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OUTLOOK

JAPANESE CULTURAL ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA INC.

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President's Report - Art Miki

It's unbelievable to think that another year has gone by. Each year it seems to pass sooner and sooner. There has been much done this year with the completion of the vestibule addition that has created a spacious open entrance to the building. Thanks to Grant LaBossiere, Blacktie Architecture, and to Jaret Horbatiuk, Tractus Projects for their diligence in getting the job completed before the Official Opening. The addition adds a different face to the building and hopefully creates a more welcoming ambience for our visitors and potential new members. Thanks to the tremendous response to the Capital Campaign by individual community members, we were able to raise sufficient funds to pay for the construction and addition of new features such as automatic sliding doors, security cameras, new furniture, front garden and a Donor wall. With the remaining funds we will begin to improve the other parts of the building that require upgrading and renewal. Therefore, we will continue our campaign to seek donations for the Capital Fund.

Thanks to the organizational efforts of Keiko Burke and members of the Aurora Dancers, the Gala Dinner held on November 5 at the Centre was a resounding success. The sold-out dinners was enjoyed by the many sponsors and supporters who enjoyed the cuisine prepared by Chef Ono and his assistants. It was an evening of fun and laughter as attendees enjoyed the entertainment, the live auctions with Jesse Miki, and the silent auction and 50/50 draws. Congratulations to the JCAM Horizons club members who were recognized by Henry Kojima for their role in the establishment of the Cultural Centre and to Isabel Hirota who received the certificate and responded so eloquently on behalf of the group. Isabel is over 100 years old and the only remaining member of the original executive. Well done, Isabel!

Have you noticed the JCAM website? It has been updated so that we will be able to keep you abreast of the news and happenings at the Cultural Centre. Thanks to Sandra Shibata and Andrea Whitehead for their work on the website. To check the site on the Internet go to mjccc.org.

On my trip to the Cultural Centre in Toronto, I purchased a poster of Tashme Internment Camp with the map of the camp and the listing of all the people who resided there from 1942 to 1945. The poster is available at the office for viewing. Some people have expressed interest in buying a poster. Cost with taxes and shipping is \$10. **Contact Jake at the office and if there are some who are interested in the poster we can order these from Toronto.**

Welcome to the new Directors of JCAM for 2016-2018. Their diversity of experiences and backgrounds they bring to the Board will be a great asset.

Jiyu Iida – he is from Tokyo, Japan and has been in Winnipeg for a number of years attending school and now working with the City of Winnipeg in the 311 unit. Over the years Jiyu has volunteered at the Centre for cuisine nights and Special events and at Folklorama.

Cassidy Nekwinda – was a Youth representative on the Board for past two years and now was appointed as Director as a replacement to Derek Okabe who had resigned because of his work load. Cassidy was a member of the Youth Mentorship program during Folklorama for two years, took odori lessons for many years and is a volunteer for the Centre activities.

Debra Takeuchi – She is an associate lawyer at D'Arcy & Deacon LLP advising clients on family law, estate and real estate matters. She lived in Japan for 8 years teaching English where she met her husband Satoshi. Her children participate in language school and take odori classes and have performed at Folklorama.

Maria Karina Uehara - In Argentina Karina was a high school teacher. She came to Canada in 2004 and obtained the Permanent Teacher Certification and enjoys teaching. Since 2005 she is working in a government-funded program that provides settlement services to newcomers. Her two daughters were Ambassadors at the Japanese Pavilion for Folklorama 2016.

On behalf of the JCAM Board I wish each one of you a joyous and restful holiday season and that you look forward to a prosperous and healthy new year.

CAN YOU LEND YOUR SUPPORT?

Young JCAM member Dylan Cook passed away suddenly on October 30 leaving behind grieving wife Mika Kawai Cook and two beautiful little children, daughter Aki Juniper (almost 4) and young son Jun Vincent (4 months) pictured. The journey ahead will be a difficult one for Mika, Aki and Jun as Dylan was the sole support for his little family. A **Gofundme** page has been set up to help them now when it is needed most. If you wish to donate you can do so using at www.gofundme.com/dylan-cook-memorial.



JCAM Board 2016-18

Executive:

Art Miki	President
Ken Teramura	1 st Vice-President
Yuhito Adachi	Treasurer
Kana Nemoto	Secretary

Directors:

Jiyu Iida
Joy Letkemann
Cassidy Nekwinda
Karynne Nekwinda
Sadao Ono
Marli Sakiyama
Debra Takeuchi
Karina Uehara
Grant Voakes
Wanda Yamamoto
Lucy Yamashita



Merry Christmas and Season's Greetings

Manitoba Kendo Club Practice Schedule:

Sundays

- 12 noon – 1:30pm Intermediate/Advanced
- 1:30 pm -3:00 pm Beginners
- 3:00 pm -4:00 pm Winnipeg Eishin Ryu Iaido Kai

Wednesdays

- 7:30pm-9:00pm – All

Fridays

- 7:30pm- 9:00pm – Intermediate/Advanced (Kata)

For more information please check our website manitobakendoclub.com

Coming up in 2018 the Manitoba Kendo Club will be marking our 50th year as a member in the Canadian Kendo Federation.

