

# Outlook

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## MJCCA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Geoff Miki

op•ti•mis•tic [op-tuh-mis-tik]

1. disposed to take a favourable view of events or conditions and to expect the most favourable outcome.
2. reflecting optimism: an optimistic plan.
3. of or pertaining to optimism.

If you know me you might think of me more as a pessimist or a skeptic, as I sometimes find it hard to see the good in everything, but recently I have felt an air of optimism. Maybe, it's the nice weather that's talking or my viewpoint is distracted by the return of NHL hockey to our city, but regardless I really think things are on the upturn.

This past August, our community returned to Folklorama with the Japan Pavilion at Sisler High School. After two stressful years of start and stops trying to organize coordinators and volunteers, we finally pulled it together to enjoy one of most successful years ever. Everyone on the Folklorama planning committee was optimistic and took a positive approach to put aside differences and grudges working together for this one common goal to present a confident representation of our culture and our community. I am extremely thankful to all the volunteers, performers, and organizers for participating and lending a hand to make our pavilion one of the "must-see" pavilions in 2011. Right now, I can't promise next year is a lock, but I'm optimistic we'll be back. The

MJCCA is always open to your opinions, criticisms and comments about the festival, so please let us hear your feedback (positive/negative).

I'm optimistic about the future of our community as we thrive towards the amalgamation of the Cultural Centre and the MJCCA. Both organizations have met to discuss the differences in each group and how we might resolve these differences. The goal of these meetings and the Amalgamation committee is to be one organization, but this is an ambitious task that will require the approval and participation of everyone in our community. I feel progress is being made and there has been good discussion and ideas brought forth by both committee's members. Nikkei Heritage Day was held on Sunday, September 25th and the event was to be a forum for the JC community to discuss the needs of the community and the possibility of one organization. Unfortunately, due to the beautiful weather or misinformation there were no participants, only members from the CC and CA Boards. Despite this setback, I'm optimistic this issue will be taken seriously and people will have an interest in the future of our organization.

I'm heading off to Edmonton for the annual NAJC AGM on the weekend of October 15-16 as the representative of the MJCCA and I'll report next issue about any developments nationally. Until then, Go Jets Go!!!!



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NAJC

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Articles and Ads for the next issue are due December 2, 2011.



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## **Taste of Japan Under the August Moon FOLKLORAMA 2011**

Folklorama ended with attendance and revenue being higher than in 2008 however we are still waiting for outstanding expenses such as the Winnipeg School Division invoice to determine the actual profit made this year.

The Volunteer Party was held on Saturday, August 27 with approximately 80-90 people attending. Volunteers put their names in for the raffle of gift certificates from various stores and also participated in the Folklorama Trivia Quiz, which was held throughout the afternoon. To encourage, acknowledge and promote

youth volunteers, Folklorama has created the Youth Volunteer Certificate. These certificates were presented at the Volunteer Party. A photo slide presentation of Japan Pavilion volunteers was also shown.

In September, the Organizing Committee met for their final Wrap Up Meeting. Committee Chairpersons made their reports and recommendations. Some recommendations included: have a volunteer orientation event prior to the start of Folklorama for all volunteers, have the kakkigori (shaved ice) again but in a separate location,

develop a Children's area in the Cultural Display area, and pursue more Pavilion sponsorship.

The Committee recommended that the MJCCA continue to participate in Folklorama. If you are interested in a Committee position, please contact the MJCCA.

*Caroline Yamashita*

*Coordinator, Japan Pavilion*

### **MJCCA AND MJCCC WELCOME CONSUL-GENERAL SUSUMU FUKUDA AND HIS WIFE, ALICIA TO WINNIPEG**



Consul-General Susumu Fukuda and his wife, Alicia made an official visit to Winnipeg, on Thursday August 11, 2011, to meet the Japanese-Canadian community and other officials of the city. Members from both boards were on hand at the Cultural Centre to welcome them to Winnipeg. We were all very pleased to meet the new Consul-General and his wife, and to continue the congenial ties that we have always enjoyed with the Consulate of Japan office.

