

OUTLOOK

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President's Report

by Geoff Miki

With the New Year fast approaching when looking back on this past year, our community reached many significant milestones. In 1987, the Manitoba Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre first opened its doors to give our community a meeting place and quickly became a focal point for activities revolving around Japanese culture. At the Gala dinner, the Centre acknowledged their 25th anniversary by paying tribute to the past presidents and a speech from Art Miki detailing the Centre's past, present and future aspirations for the community. Providing the entertainment at the gala was Hinode Taiko, who celebrated their 30th anniversary with a dinner on November 24th at the Centre. Hinode invited all past members of the group, with many attending and a special anniversary video was created with footage from the past 30 years bringing back many memories to all involved. Congratulations!

In 2013, we celebrate an important day in our history with the 25th anniversary of the Redress settlement on September 22. Plans are underway to commemorate this historic event with an anniversary dinner (TBA) and the creation of a Living Ancestral document (family tree). The MJCCA would like to document family and community lineages within the Japanese Canadian community. The intent of this document is that it be updated yearly for

the purpose of maintaining an historical account of the familial and community lineage of Japanese Canadian families based in Manitoba. You can help us achieve this goal by sharing any information you may have about your family history and the names of your relatives. Living Ancestral Document information will not be publicly published online or in print, but may be privately printed and hopefully we can present our findings in time for the anniversary event. Please contact the Redress Anniversary committee (Jessica Nagamori, Jodene Baccus, Geoff Miki), if you would like to be a part of this exciting project.

Another endeavor the MJCCA is sponsoring is the Connecting Generations cookbook project. We are still seeking your family (or favourite) recipes and you have until December 31st to submit. Included in the book will be a brief family history of the contributors prepared by younger members of the community. The recipes can be left at the Centre or emailed to Jodene Baccus [jodene.baccus@gmail.com] or myself.

On behalf of the MJCCA, I would like to extend season's greetings and a very merry Christmas to everyone in our community. I'm exhausted from such a busy year and I don't see things slowing down in the new one as well. Keep warm and enjoy this joyous and fun time of year!

Geoff Miki [geoffmiki@hotmail.com]



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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 outlook.mjcca@gmail.com. **Articles and Ads for the next issue are due February 8, 2013.**



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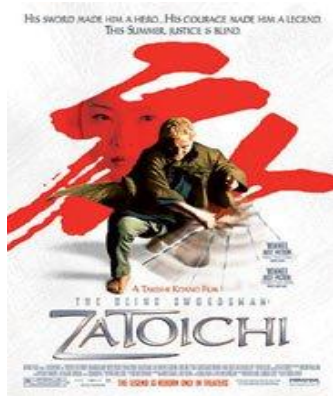
Horizon Club News

The AGM was held on October 17th. With no new nominations, the present Board will serve for the coming year. At the Board meeting on November 21st, the current officers agreed to carry on. The Board will have the power to add additional members, as required.

The Club is on its winter break until the end of January. Regular meetings will resume on Wed. February 6th, 2013.

The Annual Shinnenkai Potluck Luncheon will take place on Saturday, January 12, 2013 at 12 noon. Members will be contacted by the telephone committee before the event. The luncheon has always been fun with great food and a chance to socialize, so please plan to attend.

The Club extends warmest wishes for a HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON and ALL THE BEST IN THE NEW YEAR!!



Bento and a Movie - ZATOICHI THE BLIND SWORDSMAN

Saturday, February 23, 2013 at the Cultural Centre

Doors open at 5:00 pm

Bento and Snacks available for sale

Movie begins at 6:00 pm (English Subtitles)

Admission by Donation

Blind Zatoichi makes his living by gambling and giving massages. But behind his humble facade, Zatoichi is a master swordsman, gifted with lightning-fast draw and strokes of breathtaking precision. Zatoichi wanders into a town run by sinister gangs and a powerful samurai. He's destined for violent showdowns when he stumbles on two beautiful geishas avenging their parents' murder... Duels, wit and a touch of zen! Cult anti-hero Zatoichi is back in a sword-fighting adventure written, directed, and starring Takeshi Kitano.

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Family Notices

*Sincere condolences are extended
to the family of the following:*

Mr. John Nakano

Come for Lunch!

Join the Horizon Club

Most Wednesdays we meet for lunch at the centre. One of the cooking teams makes a delicious home-made style meal. It's a place to talk, listen and learn. Some of the activities that might be going on are tai chi, bridge, poker, crafts, discussion groups or watching a video.

Reasonable membership fee and over 55 is all that is required to join. Contact the centre at 774 5909 for more information.

