

Outlook

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MJCCA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Geoff Miki

For as long as we've had the Cultural Centre, our community has supported two separate boards, the MJCCA and MJCCC. Combining the two has been an issue for years, mainly talk and discussions about the legality and a lot of workshops to determine if it would be beneficial to both sides. Through the past years, while I have been President, it's become evident to me that there are many people that have a loyalty to each organization and there is a hesitation and reluctance to partner together. I don't know if there's distrust, stubbornness or a refusal to change, but now more than ever, it's important that our small community finds a way to grow and better support itself. I believe the direction our organization takes will play a crucial role in the development and sustainability of the Japanese Canadian community in Winnipeg.

A Community Relations committee was created to examine the relationship between our organizations and to host joint meetings to have open discussions and share ideas. The recently formed, Amalgamation Committee (3 members each from the MJCCA and MJCCC) will approach this issue by analyzing the objectives and structure of both groups and by forming an entirely new organization that would encompass the needs of the community and combine the resources and key elements of both groups. This is an unprecedented move and it will take some time to develop, but it is an exciting process and we will be looking for support and input from our community. Stay tuned, lots of changes coming...!

In other news, the MJCCC/MJCCA annual general meetings will be held on Monday, June 20th at the Centre. In the middle of July, Sunday, July 17th to be exact is the annual MJCCA picnic at St. Vital Park from 12-4pm. There is plenty to be excited about; candy and grocery scrambles, races, prizes, cash raffle draw and other silliness! Be there!

A big deal in our community is the return of the Japan Pavilion for Folklorama. We are the second week, from August 7-13 at Sisler High School, with three shows a night and our theme this year is, "A Taste of Japan under the August Moon". This event attracts the most amounts of people from our community, either as a performer, volunteer or visitor. This is our opportunity to proudly showcase our talent and unique qualities to the rest of the city. The pavilion is always looking for more volunteers and if you can help out contact Kathy Grabowski. Please come support our community. This year will be amazing!

Speaking of changes, I would like to express my gratitude to Kelly Koga for her many years at the Cultural Centre. I could always count on Kelly for assistance for anything at the Centre and for making me feel less like a rookie when I'm confused about something regarding MJCCA matters. Good luck in your post-C. C. adventure, we'll miss you Kelly!!

Enjoy your summer!



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KEIROKAI 2011

While all of MJCCA activities are important in their own way, Keirokai is a very special annual event, which recognizes the contributions of the senior members of the Japanese Canadian community. It is because of the seniors who have passed on the Japanese culture and maintained a sense of community, that successive generations have learned so much.

Despite the cool weather, 78 people attended this year's Keirokai held on April 17, 2011 at the Winnipeg Squash Racquet Club. This year, MJCCA was pleased to honour 49 seniors and welcomed special guests: Lucy Yamashita, President of MJCCC; Nancy Nishibata, Co-President of Horizon Club; Hailey Sato, MJCCA Scholarship recipient; Taryn Kaita, MJCCC Scholarship recipient.

The evening started with entertainment from Kaede Dancers. Aysia Labram, Cassidy Nekwinda and Maddy Pineau performed Miren Toge followed by Alex Miki who danced Aka Tombo. First year Aurora members, Hailey and MacKenzie Sato performed Kushimoto Shibuki. Shayna Paulicelli, who sang First Love and Sakurairo Maukoro, rounded out the entertainment. The performers' parents and grandparents were delighted to see their children / grandchildren perform.

Attendees were pleased to welcome Naomi Krasovec as emcee as her wit and sense of humour always bring many smiles and laughter. Geoff Miki, President of MJCCA gave greetings followed by introductions to special guests and honoured seniors. A moment of silence was held to remember those seniors who have passed on. This year was particularly poignant with the Japanese Canadian community having lost so many beloved members of the community in recent months.

