestion for our Seniors, please let Susan AmRhein or Jean Yamashita know. Thank you!

SENIOR TRIPS
On a cool foggy morning, 40 energetic Seniors and guests happily boarded the bus to Table Mountain on August 21st! It was a lively morning as folks got settled in and then were showered with delicious goodies generously donated by: Jean Akiyama, Sharon Bobo, Lani Chin, Yaeko Cross, Carol Kaneko, Rubie Kawamoto, Nancy Kuratomi, Rosemarie/Larry Marshall, Cindy/Gary Mine, Linda Murray, Eiko Nishihara, Yoshiko Nishihara, Iwao/Jean Yamashita, and Toshi Yamashita. A special surprise were little origami frogs patiently made by Nobue Fuji that were given to all our guests to bring them good luck. Many thanks to all our very kind donators! On the trip home, some folks watched the feel-good movie “Dreamer” while others took a nap. We stopped at Andersen’s Pea Soup in Santa Nella to stretch our legs and grab a quick snack or browse thru the gift shop.

Special thanks to trip helpers Rubie Kawamoto (trip signups/payments), Carol Kaneko (trip treasurer), Cindy Mine (trip nurse), Gary Mine (passenger assistance), and Jean Yamashita (trip coordinator). Finally, a big “Thank you!” to all the Seniors and guests for joining us on this trip!
The 2019 Poston Pilgrimage will be held in Parker, AZ on October 11th and 12th. We are thinking of organizing a group from the Central Coast to travel together.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Thank you to our August toban: Judy Hane, Angie Guzman, and Mary Perez. Paul Kaneko was in charge of opening up this month. Thanks to all our members who thoughtfully help out whenever needed!

Monetary donations gratefully received in August from: Eileen Byers, June Honda, Paul Kaneko, Akira Kodama, Kitty Mizuno, Yoshiko Nishihara, Shirley Nishimoto, George Stewart, and Sumi Yamada. Special donations received from Bobby and Nancy Tamaki for Senior Center 48th Anniversary luncheon, Diane Mio in honor of Reiko Yamamoto’s birthday, and Dan and Karen Nitta in memory of mother Helen Nitta Mito - thank you very much!

SENIOR CORNER - September Senior Center News
By Jean Yamashita
Photos by Carol Kaneko, Jean Yamashita

With the hot summer days in August, tomatoes were flourishing! On September 5th, Grace and Victor Patiño brought boxes of luscious tomatoes for all the Seniors to enjoy.

Thank you so much, Mr. and Mrs. Patiño, for being so thoughtful!

On September 19th, the Seniors celebrated September birthdays honoring Susan AmRhein, Akira Nagamine (94), Mitsuyo Tao (88), and Jackie Yamashita. Absent were Donna Fujita, Pat Marr, and Jane Sugidono. Akira Nagamine (over 90) was given a box of manju, and a lovely orchid plant was presented to Mitsuyo Tao who turned 88. Mitsuyo Tao also generously provided the delicious birthday cake. Thank you so much, Mrs. Tao! Hisako Kodama provided the lovely flowers for the table decorations, and Teruko Hirahara created the beautiful flower arrangement on the head table - thank you, Mrs. Kodama and Mrs. Hirahara!
Kim Tao arrived at the Senior Center bearing surprise gifts for all in celebration of Mitsuyo Tao’s 88th birthday on September 19th! The Seniors were delighted to receive a colorful bouquet of flowers and yummy See’s candy favors. Thank you so much, Kim!

What a terrific surprise to see Rubie Kawamoto at the Senior Center on September 19th after fracturing her hip in August! Rob, Rubie’s son, kindly brought her for a visit from her rehabilitation facility, and Rubie was able to enjoy some cake and play bingo with us. It was a real joy to see you, Rubie! Hope you’ll be back again soon!

On Sunday, September 22nd, Baisho Matsumoto, a professional musician from Japan, masterfully performed a special concert of traditional Japanese music on the Shamisen and Shakuhachi. You could hear the soft hum of the audience as they accompanied him when he played familiar Japanese ballads. During his performance, Baisho repeatedly praised Watsonville for its strawberries and was thrilled to receive several boxes of ‘P&K Farms’ strawberries from Mitsuyo Tao! It was a relaxing, entertaining hour of soothing Japanese melodies that was enjoyed by all. Domo arigato to Baisho Matsumoto, to Matsunami-san, his agent, for arranging the visit to Watsonville, and to Kaori for translating. Many thanks to the following Seniors who generously donated delicious refreshments: Susan AmRhein, Reba Condon, Yaeko Cross, Nobue Fujii, Mitsuyo Tao, Jean Yamashita, and Toshi Yamashita.