Consul-General Fukuda and his wife, Alicia, have been posted in many cities around the world and have a wealth of experience that will be further enhanced by their posting in Canada. Mrs. Fukuda is originally from Paraguay and was most interested in Folklorama, which was on during their visit. Following a sumptuous meal at a lovely restaurant at the Forks in Winnipeg, the Consul-General and his wife were guests at the Japan Pavilion. We thank Consul General Fukuda for hosting such a pleasant dinner.

We wish Consul-General Fukuda and his wife Alicia, a most successful term in Canada and hope that this visit will be one of many that we will have in the future.

*Terumi Kuwada*

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## Horizon Club News

The regular Wednesday meetings resumed on September 7th and the AGM was held on the 14th followed by a Board meeting. The 2011-2012 Executive was acclaimed:

Co-Chairs: Nancy Nishibata and Rosanne Yoshimasu  
Past-President: Al Mackling  
Treasurer: Judy Mizuno  
Recording Secretary: Pat Mackling  
Corresponding Secretary: Florence Mitani

Motoko Miyamoto and Josh Yamada were welcomed to the Board.

We acknowledge and thank the following for their donations:

Tom Oye in memory of wife Sue  
Jim Taniguchi in memory of wife Asako

A reminder that membership fee (\$5.00) is now due. Please come and join us for exercise, cards and lunch every Wednesday. Activities begin about 10 am.



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### ADMINISTRATOR POSITION

The NAJC is seeking a candidate for the position of Administrator for the National Executive Office located in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Reporting to the President, the successful candidate will possess the following qualifications:

- Have superior written and oral communication skills
- Possess organizational and planning skills for office administration
- Demonstrate proficiency with electronic communication: file/data management, word processing/spread sheet, website management
- Work with accounting support services to maintain financial records
- Interact with community organizations and government in a professional manner
- Provide research on legislation and issues pertinent to the organization
- Attend and provide administrative support for the Annual General Meeting and membership meetings
- Provide administrative support to the National Executive Board
- Assist in organizing workshops and conferences
- Work independently and be bondable
- Be culturally sensitive and aware of the history of the Japanese Canadian community
- Identify grants appropriate to the NAJC national and write the application to meet each grant deadline

The position is approximately 20 hours per week, 5 days a week, with occasional weekend meetings. The position is a 6-month term position, subject to change.

Qualified candidates are encouraged to submit a resume, by November 1, 2011, in confidence to:

NAJC Administrator Position  
c/o Ken Noma, President  
3rd Floor - 207 Donald St.  
Winnipeg, MB. R3C 1M5

## Community News Congratulations to:

Jenna Roadley, daughter of Peter and Joanne (Sawa) who shot a 72 for the ladies low score at the Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association Provincial Golf Championship at the Neepawa Golf and Country Club on September 24th.

# Public Schools Program

We have enjoyed a wonderful summer--no mosquitoes! --and are now looking forward to another exciting and productive year with the MJCCC Public Schools Program. Many changes have taken place; Jake Marks is the new MJCCC Administrator and we welcome him to the Schools Program. We will miss Kelly Koga's capable guiding hand but look forward to having Jake's assistance with the program. Sadly, in the past year we have lost some valued friends and past volunteers: Bob Mukai, Gary Tsuyuki, Mark Koga, Asako Taniguchi and Bob Okabe. They are sorely missed. As well, shodo leaders Yoshi and Kurako Tsuyuki are taking a much-deserved year off for health reasons. We thank them for many years of dedicated work and wish them a good recuperative year. Hopefully they will be able to rejoin us in the near future. We are delighted Mickey Kojima and Kanao Yamamoto have graciously agreed to share the responsibility of assigning shodo volunteers to their respective groups.

Other happy news: Motoko Miyamoto will continue to be in charge of set-up of the Origami activity and assigning volunteers to their tables, Judy Baccus, Keiko Miki and Pat Mackling will in turn chair each session, guest speaker Miwako Hoppe will continue to write up the quarterly reports and correspondence to the Consulate General, and treasurer Lucy Yamashita will again be in charge of the program's finances. We much appreciate the kitchen staff, Alice Kinoshita, Moe Koga, and Tak Tonogai, who look after the students' and teachers' refreshments and provide the volunteers with wonderful lunches. Kelly Koga will assist with the correspondence with the teachers. We are most appreciative of all these individual's dedication of time and effort, without which we could not offer this valuable service to our greater community.

