

Liberty
Lost...



Lessons in
Loyalty

THE WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL

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"The citizen's right to dissent is the last line of defense for freedom."

- A. Mahatma Gandhi
- B. Patrick Henry
- C. Nelson Mandela
- D. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- E. John C. Raines
- F. Thomas Paine

Who broke into the FBI office in 1971 to discover that the FBI was spying and using dirty tricks operations on dissident groups of Americans? Professor of Religion, Temple University, Philadelphia—**John C. Raines** and others. Read "Burglars Who Took On F. B. I. Abandon Shadows," **Mark Mazzetti**, *NY Times*, Jan. 7, 2014.

NATIONAL JACL FRESHMAN SCHOLARSHIPS

San Francisco, CA – Our high school seniors who are applying for college freshman scholarships under the National JACL Scholarship Program are to mail their applications directly to the **Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL**, **attn: Dr. Brooke Kondo**, Scholarship Chair, P. O. Box 163, Watsonville, CA 95077-0163 before the application deadline of **Saturday, March 1, 2014**.

Our W-SC JACL scholarship committee then has one month to evaluate its freshman applications and to forward the most outstanding ones onto the national competition. Our W-SC JACL scholarship committee will mail the application forms to the National Freshman Scholarship Committee, c/o the San Diego JACL, 6917 Town View Lane, San Diego, CA 92120. These applications must be postmarked no later than April 1, 2014.

Applications for the "other" National JACL scholarship categories (undergraduate, graduate, law, creative/performing arts and student aid) are to be mailed directly by the applicant to the National JACL Scholarship Committee, c/o the Washington, DC JACL, with a postmark no later than April 1, 2014.

Check jacl.org immediately for details. For more information, contact **JACL Regional Director Patty Wada** at pwada@jacl.org, or by calling (415) 345-1075. You may also contact **Marcia Hashimoto** at hashi79@sbcglobal.net or by calling (831) 722-6859.

ACLU ACTION, by Scott and Sharon Lane

Like any parents, we were deeply concerned when our son **C.C.** began getting sick to his stomach on the way to school each morning.

At first, we thought he had fallen ill. But, we soon found out a far more disturbing truth—that our son, a Buddhist of Thai descent, was afraid to go to school because his teacher was chastising him in front of his peers for his Buddhist faith.

As we dug deeper, we discovered that our son's sixth-grade curriculum at **Negreet High (Louisiana)** included extreme religious indoctrination. The school itself was covered in religious icons. Christian prayer was incorporated into nearly every school event. And our son's teacher routinely preached her biblical beliefs to students and tested the children on their piety with exam questions such as this one:

"Isn't it amazing what the _____ has made?!!

When our son failed to answer religious questions like this correctly (the answer was "LORD"), his teacher mocked him for his beliefs.

No child should be subjected to the type of humiliation that our son has endured. The Department of Justice has the power to end this unlawful religious discrimination at schools in **Sabine Parish** and set an example for the rest of Louisiana—but we have to make sure they take the case.

When we brought our concerns to the school superintendent, expecting compassion for our son's treatment, we found none. She informed us that we live in the "Bible Belt" and suggested that we transfer our son to another district school 25 miles away where, she claimed, there were "more Asians."

We did move our son to another school in Sabine Parish, but there, too, school officials regularly promote Christianity, and we're concerned our son will again become a target for his faith.

Our public schools should be educating and preparing our children for success. But, instead of learning basic skills, like science, teachers at Negreet High told students that the Bible is "100 percent true," that the earth was created by God 6,000 years ago and that evolution is a "stupid theory made up by stupid people who don't want to believe in God."

We don't begrudge anyone's right to their Christian faith. But we also don't believe that any child should be subjected to this type of discrimination. And we know that if thousands of ACLU supporters stand with us, we can push the Department of Justice to investigate and bring to an end the religious discrimination and indoctrination that forced our son to leave his school.

Religious freedom is a pillar of our country's democracy. Forcing your beliefs on another is not freedom; it is oppression.

Thank you for taking action with us.

Sincerley, **Scott and Sharon Lane.**

[Editor's note: The US Department of Justice has been asked by the ACLU to launch an immediate investigation of unlawful religious discrimination at Negreet High.

Freedom of religion is the very first issue in the First Amendment and is by far the most important for it safeguards our freedom from religion. Are there or aren't there gods? One has the right to THINK about it. Freedom of religion guarantees one the freedom to think, to speak, to publish (press), to assemble (gather others) peaceably and to petition for redress of a grievance.

All too often in public education (private education may), teachers will indoctrinate with their own personal beliefs or are hired for that expressed purpose.

When this editor received his general secondary life teaching credential from the State of California in 1958 , his advisor at San Jose State College mused over my job application form which included one's religion: Catholic, Protestant, or Christian. He stated that if I was a Catholic, I would easily find a job in Santa Clara. If a Protestant, Mountain View might hire me. But, as a Buddhist? My chances were slim. After my two year service with the US Army (we were drafted during the Cold War), I was the first person of "color" to be hired by the Watsonville Joint Union High School District, thanks to my mentor teacher and department chair, **Mr. A. Thomas "Bud" Rowland of Watsonville High School**. A year before, in 1959, **Annette Shirachi**, also a local and a Buddhist, was the first person of "color" hired by the Watsonville City Elementary District. She broke the "color" line in Watsonville.

In the 1970s, **Isefu**, a foreign exchange student from Uganda, Africa, was transferred from a Santa Clara Valley high school where he was shunned by the students. Watsonville High School was asked to "save" what was left of his school year.

After the first week at WHS, Isefu asked to be transferred to my US History class. I asked, "Why?" His teacher belittled his Muslim faith, the Koran, and read biblical scriptures to him and to the class.

I confronted the teacher who did not deny it. I stated that I, as department chair, must "write you up," with the probability of dismissal if she did not desist. She called in "sick" the next day and the week after that. She never returned as she took an early retirement.

Isefu was transferred into my class, and no, I didn't try to convert him to Buddhism. Thanks to wonderful and thoughtful WHS students we shared some great times of what remained of his school year.

He returned to Uganda where, sadly, he was killed in their civil war. Yes, it hurts whenever I think of Isefu.

And, it hurts and continues to hurt when I hear of "educators" using their privileged position to indoctrinate and discriminate when they should be opening the minds of their wards to explore new ideas—to think!]

"Everybody is a genius. But, if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid."

- A. Albert Einstein
- B. Charles Darwin
- C. Neil Armstrong
- D. Jacques Cousteau
- E. Rev. Billy Graham

Answer: Albert Einstein

FOREIGN MINISTRY'S AWARD



Consul General Masato Watanabe presents the award to Mas Hashimoto. Photo by Tosh Tanaka

Mas' presentation:

Thank you.

Marcia and I are very grateful to **Consul General Masato Watanabe** and **Yoshiro Tasaka, Hiroshi Inomata**—now Ambassador to Pakistan—and to the **Foreign Ministry of the Japanese Government** for this honor, but the honor truly belongs to all of you who are here this evening.

If I may, I wish to first preface my remarks. I also wish to convey to the consulate on behalf of the people of Watsonville our gratefulness for the beautiful flowering sakura tree—a *friendship tree*--that was planted in our City Plaza by then **Consul General Inomata**, during the Centennial celebration of Tokyo's gift to the City of Washington, DC. The staff of our Parks and Recreation department is taking very good care of the tree.

To **Deputy Consul General Nobuhito Watanabe**, I am the bearer of sad news. The cherry tree that we planted at Watsonville High School, named "*Neko* (cat)," has been vandalized twice. I checked it this morning, and it is surviving. We will keep a close tab on the tree.