*May the joy and peace of
Christmas be with you all
throughout the Year.*

*Wishing you a season of blessings
from heaven above.*

*Merry Christmas
from the Winnipeg Japanese
Alliance Church*

Sunday Service & Sunday School at 2pm

529 Gertrude Avenue, Winnipeg

(Trinity Baptist Church)

204-779-6279

Christmas Service & Dinner on December 23rd at 3pm.
All is welcome!

Manitoba Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre (MJCCC)

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT One or two days a week

The MJCCC is seeking applications for an Administrative Assistant to aid in daily office duties under the guidance of the Administrator.

Skills and Requirements:

- Excellent inter-personal and communication skills
- Computer efficiency with Microsoft Word, Excel, Simply Accounting (would be asset) and in the use of electronic office equipment
- Flexibility in relation to working hours
- Knowledge / participation in the Japanese community and ability to speak Japanese are assets

Salary commensurate with qualifications

Please submit a cover letter and resume in confidence by **December 31, 2012** to:
MJCCC Administrative Search Committee
180 McPhillips Street
Winnipeg, MB. R3E 2J9

CONNECTING GENERATIONS COOKBOOK PROJECT

The MJCCA has received a grant from New Horizons for Seniors Program through Human Resources and Skill Development Canada to undertake an activity entitled “***Building Relationships through Leadership and Food***”. The goal of the project is twofold: to utilize the skills of our senior leaders to develop leadership skills amongst the younger generation through their involvement in the project and to use the collective knowledge of seniors to gather adapted traditional Japanese dishes that families use that were passed down from friends, parents and grandparents to create a Japanese Canadian cook book. The cook book will highlight the contributions of the donors giving their brief biographical history. Favourite family recipes will be tested through tasting workshops that will engage the younger generation.

BE PART OF THE MJCCA COOK BOOK PROJECT

The Connecting Generations Committee is asking families to provide them with as many recipes as possible so that a selected number will be used for the book. Recipes include main course dishes, side dishes, desserts and special menus for sushi, rice and noodles. Included in the book will be a brief family history of the contributors prepared by younger members of the community.

Recipes can be left at the Cultural Centre. Mark the envelope as “Connecting Generations” or email the recipe to Jodene Baccus jodene.baccus@gmail.com

If you wish further information on this project contact Geoff Miki 204-477-4145 or email him at gcmiki@mymts.net

Manitoba Ten Pin Federation award given to Atsumi Odaguchi

Atsumi Odaguchi was given a long standing service award by the Manitoba Ten Pin Federation this past fall, for her many years of volunteer service to young bowlers in Manitoba. Atsumi has been coaching young bowlers ages, six years to 20 years, for over 30 years. Many of these bowlers went on to receive a variety of awards themselves in different tournaments across the Province, as well as National events. Atsumi is a well known figure in Ten Pin Bowling, not only as a coach, but an organizer of various tournaments, a board member of different bowling organizations, and the primary manager of league bowling out of a north end bowling alley. With league bowling came many other activities with young bowlers, including a High Performance Program that Atsumi embraced with much gusto and enthusiasm. She has always been very committed to sharing her knowledge and love of the sport with her charges. Congratulations to a well deserved recipient--Atsumi Odaguchi!

submitted by Terumi Kuwada



Japanese Pavilion – August 11 through 17, 2013

In 2012, under the direction of Art Miki and Joan Rolfe, the community came together and hosted another successful Folklorama. The Japanese Pavilion is the attraction for the thousands of people who come to experience our beautiful Japanese Canadian culture, heritage and history through food, drink, entertainment and cultural displays.

After much deliberation, the 2012 Folklorama Committee has recommended to the MJCCA that we host a Pavilion again in 2013. A successful event requires the involvement of committed individuals who value the importance of showcasing our community. Planning has already begun to host the Japanese Pavilion at Sisler High School.

Volunteers are an essential part of the Pavilion's successful operations. Coordinators for various areas are needed to assist in the planning starting January 2013. To ease the workload, this year we are again seeking at least two people to co-chair the specific areas of operation. If you are interested in the planning and running of the Pavilion, please contact Sandra Shibata as soon as possible. Our first planning meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2013 at the Centre. Coordinators undertake demanding responsibilities to organize the Pavilion, however, the sense of accomplishment and pride is tremendous.

