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OUTLOOK

JAPANESE CULTURAL ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA INC.

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President's Report - Art Miki

There continues to be a lot of activity with JCAM and at the Centre. Here are some highlights:

1. The JCAM Board passed a resolution that we will be continuing this year and next year to upgrade the facility. The motion reads: That the JCAM Board approve in principle the plans to replace and expand the fence, extend the Japanese garden, build a cover for the main entrance, parking lot markings, repair the digital sign, new flooring in the main areas and hallways, replacement of toilets and the first phase of the interior renovations to the library and meeting areas. Work has already begun with the replacement of the Japanese garden fence.
2. In 2017, JCAM has received two grants: \$9,000 from the Ethnocultural Support Program, Manitoba Government to support the Public Schools Program and the Japanese language classes and \$15,000 from the Winnipeg Foundation to replace the flooring in the main hall and hallways and to replace toilets in the two washrooms.
3. EISA, the touring group from Osaka, Japan, will be returning to Winnipeg on Monday, August 21 to perform at the Winnipeg Art Gallery. Tickets are \$25 and there is limited seating. Get your tickets early. You will be treated to an awesome performance.
4. The National Association of Japanese Canadians (NAJC) Annual Meeting and Conference will be held in Ottawa September 22 -24 in commemoration of Canada's 150th birthday and the 75th anniversary of the internment and forced removal of Japanese Canadians from the West Coast. JCAM will be sending several delegates who will also be involved in hosting the next AGM in Winnipeg.
5. Look for a number of upcoming events: Folklorama and the Japanese Pavilion, Sale of Japanese dolls and artifacts in September, the JCAM AGM, the Gala Dinner, an Historical event to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the internment and the showing of a new documentary, *"Facing Injustice: The Relocation of Japanese Canadians to Manitoba"*.

JCAM Board 2016-18

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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.

If anyone has photos from past kendo events or activities, please send us a copy. We hope to make a history of the club. Thank you.

NAJC Community Renewal Project: Manitoba

The question that most Japanese Canadian organizations ask is, "How can we re-energize our members to become more interested in their community organization and cultural Centre? This is what the Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba board undertook as a challenge. It meant that we had to develop a long term strategic plan and determine where we wanted to be ten years from now. It was through this process that the board decided to take a bold step to give the Centre a different image by enhancing the physical plant with a vestibule addition that would enlarge the hall space for activities and make the Centre more inviting to attract new members, especially the younger generation.



The new vestibule adds substance and space and upgrades our aging facility

Fund contributed to the overall cost of the vestibule addition and was great assistance to complete the project. However, I should stress that the process in undertaking the addition become a revitalization force for us. We sought outside funds from foundations, governments and other sources to get the project underway. Furthermore, we sought contributions from Japanese Canadians for the JCAM Major Capital Fund campaign to support not only the building of the addition but funds would also be used to update the rest of the Centre and the Japanese garden. The support from the community was overwhelming and was confirmation that JCAM and the Centre are vital to the maintenance of the Japanese Canadian community and provide activities that are relevant to the present generation.

In 2014, the National Association of Japanese Canadians established a Community Renewal Fund to assist full and associate members with funds to help revitalize their communities by either enhancing their existing cultural Centre or develop unique or special programs or projects that would attract new members. For JCAM the \$24,000 from the Renewal



Properly graded wheelchair access leads to new automatic front doors that let you enter handsfree



Inside the vestibule are benches, coat-racks and an impressive Donor Wall.

The addition was completed at the end of November 2016 and the official opening was held on December 4. One of the initial contributors to the project was the Frank H. Hori Charitable Foundation which provided us the impetus to seek other sources. At the opening all the funders were recognized along with the individual donors on a dedicated Donor Wall, designed by Don Teranishi. The addition has given the Centre a new face and now plans are underway by the board to use the momentum to assess the present use of the areas and develop a more functional approach. JCAM, with the help from an architect, has developed a three stage renovation plan for the rest of the facility. The discussion of changes has created a new energy within the board and the Manitoba community. Thanks to the NAJC Renewal Fund for contributing to the re-energizing process in Manitoba.

Submitted by Art Miki.

