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OUTLOOK

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President's Report - Art Miki

Folklorama was again a success with great community involvement and also financially. Thanks to Caroline Yamashita and the hard working committee chairs who did a marvelous job in organizing their areas and to the many volunteers who contributed to all aspects of the Japanese Pavilion's success. The Planning Committee has recommended to JCAM that we continue involvement in Folklorama 2018. We will need some volunteers to chair some areas. Let me know if you have interest in contributing to its planning and organization.

- A large number of JCAM delegates attended the NAJC AGM and Conference held at the Museum of History in Ottawa. The Conference organized by the Ottawa JC community focused on the theme of Past, Present and Future with panel discussions and workshops. An excellent workshop was conducted by Gary Watanabe on strategies for organizations on how to move ahead in the future. Alex Miki, Cassidy Nekwinda and Haley Yamamoto attended the Young Leaders' sessions and will be involved in planning for the 2018 Conference in Winnipeg.
- I personally have been busy this fall with presentations at "Japanese Canadian Apology" in Vancouver with the Canadian Museum on Human Rights in September and an orientation for new Board members for the Canadian Race Relations Foundation in October in Toronto and will be speaking CRRF Sponsored Roundtable in Vancouver on December 10 on *Building Bridges Among East Asian Canadians: How Does Racism Affect Us?*
- The Japanese Art and Antique sales in September brought in close to \$3000. Thanks to the Committee of Lucy Yamashita, Grant Voakes, Vivian Laurie and Les Kojima.
- The Japanese garden and fence has been completed and many thanks go to Henry Kojima, Sam Matsuo, Ray Normandeau, Dean and Tad Kojima, Tom Yamashita, Les Kojima and Paul Bainbridge for their efforts to create a pleasant and serene environment for Centre visitors and users.
- The NAJC will be conducting a survey with member organizations as they are considering structural changes to its operations, the National Executive Board and to Committees. This is to be completed before January 31, 2018.
- JCAM is planning a Board Strategic Planning Retreat to focus a future planning for JCAM, Recruitment of Board members and volunteers, succession planning and new programming.
- Despite changes from the original plans, the Gala Dinner held at Canad Inn with over 225 in attendance was a resounding success. Thanks to Les Kojima and the planning committee for their hard work and to Sadao Ono who added Japanese flavor to the meal and provided advice to the Chef at Canada Inn.
- Recently the NDP party introduced a private member's bill to have a Nanjing Massacre Commemoration Day introduced in Manitoba legislature. The NAJC, Canadian Race Relations Foundation and Japanese Consulates had opposed a similar Bill in Ontario because the teaching of the Nanjing Massacre vilifies Japan and has had negative backlash on Japanese Canadian youth in Vancouver and Toronto. When it appeared in Manitoba, I met with the Consul General of Japan who was extremely concerned with its implications and so we met with Minister Cox to express our opposition. This was conveyed to the House leader. Keiko and I met Jon Gerrard to express our concerns. When the vote was taken to send the Bill to Committee it was defeated and so the Bill has now died.

On behalf of the JCAM Board and staff, I wish to extend our season's greetings to the members and families and wish all of you health, happiness and success in the coming year.

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To the EISA concert

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To the Gala Dinner

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Satomi Saper
Donna & Vic Kirdei
Jack & Judy Mizuno

In Memory of Hiro Hashimoto

Gaia, Pam, Jennifer and Toshiko Hashimoto

In Memoriam - 2017

Our sincere wishes and deepest condolences to the families of

Hirokazu (Harry) Hamade – October 1

Yoshiko Suzuki – October 12

Ritsuko (Ritz) Ito – published October 14

Richard Takashi Nose – October 28

Sam Nakamoto – November 17

Kiyoko Kawata – November 21

Forever in our hearts

HORIZON CLUB RETURNS WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2018

The Horizon Club started meeting for lunch and activities on Wednesday, September 6th. Lunch, tai-chi and card games have been enjoyed by all. On October 2nd the group went on a bus trip to South Beach Casino for a day of gambling and lunch. On October 19th we had an informative presentation on Falls Prevention put on by Tam Yamashita from the Active Living Coalition for Older Adults. This included tips on preventing falls, exercises for improving balance and proper footwear. We will be looking at other presentations relevant to older adults.



