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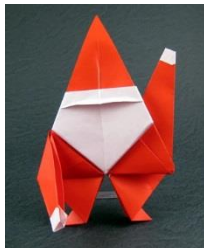
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Cassidy Nekwinda

It's the end of another year and, with this issue of the Outlook, the beginning of a new year! Happy New Year! Of course at this time we reflect on the past and what has happened to us to make this year memorable (or forgettable) yet a bright spark burns in the chest that yes, next year will be a better year – if only because it is a *new* year!

The Centre had another eventful year with many fine moments involving culture and culinary activities all which are based on one dominant force – our people. Loyal, kind, generous – so giving of their time, talents, money and resources – you'd think this Centre has a membership some 10,000 strong.

There are many events and activities coming in 2015 and this newsletter may be your first record of such things, so hang onto it!



Origami Santa

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Art Miki: JCAM President's Report

I would like to welcome a number of new Board members to the JCAM Board. The array of talent we are fortunate to have will make for an interesting two years. In the next few issues of the Outlook we want to introduce our Board members to you. As we move into the second year of JCAM operations, there are still obstacles to overcome during the transition period. The Community Fund structure has been changed and the policies and procedures are being updated. The financial system is being updated and programs and activities need to be reviewed so that the Association can become more relevant to the diverse members of the community.

The Japanese Pavilion this year under the banner of JCAM netted a profit of over \$12,000. Thanks to the support of many volunteers who helped at the pavilion and, especially the chairpersons responsible for many areas, who are crucial to the Pavilion's operations. The Folklorama Committee is already planning for next year with Caroline Yamashita as the Coordinator. Read about its progress in the Outlook. If some area catches your eye and you would like to get involved in the planning let Caroline know.

We are planning a renovation program to expand the main foyer allowing more space for activities in the main hall area. This project will make the entrance area larger and be more accessible to seniors and handicapped persons by installing appropriate doors. JCAM is applying for a partial grant for the renovations from the Manitoba Government's Community Places program.

We were pleased that Jeff Chiba Stearns was the keynote speaker at the "One Big Hapa Dinner" a fund raising event held on November 1 at the Centre. Over 150 attended the dinner and were treated to a superb meal offered by three well-known Japanese chefs. Thanks to Kelly Koga for organizing the dinner. The dinner honoured the first directors of JCAM for their dedication and contribution in the amalgamation process. Sadao Ono and Lena Takatsu were presented with the NAJC Merit Awards for their contribution to the community.

The following day, in celebration of Nikkei Heritage Day, Jeff hosted the showing of his film and workshop on "hapa" experiences. A more detailed report appears in this Outlook.

On behalf of JCAM Board I extend our sincerest wishes for a happy and safe holiday season and for a healthy and prosperous new year.

SOME OF YOU HAVE NOT YET RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP. You can still do so, easily, by phoning the Centre 204-774-5909. The membership year runs September 1 to August 31. And it pays to be a member!

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Next regular edition of the OUTLOOK will be March 4, 2015. Deadline for submission of materials is February 23. Submit all materials to Jake Marks c/o m.jccc@shaw.ca (English) and Yayoi Brandt c/o yayoibrandt@gmail.com (Japanese).



CURLING BONSPIEL

The Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba (JCAM) invites you to participate in our **13th ANNUAL BONSPIEL** to be held **April 2nd & 4th** (two days) at the Heather Curling Club. 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. Please contact Sandra Shibata at her email sshibata@mts.net for further details.



Part of a major volunteer force, Kendo's Tyler Davey gets the dirt out a vent.



Hiroyuki Sato and his daughter Marie (Newcomers group) work on one of the many shoji.

CENTRE FALL CLEAN-UP

A huge thank you to all the people who gave up their Sunday morning on September 28 to come to the Centre and give it our annual Fall cleaning. There were people from the JCAM Board of Directors, Judo program, Hinode Taiko, Karaoke Club, Aurora Dancers, Horizon Club, and from the Office. A special thank you to members of the Newcomers Group and Manitoba Kendo Club who came out in record numbers to help make our Centre clean, neat and tidy.



Kendo's Ryan Symaka steadies our rolling scaffold while Judo's Wayne Yamashita gets the top of the gym lights.

SOUTH BEACH CASINO BUS TRIP

With high hopes for a big win, 40 Horizon Club members and friends set off to South Beach Casino on a Breakaway Tours bus on October 6. Harold Onagi, our guide for the day trip, got our gambling spirit going with a few bingo games. Some people were winners before they even stepped into the Casino. A fun day was had by all even though no one came home in a limo! Thank you to Lily Kaita for the yummy cookies. If there is enough interest, a bus trip to South Beach will be planned for January 26, 2015 so that we can use the \$10 bonus credit we received from the casino. Please call Theresa (204-888-0205) or email the Centre before December 29 if interested.