We are asking if anyone has photos or other notes from the past of kendo events, would you send us a copy. We hope to make a history of the club. Thank You. Sincerely, **Manitoba Kendo Club**

HORIZON CLUB NEWS

After the summer break, the regular Wednesday meetings started on September 7, 2016. Members have resumed exercises, tai chi, card games and lunches.

Shubun no Hi, (the cusp of the autumnal equinox) is a national holiday in Japan. The Horizons Club celebrated by having a mini market called Koyo (colorful autumn leaves). At the weekly lunch, members brought their extra garden fare to share with each other. Tables were set up with the ever famous kabocha and squash of every colour, tomatoes, beets, leeks, rhubarb, potatoes, beans, etc as well as pickles, baked goods, honey, bread and take home snacks of kara age and onigiri. Cards, plants and Japanese crafts were also offered. A nominal cost for these items was charged to help Horizons support the centre to purchase anti fatigue mats for the sushi room. It was a fun and successful event and an opportunity for our community to share our bounty. Thanks to all who contributed and purchased items. The AGM was held on November 2, 2016. Revisions to the constitution were presented and adopted. With no new nominations, the present Board will continue with the exception of two resignations. Marlene Mori will be serving a second term as President.

Thank you to the following for their generous donations:

Jim Taniguchi in memory of Asako (Pansy) Taniguchi, Mickey Kojima in memory of Lindsay Kojima, Mona Hiebert in celebration of birthday

Mark Saturday, January 14, 2017 on your calendar. That's the date for the annual **Shinnenkai** potluck luncheon beginning at 12 noon. This event is popular and well attended as it gives everyone a chance to extend New Year's greetings and partake of a fantastic variety of delicious dishes. Members will be contacted via email or telephone a couple of weeks before the date.

There will be no regular Wednesday meetings during December 2016 & January 2017. The club will restart on February 1, 2017. We wish one and all a very Merry Christmas filled with love, joy and peace and all the best in 2017!

IN MEMORIAM

Toshio Charlie Yamada on September 29, 2016

Nobu Ellis (nee Sato) on September 30, 2016.

Dylan Cook on October 30, 2016

Shizue (Sue) Yoshino (nee Omoto) on December 1, 2016

The Order of the Rising Sun Conferred on Mr. Arthur Miki

On November 3rd, the Government of Japan announced the foreign recipients of The Order of the Rising Sun for the fall of 2016. The small list included Mr. Arthur Kazumi Miki, President of the Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba (JCAM) and former President of the National Association of Japanese Canadians will receive the award. As the president of the National Association of Japanese Canadians, Mr. Miki contributed greatly to raising the profile of Japanese Canadians through successful negotiations with the Canadian Government for the compensation of Japanese Canadians placed in internment camps during World War II, as well as through the signing of the historic Japanese Canadian Redress Agreement with Prime Minister Brian Mulroney in September 1988. In addition, as the President of JCAM, Mr. Miki has worked hard to spread Japanese culture in Manitoba. This award is being given to Mr. Miki in recognition of these accomplishments.

For more information please contact Deputy Consul-General Yuzo Yoshioka. (tel: 403-294-0782 ext. 102, email: yuzo.yoshioka@mofa.go.jp)



The **Order of the Rising Sun** (旭日章 *Kyokujitsu-shō*³) is a Japanese order, established in 1875 by Emperor Meiji of Japan. The Order was the first national decoration awarded by the Japanese government, created on 10 April 1875 by decree of the Council of State. The badge features rays of sunlight from the rising sun. The design of the Rising Sun symbolizes energy as powerful as the rising sun in parallel with the "rising sun" concept of Japan (*Land of the Rising Sun*). The order is awarded to those who have made distinguished achievements in the following fields: international relations, promotion of Japanese culture, advancements in their field, development in welfare or preservation of the environment. Prior to the end of World War II, it was also awarded for exemplary military service. The awarding of the Order is administered by the Decoration Bureau of Office of the Prime Minister. It is awarded in the name of the Emperor.

Donburi Lunches Continue in 2017



EAT IN or TAKE OUT
Donburi is served on Fridays
Noon – 2 p.m.
Jan 13 & 27
Feb 10 & 24
March 10 & 24
Apr 7 & 21



Definitely Winnipeg's best Japanese lunch offered at very reasonable prices. Become a JCAM member and we'll inform you by email what each weekly special Donburi and Bento are. Or check our electronic sign as you drive by 180 McPhillips Street! Here are the 2017 Specials of the Day that complement our regular assortments:

January 13 Unagi Donburi & Chicken Teriyaki Bento **January 27** Oyako Donburi & Fresh Salmon Teriyaki Bento
Feb 10 Breaded Pickerel & Chicken Teriyaki Bento **February 24** Agedashi Tofu Ankake (vegetarian) & Salmon Teriyaki Bento
March 10 Pan Fried Pickerel & Chicken Teriyaki Bento **March 24** Breaded Chicken & Salmon Teriyaki Bento
April 7 Unagi Donburi & Chicken Teriyaki Bento **April 21** Beef Donburi & Salmon Teriyaki Bento

Reservations recommended for groups over 6. DINE IN cafeteria-style TAKE-OUT phone ahead **FREE DELIVERY** for 8 or more meal orders (5km radius)

JCAM Capital Fund Campaign Report

Thanks to the many individuals who have generously contributed over \$150,000 to the JCAM Capital Fund. Although the initial phase to add an improved vestibule addition is nearly completed, there are areas in the Centre that require upgrading and renewal and so the need to continue raising funds is essential to ensure that the Centre remains a first class facility.

The JCAM Board agreed it was necessary to have an architect assess the facility to develop an overall plan rather than making piecemeal changes without looking at the entire picture. After looking at the facility and its needs and the present code requirements, the architect Colin Reed has submitted a drawing for the Board to consider with suggestions on how the spaces may be altered in making a more effective use of the existing space. The Vision 20/20 Committee will first assess the suggestions as to its feasibility and then make recommendations to the Board as to its priorities. Much of what be accomplished will depend on the resources available.

However, there is much more work that needs to be done. Priority areas for the overall improvement to the Centre:

- Development of the Japanese garden and new fencing to enhance the garden,
- Renewal of the kitchen
- New flooring for the main hall and hallways
- Upgrades to the washrooms
- Upgrade the lighting system
- Upgrade the parking area and with new markings

The Capital Fund will be used to improve the above mentioned areas. If contributors wish to designate the use of their donations, you will be able to specify this on the donation form. All contributors \$250 and over will be recognized on the Donor Wall.

To make the necessary improvements, it is critical to have the support of everyone within our community. The amount of the donation is not a factor. What is important is for every member of our community to be a part of building and securing a legacy for our children.

JCAM CAPITAL FUND DONORS AND PLEDGES As of November 17, 2016

GOVERNMENT OR CORPORATE:

• Frank H. Hori Charitable Foundation	\$50,000
• Winnipeg Foundation	\$35,000
• Manitoba Government – Community Places Program	\$25,000
• NAJC Community & Renewal Fund	\$26,000
• Federal – New Horizons Program	\$18,300
Total	\$154,300

INDIVIDUAL:

Diamond (\$10,000+)

• Kawata Family – in memory of our parents Takeo and Shizuko Kawata	\$20,000
• Mickey Kojima and family, Leslie, Lindsay and Sharon - in honour of Thelma Kojima	\$10,000
• Keiko Miki, Grace Thomson & their families - in memory of Torasaburo and Sawae Nishikihama	\$10,000
• Kazumi Taniguchi – in memory of Asako Taniguchi	\$25,000
• Ed, Gary, Judy, Robert and their loving families – in honour of Jack and Yaeko Urano	\$10,000

Platinum \$5000+

• Fred and Grace Aoki – in memory of Fred Masuo and Shizuye Aoki	\$6000
• Art Miki in memory of Shizuko & Kazuo Miki	\$5000
• Theresa Oye – in memory of Tom & Sue Oye	\$5000
• Sue Teramura – in memory of Terry, Brenda and Megan Teramura	\$5000
• Toshio & Sumiyo Yamada	\$5000

Gold \$2500+

• Evelyn Findlay – in memory of Fred Masuo and Shizuye Aoki	\$3000
• Vivien Laurie and Henry Kojima in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Kenzo Kojima	\$2500
• Kanako Kusano in memory of Rikizo & Sakaye Takenaka	\$3000
• Ken Matsukubo & family in memory of Kazuko & Kimie Matsukubo	\$2500
• Itoko and Suzue Nishibata – in memory of parents Yasojiro and Suze Nishibata	\$3000
• Lillian Shimoda – in memory of Hiroshi Shimoda	\$2500
• Keiko Yoshino in honour of Alan Yoshino	

Silver \$1000+

• Anonymous	
• Ian and Jennifer Findlay – in memory of Fred Masuo and Shizuye Aoki	\$1000
• Ruby Govatsos and Onagi family – in honour of Kankichi and Fuku Onagi	\$1000
• Pat & Steve Hanner in memory of Hisao Kusano	\$1000
• Toshiko Hashimoto & family – Gaia, Pam & Jennifer in memory of Hiro Hashimoto	\$1000
• Dave, Mayumi & Brian Kawakami in honour of Tsutomu & Sumiko Miyahara & Mary Kawakami	\$1500
• Teiji Ted Koizumi	\$1000
• Brian Matsukubo	\$1000
• Geoffrey and Cheryl Miki	\$1000
• Roy & Slavia Miki, Brian & Joan Jalmarson – in memory of Shizuko and Kazuo Miki	\$1000
• Florence Mitani - in memory of Tahotsu and Haruko Mitani	\$1000
• Akemi Miyahara - in memory of Tsutomu and Sumiko Miyahara	\$1000
• Yukio Morita	\$1000
• Tokunaga Nakai	\$1000
• Ikuko Oikawa	\$1000
• Sadao and Sachiko Ono	\$1000
• Joy Ooto – in memory of Takao & Haruko Ooto	\$1000
• Shibata family – in memory of Takanori and Kikue Shibata	\$1000
• Osono Tully	\$1000
• The Minamide Family	\$1000

