

OUTLOOK

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President's Report

by Geoff Miki

The month of December is a time when you...

- a.) Are excited about the holiday season (Christmas, gifts, lots of Jets home games).
- b.) Are worried about the holiday season (gift buying, cold weather, snow).
- c.) Realize it's at least 4 months until the snow melts.
- d.) Reminisce about all the good (and/or bad) things that occurred in the past 11 months.
- e.) All of the above

Of course, everyone has different feelings about December as many people really feel the stress and anxiety of the holiday season. For the past few years, I've been so busy with work and MJCCA-related committees and boards to have time to get depressed or to suffer any holiday blues. If you're a true blue Winnipegger, all the stuff like cold and snow should be old hat by now, but when the -30 weather does arrive it always seems to be a shock to the system. We deal and try to see the positive in the season because a white Christmas in Winnipeg is always a welcome sight. For the past decade, I've enjoyed a couple of day's vaca-

tion in February at a cabin in the woods. Even with colder weather and more snow than the city, there is much satisfaction enjoying the outdoors in a beautiful rural setting and it sure beats spinning your tires and getting stuck in the lane...ha, who needs the beach!

Before I get to my holiday greetings, I first have to talk about Folklorama. As mentioned in the past issue, this year's festival was one of most successful and well received ever! We drew large crowds, received very positive responses and reviews and we did pretty well financially. I was extremely pleased how we came together as a community to host a pavilion that we can be proud of. Plans for next year are underway and to carry the momentum forward, we are appealing to everyone that would like to be involved in the planning and coordinating. Many of the areas of the pavilion already have chairs in place, but we have plenty of areas that need to be filled and this is your opportunity to become involved and to share in this rewarding experience. Please let me or any of the other MJCCA Board members know if you are interested in joining the team.

On behalf of the MJCCA, Season's Greetings and Merry Christmas!! Enjoy the winter, drink lots of eggnog, scarf down some of those easy-to-peel oranges and...I'm still waiting for your Christmas baking if you want to share.

Folklorama Ideas & Suggestions

The Japan Pavilion Committee is meeting January 16th at 7pm to plan for Folklorama 2012. If you have any ideas or suggestions for the committee to present at the meeting, please contact Geoff Miki at gcmiki@mts.net before the 16th.



A Full Member of the
NAJC

The Manitoba Japanese Canadian Citizens' Association is a non-profit volunteer organization that strives for equal rights for all Canadians and promotes cultural awareness and understanding within the multicultural society of Manitoba. The Outlook is a publication of the MJCCA in conjunction with the Manitoba Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre. Its objective is to disseminate information of interest to the Japanese Canadian community, including announcements of upcoming events. If you have an article or event of interest to our community, or would like to offer comments or ideas, please contact the Outlook editors: Azusa Ozawa (Japanese editor) at md57654@yahoo.co.jp or Kristen Matsumoto (MJCCA editor) at kristen.matsumoto@gmail.com.

Articles and Ads for the next issue are due February 3, 2012.



Manitoba Japanese Canadian
Cultural Centre

MJCCA Xmas Children's Party



Santa for helping to make our event such a success!

The Xmas Children's Party would not happen without all of the adult volunteers, who help set up the party, take it down, bring goodies and treats, serve food, assist in craft making, shop for the gifts, decorate the Xmas tree and keep everything running smoothly. Many thanks to all of the helpers, to the parents, grandparents of the children who make this occasion such a memorable one for children.

Wishing all of you, much joy and peace in this holiday season,



What a festive time was had by all at the MJCCA Xmas Children's Party, at the Cultural Centre on Saturday December 3, 2011. Children of all ages from babies to 10 year olds were on hand to participate in crafts and getting a tattoo. 38 children in all attended with their families.

A magic act by Tomfoolery was pure delight for the children. The highlight of course, was Santa's arrival and all the wonderment that brings surprise and joy to the children. We thank

Terumi Kuwada and the Xmas Children's Party Committee

Horizon Club News

The Horizon Club will be taking a break for the months of December and January and will resume on Wed. Feb. 1st, 2012.

Our annual Shinnen-kai (pot luck) will take place on Saturday, Jan. 14, 2012 at 12:00 noon. All members will be contacted by phone prior to that date.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and all the best in 2012!!!