Here is a sampling of the different volunteer chair areas available (some of which have already been filled):

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| • Set up and take down | • Food Cashiers | • Supply Purchase Agent |
| • Admissions | • Food Preparation | • Treasurer |
| • Youth Ambassadors | • Food Servers | • VIPs |
| • Adult Ambassadors | • Health and Safety | • Volunteer Coordinator |
| • Bar | • Kakigori (ice shaving) | • Volunteer Room |
| • Bus Tours | • Media | Coordinator |
| • Clean Up | • Pavilion Coordinator | • Youth Coordinator |
| • Cultural Displays | • Security | internship |
| • Entertainment | • Sponsorships & Signage | |

The Japanese Pavilion would not be possible without the dedication and commitment of the 450+ tireless volunteers required over the week of festivities to make the Japanese Pavilion a highlight of Folklorama. Additional Volunteer opportunities will be made available in the Spring of 2013.

In 2012 a Japanese Pavilion Sponsorship program was introduced. We are planning to utilize some of the funds generated from the program to purchase or make new Hapi Coats. If anyone has any ideas, patterns or supplier sources, please let us know.

You can make a difference!

Domo Arigato and Happy Holidays,
Sandra Shibata
(sshibata@mts.net or 654-9455)

NAJC Heritage Tour

by Terumi Kuwada

The Festive Season is upon us and a new year is about to begin. As we contemplate the past year and thoughts of new beginnings, I am reminded of a significant time during the recent NAJC Heritage Tour--the visit to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park. It is a outstanding reminder of the devastation of the atomic bomb and the need to abolish all nuclear weapons. The Mayors for Peace (representing over 5300 cities, world wide) have called for the abolition of nuclear weapons by 2020, and Mayor Masui Kazumi, of Hiroshima, in his



speech of August 6, 2012, stated: "I firmly believe that the demand for freedom from nuclear weapons will soon spread out from Hiroshima, encircle the globe and lead us to genuine world peace".

While our tour group listened intently to the words of the Tour Guide, I was struck by the magnitude of the devastation to Hiroshima and the resiliency of the people of Japan to rebuild the city and create such a powerful message of world peace. In particular was a monument to a tree that survived the destruction of the A-Bomb, the "Phoenix Tree", which



is a Chinese Parasol tree. This tree, which was in the epicentre of the bomb, was not expected to survive. Slowly, however, people noticed that leaves appeared within the charred remains of the tree and it was a message of hope and renewal. The tree was replanted to its current location in the Peace Park and the seeds from this tree are sent to schoolyards all over Japan to send a message to children, of hope and peace. Apparently in the Millennium year, there was a call to songwriters to write a song about celebrating Japan in the new century. Many songs were submitted, but the one

that was chosen, was a song about the tree, that was written and sung by a 7 year old girl. One of the lines of the song, (translated), "gathering courage, we make a vow....to create countries that do not fight". I purchased the CD of her song and was impacted by the strength of her voice and the warmth and hope that it conveys.

Hiroshima had a personal significance to me as well. It was here that my father was born and grew up, until he was 19 years old and journeyed to Canada, at the request of a relative who needed help. I wondered how it was for him, to leave his birthplace and be immersed in an unfamiliar country, often unfriendly to Asian immigrants. My father, along with many persons of his generation, stayed and made a life for himself and his family, despite many challenges. We are all the benefactors of past generations who paved the way for our communities to thrive and be strong. I looked for Kaki trees in Hiroshima as this was a lasting memory of my father, who often spoke of his anticipation of the time when the fruit matured and how he so enjoyed picking these fruits.

May the New Year bring much peace and joy to all.

Fundraising for the MJCCA

On Nov. 26 the MJCCA had a bowling night at Academy Lanes. Unfortunately attendance was low, as well as the scores, but fun was had by all. For those whom could not attend our bowling night in November... do not worry, you will have another chance in February. So stay close to your Outlook for further dates.

The MJCCA Board also had a Poinsettia sale this November. These beautiful plants came from Shelmerdine's and were delivered to the centre so that they could be picked up; deliveries were made by dedicated members of the MJCCA. The response from our members as well as the public was great. Thanks to all board members that went out of their way to make this fundraising event a success. Our top sellers were Ryan Mark, Jessica Nagamori, Brenda Mark, Keiko Burke and Sharon Hinatsu. Thanks to all board members as well to all of you that supported our fund raising effort by purchasing these poinsettias. Looking forward to doing this again next year ...so be ready!

Great Gifts or Use for Yourself:

1 ...Beauty Card ...just \$20 . You get ALL of these...