Bronze \$500+

• Frederick & Sandra Allen	\$500
• Sachiko Conway & Ken Shimizu	\$600
• Debbie and Ken Harasym	\$500
• Harvey & Sandra Kaita, Robert and Janet Okabe, Kelly & Lisa Kaita – in memory of our dear father Roy Enpay Kaita	\$500
• Dorothy Koga – in memory of William Koga	\$500
• Terumi Kuwada and Ron Rothery in memory of Toki & Hisao Kuwada	\$500
• Sam and Clare Matsuo – in memory of Fred Matsuo	\$500
• Al and Pat Mackling	\$500
• Kenji and Motoko Miyamoto	\$600
• Roy Mizuno	\$500
• Ken & Amy Murray in memory of Yoshimaru & Yoshi Abe	\$500
• Bev Nagamori	\$500
• Nancy and Ken Nishibata	\$500
• Tetsuo and Atsumi Odaguchi	\$500
• Ralph Ooto – in memory of Mr. and Mrs. T. Ooto	\$500
• Koji & Shigeko Sato	\$500
• Don and Rosemary Teranishi	\$500
• Terry and Cathy Tully	\$500
• Rosanne and Paul Yoshimasu	\$500
• Faye Hashimoto	\$500

Supporter \$250+

• Anonymous	\$300
• Sam Fujii - in honour of Sue Yamada	\$300
• Richard Furukawa	\$250
• Isabel Hirota	\$250
• Mas and Eiko Katayama	\$250
• Linda & Bruce Koskie	\$250
• Joy and Ted Letkemann and family	\$300

• Reverend Yoshi and Hiroko Masaki	\$300
• Mas & Naomi Miyai	\$300
• James and Molly Mizuno	\$250
• Tatsue Okamoto	\$300
• Mrs. Kiyo Okamura	\$300
• Joe & Miyoko Okano	\$250
• The Shigeo Saito family	\$250
• Yoshio Saito	\$250
• Doug and Laurie Taniguchi	\$250
• Mr. and Mrs. Yoshiaki Tsuyuki	\$300
• Donna and Mac Yamamoto – in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Shosuke Yamamoto	\$250
• Lily & Kanao Yamamoto	\$300
• Wayne Yamashita	\$300

Other Less than \$250

• Ray and Elaine Ali	\$150
• Rudy and Zobida Ambtman	\$140
• Taeko Boorberg	\$200
• Mrs. Yoneko Matsubara	\$100
• Jack and Judy Mizuno	\$200
• Cory and Junko Rybuck	\$100
• Irene Tatsumi - in memory of Suehiro Tatsumi	\$100
• Yoko Tsuyuki	\$50
• Kevin Utsunomiya – in memory of Kim Utsunomiya	\$100
• Sue Yoshino	\$100

Total	\$156,940
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A tax deductible receipt will be issued at year's end for all donations made to the Capital Fund.

JCAM Activities (Until May)

(NOTE: All activities are subject to change. Always phone the office to confirm the activity will take place)

Dec 16 **Embassy Reception** – Mr. Futagi - Embassy Councillor – Ottawa. 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Sat, Dec 24 - Mon Dec 26, Sat, Dec 31 - Mon Jan 2 **Centre Offices Are Closed**

Jan 7	Heritage Language Classes resume	Mar 2	Order of the Rising Sun Conferment Ceremony - Consul General of Japan
Jan 8	OSHOGATSU	Mar 4	UDON LUNCH
Jan 10	Adult Language Classes resume	Mar 10	DONBURI
Jan 13	DONBURI	Mar 18	JCAM CURLING BANQUET
Jan 14	High School Language Classes resume	Mar 24	DONBURI
Jan 14	Horizon Club's SHINNENKAI		
Jan 15	JCAM Board Meeting 10 a.m.	April 1	CUISINE NIGHT (tentative date only)
Jan 21	MOVIE & BENTO NIGHT	April 7	DONBURI
Jan 27	DONBURI	April 14	GOOD FRIDAY
Feb 10	DONBURI	April 15	Centre Closed
Feb 24	DONBURI (also Consular Services Day)	April 21	DONBURI
Feb 25	MOVIE & BENTO: <i>The Sea is Watching</i>	Apr 29/30	THINGS JAPANESE SALE



Folklorama 2016 JAPANESE PAVILION Report

We had a successful 2016 Folklorama with a profit of \$14,622. Please see the Pavilion Financial Report below for details:

PAVILION FINANCIAL REPORT

YR 2016

Line #	REVENUES:	ACTUAL
1	ADMISSION SHARE	\$ 7,370
2	FOOD	\$ 24,334
3a	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE	\$ 11,023
3b	NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE	\$ -
4	SOUVENIRS	\$ 4,143
5	GROUP TOURS	\$ 3,030
6	DONATIONS	\$ -
7	GRANTS	\$ -
8	SPONSORSHIPS	\$ 500
9	OTHER	\$ 387
10	TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 50,787

COST OF SALES:

11	FOOD	\$ 8,816
12a	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE	\$ 3,127
12b	NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE	\$ -
13	SOUVENIRS	\$ 2,121
14	GROUP TOURS	\$ 208
15	OTHER	\$ -
16	TOTAL COST OF SALES	\$ 14,272
17	GROSS PROFIT MARGIN . (Line 10 minus Line 16)	\$ 36,515

OPERATING COSTS:

18	FACILITY RENTALS	\$ 7,000
19	HALL PREPARATION	\$ 244
20	EQUIPMENT RENTAL	\$ 6,860
21	PAPER PRODUCTS AND SUPPLIES	\$ -
22	CULTURAL DISPLAY	\$ 84
23	ENTERTAINMENT	\$ -
24	AMBASSADOR	\$ 144
25	LICENSE / INSURANCE	\$ 1,724
26	VOLUNTEER	\$ 3,706
27	VIP/PAVILION SPONSOR	\$ -
28	ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,286
29	SECURITY	\$ 28
30	SIGNAGE /PRINTING /PROMOTION	\$ 108
31	BANK AND/OR POINT OF SALE FEES	\$ 144
32	OTHER	\$ 565
33	TOTAL OPERATING COSTS	\$ 21,893

34	SURPLUS(DEFICIT) BEFORE EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS .. (Line 17 minus Line 33)	\$ 14,622
35	EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS	\$ -
36	NET SURPLUS(DEFICIT) .. (Line 34 minus Line 35)	\$ 14,622

Folklorama Next Year...

Once again we are starting to prepare for Folklorama 2017 and are looking for volunteers to fill the following spots: Clean up, Entertainment, Food, Kakigori, Set up/Take down, Sponsorship and Volunteers. If you are interested, please contact the Centre and leave your name and email address.

We are also looking for Youth and Adult Ambassadors as well as Youth Mentorship Applicants. You can obtain your application form from the Centre. Deadline date will be Friday, February 17, 2017. If you are interested in representing the Japanese Pavilion, helping to organize an area in the Pavilion or being mentored in organizing the Pavilion, give us a call.

Caroline Yamashita - Coordinator, Japanese Pavilion

LOOK OUT ... For these 2017 OUTLOOK DEADLINES!

Spring Issue	Deadline Feb 17	Issued March 3	Summer Issue	Deadline May 13	Issued June 2
Fall Issue	Deadline July 31	Issued Aug 16	Winter Issue	Deadline Nov 25	Issued Dec 6

DONATIONS

We are grateful to and thank all who donate money and goods to the Centre. JCAM is a volunteer based, federally registered charitable organization, registration #12064 6021 RR0001. Donations commemorate and celebrate specific individuals or are simply given freely in support of the Centre. Donations enable us to off-set expenses. Donations made up to August 3, 2016 are recognized below. Any donations after that date will be included in the following OUTLOOK issue (December 7, 2016). *If we missed anyone in our listings below, please let us know.* Charitable tax receipts are sent out at the end of each calendar year.

Donations to JCAM/The Centre

Al & Pat Mackling
Yoko Tsuyuki
Marcel Neron
Lillian Shimoda
William Oye
Tom Miyata
Evelyn Findlay
Sanae Murakami
Karen Tosh Gary Shibata
Clare & Sam Matsuo
Kazuko Kakumasu Brenda Kline
Josh & Esther Yamada
Brenda & Kevin Kline
Yoshiaki Tsuyuki
Tadashi Shimizu
Caroline Yamashita
Donald Furutani
Ken Matsukubo
Kazumi Taniguchi
Zenji Koimaru
Kelly Koga
Yoneko Matsubara
Yoshiko Matsubara
Cathy & Steve Cowen
Janis Kaminsky
Yoshimi Kusamura Crawford
Elizabeth Ready
Margaret McKenty
Terumi Kuwada

Sandra Ebata
Akemi Ebata
Canada Helps.org
Sam & Janet Fujii
The Minamide Family

Garage Sale

Dr. & Mrs. T. Mizuno
Kathy Grabowski
Art & Keiko Miki
Al & Pat Mackling
Jack & Judy Mizuno
Sheila Ozamoto
Gail Cumming
Ruth Ooto
Chris Dewar
Nagamori Family
Valerie Hoshizaki-Nordin
Nancy & Ken Nishibata
Jim & Molly Mizuno
Midori Bruns
Karen Matthew
Kelly Koga
Heather Choy
Richard Furukawa
Yvonne Zarnowski