Mukashi, mukashi—long, long ago—my Issei mother and her friends would gather in our kitchen to discuss their lives, husbands, children, struggles and hardships both in Japan and in the US. And, I would listen with amazed interest. The conclusion was always the same and was my mother's favorite expression --arigatai, arigatai. She was so grateful.

My mother, **Nami Hashimoto**, had only a 6th grade education. She didn't like studying or taking tests. At age 21, she was divorced by her first husband and with little hope for a meaningful future, she chose to leave Japan to become a "picture bride" and gladly married my father in this country in 1914. Yes, 100 years ago. My mother was to give birth to seven boys, and I'm the baby of the family. My father died before I was 3 years old. All my brothers have passed on. My mother was married for 24 years and widowed for 34 years. She had spent the first 21 years in Japan and then over 50 years in the United States.

My family tells the story of a young, graduate student from Japan in the 1930s who attended the University of Southern California, and during the summer break he stayed at the Hayashi boarding house on First Street in Watsonville. And, because he was poor, my father, **Ikuta Hashimoto**, fed him. He became a member of our family.

This young man learned of the hardships and struggles faced by the Issei pioneers in this country. He learned to pick strawberries and of the Japanese contributions to the agricultural history of the Pajaro Valley.

We lived next to the Watsonville Buddhist Church. From the Young Buddhist Association, this young man learned ballroom dancing "Shall We Dance," shall we dance, shall we dance?

Upon returning to Japan, he was elected to the Diet, the Japanese Parliament, in 1937. When World War II began, he was placed under "house arrest" for his pro-America leanings. After the war, he returned to the political limelight. He became the Foreign Secretary. My mother had an audience with him in Tokyo where they talked and laughed about "old times." My brother, **Tadashi**, who was with the Military Intelligence Service (MIS) and who worked with the Occupation, the restoration and the development of a democratic Japan, had arranged it.

This politician/diplomat was to hold 10 Cabinet positions, and in the 1970s became the Prime Minister of Japan. His administration was known as "Mr. Clean," for he fought against corruption in government and in his own political party.



Who was he? What Prime Minister of Japan once lived in Watsonville? **Takeo Miki**.

My brother, Tadashi, married a Japanese girl, **Takako Arinuma**. Her cousin was **Lt. Gen. Ichiro Arinuma, Japanese Air Self-Defense Force**. I had the pleasure of meeting him when in Japan. What a brilliant man!

Tadashi spent his first 21 years in the United States and then over 50 years in Japan. His ashes were scattered at Waikiki, half way between Japan and the United States, both of which he loved.

My family is filled with brilliant and beautiful people. Marcia's sister **Debbe Hoshiyama Chan** and her husband, **Thomas Chan--the best in-laws ever**.

My niece and her husband, **Masa and Tommy Bergeron**. She's quite an artist.

From my extended family, my little brother, **Rio Iwanaga**, and his wife, **Kimie**, and sister-in-law, **Reiko Akahoshi Iwanaga**.

Rio's father, **Rev. Yoshio Iwanaga**, introduced *obon odori* to America, here in SF during the 1939 World's Fair, and **Mrs. Helen Chizu Iwanaga** composed beautiful music for the BCA, the Buddhist Churches of America. She is my second mother, along with Reiko's mother, **Grace Akahoshi**.

Reiko is a beloved sensei of classical Japanese dance.

It was said of the Japanese in the local newspapers -SF Examiner, Chronicle, the McClatchy newspapers - Sacramento Bee and the Fresno Bee--that the "Japanese race is an alien race which can never be assimilated into the American way of life. There is nothing of value of Japanese culture." Laws were passed to enforce it. Asians couldn't marry whites, own property, or become citizens.

Today, a century later, school children all over the country, and adults, too, know how to use *hashi*. They

delight in eating *sushi, sashimi, wasabi, teriyaki, sukiyaki, manju, and mochi.*

They revere the *sakura, ochanoyu, bonsai, ikebana, karate* ("wax on, wax off") *karaoke, koi, sumo, origami, ninja?, samurai, kimono, obon, zen, and ramen.*

They also admire our devotion to loyalty and honor; of *kodomo no tameni* (for the sake of the children); *gaman*—to persevere no matter what; and to bring no shame to the family, yourself, and your community—and in that order.

They and the American people respect the sacrifices of men of the 100th/442nd/MIS and other Nikkei in public service. It's the finest reflection of our Japanese heritage. **Ben Umeda** is a member of the MIS and served in Japan. He is here tonight. Thank you, Ben.

Watsonville, for more than a century, has welcomed Japanese and other immigrants to work and to succeed. Watsonville is my *furusato*—my home village. Many Nikkei families got their start in Watsonville. And, we are grateful.

We are grateful for the attendance of **Watsonville City Councilman Dan Dodge** and **Santa Cruz County Supervisor Greg Caput** and **Mrs. Carmen Caput**. Supervisor Greg donated many cherry trees, on his own, to our schools and to the county. *Arigato!*

Daisy Uyeda Satoda—Daisy's family had nearly all girls—all bright, beautiful and brilliant. The Hashimotos had 7 boys - all were ... well, I think I can safely say that we were nice? She knows more about my family than I do.

Diane Matsuda—her grandmother, **Hana**, was Hawaiian born Nisei in 1896, a US citizen. She lived to 101. She cared for our elderly Issei - drove them to the doctors, interpreted for them, took them to the pharmacies and carefully explained how to take their medicines.

Cabrillo College historian emeritus, **Sandy Lydon**, wrote of us in his *The Japanese in the Monterey Bay Region*. He is the local authority on our history and of the *awabi*, abalone industry here and in Japan.

Kokoro no Gakko teachers—**Debbe Hoshiyama Chan and Marcia**.

Iwao Yamashita Watsonville bonsai sensei.

Mrs. Mitsuyo Tao, Ikenobo ikebana sensei extraordinaire.

And, representing teachers are **Peggy Pughe** of Aptos High and **Professors Alice Yang and Alan Christy** of UC at Santa Cruz. They are among those who invite me each year to teach about racism and our unjust wartime incarceration.

And, to those unjustly incarcerated during WW II, we owe so much.

In the 1950s, **Paul Bourns** was my high school teacher. He was a retired WW II army chaplain who had been assigned to *Sumago Prison*. The Japanese prisoners of *Sumago Prison* wanted a Buddhist priest to administer to them. Paul Bourns found a young Jodo Shinshu priest of the Nishi Hongwangji sect in Tokyo, **Rev. Shinsho Hanayama**. Rev. Hanayama wrote of his experience in a best seller, "Way of Deliverance." Later, he became the Bishop of the Buddhist Churches of America, our highest position, and was a great influence on my life as a member of the Young Buddhist Association. His grandson is **Rev. Shousei Hanayama**, the minister of the Watsonville Buddhist Temple today.

Older is the Japanese Presbyterian Church, now Westview. They have served our community for 115 years. We are grateful for the attendance of Church elders **David and Jeanni Kadotani**.

San Francisco's sister city is Osaka, Japan. Now, SF is a small city of 825,000 while Osaka's population is 2.7 million. Watsonville's sister city for the past 25 years has been Kawakami, Nagano ken, Japan. Watsonville's population is over 50,000. Kawakami's is less than 5,000! We thank **Robb and Dorothy Mayeda** for continuing to spearhead our Kawakami sister city committee. They are assisted by **Bob and Denise Gomez** and **Itaru and Aiko Nitao**.

In the past 25 years, over 700 middle school students and adult chaperones, both Japanese and ours, have exchanged visits.