We have however, a great need for more volunteers, particularly for the shodo and origami classes. If you are able to help out, even occasionally, we would love to hear from you. Just call Jake at 774 5909, or Micky Kojima (889 7564), Kanao Yamamoto (254 8556), or Motoko Miyamoto (633 4388). We meet Thursday mornings and then enjoy a delicious lunch!

This year, as the schedule currently stands, we begin our fall session on Nov 3 with 28 students from MaryAnne Mitchler School, and break for the holidays Dec 1 with 25 students from Winnipeg Mennonite Elementary School (two other sessions in between). Classes resume Jan 12 to April 19 and then we embark on Children's Week April 30 to May 4, five days with both morning and afternoon classes comprised of many varied activities, and requiring a great many volunteers. It is an opportunity to spend time with interested and enthusiastic students, offering them a glimpse of Japanese culture. P.s. The delectable lunches continue throughout!

## 2011 MJCCA Picnic Report

The 2011 MJCCA Annual Picnic was held on Sunday, July 17th at St. Vital Park with 100 people in attendance. The day was sunny and hot, making it ideal for the cooling effects of the water balloon toss! The winners of the raffle were:

- 1: T. Onotera (\$1000)
- 2: R. Mizuno (\$500)
- 3: J. Nakano (\$200)

Thank you to all the prize donors for their generous contributions! The 2012 picnic will be on Sunday, July 15th from noon to 4 pm at St. Vital Park.

## Book Your Christmas Greetings Today

The next issue of the Outlook will be our big Christmas edition. It is the perfect venue for extending your holiday greetings to all your friends in the JC community. If you would like to include your personal greetings, please contact Kristen Matsumoto (kristen.matsumoto@gmail.com)

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## Family Notices

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Nancy Hinatsu

Mitsu (Mitzi) Nishimura  
(nee Sasaki)

Kunio Robert Okabe

# Hiroshima Peace Day



On Saturday August 6, 2011, at Memorial Park, many people gathered to commemorate this historic event, to honour the lives of innocent victims who perished from this horrific assault, and to work towards the abolition of nuclear weapons for global peace. Project Peacemakers, Peace Alliance of Winnipeg and the MJCCA sponsored this event.

Ismaila Alfa, CBC 1 Traffic, read the speech from the Mayor of Hiroshima, Kazumi Matsui, which was delivered earlier in Hiroshima. Mayor Matsui, stated that the "Great East Japan Earthquake of March 11...was so destructive it revived images of Hiroshima 66 years and still pains our hearts". Later, he added, "the ongoing threat of radiation have generated tremendous anxiety among those in the affected areas and many others. The trust the Japanese people once had in nuclear power has been shattered". We thank Ismaila for delivering this speech with the passion and resolve that was evident in Mayor Matsui speech and his message that "we hereby pledge to do everything in our power to abolish nuclear weapons and build lasting world peace".



Many people helped make this event a memorable one. Jessica Nagamori read a summary of the book "Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes"; Haley Rempel played the flute during the launch of the lanterns; Steve Plennart of the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) spoke of the Peace initiatives of MCC; Brian Cox helped children and adults alike, how to make origami cranes. Glen Morrison did a great job of emceeing the event. Volunteers from Peace Alliance and Project Peacemakers were on hand to assist in many different ways.

The event ended with the Lantern ceremony, a launch of the lanterns that attendees have made with thoughtful messages of hope, peace and remembrance of loved ones lost. It is a time to remember, to learn and to commit to a more caring and safer planet. It is up to us to make changes to ensure a brighter future for our children.

*Terumi Kuwada*

## BENTO AND A MOVIE

### Hana Yori Dango Final – The Movie “Boys Over Flowers”



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2011

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# MJCCA CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION 2011 - A FAMILY EVENT



Saturday, December 3, 2011  
1:00PM – 4:00PM  
Japanese Cultural Centre  
180 McPhillips Street



Lunch and snacks will be served. Gifts for MJCCA members 10 years old and under.

All family is welcome to attend.

**Deadline for registration is November 25, 2011**

Child's name

Boy/Girl

Age/year of birth

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Names of family members attending:

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