On behalf of Keirokai

Lucy Yamashita
Chiyo Tamoto

Things Japanese

Kaita Family
Marie Witenko
June Bakker
Marcia Takeuchi
Friendship Force
Yayoi Brandt
Yvonne Zarnowski
Molly & Jim Mizuno

Koto Club

Kaita Family

Japanese Books

Chisato Hosikawa
Elaine Shimane Brown

Reina Rybuck Award

Junko Rybuck

Website Sponsor

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In Memory of Eich & Sumiko Oike

Wayne & Shirley Oike

In Memory of Frank Yahiro

Larry & Karen Nagamori

In Memory of Kim "Margaret" Utsunomiya

Kevin Utsunomiya
Ken & Nancy Nishibata
Mona & Ernie Hiebert
Terry Phillips Carol Gauthier & family
Terry Phillips & Family
Bill Miyauchi,
Mary Fujita
Terry & Mary Higo
Kelly, Karen Alyssa Higo
Helen Konno
Water Front Tenants Association
Steve & Phyllis Fujii

In Memory of Lana Omoto

Kanako Kusano

In Memory of Mr & Mrs. H. Morita

Yukio Morita

In Memory of Lindsay Kojima

Alena Matsuo
Sandra Sasaki & Ian Wilkinson
Nancy Gilbert
Megan Sayoko Kojima & Joel Kenzo Kojima
Ricoh Innovations
Sam & Clare Matsuo
Midori Bruns
Sally Takeuchi
Wray Family
Kanako Kusano
Steve & Pat Hanner
Mickey Kojima

Karen Nagamori

In Memory of Nobu Ellis

Ichiro Teranishi
Florence Mitani
Kelly Koga
Mona & Ernie Hiebert
Mickey Kojima
Karen Tazumi
Toshiko Hashimoto Gaia, Pam & Jennifer
Caroline Yamashita & Roy Nishimura
Sachiko Conway & Ken Shimizu
Midori Bruns

In Memory of Roy Kaita

Alena Matsuo
Midori Bruns

In Memory of Charlie (Toshio) Yamada

Jean & Allan Horton
Keith & Karen Tazumi
Dennis Quon
Kanako Kusano
Susan & Ed Zwingerman
Patricia Jette
Alice Kinoshita
Theresa Oye
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Doreen & Doug Wilkie
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Mickey Kojima
Tak Tonogai

Kelly Koga
Mona & Ernie Hiebert
Caroline Yamashita & Roy Nishimura
Kathy Grabowski
Judy & Jack Mizuno
Sachiko Conway & Ken Shimizu
Jim and Doris Wolfe
Florence Mitani
Elda Cerne
Marlene Mori
Lilian Shimoda
Art and Keiko Miki
Ken and Nancy Nishibata
Lena Takatsu
Ron and Lily Kaita
Yoshi and Hiroko Masaki
Miye Iwabuchi
Ryan Zajac
Sam and Janet Fujii
Harry and Chiyoko Otsuji
Laurie and Duncan Knoll
Darcy and Faye Yamada
Kyoko and Junji Kawasaki
Barbara Akazawa
Ronald and Shirley Lee
Brenda and Grant Shikaze
Elsie Minamide

In Memory of Yoshimaru, Yoshi & Yuri Abe

Wayne & Shirley Oike

In Memory of Sue Yoshino

Judy & Armand Baccus

Japan Public Schools Program (Japan PSP)



Our wonderful educational program is now fully booked for the year. That means about 1230 elementary school children will learn about Japan, about the Centre and the finer points of Origami, Shodo, and cultural dance. It is also a measure of the high regard that teachers have for our program which, at just \$5 per student, is a field trip bargain!

We are grateful to all of our hard-working volunteers who make this possible.

We are currently limiting school visit sizes to 50 students or less because we need more volunteers. If you know a bit about Shodo or Origami and can spare a Thursday morning please come and volunteer for us. You'll be making a student happy! We will also supply you with new friends and a free lunch. With the exception of Children's Week (in 2017, May 1-5) the Schools Program, operates every Thursday morning except for the final

Thursday of the month. The Schools program restarts Thursday, January 12 at 9:30 A.M. when we welcome 40 grade 3 students from Winnipeg Mennonite School.

Remembering A Visionary - Nobu Ellis

Nobu Ellis passed away on September 30, 2016. She was predeceased by her husband Ken in 2008.

At the first Cultural Centre on Logan, Nobu, along with Connie Matsuo, was instrumental in setting up the Japan Public School Program, which is, to this day, a large and important program. Using her honed organizational skills and attention to detail, she set out the program and timeline for each session. Nobu then designed an ad to send out to elementary schools to make them aware of the program and to encourage them book sessions. She kept track of all of the bookings, and took the responsibility of sending out letters to each school, confirming the date and time of the booking. For many years, Nobu and her husband Ken also took care of buying all of the necessary supplies and meticulously keeping a record of all of the finances.