Thanks to the members of our **W-SC JAACL** and National JAACL --**Patty Wada, David Unruhe, Larry Oda, Pam Yoshida, and Kurt Kurasaki**--who have encouraged me to carry on a special educational mission.

Two years ago I had the rare opportunity to speak in Washington, DC to 20 federal judges and nearly 200 lawyers, law clerks and JAG officers about our wartime incarceration when we were held without charges, attorney, trial, or due process of law.

To them, I expressed this thought, written over 200 years ago:

"We the people of the United States in order to form a more perfect union -the union was far from perfect -first had to establish justice--which meant adopting a Bill of Rights and establishing a system of courts. For without justice, there can be no tranquility, or promoting, providing or securing the blessings of liberty. For without JUSTICE--there can be no liberty, freedom, or peace.

The JACL has permitted me to pursue my mission.

"Hashi" in Hashimoto means "bridge." It is the duty of Hashimotos to bridge rivers, oceans, cultures—about bringing peoples together.

American citizenship was available to my mother in 1952, but she declined. She said that she was, after all, still a Japanese. I suspect she didn't want to study or take a test.

To be here, this day, among friends, for this honor from the Japanese Government, Marcia and I are truly grateful.

Arigatai. Arigatai.

Marcia's presentation—toast:

Thank you, **Yoshi san.**

During your six years as advisor to the consulate staff in SF, you have been very kind and considerate to Mas and me, and I think we're going to adopt you!

Thank you, **Ambassador Hiroshi Inomata** and **Consul General Masato Watanabe** for honoring Mas with the distinguished Foreign Ministry Award.

As Japanese Americans we are proud of our heritage that is based on integrity and our culture that is graciously beautiful.

This special get-together has been made possible because of each and every family member and friend present.

In actuality, you are not here because of Mas but rather Mas and I are here because of you!

Thank you for your encouraging support and assistance in carrying out the ideas and projects Mas dreams up.

We are most grateful to our Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL Board members: **Joe Bowes, Jeanette Hager, David Kadotani, Carol and Paul Kaneko, Victor Kimura, Kimi Kimura, Brooke Kondo, Gary and Cindy Mine, Aimee Mizuno, Bobbi Jo Palmer, Phil Shima, Tosh Tanaka and Iwao Yamashita.** They make ideas a reality.

Family and friends: you all deserve recognition for the significant contributions you have made and continue to make to your community and organizations.

You inspire us with your leadership and volunteer efforts, and we admire dear friends like **Esther Ura**, recipient of the *KSBW-TV Jefferson Award* for her incredible volunteer work with the children and teachers of Bradley Elementary School, and **Paul and Carol Kaneko** who go above and beyond as leaders of the *Japanese Cultural Fair* in Santa Cruz and our *JACL Senior Center.*

Many good deeds go unnoticed because they are performed quietly and without fanfare.

We thank **Allen and Steve Okamoto** and their sister for establishing the *Kay Okamoto Volunteer Award* and the *Takeo Okamoto Community Leadership Award* in memory of their parents to honor those who give dedicated service in an unassuming manner.

The question of being too young or too mature in age to be of service to an organization, cause, or community can be answered by the outstanding examples of four wonderful individuals:

Carter and Nicole Kimura have been Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL members since infancy. Carter is now a freshman in high school, and Nicole is a 6th grader. They are very young, and yet, for years Carter and Nicole have willingly extended a helping hand at a number of events and programs. Their parents **Karen and Victor Kimura** have raised them well.

Equally inspiring is **Nancy Iwami** who is a charter member of our JACL which was established in 1934. Nancy will be 100 years young this coming May. She continues to be an active and vital part of our community as our historian and most faithful supporter with her beautiful presence at every event.

On Thursday you will find Nancy and 92 year-old **Kitako Izumizaki** at the JACL Senior Center announcing the numbers and lighting up the bingo board.

Kitako doesn't miss a beat as she writes the Senior Center News for our chapter's newsletter.

Between Carter, Nicole, Kitako and Nancy is a place where all of us stand together.

Please join me in a toast to our coming together at this celebration with appreciation and understanding that we are all making a difference in building better relationships at home and abroad.

Thank you. **KAMPAI!**



[Photo of Consul General **Masato Watanabe** presenting the toast to **Nancy Iwami** and **Kitako Izumizaki** with **Marcia** and **Nicole** and **Carter Kimura** on stage with **Yoshiro Tasaka** of the Japanese consulate. Photos by **Tosh Tanaka.**]

Recapping some of Mas Hashimoto's achievements, Consul General Masato Watanabe cited these:

- 1963, National Young Buddhist Association President
- Author of "The Buddhist Life Program" for young Buddhists
- Editor, 75th (1981) and 100th (2006) anniversary books of the Watsonville Buddhist Temple
- Past Watsonville Buddhist Temple Board Member
- Past Dharma School teacher and superintendent
- Watsonville-Santa Cruz (W-SC) JACL continuing board member,
- Editor, W-SC JACL monthly newsletter, 18 years
- 1992, honoring the **Nisei Watsonville High School's graduates of 1942**, first in the nation to do so
- 1992, Watsonville High School Foundation's "Hall of Fame" inductee
- April 27, 2002, "**Liberty Lost ... Lessons in Loyalty**" reenactment in Watsonville, CA, first and only such program
- 2004, National JACLer of the Biennium
- 2005, *Takeo Okamoto Community Leadership Award*
- 2009, to include the Military Intelligence Service to 100/442nd RCT's Congressional Gold Medal
- 2010, failed as Sponsor, US Postal Service for five commemorative stamps for the Nikkei nation
- 2013, Sponsor, US Postal Service commemorative stamps for each of the ten concentration camps
- 2011, with Marcia, *Santa Cruz County American Red Cross Lifetime Achievement Award*,
- 2011, with Marcia, *Grand Marshals* of Watsonville's "Spirit of the Fourth" 4th of July parade
- The teaching of the wartime incarceration of 120,000 innocent persons of Japanese ancestry to nearly 3,000 students (3rd grade to university) and adults annually for the past 18 years.

SENIOR CENTER NEWS by Kitako Izumizaki

February turned out to be full of surprises. On top of all the usual February activities, a few lucky Seniors were pleasantly surprised and honored to receive an invitation from the Consul General of Japan to attend the presentation ceremony and reception in honor of **Mas Hashimoto** who received the Foreign Minister's commendation. In spite of the rainy and cold weather, all in attendance had a wonderful time and really enjoyed the event, which was held at the Consul General's residence in San Francisco. Open bar, a short program and a lovely buffet dinner that was a feast for both the eyes and palate. We are indeed fortunate to have in our midst such a hardworking fellow like Mas who keeps everyone aware, by his talks and writings, of the past and present history of the Japanese people and of civil rights problems that may occur at any time. Many good wishes and congratulations to Mas.

Eager Seniors took our first day trip to Chukchansi with **Toshi Yamashita, Yaeko Cross, Nobue Fujii, Jean Akiyama, Chie Sakaue, Rubie Kawamoto, Sam and Yae Sakamoto, Noboru and Kumiko Nakatani, Vergi Cael, Mina Ehlers, Carol and Paul Kaneko and Jackie Yamashita** taking care of the goodies department. We thank big winner **Noboru Nakatani** for taking care of the bus driver's tip, and all the goody providers who tirelessly treat the group.

We welcomed back **Kinji and Motoko** after a prolonged absence. Also it was good to see **Chiyoko Yagi** back for one session. We welcome new members **Shirley and Rupert Chin** and **Donna Fujita** and hope you win lots of bingos.