- Free Manicure from Posh Hair and Nails
- Free 2 weeks for 2 people at Shapes Fitness
- Free 3 tanning Sessions at Fabutan
- Free Microdermabrasion at Lesley's
- Free Slimming Spa at Vitality Wellness Center

All of these services are transferable and are valid until March 1 , 2013

- Free Arby's Beef and Cheddar sandwich
- Free Thunder Rapids Go Cart , Mini Golf , Batting Cage or Bumper Boat
- Free 2 Bowling Games and 2 shoe rentals from Coronation Bowling Center
- Free 1 Hour of Sport Simulator from 4 Play Sports Bar
- Free Computer Cleaning or Screen Protector from Cellular Walk-in Clinic
- Free Mac's Froster Swirl from Macs
- Free Haircut from MC College Salons and Spa

#2 ...Gift Certificates...just \$25 . You get ALL of these...

- Free 18 holes of golf at Kingswood Golf Course
- Free Papa John's Pizza
- Free Suit Cleaning (Men's or Women's) at Dollar Wise Cleaner
- Free \$25 off of ANY Fountain Tire Service
- Free Bouquet of Flowers from Growers Direct
- Free Manicure from Posh Hair and Nails
- Free Tim Horton's Cold Stone Blast

All of these services are transferable and are valid until September 30 , 2013

#3 ...Golf Tour...just \$20...You get ALL of these...

- Free 18 holes of golf at Larter's Golf and Country Club
- Free 18 holes of golf at Oakwood Golf Course
- Free 18 holes of golf at Kingwood Golf Course
- Free 30 minutes driving range or mini golf at The Golfdome

All of these services are transferable and are valid until the end of the 2013 golf season .

All of these cards are going to SAVE you HUNDREDS of dollars and don't forget you can use what you want and give the others away as gifts or whatever. Plus you will be helping your MJCCA raise funds.

Interested in any or all of these great value cards please e-mail dlabram2002@yahoo.com or call David @ 204 -667- 8040

YOSHI ROLLS FOR JAPAN:

HIS AMAZING BIKE JOURNEY FOR SAKURA LINE 311

by Art Miki

After a harrowing 12,500-kilometre cycling trip across the vast expanse of Canada, 29-year-old Yoshikazu Nakauchi finally arrived in Victoria, B.C. the evening of November 10th. Yoshikazu, who goes by Yoshi, started his trek four months earlier on June 20th from St. John's, Newfoundland. But his incredible journey began some time before with a wish to help lift



the spirits of those in Japan who have been affected by the earthquake and tsunami of March 2011.

During Yoshi's stop in Winnipeg mid-October, my daughter Tani and I met with Yoshi over lunch at Yujiro's restaurant to talk about his special project. Although he had never taken a bicycle journey before, Yoshi explained that he wanted to cycle across Canada to raise awareness and funds for the Sakura Line 311 project. The project involves planting a wall of sakura trees, 10 metres apart for a stretch of 120 kilometers along the affected north-eastern

coastline of Japan. Sakura Line 311 will serve both as a memorial to the victims and as a site of healing for the survivors. It also marks the furthest reach of the tsunami waters, demarcating a safety zone above the line of trees. Yoshi, who is from Sendai area, lost an aunt from effects relating to the disaster, which in part deeply motivated him to get involved. Working the past year at the Japanese restaurant Tojo's in Vancouver, Yoshi decided to make the trip before returning to Japan. His slogan "Yoshi Rolls for Japan" is a play on maki sushi (rolls). (Incidentally, Tojo's was one of his sponsors.)

Having a strong inner belief that this trip was to be his destiny, Yoshi is thankful for the Canadian hospitality and reception, and for the many new friends and supporters who have taken him in and looked after him as he journeyed across the country. (As a side note, while at eating at Yujiro's, Yoshi met the owner Masa, who invited him to stay over before continuing onto the next phase of his trip.)

Though Yoshi will be returning to Japan shortly, he has vowed to return to Canada as he wants to revisit friends that he had met along his journey. As a *soba* maker in Japan, Yoshi promised that when he comes back to Winnipeg, he will make *soba* for us. Reflecting on his experiences, Yoshi said, "I'm liking Canada more and more that I want to come back and do something for Canada."



For more about Yoshi's trip and find out more about the Sakura Line 311 project and/or make a contribution, visit:

<http://yoshirolls.org/>.

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We apologize to those we may have missed.

