

OUTLOOK

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President's Report

by Geoff Miki

vol·un·teer·ism [vol-uh n-teer-iz-uh m] The policy or practice of volunteering one's time or talents for charitable, educational, or other worthwhile activities, especially in one's community.

The success of one's community isn't just measured by large numbers or financial strength, no, a strong community is one that is operated and run by a dedicated group of volunteers that donate their time and energy to keep their community strong and healthy. This is done more out of social responsibility than for financial reward and the feeling of pride of a job well done. This is especially true in our community, a small, but proud community that self-sustains itself through events and activities that attract participants from within our community and reaches outside the Japanese Canadian community. Each year the MJCCA organizes a series of activities that we hope will bring together young and old and will give an opportunity to meet, mingle and reconnect with others in this community.

Folklorama is an event that will attract the greatest amount of volunteers for one common goal and that is to showcase our culture, food and the people from the Japanese Canadian community in Winnipeg. Each year, the Folklorama planning committee weighs the benefits and disadvantages of participating in this annual festival and we all agree that the expenditures of putting on such an event are beneficial even if we can just appeal to people who don't otherwise attend any other events throughout the year. Of course, there are plenty of familiar faces that attend/volunteer

every year! The key to running a successful pavilion is the many volunteers, committee chairs and a solid leadership from the pavilion coordinator. I want to extend my thanks to last year's co-coordinators, Caroline Yamashita and Jim Burke who did an excellent job to help make last year's pavilion such a success.

This year again, we are hoping to participate in the festival. We are scheduled in the first week, August 5-11 and Joan Rolfe and Jessica Nagamori have bravely taken on the role of co-coordinator. Last year, Joan coordinated the security volunteers and Jessica has previously been a performer and ambassador at the Polish pavilion. This is a new challenge for both of them and I ask that you give them your respect and offer them your support so they can assemble a committee. It is very difficult to get a commitment from volunteers six months before the festival, but it is the response from our community that will drive this thing forward. For this to happen, we need volunteers that can coordinate the different committees such as food, bar, admissions, set up and clean up and more. There are still many logistical aspects of the pavilion we have to iron out first before I can confirm we will have a pavilion, but please circle the first week of August on your calendar. If you are interested in chairing a committee or if you would like to be a youth or adult ambassador, please let Joan or Jessica know or contact me (gcmiki@mymts.net).

Enjoy!



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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 April 6, 2012.



Manitoba Japanese Canadian
Cultural Centre

Horizon Club News

The regular Wednesday meetings resumed on February 1st.

The annual Shinnenkai Potluck Luncheon was held on January 14th. There were about forty people in attendance and everyone enjoyed the wonderful and delicious array of dishes. After lunch, draws were held for door prizes.

The Club gratefully acknowledges donations toward the door prizes from:

Ernie and Mona Hiebert and Fred and Lee Matsuo

A reminder to board members that the next meeting will be held on March 7th. In the meantime, come and join us each Wed. at the Centre.

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

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Nobu Ellis	Toshio Nishi
Tony Fukumura	Bill Norrie
Tosh Hashimoto	Willie Oye
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Family Notices

Sincere condolences to the families of the following:

Tomeno Hamade
Patricia Onagi
Tomomi (Tom) Oye
Akira (Aki) Tamoto

*Family and friends celebrating the senior members
of the community*

Keirokai 2012

Keirokai is a special annual event held by the MJCCA to recognize and celebrate the contributions of the senior members of the Japanese Canadian community.

Their dedication and hard work have been instrumental in preserving the Japanese culture and sense of community.

Please consider joining us in honouring your parents and grandparents.

DATE: Sunday, April 22, 2012

**PLACE: Manitoba Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre
180 McPhillips Street**

**TIME: Cocktails - 4:00 pm
Entertainment - 4:30 pm
Dinner – 5:00 pm**

Invitations to the honoured senior guests to be mailed out
mid-March.

For family members and friends, please consider this notice as
your invitation to attend Keirokai.

Cost - \$25.00

RSVP by April 7 to Motoko Miyamoto (Ph 204-633-4388)

Special bento box dinner by Yujiro Japanese Restaurant

MJCCC SPRING 2012

CORRECTION:

In the last December's issue of the Outlook a donation was noted as being "in memory of Kaye Inouye". This was an error, as Kaye is very much alive. The Centre wishes to apologize to Kaye Inouye for this error.

PROGRAMS, CLASSES and EATS:

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. There's still time to register. Phone us 774-5909!

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. Some spaces are left for this great activity!

Origami Club - This group meets normally on the fourth Sunday of each month from 2-4 pm at the Centre

Sushi Supper Class! – There's a few openings left for the March 12 class! It runs 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. led by renowned sushi chef Sadao Ohno, founder of Edohei Sushi & Japanese Restaurant. You eat what you make and you make what you eat! BONUS: You also feast on what Chef Ohno makes! Cost is \$50 for one class (includes all materials and Makisu - rolling mat – your souvenir of a memorable culinary experience)! Registration before close of day Thursday March 8.

Donburi Lunches in 2012- These wonderful lunches make selected Fridays special starting at 12 Noon until 1:30(ish) 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 & 17, March 2, 16, 30 April 13 & 27

UDON LUNCHEON – March 10 12 Noon 1:30 p.m. Tickets \$6.50. on sale now at the Centre. Drop in or phone 774-5909. We take MasterCard, Visa, Debit cheque or cash. A big family lunch sure to please everyone!