On February 13, Seniors were treated to delicious *zenzai*. Valentines decorated the tables, the work of **Helen Nakano**, with paper valentines hanging from a stand surrounded by candy. At each place setting was a pink valentine motif box holding candy hearts. Thanks to **Hisako Kodama** and **Mitsuyo Tao** for chairing this event, and also to **Judy Hane** for cooking beans and all the helpers for making the *mochi* and serving.

Paul Kaneko announced that anyone who wants any videos from the collection at the Hall is welcome to take them. Just help yourselves. Also it was announced that the doors of the Senior Center are almost finished being up-graded to make them safer in times of emergency. He also announced that on March 6th, **Helen Nakano** would have a doll display in honor of Girl's Day.

Don't forget about next Thursday, February 27. Lunch will be served at the Center so just skip regular lunch until you get to the Center. It's a surprise.



February birthday celebrants were **Jean Akiyama, Eiko Ceremony, Rubie Kawamoto, Hisako Kodama, Sam Sakamoto** and **Carol Kaneko**. Absent were **Eiko Stewart, Haru Ishibashi 88** and **Ken Nakamura**. Haru's orchid plant will be delivered to her as she is undergoing eye surgery. Table flowers were gerber daisies and status and the head table bouquet held orchids and status.



Haruko Yoshii (96) and **Miyeko Yamashita (95)** enjoying the *zenzai* treat. Photo by **Carol Kaneko**.

Many thanks for the splendid job done by *tobans* **Kimi Fujii, Eiko Stewart, Iwao Yamashita** and helpers **June Honda, Susan AmRhein, Judy Hane** and **Shirley Nishimoto**.

Thank you to **SwingTime Catering** for again providing hot meals to several of our Seniors each week.

Monetary donations gratefully received: **Iwao Yamashita, Nobue Fujii, Sam Sugidono, Carol Kaneko, Rubie Kawamoto, Jean Akiyama, Hisako Kodama, Eiko Ceremony, Eiko Stewart, and Sam Sakamoto**.

Other donations gratefully received:

Terry Hirahara	1 bag <i>Chex</i> mix, 1 bag popcorn, 3 baggies instant oatmeal, 2 bags <i>Kettlecorn</i> , Ige dish soap, 2 bags Valentine cookies, 2 <i>ramen</i> cookers, 2 pkgs <i>Ramen</i> , 12 rolls tissue
Haru/Richard Ishibashi	6 bottles <i>Dawn</i> dish soap
Edna/Yukio Nagata	6 bottles <i>Dawn</i> dish soap, 6 rolls tissue, 4 <i>Renuzit</i> fresheners
June/Sunao Honda	7 pkgs <i>sushi</i> , 5 baggies of rice, 6 pkgs <i>ume sushi</i> , 7 pkgs butter <i>mochi</i> with an
Nancy Iwami	6 bottles of hand soap
Mitzi Katsuyama	5 pkgs apple cake
Yaeko Cross	cooked <i>kabocha</i> , 6 pkgs cooked soya beans, 6 paper towels
Kinji/Motoko House	18 rolls tissue, 10 <i>Kleenex</i> , 5 <i>Dawn</i> dish soap
Donna/Grace Fujita	1 bottle hand soap, 8 apple juice, Valentine bags of candy for all
Alan/Betty Yagi	10 crabs
Eiko Stewart	9 pkgs <i>manju</i> , 10 pocket <i>Kleenex</i>
Gail Wurtenberg/Mitsue	Tao doz rolls paper towels
Haruko Yoshii	<i>Kleenex</i> , 3 <i>Brawny</i> paper towels
Rubie Kawamoto	3 pkgs <i>arare</i> , 12 boxes <i>Kleenex</i>
Miye Yamashita	3 <i>Dawn</i> soap, 6 rolls tissues, 13 pkgs cookies
Carol/Paul Kaneko	30 boxes facial tissue, paper towel holder
Kumiko Nakatani	5 cans <i>Blue Diamond</i> nuts, 2 small purses
Chie Sakaue	2 bags <i>chagashi</i> , 7 plates <i>katsutera</i> cake, 9 bunches stalk flowers
Jean Akiyama	12 rolls tissue
Eiko Nishihara	24 rolls tissue
Eileen Byers	5 bottles <i>Dawn</i> dish soap
Watsonville Taiko	2 complimentary tickets to anniversary performance
Shirley Chin	6 bottles hand soap, 6 hand sanitizers
Shirley Nishimoto	5 bags cookies
Hide/Akira Nagamine	10 bags <i>daikon</i>
Randy/Chiyoko Yagi	4 bags chips
Kitty Mizuno	6 bags oranges
Jo Ann Vear	Valentine candy for all
Kimiyo Fujii	doz <i>Bounty</i> paper towels
Eiko Ceremony	4 bags <i>Bugles</i> , 1 bag potato chips
Michiko Hamada	4 <i>Kleenex</i> , 2 bottles <i>Softsoap</i>
Gary/Cindy Mine	1 box <i>Banana Nut</i> cookies
Aiko Harada/Karen Kurokawa	30 packs of 4 note cards each

In spite of the unpredictable weather, you have managed to come with enthusiasm and generosity. Keep well, keep coming and don't forget that we will be having a surprise lunch, February 27th.

WATSONVILLE TAIKO AND SHINSEI DAIKO

by **Ikuyo Conant** and **Bonnie Chihara**
Flowers of Sarasouju

"The show starts in five minutes. Everyone in places, please." The stage manager's voice comes quietly from the intercom. We rush to the wings tidying our costumes. Announcements, the hand of the stage manager goes up, then it drops down – the show is rolling...



Photo by **Phil Shima**

Thank you for coming to our 22nd Anniversary Show *Sarasouju*. We had six *taiko* groups for this year's production, including three children's groups. I sincerely appreciate the parents' support. Because of the contribution of the parents' time, the children had a great experience of a theater production. They worked very hard to present their *taiko* skills, and they performed wonderfully. The adults' class students concentrated on the smooth transitions, and audience gave us a very positive response for the smooth drum maneuvering between music pieces. The stage was beautiful. In contrast to the stage, "the behind the scenes" was chaos as usual, and this is something we all cherish as a good memory.

It was so nice to see faces of friends, former *taiko* members, and new *taiko* supporters. We hope to see you all again soon.

Anyone interested in taking class with us can contact our business manager **Taeko D'andrea** at 831-435-4594 or email us at info@watsonvilletaiko.org. Beginning classes for children are held at JACL Kizuka Hall, 150 Blackburn St Watsonville, every Friday from 4:30-5:10 pm. Beginning classes for adults are also held every Friday at JACL Kizuka Hall from 7-8 pm. We also have an Early Birds adult class held each Saturday morning from 9-10 am at the hall.

Our upcoming schedule:

April 6 th	<i>Hana Matsuri</i> , Watsonville Buddhist Temple
April 26 th	Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival
April 27 th	Big Sur Marathon, Big Sur
May 10 th	Human Race, Santa Cruz
June 7 th	Japanese Cultural Fair, Mission Plaza Park, Santa Cruz
June 28 th	JACL Picnic, Aptos Village Park

IN REMEMBRANCE ...



Sadayuki "Sid" Fujii

Sadayuki Fujii passed away peacefully on January 23, 2014 at his home in Watsonville at the age of 91 after a short illness. He was born on January 6, 1923 in Watsonville to **Tadashi and Chizue Fujii**. He graduated from Watsonville High School in 1941.

During World War II, he was incarcerated in a concentration camp with his family in Poston, Arizona.

After the war he returned to Watsonville and was a produce farmer for over 60 years in Watsonville and Castroville where he worked with his brothers **Yoshiteru, Masayuki, and Sumito**, who predeceased him.

