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OUTLOOK

President's Report – Art Miki

Although summer is usually the time to have a break, the members of JCAM were busy preparing for Folklorama and the opening of the Japanese Pavilion on August 9. Thanks to the hard working Committee Chairs and the many volunteers, we had a successful week with many visitors and guests who enjoyed the food, drinks, kakkigori, cultural displays and the variety of entertainers from dancers, singers, martial arts groups and the renowned Hinode Taiko drummers. Thanks to Caroline Yamashita, the Coordinator, for her efforts and dedication to ensure that we had a smooth running and productive Pavilion. This Outlook highlights this year's Folklorama.

The Volunteer Appreciation Day was held on Thursday, September 3 to thank the volunteers who helped at Japanese Pavilion during Folklorama and to those people who helped at the Cultural Centre with the School Program, donburi lunches, cuisine nights, Gala Dinner, various sales such as Garage and Things Japanese and at the other functions held at the Centre. Over 150 people attended and enjoyed the food and the fun games, surprise entertainment, 50/50 draw and the variety of door prizes. Many thanks to Karynne Nekwinda and Sandra Shibata for organizing the event and the volunteers who helped to receive the guests, serve food, liquor and sell 50/50 tickets. There were so many positive comments and commendations for those involved. It was a fun time and enjoyed by all. Great job!

The Vestibule addition tenders have come in higher than we expected. The Board will deliberate at the next Board meeting as to what the next steps will be.

This year to celebrate Nikkei Heritage Day, JCAM will be hosting the showing of the Japan made film The Vancouver Asahi on November 1. Details are found in this issue of the Outlook.

JCAM has received a grant of \$3350 from the NAJC Cultural Development Fund to assist us with the "Preserving Family History project. A committee has been established to look at ways that individuals can preserve family stories and create family archives. Further details are found in this Outlook.

The JCAM committees and chairpersons are listed in this Outlook so that community members who are interested in participating on specific committee(s) can do so. Either contact the Chairperson or the office.

There are many activities that are taking place now that September has arrived. Check the calendar of events through the email notices to see when the Language School and odori classes begin, cultural programs are being offered, donburi lunches and the annual garage sale. One of the important annual fund raising events is the JCAM Gala Dinner on Friday, November 13 at the Caboto Centre. This year Henry Kojima will be honoured for his volunteer contributions to the Japanese Canadian community locally and nationally. I encourage you to come out to recognize Henry and help support JCAM and the Centre.

**FOLKLORAMA 2015 STORIES
START ON PAGE 3.
LOTS OF PICTURES OF THE
GREAT PEOPLE WHO MADE
THIS WEEK A GIANT CULTURAL
SUCCESS.**

Next regular edition of the

OUTLOOK will be issued
December 2. Deadline for
submission of materials is
November 20. Submit all
materials to Jake Marks
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Above is a still shot from the movie *The Vancouver Asahi* to premiere in Winnipeg Sunday, November 1, 2015

In celebration of Nikkei Heritage Day, JCAM is pleased to host the **Winnipeg premiere showing of *The Vancouver Asahi***, Sunday, November 1, 2015 at the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre.

The Vancouver Asahi (original team photo below) is based on the true story of the Asahi baseball team formed in pre-war Vancouver's Japantown by second generation Japanese Canadians. The team was a source of pride and solidarity for a community facing much racism and prejudice before the Second World War. The film was made in Japan and has been shown at International Film Festivals in Vancouver and Toronto.

The NFB documentary *Sleeping Tigers* on the Asahi baseball team will be shown prior to the feature length film.

We offer two options:

1. Dinner and films - \$20 per person
The dinner will be at 5:00 pm; menu by Chef Sadao Ono. Reservations required – Seating will be limited to 60. Contact the Centre (204) 774-5909 to make your reservations
2. Films only begins at 6:30 pm - \$8 members - \$10 non-members, \$5 seniors and students ,
Invite your friends and relatives to this first-time event!



A celebration of heritage & community

JCAM GALA DINNER

An evening of Friendship, Family, Feasting and Fun!