On September 26th, Susan AmRhein celebrated her birthday by treating the Seniors to a scrumptious treat of ice cream on top of angel food cake and topped off with assorted berries and whipped cream! Yum! Thank you so much, Susan!

Welcome new member, Lizzie Goodson! (Liz is Haru Ishibashi’s daughter).
SENIOR WORKSHOPS
Handmade afghan blankets and pot holders were completed thanks to the many hours of crocheting granny squares by our amazing worker-bees Susan AmRhein, Connie Dimas, Judy Hane, Eiko Stewart, and Kim Tao! (Jean Yamashita apologizes for contributing only one granny square) Special thanks to Susan for driving the projects and for putting the final masterpieces together! We will have a silent auction at the last Senior gathering of the year to see who will win these special prizes!

The crocheting crew quickly consumed all the new projects, and during September, they worked on blankets, towel holders, pot holders, and scrubbies.

June Honda’s mother had several crochet pieces that Susan AmRhein put together for a lovely autumn blanket.

Please feel free to join the gathering (with or without a project) to relax and enjoy the friendly conversation. If you have a craft suggestion for our Seniors, please let Susan AmRhein or Jean Yamashita know. Thank you!

Monetary donations gratefully received in September from: Susan AmRhein, Pat Marr, Akira Nagamine, Jane Sugidono, and Mitsuyo Tao. All donations are very much appreciated!

SENIOR CORNER - October Senior Center News
By Carol Kano

The Senior Center annual flu shot clinic took place on October 10th with CVS pharmacist Hrushita Desai administering shots to 23 participants.

It was nice to see Donna and Grace Fujita on October 10th.

We welcomed guest Akiko Hino-Mitchell who dropped by every Thursday this month to lend a hand. We thank her for all her help, and we look forward to seeing her often at the Senior Center.
Our 48th Anniversary celebration was on October 17th. The front table was decorated with a beautiful flower arrangement by Mitsuyo Tao, and the individual tables each had a lovely flower centerpiece made by Helen Nakano. Greetings and a brief history of Kizuka Hall were given by Paul Kaneko, and Marcia Hashimoto gave a message from the JACL.

9 of our 29 seniors who are 90 and over were present to receive a beautiful plant and have a photo taken. We then assembled all the seniors for our annual group photo.

Sam Sakamoto 94, Kazuko Sakai 90,
back - Iwao Yamashita 94, Mitzi Katsuyama 99,
Haru Ishibashi 93, Eiko Nishihara,
Yaeko Cross 92, Yoshiko Nishihara 92

Thanks to Phil Shima for taking the photos. Jean Yamashita then presented a slide show of the year in review. It was enjoyed by all. Special thanks to Jean for all the effort and time she put into the slide show. Jean also arranged for the purchasing and packaging of two manju for each senior as an anniversary gift from the Senior Center.
After a few games of bingo, Susan AmRhein said grace, and we all enjoyed a delicious buffet from Miyuki Restaurant delivered by Chris Ishikawa. Several extra dishes were brought in by some of our senior center cooks. Arigatō for the delicious extra food. Thanks to the toban crew and everyone else who lent a hand in setting up and cleaning up. A very special thank you to Bobby and Nancy Tamaki for generously providing the funds for our Miyuki buffet. And an extra special Thank You to Jean Yamashita for coordinating our anniversary celebration and making sure everything went as planned!

A kabocha workshop/cooking demonstration was held on October 24, with Nobue Fujii and Nobuko Akiyama demonstrating how to cut and cook kabocha. June Honda, Marcia Hashimoto, and Jean Yamashita also presented other ways to cook and use kabocha in various dishes. Kim Tao demonstrated her way of cutting kabocha with a cleaver on newspapers spread on the floor. Thanks to all who participated. Everyone enjoyed tasting all the dishes prepared that day and the special rice dishes brought by Nobue and Jean.

On August 29th, September 26th and October 24th, the Seniors were treated to pizzas from Corralitos Pizza, generously donated by Willie Yahiro. Thank you so much Willie!

Everyone was thrilled to have Helen Nakano back for a visit on October 24th. Lots of hugs and greetings were shared that day.

