

OUTLOOK

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JCAM President's Report

Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season despite the cold blustery weather. The prolonged frigid temperatures have been keeping some people away from attending events such as the annual New Year's party at the Centre. For those attending, it was a great time to taste some of the traditional dishes often served at Oshogatsu and enjoy getting together.

The Kiddies party was a success with 33 youngsters attending to enjoy activities, food and a visit from Santa Claus. Thanks to the organizing committee members: Meghan McOmber, Stacey Matsumoto, Mackenzie Sato, Karynne Ebata Nekwinda and Keiko Miki.

Keiko and I celebrated the Chinese New Year at Kum Koon Gardens on two occasions to bring in the Year of the Horse on January 31. It was pointed out that Horses are "strong, intelligent, enthusiastic, generous with money and good at socializing". Sounds like "horses" are good people to get to know and be around.

For upcoming events the Centre is using monthly bulletins to publicize the activities. Donburi lunches on alternate Fridays have begun. Look forward to announcements of activities either by email or pick up notices from the Centre.

Board announcements:

- An upgrade of the Centre's security system has been approved.
- Look forward to the new JCAM logo designed by Don Teranishi in the Outlook and letterheads.
- The Board has appointed members to the Community Fund Committee: Geoff Miki, Chair, Kristen Matsumoto and Kelly Koga. Two members from the community at large will round out the roster. Any community member interested in serving on the committee should contact the President, Art Miki.
- *Oishii*, the recently published cook book is on sale at the Cultural Centre. Individual books are \$15 or a package of 5 books for \$50.
- Folklorama Committee has been meeting. Co-coordinators are Caroline Yamashita and Sandra Shibata. Still need coordinators for specific areas. Contact Caroline if interested in getting involved.
- The members of the Harold Hirose Scholarship Committee are Lucy Yamashita (Chair), Janet Hirose and Kelly Koga.
- Picnic date is Sunday, July 20 at St. Vital Park.
- Keirokai will be held at the Cultural Centre possibly in May.

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 Public Schools Program continues to welcome children to the Centre to learn about life in Japan. The children range in grade levels 2 to 5, with most being at the grade 3 level, coming from schools all over Winnipeg and the surrounding areas. Classes can number in size from 15 students to even 68 per session, and of course the larger classes keep the many volunteers very busy.

The PowerPoint system introduced this past fall is proving most successful as we welcome the students, introduce them to basic Japanese words of social interaction (e.g. Ohayo, Konnichiwa, Arigato, Itadakimasu etc.), introduce the custom of Ojigi--bowing in greeting, and a favorite of the children, a video depicting life in a Japanese

Elementary School. Miwako Hoppe brings this to life for the children as she shows her own pictures of the school she attended when she was an elementary school teacher. Miwako also tells the legendary story of a Japanese fisherman who is suspended in time for 300 years. Origami and shodo are staples of each session, as is the Japanese folk dance, which the children love to do, all decked out in their headbands and happi coats.

We are looking forward to Children's Week starting May 5th--a very busy week with programs both morning and evening and if anyone wants to help with the children, please come forward and volunteer! It's fun, rewarding and lunch is included.

Family Notices

Sincere condolences are extended to the families of the following:

James Michael Burke, passed away Dec 31, 2013

Claude Pierre De Forest, passed away Dec 30, 2013

Emy Ozamoto passed away Dec 16, 2013

Note from Keiko Burke

I would like to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation for all the kind expressions of sympathy that I received following Jim's passing. He felt very much a part of our community and he would have been very grateful for the offers of support and sympathy given to me. Many thanks to all of you in the Japanese-Canadian Community at this difficult time for our family.

Keiko Burke and family

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Manitoba Buddhist Temple Cherry Blossom Fund Raiser

Saturday, April 5, 2014
Tecumseh & Winnipeg Ave

from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

PRE-ORDERS ONLY of sushi, yaki & mushi manju, chow mein & satsumage based on fish availability. Tables will also be set up for **WALK UP SALES** of baking, crafts, raffle tickets & a limited supply of manju and sushi along with other available items.

Due to the ever increasing prices for ingredients, manju will now be sold in packages of 9 per tray, pricing remains the same as last year.