The following donations are gratefully acknowledged:

Toshiko Hashimoto - in memory of Hiro Hashimoto

Jennifer Hashimoto - in memory of Hiro Hashimoto

MJCCA Donations

The MJCCA gratefully acknowledges the generous contributions received from the following members:

Jennifer Hashimoto - in memory of father, Hiro Hashimoto

Mrs. Kinue Kondo - in memory of husband, Hisao

Matsumoto Family – MJCCA Xmas Children's Party

Aki and Marie Sato - MJCCA Xmas Children's Party

Kiyo Shoguchi - good will

**A reminder to renew your
MJCCA membership for 2011 -2012**

Many thanks for your on-going support!

MJCCA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The MJCCA Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the 2011 MJCCA scholarship recipient, Alex Miki, daughter of Geoff and Cheryl Miki and granddaughter of Art and Keiko Miki.

Alex is a graduate of Kelvin High School, where she excelled academically and was one of the recipients of the School Board Book Award, which is given to the top students in the graduating class. She is currently taking studies at the University of Winnipeg and hopes to enter the Faculty of Pharmacy in the fall of 2012.

Alex has been an avid volunteer in our community for many years. She has taken part in many activities and programs such as Folklorama, Japanese Language classes, Japanese Dancing, and many other events in the community.

We wish Alex much success in her studies. We are proud of youth like Alex, who contributed much to the community.

*Terumi Kuwada,
Chair, Scholarship Committee*

Public Schools Program

Once again the schedule is very nearly completely filled for the entire school year and our volunteers are doing invaluable work bringing the Japanese culture to hundreds of children in the Winnipeg and surrounding areas. As of December 1 the program takes a holiday break until January 12 when 60 students from Linden Christian School come to enjoy our program. We welcomed several new volunteers from the Newcomers Group this season and greatly appreciate their

contributions. Thursday mornings (excepting the last Thursday of the month) finds the Cultural Centre busy and buzzing with Japanese vocabulary and activities. If you are curious or interested in volunteering in any capacity we would invite you to come and observe and/or offer to help with the curious and interested children. New volunteers are always welcome--and needed! A telephone call to the Centre (774 5909) can bring you any information you might require, as well.

In the meantime, on behalf of the many many people involved in the Public Schools Program we wish you a joyous and peaceful holiday season.

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Sincere condolences to the families of the following:

Hisao George Kondo

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MJCCC Winter/Spring 2012 Program Schedule

Happy New Year from your friends at the Centre! There will be many events and activities in the coming few months which you should be aware of as you may wish your family and friends to participate. Following are the programs that are currently scheduled with dates, enrolment fees and any conditions as we know of them at time of publication. (Our normal operating year is September to end August; some activities are available a half year at a time)

EDUCATION

MJCCC Language School 2011-12 Term B

CHILDREN SATURDAYS

Term B (winter-spring): Jan. 7th- Jun. 16th, 21 Classes (**No classes: Feb. 18th, Apr. 7th, May 19th**)

Kokugo 1 & 2: 9 a.m. -10:20 a.m. **Instructors:** Akiko Onishi-Mrsa & Jiyu Iida

Shoto 4: 9:00 a.m.-10:50a.m. **Instructor:** Keiko Kada Mitchell

Intermediate & Advanced 1: 10:30 a.m.-11:50 a.m.
Instructors: Teruka Nishikawa & Jiyu Iida

Kindergarten: 11:00-11:50 a.m. **Instructor:** Miki Trembath

(**Advanced 2:** with prior consultation and appropriate enrolment levels.)

Fees: \$210

NEW! JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL PRE-ENTRY COURSE SATURDAYS

(Continuation of previous Teen Classes. Designed for those currently in Grade 7 and 8)

Term B (winter-spring): Jan. 7th – June 16, 21 classes. (**No classes: Feb. 18th, Apr. 7th, May 19th**)

Classes 10:30 a.m. -11:50 a.m. Saturdays **Instructor:** Azusa Ozawa

Fees: \$210 (Additional \$30 for registration after December 17, 2011)

HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT ENTRY COURSE SATURDAYS AT THE MJCCC.

Term B (winter-spring): Jan. 7th – May 26, 18 classes. (**No classes: Feb. 18th, Apr. 7th, May 19th**)

FINAL EXAM: June 2, 2012 NOTE: Prerequisite for S20 is S10 credit or a placement test. Placement Test cost \$25.