No, that's just non-alcoholic wine and yes, there were more people at the table to consume it! Horizon people just naturally have a good time!



Some of the "regulars" having their green tea and just desserts.

The last meeting for 2017 was on Wednesday, November 29 and a good time was had by all as you can see in the picture accompanying this article. We will resume regular meetings on February 7. On Saturday, January 13 we will celebrate Shinnen Kai with a pot luck lunch.

If you are 55 and older you are invited and welcome to join the club. Membership is only \$5 and lunches cost \$4. We have a lot of fun and enjoy companionship.

Happy New Year,
The Horizon Club



There's a knowing smile on Pat Mackling's face (she's done this before!) as hubby Al attempts to blow out the symbolic candles on his 90th birthday cake. The Macklings, always generous, treated Horizon members to lunch that day in honour of Al's birth in 1927 as we wished him many more!

OUTLOOK DEADLINES!

If you have information or bit of news that might be of interest to our general membership please send it along to the office by snail mail, email or even by phone. This is especially worthwhile if you're planning some kind of event that will interest the membership and could use a little publicity.

Spring Issue	Deadline Feb 24	Issued March 3
Summer Issue	Deadline May 24	Issued June 2
Fall Issue	Deadline August 4	Issued August 16



Centre Improvements to Continue into 2018

Many positive comments have been expressed regarding the renovations and changes made at the Centre during the past year. The new vestibule, handicap access entry, garden, fence, lighting, parking lot and the general tidying up of the exterior property have made our Centre more inviting and secure for members and guests. On November 9, our new vestibule was awarded a 2017 Access Award by the City of Winnipeg for "excellence in universal design and accessibility".

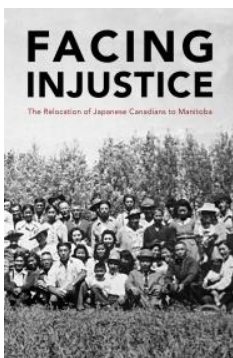
The interior of the Centre is also being transformed and improvements are in progress. A concerted effort has been made this year to cull unused items and furnishings from our limited storage facilities and outside trailer. New flooring for the main hall will be installed the week of December 18 along with new lightweight and durable tables and chairs which will replace the old brown tables and chairs. Access to the Centre will be by special arrangement only during the week of December 18, as the floor area will be inaccessible

and there may be possible noxious dust and/or fumes. **Please check with the office first** before planning a visit during that time.

The overall appearance and atmosphere of the main hall will dramatically improve as a result of the open view into our Japanese Garden and the floor upgrade and new furnishings. Also, work is underway in the bathrooms to replace all toilets with more water-efficient, ecologically-friendly units that are up to today's building code standards. As well, the small women's washroom located next to the bar area will be converted to become a much-needed storage area. The adjacent washroom will be transformed into a unisex washroom.

The Board will continue to examine further short- and long-term renovation plans for the Centre. Preliminary overview plans (Phases 1, 2 and 3) were introduced last winter to the Horizon Club as a starting point for discussion amongst community members. No subsequent steps have been taken nor decisions made regarding moving forward with any additional renovation plans beyond the vestibule, flooring and bringing the washrooms up to code. Further discussion, communication with and input from the community are critical before moving forward. Through the Vision 20/20 Committee chaired by Joy Letkemann, early in the new year the Board will be initiating another community consultation process to determine how and when the next steps will proceed based on our community's input.

Your thoughts and suggestions are very much needed and valued as the JCAM Board addresses current issues and prepares for the future needs of our community.



Documentary Film Still Available AT THE CENTRE

Facing Injustice: The Relocation of Japanese Canadians to Manitoba.