Deadline for all Pre-Order is March 14th,
please call Donna Nishimura at 783-7608

All orders to be picked up April 5
between 1:00 - 2:30 pm

Horizon Club News



On Saturday, January 11 forty members gathered at the Centre to enjoy a potluck lunch celebrating Shinnenkai, the New Year. We were especially pleased that three of the original members of the Horizon Club, Connie Matsuo, Shizuko Kawata and Sue Yoshino were able to join us.

All the guests contributed a variety of delicious dishes

for the lunch and everyone ended up with full plates after visiting the buffet table. After lunch a name game had everyone scrambling to find a person who matched the descriptions of members that Valerie Hoshizaki-Nordin so carefully created. It is amazing how competitive everyone became when prizes were involved. We were even treated to an impromptu performance by Elvis impersonator, Al Mackling.

We sincerely thank the following for their donations toward the Shinnenkai - Paul Bainbridge, Ron Kaita, Connie Matsuo, Art Miki, Florence Mitani, Pamela Okano and Lena Takatsu.

The meetings on Wednesday resumed on February 5. Come out and join us for exercises, tai chi, card games and catching up on news. Lunch is provided at a nominal cost. We also welcome new members and ideas for new activities.

FOLKLORAMA YOUTH MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

JCAM invites youths to apply for the Youth Mentorship program during Folklorama 2014. This will be an opportunity for youth to develop leadership skills and experience while working with the Japan Pavilion.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Any youth between the ages 16 to 25 who is attending high school or a post secondary institution or is of full or part Japanese ancestry living in Manitoba or a family member of JCAM.

REQUIREMENT:

1. Contribute at least 50 hours of volunteer assistance for the Japan Pavilion prior to, during and after Folklorama,.
2. Be assigned to work closely with a Chairperson responsible for areas such as: Admissions, Food, Kakigori, Clean-up, Cultural Display, Entertainment or Volunteer Room.
3. Application form for the Youth Mentorship Program is available on line from the Cultural Centre (call 774-5909 or email m.jccc@shaw.ca) Applications must be received by May 31, 2014.

Successful applicants will be notified in June and will receive a \$250 bursary at the end of Folklorama. Up to five youths will be selected for 2014.

NEWS & EVENTS FROM THE CENTRE

Though language, odori and other classes are going full-bore, there will always be time to eat!



Saturday February 22 we are holding **SHABU SHABU NIGHT** starting at 6 p.m. until approximately 8 p.m. *Shabu-shabu* was introduced in Japan in the 20th century with the opening of the restaurant "Suehiro" in [Osaka](#), where the name was invented. This is savoury, thinly sliced meat and vegetables served with dipping sauces cooked by you at your table on your own heating element. We have a limited number of tables, and tickets are now available at just \$25 each for a great evening. Reserve your space with a phone call to the Centre. Join us!

Saturday March 8 is only a few weeks away, and on that day we will have an **UDON LUNCH & SALE** from Noon – 1:30 p.m. Mark your calendars now for this very popular family event. We will sell advance eat-in or take-out tickets at \$7 each from the office. Take-out orders **MUST** be placed by Thursday March 6.

Saturday, March 22 we'll hold **another JAPANESE COOKING CLASS** hosted by Chef Sadao Ono. This is another exploration into the intricacies of Japanese cooking and though not finalized, the menu will be slightly challenging for the students. 12 Noon – 1:30 p.m., \$50 members, \$75 non-members. You must reserve before March 16. Don't forget



For your calendar reminder, **DONBURI LUNCHES** happen February 14 & 28, March 14 & 28 and April 11 & 25. The best place in town for a fabulous lunch is right here at the Centre.

And on March 30 will be the **CURLING BANQUET**. Get your rinks together and answer the call of the house!

By the way, **THINGS JAPANESE SALE** is coming up Saturday April 5 (9am-3pm) and Sunday April 6 (10am-2pm). This is a fun two days where you can buy genuine Japanese articles and artifacts at low prices! If you have any genuine Japanese items you'd like to donate, let the Centre know.