Terumi Kuwada, MJCCA Scholarship Committee Chairperson, presented the MJCCA Scholarship award to Hailey Sato, daughter of Wayne and

Vivian Sato and granddaughter of Aki and Mari Sato. Hailey is currently studying University 1 at the University of Manitoba with hopes of entering the School of Fine Arts in the fall of 2011. She was an active volunteer in high school through her involvement with fundraising activities, programs such as Youth in Philanthropy and Good Neighbors and being Yearbook Co Editor. Hailey has also participated in activities of the Japanese Canadian community such as the Japan Pavilion and MJCCC events. She is committed to her Japanese heritage having taken Japanese language classes, attending school in Japan and the Kumon Leysin Academy in Switzerland and odori dancing with Kaede for 13 years.

Lucy Yamashita, President of the MJCCC, along with Florence Hirose presented the MJCCC Harold Hirose Memorial Scholarship award to Taryn Kaita, daughter of Sandra and Harvey Kaita, granddaughter of Judy and Roy Kaita and Fudge and Willie Oye. Taryn is currently finishing Year 1 at the University of Manitoba with plans to major in the Sciences and pursuing a career in the medical field. At the same time as achieving academic excellence, Taryn managed to excel in dance at the RWB and athletics as well as working and doing community service. Taryn has volunteered her time over many years to such organizations as Winnipeg Harvest, Our Lady Perpetual Help Soup Kitchen and Unicef. She has been very active in the Japanese Canadian community with volunteering at Folklorama, assisting at the Manitoba Buddhist Church's many fundraisers and giving a presentation at the 20th Anniversary of Redress event.

Thank you to those who contributed to the success of the event; Brenda Mark and Keiko Burke (Co-chairs); Naomi Krasovec (MC); Rev. Ulrich (grace); Carol Matsumoto (Kaede); Lucy Yamashita (Aurora);

the performers; Terumi Kuwada (for family photos); Connie Matsuo; Motoko Miyamoto and Mitsuko Miyamoto.

The following donations received were gratefully accepted:

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MJCCA Picnic

Sunday July 17th, 2011 at
St.Vital Park from 11am to
3pm

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park, bring the whole family
for food and fun. Lots of
games to play for everyone.
Rain or shine.
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See you there!

MJCCC Events

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon June 20
Fri June 24
Sun June 26
Wed June 29

July 1-3
Sun July 10
Mon July 11
Sat July 16

Sun July 17

Aug 7 - 13
Sun Aug 21
Sat Aug 27

MJCCA/MJCCC Annual General Meeting
Consular Services Interviews
Origami Club Meeting / Karaoke Club
Horizon Club Haru No Atsumari

Centre Closed for Canada Day
Karaoke Club
Chanoyu (Tea Ceremony)
Sushi & Chanoyu @ Ai-Kon Anime
Convention
MJCCA Picnic @ St. Vital Park

Folklorama @ Sisler High School
Karaoke Club
Japan Pavilion Volunteer Party

MJCCC News and Events

Come visit us at the Ai-kon Anime Convention

Saturday July 16, 2011

This year, MJCCC volunteers
will be demonstrating Tea
Ceremony (Chanoyu) and Sushi
making.

For those interested in learning
and practicing the beautiful and
traditional art of Chanoyu, a
group meets once a month at
the Cultural Centre.

Contact Kelly at 774-5909 for
more information.

MJCCA Donations

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

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Miyata –
in memory of Robert Miyata

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in memory of mother, Aiko Okano

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in memory of mother, Suye
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Win ..Win...Win...

Name The New Organization

By now many of you have heard that the MJCCC and MJCCA are looking at merging in the near future.

We need you to help us think of a new name for our new organization and we want to reward you just for entering your suggestion.

We will be giving away a prize (you will like it) to someone just for entering.

E-mail your ideas to
dlabram2002@yahoo.com

and be entered for our random draw (we will be drawing your name not your suggested organization name); please only one entry per e-mail.

Entry deadline is Sunday, July 31st, 2011

NEW ADMINISTRATOR FOR MJCCC

At the June 7th meeting, the MJCCC Board approved the recommendation from the Search Committee to hire Jake Marks as the new Administrator replacing Kelly Koga who resigned as of June 30, 2011. Jake has a wealth of experience in business, advertising and marketing and the management of an office and staff. His knowledge in the field of communications and public relations are assets that he will bring to the Cultural Centre. Jake has been involved for many years in the Japanese Canadian community through Hinode Taiko and as a member of the MJCCC Board. He looks forward to working with the Board of Directors and the many groups that use the centre.