A number of our JCAM members are featured in this documentary which tells why Japanese Canadians were forcibly removed from the West Coast in 1942 and placed on sugar beet farms as labourers in Manitoba, finally settling in Winnipeg. It's thought provoking, touching and an excellent permanent memory you should share with your kids. We have DVD's at the office at \$20 each.

Movie & Bento x 2

Delinquent Girl Boss

Saturday, January 20, 2017 Bento and Snacks available for sale
Doors open at 5:00 pm Movie starts at 6:00 pm Admission by Donation

After a life in reform school, Rika (Reiko Oshida) tries her hand at becoming a decent, upstanding citizen. But try as she might, she just can't get the hang of the straight life. Back on the streets, she meets up with her old reform schoolmates and becomes embroiled in an underworld full of gangsters and shifty kidnappers who have a taste for money and women. Now Rika must rely on her two greatest assets, her beauty and her butt-kicking skills, to help her friends take brutal revenge!



Sweet Bean

Saturday, February 17, 2017 Bento and Snacks available for sale
Doors open at 5:00 pm Movie starts at 6:00 pm Admission by Donation

The film centres around Sentaro, a middle-aged man who runs a small dorayaki shop frequented by locals and secondary-school pupils. When he puts up a notice saying that he is looking for a co-worker he is approached by Tokue, a lady in her mid-seventies, who states that she has always wanted to work in a dorayaki shop. Sentaro initially rejects her application, afraid that the work would prove too much for the old lady who, moreover, has somewhat deformed hands. He is swayed, however, when he tries Tokue's bean paste. Its taste and texture are far superior to that of the factory-made bean paste Sentaro has been using. Sentaro asks Tokue to start making bean paste with him, revealing that up till now he did not actually like his own product.

Donburi Lunch CONTINUES IN 2018!

EATIN/TAKE OUT

Donburi is served on the following Fridays Noon – 2 p.m.



Jan 12 & 26 Feb 9 & 23 March 9 & 23 Apr 6 & 20 Definitely Winnipeg's best Japanese lunch with lots of choices all at very reasonable prices. All of our food is lovingly prepared by our volunteers with many years experience preparing these excellent foods, our selections are wide, with changing options from lunch to lunch. Always on the menu is Shrimp & Vegetable Donburi, our Special Sushi (featuring smoked salmon and cream cheese), Age Sushi and Regular Sushi and also freshly prepared satsumage, sunomono salad, soup, green tea and vegetable tempura. 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!

You can pre-order for take-out by phone (204-774-5909) or email mjccc@shaw.ca

Japanese Pavilion at Folklorama a Success

Line #	REVENUES:	
1	ADMISSION SHARE	\$ 11,740.74
2	FOOD	\$ 27,100.00
3a	BAR: NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE	\$ -
3b	BAR: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE	\$ 12,568.41
4	SOUVENIRS	\$ 6,800.07
5	GROUP TOURS	\$ 4,880.75
6	DONATIONS	\$ 1,260.13
7	GRANTS	\$ -
8	SPONSORSHIPS	\$ 500.00
9	OTHER	\$ 140.45
10	TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 64,990.55
COST OF SALES ITEMS:		
11	FOOD	\$ 13,585.23
12a	BAR: NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE	\$ -
12b	BAR: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE	\$ 5,443.25
13	SOUVENIRS	\$ 3,079.49
14	GROUP TOURS	\$ 164.05
15	OTHER	
16	TOTAL COST OF SALES ITEMS	\$ 22,272.02
17	GROSS PROFIT MARGIN .. (Line 10 minus Line 16)	\$ 42,718.53
OPERATING COSTS:		
18	FACILITY RENTALS	\$ 9,000.00
19	HALL PREPARATION	\$ 379.86
20	EQUIPMENT RENTAL	\$ 5,624.93
21	PAPER PRODUCTS & SUPPLIES	\$ 730.75
22	CULTURAL DISPLAY	\$ -
23	ENTERTAINMENT	\$ 12.43
24	AMBASSADORS	\$ 108.31
25	PAVILION LICENSING & INSURANCE	\$ 1,775.77
26	VOLUNTEERS	\$ 3,782.21
27	VIP/PAVILION SPONSOR	\$ -
28	ADMINISTRATION	\$ 603.42
29	SECURITY	\$ -
30	SIGNAGE /PRINTING /PROMOTION	\$ 141.46
31	BANK AND/OR POINT OF SALE FEES	\$ 163.82
32	OTHER	\$ 173.80
33	TOTAL OPERATING COSTS	\$ 22,496.76
34	PROFIT OR (LOSS) BEFORE EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS .. (Line 17 minus Line 33)	\$ 20,221.77
35	EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS (IF APPLICABLE)	\$ -
36	NET PROFIT OR (LOSS) .. (Line 34 minus Line 35)	\$ 20,221.77