CENTRE CALENDAR OF EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

DECEMBER 2014

- **MOCHI SALE DECEMBER 6** - Pre-order at 204-774-5909. We'll also be selling handicrafts, Japanese books, novelties, and the Newcomers are putting on a bake sale. Come at or after 10 a.m. All handicraft items reduced for Christmas! For purchases of \$25 or more, we'll take off an additional 10% off. Now is the time to get handcrafted, unique Christmas presents and stocking stuffers such as kimono doll fridge magnets, kimono doll angels, mugs & glasses etched with Japanese calligraphy, framed chigirie pictures and so much more!
- **KIDDIES CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 7** 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. you can still register your child. Call the Centre!

JANUARY 2015

- **Kaede Odori returns** at 9 a.m. under the tutelage of Carol Matsumoto Saturday, January 3.
- **OSHOGATSU** takes place Sunday, January 4 at the Centre.
- **Yoga Classes** resume Tuesday, January 6 led by Andrea Silver. There will be 10 more classes this term, for \$100 (non-members \$120) and will run every Tuesday from 6-7 p.m. Drop-ins \$15 but call first.
- **HORIZON SHINNENKAI Potluck Lunch** Saturday January 10 at 12 Noon. Yum! It pays to belong to the Horizon Club.
- **MOVIE NIGHT** takes place January 10. *JIRO DREAMS OF SUSHI* a wonderful documentary about a sushi chef and his sons.
- **Japanese Language Classes** resume Tuesday, January 6 for adults, January 10 for Elementary and High School levels.
- **Japan Public Schools Program** resumes Thursday, January 15 with the students from Linden Christian School.
- **SUKIYAKI NIGHT** will be held Saturday evening, January 24.
- **Donburi Lunches** re-start Friday, January 16 and continues January 30, February & March 13 and 27, April 10 & 24.

FEBRUARY 2015

- **Horizon Club** resumes Wednesday, February 4, 2015.
- **MOVIE NIGHT** takes place February 14. *Welcome Back Mr. McDonald (Rajio No Jikan)*

MARCH 2015

- **UDON LUNCH** – that warm and wonderful family gathering Saturday March 7
- **MIRAI 3.11 REVISITED – March 14** fundraiser to help children still affected by the tsunami of 2011. 5-10 pm at the Centre.

MOVIE AND BENTO

Bento and snacks available for sale at each showing

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2015

Doors open at 5:00 pm Movie starts at 6:00 pm
Admission by Donation



JIRO DREAMS OF SUSHI

Jiro Dreams of Sushi

is a 2011 American documentary film directed by David Gelb. The film follows Jiro Ono, an 85-year-old sushi master and owner of Sukiyabashi Jiro, a Michelin three-star restaurant, on his continuing quest to perfect the art of sushi. The film also profiles Jiro's two sons, both of whom are also

sushi chefs. The younger son, Takashi, left Sukiyabashi Jiro to open a mirror image of his father's restaurant in Roppongi Hills. The 50-year-old elder son, Yoshikazu, obligated to succeed his father, still works for Jiro and is faced with the prospect of one day taking over the flagship restaurant.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2015

Doors open at 5:00 pm Movie starts at 6:00 pm
Admission by Donation



Welcome Back Mr. McDonald (Rajio No Jikan)

A late-night live broadcast of a radio drama begins with none of the cast or crew being pleased with the project. When the lead actress Nokko Senbon (Keiko Toda) decides she won't play her role unless she's allowed to change her character's name, the whole cast eventually insists on

changing various parts of the play to their liking. This begins a chain of events that completely changes every aspect of the story and requires the entire staff to participate in completing the drama, all while live on the air.



2014 JCAM GALA DINNER FUNDRAISER

The Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba held its Annual Gala Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday, November 1, 2014 at the Manitoba Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre. Our event this year was amalgamated with the annual Japanese Canadian celebration of Nikkei Heritage Day, and was called **“One Big Hapa Dinner”**. Theresa Oye was our distinguished MC for the evening and guests were treated to an amazing meal prepared by a special team led by master chef Sadao Ono (shown in picture receiving award) and also included Takayuki Hattori and Masakazu Sugita.

We were delighted to feature Canadian animator and documentary filmmaker Jeff Chiba Stearns as our special guest and keynote speaker. Mr. Chiba Stearns writes and lectures on cultural awareness and mixed-race identity. We based our event on his short film *“One Big Hapa Family”*.

NAJC Merit Awards were presented to two outstanding members of our community by JCAM President Art Miki – Lena Takatsu and Sadao Ono. Both of these individuals devote much of their time, talent and energy into all aspects of the food preparation for our many events. Food has been our single biggest source of fundraising throughout the years, and so we owe a great deal of our community’s success to Mrs. Takatsu and Mr. Ono. Also, Art presented certificates of recognition to the inaugural board members of JCAM for their participation in the amalgamation process.