Thanks to the efforts of Norris Woodford, who worked with the City of Watsonville, the curbs on both sides of the two driveways in front of Kizuka Hall have been painted red. The lack of cars parked there allows for better visibility for our seniors who cross busy Blackburn Street to get to their parked cars after seniors.
Leigh Sakaguchi and Marcia Hashimoto have also been helping by donning yellow vests to help control traffic. Thank you to Norris, Leigh, and Marcia for watching out for our seniors!

Paul announced that Rubie Kawamoto is back home after breaking her hip, and would welcome visitors. An update on October 31st: Rubie is now in hospice care at home and would still enjoy visitors.

Paul also announced that Watsonville Police Chief David Honda will be coming on November 7th to speak to our seniors about Measure G on the June ballot. Measure G renews the part of the sales tax that provides funding for police and fire services. It is very important for the safety of the citizens of Watsonville that this measure is renewed.

Phil Shima announced that he will have 8x10 group photos taken at the 48th Anniversary celebration available for $5. Many seniors placed their orders, and we thank Phil for taking the group photo and making the photo available.

Juanita López (Mary Perez’ sister) was welcomed as a new member this month.

On Tuesday, October 22nd, the Watsonville City Council honored our oldest Senior Center member, Dr. Masako Miura, age 105, with an official Proclamation congratulating her for her many achievements.

Our seniors ended October with our Halloween celebration, complete with colorful decorations, a costume contest, a group Halloween game, and lots of candy for everyone. Many seniors dressed in orange and black, and some came wearing some very delightful and creative costumes. The winners of the costume contest were: 1st place – Gary Mine who came as a senior center bingo card; 2nd place – Kim Tao who dressed as a very scary “cemetery bride”; and 3rd place – Reba Condon who made her own remarkable Leonardo the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle costume. The winners were awarded Target gift cards.

Winning the group game (which required seniors to first find their group, put together and figure out a puzzle, then run to the front and ring the “poop” bell) was the group comprised of Judy Hane, Hide Nagamine, Nobue Fujii, Kumiko Nakatani, and Toshi Yamashita. The winners were each presented with a special package of candy. Congratulations and thanks to all who participated in our celebration!
Thank you to Jean Yamashita for coordinating this event and for all the candy she provided, to Jean and Susan AmRhein for decorating the hall with paper Halloween pumpkins and candy-filled trick or treat buckets, to Susan for the creepy hands filled with popcorn and candy corn (for the orange fingernails), and to Eileen Byers for the beautiful trick or treat boxes filled with Hershey’s chocolates, and to everyone who brought extra candy to share. A fun and spooky time was had by all!

Our final trip of 2019 will be our annual one-day excursion to San Francisco Japantown on Tuesday, December 3, 2019, from 9 am to 5 pm. Cost is $35 for Senior Center members and $45 for others. Please contact Toshi Yamashita at toshigo63@yahoo.com to sign up. Space is limited.

Monetary donations for the month of October gratefully received from: Jo Ann Vear, Jackie Yamashita, Toshi Yamashita, Nobuko Akiyama, Donna Fujita, and Grace Fujita. A special donation was received from Carolyn Misumi in memory of her parents Saburo and Mitori Misumi. We also thank all of you who have made your 48th Anniversary donation. We are most grateful. If you still need to make your anniversary donation, please see Carol Kaneko or Toshi Yamashita.

November Schedule:

Thurs Nov 21  
Thanksgiving Potluck/Turkey dinner at 3:30 pm. Turkey and trimmings will be provided.  
We need salads, rice dishes, and cooked vegetables for potluck.  
Dessert will be pumpkin pie.

Thurs Nov 28  
Senior Center closed for Thanksgiving holiday

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

Our annual Holiday Boutique and Raffle was attended by a large crowd of people on November 3rd at Kizuka Hall. Besides our usual vendors we had a few new sellers including Bonnie Segura, Laura Holtzclaw and Shirley Inokuchi. Attendees enjoyed munching on baked goods from our bake sale as well as spam musubi, Inari sushi and Asian cabbage salad. The winner of our grand prize quilt was Denise Hasegawa. Second place winner was Gail Mabrouk. And Marcia Hashimoto won a beautiful statuary dragon. Thank you to everyone who came to the boutique and helped make it a great success!

Come and join us for our annual Holiday Party on Friday December 13th from 6-9pm at Kizuka Hall. Pot luck please! Please let our business manager Kay Miyamoto if you plan to attend. You can reach her at 831-475-1088 or email her at info@watsonvilletaiko.org
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.

