June 1, 2019: Around 59 members and guests came to celebrate the beginning of summer. The tables were decorated with a Fourth of July theme of red, white and blue decorations by Keiko Furusho and Mitsy Sanders. They were very colorful and made us thankful for being able to get together without umbrellas. The centerpieces were also part of our raffle for people to take home and enjoy.

Diane Ono led us with some more fun exercises. She even had time to have everyone practice the Tanko bushi, the well-loved miner’s song, that is popular for Obon Odori. Thank you, Diane, for always thinking ahead and preparing everyone for the fun event coming up in July.

Our program today was a presentation on gerontology and the possible future needs of some of our members. Dorothy Guajardo from AtoZ Gerontology came to talk about the various care facilities that may be available. There are several levels of care available and each person has to find a good fit for their own needs. She was joined by a couple of other advisors who talked about some temporary/part time/fulltime assistance available for those who want to stay in their own homes, and also about long term care insurance and financial advice to help figure out how to pay for the care needed as we all get older. That is a lot to think about and if anyone has any questions, they can contact the Council on Aging or Dorothy Guajardo. Please let us know if you need the contact information.

Then we enjoyed an Italian lunch from Mary’s Pizza which included a very healthy salad followed by lasagna and of course garlic bread. Of course, we also enjoyed the many dishes brought by our members to share with each other. This was followed by a special birthday cake to honor Yae Furusho on her birthday. This yummy cake was provided by her family who came to celebrate with all her friends. Thank you, Yae, for sharing your birthday with us and we wish you many more happy birthdays in good health and memorable times.

After lunch, we had our usual bingo games called by Nancy Davlin (who is getting worse with her Japanese numbers…. come back Darryl!!) and Tan Luong, who writes the numbers on the board so that members can check the numbers on their cards. We still have fun playing this classic game.

We would like to thank Ray Yamasaki for the tomato plants, and Hank Epling for the Starbucks coffee.

We also want to welcome two new members to our group, Anna Tu and Erlinda Miah, who love Zumba and will probably have another session for our October meeting. We are so happy that you can join us on a regular basis.

Our next meeting will be on August 3rd, (since we take July off due to the preparation for the teriyaki on July 14th), and we will tentatively have a discussion on garden tips. If anyone has some tips to share, please bring them along to share.

Also for our November meeting, we would like to have a cooking demonstration, or any other demonstration by one or more of our members. If you are interested in presenting your skill to our members, please contact Kinu, Sachi or Nancy Davlin.

Please stay healthy and active, have a great summer, and we will see you on August 3rd.
Groups from San Francisco’s Japantown community, along with several advocacy groups, called a press conference to denounce the use and expansion of American concentration camps for migrant children and families.

The Never Again is Now San Francisco press conference was held on Thursday, June 27, 1 pm at the Japanese Cultural & Community Center of Northern California, 1840 Sutter Street. The press conference was organized in coordination with similar events in Little Tokyo, Los Angeles and San Jose Japantown.

Reports emerged that within this newest iteration of American concentration camps, “children as young as 7 and 8, many of them wearing clothes caked with snot and tears, are caring for infants they’ve just met.” Furthermore, “toddlers without diapers are relieving themselves in their pants and children are locked in their cells and cages nearly all day long.” In some facilities, the lights are left on all night and children shiver beneath aluminum blankets on concrete floors.

This is happening today in the United States of America.

Community groups are also outraged over the proposed use of Fort Sill in Oklahoma, which once imprisoned Native Americans in the 1800s and Japanese Americans during WWII, to incarcerate additional migrant children.

San Francisco Japantown stands in solidarity with fellow community members who traveled all the way to Oklahoma to protest this plan to expand the number of concentration camp sites.

Speakers included:

- Satsuki Ina: Tsuru For Solidarity
- Don Tamaki: Stop Repeating History Campaign (invited)
- Chizu Omori: Concentration Camp survivor
Our team of Enmanji Buddhist Church members and Sonoma County JACLers have now been volunteering at the Redwood Empire Food Bank since November 7, 2017. So, for over a year and a half now we have been steadfast in our drive to let our fellow Sonoma County residents know that we care about them.

Our job is to bag either fruits or vegetables in allotments of 4 pounds each at the REFB’s warehouse located at 3990 Brickway Blvd, Santa Rosa, CA. Our assignment is a 2 hour shift and we meet as a team the second Tuesday of every month. Our goal is to serve fellow Sonoma County residents to help meet their nutritional needs. And, when the staff at REFB sees us arriving on our day, they are truly happy to see our team. We do, indeed, go right to work. In the month of April, our impact report stated that during that 2 hour shift, there were 5,506 pounds of apples bagged for the REFB distribution sites! We do accomplish much in a short time and all the while, enjoy a good time. Our efforts are truly appreciated.

You are welcome to join us, please call:

    Alice or George at 823-7053 or email us at agkashiwagi113@gmail.com.

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Are you interested in learning more about Japanese calligraphy? We will have a calligraphy teacher from Tokyo visiting in August, and Yuka Koinuma will be holding a demonstration/workshop at the Memorial Hall at Enmanji. This will take place on Saturday, August 3rd from 3 pm to 5 pm. Although the event is free, a donation of $10 per person is suggested to cover the costs. Materials will be provided at the workshop. Attendance is limited to 10 people so please RSVP as soon as possible to Kent Matsuda at kmm.matsuda@sbcglobal.net or call Nancy Davlin at 762-2355 for more information.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

This year’s recipients for the Margaret Wallman upper division scholarships:

Sam Morita, Katie Morita and Jack Conklin

This year’s recipients for the Faye Uyeda Medical scholarship:

Michael Murakami and Patrick Cunningham

KEIRO KAI

SAVE THE DATE!

Save the date for Keiro Kai on Sunday, October 13th. We would like to be notified of any names of people over 70 that should be honored and if notified, will be sent an invitation. This year this applies to any Sonoma Co. JACL member, any Enmanji temple member or any Enman no Tomo member who are 70 or older. Please contact Nancy Davlin at 762-2355 or nrdavlin@yahoo.com.
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Membership chair will deposit your check into our account and then submit your membership info and National dues to National JACL HQ office. This step is required because we have the extra requirement of submitting the balance due for those senior members whose membership dues are subsidized.