**Season's Greetings &
Happy New Year**

**from
Manitoba Kendo Club**

MJCCC PROGRAMS & EVENTS WINTER TO SPRING 2013

MJCCC BOARD 2012-13 Lucy Yamashita – President; Art Miki - 1st Vice-President; Kelly Koga - 2nd Vice-President; Aki Sugikami - 3rd Vice-President; Gail Cumming – Secretary; Marlene Mori – Treasurer. Board Members: Takahiro Fujiwara; Gaia Hashimoto; Henry Kojima; Ken Matsukubo; Marli Sakiyama

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE REQUESTED! Our membership year runs from September 1 to August 31. We thank all those who have renewed, but if you have not as yet – there is still time. **\$15 for a single adult; \$25 for a family (if your child is age 17 or younger before September 1, 2012).** The combined MJCCA & MJCCC Membership form is in this newsletter. You get a better price break when you're an MJCCC member, plus you get this newsletter, can shop for genuine Japanese groceries and pay less for programs and events.

If you are thinking of taking any of the classes or programs please do not delay in enrolling. We limit most class sizes so the learning atmosphere is ideal. **ACT NOW!** Enrolments that are too low however, will force us to cancel offerings so the sooner we know you are interested, the better!

ALL PURCHASES AT THE CENTRE CAN BE MADE USING CREDIT CARDS, DEBIT, CASH OR CHEQUE.

MJCCC Programs for You!

Language Classes – The Centre offers Japanese Language lessons for all ages, from Kindergarten to 80 year olds! The Language Class schedule appears in this newsletter.

Trip to Kansai Teaching Centre Osaka, Japan – Language Class High School students will travel to Japan in Spring 2013. This 15-day study program is designed specifically to have students use Japanese in a milieu conducive to improvement of their language skills. The program combines classroom learning activities with special trips and other out-of-classroom learning activities as well as short home stays. Students will be immersed in Japanese language and culture and gain a sense of accomplishment and confidence through their experiences and interpersonal interaction as they use their Japanese language skills. The program is intended for individuals who have had limited or no prior travel to or living in Japan. **Full details on the Language classes and the Japan trip further on in this Outlook and on our website www.mjccc.org**

NEW! Ono's Japanese Cooking Class! – Two different classes. These are NOT sushi classes but Japanese cooking classes that will be taught in our kitchen! **Saturday January 19** and **Saturday, March 2** from 12 Noon-1:30 p.m. Led by renowned sushi chef Sadao Ono, founder of Edohei Sushi & Japanese Restaurant, this is a culinary delight because you learn, get to eat what you make, plus get to eat some of Ono-san's creations! Each class will teach different Japanese cooking methods. Cost is \$50 for one class (includes all materials)! **Register** by end of day January 14 for the January 19 class, by February 25 for the March 2 class. Non-member cost is \$75.

Yoga at the Centre – Starting Tuesday, January 8 for 10 weeks. Classes 5:30-6:30pm led by Andrea Silver, a highly experienced and certified Yoga instructor. This is alignment based yoga that is healthy and safe for all ages. All 10 sessions \$100. Drop-ins are \$15 and not guaranteed. We require a minimum of 6 people or the class will not proceed. Non-members \$130 this session; drop-in fee \$20.

Manitoba Karaoke Club - This group meets on alternate Sunday afternoons starting January 13 in the afternoons and using its specialized karaoke equipment sings both traditional and new material. Newcomers are welcome to join.

SPECIAL WINNIPEG SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA NEWS

The WSO is bringing in **Nobuyuki Tsujii**, a world renowned blind Japanese pianist for concerts in January. He will play with the WSO on Friday, January 18 and Saturday, January 19, and at the University of Winnipeg for the Virtuosi Concert program on Sunday, January 20th. **Thursday, January 17** there will be a film on his life shown at the University of Winnipeg with Nobuyuki there for a Q & A period following the film. **The MJCCC will be hosting a reception after the question & answer period.** The film will run from 7–8:30 p.m., the Q & A from 8:30–8:45, and the reception from 8:45 to about 9:30 pm. We will have a special code soon from the WSO for a ticket discount. To check on Tokyo born Nobuyuki Tsujii there's excellent information on Wikipedia at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nobuyuki_Tsujii

NEW! EYES ON JAPAN LECTURE SERIES A presentation of the Manitoba Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre Language

School Lecture #1: Taking the Plunge – Kiyomizu-dera **Wednesday, January 30, 2013 6:30 p.m. at the Centre.**

Japan is a sensory delight for residents and visitors alike. There are literally thousands of places to see and explore, steeped in tradition and history. These sights, sounds, smells and tastes provide a distinctive link to the past, and provide lessons for the future. In this, the first of a planned series of free lectures aimed at students of Japan and the Japanese language, as well as the public at large, we connect to this grand history in a visual and visceral way. The lecture series will also be of interest to anyone simply curious about Japan and its people.

