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President's Report - Art Miki

How quickly the year goes by! We are into another year 2016 and the year of the Monkey for those who follow the Chinese horoscope. We will be looking forward to a number of initiatives this spring:

- Tenders will go out for the Vestibule addition in February and hopefully we will be able to begin work in early May.
- A major Revenue Raising Campaign will begin shortly. An information board and model on the vestibule addition will be on display in March. Thanks to Don Teranishi and Grant LaBossiere, the architect, for preparing the display. A Recognition Wall in the addition is being designed with the help of Don Teranishi. Thanks to Don for time and effort.
- The annual JCAM Bonspiel will be held in March. Sandra Shibata, the chair, is looking for teams. Let's give her support by entering a team even if you haven't curled before.
- JCAM and Mirai 3.11 Revisited Committee are holding a fund raising event at Victoria In Hotel and Convention Centre on Saturday, March 12 at 6 pm. This event is to raise funds to establish scholarships for Japanese students who lost either or both parents or whose parents suffered significant injuries during the tsunami/earthquake disaster in Japan in 2011. Tickets are \$100 and can be purchased at the Centre.
- The Gala Fund Raising Dinner held in November was a resounding success as JCAM netted over \$12,000. Thanks to Marlene Mori and the Committee for their hard work.
- The annual Keirokai will be held in May at the Centre.
- An Oral History workshop is being planned for April 3. Anyone interested in ways of preserving family stories should plan to attend. Further details are found in this Outlook.
- JCAM has received a \$9,000 grant from Ethnocultural Support Program from the Manitoba department of Multiculturalism and Literacy to provide financial assistance for the Japanese Language School and the Schools Program. As a requirement, JCAM is responsible to help at several bingos with dates to be determined. Anyone interested in volunteering should let Jake know at the office.
- A JCAM Vision 20/20 Committee has been established to recommend ideas in the best way to harmonize the vestibule addition with the main hall and the rest of the Centre. Henry Kojima has agreed to chair this committee. If any community member is interested in joining the committee contact Art Miki.
- Received a grant of \$35,000 from Winnipeg Foundation for the vestibule addition.

JCAM REVENUE RAISING CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY

As part of the five year Strategic Plan, one of the major objectives is to allow JCAM to expand its use and activities and create a new image for the community. This requires the support from the community both financially and morally.

JCAM Board 2014 -2016

Executive:

President: Art Miki **1st Vice-President:** Lucy Yamashita **2nd Vice-President:** Ken Teramura **Treasurer:** Yuhito Adachi **Secretary:** Kana Nemoto

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GHOST TOWN BUS TOUR September 12-16, 2016

\$825/person

- A 5 day bus tour to West Kootenays
- Visit former internment sites of Canadians of Japanese descent who were incarcerated during WWII.
- Visit Slocan Valley-New Denver-Sandon-Kalso and also the Doukhobor Village & Museum in Castlegar
- Visit Ainsworth Hot Springs prior to returning home

Price includes bus transportation, 4 nights hotel accommodation (double occupancy), all entry fees and 7 meals. **Space is limited so register early.** To hold your space, send deposit cheque in the amount of \$400 - made payable to **NCS of LA** - to George Takashima, 3112-29 Street South, Lethbridge, AB T1K 7J9 **no later than April 30, 2016.** For more information contact George via email at geotak@shaw.ca or phone 403-328-0156. **SPECIAL:** If you book before March 10, 2016 the cost will be \$800/person. Tour is sponsored by The Nikkei Cultural Society of Lethbridge and Area (NCS of LA)

Register now for the JCAM ORAL HISTORY WORKSHOP!

Have you ever thought about interviewing a family member about their life experiences? Do you want to preserve their stories before they are lost to the next generation? This is a special opportunity to learn practical ways to get started, learn what questions to ask, and how to preserve the stories. The Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba (JCAM) will hold an Oral History Workshop at the Cultural Centre, facilitated by professionals from the University of Winnipeg Oral History Centre. This could become an important part of your family's legacy and will speak to generations you'll never meet!

Date: Sunday, April 3, 2016

Time: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm (lunch will be provided)

Place: Manitoba Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre, 180 McPhillips St.