IN MEMORIAM

Our sincere wishes and deepest condolences to the families of

Kay Misae Inouye March 16, 2017

Gordon Tadomi Teranishi March 22, 2017

Marc (Carey) Cauthers April 30, 2017

Dr. Esther Violet Yamada (nee Wong) May 4, 2017

Forever in our hearts

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 17 are recognized below. Any donations after that date will be included in the following OUTLOOK issue (May 31, 2017). *If we missed anyone in our listings below, please let us know.* **Tax deductible tax receipts are sent out at the end of each calendar year.**

To JCAM

Roy Nishimura
Kevin Okabe
Azusa Ozawa
Merrill Brown
Florence Mitani
Sandra Shibata
Rosanne Yoshimasu
Tetsuo & Tatsumi Odaguchi

Things Japanese

Bev Nagamori
Rosanne Yoshimasu
Marcia Terahara
Joyce Dawydiuk
The Estate of Ikuko Oikawa
The Estate of Charlie Yamada
Alice Kinoshita
Elaine Shimane-Brown
Karen & Jim Ozamoto
Mrs. Matsubara
Jack & Judy Mizuno
Florence Mitani
Miwako Hoppe
Lucy Shimoda

Garage Sale

Estate of Ikuko Oikawa
Jack & Judy Mizuno

In Memory of Charlie Yamada

Janet & Leonard Matsukubo

In Memory of Connie Matsuo

Janet & Leonard Matsukubo

In Memory of David Oye

Suzue Nishibata
Dorothy Koga
Sandi Utsunomiya

In Memory of Fred Matsuo

Alena Matsuo

In Memory of Glenn Klassen

Lucy Yamashita
Kelly Koga & Andy Kunz
Hinode Taiko
Elizabeth Ready
Margaret McKenty

In Memory of Gord Teranishi

Kelly Koga & Andy Kunz
Keiko Yoshino
Lucy Yamashita
Shirley Teranishi

In Memory of Kay Misae Inouye

Alena Matsuo
Midori Bruns
Lucy Yamashita
Elsie Minamide
Faye Hashimoto

In Memory of Kim & Max Utsunomiya

Kathleen Utsunomiya

In Memory of Kim Utsunomiya

Sandi Utsunomiya
In Memory of Max Utsunomiya
Rosemarie Janz
Toshiko Hashimoto & Gaia, Pam & Jennifer
Dorothy Koga
Steve & Phyllis Fujii
Alena Matsuo
Sandi Utsunomiya
Lucy Yamashita

In Memory of Nobu Ellis

Yoshi & Kurako Tsuyuki

In Memory of Sue Yoshino

Fred & Christine Kaita
Diane Kameda
Kelly Koga & Andy Kunz
Midori Bruns

In Memory of Tay Utsunomiya

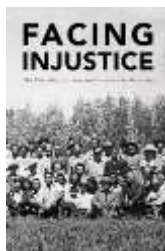
Sandi Utsunomiya

In Memory of Yoriko Kaita

Suzue Nishibata
Janet & Leonard Matsukubo

In Honour of Keirokai

Suzue Nishibata
Itoko Nishibata
Kathy Grabowski



A NEW DOCUMENTARY FILM..BY AARON FLORESCO **Facing Injustice: The Relocation of Japanese Canadians to Manitoba.** A number of our 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 and 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.

HORIZON CLUB NEWS

As we get closer to summer break, members are enjoying our weekly Wednesday gatherings with exercising, tai chi, card games and of course the lunches.

On March 1st, lunch was provided by Judy Mizuno in memory of her mother, Sue Yoshino, who was a long-time member of Horizon.

Take out your calendar and mark in June 28, 2017 for the annual **Natsu-no-Atsumari** luncheon. The social committee is working on the plans and it promises to be an event not to be missed. All members will be contacted with details as to ticket sale, cost and time.

It was reported that membership totals 68. When we look around the room you can't help but ask "*Where are you all on Wednesdays*"? We have a good number show up but we want a great number! The company is nice, the food is fabulous and for the \$3 member's price you will not get a better deal on lunch anywhere in Winnipeg!

The get together on June 28th will be the last before summer break, but Horizon Club will resume on September 6, 2017 which happens to be the day of the full moon. Have a safe and happy summer!!

OUTLOOK DEADLINES!

If you have an item 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.

Fall Issue	Deadline July 31	Issued Aug 16 (during Folklorama!)
Winter Issue	Deadline Nov 25	Issued Dec 6

THE YOUNG LEADERS COMMITTEE



The Young Leaders Committee is pleased to announce that the **2017 Japanese Canadian Young Leaders Conference (JCYLEC)** will take place in the National Capital Region (Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario and Quebec) on **September 22-24, 2017** alongside the NAJC Annual General Meeting at the Canadian Museum of History. Young Leaders will have the opportunity to participate in the NAJC's conference, as well as attend a panel of young people to discuss the future of the Japanese

Canadian community. The weekend will be a great opportunity to network with like-minded young leaders and attend some great social events planned in Canada's capital city!