He was a member of the Watsonville Buddhist Temple, the Adult Buddhist Association, and the Japanese American Citizens League. He was an avid reader of Western books, loved tending to his garden in the backyard, watching and supporting the A's, Giants and the 49er's, playing with his grandchildren, talking politics and "chewing the fat," as he would say.



Sid, left, with classmates that included **Tee Mine Yamamoto** and **Fred Oda**. Photos by **Mas Hashimoto**



One of his more memorable moments was riding in a fire engine in the **2011 Watsonville Fourth of July** parade which commemorated his 70 year high school class reunion.

He is survived by his wife, **Nobue Fujii** of almost 50 years; his son, **Carl Sadao Fujii** of San Mateo; his daughter, **Irene Yuko Potter** of Millbrae; his son-in-law, **Raymond Clive Potter** and his grandchildren **Brandon Sadayuki** and **Mia Aiko Potter**.

A memorial service was held at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple on February 8, 2014.

We send our deepest condolences to the Fujii family, relatives and friends.

PVHA 2014 YOUNG HISTORIAN AWARD

Award Description

The **Young Historian Award** is offered annually to an individual or group (ages 16 to 25 yrs) who has made a significant contribution to the study, conservation, preservation, or enhancement of the history of the Pajaro Valley. The award will be a single award of \$500.



The application deadline is **Thursday, April 17, 2014**. For details and application form, check out this website: <http://www.pajarovalleyhistory.org/about-pvha/young-historian-award-winner>.

The **Young Historian Award** is made possible by a donor fund at the **Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County** and supported by the **Pajaro Valley Historical Association (PVHA)**.

[Editor's note: suggestion--one can write about a family's "camp" experience or of the postwar period as it relates to our Nikkei heritage and history.]

WESTVIEW HIGHLIGHTS

By **Leslie Nagata-Garcia**

Upcoming Youth/Family Events

Gym Nites are the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month at Westview. Mark your calendars for the following dates:

March 7 – Helping to serve at the **Salvation Army** and **Gym Nite SCAVENGER HUNT**. 3:30 – 7:30 p.m.

March 21 - **Gym Nite** 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. **WORLD RECORD BREAKER** at the church.



Our Youth serving at the Salvation Army on Feb. 7th.



Ian Hoffman and **Ethan Mason** are playing and demonstrating their new game of “cup volleyball” in the kitchen (note the white paper cup on Ian’s left shoulder)

Evelyn and Marlon Veal were installed and ordained as Deacons on Jan. 26th. Westview is happy and blessed to have them as part of the family.

Book Study Series: So many controversial issues out there, some don’t fit with me or with science or with who I believe our loving God is! So what are the essentials of our faith, and what can I respectfully disregard?”

We are continuing our study series on “What Matters Most.” We meet at Westview on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays (**March 12th** and **March 26th**) at **6:30 p.m.**

We are studying the book “**What’s the Least I can Believe and Still be a Christian?**” by **Martin Thielen** and use it as a conversation starter as we prayerfully grapple with *Scripture*. Order your book today through Amazon.com or sign-up at church, and we will order one for you. Come explore your faith, and watch it grow!

Pastor Dan Hoffman will be leading a **Hospice Grief Group** for VNA and Hospice at Valley Heights the first Wednesday of each month from 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Come receive healing support of others. Come learn that you are not alone in the fog of grief as you recover from the loss of a loved one.

Grief Groups will be held on the following dates: **March 5th** and **April 2nd**.

Westview will be preparing and serving its last meal of the season for the **Salvation Army** on **March 7th**. Contact **Jane Yoshida** at (831) 722-1265 if you need more information. The meals are prepared at Westview beginning at **2 p.m.** and served at the Salvation Army at 5 p.m.

Sunday Message Series: We will continue to study the Gospel of Matthew in Pastor Dan’s series entitled, “Come and See!” with the hope that we will grow to love Jesus more deeply. Our Sunday Series in Matthew coincides with Lent which begins March 5th with Ash Wednesday and goes all the way to Easter.

Ash Wednesday Service is **March 5th** at **6:30 p.m.** Come and reflect on God’s goodness and our need for Grace in order to prepare once again for the miracle of Easter!

Become a Tutor...Change a Life!!
...And Maybe Change Your Life Too!!

The Literacy Program of Santa Cruz County can pair you up with someone who needs to learn English and learn to read English. You will be trained and then you meet on your own schedule. They have helped 11,000 since 1967! Call 722-6708 to talk with Pastor Dan to learn more.

WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE NEWS

Jackie Yamashita

Thank you everyone for making this year’s “**All You Can Eat Udon Feed**” such a success. Everyone enjoyed the great food and camaraderie, and all the groups— Temple Sangha, ABA, and YBA--sold out.



Bruce Yamamoto, Jackie Yamashita, Iwao Yamashita, and Yae Sakamoto greeted everyone.



Two early diners were fortunate to purchase *chirashi* from BWA’s **Hisako Kodama**. BWA sold out early.



Using **Sumiko Matsunami's** secret recipe, **Dr. Reed Kuratomi** carefully measures a big pinch of *dashi* powder with **Peter Hester** approving.



YBAers **Julian Nakanishi-Rodriguez**, **Sarah Nagamine**, and **Kelly Maemura** prepared the delicious desserts for sale.



The gals--**June Honda**, **Judy Hane**, **Gayle Uyematsu**, and **Alice Tanimoto**--garnished the *udon* with *chashu*, *shiitake*, egg, and green onions while the guys--**Kenny Kusumoto**, **Dr. Art Hayashi**, **Paul Tao**, **Glenn Nagamine** and **Tad Kato** heated the *udon*. Over 800 bowls of *udon* were served.



Our good community friends come every year to the *udon* feed and are looking forward to the YBA "All You Can Eat Pancake Feed" on March 23.



Happy to take your *udon* orders were **Lily Hasebe-Hester**, **JoAnn Kato**, **Ryoko Kozuki** and **Kim Tao**.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at our next fun event, the **Hanamatsuri Festival** on Sunday, April 6, 2014. Please join us for the service and festival.



Janice DeCarli enjoyed assisting the tea master, **Fred Oda**, while the men discussed the issues of the times.





Sam Sugidono is served tea by Marcia Hashimoto.



Kenny Kusumoto cleans up by mopping the gym floor. Early next morning he was flying off to Germany for a business meeting. Photos by Mas Hashimoto.

Please come and enjoy
Watsonville YBA's Annual

**"ALL YOU CAN EAT"
PANCAKE
FEED!**

PANCAKES
SYRUP
HAM

COFFEE
ORANGE JUICE
MILK

MARCH 23, 2014

7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Watsonville Buddhist Temple
423 Bridge St. Watsonville, CA

Donation: \$9.00
Tickets sold at the door or
available at the Temple office from Jackie

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

March 2014 Calendar

- 2 Sun No Service
- 4 Tue 7:30 pm Temple Board

- 5 Wed 1 pm BWA Meeting
- 6 Thu 10 am ABA Meeting
- 9 Sun 10 am **Shotsuki Hoyo & Dharma School**
- 14 Fri 2 pm San Juan *Howakai*
- 16 Sun 10 am Sunday Service
- 23 Sun 10 am Sunday & *Higan E* Service
- 7:30-11 am **YBA Pancake Breakfast**
- 30 Sun 10 am Family Service

Shotsuki Hoyo Service, 10 am Sun. March 9, 2014

Shotsuki expresses our gratitude to those who came before us. Let us remember and honor them.