As part of the workshop there will also be a 2 hour introductory session Monday March 28, 7-9 pm. This workshop is FREE for JCAM members and \$10 for non-members (collected at the workshop). To register, please contact Jake at the Centre m.jccc@shaw.ca or call 204 774-5909 and leave your name and contact information. The goal of the project is to assist interested individuals by teaching them various ways to collect and preserve their family stories, thereby contributing to the understanding of the Japanese Canadian experience in Canada.

The JCAM would like to acknowledge funding support from the National Association of Japanese Canadians Cultural Development Fund for the JCAM Family History Preservation Project.

HORIZON CLUB NEWS

Shinnenkai was held January 9, 2016 and close to 45 people attended, immensely enjoying a potluck lunch that would have made a four-star buffet jealous. Bingo followed with some fun bingo prizes donated by Kyoko Kawasaki, Ron Kaita, Ken and Nancy Nishibata and Lena Takatsu. Horizon meetings resumed in 2016 on February 3 with the usual activities of tai chi, exercises, card games and lunch. Throughout the year we received donations and are grateful to acknowledge them, and donors include Jennifer Hashimoto in memory of her father, Hiro; Charlie Yamada in memory of his wife, Sue; Keiko Nakai in memory of her father, Tokunaga and goodwill donations from Lucy Yamashita and Mae Kawata.

In Memoriam

We mourn the passing of the following members of our community:

Michael Hayashi on Friday, December 4, 2015

Tsutomu (Tony) Fukumura on December 9, 2015

Toshiaki (Arthur) Shimizu on December 19, 2015

Shizuko Kawata (nee Furutani) on December 22, 2015

Kanako (Aster) Nagamori (nee Onagi) on December 28, 2015

Yaeko Nishimura on February 29, 2016

The BACHI BEAT – News from Hinode Taiko

Nothing like taiko drumming in the dead of winter to keep that blood moving! Hinode took a short break at Christmas but are right back into the swing of things.



We said sayonara to our two Japanese high school exchange students, Yukari and Natsuko, who practiced with our group for 10 months while going to high school here in Winnipeg. They played with us at numerous events including Folklorama, and also at Run for the Cure, pictured here. Now, we've got our hands full with a set of eight keen beginners who are in the middle of their second session of beginners classes! They're learning so quickly, who knows...you may see some new faces at Folklorama this year.

Hinode performing members have been busy as usual, practicing up a new repertoire for upcoming spring and summer events. We are very pleased to be performing at the Mirai 3.11 Revisited Fundraiser on March 12. We'll also have some great taiko-related items and experiences (!) for auction, so please come out and support this great cause. Following are some other places where you can see us perform this spring:

- Hanamatsuri at the Manitoba Buddhist Temple - April 17th
- Windsor Park Church Spring Dinner - April 24th

Finally, Hinode Taiko will hold a second annual spring fundraiser following the success of last year's Happi Hour fundraising event held at our Centre. The details for this year's event are still being decided, but expect excellent entertainment from Hinode Taiko and other special musical guests as well as some excellent food. It all happens May 14th, 2016. If you're interested in attending, please see any Hinode Taiko member for details - or, we will have more info for everyone in the coming weeks.

As always, visit us on Facebook or on our website (www.hinodetaiko.ca) for the latest. See you soon!

YOUTH MENTORSHIP PROGRAM 2016

JCAM invites youths to apply for the Youth Mentorship program during Folklorama 2016. 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 and 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, 2016.

Successful applicants will be notified in June and will receive a \$250 bursary at the end of Folklorama. Preference will be given to first time applicants. Up to five youths will be selected for 2016.



YOUTH AMBASSADORS! Step Forward for your Community!

Are you interested in learning more about your culture, meeting new people and having a great time? Then we have a position for you!

We are still accepting applications for adult and youth ambassadors for Folklorama 2016.

Applications are at the Centre or can be emailed to you. Just request one at m.jccc@shaw.ca ! **Deadline extended to March 15, 2016.** Arigato!

Manitoba Buddhist Temple Cherry Blossom Fund Raiser

Saturday, April 2nd, 2016

Tecumseh & Winnipeg Ave

from 12:00 noon to 2:30 pm

PRE-ORDERS for sushi, yaki & mushi manju and chow mein only. Tables will also be set up for WALK UP SALES of oriental foods, baking, crafts & raffle tickets. Lunch will also be available to purchase and eat in again. Take some time to relax, enjoy some food and visit with friends.

