

OUTLOOK

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President's Report

By Geoff Miki

This year's Nikkei Heritage Day was held on September 23rd. We acknowledged the 70th anniversary of the internment of Japanese Canadians with a photo exhibit displayed at the Centre that documented the uprooting and the sites and camps where people were displaced. Everyone in our community has family or knows someone that was affected and this exhibit proved to be powerful in its message as it is part of our history that can't be ignored and should be shared and presented beyond our community. This day was also an opportunity to honour Art Miki for his recent Order of Manitoba appointment and to recognize the contributions and his leadership that led to the redress agreement in 1988. Everyone in attendance was treated to a fine afternoon of entertainment, as several performers from our community gave us a small sampling of their talent. Performers included:

Junko, who played 2 songs on the Koto.

Take (from Bounce) and Kelly (from Hinode).

Sumi and Mitsuko (from Aurora)

Holly and the Muse (Jesse and Bev).

Next year will be the 25th anniversary of redress, so stay tuned for details about our special celebration for Nikkei Heritage Day.

On September 25, board members of the MJCCA and MJCCC had the honour of meeting with the Ambassador of Japan, Kaoru Ishikawa as he visited the Cultural Centre during his brief visit to Winnipeg. I had previously met the Ambassador at the Embassy in Ottawa. I had the pleasure to dine with the Ambassador with a select few and found the Ambassador to be a quite candid and very comfortable talking about his personal life, along with his passion for the arts, especially music. It was a refreshing change from what I was expecting from an ambassador that I usually associate with pomp and protocol.

Lastly, I want to extend congratulations to my friend, Sumi (Saito) Kimanivong who is to be honoured with the Rising Star award at the Cultural Centre's Gala dinner on October 20th. I have had the pleasure of working alongside Sumi for many years coordinating the entertainment at Folklorama and organizing the Connecting Generations project and I can't say enough good things about her. Sumi is a solid choice, not only because she has been so active in our community for many years, but also because I know she truly does care about the future of Japanese Canadians. It is important to recognize the significant role the youth in our organization play as they are the hope and future of a strong community. **Kongurachure-shonzu, Sumi!**



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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 outlook.mjcca@gmail.com. **Articles and Ads for the next issue are due December 7, 2012.**



Manitoba Japanese
Canadian Cultural Centre

Horizon Club News

After the summer break, the first meeting of the Horizon Club took place on September 5th. Members played cards, exercised, played the Wii, caught up on news and had lunch. In other words, the usual activities have resumed and the Club welcomes old and new members. Please come and join us. Membership is only \$5.00 per year and a delicious lunch is served every week for a nominal price.

On September 27th we were saddened by the death of Florence Hirose. She was a long-time member and her warm smile will be missed. Condolences are extended to her family.

Public School Program

The Public School Program has not yet begun for this school year. The first class will arrive November 8th with four more Thursday groups before we break for the holidays. The planning group met at the Centre today (October 4) with Kelly Koga and Jake to discuss the program for the upcoming year and some exciting ideas were exchanged. We look forward to seeing all our amazing volunteers as we once again introduce enthusiastic children to many aspects of life in Japan. We invite anyone interested in taking part in this venture to call the Centre for details, and perhaps come out and join in the fun. (The lunches are wonderful!)

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 (outlook.mjcca@gmail.com)

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Family Notices

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

Mrs. Yoshiko Nose

Mrs. Fusae (Florence) Hirose

Nikkei Heritage Day Photos



BENTO AND A MOVIE

Saturday, November 10, 2012

Doors Open 5:00 pm

Movie Starts 6:00 pm

Admission by Donation

Bento and Snacks for Sale

The School Festival is about to begin and Kyoko, Kei, and Nozumi are looking for a lead vocalist after their band breaks up. Kei recruits Son, a Korean exchange student who is still learning Japanese.

The girls choose to perform three songs from The Blue Hearts, an 80s punk rock group. They choose, Linda, Linda, Linda, An Endless Song, and My Right Hand.

They have several late night practice sessions while Son tries to perfect her Japanese and Kei struggles to play the guitar better. The girls each face typical high school drama and different struggles while trying to master their songs for the school festival.

English Subtitles

Runtime: 114 minutes

NEWS FROM THE CENTRE

It's a busy time at the Cultural Centre. Here are some events you should know about:

DONBURI Lunches have started and will take place October 12 & 26 and November 9 & 23 starting at 12 Noon in 2012.

October 20 is our 11th annual **GALA DINNER** celebrating 25 years of Community.

November 10 is **MOVIE NIGHT** featuring the light-hearted Japanese film Linda, Linda, Linda. Doors open 5pm; movie starts 6pm.

November 17 is **CUISINE NIGHT**. Tickets are now on sale.