If you or someone you know is interested in attending this year's conference, check out the JC Young Leaders website for more information and for further details regarding registration and schedule. Subsidies will be available to cover travel and registration costs for a limited number of applicants. Subsidy applications are due **Friday, August 11th**. Feel free to contact the Winnipeg Young Leaders Committee representative Alex Miki for any further questions at alexmiki@hotmail.ca. Hope to see you there!

 <http://jcyoungleaders.najc.ca>  JCYoungLeaders  @JCYoungLeaders
 jcyoungleaders@gmail.com  @jcyoungleaders



REMEMBERING IKUKO OIKAWA by Art Miki

A strong supporter of JCAM (former MJCCA and MJCCC), Ikuko Oikawa passed away peacefully at Lion's Manor on February 16, 2017 at the age of 94 years. Ikuko was born in Japan and received her Doctorate of Science from the University of Hokkaido in 1962. She came to Canada on a research project at UBC and later came to Winnipeg to work at Health Science Centre. Ikuko is survived by three nieces and a nephew in Japan.

What amazed me was her large collection of paintings and drawings that captured the many sights of Winnipeg and Manitoba. She maintained a daily diary of her life in Canada and left a collection of scientific research papers she had written. She was a highly organized, intelligent, and caring person. Her last act of generosity was to will her remaining estate to JCAM. Cremation has taken place and interment will be held at Chapel Lawn Memorial Gardens.



WE HAVE A NEW FENCE!

No, we're not getting into the B&E racket. It's the actual treated wood board fence that's gone up around the front of our building on McPhillips Street. As you can see in the photo on the left they're still working on the gate, but the 8 foot tall fencing itself is nearing completion, making our garden area much more



accessible from inside the building and easier to use. No more visions of traffic zooming by. Yes, it still does but somehow it seems more muted and less intrusive. Maybe it's the 2" thick pressure treated wooden boards the "Fence Team" (Sam Matsuo, Bill Saito and Henry Kojima) put into the design. The next step is to run a lower version of the new fence to our electronic sign. That will truly outline and define the JCAM property line!



JCAM ANNUAL PICNIC

SATURDAY, JUNE 24
St. Vital Park 12:30-4 p.m.

This is a fun event for your whole family. Bring your own picnic basket, enjoy your meal *al fresco* and join in the family fun! Everyone's a winner .
Challenging Races – Contests -
Prize draws – Renew your membership! This is a great time to renew your friendships within our community and have fun with the kids.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

JCAM is now moving into the next phase of its improvement to the Cultural Centre. The fence around the Japanese Garden is being replaced with a new panels designed by Sam Matsuo. The new design will create more privacy for users of the garden and create a more aesthetic atmosphere. The fence will be extended to the other side of the driveway as well. With the addition of a new fence the Japanese garden in the front of the building is being redesigned. The estimated cost is \$30,000 to improve the Japanese garden area, an important legacy of Yoshimaru Abe's creation. Here are other Capital projects that are being considered:

▶ Entrance cover and asphalt around the entrance	\$ 15,000
▶ Parking lot – Fill in low spots and painting of lines	5,000
▶ Repair digital sign	3,000
▶ Flooring and toilets replacement	30,000
▶ Interior renovations – Phase One (Library area)	100,000
▶ Replacement of chairs and tables	15,000

The Capital Campaign donations will be used to fund this project. If you wish to make a contribution towards the Japanese Garden project or other areas listed above, designate this on the donation form. Remember donations of \$250 and more will be recognized on the Donor Wall. Thanks to our most recent contributors:

Platinum (\$5,000+) Frank Morita	\$ 5,000
Gold (\$2500+) Itoko & Suzue Nishibata in memory of Reiko Koizumi (Nishibata)	\$ 3,000
Silver (1,000+) Mona, Ernie & Benji Hiebert (kitchen repair)	1,000
Supporter (\$250+) Melita Tonogai	\$ 250

JCAM COMMUNITY FUND

The JCAM Community Fund Committee is accepting applications from non-profit organizations, groups or individuals until September 30, 2017 for projects that meet the goal of the fund.