Kiyomizu-dera (清水寺) is an independent [Buddhist](#) temple in eastern [Kyoto](#). *Kiyomizu* means *clear water*, or *pure water*. The temple is a [UNESCO World Heritage](#) site. The temple was founded in 798, and its present buildings were constructed in 1633. There is not a single nail used in the entire structure. It takes its name from the waterfall within the complex, which runs off the nearby hills.

The popular expression "*to jump off the stage at Kiyomizu*" is the Japanese equivalent of the [English](#) expression "*taking the plunge*". This refers to an [Edo period](#) tradition that held that, if one were to survive a 13m jump from the stage, one's wish would be granted. Two hundred thirty-four jumps were recorded in the Edo period and, of those, about 85 % survived. The practice is now prohibited (thank goodness!).

Beneath the main hall is the Otowa waterfall, where three channels of water fall into a pond. Visitors can catch and drink the water, which is believed to have wish-granting powers. This is both our lecture beginning and stopping off point. This is also a landmark event for the MJCCC Language School as the three presenters are from three separate educational institutions that have previously not worked together on one theme such as this. Their experience and knowledge will provide for a highly informative evening that will be of interest to anyone curious about Japan and Japanese culture and history.

The Presenters:

Jeffrey Newmark, Assistant Professor, Religion & Culture – University of Winnipeg

Teaching Areas: Japanese intellectual, social, and cultural history; Japanese language; Japanese religion; East Asian cultural foundations; pre-modern Asian civilizations.

William Lee, Associate Professor and Director, Asian Studies Centre – University of Manitoba

Research and Teaching Interests: Japanese literature and theatre; Japanese folk performing arts; Japanese popular Culture.

Teruka Nishikawa, Instructor, Religion & Culture- University of Winnipeg; Coordinator, MJCCC Language School.

Teaching and Research interests: Japanese Language and Culture; History of acceptance of Western music in Japan; Women and Western Music in Japan.

Additional lecture topics under consideration for this series include Japanese Movies, Japanese Ceremonies and the Music of Japan. The public is welcome to attend, but seating will be limited to 100.

Donburi Lunches in 2013 - These wonderful lunches return on Fridays **starting January 18** at 12 Noon until 1:30(ish) p.m. *Dine in or take out. Reservations recommended for groups over 6. We provide **free delivery within 5km of the Centre for large orders (over 8 people)**. Choose from such delights as Shrimp or Beef & Vegetable Donburi, Pork Tonkatsu Donburi, Salmon and Chicken Bentos, Assorted sushi and Special Sushi, soup and salad and other goodies. Each lunch is different from the next. Full schedule: January 18; February 1 & 15; March 1 & 15 April 12 & 26.*

Movie Night – Saturday, February 23– A full-length feature film with a Japanese style snack bar! English subtitles. Doors open at 5:00 p.m.; Movie starts at 6 p.m. at the Centre. The movie is **Zatoichi–The Blind Swordsman –** duels, wit and a touch of Zen! Cult anti-hero Zatoichi is back in a sword-fighting adventure written, directed, and starring Takeshi Kitano. Admission by donation.

CUISINE NIGHT– Saturday, May 4 – Our Fall Cuisine was a roaring success, both from attendance and from happy eaters! This culinary delight is a popular evening at the Centre because it is all you can eat and many of you do exactly that – eat all you can! And who can blame you with that line-up of food – salmon teriyaki, chicken teriyaki, shrimp tempura, vegetable tempura, chow mein, gyoza, sushi, suno-mono and so much more! The mouth waters just reading this, doesn't it? Tickets are \$32 per person BUT if you buy before April 27 they cost \$28! On sale likely in mid-March.

UDON SALE - Yummy hot noodle time! March 9 Late morning into early afternoon. Details TBA.

Groceries. Our members know MJCCC has a small grocery store on the premises with those hard-to-get Japanese food items. Maguro, Saba, Ageh, Masago, Takuwan, Umeboshi, and Nori to mention **a few**; also lots of sauces, spice and seasonings. If we don't have it, **let us know** and we'll try to get it!

COMING UP IN 2013:

Horizon Shinnenkai – Saturday, January 12 at 12 Noon.