Groceries. Our members know MJCCC has a small grocery store on the premises with those hard-to-get Japanese food items. Maguro, Saba, Ageh, Unagi, 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:

Movie Night- Saturday February 25 – Doors open 5 p.m. Cannes Best Picture Award Winner: Nobody Knows – Dare Mo Shiranai Bento and Snacks available for sale. Movie begins at 6:00 pm (English Subtitles) Admission by Donation.

Things Japanese Sale – Weekend of April 14 & 15

Cuisine Night- Saturday May 12 6pm. More info to follow.

CENTRE HOURS

Our office is open 9am-5pm Monday through Friday and usually mornings on Saturdays. During July & August office hours may be curtailed. The Centre will normally not be open for the following public holidays in 2012 but can be contacted by email (m.jccc@shaw.ca):

- February 18-20 Louis Riel Day Weekend
- April 6-9 Easter Weekend
- May 19-21 Victoria Day Weekend
- June 30-July 2 Canada Day Weekend
- Sept 1-3 Labour Day Weekend
- Oct 6-8 Thanksgiving Day Weekend
- Dec 22-26 Christmas
- Dec 29-Jan 1 New Year

Public Schools Program

The Public Schools Program, having begun in October, is well into its 2011-2012 year and looking forward to the very special Children's Week in April. The year is flying by as we welcome children from Grades 2 to 4, as well as home schooled children ranging from 5 to 15 years of age.

Some 30 volunteers are needed each session and we have enjoyed the service of a core of faithful and dedicated "senseis". We extend our grateful thanks to them. However we do need other community members to lend a hand now and then and we invite others to come and observe and participate on most Thursday mornings. If you can fold paper, dance a simple folk dance, or write names in Japanese (all classes have leaders and you will be assisting--or leading if you wish) we would love to have you join us. A call to Lucy Yamashita or Jake Marks (774 5909), Motoko Miyamoto (633 4388) or Mickey Kojima (889 7564) will yield any information you might require.

The pictures below will best illustrate something of what we do in the program. The children very much enjoy their introduction to things Japanese.



**Winner 2004 Cannes Best Actor
Award for Yuya Yagira**

Bento and a Movie – Nobody Knows – Dare Mo Shiranai

Saturday, February 25, 2012

**Movie begins at 6:00 pm (English
Subtitles)**

Doors open at 5:00 pm

Admission by Donation

Bento and Snacks available for sale

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.

Running time: 141 minutes



Manitoba Buddhist Temple Cherry Blossom Fund Raiser

Saturday, April 7, 2012
Tecumseh & Winnipeg Ave

from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

PRE-ORDERS ONLY of sushi, yaki manju, mushi manju, chow mein & satsumage based on fish availability. Tables will also be set up for **WALK UP SALES** of baking & other available items.

Deadline for all Pre-Order is March 9th,
please call Donna Nishimura at 783-7608

All orders to be picked up April 7
between 1:00 - 2:30 pm

**Do you have a project in mind that will
benefit our community?
You may be eligible for a grant from the
MJCCA Community Fund.**

Following the successful resolution of Redress in September 1988, the MJCCA Community Fund was established by a group of senior citizens in the community in appreciation of and in commemoration of:

- 1) the Redress Settlement, and
- 2) the people who passed away before September 1988 and who were not able to share the benefits of the Redress Settlement.

The main goal of the fund is to assist organizations, groups and individuals in undertaking projects that will:

- 1) Maintain, develop and ensure the growth of the Manitoba Japanese Canadian community, and
- 2) Promote educational, cultural, human rights and other activities and programs contributing to the betterment of our community and Canada.

Application forms are available at the Cultural Centre.
DEADLINE IS MARCH 31, 2012

Please note that applications must be submitted and approved BEFORE the project is begun. Please contact the MJCCA for more information.



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April 5th & 7th, 2012
Heather Curling Club
Winnipeg, Manitoba

The Manitoba Japanese Canadian Citizens' Association cordially invite you to participate in the **10th ANNUAL MJCCA BONSPIEL!** It has proven to be a fun-filled event with lots of good curling, prizes, food and fun. We hope that families and friends will get together to share a weekend with us.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5th and SATURDAY, APRIL 7th

- *Thursday (evening)* – tentative start time of 6:00 p.m. [2 draws]
- *Saturday (day)* – Draw times to be determined (finals in the afternoon)
- *Saturday night (6:00 p.m.)* – Japanese Cuisine banquet
- 6 end games



ENTRY FEES

- **Only \$160 per team or \$40 per individual (includes Japanese Cuisine Dinner and Banquet).**
- **We would ask that each team bring a prize for the Auction (approximate value \$25)**
- We will also assist in forming teams for individuals or partial teams. Experience is not necessary, so come have some FUN!

ELIGIBILITY - All teams must have at least one curler of Japanese descent

Due to limited space, the first paid 16 rinks are in! Don't be disappointed....register early!

SKIP: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

THIRD: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

SECOND: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

LEAD: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mail your entry and cheque payable to the **MJCCA** to:
MJCCA Bonsoriel 2012, c/o Sandra Shibata, 128 Orum Drive, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3W 1T4

ENTRY DEADLINE: March 2nd, 2012

Donations and sponsorship from businesses and individuals help make the bonsoriel a success.
If you know an organization or individual that may be interested in sponsoring this event or making a donation,
please contact Sandra at 654-9455 or via e-mail at sshibata@mts.net