S10: Classes 12:30-14:30p.m. Saturdays **Instructor:** Miki Trembath

S20: Classes 2:40 p.m.- 4:40 p.m. Saturdays **Instructor:** Tatsuya Goto

Fees: \$210 Additional \$30 for late registration (after December 17, 2011)

Supervisor and Examiner: Teruka Nishikawa

SPECIAL NOTE for Fall 2012:

An S-30 class will be offered in the Fall of 2012 to allow S-20 to continue one more level.

ADULTS TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS AT THE MJCCC

Term B (Winter): Jan. 10th, 11th, or 12th – Apr. 10th, 11th, 12th. (14 Classes for Level 1-3 and Advanced), or May 24th (20 Classes for Beginner Intensive)

Level 1: Tuesday, 6:30-9p.m. **Level 2:** (on hold) **Level 3:** (on hold)

Beginner Intensive: Wednesday 6:30-9pm **ends May 24**

Term C (Spring): Apr. 26th – June 14th - 8 classes for Advanced)

Advanced: Thursday, 6:30-8:30p.m

Instructors: Chonmi Kim, Yoshihiro Muraoka, Teruka Nishikawa; TA: Sayuri Oya

Fees:

	Level 1-3	Advanced	JLPT Prep	Beginner
Term B	\$180	\$180	N/A	\$280
Term C	N/A	\$100	N/A	N/A

Additional cost for the text and workbooks, except Advanced Level

NOTE: Additional \$30 for late registration (after December 17, 2011)

Textbook, Reference & Additional Costs:

Additional costs in language class may include materials (paper, photocopies, pens & pencils etc), late fees (see schedules) plus text books. The following are **required textbooks**. They must be purchased for participation in the course. They are available through the MJCCC Administrator. Office hours are 9am-5pm Monday through Friday; 10am-4pm Saturday. Please phone the office if you require assistance after hours.

Junior High School *Japanese for Young People I [Textbook I & Workbook]* \$47 CDN (includes workbook)

High School S10G: *GENKI: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese [Textbook I]* 2nd ed. (Orange color)

GENKI: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese [Workbook I] 2nd ed.,. \$90 CDN (includes workbook)

High School S20G: *GENKI: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese [Textbook I]*, Eli Banno, et al. The Japan Times, 1999. (White) *GENKI: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese [Workbook I]*, \$90 CDN (includes workbook)

Adults Level 1 & Intensive Beginner: *Japanese for Busy People I: textbook and workbook* \$50 CDN

Level 2: *Japanese for Busy People II: textbook and workbook* \$55 CDN

Level 3: *Japanese for Busy People III: textbook and workbook* \$60 CDN

Advanced: No text book is required but there may be small charge for photocopies.

Language School Coordinator: Teruka Nishikawa

Language School Administrator/ MJCCC Administrator: Jake Marks

PROGRAMS

Winnipeg Kaede Odori

Children's Dance Group continues Saturday, January 7 (no classes Jan 21 & 28 or Feb 25 & March 3)

Yoga Classes – with Andrea Silver

The ultimate tension reliever! Led by a seasoned yoga practitioner the sessions are great therapy for beginners to intermediate yoga students and include asana, pranayama and meditation. Classes are offered Tuesdays 6pm - 7pm January 10 to March 13 (Ten classes) Cost \$100 for members \$120 for non-members. Drop-in fee \$12. Minimum of 6 people required, maximum 20.

Japanese Card Creations

Workshop Instructor: Elaine Shimane Brown

Learn step-by-step techniques using traditional printed and textured paper to make origami kimonos, cranes and other embellishments to create all-occasion greeting cards with that Asian flair. Ideal for framing too! \$25 plus \$15 supplies fee, per person. One class: 1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. February 12. This class for adults with limited enrolment.

Oriental Napkin Folding & Table Adornments

Instructor: Elaine Shimane Brown

Hosting a sushi party? Use the delicate craft of paper-folding to create unique origami pieces that add that genuine Asian touch to create a fabulous party atmosphere. \$25, plus \$12 supplies fee per person. One class: 1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. March 4. This is class for adults with limited enrolment.

Ikebana (Flower Arranging)

– Organized by: Lee Matsuo & Debbie Tsuyuki

It is relaxing, satisfying and almost heavenly to arrange flowers properly!

There will be 6 classes this spring starting April 25 for 6 occasions – 7:30pm – 9pm Final class is May 30. Cost is \$45 for 6 classes; drop in fee is \$10 per occasion. Enrolment will be limited in size.