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**WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE**

**HATSUMAIRI SERVICE - September 29, 2019**


Proud grandparents: Aileen and Kiyo Kawasaki.
WANT MOCHI?
Deadline is December 2, 2019 or sooner based on number of orders received.
Mochi tsuki date: Sunday, Dec. 8, 2019
1 pound box for $6 of 7-9 pieces of regular size OR
2 pieces of osonae + approx. 3-5 pieces of regular size
Pick up on December 8 between 10 a.m. and noon.

Watsonville Buddhist Temple Schedule of Events:

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Sunday/Eitaikyo/Shotsuki Hoyo Service
Sunday/Dharma Youth Program Service
Sunday/Bodhi Day/Shotsuki Hoyo Service
Mochi Tsuki - ALL VOLUNTEERS WELCOME (Start approx. 7 a.m.)
Sunday/Omiigaki (cleaning of the altar pieces)
No Sunday Service
No Sunday Service
Joya-E Service (Ringing of the Bell)
New Year’s Service/Shusho-e
New Year’s Installation & Potluck

Office Telephone (831) 724-7860
Temple Office Hours: Wednesday mornings, 9 a.m.-noon
Other times by appointment only
Email: buddhist@wbtemple.org
Westview Presbyterian Chimes

Christmas Service: Will be held at Westview on December 22nd at 10 am. Fellowship hour with a potluck luncheon will take place after worship service. Everyone is welcome!!

Westview will resume preparing and serving Salvation Army meals on December 6th and continue every first Friday of each month through April. Volunteers are always welcome!! Call Marlon or Pastor Dan for details.

SonRise Kitchen

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

We need $7,000 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 $7000. 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. 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. Thanks to all who helped paint and clean shelves a few weeks ago!! 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.

Westview Has a New Westview Presbyterian Church Academic Scholarship

This scholarship is for members/active participants of Westview Presbyterian Church. We received applications in October and will present the scholarship at the Harvest Dinner. If you want to give to the scholarship fund to invest in the education of our next generation please make checks out to Westview Presbyterian Church and put Academic Scholarship Fund in the memo.

Revitalization Initiative Events

Please keep our beloved church in your prayers as we process our congregation survey and neighborhood walk, and as we continue to plan our ministry to our church members and neighborhood as we seek to breathe new life into Westview Presbyterian Church.

Photos on right (from left to right): Mural Project at Muzzio Park near Westview. Jane visiting Muzzio Park Community Center and their mural project during the Revitalization walk and survey.

Fellowship Hour

Photos at right: Fellowship Hour on a Sunday morning in October. Always good food and good company!!

Tuesday Study Series: What does God’s voice sound like? How do you discern God’s direction/leading in our life? The study series takes place every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 4 pm, at Paloma del Mar Senior Apartments. We are studying Hearing God by Dallas Willard. Please mark your calendar for the following dates in November and December:

November 12th and November 26th, December 10th

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.

Tutoring Club Update: We continue to serve several students on a one-on-one basis at different times during the week. It is a delight to reach out with love and care for our neighbors. If you would like to participate in any way please contact Mary Lou or Pastor Dan.
Enclosure to Letter to JAACL President Moy:
ISSUED ON BEHALF OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, JAPANESE AMERICAN VETERANS ASSN., Sept. 17

On Aug. 3, 2019, the National Council of the Japanese American Citizens League adopted a resolution of apology “to those imprisoned in the Tule Lake Segregation Center for nonviolent acts of resistance and dissent, who suffered shame and stigma during and after the war due to the JACL’s attitudes and treatment toward individuals unfairly labeled ‘disloyal.’” At its Sept. 14 meeting, JAVA's Executive Council approved the following objections to the National JACL’s resolution of apology to the Tule Lake resisters.

National JACL Resolution of Apology Is Vague and Overly Broad

Based on the Report of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians (AKA “Redress Commission Report”), the Tule Lake Segregation Center was dominated by a “strongly militant pro-Japan faction” composed of:

- Japanese aliens who refused to agree not to engage in any actions that would interfere with the United States’ war effort by answering “No” or refusing to answer Question 28 of the loyalty questionnaire;
- Japanese aliens who asked to be repatriated to Japan;
- Japanese Americans who renounced their U.S. citizenship and asked to be repatriated to Japan;
- Japanese Americans who refused to swear allegiance to the United States and forswear allegiance to the Emperor of Japan by answering “No” or refusing to answer Question 28;
- Japanese Americans who refused to serve in the United States military after receiving draft notices making this the second National JACL resolution of apology, first in 2000 and again in 2019, to this group;
- Those who had been denied leave clearance because of adverse evidence in their records; and
- Japanese aliens that the Department of Justice recommended for detention at the Tule Lake Segregation Center.