We are sorry to see the departure of Kelly Koga who has been with the Cultural Centre for ten years. We value and appreciated her strong work ethics, friendly approach, contributions beyond the call of duty, and dedication to ensure the success of the Centre. We will surely miss Kelly. We wish her success in her new endeavours.

Arigato, Kelly.

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Horizon Club News

The last meeting date for the Club, which is June 29th, is fast approaching but in the meantime activities continue as usual.

The annual Haru No Atsumari luncheon will be held on June 29th. Members will be contacted by our phone committee. Tickets are being sold for the event. Lunch will be followed by bingo and door prizes.

We wish to pay respect to John Cholakis who died recently. John was a longtime member of the Horizon Club. He loved to play cards with the "boys" and did so for many years. He will be missed.

Please note on your calendar that June 29th will be the last meeting date before closing for the summer. Activities will resume on September 5th, 2011. Have a safe and happy summer!!

Family Notices

JOHN ERNEST CHOLAKIS 1925 - 2011

John was born March 29, 1925 and passed away on April 15, 2011 at the Victoria General Hospital at the age of 86 years. Left to cherish his memory is his beloved wife Lynne, her two children Tim (Jennifer), Anne-Marie (Tim), his children Ty (Arlene), Stephen (Carolyn), Tom, Marcia (Dave) and Elaine-Stephany (Michelle), grandchildren Nicholas, Emily, Ryan and Rhys. In addition, his brothers: Paul (Cathy), Leo (Francis) and numerous nieces and nephews. John was predeceased by his father Ernest, his mother Helen and his brothers Chris and Harry. John spent his entire life living in Winnipeg, where he grew up in Norwood and attended St. Paul's High School. He worked in the family business; Broadway Florists until his retirement.

GEORGE SUMIO FUKUMURA

Surrounded by his family at the Grace Hospital, George passed away on March 3, 2011 at the age of 82. Left to cherish his memory are his children, Debra (Gilles) Beaumont, Roberta (Mark) Stokes, Theresa (Albert) Wiens, Daniel (Cathy), Sheila (Gord Dillon), Michael (Lesley), and Linda (Darren) Dunn, also grandchildren, Melissa (Thom), Kristen, Andrew, Christopher, Caitlin, Liam, Treyton, and Jackson. Survived also by his brother

Tony (Kay), sisters Clare (Sam) Matsuo, and Rosanne (Paul) Yoshimasu, and several nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his parents Hana and Kunisaburo and our beloved mother Rita. He was born April 2, 1928 in Vancouver, BC and moved to Winnipeg as a teen. He owned and operated Town and Country Decorators for many years after which he became a counselor / foreman with the Winnipeg Home Improvement Project with the Provincial Government until his retirement.

ROBERT HARUO MIYATA

Served in the Canadian Armed Forces for 22 years in Logistics in Ottawa on March 3, 2011 at the age of 46 after a courageous battle with his illness. Born on April 3, 1964 in Winnipeg, MB, he is survived and missed by his parents Tsutomu and Haruko Miyata; his devoted wife of 25 years, Christine (nee Lavergne); his three sons who stood by his side David, Colin and Dominic; his sister Tannis (Mark Steiman) and their children Max, Miya and Jack. Rob will be dearly remembered by the Lavergne and Matsubara families, his extended family and many dear friends.

KISHINO (KAY) SAKIYAMA (nee SASAKI) 1921 - 2011

Peacefully at home surrounded by family, Kay Sakiyama passed away on Sunday, April 24, 2011. Kay was predeceased by her husband Shigeo in 1992, and by four sisters and one brother. She is survived by

sons Rodney (Heather) and Grant (Janice); grandchildren Andrea (Sean), Amy (Braden), Michael (Rebecca), Marli (Kirk), and Kevin; cherished great-grands Hana, Will, Jake, Callie, Lily and Autumn; sister Mitzi, brothers-in-law Dave and Aye, sister-in-law Miyo; and numerous nieces, nephews and their families. She was a devoted mother, wonderful grandmother, and beautiful friend to all. Much loved, Kay will be deeply missed and remembered always.