Friday, November 13, 2015

Centro Caboto Centre

1055 Wilkes Avenue

Cocktails 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m

Six Course Dinner created & supervised by Chef Sadao Ono

Entertainment: Japanese Dance & Song

**Outstanding Community Service Award
to be presented to Mr. Henry Kojima**



Tickets \$75 (tax receipt for portion of purchase) Students \$35 (no tax receipt)
TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE at the office. Phone in and use your credit card.

**Silent Auction – 50/50 Draw –
Volunteer Recognition & Award Presentations**



Folklorama

Japanese Pavilion – FESTIVALS OF SETAGAYA



Mayor Bowman tries Chanoyu

This year's pavilion theme was Festivals of Setagaya in celebration of the 45th anniversary of the sister city relationship between Winnipeg and Setagaya. In the Cultural Display area, we had various items from Setagaya and a video presentation. We also featured the Setagaya Fuji which was a huge kakkigori shaved ice with a variety of toppings that people could share with their friends and family. Setagaya donated some souvenir items and we sold items of Yokki, the mascot of Yoga, a district of Setagaya. The Ambassadors produced a slide presentation about Setagaya which was shown between shows.

We participated in the Winnipeg Free Press Food Fight and although we did win against 2 other Pavilion food items, we unfortunately didn't win the competition.

The Pavilion Ambassadors were Yuhito Adachi, Mei Hoppe (Adult) and Teo Hoppe, Jaden Labram (Youth). A thank you to them for promoting and representing the Japanese Pavilion at various events and greeting VIPs and giving them Cultural Tours during Folklorama week.

This year there were 2 applicants for the Youth Mentorship Program, Aysia Labram and Cassidy Nekwinda. They helped with signage, promoting JCAM and the Japanese Pavilion at

Ai-kon and during Folklorama week they helped in the various areas. They each volunteered over 60 hours of their time for the Japanese Pavilion.



Also thanks to the Manitoba Buddhist Temple for making their delicious yaki munju which was sold at the Pavilion.

Our attendance was excellent with the first 2 shows of each night being filled to capacity. And the sale of the new menu item – Niku-don was a hit and was flying out the door. We are still processing all the bills and waiting for the Folklorama settlement and don't have final numbers for our revenue yet.



I'd like to take this opportunity to thank and acknowledge the members of the Japanese Pavilion Organizing Committee. They spent numerous hours in planning meetings, completing necessary forms, scheduling volunteers and organizing a variety of details. They were at the Pavilion each night making sure everything ran smoothly and dealt with any problems that may have arisen. The members are as follows:

Admissions – Kana Nemoto, Sandra Shibata, Yuka Shintani

Bar – Grant Voakes, Jon Miki

Clean Up – Easton Sato, Karen Labram, Cassidy Nekwinda, Aysia Labram, Lori Shimizu

Cultural Display – Keiko Miki, Yuhito Adachi, Cindy Voakes

Entertainment – Geoff Miki, Jodene Baker

Food Cashiers – Brenda Mark

Food Committee – Sadao Ohno

Food Servers – Wanda Yamamoto

Guest Services – Joy Letkemann, Jenn Letkemann, Kyla Letkemann, Janet Hirose, Kim Hirose, Krista Nishi

Health and Safety – Mona Hiebert

Kakkigori – Jen Pineau, Maddy Pineau

Marketing and Media – David Labram, Yuhito Adachi

Purchasing and Supplies – Art Miki, Steve Hanner

Sponsorship and Signage – Joy Letkemann

Volunteers – Karynne Nekwinda

Volunteer Room – Karynne Nekwinda, Karen Labram

Also a special thank you to the following people for all their hard work during Folklorama week: Sara Ebata, Kelly Koga, Lindsay Kojima, Naomi Krasovec, Riley Nekwinda, Miyoko Okano, and Ben Pineau. We had approximately 200 volunteers each night and about 140 youth involved. We couldn't have a Pavilion without everyone volunteering and we appreciate all the work everyone does to make the Japanese Pavilion a resounding success.

Thank you and see you at next year's Folklorama! Caroline Yamashita Coordinator, Japanese Pavilion



It takes a LOT of great volunteers to make the Japanese Pavilion run smoothly. Kitchen, clean-up, entrance, security, so many people!