The goal of the Community Fund is *to assist organizations, groups, and individuals in undertaking projects to promote educational, cultural, human rights, and other activities and programs contributing to the betterment of the Japanese Canadian community in Manitoba.*

Organizations must submit the following: list of directors, constitution and by-laws, mandate or statement of its purpose and its goals, most recent approved annual financial statement and the current fiscal year's budget of projected revenue and expenditures including the list of other funders.

Groups must submit the following: list of the officers, statement of its purposes and an outline of its activities, most recent financial records, the current fiscal year's budget and projected revenue and expenditures, including the list of other sources of funds and grants received, and letters of reference or endorsement.

Individuals must submit the following: a resume, a letter of reference, a letter of financial reference from an officer of a recognized financial institution, and amounts and sources of other grants received in the previous two years. Application forms are available from the Centre. **Submit application to:** JCAM Community Fund Committee, 180 McPhillips Street, Winnipeg, MB R3E 2J9

Deadline for Community Fund applications is September 30, 2017



HAROLD HIROSE EDUCATION FUND

Mr. Harold Hirose was a driving force in the development of the Manitoba Japanese Canadian community. A founding member of MJCCA (1946) and the National JCCA (1947) he was also responsible for the formation of the Manitoba Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre (1987), serving as its first president.

In his memory, Mrs. Florence Hirose established the Harold Hirose Scholarship Fund to assist selected students from the Japanese Canadian community in furthering their post-secondary education. Additional contributions to the Fund were made by Mrs. Hirose and the children of Harold and Florence so as to increase the scholarship amount and widen the eligibility criteria.

Scholarship Award

Each year JCAM will offer scholarship(s) up to a total amount of \$1,500 to the successful candidate. The Selection Committee may award up to two scholarships in the amount of \$750 instead of a single scholarship if there are two applicants that are superior to all others and are both equally qualified to be awarded the scholarship. In an event that there is no scholarship awarded in any given year due to a lack of applications or that no applicant met the minimum selection criteria, the amount of the scholarship for that year will be added to the following year's funds, so that, for example, \$3,000 would be available for the following year.

Who can apply?

Any person who is enrolled at a post-secondary institution, resides in Manitoba and who is of Japanese ancestry or who is a member of the Japanese community in Manitoba.

To Apply:

Please pick up application form at the Cultural Centre, 180 McPhillips Street, Winnipeg (204-774-5909) or on line at www.mjccc.org . **Completed applications must be received by the JCAM Scholarship Committee by September 30, 2017.**

For further information contact the JCAM Office (Jake Marks – Administrator) or email m.jccc@shaw.ca



A new issue of **niponica**, a magazine introducing the people and culture of Japan today, has been published and released online. The latest issue, no. 21, has a special feature on Japan's Cutting-Edge Pop such as music, manga or cosplay and is available along with back issues in several languages on the following webpage: http://webjapan.org/niponica/index_en.html

From Osaka, Japan

KARAKORO EISA

Traditional Japanese Drum & Dance Show



**Back by
popular demand!**

They wowed the sold-out crowd here last year! Don't miss this spectacular display presented by a unique 70-member music & dance folk troupe from Osaka, Japan - featuring drumming and song accompanied by a *sanshin* lute in choreographed mass formations.

Winnipeg Art Gallery – Rush Seating \$25 Monday, August 21 at 7:00 p.m.



Tickets available at the JCAM Office, 180 McPhillips St. 204-774-5909 or email m.jccc@shaw.ca
JCAM takes Cash, VISA, MasterCard, Debit, Cheque

BECOME AN EISA PERFORMANCE SPONSOR!

Sponsorship helps with the cost of hosting this large group in Winnipeg. JCAM offers two levels of sponsorship for individuals and families:

BRONZE - \$250. *This sponsorship will provide you with:*

- ♦ Your Name on all promotional materials including the exclusive program.
- ♦ Your Name listed under the Bronze category on the JCAM website for one year.
- ♦ 4 complimentary tickets with VIP seating and a tax receipt for \$150.

FAMILY \$100 *This sponsorship will provide you with:*

- ♦ Name acknowledgement in the exclusive program
- ♦ Name listed as Supporters of EISA on the JCAM website for one year.
- ♦ 2 complimentary tickets with VIP seating and a tax receipt for \$50.