Deadline for all Pre-Order is March 3, please call Donna Nishimura at 783-7608

All orders to be picked up April 2 between 12:00 - 2:00 pm

JAPAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS PROGRAM IN HIGH GEAR!

Our popular cultural & educational exposition for elementary school students, Japan PSP, is half-way through its school year and fully booked, attesting to its popularity with the education system in general and students & teachers in particular. We receive wonderful feedback from teachers and students about this program, how the students are all abuzz about Japan when they return to school, and with the origami, shodo and odori we show them they get fully immersed. We're always looking for volunteers so if you can spare some of your time to help and can demonstrate Shodo or Origami please give Jake a call at the Centre. Japan Public School Programs run each Thursday morning of the month (except for the last Thursday of the month). An exception is also **Children's Week** our busiest and most concentrated school event. This runs Monday through Friday, morning and afternoon and this year will take place **from May 2 – 6**. We can certainly use your help especially during that week, with 10 schools scheduled and over 525 students expected, close to one-third of our entire year's student visits. Lunch is served at all times!



Arigato... (thank you!)

We are grateful to the Winnipeg Foundation for their support. In January of this year The Winnipeg Foundation approved a grant of \$35,000 to the Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba to support the expansion and renovation of our entranceway and foyer of our Cultural Centre. This grant was approved by the Winnipeg Foundation's Grants Team under the Foundation's Community Building Fund and marks their recognition of JCAM as an important part of Winnipeg's cultural mosaic. Please see the article on VISION 2020, Capital Fundraising elsewhere in this issue, for additional information.

Vision 2020 – Capital Fundraising

The years 2016 through 2020 have been designated our capital fundraising period for JCAM, under the banner VISION 2020. As a play on words it encapsulates our desire to improve, grow and seize the future as we move forward into a new decade. Our goal is to ensure a solid legacy for the children of the nisei (the sansei) and beyond. There is no getting around the fact it takes a lot of money to keep and maintain our Centre and to that end we have developed a prioritized list that shows necessary reasons for fundraising. The list also affords sponsor naming and affiliative opportunities. VISION 2020 has set a cap of \$1,000,000 over a specific time-frame and will address substantial revisions to the Centre, from a more user friendly front entrance to new flooring throughout, area lighting and banquet hall equipment. These are major capital expenditures but they are required if we are to continue to operate this building in a progressive and safe manner.



Over the next 5 years much needs to be repaired or replaced at our Centre. The first priority is to keep the building open and operating smoothly. Our second priority will be to make it a clean, safe and healthy environment for both young and old, one that is up to modern standards and ecologically sound to operate. Much of our 40+ year-old building and equipment has reached its maximum lifetime use. Hence we are facing major capital expenses, including new flooring in the main hall and hallways, a roof reseal, replacement or closing off of most of the windows to improve insulation and heat/air control, a new back door for the

gym to replace the warped door, a new entranceway/vestibule, new tables and chairs and bringing our fluorescent lighting up to new eco standards. Smaller, but still substantial expenses will include new ceiling tiles (the ones we use are no longer available), seals on plumbing in all bathrooms, drywall repairs, painting and decorating, and parking lot striping to create more handicapped spots and possibly new fencing to replace and extend what we have now. The accumulated costs for all of these repairs and replacements could run close to one million dollars. As you can see, we need a lot of help in the coming years. But we are fighters, not quitters. Properly planned and implemented we can achieve a complete make-over within 5 years and ensure the Centre will be here for another 40 years and more!

You can make a difference for our children and grandchildren to make sure we can continue to build on the legacy that our founders started so long ago.

Yes, this amount is achievable! The effort to reach this amount will be hard and difficult to achieve but it can be done. It translates to raising \$72,000 per year. We have started a positive campaign to raise money from corporations and individuals, a campaign that has already started to bear fruit. Government and private foundations will also help with grants, gifts and endowments.



An improved Centre will continue the legacy for our children as a solid symbol of community, of family and of spirit. It will continue to be the place where we enjoy each other's company and expand our knowledge of our heritage. This \$1M capital campaign will consist of seeking financial support within our generous membership as well as seeking significant dollars from the caring corporate support in Winnipeg. The main benefit to our members of VISION 2020 is the peace of mind knowing that their culture has the means to be preserved for many years to come. To our corporate sponsors, we are providing a means to support an active and noted organization that has shared values regarding good community stewardship. By supporting our organization, we can continue to be an active member of our multi-cultural city, thus making our Winnipeg Community that much stronger.