Oshogatsu - Sunday, January 6

Things Japanese Sale – Weekend of April 13 & 14

Cuisine Night- Saturday May 4 6pm. **To be confirmed**

CENTRE HOURS

Our office is open 9am-5pm Monday through Friday and usually 9am-2pm on Saturdays. The Centre will normally not be open for the following public holidays in 2013 but can be contacted by email (m.jccc@shaw.ca) at any time:

- February 18 is Louis Riel Day
- March 29 is Good Friday
- May 12 is Mother's Day
- May 20 is Victoria Day
- June 16 is Father's Day

Japanese Language School 2013 Winter/Spring Term

SATURDAY CLASSES

<u>Elementary School Age Classes</u> (K – Grade 3: Classes held at MJCCC, 180 McPhillips St.)	COST
Winter-Spring Term: Jan 12- June15, 19 Classes (<i>No classes: Feb16 March 23 & 30, May 18</i>)	\$200
Kindergarten: 10:00-10:50a.m.	Instructor: Miki Trembath Location: Multi-Purpose Room
Kokugo 1: 9 -10:20a.m.	Instructor: Azusa Ozawa Location: Board Room
Shoto 1: 10:30 -11:50a.m.	Instructor: Akiko Onishi-Mrsa Location: Board Room
Intermediate: 9:30am-10:30am	Instructor: Jiyu Iida Location: MJCCA Room

Junior High School (JH) Program (Grades 7 & 8: See individual class for location)

Winter-Spring Term: Jan 12- June15, 19 Classes (<i>No classes: Feb16 March 23 & 30, May 18</i>)	\$200
JH 2 Classes 10:00 -11:30a.m.	Instructor: Tatsuya Goto Location: Kelvin High School Rm 37

High School Credit Preparation Course (Grades 9-12: Classes held at Kelvin High School.)

Winter-Spring Term: Jan 12- May 11, 16 Classes (<i>No classes: Feb16 March 30, May 18</i>)	\$170
(Special Language Credit Option EXAM: May 25, 2013)	
S10: 12:00-2:10 p.m.	Instructor: Miki Trembath Location: Kelvin H.S. Room 35
S20: 12:00-2:10 p.m.	Instructor: Tatsuya Goto Location: Kelvin H.S. Room 37
S30: 9:30 - 11:40 a.m.	Instructor: Chonmi Kim Location: Kelvin H.S. Room 35

MONDAY CLASSES

Elementary School Age (Grades 4 &5: Classes held at MJCCC, 180 McPhillips St.)

Winter-Spring Term: Jan 7- June10, 19 Classes (<i>No classes: Feb16 March 25, April 1, May 20</i>)	\$200
Shoto 5: 6:30-8pm p.m.	Instructor: Tatsuya Goto Location: Multi-Purpose Room

MONDAY/THURSDAY CLASSES (*Wednesday class has moved to Monday*)

Adult: Continuing Education (Past-High School: Classes held at MJCCC, 180 McPhillips St.)

Winter Term: Jan 7/10- March 18/21 (11 Classes)	\$165
Spring Term: April 3/4- May 22/23 (8 Classes)	\$120
Level 1: 6:00-8:00 p.m (THURSDAY)	Instructor: Chonmi Kim Location: Multi-Purpose Room
Level 2: 6:00-8:00 p.m (MONDAY)	Instructor: Toshiyuki Ban Location: Multi-Purpose Room
Advanced: 6-8 p.m (THURSDAY)	Instructor: Tatsuya Goto Location: Board Room
	TA: Yuka Kuwabara

FUNDRAISING

FUNDSCRIP – A PAINLESS WAY TO HELP THE Centre! The Centre is always in need of operational funds and as a result **the Centre has signed on with Fundscrip** a new method of long-range fundraising. Fundscrip issues cash cards in set amounts. You get a dollar for a dollar. The cards are in various denominations depending on the retailer (usually from \$10 to \$100) and are used when you buy everyday items (like gasoline or groceries, Starbucks coffee or Christmas gifts) using these cards. You must purchase the cards from the Centre using cash or a cheque (no credit cards or debit) and we earn a small percentage but that quickly adds up! We have order forms at the Centre and you can check the list of retailers at the Fundscrip website www.fundscrip.com/Retailers/retailer_list.aspx. It's based on the premise that "you're going to spend the money anyway" so why not help us fundraise a little! If you wish you can designate YOUR purchase to help off-set the Language School Osaka trip. The parents and students who are going are doing just that!

THE MJCCC GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS:

(This listing is as of December 6, 2012. Donations recorded after that date will appear in the next OUTLOOK.)

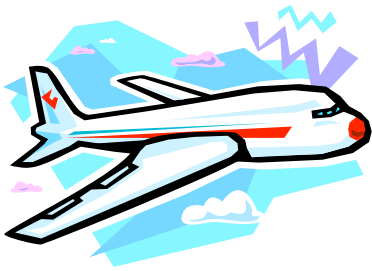
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MJCCC Osaka Bound Fundraiser



Come join us for an evening of food & fun!