If you are interested in one of the levels of sponsorship, contact Art Miki at (204) 488-8059 or email: artmiki@mymts.net or contact Jake at the JCAM office

JCAM FAMILY HISTORY PRESERVATION PHOTO PRESERVATION WORKSHOP

Do you have photo albums full of old family pictures that you don't know what to do with? **Lisa Uyeda** from Lisa Uyeda from the National Association of Japanese Canadians and the Nikkei National Museum in Burnaby BC is coming to Winnipeg to show us how to preserve those photographs of ancestors, relatives, friends, memories and special occasions for future generations.



TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2017 6:00 P.M. JCAM CULTURAL CENTRE – 180 McPHILLIPS ST.

To register: Call (204) 774-5909 and leave a message with Azusa (Tues) or Jake (Wed-Sat). The Centre is always closed Sunday and Monday. You can email us at any time: m.jccc@shaw.ca JCAM members – Free. Non-members - \$10

The following day, Wednesday June 14, Lisa will give a short presentation on *Photo Preservation* to members of the Horizon Club at their weekly luncheon.

ORDER OF THE RISING SUN CEREMONY

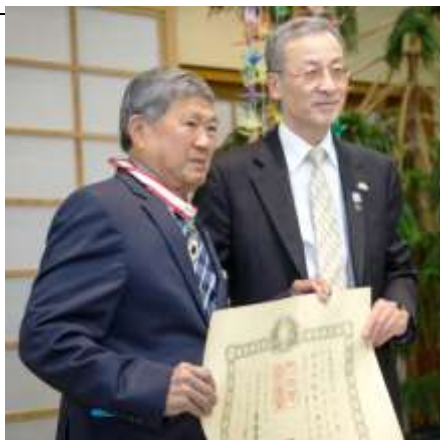
Arthur Kazumi Miki was awarded The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon, on Thursday, March 2, 2017 in a special ceremony sponsored by Consul General of Japan, Kunihiko Tanabe before an audience of government officials, relatives and friends. This was followed by a wonderful reception prepared by Chef Ono and the Cultural Centre volunteers.



Consul General Kunihiko Tanabe reading award certificate to Art Miki



L to R: Consul-General of Japan in Calgary Kunihiko Tanabe, Art Miki, Hon. Ralph Eichler, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Rochelle Squires, Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage.



Art Miki with The Order of Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon and Consul-General Tanabe



Art Miki with grandkids Jesse (L) and Alex(R)



Frank H. Hori

Frank H. Hori Charitable Foundation Grant

One of the first supporters for improving the Cultural Centre with the addition of a vestibule came from the Japanese Canadian community. **The Frank H. Hori Charitable Foundation** made a contribution of \$50,000 and this generous endorsement of the project was a catalyst for JCAM to receive grants from other sources. Our project has now been successfully completed however, Stella Chomiak, a Trustee for the Frank H. Hori Foundation, has informed JCAM that we have been awarded a new grant of \$15,000 towards the improvement of our Japanese garden and fence. The Garden, which was originally designed by Yoshimaru Abe, has been an integral part of the landscape around the Centre and is the only public Japanese garden in Winnipeg. Thanks to the Hori Charitable Foundation for their generous contribution to help maintain our Japanese heritage through preserving the beauty of the Japanese garden.

TOUR OF JAPAN – October 5 – 19, 2017

Revised Tour Cost



We were unable to register minimum number of persons initially so the tour operator was asked to look at reducing costs to attract more people. The tour costs have been reduced by over \$900 by making changes to travel costs within Japan. The itinerary remains the same. We now require a minimum of 15 persons for the reduced cost. *Don't miss out* on your chance to be part of this fabulous tour but time is running out to sign up. The **14-day Japan Tour** leaves Winnipeg on Thursday, October 5 arriving in Tokyo on October 6. The tour will conclude in Osaka on October 19. **To be part of it make your commitment NOW!** For individuals, flexible arrangement can be made with Elite Tours to go earlier to Japan or stay longer after the tour concludes.

Cost for the land tour is \$4413 (tax included) based on double occupancy. Single supplement is \$1403 (tax included). Airfare is separate which will allow you to use travel points if you have them. If booked early air fare can run from around \$1200 - \$1500. For more information call the JCAM office 774-5909 or email m.jccc@shaw.ca or Art Miki artmiki@mymts.net (488-8059) or Shirley Teranishi steranishi@mymts.net (261-8030)





Can we make it 50 years?

The Heather Curling Club was the host to our community's 15th Annual Manitoba Japanese Canadian Curling Bonspiel on March 16 and 18th. For those of you who have participated in one of our bonspiels, you know first-hand that the bonspiel is more than just about the curling. It was two fun-filled days of bringing people together, socializing, reminiscing, eating and showcasing our Centre and food.