Word of this excellent program soon spread and year after year, the program was fully booked, with many schools requesting that their names be put on a waiting list in case there was a cancellation. Over the years, teachers from the visiting schools have always praised this program for being so well organized, highly educational and very enjoyable for both students and staff. We, at the Centre, are thankful and grateful to Nobu for having had the vision to help create a cultural and educational program for the Centre that has now endured and thrived for over 30 years.

Our sympathies and condolences go out to Nobu's family. She will be missed by all, but especially by the volunteers who worked with her at the Japan Public School Program during the first two decades.



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Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba 2016 GALA DINNER

2016 marks 30 years since the “birth” of the Manitoba Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre. This year also showcases extensive renovations to the entrance foyer of the Cultural Centre building so that the facility is now fully wheelchair accessible and the main hall is now slightly larger. To mark these two significant events, the 2016 Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba’s (JCAM) Annual Gala Dinner, held on Saturday, November 5 had the theme “Back to the Future”.

The evening began with greetings from Andrew Smith, MLA for Southdale representing the province of Manitoba and Art Miki, President of JCAM.



The meal, a 6 course feast was created by Sadao Ono, the retired restaurant owner who first introduced sushi and sashimi to Winnipeg 28 years ago.



Between courses, guests were entertained by Japanese songs and dance, representing both past and the future in keeping with the evening’s theme. Mrs. Chiyoko Tamoto, a member of the Centre’s Karaoke Club and a senior herself, sang a song from the past. The “future” was represented by a youthful Kazuko Magara who sang a modern song. Representing both the past and the future was Mitsuko Miyamoto, a member of Aurora Dance Group who performed a traditional semi-classical odori and representing the “future” by her youth.



As the annual gala dinner is one of JCAM’s main fundraising events of the year, between courses there were also several opportunities for guests to show their support by participating in live auctions. A lively Jesse Miki as our auctioneer kept the guests entertained and coaxed them into bidding higher and higher. A five-course meal prepared in the winner’s own home by Chef Sadao Ono generated the most interest and Jesse was able to raise the winning bid to a previously unheard of high.



The highlight of the evening was the recognition of the Horizon Club as a founding organization and impetus to the purchase of a building that was to become our first cultural centre.



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Back in 1981, the seniors in the Japanese Canadian community started a Seniors Club. In 1982, with the support of the Manitoba Japanese Canadian Citizens Association (MJCCA), the Seniors Club was formed and the first Board was elected.

In the ensuing years, donated space was used for the Seniors Club activities. The Seniors Club evolved into the Horizon Club and from them arose the dream to having its own drop-in dream, the Horizon Club actively sought financial funding and support in jointly buying a building. This was no easy task as the about the financial viability of such a venture.

The Horizon Club persisted and finally received MJCCA approval of a joint venture to purchase a building in 1986. A suitable location was found at 936 Logan Avenue. In August 1986 a Board of Directors was formed for the MJCCA Cultural Community Centre, this Centre being the forerunner to the Manitoba Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre (MJCCC). With the dedication and hard work of

many members of the Horizon Club, as well as other community members, the programs and operations at the Cultural Centre flourished and developed, necessitating a move to a larger facility at 180 McPhillips St. in 1993.

With MJCCA and MJCCC amalgamating in 2013 to become the Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba, we now look to the future for further renewal and renovations of our present home. If not for the vision and dedication of the Horizon Club, we would not be where we are today. This Gala Dinner gives us the opportunity to look back in history to remind us of the path that has been travelled to the present, and to look forward to the future.



Henry Kojima who was on the MJCCA Board in 1986, took us on a poignant trip down memory lane as he recalled the early days. Those seniors who had endured the internment camps of WWII, survived adversity in the postwar years and would not let anything get in their way of finding a meeting place.



Art Miki, President of JCAM, presented Isabel Hirota, the only surviving member of the 1986 Horizon Club Board of Directors, with a certificate with the wording that will be inscribed on a plaque which will be displayed in the Manitoba Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre. The inscription will be: *"Dedicated to MJCCA Horizon Club members for their foresight and leadership in establishing the Cultural Centre. Through their efforts a vision became a reality".*

We were very fortunate to have Isabel not only as an honoured guest, but also as a gifted speaker who shared some of her prodigious memories of old times and friends. Isabel may be 101 years old but she is as sharp as ever. She took us back to those early years with humour and humility. After her speech, the guests gave her a well-deserved standing ovation.

Marlene Mori, current President of the Horizon Club described the Horizon Club of 2016 as continuing to provide a time for seniors to gather, meet with friends and to stay active in the community.

Art Miki, President of JCAM, spoke of the future of JCAM and of the major fundraising campaign that will see upgrading and much needed renovations to the building.

This year marks the first time that the JCAM Gala had a Kotobuki Premier Sponsor, **Frontier Subaru**, of 2537 Pembina Hwy, which will be JCAM's Sponsor until the 2017 Gala Dinner.