Bud, Spud & Steak at the Tijuana Yacht Club
Canad Inns Polo Park 1405 St. Matthews Ave
Friday February 8, 2013 6:00-9:00 pm
Silent Auction & 50/50 Draw

We are raising funds for the
MJCCC Language School trip to Osaka, Japan.

Tickets \$20 each and available at the Cultural Centre

Season's Greetings From Our Family to Yours



Blaine & Gail Cumming
Steve & Pat Hanner
Ernie, Mona & Benji Hiebert
Kay Inouye
Kaye Kusano
Staffa Kopchuk & Yukio Morita
Dan, Paulette, Corie & Jaret Namba
Itoko & Suzue Nishibata
Onotera Family



Combined Membership Registration Form (MJCCC & MJCCA) EFFECTIVE September 1, 2012 to August 31, 2013



NAME of Applicant : _____
last first middle initial

ADDRESS (include city & postal code): _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL or OTHER PHONE: _____

eMAIL: (please print) _____

If Applying for Family Membership, include first names of all family members and year born (they must be under 18):

NAME(S)	Birth Year	NAME(S)	Birth Year
1 _____	_____	3 _____	_____
2 _____	_____	4 _____	_____

FEES: MJCCA (calculate age as of Sept 1, 2012)

Basic Membership (18 – 64 years) \$18.00 \$ _____
 + Spouse (if applicable) \$3.00 _____
 + Dependent child 17 years & under (\$1 per child) x ____ = _____
 + Dependent youth 18 years & over (\$3 per youth x ____ = _____
 Seniors - anyone 65 years and over \$12 _____
 A. Spouse - 65 years and over (if applicable) FREE _____
 B. Spouse - 64 years and under (if applicable) \$3 _____
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP FEE _____
 Donation (optional) _____
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____
OUTLOOK is included. Make cheques payable to "MJCCA"

FEES: MJCCC (calculate age as of Sept 1, 2012)

Family Membership
 (Parents & children 17 years & under) \$25 _____
Single Adult (18 and over) \$15 _____
Donation (optional) _____
 Tax receipts issued for donations over \$10)
TOTAL \$ _____
 Your membership entitles you to privileges and three
 OUTLOOK Newsletters per year. We accept cash,
 cheques, MasterCard, Visa and Debit. Do NOT send cash
 through the mail.
Make cheques payable to "MJCCC"

PLEASE NOTE: Membership in one of the organizations is not automatically a membership in the other
OUTLOOK (NEWSLETTER) Preferences:

Language: ☐ English Only ☐ Japanese Only ☐ BOTH **Delivery Method:** ☐ Email ☐ Pick Up in Person ☐ Canada Post

I would like to volunteer to help: ☐ MJCCA ☐ MJCCC. ☐ BOTH. **Please contact me.**

Applicant's Signature: _____

(NOT VALID WITHOUT SIGNATURE)

Thank you for your support of the our social, cultural recreational and educational activities. Your membership and involvement in our community is much appreciated.

(NOTE: Membership in the MJCCA is separate from membership in the MJCCC. Each has its own fee structure.)

- Registration can be made in person or by mail using this form.
- Membership is open to all people. **The membership year is from September 1 through August 31.**
- As a member you are entitled to special privileges including: OUTLOOK Newsletter ; Voting privileges at the AGM;
 Advance notice & preferred registration for events **Programs, services and fee structures are subject to change.**

Send mail for the MJCCC & MJCCA to 180 McPhillips Street, Winnipeg, MB R3E 2J9. Phone 204-774-5909 (Do not send cash in the mail). eMail: m.jccc@shaw.ca

By joining the MJCCC and/or the MJCCA you agree to the possibility to your image being recorded at organization events and being used and being used in our newsletter or other promotional material. You also agree that membership information can be shared between the two organizations. **Compliance with Federal and Provincial Privacy Guidelines:** The MJCCC and the MJCCA respect individual privacy. By signing you agree that you understand this information will be used to fulfill MJCCC and MJCCA obligations to its membership (including, but not limited to, phoning, mailing, and electronic distribution of information) as provided for under the membership requirements and obligations. By completing and signing this membership form you give the Manitoba Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre and/or the Manitoba Japanese Canadian Citizens' Association permission to collect the personal information provided above in order to process your membership. You attest that you are at least 18 years of age and have read this document and understand what it says. Parents and/or guardians provide similar understanding and acknowledgment for their family's members who are under 18 years of age.

OFFICE USE ONLY: Method of payment : _____

Date of Payment: _____