At our Opening Ceremonies, we were honoured to have Mr. Ono deliver our bonspiel's opening rock. This was the first time Mr. Ono was ever in a curling club, on a curling sheet of ice and ever delivered a curling rock! With excellent coaching from Marlene Mori, Mr. Ono made curling appear easy and JCAM Board members Art Miki and Ken Teramura swept his rock to the button. Well done!

After a hard day of curling on Saturday all teams attended the Japanese Cultural Center to



celebrate the weekend's curling, chat about the curling shots that may or may not have gone their way, and enjoy the company of all the curlers and their guests. Brent Yamamoto was our Master of Ceremonies for the evening and their winning team from 2016 planned a fun trivia game whereby all guests went back to the future to identify old cars, celebrities, cities and more.



One of the highlight of the bonspiel is the banquet meal. Chef Sadao Ono and his volunteers outdid themselves again and made a delicious meal of scrumptious Japanese delicacies. Oishii!



In addition, we took the opportunity to recognize Art Miki for his conferment to the Order of the Rising Sun from the Government of Japan. Congratulations...the award is so well deserved!





Congratulations to all curlers (14 teams) and a special congratulation to the winning teams for 2017. Howie and Brenda...your names are finally on the Toru Suzuki trophy! Both Howie and Brenda have been active participants in the bonspiel since the bonspiel's inception in 2003.

- ★ A side Champions: Howard Mark, Debbie Werboweski, Brenda Mark, Alice Wong, Brennan Sampson
- ★ A side runner up: Brent Stacey, Cynthia Stacey, Harald Asu, Vicki Asu
- ★ B side winners: Kara Gomez-Sanchez, Kathryn Marcynuk, Matthew Kulasza, Elizabeth LaPage
- ★ B side runner up: Harry Hamade, Bob Hunt, Frank Morita, Yukio Morita
- ★ C side winners: Paul Dymont, Brent Yamamoto, Jason DeBaets, Ashley DeBaets
- ★ C side runner up: Doug Wilkie, Debra Gallant, Steve Fujii, Sam Fujii



This bonspiel would be impossible to have without our generous sponsors. Domo arigato (thank you) to:

- ♥ Silver Sponsor: Chippingham Financial Group (Sepoy Wong)
- ♥ Silver Sponsor: Ken Matsukubo
- ♥ Donations: Doug Wilkie, Sandra Shibata, Don MacDonald, Terumi Kuwada, Haruko Tsuji
- ♥ Draw Prizes: All 14 curling teams

And, a special thank you to our community's volunteers: shoppers, cooks, set-up, servers, clean-up crew, bartenders and more. The Cultural Center's volunteers deserve a special thank you from all the curlers and their guests, so please take a bow!



On another curling note, in mid-April, my brothers Doug and Gary and me flew to Vancouver to participate in the 50th Annual Nisei Bonspiel held at the Richmond Curling Club. Wow, 50 years and they had 64 teams with a waiting list! We asked our sister Karen, who lives in Steveston (where my father was born), to join us in our curling journey so we would have all four siblings on one team, a first for our family. Karen is not a curler but was a great sport and participated in this event so we could be together as a family. Karen even took a lesson so she would learn the difference between an in-turn and out-turn. Our team results were respectable (50/50). It was 4 fun-filled days of curling, dinners and meeting new people. Many of them were not aware that we had a bonspiel in Manitoba, so I was sure to spread the word. There were four teams from Japan and Team Shibata was the only team east of Alberta. All-in-

all, it was a fun-filled event and we were glad we made the journey. Our Mom would have been so happy to know that we stay close as a family.

It is because of her that Doug, Gary, Blair Yoshida, Bob Okabe and me initially went to Lethbridge in 2002 to participate in their bonspiel. That experience brought back the dream for our Manitoba Japanese Canadian community to have a bonspiel of our own too.

Do you think our little bonspiel can make it to 50? If so, we will need someone to carry the torch when I am long gone. Let's get the younger generations involved in our community...now!

Hope to see you on the ice for our 16th anniversary!



Until then, see you at Folklorama!
Sandra Shibata



Avid curler Marlene Mori is all smiles after winning the 50/50!



Hit the broom..... please!



Here are the A side Champions: Howard Mark, Brennan Sampson, Alice Wong, Debbie Werboweski, Brenda Mark