DONATIONS

We are grateful to all who donate to the Centre. Donations commemorate and celebrate specific individuals or are simply given freely in support of the Centre. All donations enable us to off-set costs. JCAM is a federally registered, charitable organization that is volunteer based. Tax receipts are issued at the end of each calendar year. The following have donated:

To the Centre

Al & Pat Mackling
Yoneko Matsubara
Al & Shirley Okano
Miyoko & Joe Okano
Terumi Kuwada & Ron Rothery
Tomoko Tatsumi
Esther & Josh Yamada

In Memory of Emy Ozamoto

Jennifer Hashimoto
Shizue Hashimoto
Toshiko Hashimoto & family
Mickey Kojima
Mr & Mrs Yoshimichi Masaki
Nancy & Ken Nishibata
Karen Ozamoto
Lena Takatsu
Yoshi & Kay Tsuyuki
Yasuo & Margaret Utsunomiya
Sandra Sasaki & Ian Wilkinson

In Memory of Yoshi Abe

Janet Abe
Sandra Rae Allen
Yumi Falk
Hinode Taiko
Isabel & Al Hirota
Noboru Leslie Murata
Wayne & Shirley Oike
Pamela Okano
Yooko Osato

Library

Florence Mitani

Retirement of Sensei Ulrich

After fourteen years of dedicated service to the Manitoba Buddhist Temple, Sensei Frederick Ulrich retired at the end of 2013 to enjoy the fruits of his labour. Sensei's last service was the Joya –E Service, New Year's Eve Bell Ringing on December 31, 2013.

During Sensei Ulrich's 14 years tenure as resident minister of the Manitoba Buddhist Temple, there has been a gradual change within religious services to meet the needs of the changing congregation. When Sensei became the resident Minister of the Manitoba Buddhist Temple in 1999, the congregation was predominately ethnic Japanese born Buddhist but years later the congregation became both Japanese born Buddhist and non Japanese turned Buddhist. Sensei Ulrich has been successful in attracting newcomers interested in exploring Buddhism. He has skillfully combined the traditional Jodo Shinshu religious service with meditation, invited guest speakers from different faiths, held religious workshops, hosted school groups and other visitors. He participated in Interfaith Roundtable, the Manitoba Multi-faith Council and Buddhism lectures on Joy television.

During his tenure some of the Japanese passages were updated to the English language since the congregation has become predominately English speaking.

Retirement Celebration at Kum Koon Restaurant

A retirement celebration has been planned for Saturday, February 22, 2014 at Kum Koon Garden in Winnipeg, 257 King Street. Bishop Aoki of the Jodo Shinshu Temples of Canada will be in attendance and will participate in the festivities. The tickets are \$20 per person but the nine course meal is subsidized by the Manitoba Buddhist Temple to make it affordable.

Tickets are available from Donna Nishimura, Tamiko Yamashita, Marlene Cerasani, Harvey Kaita and Jim Hisanaga

Sensei Michael Hayashi

Sensei Michael Hayashi has been the resident minister of the Manitoba Buddhist Temple since January 1, 2014. He will be officially installed as the resident minister of the Manitoba Buddhist Temple by Bishop Aoki of the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada at the installation service on Sunday, February 23, 2014 at the Manitoba Buddhist Temple.

Sensei Hayashi, a third generation Canadian of Japanese descent (sansei), has been a Jodo Shinshu minister at Southern Alberta Buddhist Temples and Interior British Columbia temples. His last posting was at the Toronto Buddhist Temple.



March 28th & 30th, 2014

Heather Curling Club
Winnipeg, Manitoba

The Japanese Canadian Association of Manitoba (JCAM) invite you to participate in the **12th ANNUAL 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.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28th and SUNDAY, MARCH 30th

- *Friday (evening)* – tentative start time of 6:00 p.m. [2 draws]
- *Sunday (day)* – Draw times to be determined (finals in the afternoon)
- *Sunday 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!

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 JCAM Bonspiel 2014, c/o Sandra Shibata, 128 Orum Drive, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3W 1T4

ENTRY DEADLINE: MARCH 7, 2014

Donations and sponsorship from businesses and individuals help make the bonspiel 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