On Sunday, November 2nd, Jeff also led an interesting and thought-provoking workshop on mixed-race identity and aired his film *One Big Hapa Family*. (story follows). We would like to thank Jeff for taking time to come to Winnipeg to share his outlook and experiences.

Special thanks to our Corporate Sponsors and individual donors, as well as those who made the many generous donations for our silent auction. Also, thank you to all of our guests, whose attendance and support make each Gala Dinner so successful!

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Anonymous



Nikkei Heritage Day – One Big Hapa Family

On Sunday, November 2nd, a celebration of our Nikkei heritage was held with a special presentation by filmmaker and animator, Jeff Chiba Stearns. His film, *“One Big Hapa Family”* shows a family reunion where everyone in his Japanese Canadian family married interracially after his grandparents’ generation. Hapa is a term used in reference to people of Japanese and mixed background.

"This feature length live action and animated documentary explores why almost 100% of all Japanese Canadians are marrying interracially, the highest out of any other ethnic group in Canada, and how their mixed children perceive their unique multiracial identities." Since the internment and forced relocation after the Second World War, we realize that this is the reality of our communities across the country, including Winnipeg. Jeff shared with us what it was like growing up in Kelowna B.C., that even as a child of mixed heritage, he grew up feeling discrimination and wondering 'What Are You Anyways?' which became the title of his animated film dealing with identity.



The different generations attending the workshop thought it was informative and interesting. The discussions showed that it was important to raise awareness and pursue this subject matter further by developing a family tree, creating a family video, writing a family history, and looking into Canadian authors related to family histories. The workshop has motivated "hapas" who attended the workshop to organize a social gathering in the future to bring other "hapas" together and open discussions around issues that affect them.

FOLKLORAMA 2015



Another successful Folklorama ended with the Japanese Pavilion making \$12,455 in profit. JCAM is once again sponsoring the Japanese Pavilion for Folklorama 2015 and we are now currently looking for dedicated volunteers to help on the Organizing Committee in areas such as Admissions, Security, Food, Volunteer to name a few. The committee meets to organize every aspect of the Pavilion and if you want to help create a successful Japanese Pavilion, please contact Caroline Yamashita, Coordinator at 204-661-3508 or email: cyama09@mymts.net.

Adult and Youth Ambassadors:

We will be taking applications for Adult and Youth Ambassadors. This is an opportunity for individuals to represent the Japanese Pavilion and help promote our culture. Applications can be obtained from the JCAM office. **Deadline is February 15, 2015.**

Youth Mentorship Program:

This program is available to youths 16 to 25 years to develop leadership skills and experience by working closely with Chairpersons for specific areas prior and during Folklorama 2015. A selection process will be followed and successful applicants who meet the requirements of the program will receive a \$250 bursary at the end of the program. Applications can be obtained from the JCAM office and **deadline is: March 15, 2015.**

Make 2015 the Year of Volunteering and come out and participate in Folklorama 2015!

Mirai 3.11 Revisited

Continuing to assist children affected by the earthquake and tsunami in Japan-

Recently, it was learned that many of the children who were affected by the earthquake and tsunami in Japan in 2011 still continue to suffer the effects of those events. Many lost their homes, all their possessions, one or both parents and still struggle to cope in their daily life and remain in school. Another fundraising event is planned in support of the Kodomo Mirai Fund.



Kodomo Mirai Kikin

Mirai 3.11 Revisited

When - Saturday, March 14, 2015 5:30 - 10:00 p.m.

Where - Manitoba Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre, 180 McPhillips Street

Tickets - \$50.00 - available in January at the Centre or from committee members

What - Food, fun, fundraising and entertainment Dinner will be prepared by Chef Sadao Ono and entertainment is by local community members.



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Christmas Greetings

from

Staffa Kopchuk

Yukio Morita

*Best holiday wishes for a joyous
Christmas and a prosperous new year
to everyone!*

From the Board of JCAM



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Congratulations to Sandra Shibata

Sandra has been selected by the Japanese Government as one of the 5 Japanese Canadians from Canada to visit Japan early next year. Sandra is the prairie representative. Sandra will experience Japan with Lisa Schoenhofer, Ian Noburo Miki, Derek Oikawa and Michio Hirai, the other selected Japanese Canadians.

In Memoriam

Robert Frayer - JCAM extends our deep condolences to Marlene Frayer and the family of Robert Frayer, who passed away recently. Bob was a long-time volunteer at the Centre, applying his special skills at Origami to our Japan Public Schools Program and other Centre events.

Mary Yamane – Our condolences go out as well to the family of Mary Yamane, including her brother Don and sisters Sally, Toni and Nancy. Mary was highly active in our community, volunteering in many activities.