The National JACL resolution of apology is given to the above Tule Lake resisters who engaged in “nonviolent acts of resistance and dissent.” By excluding only those who engaged in violent acts of resistance and dissent, National JACL demonstrates a shallow commitment to civil rights by including within its resolution Tule Lake resisters who engaged in nonviolent acts of resistance and dissent such as coercive harassment, intimidation and threats of bodily harm against Japanese Americans who volunteered for U.S. military service and other internees who did not share the Tule Lake Resisters’ pro-Japan views.

The National JACL resolution of apology also fails to distinguish between the Tule Lake resisters who wanted Japan to win the war and those who believed in peaceful disobedience but did not hold pro-Japan views. The Redress Commission Report states that 31 percent of the Tule Lake Segregation Center population were family members who stayed with those who were segregated. By failing to deal with these significant distinctions, the National JACL resolution of apology unfairly treats all the Tule Lake resisters as “disloyal.”

For these reasons, the Executive Council of the Japanese American Veterans Assn. finds that the National JACL resolution of apology to the Tule Lake resisters is vague and overly broad, without any justifiable basis for its apology.

National JACL Resolution of Apology Is a Betrayal of American Values

The Japanese American men and women who served in the U.S. military during World War II suffered in equal measure with the Tule Lake resisters from the unconstitutional confinement imposed by Executive Order 9066, but unlike the Tule Lake resisters, those who served in the U.S. military during WWII put country first, kept their faith in American ideals and assumed greater personal risks by putting themselves in harm’s way.

Any shame, stigma or label of “disloyalty” associated with the Tule Lake resisters was self-inflicted as a direct result of their actions, beliefs and decisions, which were antithetical to the actions, beliefs and decisions made by the 95 percent of Japanese American adults who answered “Yes” to Question 28 and by the Japanese Americans who served in the U.S. military during WWII.

The Japanese Americans who served in the U.S. military during WWII served with valor and honor that created a lasting legacy that has greatly benefited all those in the Japanese American community including the Tule Lake resisters.

- The Japanese Americans who served in the 100th Infantry Battalion/442nd Regimental Combat Team, a segregated Japanese American combat unit, were involved in a five-day battle in which the Texas “Lost Battalion” (1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment) was rescued, while the 100th Infantry Battalion/442nd Regimental Combat Team suffered 54 killed in action and 293 wounded in action.
- The 522nd Field Artillery Battalion of the 442nd RCT liberated Jewish prisoners at one of the Dachau Nazi death camps.
- The 100th Infantry Battalion/442nd RCT is recognized as the most-decorated unit for its size and length of service in the history of American warfare.
- The Japanese Americans who served in the 100th Infantry Battalion/442nd RCT were awarded seven Presidential Unit Citations, 21 Medals of Honor, 29 Distinguished Service Crosses and countless other medals including over 4,000 Purple Hearts.
- All surviving members of the 100th Infantry Battalion/442nd RCT in 2012 were made chevaliers of the French Légion d’Honneur for their actions contributing to the liberation of France and their heroic rescue of the “Lost Battalion” during WWII.
- Approximately 3,000 Japanese Americans who served in the Military Intelligence Service as Japanese linguists, a large number of them educated in Japan (aka “Kibei”), volunteered to serve in the first, second or third wave of nearly every Army infantry and Marine invasion to interrogate Japanese prisoners of war, translate captured documents and pass the results immediately to commanders on the front line to prepare counter measures, helping to win battles and save lives.
- The Japanese Americans who served in the MIS as Japanese linguists in the Pacific war theater are credited with shortening the war with Japan by two years, serving as interpreters during war crime trials to ensure fair hearings, and making significant contributions to transitioning Japan to a democratic government during the occupation and restoration of Japan after the war ended.
The 1399th Engineering Construction Battalion, composed of all Japanese Americans, served in Hawaii during WWII to rebuild Pearl Harbor and completed 54 construction projects that were critical to the defense of the Islands.

Over 300 Japanese American women served in the U.S. military during WWII.

The Japanese Americans who served in the U.S. military during WWII followed advice given to them by their fathers: “Do not dishonor your country, community or the family and, if you are to die, die with honor.” Almost 800 Japanese Americans who served in the U.S. military were killed in action during World War II. They died fighting for America’s freedoms. They died with honor.

