

OUTLOOK

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JCAM PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Art Miki

In April JCAM was informed by the Winnipeg School Division that Sisler High School would not be available again this year for Folklorama's Japanese Pavilion. After exploring other possible venues we were fortunate in May to secure St. Joseph's Hall for the week of August 3 to 9. Having used the facility last year, we are now aware of what needs to be done to increase the capacity and make the Pavilion more efficient. We are looking for people to help organize specific areas of its operation. If you are interested leave your name and contact information at the Centre office and we'll have Co-Coordinator Caroline Yamashita or Sandra Shibata contact you.

On April 28, the film ***A Sorry State*** by filmmaker Mitch Miyagawa was shown at the Centre, sponsored by the National Association of Japanese Canadians. The film highlighted three Canadian government apologies to Mitch's parents for the past injustices inflicted upon the Japanese, Chinese and Aboriginal communities. The focus on the documentary was on what these apologies meant to his parents, children and to his country. It was an entertaining, enlightening film. Following the film commentaries were made by Joe McLellan who is of Aboriginal background and other participants. Thanks are given to the Human Rights and Education Committee members; Stacey Matsumoto, Meghan McOmber, Keiko Miki and Ken Teramura for organizing and hosting the event.

The Human Rights and Education Committee will be exploring various projects that relate to history preservation and looking for interested people to assist and participate. Possible projects include:

- Nikkei Heritage Day – possibility of showing a film and having the filmmaker as a guest presenter.
- Family history project for people interested in creating written or video memoirs or a family tree.
- Create a historical display for the Cultural Centre.
- Explore Japanese Canadian Curriculum Resources for teachers.

If any of these projects interest you and want to participate, join us at the Human Rights and Education Committee meeting on **Monday, June 9 at 7 pm** at the Centre.

Thanks to the many volunteers who have given their time freely to assist with JCAM activities and help at the Centre with the school programs, children's week and food preparations. Your dedication is valued and the Board wishes to show their appreciation by inviting you to attend the **Volunteer Appreciation Day on Sunday, June 8 at noon.**

SAVE THE DATE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR ANNUAL PICNIC!

THE PICNIC WILL TAKE PLACE ON

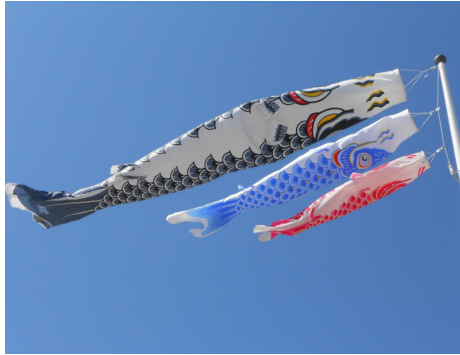
SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2014 AT

ST. VITAL PARK, PICNIC SHELTER 1A & 1B

12:30-4:30

Public Schools Program

The Japan Public School Program is slowly wrapping up for another school year and it's been another successful year, highlighted by an almost overwhelming Children's Week May 5-9. The week was particularly intense as we hosted an average of 100 students per day in morning and afternoon sessions of origami, shodo, dance and special cultural activities. We're grateful to our own Newcomers Group, Budokai Shotokan Karate members, Aurora Dancers, Hinode Taiko drummers, Manitoba Kendo Club members and the University of Manitoba Judo Club for providing such dazzling displays that truly engaged the kids. Letters of thanks have been coming back to us from the schools. Such a week puts quite a strain on our volunteers and we are particularly grateful to them for their participation with the children as they learn of Japan and its customs.



We have hosted schools from all over Winnipeg, and even from Selkirk. Our last school visit this term will be on June 19 with 50 Grade 3 students from Ecole Marie Ann Gaboury. It is highly rewarding to see the smiles on so many faces as they learn to write their names in Japanese, and fold their first creation in origami, but especially so when they move around the big circle doing the coal miner's dance wearing happi coats. A few kids even know what coal is!

If you have a desire to see such happy faces come and help us out as a volunteer! Generally we host a school on each Thursday morning of the month, except for the last Thursday each month. Call our Administrator Jake if you can help in 2014-15.

We would certainly welcome you and you would enjoy a great lunch as well!