Origami Club

This group meets normally on the fourth Sunday of each month from 2-4 pm at the Centre (unless there's a special event that day or a holiday- then the group shifts to the 3rd Sunday). You need to be a Centre member (\$15 single; \$25 family) but anyone can join in. The only extra cost is \$5.00 for materials (annual cost September to September). Those under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. We're always interested in new people and new designs. Bring a friend, favorite model, new book or make a request or suggestion. Those who play with string figures – Cat's Cradle (Ayatori) - as many Origami creators do, bring a string and trade some figures! Here are some web sites that will connect you to these wonderful pastimes: **Origami** <http://www.origami-resource-center.com/>; <http://origamidatabase.co.uk/>; **Ayatori:** <http://www.alyson.org/figures/main.htm>; www.whimsical-workshop.mb.ca

Judo Classes – Senseis: Wayne Yamashita & David Oye

Requiring a combination of agility, strength, and mental discipline, *Judo* is a Japanese martial art form that offers children a chance to gain skills and self-confidence. Students will practice fundamental Judo throwing and holding techniques in a safe, recreational environment. Classes are offered Thursdays 6pm – 7pm January 12 to May 3 Cost (for half year starting January): \$75 for members \$90 for non-members

Sushi Supper Classes!

We had to turn away people for last year's class because class size is limited. It's too yummy! You make it and eat it. Mondays: February 6

and March 12. 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
 Instructor: **Sadao Ohno**, Chef and founder of renowned Edohei Sushi & Japanese Restaurant – the sensei who's launched the careers of many of Winnipeg's top sushi chefs can teach you with a twist. Of course you dine on what you prepare, but also feast on what Chef Ohno adds in! It's a delightful way to have dinner. Cost is \$50 for each class (includes all materials and Makisu - rolling mat – your souvenir of a memorable culinary experience)! Registration before close of day Thursday, February 2 (Feb 6 class) and Thursday March 8 (March 12 class)

Donburi Lunches in 2012

These wonderful lunches are always on selected Friday starting at 12 Noon until 1:30 p.m. Dine in or take out. Reservations recommended for groups over 6. We even provide free delivery within 5km of the Centre. Choose from such delights as Shrimp or Beef & Vegetable Donburi, Unagi Donburi, Salmon and Chicken Bentos, Assorted sushi and Special Sushi, soup and salad and other goodies. Each lunch is different from the next.

Full Spring 2012 schedule: February 3 & 7, March 2, 16, 30 April 13 & 27

USER GROUP ACTIVITIES

Winnipeg Budokai Shotokan Karate

–Sensei: Clive Hinds (空手家?).

Karate is a martial art using punching, kicking, knee and elbow strikes, and open-handed techniques such as knife-hands and may include grappling, locks, restraints, throws, and vital point strikes. Come and try their FREE class anytime! Available Mondays & Wednesdays 5:30pm–7pm (all belt levels) Also Fridays 5:30-

7pm (brown & black belts only)
 Registration information by phoning 467-5787 or email: drhinds@mts.net

Manitoba Kendo Club –Head

Instructor: Tom Yamashita

Sundays 12 – 4pm Wednesdays 7:30pm 9:30 p.m. and Fridays 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Manitoba's première kendo club and one of Canada's oldest dojo practicing and promoting kendo in the heart of the Japanese community in Winnipeg for over 40 years. The concept of Kendo is to discipline the human character through the application of the principles of the Katana (sword). Beginners classes start January 25. More info at <http://manitobakendoclub.com>

Manitoba Karaoke Club –

Organized by: Aki Tamoto

This musical group meets on alternate Sundays and continues in January, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. Using our specialized karaoke equipment, you'll sing the songs you like. It's a wonderful way to build poise and meet new people. There's a singer inside you just waiting to come out!

