

OUTLOOK

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President's Report

by Geoff Miki

Dear members of the community,

In life, we make decisions on a daily basis, some life or death, some that affect millions of people or some as simple as deciding what to eat for breakfast. We live in a democratic society, we have the right to vote, to express our opinions and to choose left or right or yes or no. Sounds pretty simple, eh? But, within these structures of a democracy we have rules that keep things orderly and fair. For instance, in an election we are given a selection of candidates (or bills), we evaluate the choices, we vote, the votes are tallied and a winner is pronounced. Not often do we get a second chance or a "do over", after second thought we think we made the wrong decision. If this happened, the ability to move forward would forever be put on hold, back peddling in circles and progress would never be made.

The MJCCA and MJCCC organizations are in the process of an amalgamation. Proceeding with the amalgamation cannot move forward until a name for the new organization is officially submitted. The Amalgamation committee started this seemingly simple task by appealing to members of the community (you) through the Outlook well over a year ago for your suggestions and ideas for a name and an acronym. This proved fruitless as very few ideas were submitted. In May 2012, a "naming meeting" with members of both organizations met to brainstorm name choices and created a list of possibilities. Committee

members pondered many options, but a final decision was not made.

Finally on October 21st, 2012, due to time sensitive documents needing to be submitted for the amalgamation process to proceed, another meeting with the same group was called specifically to officially choose a name. The list was narrowed down to 3 options and after a unanimous vote; Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba (JCAM) was chosen. A motion to approve the new name, JCAM was carried with 17 votes in favour with 2 abstentions. A month later following the vote I received 2 emails (from my board) expressing a change of heart and a request to revisit the name for the organization. Apparently, one other member of the community was upset by this proposed name and that this important decision should involve the community.

My response is that the two governing boards discussed it (many many times!) and voted. We sit on this board to make important decisions representing the community at large and no matter what the name is, you will never please everyone. This holds true with everything in life, I'm not always happy with all my decisions and choices, but I made them and I have to live with them...suck it up! If we backtrack and re-hash issues we already voted for, how are we to move forward? Believe it or not, there is still much discussion and work to do before our two organizations can fully amalgamate, but I would like to hear from the community (not board members). Let me know your thoughts...Personally, I hate back peddling in circles.



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Manitoba Japanese
Canadian Cultural Centre



THE MJCCA CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND

KEIROKAI 2013

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL APPRECIATION
OF THE SENIORS IN OUR COMMUNITY.

DATE: SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH, 2013

PLACE: WINNIPEG SQUASH RACQUET CLUB
275 STRADBROOK AVENUE
(corner of Stradbrook and Donald)
WINNIPEG, MANITOBA
(Parking available behind the building,
off Stradbrook; Also, for those who
have difficulty using the stairs, there is
a lift available in the entranceway)

TIME: COCKTAILS: 4:00 PM
ENTERTAINMENT: 4:30 PM
DINNER: 5:00 PM

RSVP BY MARCH 24th TO MOTOKO MIYAMOTO, PH. 204-633-4388

Note: Please indicate when you RSVP if you have any dietary restrictions
i.e. vegetarian, gluten free, allergies

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We apologize to those we may have missed.

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Family Notices

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

Mr. John Nakano

Mr. Fumio Yamada



Manitoba Buddhist Temple Cherry Blossom Fund Raiser

Saturday, April 6, 2013
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, crafts, raffle tickets and a limited supply of manju and sushi along other available items.

Deadline for all Pre-Order is March 14th,
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All orders to be picked up April 6
between 1:00 - 2:30 pm

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Public Schools Program

The Public Schools Program has resumed welcoming children to the Cultural Centre as of January 17 with 60 or so Grade Threes from Linden Christian School in attendance. We appreciate all the volunteers who give their time and knowledge to this program, making it possible to acquaint these enthusiastic students with Japanese life. We hope our volunteers have all had a restful and enjoyable holiday over the Christmas season.

We are looking forward to this new year with a few changes. Where we have previously used fortune cookies and a drink for snack time we are now showing a video on the production and importance of senbei in daily Japanese culture and treating the children to a snack of senbei and drink. (Fortune cookies have been attributed to Chinese, Japanese and American creators, but senbei is truly Japanese.)

Another new venture has been introduced by Miwako Hoppe, using Power Point presentation to present the story of Urashimataro, a legend about a Japanese fisherman, showing the old illustrations as she reads the story live in front of the class. This of course has been well received by the children and no doubt Hoppe Sensei will continue to adapt a few more old storybooks to this new method of presentation.

We have busy months ahead and the highlight of the year will come in April with Children's Week bringing classes to the Centre every day, morning and afternoon the entire week, with exciting performances and demonstrations of various aspects of Japanese culture. We will need many dedicated volunteers, and of course would welcome any new people who might be able to join us. We'd love to see you!

Horizon Club News

After taking a winter break, the Wednesday meetings have resumed.

The Shinnenkai Potluck Luncheon was slated for January 12 but unfortunately the event was cancelled because of inclement weather. It was a disappointment, but we can look forward to a presentation by Valerie Hoshizaki Nordin and Terumi Kuwada of their trip to Japan. This will take place in the coming weeks.