Horizon Club News

Activities continue as usual on Wednesdays. Looking ahead, the Natsu-no-Atsumari luncheon will take place on June 25. Chinese food will be catered for the event. There will also be punch and dessert served. Tickets are available at a cost of \$10.00 for members and \$12.00 for non-members. The phone committee will contact members with details. This event has been enjoyed by all who attend, so please mark it on your calendar and say "yes" when you get the phone call.

June 25 will be the last get-together before we break for the summer. The Club will resume on Wednesday, September 3, 2014.

NOTICE: SUMMER CULTURAL CENTRE HOURS

The Board of the Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba has voted to close the Japanese Cultural Centre for the first two weeks of July this year. This is a cost saving measure and, as well, will allow the Administrator to have his mandatory 2-week vacation.

Access will of course remain available to our Key Holders and User Groups. Should anyone require access to the Centre during this brief holiday period, please contact Art Miki or Lucy Yamashita.

Centre Hours:

June 30 – July 12, 2014 CLOSED

July 14 - August 15, 2014 Monday through Friday from 9 am to 5 pm. Closed Saturdays.

**August 19, 2014 - to the rest of the year
Tuesday to Saturday, 9 am to 5 pm.**

FOLKLORAMA INFORMATION

COME JOIN US AT THE NATSU MATSURI AT ST JOSEPH'S PARISH HALL

In mid-April the Japanese Pavilion Committee found out that Sisler High School was not available as a venue. We looked at Sargent Park School but it wasn't appropriate for our needs. Luckily we were able to obtain St Joseph's Parish Hall again. So please come join us there from Aug 3 to Aug 9 for the Natsu Matsuri.

There were 5 applicants for Ambassadors and we thank everyone that applied. After reviewing the applications and an interview process by a sub-committee, the Ambassadors were chosen as follows: Youth Ambassadors - Niina Tsuyuki Dubik and Ciara Okumura and Adult Ambassadors - MacKenzie Sato and Russell Kunz. Congratulations to all of them.

We also received several applications for the Youth Mentorship program. Unfortunately one had to withdraw due to other commitments but please join us in congratulating Cassidy Nekwinda as the recipient for this program.

In keeping with the Festival theme, the Food Committee has decided on a menu which will includes the Matsuri Dog with toppings like yakisoba noodles, daikon radish oroshi or kinoko mushrooms. Curry, Yakitori, Onigiri, Oriental Salad, Edamame are some of the other items on the menu.

We'll also be planning on having some children's games and other interactive activities.

Over the next month or two, Committee Chairs will be contacting volunteers and setting up schedules and we hope everyone will be able to come out and participate.

The Committee is also still short a couple of Chairs for Security, Set Up and Take Down so if you're interested in helping, please contact Co-coordinators, Sandra Shibata at 654-9455 or Caroline Yamashita at 661-3508.

Hope to see you at the Natsu Matsuri!

2014 JAPANESE PAVILION COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Admissions - Sandra Shibata, Kana Nemoto

Ambassadors - Cassidy Nekwinda, Karynne Nekwinda,
Caroline Yamashita

Bar - Jon Miki, Grant Voakes

Clean Up - Oliver Marshall

Cultural Display - Keiko Miki, Cindy Voakes

Entertainment - Geoff Miki, Jodene Baker

Finance - Ryan Mark, Bobby Young

Food - Caroline Yamashita, Sadao Ohno, Lena Takatsu

Food Service - Wanda Yamamoto

Food Cashiers - Brenda Mark

Group Tours - Jenn Letkemann, Kyla Letkemann

Kakkigori - Jen Pineau, Maddy Pineau

Media Relations - Joy Letkemann

Security - TBA

Set Up and Take Down - TBA

Supplies - Art Miki, Steve Hanner

VIPs - Janet Hirose, Valerie Hoshizaki-Nordin

Volunteer Room - Karynne Nekwinda, Karen Labram

Volunteers - Atsushi Kawazu

NEW FACES IN THE JCAM OFFICE

Next time you're at the Centre, you may meet Hiroko Nameishi or Rita Campbell working in the office. Hiroko will be working Thursdays and Rita will work on an as required basis.

Hiroko first came to Winnipeg in 1996 with the International Internship Program with her son. They stayed with a host family for 9 months while participating in An Introduction to Japanese Culture in the River East School Division. They immigrated to Canada in 2000 and settled in Winnipeg.