HORIZON CLUB NEWS

By Rosanne Yoshimasu

After the summer break, activities and luncheon resumed on September 3, 2014. It was nice to see everyone and catch up on news. The AGM was held on October 22, 2014. With no new nominations, the Club will continue with the present Board.

Besides our usual activities, a film called The Hunt for Matsutake was shown on September 24. It looks at the Japanese-Canadian history and tradition regarding the annual trips into the forests in search of the elusive and much sought-after mushroom. It evoked memories and conversation as members could relate to their own trips.

On November 19, Cindy Voakes treated us to a showing of some beautiful kimonos and obi from her large collection. She spoke of the different kinds worn, depending on the marital status of the ladies and the season or weather. Some of the kimonos and the obi were embellished with gold and platinum. Both Cindy and her husband, Grant, are active in our community and we thank them both for bringing and setting up the display. We acknowledge and thank Theresa Oye for her generous donation and Toshiko Hashimoto for her donation in memory of her husband, Hiro Hashimoto. The annual Shinnenkai will be held on Saturday, January 10, 2015. The event will be a potluck lunch. The phone committee will be in touch with all members with details.

Regular Wednesday meetings will not be held during December and January. The Club will restart on February 4, 2015. We wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season and good health and all the best in 2015!!

CHILDREN'S JUDO CLASSES 2015

We are very interested in starting another JUDO class for children 8 – 14. If you have a child that might benefit from learning great coordination from trained instructors please email or phone us. Thursdays 5:30-6:30 p.m. starting January 15 until April 23 (15 classes) \$90 members; \$110 non-members.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL. YES YOU STILL CAN!

Though our membership year runs Sept 1-Aug 31 some of you have not renewed as yet. If you can't remember whether you renewed or not simply phone the office and we'll check for you. Just \$20 single; \$30 family.

NEWS from HINODE TAIKO

Hinode Taiko has been busy this fall! We held two one-day workshops for people interested in trying out taiko back in September, and a few of those people are now taking beginners classes with the group on Saturday mornings. We also welcomed some new members: Giselle (former apprentice) has now officially joined the performing group, and Jim and Allison are our newest apprentice members. We are hoping to recruit even more members in the next year.



Next June, the group is looking forward to sending some of its members to the North American Taiko Conference in Las Vegas. NATC is the largest gathering of taiko practitioners in the world, occurring every two years. Taiko players attending NATC can take a number of different workshops on taiko, attend discussion sessions and participate in concerts. We can also network with other prominent taiko groups in North America and from around the world. In order to be able to help our members attend NATC, we will be fundraising in a few different ways in the coming months - stay tuned for information on how you can help! You can read about us and contact us through www.hinodetaiko.ca

CANADIAN MUSEUM of HUMAN RIGHTS Preview Tour



JCAM representatives, Art Miki, Keiko Miki, Henry Kojima and Pamela Okano attended the Preview Tour of the Museum for Human Rights in September 2014

There is still time to register your child for the

KIDDIES CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 7 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the Centre. \$5 per child. Santa will be there, along with activities, crafts, and a "magic" show by University of Manitoba's Let's Talk Science. Call the Office to register your child 204-774-5909

Oshogatsu

Our annual Japanese New Year Celebration will be held

Sunday, January 4 12:00 Noon

(to about 2:30 p.m.) at our Cultural Centre.

Everyone is invited to join in the festivities to bring in the New Year.

Families can enjoy traditional Japanese

New Year's foods such as ozoni and zenzai as well as some wonderful entertainment including the sounds of Koto and dance demonstration by Kaede Odori



JAPAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS PROGRAM REPORT

Japan PSP did not start until October 23 but then we hosted 42 grade 3 students from Gimli School, who made the one-hour drive to see for themselves what the Schools Program is all about. A slightly reduced but quite active group of volunteers was on hand to instruct and guide the students through shodo, origami and traditional folk dance after a highly informative video about school life in Japan. Judy Baccus, Pat Mackling and Keiko Miki are once again this year's hosts, who welcome the many students and teachers and get them all organized. We expect to play host to at least 1,200 students this year and are looking forward to Children's Week May 4-8, 2015 with its many live demonstrations of taiko, judo, karate, kendo and dance. The volunteers are always treated to a nice lunch after the children leave (and if you think this is a pitch to you to come and help out – you're right!). We can always use more volunteers in all areas. The Schools Program runs every Thursday morning except the last Thursday of the month from 9:30 or 10am to 11:30am or 12 Noon. Can you spare this bit of time? Call our office if you can help.

DONATIONS

We are grateful to all who donate money and goods to the Centre. JCAM is a volunteer based, federally registered charitable organization. Donations commemorate and celebrate specific individuals or are simply given freely in support of the Centre. Donations enable us to off-set rising costs. Charitable tax receipts are sent out at the end of each calendar year. If we missed anyone please let us know and we'll mention who was missed in the next issue (March).

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