March Memorial List

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| Mary Daitoku | Takashi Eto |
| Mary Etow | Tadashi Fujii |
| Linda Fujii | Kosaku Fujii |
| Kikuko Fujita | Choichi Hamada |
| Tatsuhiko Patrick Hamamoto | Yuichi Hamamoto |
| Setsuko Betty Hasabe | Nami Hashimoto |
| Tsuneno Hashimoto | Mrs. Shizayo Hosada |
| Yuichi Ishimaru | Yoichi Iwamasa |
| Hideo Charles Iwami | Kimiyo Kadotani |
| John Kadotani | Kinu Kaita |
| Muneichi Kamitani | Soichi Kamitani |
| Toshiya Katsuyama | Tokumatsu Kimoto |
| Kyoshuke Kishimura | Masao Kitamura |
| Hatsu Kodama | Noriyuki Kokka |
| Nobuyo Kunishige | Kajito Kusumoto |
| Moi Mametsuka | Shizuo Matoba |
| Masayoshi Matsuda | Itsuko Matsunami |
| Kamenoshin Mayeda | Masujiro Mio |
| Kenji Morimoto | Kozuye Nakamura |
| Yakuichi Niiyama | Kimiko Nishita |
| Yaeko Oda | Kazuo Oka |
| Sueko Okamura | Saburo Saiki |
| Shioki Sakaguchi | Isao Sakai |
| Katsue Sakamoto | Masami Sasaki |
| Tadaichi Sasaki | Kikuno Sera |
| Frances Akiye Sukekane | Tsune Sumida |
| Dr Katsumi Takemoto | Itaro Takemoto |
| Miyeko Tamaki | Mina Tanaka |
| Jiro Tanimasa | Howard Tao |
| Keitaro Tao | Yotsuo Tao |
| Yoneko Terasaki | Shigezo Toriumi |
| John Tsujkiji | Yoshito Tsuchiyama |
| Itsuo Uemura | George Masaru Ura |
| Helen Yamakoshi | Iwakichi Yamamoto |
| Jintaro Yamamoto | Saikichi Yamamoto |
| Kunimatsu Yamanishi | Kenji Yamashita |
| Tommy David Yamashita | Kikuno Yoshida |
| Kimiko Yonemura | Morisaburo Yoshida |

HONORING GRAYCE UYEHARA FOR JAPANESE AMERICAN REDRESS by Jeff Gammage, *Inquirer*

(Philadelphia, PA) Staff Writer

Nearly everyone knows that Japanese Americans were imprisoned in internment camps during World War II.

[**Editor's note:** Wish nearly everyone knew but it just isn't true. That's why we dedicate our efforts in educating as many as we can through our educational outreach programs.]

And many people know that during the Reagan administration, the federal government offered a formal apology and a \$20,000 per-person reparation.

But hardly anybody knows that it was **Grayce Uyehara**, a retired Philadelphia social worker, who helped lead the national grassroots effort to win redress for Japanese Americans who lost not only their freedom but their homes, jobs, and savings. After achieving that singular American victory, Uyehara returned to a quiet life in the suburbs

The year, 2013, marked the 25th anniversary of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988. Uyehara was honored with the *Standing Up for Justice Award*, presented by **Asian Americans United**, an advocacy group.



Uyehara, 94, of Medford, (shown with **Min Yasui** in 1985) was too ill to attend the gala at the Painted Bride Art Center. Accepting on her behalf will be son, **Paul**.

"They went through a lot of hard times, difficult times," said **Paul Uyehara, 58**, a Justice Department civil rights attorney in Washington.

He said he cannot recall his mother talking about her work to win redress, except for when community groups or news reporters asked her to speak. Perhaps because of her modesty, she has never gotten due credit for passage of the redress act, said **Hiro Nishikawa**, a board member of the Philadelphia chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League.

"Without her drive and involvement," said Nishikawa, who as a boy was interned with his parents and siblings, "I don't think it would have happened."

In fact, the redress movement easily could have failed.

Among political leaders, **Sen. S.I. Hayakawa** (R., Calif.), the son of Japanese immigrants, vehemently opposed any official apology. He said Japanese Americans had "welcomed the evacuation as a guarantee of their personal safety," and in the camps enjoyed "three years of leisure." [**Editor's note:** Hayakawa was Canadian-born and wasn't in our camps. He became a naturalized US citizen under the McCarran-Walter Act of

1952. He believed that we should forget our Japanese culture and traditions and become "Americanized" as soon as possible.]

Some chapters of the **American Legion** and **Veterans of Foreign Wars** were opposed, and the California-based **Americans for Historical Accuracy** called internment a "big lie," contending the Japanese Americans sat out the war in relative comfort.

Everywhere Uyehara went, she insisted internment was not only a Japanese issue but an American one. In America, people aren't sent to prison based on suspicion. If Japanese Americans could be summarily locked up during one war, who would be locked up during the next?

It is 70 years since Japanese Americans were forced into bleak, overcrowded barracks surrounded by barbed wire and armed guards. And 25 years since the government said it was sorry.

But the issues around internment, described by the writer **John Hersey** as "the bitterest national shame," remain potent.

Japan bombed Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, bringing the United States into a war already raging in Europe and Asia. Several thousand Japanese Americans were quickly arrested. Politicians and newspaper editors demanded more, certain that saboteurs lurked.

In 1942, **President Franklin D. Roosevelt**, citing "military necessity," signed Executive Order 9066, causing the removal and incarceration of people of Japanese descent. About 120,000 were confined, at least two-thirds of them American-born. Many were children. None were charged with a crime.

Uyehara, then a music major at what is now the University of the Pacific in Stockton, Calif., was sent with her family to a local makeshift camp, then to rural Rohwer, Ark. She played piano at church services.

When the War Relocation Authority loosened its rules, she was able to study at Minnesota State Teachers College. "I didn't even have any winter clothes when I left, but it didn't matter," she later told an interviewer.

After the war, she came to Philadelphia, where a brother was studying at Temple University. She married **Hiroshi Uyehara**, an engineer who also had been in the Rohwer camp. Together they helped organize the city chapter of the JACL.

Many internees never spoke of their internment experience, and their children often grew up unaware. That began to change in the late 1960s. The JACL established a National Redress Committee in 1978. The effort grew in 1982 when a commission that had been appointed by **President Jimmy Carter** found the internment was not caused by danger to national security but by prejudice and hysteria.

Uyehara, then retired from social-work positions in Delaware County and Lower Merion, volunteered as **National Director of the Legislative Education Committee**, the JACL's lobbying arm. She had no experience in partisan politics, no connections in Washington beyond those forged through the League of Women Voters.

But during years of labor in the JACL, she had built a reservoir of trust. So, if she phoned a JACL contact in New Mexico and asked him to go see Sen. Pete Domenici, he would go.

"Philadelphia was really the epicenter of redress, and it was the epicenter because Grayce lived there," said **Grant Ujifusa**, a retired editor and redress strategist. "She was the mother of us all."

On Aug. 10, 1988, **President Ronald Reagan** signed House Resolution 442, named for the decorated 442d Regimental Combat Team, composed of Japanese Americans. The act provided money for 60,000 survivors and required that the history of internment be told through monuments and museum collections and in classrooms.

"An apology is a huge thing," said **Ellen Somekawa**, executive director of **Asian Americans United**, whose parents and grandparents had been interned. "It wasn't like, 'Sorry, now let's move on.' It was, 'Sorry, and now let's get to the business of telling this history.'"

For the redress website, contact Grant Ujifusa at grantujifusa.org.