Meibukan Karate Weston –

Instructor: Joan Rolfe

Tuesdays and Thursdays 12 Noon – 1 p.m. Instead of eating your lunch at your desk, do something good for your mind and body with the perfect stress-beater – karate! Great for those living or working near the Centre at 180 McPhillips Street. For registration enquiries and costs check their website at www.karateweston.com or email: info@karateweston.com

Tracma Canada - Instructor: Joel Torres

Saturdays: 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Martial arts club training from the Tracma Global Organization. Learn the scientific way using the computerized moves of martial arts master Trovador Ramos Sr. Instruction in baton, striking, weaponry, grappling, and

self-defense system. Tracma practices respect and sportsmanship while teaching the benefits of martial arts practice and mastery. We encourage anyone interested in training for health, sport, or self-defense to learn the martial art of the master. More information at their website: <http://www.tracma.ca/>

About Registration & Deadlines:

Some registration and forms are available on the respective group's web site. Check the LINKS section at mjccc.org. All registrations are due and must be paid for (or put on deposit) ONE WEEK prior to the commencement of the class/workshop. Register early and avoid disappointment as all class/workshop sizes are limited. Some workshops have qualifying requirements (age, membership, etc.). Insufficient registration may result in event cancellation (refunds will be made to those who have already registered and paid). NOTE: Program participants must be current members of the MJCCC (\$15/yr Sept-Aug). To register for programs contact the MJCCC at m.jccc@shaw.ca Phone (204) 744-5909 Fax: (204) 775-6029 or drop in at 180 McPhillips Street, Winnipeg MB R3E 2J9. Our web site is www.mjccc.org

How You Can Learn About Activities at the Centre

We will keep our web site as up to date as possible and for those of you with access to the internet, make sure you bookmark it (www.mjccc.org) and check it once in a while. We'll also email news from time to time to those members who have email, post news the old fashioned way on the Centre bulletin boards and of course use our highly visible electronic message sign alongside our property on McPhillips! Or call the Centre at 204-7745909. Normal hours of operation for the office are 9am-5pm Monday through Friday.

NEWS FROM HINODE TAIKO

We've had an extraordinary summer and fall thanks to our wonderful fans and our own people. A lot has happened since our 21 live shows at the Japan Pavilion during Folklorama. We took a short and well deserved rest. Then a number of us packed up and attended the North American Taiko Conference in California in August where we renewed acquaintance with old friends and made many new ones while attending incredible taiko workshops to hone our art and stimulate the creative juices. When we returned from the south, it was work again with complete re-skinning of a number of our larger drums. This arduous and sometimes risky task was made so much easier by the dynamic duo of Peggy and Dave who hosted the motley crew over and over again in Dave's incredible Transcona workshop. Fix 'em we did, and now we have re-skinned drums that sound incredible just in time for two giant workshops at the Centre. With around 30 people testing their limits with bachi and instruction we ended up with a number of committed ongoing beginners attending our Saturday practice sessions. This made for a crowded gym as the Performing Group hosted the beginners as well as

Genki Daiko for some wonderfully involving morning sessions. We enjoyed the help we gave keeping the runners on schedule at the CIBC-Run for the Cure in September. Later we ran a few Outreach Programs with Peggy and Karleen showing some highly excited elementary school kids just what taiko is all about! Those two also participated in a teaching program put on by the Folklorama people, to the credit of Hinode Taiko.

Florence Mitani, who spearheaded our annual Grey Cup Raffle reports the following winners: Quarters: Kelly Duke, Fred Sutton Reverse Winners: Linda Namba, Pat Duke, Shaun Storey (no one purchased the second quarter score) Final score, our own lucky Margaret McKenty with final reverse to E Campbell. We want to thank our fabulous sales team: Marlene Mori, Nancy Nishibata, Shig Saito, Rose Schwartz and Michelle Gauthier Suganami. Now... back to practice. Hello blisters! Checkup on Hinode Taiko, through www.hinodetaiko.ca or contact us at info@hinodetaiko.ca.

PICTURES/ POSTERS WANTED

The Manitoba Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre (MJCCC) will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary in 2012 and next year's annual Gala Dinner, set for Saturday, October 20, 2012, will be a celebration of this momentous milestone.

The first Cultural Centre was located on Logan and Arlington (1987) until it moved into its current location at 180 McPhillips Street (1993). The Centre has been instrumental in the preservation and promotion of Japanese culture, heritage, and history, by providing programs and services for the Japanese Canadian community and the general public over the past 25 years.

As the theme for the evening at the Gala Dinner will be "MJCCC Celebrating 25 Years ", it was suggested that a pictorial display and posters of the Centre's activities, events, programs, and members over the past 25 years (both locations) be prepared and featured at the event.

If you have any pictures or posters that could be part of the above display, we would certainly appreciate your dropping them off at or mailing them to the Cultural Centre, 180 McPhillips Street, Winnipeg, MB, R3E 2J9, attention: Display Committee. Please provide sufficient information with the pictures, posters, etc that will identify the event, date and participants.