On July 15, 1946, President Harry Truman reviewed the returning 442nd RCT at the White House Ellipse and praised their battlefield accomplishments by saying, “You fought the enemy abroad, and you fought prejudice at home, and you won. Keep up that fight, and we will continue to win,” thereby affirming the decision made by the Japanese American soldiers to serve their country and its ideals and demonstrate loyalty as their way to fight prejudice at home.

The Executive Council of the Japanese American Veterans Assn. condemns the National JACL resolution of apology to the Tule Lake resisters as a betrayal of the American values embraced by the Japanese Americans who served in the U.S. military during WWII and by the 95 percent of Japanese American adults who answered “Yes” to Question 28 and as being knowingly divisive.

**National JACL Resolution of Apology Demeans the Legacy of the Japanese Americans Who Served During WWII**

During WWII, most Americans considered all persons of Japanese ancestry to be “disloyal” based solely on ethnicity. The WWII JACL leaders worked to find ways to prove that Japanese Americans were “loyal” and could be trusted. The JACL advocated to have the U.S. Army create a segregated all-Japanese American combat unit. The idea of a segregated combat unit was originally rejected by Gen. Eisenhower. But JACL persisted. By having a segregated combat unit, JACL’s hope was that its military successes would convince the American public that Japanese Americans were loyal.

Mike Masaoka was JACL Secretary during that time and was the main advocate for the all-Japanese American combat unit. When the 442nd RCT was created, Masaoka was the first to volunteer. Because of his role in getting the 442nd RCT authorized, he was assigned to the public relations staff of the 442nd RCT, where he diligently provided information to the press about the successful battlefield accomplishments of the 442nd RCT. Masaoka is credited with generating the high praise that the 442nd received in the American press during WWII.

The opportunity for the Japanese Americans who served during WWII to forge a legacy of valor and honor was created by JACL. During WWII, the JACL actively promoted serving in the U.S. military as a way to show loyalty, so there is a direct link between the WWII JACL and the legacy created by the Japanese Americans who served.

The National JACL resolution of apology disavows that link. The JACL resolution of apology reverses the position of the WWII JACL in that JACL is now supporting the Tule Lake resisters’ acts of resistance and dissent as the way the community should have shown their loyalty rather than serving in the U.S. military. Of course, the National JACL resolution of apology ignores the fact that the acts of resistance and dissent were in support of the resisters’ pro-Japan views.

As a national veterans service organization dedicated to preserving the legacy of the Japanese Americans who served in the U.S. military during WWII, JAVA must raise its voice on behalf of those Japanese American soldiers by defending their choice as to how they showed their loyalty.

The valor and loyalty shown by the Japanese Americans who served in the U.S. military during WWII has greatly benefited the Japanese American community in the following ways:

- Cited by President Ronald Reagan for his decision not to veto, but to sign, HR 442 resulting in the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 (aka “Redress Legislation”) authorizing the U.S. government’s apology and redress payments paid to the internees, including the Tule Lake resisters, who were still alive on the date of enactment;
- Cited by the sponsors of legislation that passed the Walter-McCarran Immigration and Naturalization Act, giving the first generation of persons of Japanese ancestry, including the Tule Lake resisters, the right to become naturalized U.S. citizens;
- The pivotal factor that convinced Congress to end its long-held opposition toward Hawaii’s statehood petition resulting in Hawaii becoming the 50th State;
- Cited by the sponsors of legislation creating a bipartisan presidential commission — the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Interment of Civilians — that determined that Executive Order 9066, issued by President Roosevelt and strongly supported by State and local elected officials such as then-California Attorney General Earl Warren, was the result of “prejudice, war hysteria and the lack of political leadership”;
- Cited by the sponsors of legislation that authorized the building of the National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism in World War II, sited within view of the Capitol, Washington, D.C.;
- Cited by the sponsors of legislation that authorized the $50 million grant program to fund the preservation of confinement sites, including the Tule Lake Segregation Center, used during WWII to imprison persons of Japanese ancestry under EO 9066;
- Cited by the sponsors of legislation that awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in November 2011 to the soldiers who served in the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd RCT and Military Intelligence Service during WWII.

The Executive Council of the Japanese American Veterans Assn. denounces the National JACL resolution of apology to the Tule Lake resisters as a shameful and unwarranted demeaning of the legacy forged by the valor and loyalty of the Japanese Americans who served in the U.S. military during WWII, while at the same time, National JACL, its chapters and members, and the Japanese American community at large, including the Tule Lake resisters, have benefited and will continue to benefit from that legacy.