REMEMBERING EXECUTIVE ORDER 9066

Tulelake, CA: **The Tule Lake Unit of WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument** would like to share in the remembrance of one of America's greatest failures related to constitutional and civil liberties. The incarceration of over 120,000 Japanese Americans, two-thirds U.S. citizens, without trial in ten guarded, barb-wire enclosed camps because of what Congress later admitted was racism, wartime hysteria, and failure of political leadership. February 19th is the 72nd anniversary of **Executive Order 9066** being signed by **President Franklin D. Roosevelt**, authorizing this unjust incarceration of U.S. citizens without due process of law. It is an important historical note that not one Japanese American was ever convicted of a crime against the United States during WWII.

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia in a recent talk to a group of law students discussing court cases related to this period said, "**Korematsu v. United States** (a U.S. Supreme Court case that tested EO 9066 during WWII) was wrong... But you are kidding yourself if you think the same thing will not happen again." Scalia explained, "In times of war, the laws fall silent... It was wrong, but I would not be surprised to see it happen again, in time of war. It's no justification, but it is the reality."

"The purpose of National Park Service sites like the Tule Lake Unit, is to educate the American public on the good and the bad of nationally recognized stories.

We provide the kind of classroom to learn about the significance of these stories and how these past events can affect the future of our country," says **Superintendent Mike Reynolds**.

During the winter months, tours of the Tule Lake Unit can be arranged by calling the Lava Beds Visitor Center at 530-667-8113, reservations generally need to be made two weeks in advance and are based on staff availability.

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The Tule Lake Unit of World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument, established in 2008, is a nationally significant site dedicated to telling the story of the cost of war on the home front and the lasting effects of the unjust incarceration of over 29,000 US citizens and long-term residents of Japanese ancestry at the Tule Lake Segregation Center.

For more information about visiting the Tule Lake Unit of World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument, call 530-667-8113, email tule_interpretation@nps.gov, or go to www.nps.gov/tule. National Park Service **Mike Reynolds**, Superintendent; Tule Lake Unit WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument, Lava Beds National Monument, 530-667-8101

KAWAKAMI SISTER CITY FUNDRAISER

by **Robb Mayeda**

We would like to thank the community for their support of our Flapjack Breakfast at Applebe's on Feb. 23rd. We served more than 200 people!



The **Sadao Matsunami** family enjoyed the breakfast of flapjacks, eggs, bacon, potatoes, juice and coffee (with all the condiments). Photo by **Robb Mayeda**.

Our next fundraiser is a car wash at **Ramsey Park, Saturday, March 29**, from 9 A.M. To 1 P.M. Pre-sale, discount tickets are available from exchange students for \$5. Drive up customers will be asked to pay \$8.

Thank you for your continued support.

We are preparing and looking forward to meeting our guests (students and chaperones) from Kawakami Middle School in May (around Mother's Day).

RENEWALS AND NEW MEMBERS

Thank you for renewing, and we are delighted that **Jane Borg**, now of Seaside, Oregon, has joined us.

DONATIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED FROM ...

Thank you for your generous donations to our Day of Remembrance Education Fund. Your donations help us to carry on our mission of safeguarding our civil rights; of our cultural outreach programs, which promotes our heritage; of providing a safe facility for our Senior citizens, taiko, and bonsai members; educating our fellow American citizens of our unjust wartime incarceration, providing a community newsletter on a monthly basis; and sponsoring community events.

Greatest Need from ...

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In memory of **Sadayuki "Sid" Fujii**

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Nobue Fujii

In memory of **Frank Mito**

Mark and Patt Takeuchi

In memory and in honor of **Frank Mito**

Dr. Ron and Millicent Mito, for the

Frank Mito Memorial Scholarship

In honor of **Mas and Marcia Hashimoto** (recent award)
from **Esther Ura**

Use of hall

Watsonville Bonsai

Our apologies if we omitted anyone.

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OBSERVANCE, SUNDAY, FEB. 23

Sandy Lydon, historian emeritus of Cabrillo College, Aptos, is revered and respected by the Japanese American community of the Monterey Bay area. He has a long and colorful history of knowing more about us than anyone else and willingly shares this knowledge with all.



With his charismatic personality, Sandy spoke about fear-filled months from Dec. 7, 1941 to May of 1942, and of the war experiences of those Nikkei of the Monterey Bay area. He highlighted the previous unknown stories of heroism of the young Japanese Americans of San Benito County who volunteered two days before the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Most important, he reminded us of the role each must play when protecting the innocent from persecution and loss of due process rights when violent attacks occur (12/7/41 or 9/11/01).

He spoke of the respect and appreciation developed between Japan and the Monterey Bay area before and after WW II.

Please reserve **Saturday, May 3** for a special program of Monterey's fishing industry at the Fisherman's (main) Wharf called "Japanese American Heritage Day."

When more information becomes available, we will publish them.



Kitako Tsuda Izumizaki takes a moment at the Japanese Memorial Garden to reflect upon the past when she was incarcerated with her family in the "Salinas Assembly Center," spring of 1942. Photos by **Mas Hashimoto**.



Rev. George Doyal, gave a wonderful invocation in both English and Japanese; keynoter **Sandy Lydon**; the five-chapter "Day of Remembrance" Chairman, **Paul Ichiuji**; President **Kurt Kurasaki** of San Benito Co. JACL; and former National JACL President **Larry Oda**.

MEMORIAL GARDEN CLEAN UP

Our garden crew of **Kurt Kurasaki** (President of San Benito County JACL), W-SC JACL's **Joe Bowes**, **Gary Mine**, and **Iwao Yamashita**, found the garden at the site of the Salinas Assembly Center free of graffiti and litter, for which they were grateful. They trimmed the trees and large bushes, pulled weeds, and cared for the ground.

Joe Bowes and Gary Mine clean the garden regularly throughout the year. They call one another to set a clean-up date, drive 25 miles (and return), and then spend hours cleaning the garden so that it will always look beautiful.

We are grateful for their devotion and dedication.

W-SC JACL SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

Application forms are now available. High school seniors and graduate students who are members and their parents are members of our W-SC JACL and/or the Watsonville Buddhist Temple or Westview Presbyterian Church, will receive an application form by mail.

If you have not received a form within the next two weeks, please contact **Dr. Brooke Kondo** at brookekondo@gmail.com. Or, pick up a form at the Temple or at Westview.

The 2014 scholarships are:

(1) Kee Kitayama Memorial Scholarship:

The Watsonville JACL established this scholarship in memory of our 1987 President, **Kee Kitayama**, a respected leader who worked tirelessly for Redress and Reparations. In 1997, **Mrs. Keiko Kitayama's** generous donation in memory of her late husband, established the memorial scholarship as a Trust Fund which provides needed financial support for our young scholars. Mr. Kee Kitayama's legacy of encouraging our youth in their pursuit of higher education lives on in this \$1,000 scholarship.

(2) Rekiso "Ray" and Hisako "Louise" Sako Scholarships:

The Sako scholarships were established in 2012 in honor of Ray and Louise Sako to carry on their belief that education is the cornerstone to the future success of each new generation. These scholarships help local students

who are actively involved with the JACL, Watsonville Buddhist Temple and/or Westview Presbyterian Church.

A four-year undergraduate scholarship may be awarded at \$1,000 per year. This scholarship shall not be limited to first-year undergraduates. For example, an undergraduate who has completed the first year of study may be eligible for a \$1,000 per year scholarship for up to three years.

A two-year graduate scholarship will be awarded at \$1,000 per year. This scholarship is not limited to a first-year graduate. For example, a graduate who has completed the first year of study may be eligible for a \$1,000 for a year.