It is our intention to photocopy any of the material to be used so that both used and unused originals can be returned to the owners if so desired. To facilitate the successful return of material, it would be appreciated if you could include a self addressed envelope with your submission. Postage will be covered by the MJCCC.

There will likely be other occasions during the year that such a display (or parts thereof) could be helpful, so please don't hesitate to send your information as soon as possible so that the Display Committee can start working on the project.

Thank you, mark October 20, 2012 on your calendar, and make plans to join us at the Gala Dinner and other activities at the Centre.

MJCCC Donations

THE MJCCC GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS:

Our apologies:

In the last August/September issue of The Outlook a few names were inadvertently misspelled. We apologize and show the corrected versions below:

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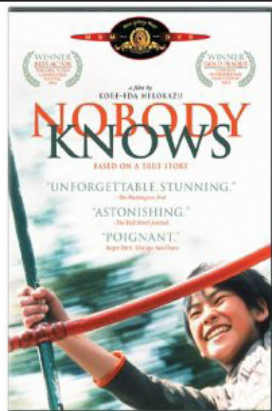
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Nobody Knows tells the story of four children: Akira, Kyoko, Shigeru and Yuki, who are aged between five and twelve years old. They are half-siblings, with each of them having different father. The children cannot go outside, do not attend school, and cannot be spotted by outsiders. Their mother ran away and got married, thereby abandoning them, and they were forced to survive on their own. Over time, they can only rely on each other to face the multiple challenges in front of them.

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I've been fortunate to visit Japan twice in the last two years. In both cases I've been able to tour Japan and see my daughter who lives in Tsu and is employed by JET. Travelling throughout Japan has left me with a complete sense of admiration for what I've seen and the people I've met. I encourage everyone to see for themselves the beauty of Japan. ~ Evelyn Sinclair



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10th Annual MJCCC Gala Dinner

Close to 200 guests enjoyed an evening of good food, fun, and friendship at the Manitoba Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre's 10th Annual Gala Dinner. The evening celebrated the accomplishments of the 2011 Outstanding Volunteer Award recipients, Mrs. Sachiko Conway and Mr. Ron Kaita and Rising Star Award recipient, Mr. Takahiro Fujiwara.

Joining us for the evening were Deputy Mayor Justin Swandel and his wife Diana, who brought greetings on behalf of the City of Winnipeg, Ken Zaifman, Honourary Consul General of Japan in Winnipeg who brought greetings on behalf of Susumu Fukuda, Consul General of Japan in Calgary, and Geoff Miki, who brought greetings on behalf of the MJCCA. Representatives from the Citizens Equity Committee, Manitoba Ethnocultural Advisory and Advocacy Council, Korean Society of Manitoba, and the Yellow River Chinese Association Inc were there lending their support of this event.

We were once again delighted to welcome Kevin Sweryd of Bardal Funeral Home and Crematorium to our dinner. Bardal has been a major corporate sponsor of this dinner for the last 5 years and we certainly appreciate their support.

Pre dinner entertainment was provided by the Aurora Dancers who performed Urizun No Koro. Mrs. Chiyoko Tamoto of the Winnipeg Karaoke Club provided the vocals. The performance was elegant and graceful and greatly appreciated by all. Reverend Yoshi Masaki said Grace before dinner and we were treated to a delicious meal catered by the Centro Caboto Centre.

Naomi Krasovec, emcee for the evening, kept us entertained with her easy going humour and made sure that the evening's program proceeded smoothly. The highlight of the evening was the introduction of the 2011



From L to R:

Ron Kaita - Volunteer Award

Sachiko Conway - Volunteer Award

Takahira Fujiwara - Rising Star Award

Justin Swandel, Deputy Mayor of Winnipeg

award recipients.

When Mrs. Sachiko Conway left Japan for Canada in 1955, she thought she would never be able to eat gohan (rice) again. Her mother packed her many onigiri (rice balls) with the warning that these would be the last ones.

She was surprised that after being invited to the Centre, she was able to not only eat gohan again but to participate in odori (Japanese dance) and origami, activities that she thought she had left behind in Japan.

Mrs. Conway participated in the first Folklorama in 1970 as a dancer and a dresser. She finally retired in 2005, but not before she passed along her knowledge of kimono dressing and makeup application to the Aurora Dancers. With Mrs. Tamoto providing the vocals, she performed her odori at Keirokai and various other events. She is gifted at different handicrafts and her Japanese paper angels are displayed and sold at the Centre.