Although the attendance was similar to past years, the Japanese Pavilion financial picture was very positive. The Financial report shown at left, prepared by Jaclyn Demianyk Folklorama Treasurer, reported a profit of over \$20,000.

Thanks are due to the many hard working volunteers who contributed to a successful Folklorama week.





2017 NAJC AGM / Annual Conference Report

On September 22nd-24th, 2017, the NAJC held its annual AGM/national conference in Ottawa. Representing JCAM were Art and Keiko Miki, Alex Miki, Hayley Yamamoto, Valerie Hoshizaki-Nordin, Karynne and Cassidy Nekwinda and Ken Teramura.

Some of the issues discussed by the NAJC was a proposal to re-structure the number of NAJC executives and to host the annual conference every second year. NAJC member organizations will have an opportunity to provide feedback to these issues in the upcoming weeks. Please watch for Jake's Centre communications.

At the 2016 Calgary AGM, JCAM proposed to host the 2018 conference in Winnipeg during the September 21st-23rd weekend. A planning committee has been formed consisting of Art and Keiko Miki, Alex Miki, Hayley Yamamoto, Valerie Hoshizaki-Nordin, Karynne and Cassidy Nekwinda, Kei Ebata and Ken Teramura.

One of the items being discussed is to host our annual Gala fund raising dinner in conjunction with the Saturday evening dinner. There are many facets to hosting the conference which includes a the NAJC AGM, a reception for delegates at the Culture Centre, day long workshop pertaining to Human Rights issues and discussions regarding NAJC organization issues.

All of this requires the help of many volunteers. If you are willing to be part of our planning committee or to volunteer in any way, please contact Jake at the Centre or myself at bepositiveco@shaw.ca.

Ken Teramura 2018 NAJC conference chairperson

NAJC and JCYL Conference: Reflections from Ottawa by Alex Miki

The Japanese Canadian Young Leaders Conference was held in Ottawa this year in conjunction with the NAJC's annual general meeting. Over thirty young leaders from across Canada participated in the conference including myself, Hayley Yamamoto and Cassidy Nekwinda from Winnipeg. I had the opportunity to share some perspectives from the weekend at the NAJC conference, including three key challenges that current Young Leaders (YL) face today:

1. Individual identity. Young Japanese Canadians today face a different set of challenges than previous generations; growing up after the internment and post-redress. Many young leaders over the weekend expressed their concern over the challenge of trying to define our identity for ourselves instead of being told by today's media what it means to be Japanese Canadian.
2. Intrarelations between each other and other JC youth. One of the most important points that came up throughout the conference was the need to create a network of young Japanese Canadians and to most importantly, create lasting friendships in order to be connected and support one another. There is also a need to get new young leaders involved and to keep them interested. Overall, young leaders need a safe space where they can share ideas, learn from each other and build new friendships with one another.
3. Interrelationships between YL and other groups. As we build relationships between each other, there is also a challenge to build connections between the older generation as well as the NAJC organization. In addition, questions were raised about the future of young JCs and the NAJC such as what are the NAJC's expectations of YL and where do we fit in with the organization? Young leaders expressed their desire to be more involved with the community and to be able to bring new ideas towards the organization but feel like their voices become muffled or diluted. There is a growing concern that the older generation or the organization will feel like we are trying to take over when we just want to help and work together to create a future for everyone.