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The Gala Dinner takes months of planning and numerous volunteers and we owe the success of the evening to them. Thank you to:
Aurora Dance Group whose members formed the Gala Committee and not only planned the evening but worked during the event:

Keiko Burke (Chair)
 Gail Cumming (Treasurer)
 Sadao Ono (Master Chef)
 Noriko Takahashi
 Kathy Grabowski

Anabel Uehara
 Jenn Letkemann
 Belen Uehara
 Meghan McOmber
 Caroline Yamashita

Mitsuko Miyamoto
 Lucy Yamashita
 Theresa Oye (Emcee)



Noriko Takahashi (left) & Kathy Grabowski of the Aurora Dancers were also two outstanding ticket sellers!

A big thank you to all the bar and kitchen volunteers, to the servers, ticket sellers, and performers for making the 2016 gala dinner a memorable event. We wouldn't have been able to do it without you.

Many JCAM members and friends donated items for the rainbow, silent, and live auctions. Their generosity ensured that we had many lovely baskets and items and made our event a huge fundraising success. All funds raised that evening go to Centre operations and supporting its many programs.



Keiko Burke (Gala Chair) & Yuhito Adachi (JCAM Treasurer & Kotobuki Premier Sponsor Frontier Subaru representative).

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Report prepared by Keiko Burke – Chair, Gala 2016
 (all Gala Dinner photos courtesy of Glenn Koga).

Movie & Bento Evenings continue in 2017!

We are expecting some highly entertaining movie nights at the Centre in 2017! Doors open at 5 p.m. (so you can enjoy a light snack or delightful bento) with show-time at 6 p.m. It's convivial and comfortable! And yours for a mere donation to our collection "hat", if you wish to donate.

Saturday, January 28: *Umi Wa Miteita – The Sea is Watching*

Doors Open at 5:00 pm Movie Starts at 6:00 pm



Set in a 19th century brothel, THE SEA IS WATCHING is the story of a beautiful young geisha, Oshin, who harbors a samurai seeking refuge. Falling in love with O-Shin, the samurai hopes to cleanse her of the sins of her profession. But fate and fortune conspire to keep the lovers apart. When another young man appears, a thunderous storm strikes their village. What, if anything, will survive nature's fury?

Saturday, February 25 Another Movie & Bento (title TBA)

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OK so the Japanese shopping cart a bit ambitious, but we do have a lot of stuff for sale! Our little grocery area now has the items you crave...just in time for Christmas! We have Natto, Kamaboko, Rakkyo, shoga, frozen tuna, miso, distinctive Japanese tea, Japanese crackers, Dashi no Moto, Age, Inari, Arare and other goodies.

Remember that this useful service is available to members only.



The Official Vestibule Opening & Plaque Unveiling December 4



A good sized crowd of about 100 attended the official opening of the Centre's new vestibule and unveiling of the donor's plaque on Sunday, December 4 after a delightful bento lunch prepared by Chef Sadao Ono. The Donor's Plaque has been positioned at the back of the new vestibule for all to see and it pays tribute not only to the donors who made this new construction possible, but also honours past contributors and supporters of the original building purchase here at 180 McPhillips. Major gift givers such as the Frank H. Hori Foundation, the Winnipeg Foundation, NAJC, the Federal & Provincial governments were all acknowledged by President Art Miki in his remarks, also thanking architect Grant Labossierre and the Tractus Project construction crews. Henry Kojima gave an impassioned speech of congratulations and encouragement to keep the renewal momentum going, as much more work still

needs to be done to continue to make the Centre attractive and enjoyable for all, particularly the users of the future – our children and their children! The unveiling of the plaque and the official opening of the vestibule drew a solid round of applause.



The Japan Public School Program is holding a Plant Sale throughout the school year, with a variety of live, potted plants available for a range of prices (mostly \$3 - \$15). All proceeds from this sale will support the Public Schools Program and keep this all-important educational component of our Centre's activities running smoothly.

You do not need to be a member or come to the Thursday Schools program to buy these plants. Just come to the Centre during regular office hours (Tuesday through Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.), browse, make your selection, and purchase using Debit, Visa, Mastercard, cheque or cash.

There are many dozens to choose from in unique pots and containers. These will make a perfect Christmas gift and they're available just at the right time.

HORIZON CLUB (Part Ni)

Isabel 101 (not a university course!)



It's amazing to reach 100 years of age. It is even more amazing to reach 101 years of age and to do so with wit, grace, charm and elegance. This quite an achievement indeed. Happy birthday and congratulations to longtime member Isabel Hirota who turned 101 this past November. The Horizon Club had a little celebration for Isabel, and a sharing of a Jeannie's Cake. Isabel was eloquent in thanking all.

The Horizon Club accepts members over the age of 55 and the cost to join is just \$5 *for the whole year!* Lunches are every Wednesday, delicious and cost members \$3.



And they have a lot of fun, right through the regular card games that go well into the afternoon. Maybe you should think of joining the group.



March 16th 18th, 2017

**Heather Curling Club
Winnipeg, Manitoba**

The Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba (JCAM) invite you to participate in our **15th 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.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16th and SATURDAY, MARCH 18th

- *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!

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