Look for an electronic, mail and telephone campaign soon, as well as renderings and diorama displays at the Centre of what our VISION 2020 will make possible. Members are encouraged to provide comments and input and interact with the committee. We look forward to your anticipated support and for your past support as well. The VISION 2020 fund-raising committee is headed by 2nd Vice-President Ken Teramura and Board Member Joy Letkemann.

JCAM CAPITAL FUND DONORS TO DATE

Government/Corporate

Individual Donors:

• Frank H. Hori Charitable Foundation	\$ 50,000	
• Winnipeg Foundation	35,000	
• Manitoba Government - Community Places Program	25,000	
Total	\$ 110,000	\$ 6,290

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 February 20 are recognized below. Any donations after that date will be included in the following OUTLOOK issue. *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.

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Junko Rybuck
Jennifer Hashimoto
Wayne Oike
Staffa Kopchuk
Linda Lindsay
James Rovero
Ron Kaita
Yukimi Kurata

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JAPAN PSP

Junko Rybuck
Rita Campbell

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Yoshiko DeForest

GARAGE SALE

The Nagamori Family
Kay Witenko

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The Nagamori Family
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In Memory of Arthur Shimizu

Yoshi & Kay Tsuyuki

In Memory of Aster Nagamori

Art and Keiko Miki
K. Lucy Yamashita
Brenda Mark
Alena Matsuo
Lena Takatsu

In Memory of Connie Matsuo

Glenn Matsumoto

In Memory of Hiro Hashimoto

Jennifer Hashimoto

In Memory of Kevin Kunz

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Art & Keiko Miki
Azusa Ozawa & Andrew Barney
Dorothy Koga

Davy & Mayumi Kawakami
Yoshi & Kay Tsuyuki
Hinode Taiko

In Memory of Shizuko Kawata

Florence Mitani
Helen McLean
Judy & Armand Baccus
Theresa Oye
Mona & Ernie Hiebert
Mae Kawata and family
Kathy Grabowski
Art and Keiko Miki
K. Lucy Yamashita
Yoshi & Hiroko Masaki

In Memory of Tokunaga Nakai

Mona & Ernie Hiebert
Joe & Miyoko Okano

In Memory of Tony Fukumura

Midori Bruns
Alena Matsuo
Clare & Sam Matsuo



Looking Ahead:

For those of you who like to mark your calendars ahead of time here's what is planned so far for 2016. Please note sometimes dates and times change or events are cancelled so please check a few weeks ahead of time for anything happening at the Centre.

DONBURI IN 2016

(Always Fridays) March 11, April 1, 15 and 29, 2016

THINGS JAPANESE SALE

Saturday, April 9, 2016 9a.m. - 3 p.m. & Sunday, April 10 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

CURLING BONSPIEL (see next page for entry)

Thursday, March 24 - Competition

Saturday, March 26 – Playoffs & Bonspiel Banquet

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accept the first paid 16 rinks! There might still be room for a few more rinks so give Sandra Shibata a call at 204 -654-9455 or e-mail at sshibata@mts.net

The Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba (JCAM) invite you to participate in the 14th ANNUAL BONSPIEL Thursday March 24 and Saturday March 26 followed by a Japanese Cuisine Banquet Saturday evening. Only \$160 per team or \$40 per curler (includes Japanese Cuisine Banquet) 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. All teams must have at least one curler of Japanese descent Due to limited space, we



Hop on the bus, Gus!

South Beach Casino Bus Trip

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

The Horizon Club is planning a bus trip to the South Beach Casino on **Monday, March 14, 2016**. Drive to the Centre and be ready for the bus to leave at 9:00 a.m. Departure time from South Beach is 3:00 p.m. Get your gambling spirit warmed up by playing Bingo on the bus. Cost is \$25

which includes bus transportation and buffet lunch. Complimentary tea, coffee and water is available at the Casino. Please pay in cash only to Alice Kinoshita or Lucy Yamashita.

You also can leave the money in an envelope with your name at the JCAM Office. **Deadline to sign up is March 4, 2016.**



THINGS JAPANESE SALE

Saturday, April 9: 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. & Sunday, April 10: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. This is a lovely and inexpensive way to get genuine Japanese collectibles for your home, office or garden. If you have any Japanese items to donate for this sale please contact the Centre or bring them to the office.