Photo by Kayla Isomura

For a complete overview of the JCYLC, please visit <http://jcyoungleaders.najc.ca/>

JCYLC 2017 - Summary of a Report by Hayley Yamamoto

What does it mean to be a Japanese-Canadian? An open-ended question, and one that we are yet to find a solid answer to. When you're always termed "the Japanese one" in your school and amongst your group of friends, being Japanese starts to become part of your identity. But when you meet people from Japan, you soon realize that you're not Japanese in the same way they are. Being too Japanese to be seen as Canadian and too Canadian to be seen as Japanese is something our community has been struggling with since the first Japanese immigrant arrived in Canada one hundred forty years ago. The short forty-eight hours I spent at the Japanese-Canadian Young Leaders Conference in Ottawa was an extremely rewarding and eye opening experience for me. We discussed issues that I had been aware of, like cultural identity discussed above, and others, like Young Leader and National Association of Japanese-Canadian (NAJC) relations, that I was not even aware existed. The parts of the conference that stood out the most to me were learning about the NAJC, hearing about issues in other Japanese-Canadian communities, and meeting other Japanese-Canadians.

Before the JCYLC I was not entirely sure what the NAJC was. I had a basic idea that it was like the Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba (JCAM), but on the national level, however I was not aware of the history behind the organization. Throughout the weekend, I realized that maybe there was a reason I didn't know what the NAJC was or what the NAJC did: the NAJC themselves aren't entirely sure of their purpose or identity either. Like Japanese-Canadians coming to terms with their cultural identity, the NAJC is trying to figure out their organizational identity. As a business student, I found it interesting that the organizational purpose became obsolete after redress and yet has allowed itself to exist for nearly thirty years without a clearly defined organizational purpose. If you don't know who you are and what you do, how are you supposed to gain supporters and followers? This was a priority at the conference, and needs to be done before the NAJC can move into the future. I believe that the NAJC is jumping the gun by trying to plan for the future without even considering what they are in the present. Where they will be in the future will change depending on their purpose now, so defining themselves needs to happen before anything else can.

Every Japanese-Canadian community has a different dynamic: a different number of people, a different amount of generational influence, a different number of events and a different level of involvement in those events. Talking to young leaders from cities like Toronto, I learned that Winnipeg is in quite good shape in terms of "changing with the times." Luckily, the older generations in our community are quite keen on engaging the youth and looking at present day Japan and Canada rather than being stuck in the past. We are facing similar problems as Kamloops in terms of increasing involvement, especially of the younger generation. Those who don't grow up with parents that are highly involved in the community probably aren't very involved when they're older. The problem that both Winnipeg and Kamloops are facing is that a lot of the Japanese-Canadians weren't engaged in the community growing up and now have no interest in getting involved. Hearing about the strengths and weaknesses in other communities can help us to play on our strengths and improve on our weaknesses as a community here in Winnipeg.

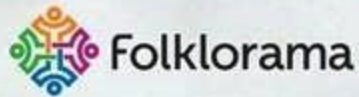
Finally, just getting to know other young leaders was a lot of fun. Generational differences exist even amongst the young leaders, and as one of the youngest at the conference, I found it interesting to hear from Japanese-Canadians that were ten to fifteen years older than me. Their personal priorities are very different from my own. Currently, my personal goals mostly revolve around school and forging a career, and cultural identity is not as prominent in my mind. Young leaders in their early thirties that already have established careers and families are more focused on their cultural identity, and have more time to spend getting involved in their communities.