FORGOTTEN AT FOLKLORAMA: There were a number of items found at the Japanese Pavilion. If any of these are yours, please contact the JCAM office to make arrangements to pick them up: 1 girl's pink plastic head band, 1 silver metal necklace with "free your Glee" inside, 1 red metal water bottle, 1 pair of sunglasses 1 pair of girl's gray tights with pink trim (size small), 1 plastic box of Japanese Pokemon cards, 1 plastic bag of gloves/mitts – found at Centre after Takedown

AND SOME FORGOTTEN ITEMS AT THE CENTRE ...

The Centre has a box full of forgotten items in the hallway leading to the Mark Koga Room (by the Coke machine on top of the coat rack) plus some lovely (mostly ladies' coats hanging on the same coat rack. As well in the office we have what looks like a house key found a week ago in the parking lot.

Invitation to Participate - Committees Make Things Work and Happen!

The JCAM Board has selected chairs and committee members for the various committees that undertake community, cultural and educational activities. The following are the list of committees that members are invited to join and assist:

1. Setagaya Visit: Yuhito Adachi (Chair), Tatsuya Goto, Lucy Yamashita, Art Miki
2. Cultural Centre Operations: Lucy Yamashita (Chair)
 - a) Cultural Centre Policies: Caroline Yamashita, Kelly Koga
 - b) Cultural Centre Program Review:
3. Community Activities:
 - a. Picnic, Children's Party, New Year's Party, Keirokai: Karynne Nekwinda (Chair), Kana Nemoto, Sandra Shibata, MacKenzie Sato
 - b. Curling Bonspiel: Sandra Shibata (Chair)
4. Volunteer Appreciation Party: Karynne Nekwinda, Sandra Shibata, Cassidy Nekwinda
5. Community Fund: Ken Teramura (Chair)
6. Communications and Outreach: Sandra Shibata (Chair), Yuhito Adachi
7. Finance Committee: Grant Voakes (Chair), Ryan Mark, Yuhito Adachi, Lucy Yamashita
8. Folklorama: Joy Letkemann
9. Fund Raising: Ken Teramura (Chair), Joy Letkemann
10. Gala Dinner: Marlene Mori (Chair), Lucy Yamashita, Caroline Yamashita, Theresa Oye
11. Human Resources: Art Miki (Chair), Henry Kojima, Wanda Yamamoto
12. Education and Human Rights:
 - a. History Preservation: Keiko Miki (Chair), Sadao Ono
 - b. Library: Kana Nemoto (Chair), Sadao Ono
 - c. Nikkei Heritage Day: Art Miki and JCAM Board
 - d. Scholarship: Lucy Yamashita (Chair), Grant Voakes
13. Membership: Theresa Oye (Chair)
14. Vestibule Addition: Art Miki (Co-Chair), Ken Teramura (Co-Chair), Joy Letkemann, Yuhito Adachi
15. Young Leaders: Cassidy Nekwinda

We are looking for volunteers to help with any of the following committees: Community Activities, Finance, Fund Raising History Preservation, Library, Membership, Scholarship and Young Leaders. If there is someone with expertise in creating and maintaining websites, Sandra Shibata would like to hear from you.

Preserving Family History

Have you been thinking about working on your family history but wondering how to get started?

JCAM will be undertaking a project called "Preserving Family History" that will assist interested individuals in teaching them various ways to preserve their family stories and contribute to the understanding of Japanese Canadian experiences in Canada. The purpose is to bring in resource professionals to teach participants how to use existing photos and stories to meaningfully create family resources that can be passed down to the next generation. Please contact the Cultural Centre (204-774-5909) or email (m.jccc@shaw.ca) if you are interested in getting involved.

VESTIBULE ADDITION UPDATE

JCAM has decided to delay the start of the vestibule addition until April 2016. The construction cost bids received from the two contractors were much higher than anticipated and meant that the additional costs would be difficult to manage at this time. The Committee responsible for the addition is planning to seek more funding from outside sources and from within the community. We are appreciative of the grants received to date.

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| 1. Frank H. Hori Charitable Foundation (Toronto) | \$50,000 |
| 2. Community Places Grant (Provincial Government) | \$25,000 |

The goal is to raise another \$125,000 from other sources and within the Japanese Canadian community. A plan for the JCAM Capital Fund campaign chaired by Ken Teramura will be announced in the next edition of the Outlook.

More Memories from Folklorama 2015...