DONBURIS YET TO COME

Lunch at the Centre is a great idea. Not expensive and very filling! Held on Friday (when Easter or other events don't interfere) we always have available Shrimp Donburi, Special and Regular sushi, Age sushi, sunomono, soup, rice, vegetable tempura, wasabi, green tea, manju and satsumage (as a slice or whole). We provide different specials on different dates:

March 11 Unagi Donburi & Chicken Teriyaki Bento. **April 1** Mabodofu & Fresh Salmon Teriyaki Bento. **April 15** Basa Fry & Beef Ball in Teriyaki Sauce Bento. **April 29** Pork Tonkatsu & Fresh Salmon Teriyaki Bento.



MAY 2016 is ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH!

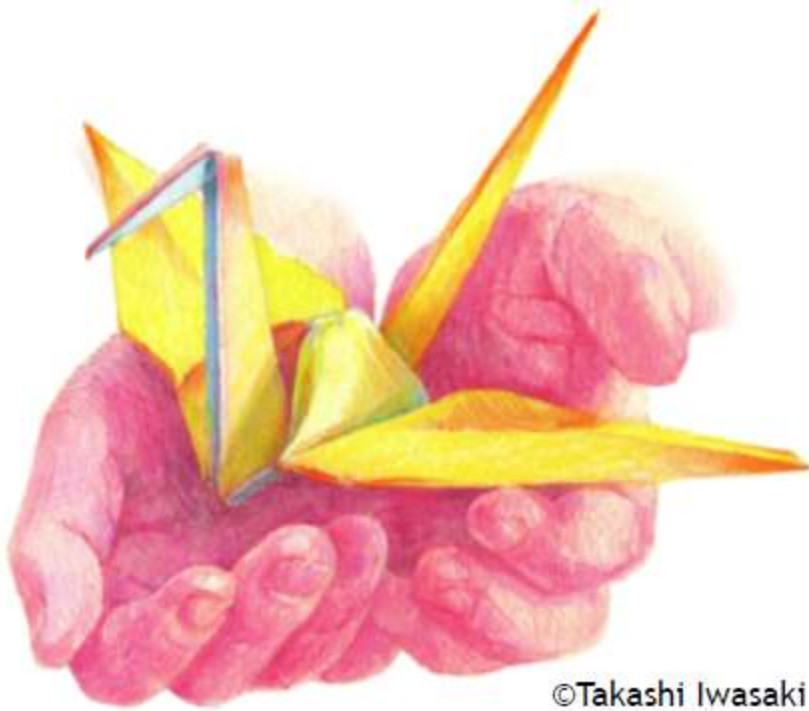
Join us for Asian Heritage Month Activities for May 2016

Wednesday, May 11 - Panel presentation on Asian experiences in Manitoba at 3:30 p.m. in the Garden of Contemplation and Asian Fusion Showcase (performances) at 7:00 p.m. in John Buhler Hall in the Canadian Museum for Human Rights (no charge for the evening performances)

Saturday and Sunday, May 28 & 29 - Asian Canadian Festival at The Forks from 1- 5 p.m.

Thursday, May 26 - Ruth Ohi, a Japanese Canadian children' author, will hold readings at the Millennium Library and West Kildonan Library for elementary students. Times TBA.

For more information on these activities, contact Art Miki – President, JCAM



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Mirai 3.11 Revisited

Continuing to assist children affected by the earthquake and tsunami

Fundraising Dinner

Presented by Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba (JCAM)

Mirai 3.11 Revisited committee

Saturday, March 12th 2016 Cocktail 5:30 PM (Dinner 6:00 PM)

Victoria Inn Hotel & Convention Centre, 1808 Wellington Ave, Winnipeg, MB

Ticket: \$100 per person (includes buffet & entertainment, tax receipt available)
available at JCAM or by email mirai311revisited@gmail.com

All proceeds go to JCAM Mirai scholarship fund to help children affected by the earthquake and tsunami in Japan 2011.

Entertainment includes:

- Special ballet performance by RWB Dancers
- Japanese Taiko drumming by Hinode Taiko
- Message from Japan
- Tempura & sushi by chef Mr. Ono
- Live auction and more!



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