Access Awards Presented to Japanese Cultural Centre

Blacktie Architecture Grant Labossiere's design of the Japanese Cultural Centre vestibule addition received an Access Award Circle of Excellence from the City of Winnipeg Access Advisory Committee. At a ceremony held on November 9 at Manitoba Museum Alloway Hall, Grant Labossiere and Art Miki, president of JCAM received awards for improving accessibility to the Centre that features a barrier free entryway complete with a ramp and automatic doors. Congratulations to Grant and Tractus Projects for your roles in rejuvenating the facility.

Photo: Russ Wyatt, City Councillor, Art Miki JCAM President and Grant Labossiere, project architect



FUSION

A SOCIAL COOKING EXPERIENCE FROM FOLKLORAMA

Learn how to make traditional cuisine from Winnipeg's Filipino and Japanese communities while indulging in a three-course cultural meal.

Tickets: \$77.95 + service fee*
When: January 18, 2018 | 6-9pm
Where: Kitchen Sync - 370 Donald St.

Buy tickets at folklorama.ca

*Must be 18 or over.
Ticket price includes
one alcoholic beverage.



Setsuko Thurlow accepts peace prize

Setsuko Thurlow was 13 years old and living in Hiroshima when the first of two nuclear weapons was dropped on Japan by the United States. She will be accepting the Nobel Peace Prize on behalf of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons in Oslo, Norway, in December.

Setsuko, now 85, married a Canadian and has been living in Toronto since the 1950s. She has been campaigning against nuclear weapons all her life. She feels that “the Nobel Peace Prize is a powerful tool that we can now use to advance our cause.”

Setsuko Thurlow spoke at the National Association of Japanese Canadians Annual General meeting in Victoria in 2015. JCAM congratulated her on this outstanding recognition.



JCAM Nikkei Heritage Day Report



On October 1st, 2017, a public forum was held at the cultural centre to commemorate the 75th anniversary of internment of Japanese Canadians. A film called FACING INJUSTICE, produced by Aaron Floresco, showed the experience of Japanese Canadians and in particular, the forced relocation to Manitoba. In the spring of 1942, 1,075 people were relocated to farms in time for the sugar beet season. When restrictions were lifted, the families built a strong cohesive community in Winnipeg.

Yuhito Adachi created a poster in both English and Japanese, and translated the program during the evening. The planning committee felt it was important to invite post war and new immigrant Japanese to learn the history of Japanese in Canada, so

we were glad to see many new faces, and to welcome them to participate in the activities at the centre.

Councilor Brian Mayes presented an update on a public art project mural by the City of Winnipeg commemorating Japanese Canadian Internment in Manitoba. The historic Manitoba Sugar Company factory building will be torn down to accommodate the site of the Plaza transit station to start construction in 2018.

A panel presentation was held with speakers Yayoi Brandt, who shared her experience coming to Canada in the 1960s, and Karynne Nekwinda and her daughter Cassidy who described the relocation of their family and gave perspectives from fourth and fifth generation Japanese Canadians.



The round table discussion consisted of four tables of people from very diverse backgrounds who related their experiences living in Canada, and discussed the importance of identity as Nikkei (Japanese living outside of Japan), and the future of Japanese in Manitoba.

Thanks to the History Preservation Committee, Yuhito Adachi, Terumi Kuwada, Yayoi Brandt, Cassidy and Karynne Nekwinda, and Art Miki JCAM President, and special thanks to all the participants who came out to make this a very special gathering.

One table had a retired couple and four people in their late 20's /early 30's, and a sansei. One girl was half Japanese/ half Brazilian; another was half Japanese /half Filipino. Another girl was Métis and Greek, and the couple was Irish and English descent. They could relate to Nikkei history of not being accepted by one nationality. Most were not aware of what happened to JCs during WWII. They felt that we should bridge communities, and accept people's similarities as Canadians instead of nationalities/ differences.