Mrs. Conway continues to volunteer for the Public Schools Program teaching young students the art of Origami and Japanese folk dancing. To Mrs. Conway, the Centre is like her home. She has met many people and made many friends. She has participated in many activities and has shared her knowledge of Japanese culture with many. She would like to thank the Centre for teaching her Canadian

customs.

Ron Kaita's formative years were spent on the family farm in Middlechurch, Manitoba. In 1963, along with his brother, Roy, Ron opened Roy's Florist on Notre Dame Avenue. As a result of many years of hard work and personal sacrifice, the Kaita brothers and their families, developed Roy's Florist into one of the most successful floral businesses in the city.

Ron Kaita's participation in and contribution to the Cultural Centre are immeasurable. It all began at our first Cultural Centre at Logan and Arlington with our early fundraising events. He has volunteered regularly at Donburi luncheons, cuisine dinners, and other major functions. He has been the most prolific seller of gala dinner and of 50/50 tickets since our first event in 2002. No one can say "no" to Ron! Ron is very artistic and taught Chigiri-e (paper collage) classes for many years. His many artistic creations have been seen at the Centre, various handicraft tables sponsored by the Centre, and in the Gala silent auction baskets.

Like many volunteers, his unwavering support of and dedication to the Cultural Centre has helped establish a sound foundation for the success of the MJCCC.

Takahiro Fujiwara, or Taka, as he is known at the Centre, once said that he would rather be known as "En no

shitano chikaramochi or Urakatasan". That is, a "person who carries out a thankless task/job, or a person who helps behind the scenes", The Board of Directors believes that the latter description is more accurate than the first. Urakatasan applies to him in regards to his work ethic and morals. He never complains about any task that he is assigned and is always willing to lend a helping hand.

Since leaving his parents in Japan in 1998 and coming to Winnipeg with his younger brother, he has graduated from high school, worked at Boyd Auto Body and is now working at the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation. Taka first started coming to the Cultural Centre about 6 years ago. He was asked to help catalogue the books in Japanese for the library and he is responsible for cataloguing at least half of the Japanese books. Only 29 years old, Taka has served on the Manitoba Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre (MJCCC) Board of Directors since 2006.

Initially, Taka would help out at various Centre events and activities. He gradually took on more responsibilities and currently is the coordinator of security for Centre events.

Taka is concerned about the future of Japanese Canadians in Manitoba and is always thinking of ways to continue building our community. He has been donating his young energy and spirit to the Cultural Centre and to the JC community as a whole. Taka is certainly a most deserving and worthy rising star in Winnipeg.

Patrick Gregoire, comedy magician, provided the after dinner entertainment and brought several guests on stage to help him out. Laughter could be heard throughout the room and everyone thoroughly enjoyed his act.

Many people went home with prizes in their arms and three lucky guests shared the cash 50/50 pot. The fourth lucky winner in the 50/50 draw was the Cultural Centre when one of the original winners donated their share

back to the Centre. The Centre appreciates the support of all the guests at the gala dinner and the true spirit of giving and volunteerism.

A huge thank you goes to our Corporate Sponsors who contributed to the evening's success: Bardal Funeral Home and Crematorium, Welders Supplies Ltd, Bulat and Poustie Chartered Accountants, PDQ Printing, and G & K Electric.

The MJCCC Board of Directors was pleased to have the opportunity to acknowledge the evening's award recipients and to thank all the countless volunteers who help to keep the Centre running. The evening was a delightful success with good food, good company and excellent fundraising. Next year's Gala Dinner will be a celebration of the Centre's 25th anniversary and will be held on Saturday, October 20, 2012 at the Centro Caboto Centre.

Thank you to the following individuals and businesses who graciously made a donation to the MJCCC 2011 Gala Dinner. Their support is greatly appreciated and helped to make this evening a grand success

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Yours**

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Kaye Kusano

Tosh Hashimoto,
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Itoko and Suzue
Nishibata

Terumi Kuwada and
Ron Rothery

Koji & Shigeko Sato

No seasons greetings due to bereavement:

Mrs. Yoko Tsuyuki and family

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Satomi Okabe



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TOTAL PAYMENT			\$ _____

Make cheques payable to MJCCC, Inc.

You can drop off your registration form with payment or mail it with payment to:

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Address: _____ City: _____ Prov: _____

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