Come and join us for socializing and a delicious lunch.

MJCCC EVENTS FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS!

CHANGES AT THE CENTRE!

The MJCCC is **now open daily from 10am-6pm**, and Saturdays 9am-5pm. The Centre will be closed on Sundays and Mondays. This does not affect those who have access keys (e.g.: User Groups) and special bookings in off hours and programs that require earlier access. However it is all the more important that meetings, events, rooms etc. be booked well in advance through our Administrator, so proper access and support arrangements can be made. The Centre Administrator **MUST** be made aware of any meetings for safety and security reasons, even if such notice cannot be given, though notice is preferred.

Also, say hello and welcome to our new Assistant Administrator **Azusa Ozawa** who started February 5 and will initially work Tuesdays and Thursdays alongside Jake to look after our members' needs as well as the Centre's.

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. Please drop in Feb 24, March 10 or 24, April 7 or 21. Phone us first just in case there's been an adjustment to the schedule.

Donburi Lunches continuing in 2013: Feb 15, March 1 & 15, April 12 & 26. 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)**. ALWAYS such delights on the menu as Shrimp Donburi, Assorted & Special Sushi, Ageh, Satsumage, soup, salad and other goodies. **Specials on the menu** - Feb 15: Beef Curry Donburi and Pickerel Bento; March 1: Tekkadon Donburi and Chicken Bento; March 15: Pork Tonkatsu and Salmon Bento; April 12: Pan Fried Pickerel and Gyoza Bento; April 26: Chicken Teriyaki and Salmon Bento.*

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 – This 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? Mouth-watering salmon teriyaki, chicken teriyaki, shrimp tempura, vegetable tempura, chow mein, gyoza, sushi, suno-mono and so much more! Just reading that list makes me let out my belt a notch! Tickets are \$32 per person BUT if you buy before April 27 they cost \$28! On sale likely in mid-March.

UDON SALE Saturday March 9 - Yummy noodle time! Late morning into early afternoon. Details TBA but expect to be able to eat, browse and take out!

SORRY! Ono's Japanese March 2 Cooking Class is sold out! More updates in later OUTLOOKS!



March 28th & 30th, 2013

**Heather Curling Club
Winnipeg, Manitoba**

The Manitoba Japanese Canadian Citizens' Association cordially invites you to participate in the **11th 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, MARCH 28th and SATURDAY, MARCH 30th

- *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 Bonsorpiel 2013, c/o Sandra Shibata, 128 Orum Drive, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3W 1T4

ENTRY DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 28th, 2013

Donations and sponsorship from businesses and individuals help make the bonsorpiel 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



Folklorama

Celebrating Diversity

Join the buzz at Folklorama

Japanese Pavilion – August 11 through 17, 2013

At the recent Japanese Folklorama Planning meeting, many members left the Cultural Centre observing how different this year's Planning Committee was. There is a heightened excitement, partially created by the new members on the team.

Sandra Shibata, last year's Volunteer Coordinator has taken over as Pavilion Coordinator. Her focus is to add to the planning team by ensuring each chairperson has a co-coordinator. Her reasoning is two-fold; firstly more people at the table means more ideas. Secondly, we eventually have to replace members, many of whom have many years of experience.

What does this mean for you – Opportunity!!! We are not looking for a particular skill. The most precious asset you have is your time. Are you willing to help showcase our culture and show the Folklorama public what it means to be Japanese? Now is your chance.

Come and see what the buzz is all about. Contact Sandra at sshibata@mts.net or (204) 654-9455 and join our Folklorama Committee.

- Sandra Shibata – Pavilion Coordinator
- Admissions - Sharon Hinatsu, Cindy Voakes
- Bar - Marli Sakiyama, Jon Miki, Grant Voakes
- Clean-up - David Labram
- Cultural Display - Keiko Miki, Aki Sugikami
- Entertainment - Jodene Baccus, Geoff Miki
- Food Preparation - Art Miki
- Food Servers -
- Group Tours - Joy Letkemann
- Health and Safety - Clive Hinds
- Ice Shaving Stand - Jen Pineau
- Marketing - Ken Teramura
- Security - Joan Rolfe, Clive Hinds
- Set up / take down -
- Supply Purchase Agent - Steve Hanner, Pat Hanner
- Treasurer / Finance - Ryan Mark, Bobby Young
- VIP Host - Janet Hirose
- Volunteers -
- Volunteer Room - Terumi Kuwada

Ambassadors Needed

In addition, we are currently in search of 2 Adult Ambassadors and 2 Youth Ambassadors (age 14-17) to represent our Pavilion at various functions throughout the year and during Folklorama. Through community appearances and events, each Ambassador will seek to fulfill the mission of “*Celebrating Diversity and promoting cultural understanding*”. Please contact Sandra Shibata for an Application Form. The information provided will assist our Committee’s selection decision. **Deadline for applications is February 22, 2013.**

Domo arigato,
Ken Teramura
Marketing Chair