Another table had a Japanese woman who worked in the USA and her American husband, four Nikkei whose families experienced internment, and a more recent immigrant married to a Canadian. They thought identity as Nikkei was important. Because of the internment JCs lost their language, their heritage, possessions, and have a high intermarriage rate of 80 to 90 %. We need to teach others and our children about the history so it never happens again.

The other two tables had a mother and 2 children who spoke Japanese, a Canadian married to Japanese, two sansei, a Japanese mother and a son who spoke fluent English, a yonsei, two issei women who came to Canada in the 60's, and a woman married to a Canadian who came over a decade ago.



Respectfully submitted, Keiko Miki, Chair of JCAM History Preservation Committee

What to look for in 2018 at the Centre

Saturday, January 5	Heritage Language Classes continue
Sunday, January 7	Oshogatsu - 12 Noon
Tuesday, January 9	Adult Language Classes continue
Friday, January 12	Donburi Lunch - 12 Noon
Saturday, January 13	High School Language Classes continue
	Horizon Club Shinnenkai – 12 Noon
	Board Retreat starts 6-9:30 p.m.
Sunday, January 14	Board Retreat 10am- 4 p.m.
Saturday, January 20	Bento & Movie <i>Delinquent Girl Boss</i> doors open at 5 p.m.
Sunday, January 21	Ramen Lunch 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Friday, January 26	Donburi Lunch – 12 Noon
Saturday, January 27	Sushi Class led by chef Ono - 12:30 - 2 p.m. (Register Now!)
Friday, February 2	Calgary Consular Service (by appointment)
Saturday, February 3	AI-Kon Night – ramen & a movie and more!
Friday, February 9	Donburi Lunch – 12 Noon
Sunday, February 11	Ramen Lunch 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Wednesday, February 14	Valentine's Day . ❤️ Buy your sweetie something nice!
Saturday, February 17	Movie & Bento <i>Sweet Bean</i> doors open at 5 p.m.
	Centre Office Closed for Louis Riel Day Long Weekend
Friday, February 23	Donburi Lunch – 12 Noon.
Saturday, February 24	Sushi Class led by chef Ono - 12:30 - 2 p.m. (Register Now!)
Saturday, March 3	UDON Lunch
Friday, March 9	Donburi Lunch – 12 Noon
Sunday, March 11	Ramen Lunch 11:30 and 1 p.m.

Thank you for supporting us throughout the year. Happy New Year!

The Manitoba Kendo Club wishes you a Happy New Year!



Kendo schedule starting January 3, 2018

Wednesdays	7:30-9:00 p.m.	All
	9:00-9:30 p.m.	Advanced
Fridays	7:30 – 9:00 p.m.	All (kata)
Sundays	12:00 – 1:30 p.m.	Advanced
	1:30 – 2:45 p.m.	Beginners
	3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Iaido

RAMEN Lunches

SUNDAYS: January 21, February 11, March 11

TWO sittings 11:30 am & 1 p.m.

3 Ramen Choices: Tonkotsu, Shoyu or Miso



Tonkotsu Ramen



Shoyu Ramen



Miso Ramen

Order Your Tickets NOW by phone! \$10 each 204-774-5909

Specify **date(s)**, **sitting time** & **flavor**

not exactly as illustrated (the real thing is better!)

IMPORTANT NOTICE

LIMITED ACCESS TO THE CENTRE DECEMBER 18-27, 2017

The Centre is having new flooring installed in the Main Hall. This involves removing all loose cabinets and items, stripping up the old floor, leveling and applying a new floor. The work is being done between Monday, December 18 until Wednesday, December 27 or sooner. Access to the Centre will be limited to staff and workers or by pre-arrangement only. The sliding front doors will not be operational.



SUSHI CLASSES

taught by legendary Chef Sadao Ono

Ninety minutes of intense rice and nori workouts with loads of learning about the intricacies of sushi from a true expert.

TWO DATES Saturday January 27 & Saturday February 24, 2018
(Classes run from 12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.)

Take one or both! Give them as a gift for Christmas.

\$40 members \$60 non-members



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