Hiroko has worked at many jobs in Japan and particularly liked working for Japan Airlines. She has lived in 7 different areas of Japan and now lives with her son in North Kildonan.

Hiroko is a hardworking volunteer for Shodo at the Japan Public Schools Program. In her spare time Hiroko plays tennis, enjoys music, movies, and cooking.



Rita Campbell first visited the Centre 13 years ago with her daughter who was a young student participating in the Japan Public Schools Program. Seven years ago, Rita became a volunteer with the Japan PSP herself.

Rita works at home doing typesetting and "back of the book" indexing. She will use her skills in organization to bring order and standardization to both the computer and paper files.



SOUTH BEACH CASINO BUS TRIP

Due to popular demand, another trip to South Beach is planned for Monday, October 6. Drive to the Centre and be ready for the bus to leave at 9:00 am. Departure time from South Beach is 3:00 pm. Get your gambling spirit ready by playing Bingo on the bus and if we are lucky, there may be freshly baked cookies to enjoy again.

Cost is \$25.00 which includes the bus trip and buffet lunch. Complimentary tea, coffee and water is available at the Casino. Please pay in cash only to Rosanne Yoshimasu, Lucy Yamashita, or Alice Kinoshita. You also can leave the money in an envelope with the Office. You have lots of time to decide; deadline is September 26, but hope you won't wait till then to let us know.

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MJCCC News

Well how about that. We skipped from spring into summer without batting an eye! And our programs are coming to an end for another season, as we start to plan for the fall. Here are some brief news items from the Centre plus an acknowledgement of all those wonderful people who donate to the Centre, keeping it vibrant and alive.

DONATIONS

We are grateful to all who donate money and goods to the Centre. Donations commemorate and celebrate specific individuals or are simply given freely in support of the Centre. Donations enable us to off-set costs. JCAM is a volunteer based federally registered charitable organization. Charitable tax receipts will be sent out at the end of the calendar year.

To the Centre:

Midori Bruns
Itoko Nishibata
Suzue Nishibata
Clive Hinds
Keiko Burke

Library

Elaine Shimane- Brown
Ted Koizumi
Toki and Tadashi Orui

Handicrafts

Elaine Shimane- Brown

Things Japanese Sale

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Ted Koizumi
Keiko Burke

Movie Night

Marcel Neron
Ken Matsukubo

Keirokai:

Kathleen Inouye

To the Bonspiel:

Bardal Funeral Home
Ken Matsukubo
NCBN

In Memory of Connie Matsuo

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Alice Kinoshita
Nancy & Henry Sumi
James & Molly Mizuno
Itoko & Suzue Nishibata
Sachiko Okamura
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Katsu Suzuki
Chiyoko Tamoto
Yasuko & Brian Ariza

In Memory of Fred Matsuo

Cameron Matsuo

In Memory of Claude de Forest

Yoshiko de Forest

In Memory of Reina Rybuck

The Rybuck Family

In Memory of Mom, Dad & brother Les

Eileen Furutani

If we missed anyone, we sincerely apologize. Please let us know however, and we'll put what we missed in the next issue (August 13).

UPCOMING AT THE CENTRE:

- June 7 Language Course: S10, S20, S30 **final exams**
- June 8 **Volunteer Appreciation Event** at 12 Noon.
- June 22 **Origami Club** 2-4 pm
- June 25 **Natsu no Atsumari** (final Horizon luncheon of the season)
- July 14 **Centre Summer** hours start (open Monday-Friday 9-5) Closed Saturday and Sunday
- July 16 **Celebration of Life** - Connie Matsuo
- July 20 **JCAM Picnic – St. Vital Park** 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- August 3-9 **Japan Pavilion**, Folklorama (St. Joseph's Parish Hall)

LOST & FOUND

If you think you've lost something at the Centre come and look through our lost and found box in the hallway running to the bathrooms. There are water bottles, knee pads, children's items; it's amazing what people forget. It MAY be there! If it's jewellery, ask at the office. If you've left a coat, jacket, or slippers in the hallway closet (same hallway) come and get 'em! We will clear out all items at the end of June.

Kanaye Connie Matsuo Celebration of Life

Wednesday, July 16, 2014

MJCCC

3:00pm - 5:30pm

Speeches around 4:00pm

Koden and flowers gratefully declined

Donations to JCAM