SHIGERU GARY TSUYUKI

It is with deep sorrow we announce the passing of Shigeru on Sunday, March 6, 2011 at Concordia Hospital at the age of 80 years. Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife Yoko, son Richard (Grace), daughter Debbie (Don), six grandchildren, Niina, Emiko, Ayumi, Dariyan Hideki, Miya and Kiyomi, two brothers Toshio and Yoshiaki (Kurako), sisters Yuriko, Yaeko and Aiko, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and friends. Shigeru was an active member of the Manitoba Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre and a member at Interlake Golf Club. His joys in life were spending time with his family, his grandchildren, a round of golf and working in his garden.

Another Year of Champions...

By Rhea Teranishi

The MJCCA's 9th Annual Curling Bonspiel, started out as usual, the teams waiting to step out onto the ice and throw the very first rock of the bonspiel. This year's bonspiel was held at the Heather Curling Club, from April 15 to the 16. Many teams faced off to feel the thrill of lifting the "Toru Suzuki Trophy", and to be deemed the bonspiel's proud winners. Curlers of many ages came out to experience the thrill of curling, being able to make the perfect draw, or making the perfect hit and roll to secure the point. You knew it was going to be hard to make it to the top.

Congratulations to all the 16 teams that came out to play, and special congratulations to the bonspiels winners:

- **Bonspiel Champions:** Karl Kennedy, Deb Werboweski, Lisa Ito, Marlene Mori
- A side runners up: Marc Loechner, Lisa Shimoda-Loechner, Joy Letkemann, Ted Letkemann, Ken Teramura
- B side winners: Howie Mark, Brenda Mark, Sepoy Wong, and Karen Tazumi
- B side runners up: Todd DeRyck, Heather Dann, Sandra Shibata, Ken Meech, and Ainsley Cunningham

As tradition, the bonspiel ended with a Japanese Cuisine Dinner at the Cultural Centre; our community's dedicated and fantastic volunteers prepared the dinner. As always the food was amazing, and the service was incredible. Many thanks given to the Cultural Centre and their extraordinary volunteers. Following the dinner, the curlers played a round of "Japanese Wheel of Fortune" with Dan Namba playing the role of "Dana" White. Everyone had a good laugh!

The ability to have this bonspiel would be impossible without our generous individual and corporate sponsors that supported the event. The Manitoba Japanese Canadian Curling Bonspiel 2011 would like to thank the following for their generous contributions and support.

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- Doug Shibata
- Urban Wellness
- Winnipeg Football Club (The Bombers)
- Winnipeg Goldeyes
- Each curling team for their team auction prize

A very special thanks to Sandra Shibata and her family for putting on this bonspiel....without them we wouldn't be able to have it. Sandra has perfectly organized the bonspiel from the draw times to the dinner. I want to focus on the prayer she said before dinner; it was very moving and emotional since this year was very different than others, since the Japanese community has been affected by the terrible tragedy that hit Japan. The Winnipeg Japanese community is trying to do our part in helping by, sending all the net proceeds of the bonspiel to the Red Cross, as well as selling red bracelets, with all the profits going to the Red Cross. Please keep Japan in your hearts and prayers.

Thank you to all the participants who made the bonspiel a memorable event. See you in 2012 for our 10-year anniversary!

ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH

Submitted by Art Miki

This May was the celebration of the ninth Asian Heritage Month. Now that it is over, I would like to thank the members of the Japanese Canadian community for participating in the Asian Canadian Festival at The Forks. Thanks to Hinode Taiko, Aurora Dancers and the Manitoba Kendo Club. The support from the MJCCA and MJCCC Boards for the Opening Ceremony and Dinner was very much appreciated. Over \$500 raised from the silent auction was donated to the Canadian Red Cross for the Japan Earthquake and Tsunami disaster.

Special Asian Heritage Event: July 7, 2011

The film entitled Suite Suite Chinatown will be shown at Cinematheque located at 100 Arthur Street in the Exchange district on Thursday, July 7 at 7:00 pm. The admission is \$8 and \$7 for seniors and students.

This film is collaboration of seven artistically diverse Chinese Canadian filmmakers from the Greater Toronto area on the theme "What is your Chinatown?" The film is the program of Reel Asian Festival and will be shown across the country.

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