Our annual **MOCHI/UDON SALE** takes place Saturday, December 8

For more information or to purchase tickets call Jake at the office 204-774-5909



MJCCA Children's Christmas Celebration 2012 A Family Event

Saturday, December 8, 2012

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 30, 2012

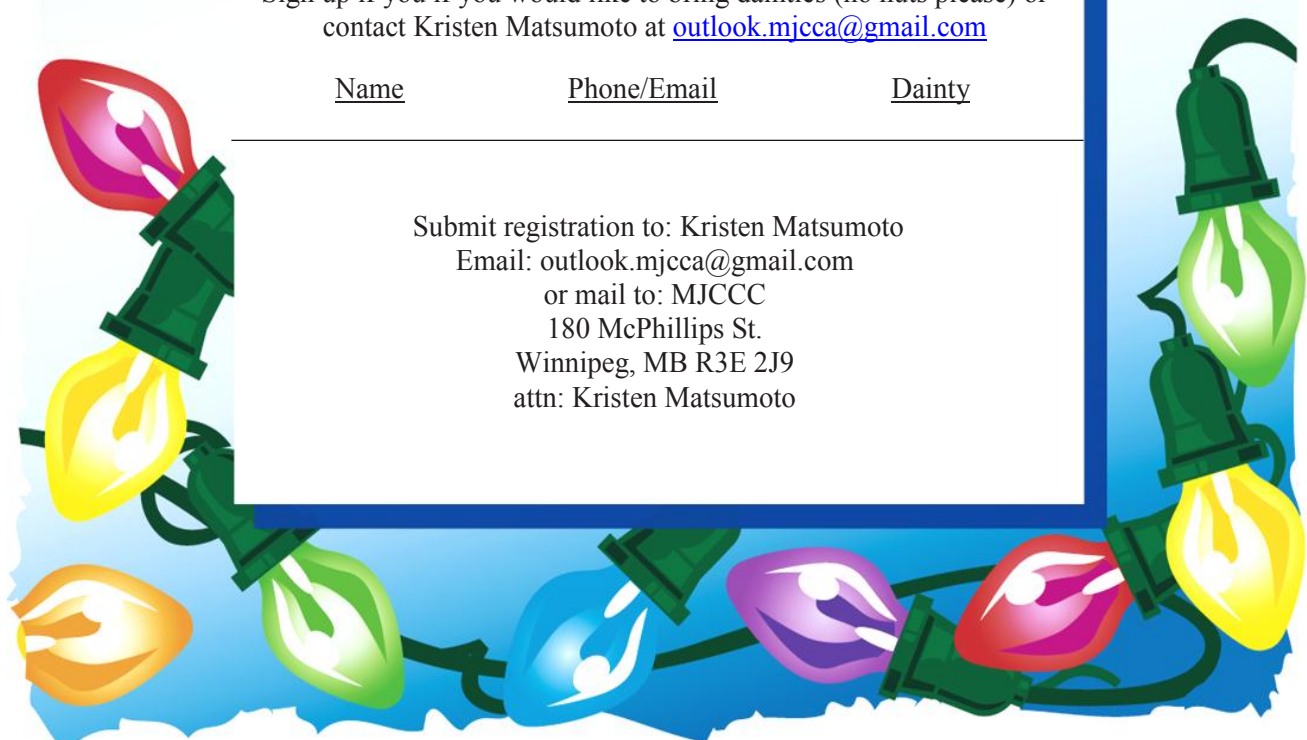
<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Boy/Girl</u>	<u>Age</u>

Names of Family Members Attending:

Sign up if you if you would like to bring dainties (no nuts please) or
contact Kristen Matsumoto at outlook.mjcca@gmail.com

<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone/Email</u>	<u>Dainty</u>

Submit registration to: Kristen Matsumoto
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Sally Ito, Writer-in-Residence

Sally Ito is the current Writer-in-Residence at the Centre for Creative Writing and Oral Culture at the University of Manitoba until December 10, 2012.

If you would like her to consult on your writing, please contact her at:

Centre for Creative Writing and Oral Culture

Room 341, University College

University of Manitoba

The Centre also has a website at:

<http://umanitoba.ca/centres/ccwoc/>

Consultation hours are

Monday and Wednesdays from 1-3PM.

Submissions (12 pages maximum for prose or 8-10 poems) should be sent by e-mail first at ccwocwir@cc.umanitoba.ca



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MJCCC Gala Dinner

Saturday, Oct 20, 2012

Celebrating 25 years of community

**Centro Caboto – Mauro Conference Room
1055 Wilkes Boulevard (west of
Waverley)**

Cocktails: 6 p.m. Dinner: 7 p.m. Cash Bar

MJCCC Award Presentations:

**Outstanding
Volunteer
Award**

**Rising Star
Award**



Kelly Koga



Sumi Kimanivong

- **Guest Speaker: Art Miki**
- **Fabulous Silent Auction**
- **50/50 draw**
- **A gala evening with family and friends.**

***Special Entertainment by
Hinode Taiko***



Manitoba Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre

This is our major annual fundraising event with all proceeds helping to defray MJCCC's operating costs.

Tickets are \$75 (portion eligible for a tax receipt) and are available from the Centre