(3) Frank Mito Memorial Scholarship:

This scholarship was established in 1994 in memory of **Frank Mito** by his son, **Dr. Ron Mito**, and assisted by family friends—**Mark and Patt Takeuchi**, one of the founders of *Kokoro no Gakko*. This scholarship mirrors Frank Mito's commitment to hard work, promoting education, and supporting youth who show exemplary community service. The W-SC JACL is honored to administer this scholarship. This scholarship carries the same criteria of other JACL scholarships, with *Kokoro no Gakko* participation preferred. In the first year, the scholarship will total \$500 and may be additive to other scholarships awarded by the JACL.

(4) Dr. Francis B. Choy Memorial Scholarship:

This scholarship was established by **Dr. Conrad Hamako** with the help of Dr. Choy's wife, **Sharon**. Francis Choy was the son of **Dr. Bong Choy**, who taught in the Berkeley Unified School District after immigrating from Korea. Francis Choy graduated from UC Berkeley and UCLA Medical School where he befriended Conrad Hamako and met and married Sharon, then a nursing student.

Dr. Choy was a well-respected dermatologist whose partner was **Dr. David South**. This may be the final year this \$1,000 scholarship is awarded.

WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL

Thank you for reading this March 2014 newsletter.

And, thank you, too, for your membership and for your continuing support of our programs and projects. We cannot succeed without it. Please encourage family members, relatives and friends to join us for 2014. Our membership dues have not increased for the past 5 years.

To check your current membership status, look at the date after your name, example:

Jonathan Sxxx 12/13 This means the membership expired after December of 2013.

If you have moved or are planning to move, please let us know your new address. The newsletters are returned with first class postage due. We can inform our National JACL Headquarters and the staff at *Pacific Citizen*.

This newsletter is the monthly publication of the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL, P.O. Box 163, Watsonville, CA 95077, and your comments are always welcome. Please write or email us at hashi79@sbcglobal.net.

Read our full color newsletter online at our website: www.watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org.

Onward!

Mas Hashimoto, Editor

2014 DAY OF REMEMBRANCE EDUCATION FUND

If you donated in January 2014, thank you so much. You know the importance of our mission--protecting and promoting the civil and human rights of all Americans--is far from over. One would think, after all these years, that America has learned the lesson of our unjust wartime incarceration. Our nation is threatened again, this time by a provision of the **National Defense Authorization Act** that allows the indefinite detention of "aliens and non-aliens" (those terms used against us in 1942—"aliens" were the *Issei* and "non-aliens" were US citizens) without charges, attorney, or trial. We who were unjustly incarcerated in America's wartime concentration camps have acted and spoken. It is the duty of all JACLers to fight for the rights of every American and legal resident. Please help.

We are fortunate to work in association with wonderful organizations that are also dedicated to the cause of "equal justice and liberty for all." But, of all the Asian American organizations in the nation, the record and history of the **Japanese American Citizens League (JACL)** is best known, most highly respected, and appreciated, even by non-Nikkei (of Japanese ancestry).

Our **2014 Day of Remembrance Education Fund (DOREF)** also supports the **Kee Kitayama Memorial Scholarship(s)** which encourages our youths to pursue their chosen careers. We are fortunate to have so many talented young scholars--a tribute to their parents and grandparents.

Our Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL is truly grateful to its members and friends who have donated to our chapter's **2014 Day of Remembrance Education Fund (DOREF)**. We can't thank you enough for your generous contributions. We can succeed only with your continued financial support and encouragement. Please help with what you can. Each and every donation is appreciated.

2014 DAY OF REMEMBRANCE EDUCATION FUND (DOREF)

Yes, I/we wish to help. Enclosed is a tax-deductible contribution for:

Greatest Need Education/Scholarship Newsletter

Please make checks payable to Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL, memo: DOREF, and mail to Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL, P. O. Box 163, Watsonville, CA 95077.

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WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JA CL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, February 27, 2014 at 6:30 pm

- I. Call to Order: Marcia Hashimoto
- II. Approval of Minutes: Cindy Hirokawa Mine
- III. Treasurer's Report and *Koden*: Victor Kimura
- IV. Correspondence: Marcia Hashimoto
- V. Standing Committee Reports:
 - A. Senior Center JA CL Iwao Yamashita, Carol Kaneko
 - B. Civil Rights/Constitutional Issues Mas Hashimoto
 - C. Official Delegates Jeanette Hager, Tosh Tanaka
 - Feb NCWNPD Council meeting report
 - National JA CL Convention July 2014
 - D. Membership Jeanette Hager, Marcia Hashimoto
 - E. Blue Cross Cindy Hirokawa Mine
 - F. Cultural Activities Joe Bowes, David Kadotani, Bobbi Jo Palmer, Bob Gomez
 - G. Youth Activities Aimee Mizuno, Kimi Kimura
 - H. Scholarships Brooke Kondo, Aimee Mizuno, Victor Kimura, Marcia Hashimoto
 - I. Education, DOR Mas Hashimoto
 - Presentation Aptos High Feb 5
 - Presentation Landmark Elementary Feb 7
 - Tom Graves' book financial report
 - Day of Remembrance, Feb. 23 San Benito County JA CL
 - Day of Remembrance Education Fund
 - Presentation Cabrillo College, Feb 12
 - Presentation Ann Sobrato High School March 13-14
 - J. Building & Maintenance Iwao Yamashita, Joe Bowes, Gary Mine,
 - K. Veterans Issues Mas Hashimoto
 - FFNV Feb. 8 Morgan Hill report
 - FFNV May 17, Roberts Park, Oakland
 - L. JA CL Newsletter Mas Hashimoto
 - M. Disaster Relief David Kadotani, Marcia Hashimoto
 - N. Website Phil Shima
- VI. Old Business:
 - A. Tri Chapter Installation financial report Bobbi Jo Palmer
 - B. Directory financial report David Kadotani, Marcia Hashimoto
 - C. Sako gravesite donation Victor Kimura
- VII. New Business:
 - A. 80th anniversary celebration (1934-2014)
- VIII. Adjournment
 - A. Announcements
 - B. Next meeting, **Thursday, March 27, 2014 at 6:30 pm Kizuka Hall**
 - C. Adjournment

Watsonville-Santa Cruz Chapter
National Japanese American Citizens League (JACL)

No Increase in the 2014 Membership Dues

Working toward our national goal of *Better Americans in a Greater America* is a worthy one. One does not have to be of Japanese ancestry to be a JACL member, but one must believe that safeguarding the rights of all Americans and legal residents is of utmost importance in this country.

Please join us today. We are the most proactive, oldest, and respected Asian American civil rights organization, and our programs include cultural appreciation and educational outreach.

Your membership is never taken lightly or for granted. We have worked diligently to earn your confidence and trust. Your active participation and membership can make a significant difference in what happens today in our community and in our nation.

Please help us fight **racial prejudice, discrimination, racial profiling, bigotry, intolerance and indifference.**

The 2014 National and local dues for our tax-deductible organization (ID #94-2659895) are as follows:

- Family/Couples _____ **\$150** This includes two National dues with one subscription to the *Pacific Citizen*, local dues and our monthly JACL newsletter, and all children under age 14 to be included.
- Individual Member _____ **\$80** This includes National dues with subscription to the *Pacific Citizen*, the official paper of the National JACL, and local chapter dues and our monthly JACL newsletter.
- Youth/Student _____ **\$25** for each of ages 14 to 24, which includes a subscription to the *Pacific Citizen*, local youth/student membership, and our monthly JACL newsletter. Youth membership is required for scholarship consideration.

For **Thousand Club, Century Club, and Millennium Club** and **Life** membership categories, please contact our membership chair **Jeanette Otsuji Hager**.

Name: _____
(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Name)

Spouse's Name: _____
(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Name)

Address: _____

Home phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

For family membership, please list names (and ages) of all children under the age of 14:

Name: _____ Age: _____

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Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL
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